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The Original Stageplay



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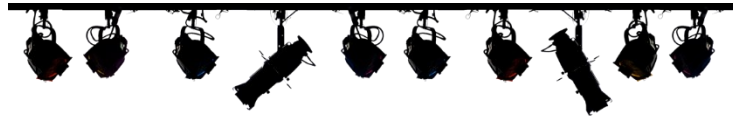
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SAMPLE SCRIPT



SCENE I

LIGHTS UP

Modern – Anna and Adam are driving in a car (created from a painted large box, or crates/chairs formed to represent a vehicle)

The couple is getting situated in the car (buckling seat belts, fiddling with GPS, adjusting mirrors, etc.)

Anna: GPS says we will be arriving in 42 minutes.

Adam: *(sarcastically)* Hooray.

Anna glares at him for a beat.

Anna: Come on Adam, this is the holidays. We should be feeling festive.

Adam: We should, but I don't.

Anna: Do you think you could fake for the sake of our families. I mean, the holidays are a time when we are supposed to be nice to everyone, especially our family.

Adam puts on a fake smile. Anna is not impressed.

Anna: How would they feel if we come in all gloom and doom about Christmas?

Adam: Anna, I think when those rules were made, they hadn't met OUR families.

Anna: Well, I know they can be a little overbearing at times, and loud.

Adam: A little.

Anna: Okay, more than a little.

Adam: I can just hear my aunt now: *(exaggerated high pitched annoying voice)* Oh Adam. Stand up straight. What do you mean you don't want any of my green bean casserole?

Anna: Hey, that was pretty good. What about my grandpa? *(big booming voice)* Amy, Ashley, I mean Anna, yeah, you girl, move away from the TV so I can see the game.

And turn it up while you're there. I can't hear a dang thing with all you hooligans crowding up my house.

They laugh a little and then fall into silence for a bit. Adam focuses on driving. Anna looks out the window.

Anna: I could turn on some Christmas carols. That will brighten our holiday spirits.

Adam: If you want.

Voice: WBCO Radio. Astrologists predict the world is ending in twelve days. Story at 6.

Voice 2: This is Saul Saunders with the daily stock report. Markets drop drastically despite seasonal spending.

Voice: Thanks for joining Cynthia Chats. On our show tonight – cheaters and the lies they tell their spouses.

Anna turns the radio off.

Anna: Okay, maybe no carols. Such a depressing world. I miss the days when all that mattered at Christmas was Christ.

Adam: When was that?

More silence as they continue to drive. Adam looks increasingly tense, muttering about traffic, tailgaters, etc.

Anna: Gosh this traffic is ridiculous.

Adam: You're telling me. It will only get worse, the closer we get to the city.

Anna: Alright, I'm going to use my time to check over the gift list. Make sure I didn't forget anything at home, or worse, forget anyone.

Adam: How much did you spend on all those gifts anyway?

Anna: *(nervously)* It did get to be a lot. More than usual. But, we worked some extra shifts, so it should be alright.

Adam: Why does the present list get so big every year? What does anyone really need?

Anna: Its tradition.

Adam: An expensive one.

Anna: Speaking of extra shifts. Has there been any more news about the rumored layoffs?

Adam: No. I'm not sure if that's a good thing, or a bad thing. I guess we'll just have to wait it out.

Anna: Yeah, nothing you can do really, except pray for the best.

Adam: I agree, but it's hard ya know? Like we aren't already worried enough. The economy is bad, politicians – one is worse than the next, and it seems like the environment is going to collapse at any minute.

Anna: I know. I know. I just don't know what to do about it.

More silence passes while they continue to drive.

Anna: Oh, there it is. The GPS says to take the next exit on the left.

Adam: I'll do my best.

Anna: I'll help. (*Craning back to look out rear windows*) Okay, wait for it --- now, yes, one more lane, hooold it, merge annnd exit.

Adam: Whew.

Anna: You can say that again.

Adam: Whew.

Anna: Alright, just a few more stop lights and the Holiday Inn will be on our right. Oh, goodness, the parking lot looks really full, doesn't it? I hope our reservation went through when I booked it online. I don't know if we'd survive the holidays if we had to stay at my parents' house.

Adam: You can say that again.

Anna: I don't even want to risk saying it again out loud. Let's go in and check.

Adam: Remember all that bad news we were talking about? It might get worse.

Anna: You know what pastor says.

Adam: Life is difficult.

Anna: So pray hard.

Both: and pray often.

LIGHTS OUT

SCENE 2

LIGHTS UP

0 BC - A couple is traveling by foot.

Esther: I saw a sign about an hour ago that said Bethlehem was just a few more miles. We should be there soon.

Jacob: On a normal day, yes, but not today. The census has people piling in from all corners of the world. I've seen swarms of locusts thinner than this crowd.

Esther: It is quite busy. Well, Caesar Augustus is the boss, and if the boss issues a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world, then I guess we'd better follow it.

Jacob: It's hard to believe that everyone coming to Bethlehem is a descendant of David.

Esther: Looks like we have a few more relatives than we thought.

Jacob: *(sarcastically)* Very funny, but it could be worse. We could be that couple. Look. They only have one donkey. The woman is riding and the man is pulling the beast along. Can you imagine having to walk all the way?

Esther: Shh. Be nice. They could hear you.

Jacob: I doubt it. They are so far behind.

All characters and congregation sing: O Little Town of Bethlehem

Jacob: Finally. Arrived at last. Now, we just have to find an inn, which might be harder than we thought.

Esther: There are people everywhere. Some of them aren't even moving. Like that guy, just standing on the corner. What is he saying?

Jacob: I can't hear him, but I can guess. Probably another prophet, telling us all to turn from our evil ways. *(mimicking/mockingly tone)* The end of the world is coming. Turn away from your false gods.

Esther: Enough, Jacob. *(giggling)*

Jacob: *(continuing in mocking tone)* Renounce evil, save yourselves. The Savior is coming. Can you believe that? If He was coming, He would have been here already.

Esther: I'd like to believe He is still coming. We need one. Just look around this place. So many hungry people. Corrupted rulers, plagues, prophecies of destruction. It's a scary world. Maybe a savior is just the thing to save us.

Jacob: Well, He can show up at any time in my opinion.

Esther: Look. Let's try that Inn over there. *(pointing)*

Jacob: You stay here with the animals. I will go in and check. *(walks off stage)*

Esther stays seated and after a few moments begins looking bored. She checks her nails, whistles a song, and finally pulls out a magazine from the folds of her traveling cloak. Jacob walks out a few moments later.

Jacob: Well, we are in luck, but just barely. We got the last room.

Esther: Ah. Amazing. Now, let's get in before anyone can steal it from us. All these people around make me nervous. I was just reading about all the looting that happened here last month. *(shaking magazine out, pointing to an article)* And have you heard the rumors about King Herod? Everywhere, bad news.

Jacob: Just so long as it doesn't happen to us. Now let's get inside.

LIGHTS OUT

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