

ACT THREE

30 INT. DEPARTMENT STORE, SANTA'S WORKSHOP -- MOMENTS LATER 30

"Santa Monk" is on his throne, waiting to meet the kids. He looks very uncomfortable. His lap is covered with layers of SARAN WRAP.

IN THE LINE: Little Dori Prager is waiting her turn...

NEARBY: Frank Prager is hiding behind a STORE DISPLAY, watching his daughter...

Natalie the Elf addresses the CHILDREN-

NATALIE THE ELF

Okay. Shhh. Everybody listen. We have some new rules here in Santa's Workshop...

Natalie takes out a WIPE, and demonstrates.

NATALIE THE ELF (cont'd)

Before anybody can sit on Santa's lap, you have to take one of these Magic Wipes and wipe your hands. Yeah! Wiping is fun! And no touching Santa's face. And try not to breathe on Santa. And keep your tushies on the saran wrap! Okay, who's first?

The KIDS and their PARENTS listen, stunned and confused.

31 INT. DEPARTMENT STORE, SANTA'S THRONE -- SERIES OF SHOTS 31

One by one, Natalie leads the children up to Santa's throne. We WATCH THEM interact with Monk in a SERIES OF BRIEF SHOTS.

First: a hyperactive LITTLE BOY...

SANTA MONK

Stay on the plastic. Don't touch. No touching. What do you want for Christmas?

LITTLE BOY

I want... um... I can't decide...

SANTA MONK

How about a rock polisher?

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"MONK" - LITTLE BOY, CUTE TOWER, TOWER'S MOM  
Coughing Girl, Little Trudy, Monk-isit  
boy

Little Boy  
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LITTLE BOY  
No.

SANTA MONK  
They're fun.

LITTLE BOY  
They're for losers.

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Santa Monk reacts, hurt.

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Next: a CUTE TODDLER is on his lap. Her MOTHER is nearby.

Cute toddler  
Toddler's  
mom

CUTE TODDLER  
I love you, Santa.

The Toddler reaches up to hug Monk.

SANTA MONK  
What is she doing?

TODDLER'S MOM  
She wants a kiss.

SANTA MONK  
(recoiling)  
No. Sorry. No. Okay, she's done.  
Ho ho ho. Take her home.

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33 INT. SANTA'S THRONE -- MOMENTS LATER

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Next: a LITTLE GIRL is on Santa Monk's lap. She coughs.

Coughing  
girl

COUGHING GIRL  
Ack Ack!

SANTA MONK  
Okay. That's it. You're done.

COUGHING GIRL  
Wait- I made a list...  
(coughs)  
Ack Ack!

SANTA MONK  
Mail it to me. You're done. Call  
Security. Ho ho ho. Seriously.  
Call Security.

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Next: a LITTLE BOY, who looks and acts like a YOUNG MONK is on Monk's lap. His MOTHER hovers nearby.

mon:sh  
Boy →

MONK-ISH BOY  
All I want for Christmas is a rock  
polishing kit.

SANTA MONK  
A rock polishing kit?  
(whispering)  
You're Santa's favorite.  
(to the Boy's Mother)  
Be patient with him. Don't make him  
go to camp.

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35 INT. SANTA'S THRONE -- MOMENTS LATER 35

Next: ANOTHER GIRL is on Monk's lap.

Little  
Trudy →

SANTA MONK  
And what's your name?

LITTLE TRUDY  
Trudy.

SANTA MONK  
Trudy...?

Santa Monk breaks down. He starts to cry.

LITTLE TRUDY  
(confused)  
Are you okay?

SANTA MONK  
My wife's name was Trudy. She was  
killed by a car bomb. It was under  
the passenger seat. The whole car  
exploded.  
(overcome with grief)  
Our time is up. Ho, ho, ho.

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~~Finally, it's Dori Prager's turn. She's sitting on Monk's lap.~~

~~SANTA MONK  
And what's your name?~~

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