

## Buddy, Michael, Emily, Walter

**BUDDY**

All fixed!

**MICHAEL**

Yay, Buddy!

*(hugs BUDDY)*

You're the man!

**EMILY**

Nice going, Buddy.

*(EMILY hugs BUDDY too. The door opens, and WALTER enters. WALTER stops short upon seeing BUDDY, MICHAEL and EMILY all happily hugging each other.)*

**WALTER**

What in the devil is going on here?!

**BUDDY**

Hi, Dad!

**MICHAEL**

Look, Buddy fixed my wind machine!

**EMILY**

He is staying with us!

**WALTER**

Staying with us? What do you mean, Emily, he's staying with us?

*(EMILY grabs Walter's arm and moves him away from BUDDY and MICHAEL. EMILY picks up an envelope from the table.)*

**EMILY**

Walter, I've been, uh, very busy the last couple of days. You see, I took a strand of Buddy's hair, and a few strands of your hair from the sink, then I had my cousin at Beth Israel Hospital compare the two and...

**WALTER**

*(worried)*

And?

**EMILY**

*(hands WALTER the envelope with a DNA report)*

You have an elf for a son.

**WALTER**

Oh, no.

*(During the above, we see BUDDY and MICHAEL move closer to eavesdrop. BUDDY races to hug WALTER. MICHAEL follows right behind BUDDY.)*

**BUDDY**

Yay! I knew it! I knew it! Dad!!! Dad!!! Dad!!!

**MICHAEL**

I got a big brother! This is so cool! I can't believe it!

**BUDDY**

I planned out our whole first day, Dad. Just you and me. Tomorrow we will...

**WALTER**

Tomorrow I've got to go to work...

**EMILY**

*(interrupting)*

Tomorrow, your father will take you to work with him.

**WALTER**

All right, but if you're coming with me you'll have to lose that costume. We'll stop at Brooks Brothers on the way and get you a suit.

**BUDDY**

Oh! Can it be red like Santa s?

**WALTER**

No.