

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU

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A One Act Stage Play

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Female Characters (in order of lines)

VA-VA VOOM: Bank loan officer

MALLCOP REJECT: Bank security guard

PRYMAAT CONEHEAD: Alien wife

CONNIE CONEHEAD: Alien daughter

GRAND POOBAH: Bank Manager

WEDNESDAY ADDAMS: Little girl selling cookies

NIPTUCK NEEDLY: Wife aiming for cosmetic surgery

Male Characters (in order of lines)

BUCK NEEDLY: Applying for a second mortgage

BELDAR CONEHEAD: Alien husband

LURCH: Wednesday's family butler

FADE IN - UPSTAIRS SCENE

BELDAR, PRYMAAT, and daughter CONNIE are on a spaceship approaching Earth.

PRYMAAT

Beldar, we approach Earth. You missed the turnoff last year. We should pull over and ask for directions.

BELDAR

Unacceptable, Prymaat. The male parental unit never asks for directions.

CONNIE

Dad, are we almost there? I'm hungry for mass quantities.

BELDAR

Soon, Connie.

PRYMAAT

Says the one who can not find Uranus.

CONNIE

Why'd we have to go so far for our Christmas dinner? Do they not have good consumables on Remulak?

BELDAR

Maintain low tones, child. We are hosting the High Master tomorrow. Besides, there is nothing like grilled earthlings. Taste great. Less filling. And I get to break in my new grill.

PRYMAAT

In spite of any differences in race, religion, or tribe, I find earthlings all taste like turkey.

CONNIE

Is Grandpa coming?

BELDAR

No, sweetie. Grandpa and your female parental unit are not speaking right now.

PRYMAAT

Do not tell her that. I am not the one with the problem with my male parental unit.

BELDAR

Really? Remember when I told him I was going to marry you as soon as I got some money, and he was so relieved he gave me twenty moon rocks?

PRYMAAT

Why are you being mean to me on Christmas Eve?

BELDAR

I am sorry. How can I make it up to you? A second honeymoon, perhaps?

PRYMAAT

I would love a second honeymoon. Do I get to choose who with?

BELDAR

Meps. If it will make you feel any better, I will let you choose who to abduct.

PRYMAAT

I am teasing. You are the only Remulakian for me.

BELDAR

(aroused)

Perhaps I should get the senso-rings?

PRYMAAT

Not in front of the child unit.

BELDAR

Right.

(points at screen)

We are in observation range. I focused our spy cam on a bank in Irvine.

CONNIE

Can I come when you take them?

BELDAR

Yes. But remember, if anyone asks . . .

BELDAR, PRYMAAT, CONNIE

(together)

We're from France.

CONNIE

Can I land the spaceship?

BELDAR

Unacceptable.

CONNIE

Can I give directions then? Mom taught me.

BELDAR

(nods)

Acceptable.

CONNIE

(points at the screen)

Slow down. Watch out for that asteroid. Turn right here. I said left, aren't you listening to me? Speed up. You're following too close. Can't you pass this slowpoke?

BELDAR

(to Prymaat)

Wow. She sounds just like you.

FADE OUT - UPSTAIRS SCENE

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FADE IN - DOWNSTAIRS SCENE

Two chairs around a desk.

GRAND POOBAH and VA-VA VOOM enter.

GRAND POOBAH

Let's get one thing straight, Ms. Voom. I'm not intimidated by our jailed CEO. I'm the branch manager and I'm watching you. Make one mistake, and you're gone. The board of directors is auditioning me for the next CEO. Are we clear?

VA-VA

(clueless)

Who does your hair? You should go see my guy, Julio. He can totally fix that mess.

GRAND POOBAH

What? Did you hear what I said?

VA-VA

Something about being bored. I can totally see that about you. I'm bored already.

GRAND POOBAH glares at her. MALLCOP REJECT enters the area.

MALLCOP REJECT

Good morning, Ms. Voom, I'm the security guard. Name's Mallcop Reject. I see you've met Grand Poobah. I recognize you from your exotic dance act in Vegas. I always wanted to do that. Is there anything I can get you?

GRAND POOBAH

(exasperated)

Oh, good heavens.

(to Mallcop Reject)

The bank is opening. Back to your post!

MALLCOP REJECT sheepishly retreats. WEDNESDAY ADDAMS and LURCH approach. GRAND POOBAH stands at attention.

GRAND POOBAH

(whispers to Va-Va)

The Addams Family. They're our biggest clients. Give them anything they want. And, whatever you do, don't make them angry. Especially *the girl*.

WEDNESDAY ADDAMS

Good morning, Ms. Poobah.

GRAND POOBAH

It's so nice to see you, Wednesday. What brings you and Lurch into the bank today?

WEDNESDAY ADDAMS

I'm selling cookies for our family Christmas fund. We're buying up all the oil in town. I'm hoping you'll help.

GRAND POOBAH

Cookies? What kind? Girl scout?

WEDNESDAY ADDAMS

No, I didn't have time to put in real girl scouts.

GRAND POOBAH

I see. If you don't mind me asking, why oil?

WEDNESDAY ADDAMS

We get carolers to the house. It's a holiday tradition to dump boiling oil on them from the roof.

GRAND POOBAH

(rattled)

I see. Um, well, I'll take a box.

LURCH

Grrr.

GRAND POOBAH

(afraid)

Make that two boxes.

LURCH

Grrr.

GRAND POOBAH

I'll take them all. Let's go over to my office and I'll write you a check.

WEDNESDAY ADDAMS smiles at LURCH. GRAND POOBAH leads them off stage.

VA-VA

(sits at the desk)

Maybe I should have stayed at that last job.

BUCK NEEDLY enters carrying an application and approaches the desk.

BUCK NEEDLY

Excuse me, is this the loan department?

VA-VA

(excited)

Yes. I'm so happy you're here. You're like my first customer ever. I'm Va-Va Voom.

BUCK NEEDLY

(sits)

It's a pleasure to meet you. I'm Buck Needly. Va-Va Voom? That's an unusual name.

VA-VA

Thanks. I had it changed while I was in school in Vegas.

BUCK NEEDLY

UNLV?

VA-VA

Heavens no. I was in Blackjack dealing school.

BUCK NEEDLY

You were a blackjack dealer?

VA-VA

Well, for a while. My old boyfriend was the pit boss at Caesar's. He got me the job. But he had to let me go.

BUCK NEEDLY

Oh? What happened?

VA-VA

I had so much trouble reading all those cards upside down. And then having to count to twenty-one on all those hands. I could never figure out who was supposed to pay who.

BUCK NEEDLY

The cards have the numbers on both sides, don't they? So they're never actually upside down.

VA-VA

That's what *they* said. It worked out though. I met the bank CEO, Mr. Lottadough, in the casino later that night and he took an interest in me right away. Made me a loan officer.

BUCK NEEDLY

Sounds like a lucky break.

VA-VA

I thought so, but he got convicted for bank fraud and sent to prison before my start date. Now that bank manager is in charge. The only training she gave me was the company motto.

BUCK NEEDLY

What's that?

VA-VA

Never lend money to people who borrow.

(shakes her head)

I don't really know what that means. I sure hope this is easier than dealing.

BUCK NEEDLY

We can only hope. Here's my loan application.

VA-VA

We have applications? Cool. That will make it so much easier.

BUCK NEEDLY

You've never seen a loan application before?

VA-VA

Like I said, you're my first customer. What can I do for you? Oh, wait, I'm not supposed to ask that. Some habits are hard to break. I'm pretty sure you didn't come here for a lap dance. So, what kind of loan are you looking for?

BUCK NEEDLY

It's a second mortgage on my home.

VA-VA

It says here you already own a home.

BUCK NEEDLY

Well, yes.

VA-VA

So you want a second home? Need a place to hook up with your mistress? I totally get that.

BUCK NEEDLY

No. It's a second mortgage. For the same house.

VA-VA

Why would you want to do that? You already have a mortgage.

BUCK NEEDLY

If you must know, my wife Niptuck wants a little work done for Christmas. She's waiting in the car. Can we hurry this along?

VA-VA

You've come to the right loan officer. I love plastic surgery. We need to get this puppy approved right away.

MALLCOP REJECT walks in.

MALLCOP REJECT

Ms. Voom, someone just delivered a five-drawer file cabinet and a stripper pole for you. Should I put the cabinet in your office?

VA-VA

No, thanks. I need to take the cabinet home. Mr. Lottadough asked me to send him a cake with a file in it.

(peeks at the file cabinet)

That's bigger than I expected. I'll need more cake mix.

MALLCOP REJECT and BUCK NEEDLY stare at each other, puzzled.

MALLCOP REJECT

And the stripper pole?

VA-VA

That stays here. For my workout during lunch.

MALLCOP REJECT

I don't think Grand Poobah will approve. Anything else I can do?

VA-VA

There *is* something. I'm going to need \$50,000 for Mr. Needly.

MALLCOP REJECT

I'm sorry, Miss Voom, I'm not allowed to handle the money.

VA-VA

(whispers to Buck Needly)

That's weird, huh? They put him in charge of security but don't trust him with the money.

BUCK NEEDLY

Go figure. It's a world gone mad.

VA-VA

It *is*.

(to Mallcop Reject)

Thank you anyway.

MALLCOP REJECT slinks off, disappointed.

VA-VA

Well, we probably have \$50,000 lying around here somewhere. After all, this *is* a bank. How would you like it?

BUCK NEEDLY

Like what?

VA-VA

You know. What denominator? Singles, hundreds, millions?  
(leans forward and winks)

I guess that would be a lot of singles. And I know my singles.

BUCK NEEDLY

I think you're supposed to give me a check.

VA-VA

That seems silly. All you're going to do is cash it, right? Wouldn't it just be easier to give you the money? Cut out the middle man?

VA-VA pulls a calculator out of the desk drawer.

VA-VA (Cont'd)

They gave me this calculator. I bet I can use it to decide how many of each bill to give you.

She starts punching in numbers, then stares at the screen in confusion.

VA-VA (Cont'd)

It says I should give you 5,000,000 singles. I don't know if we'll have that many back there.

BUCK NEEDLY

I think 50,000 divided by 1 is 50,000. But, really, I don't want singles.

VA-VA

Yeah, that would be a pain. The most I could carry in my costume was about a hundred, and even that was hard. They kept falling all over the floor.

BUCK NEEDLY

Maybe we should get the bank manager over here.

VA-VA

Oh, we don't want to do that. Look, I'm approving it right now. See, all done. I'll go get your money.

VA-VA stands and leaves. BUCK NEEDLY watches her go and shakes his head. MALLCOP REJECT returns and eyes him suspiciously.

MALLCOP REJECT

Hey, what did you do with Ms. Voom?

BUCK NEEDLY

I didn't do anything with her. What is it with you people?

MALLCOP REJECT

Well, don't try anything funny. I've got my eyes on you.

MALLCOP REJECT exits, his hand on his gun, keeping a threatening eye on Buck Needly.

BUCK NEEDLY

Is everyone crazy at this bank? Maybe I *should* take my business elsewhere.

VA-VA returns with an envelope full of money.

VA-VA

*Great news.* They had enough money back there. They didn't want to give it to me at first, but I reminded them Mr. Lottadough hired me. They come bundled in \$10,000 packs.

BUCK NEEDLY

Okay, fine. But this is highly irregular.

VA-VA

(starts counting the packets out)

One, two, three, four, five . . .

(pauses as BUCK NEEDLY reaches for them)

six, seven, eight . . .

BUCK NEEDLY

Didn't you say these were \$10,000 each?

VA-VA

Yes. That's why I got you ten of them.

(resumes counting them out)

Nine, ten. There you are. \$50,000.

BUCK NEEDLY stares at her in disbelief. After a long pause he grabs the cash and stuffs it into his jacket pockets.

BUCK NEEDLY

This has been a very interesting day. I'll show myself out.

VA-VA nods and walks off. BUCK NEEDLY stands and starts to hurry out. MALLCOP REJECT enters and stops him after a few steps.

MALLCOP REJECT

Hold on there. You can't leave.

BUCK NEEDLY

(sags)

I can't?

MALLCOP REJECT

Nooooo.

(motions him to give something up)

Before you go I need to validate your parking.

(stamps his ticket)

How was your banking experience?

BUCK NEEDLY

I can honestly say this has been the best bank experience I've ever had.

MALLCOP REJECT leaves. NIPTUCK NEEDLY enters.

NIPTUCK NEEDLY

There you are. What's taking so long?

BUCK NEEDLY

You won't believe what happened. We got 100 grand in cash. I didn't even sign for it.

NIPTUCK NEEDLY

How is that possible?

BUCK NEEDLY

The loan officer here is nuts. She just gave it to me.

VA-VA comes back into the room and comes up to Niptuck Needly with her hand out. NIPTUCK NEEDLY shakes it hesitantly.

VA-VA

Welcome to our bank. My name is Va-Va. You're like my second customer. Please come sit down. Let's see what I can do for you today.

NIPTUCK NEEDLY gives her husband a confused look. BUCK NEEDLY signals for Niptuck to sit down, and she sits across from Va-Va.

FADE OUT - DOWNSTAIRS SCENE

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FADE IN - UPSTAIRS SCENE

Back in the spaceship, PRYMAAT points at the screen.

PRYMAAT

Is she really what your want for Christmas?

BELDAR

We are not abducting her for her intelligence. But I am not satisfied with her mass. We should take them all. But not the Addams girl. She scares me.

CONNIE

Are we having that loan officer for Christmas dinner?

BELDAR

Yes.

CONNIE

Can I have her brains?

BELDAR AND PRYMAAT  
(together, panicked)

No.

THE END