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Monk and his dad make their grand entrance! Jack Monk is dressed like Santa Claus- complete with suit and white beard.

JACK MONK AS SANTA  
HO HO HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!

Behind him: Monk enters, embarrassed, wearing a little ELF'S HAT. He's pushing a BIG CARTON- labeled ST. VINCENT'S-CHICAGO- on a handcart.

Jack- as Santa- opens the carton. The Orphans gather around.

NUN  
The kids have been looking forward to this, ever since Mr. Glaser called. It's like a miracle.

An EXCITED 8 YEAR OLD ORPHAN turns to Monk.

EXCITED ORPHAN  
Isn't Santa Claus the greatest?  
Isn't he the greatest man in the whole world?

MONK  
I don't know. I don't really know him very well.

EXCITED ORPHAN  
Well nobody really knows him because he only comes around once a year! That's why, when he's here, every single minute is so special! Don't you think?

Monk considers this. He looks at his long-lost father.

Jack- as Santa- finally opens the carton. He starts handing out the toys, which are in CRUELY-WRAPPED GIFT BOXES. The KIDS squeal and excitedly rip open the boxes.

But the toys suck. They're the LAMEST, MOST INAPPROPRIATE TOYS IN THE WORLD. ONE ORPHAN gets a stale CHOCOLATE EASTER BUNNY.

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FIRST ORPHAN  
An Easter bunny?

A SECOND KID gets a 1997 wall calendar. A THIRD KID gets a CASSETTE TAPE: "The Best Of Ronny Milsap".

~~FIRST THIRD KID~~ ORPHAN  
Who's Ronny Milsap?

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A FOURTH KID opens his box. It's a HANUKKAH DREIDEL.

~~FOURTH KID~~ FIRST ORPHAN  
What is it?

JACK MONK AS SANTA  
It's a dreidel.

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All around the room: the Orphans react, disappointed. Jack and Monk are confused, too.

NUN  
(to Jack Monk)  
I don't mean to seem ungrateful, but  
who selected these toys?

ANOTHER ORPHAN opens a BAG OF GUMBALLS and eats one. He starts choking! He's gagging! Monk reacts.

MONK  
SPIT IT OUT! JUST SPIT IT OUT!

CHOKING ORPHAN  
ACK! ACK! ACK!

Monk extends his finger, but he pauses- he can't bring himself to stick it into the kid's mouth. So he grabs a LITTLE GIRL'S HAND and sticks her finger into the Choking Kid's mouth- using it like a hook- and digs out the gumball.

The First Orphan Boy steps up to Monk. He's furious!

FIRST ORPHAN  
THIS IS THE WORST CHRISTMAS EVER!  
WHERE DID YOU GET ALL THESE STUPID  
TOYS- AT THE DOLLAR STORE? I HATE  
YOU!

NUN  
Now Kyle. You don't mean that...

FIRST ORPHAN  
I DO TOO MEAN IT! I HATE YOU TO  
DEATH! GO BACK TO THE NORTH POLE  
AND DIE! I HOPE ALL YOUR RAINDEERS  
DIE TOO! YOU'RE NOT FROM THE NORTH  
POLE! YOU'RE FROM N-E DOUBLE-L!

MONK  
~~Hey I'm just an Elf.~~

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