

Costar

INT. EMERY AND EVAN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Emery is doing the calligraphy version of Eddie's poem on a scroll as Eddie watches over his shoulder.

EDDIE

Nice strokes, bro. Just 74 more lines to go.

(realizing, delighted)

That was a rhyme right there! I can't turn this poetry thing off!

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INT. PALMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - AUDITORIUM - DAY

Jessica, Louis and Evan sit in the audience with other kids and PARENTS. Evan's teacher, MISS COSTANZO, takes the stage.

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MISS COSTANZO

Welcome, fourth-grade students and parents! As you know, every year our faculty likes to put on a holiday show as a thank-you for your hard work and dedication to our school.

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Everyone starts CLAPPING and CHEERING. Evan CHEERS loudly. Jessica and Louis share a look and smile.

MISS COSTANZO

In our past shows, we've had visits from Santa, Rudolph and little-people elves who, with gusto, threw themselves into the crowd to be passed around.

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Some parents raise their hands in anticipation of catching a flying elf. Miss Costanzo tries to calm the crowd.

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MISS COSTANZO

However, a new state law was just passed called "Kathy's Rule", which prohibits any religious, spiritual or gender-y connotations in state-funded children's theater. So, this year, please welcome the Pan-Cultural Seasonal Entity!

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A GRAY BLOB WITH ARMS enthusiastically runs onto the stage, arms outstretched.

PAN-CULTURAL SEASONAL ENTITY

I respect you!

The parents and kids all react, confused and disappointed.

BOAST OFF THE BOAT

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MISS COSTANZO cont.

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EVAN  
Where's Santa?

MISS COSTANZO  
Firmly rooted in a Christian tradition. Unlike Panny here, who is all things because it's nothing.

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~~EVAN  
But it's Christmas! There should be Santa.~~

~~The crowd murmurs in agreement.~~

~~PARENT #1  
He's right!~~

~~PARENT #2  
Yeah!~~

~~EVAN  
Santa is the best!~~

~~The crowd WHOOS, their support building...~~

~~EVAN  
He's kind and generous and caring!~~

~~Yeah! The crowd's enthusiasm builds to a crescendo.~~

~~EVAN  
And he's Chinese!~~

~~The crowd instantly goes silent. Jessica and Louis look at each other: uh-oh.~~

~~PAN-CULTURAL SEASONAL ENTITY  
(arms outstretched)  
Don't litter!~~

~~Off Jessica and Louis, we come to the...~~

END OF ACT TWO

DO NOT SEE THIS DRAFT

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