

AUDITION SIDES

SCRIPT

HERDMANS

Wee! Ride 'em, cowboy!

Wait for me, Imogene!

Look another Rudolph!

Gimme the nose!

No! Give it to me!

Cut it out!

That nose is mine!

Go fast, Imogene!

I'm Imogene!

I'm Ralph!

IMOGENE

OLLIE

RALPH

CLAUDE

LEROY

RALPH

GLADYS

OLLIE

(holding on to the side of the cart)

IMOGENE

RALPH



GRACE/CHARLIE/BOB/BETH

GRACE

Charlie Bradley, that's Beth's dinner.

CHARLIE

I'm starved. Leroy Herdman stole my lunch.

GRACE

Again? That's the third day in a row.

CHARLIE

Fourth.

GRACE

That's it! I'm talking to the principal about those Herdmans. They're a menace.

CHARLIE

Please don't! Ralph would kill me.

BOB

Who's Ralph?

CHARLIE

Leroy's brother. He's mean.

BETH

But not as mean as Imogene.

CHARLIE

They're all mean! Even their cat!

BOB

I've seen that cat. It's missing an eye and has that short leg and broken tail.

GRACE

The postman thinks it's a bobcat.

BOB

I don't think you can tame a bobcat.

CHARLIE

The Herdmans don't want to tame it. They just want to make it the meanest cat on the planet.



BETH

But it's just going to be the same old thing. Alice Wendleken will play Mary.

CHARLIE

Elmer Hopkins will play Joseph.

[SFX: phone ring]

BOB

And I'll have to go.



IVY/ALICE/BETH

IVY

Alice, I heard Beth's mom is directing the pageant. Has she ever directed a play?

ALICE

No, but Mother said we don't have to worry—Mrs. Armstrong will be giving Mrs. Bradley orders from the hospital.

IVY

Mrs. Bradley knows you always play Mary, right?

ALICE

I'm sure Mrs. Armstrong will tell her. Oh, there she is.

(BETH enters from Stage Left.)

ALICE

Beth! Come sit by me and Ivy.

BETH

Did you hear? Mrs. Armstrong is in the hospital.

IVY

It's all over school.

ALICE

I'm so excited your mom's going to direct. Now you can be the leader of the angel choir, which is perfect for you!

BETH

You really think so? I can barely read music.

ALICE

But you just look so angelic. And besides, as Mary, I like to know I have someone I can count on to lead the younger angels in and out and tell them to be quiet when I'm onstage with Baby Jesus.

IVY

It's the shepherds you have to worry about. They're always whamming each other with their canes.



**RALPH/GRACE/LEROY/BETH/IVY/ALICE/CHARLIE/GLADYS/LEROY/TEDDY/
CLAUDE/IMOGENE**

Note: This is primarily a scene to ready the Herdmans and Grace. The director may read for the other characters

RALPH

What kind of story is this anyway?

GRACE

It's the Christmas story. Don't you know the Christmas story?

(ALICE, BETH, and IVY stop humming.)

LEROY

Never heard of it.

*(ANGELS and the other KIDS start whispering,
"They don't know the Christmas story?")*

CLAUDE

What's the big deal?

BETH

Do you think they really don't know the Christmas story?

IVY

I think they don't.

ALICE

Of course not. They've never been in a church in their life. They just came for the snacks, which your brother told them we had.

CHARLIE

I said I was sorry.

GRACE

Okay, then. Everyone come here for a moment.

*(KIDS gather on floor around GRACE who is kneeling
center Down Stage.)*

GRACE

You see, Jesus is born and the Angel of the Lord—



TEDDY

So he wants to kill baby Jesus.

IMOGENE

My god, they're gonna kill a baby?

ALICE

Not the Wise Men. King Herod.

RALPH

Is that true, Mrs. Bradley?

GRACE

Well, yes, it is.

GLADYS

(She leaps up and strikes a super hero pose.)

Sounds like something straight outta Action Comics.

