

## **Buddy, Charlie, Elves 1-5, Shawanda**

**CHARLIE**

How are you doing, Buddy?

**BUDDY**

Um, fine Charlie, but... I guess I'm gonna be a little short on today's quota.

**CHARLIE**

That's all right, Buddy. Just tell me, how many Etch A Sketches® did you get finished?

**BUDDY**

I made, uh, eighty-five!

**CHARLIE**

Eighty-five? It's ten a.m. and you've only made eighty-five?

**BUDDY**

Why don't you just say it? I'm the worst toy maker in the whole wide world. I'm a Cotton-Headed-Ninny-Muggins.

**CHARLIE**

You're not a Cotton-Headed-Ninny-Muggins. You have lots of talents, uh, special talents in fact, like, uh...

**ELF #1**

You're the best basketball player in the whole North Pole!

**ELF #2**

Even better than Santa!

**ELF #3**

And you're the only baritone in the Jinglesingers!

**ELF #4**

You bring us down a whole octave.

**ELF #5**

In a good way!

**CHARLIE**

See, Buddy? Hey, these elves are getting pretty thirsty. Would you mind doing a round with the cocoa cart?

**BUDDY**

Yay! Cocoa cart! Cocoa cart!

*(BUDDY leaves. CHARLIE motions to SHAWANDA to join him.)*

**CHARLIE**

Hey, Shawanda.

**SHAWANDA**

Yeah, Charlie?

**CHARLIE**

I hate to do this to you, but do you think you could pick up the slack with those Etch A Sketches®?

*(BUDDY returns. He listens, unnoticed.)*

**SHAWANDA**

No problem.

**CHARLIE**

I appreciate it. I feel bad for the big guy. I just hope he doesn't get wise.

**SHAWANDA**

Well, if he hasn't figured out by now that he's a human I don't think he ever will.

**BUDDY**

Human?!? I'm human?

*(Beat.)*

**CHARLIE**

*(desperately whispering to ELF #1)*

Get Santa!

*(ELF #1 runs off to get SANTA.)*

**BUDDY**

You said I'm human!

**CHARLIE**

No. No.

**SHAWANDA**

No, not you Buddy. We were talking about some other Buddy. Some Buddy... else.

**BUDDY**

No you weren't!