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INTERMEDIATE**

(ALL READERS ARE SEATED. READER 1 STANDS AND BEGINS THE READING).

NARRATOR 1: On the Monday before Christmas, Ardith Magee decided to take her pet alligator out for a Christmas shopping spree.

(READER 2 STANDS).

NARRATOR 2: She opened her front door and checked the weather. Then Ardith called to her mother.

(3/ARDITH STANDS, BUT INDICATES SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE TO GO. OTHER READERS LOOK DISGUSTED AND POINT DOWNSTAGE. 3/ARDITH MOVES RELUCTANTLY DOWNSTAGE, SHYLY MIMES OPENING DOOR DIRECTLY TOWARD AUDIENCE, AND CHECKS THE WEATHER).

3/ARDITH: "It's cooooooold outside! My alligator's nose will freeze!"

(4/MOTHER STANDS, MOVES DOWNSTAGE AND STANDS BESIDE 3/ARDITH. 4/MOTHER'S LINE IS READ FOR COMEDY AND DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO AUDIENCE).

NARRATOR 1: And mother said,

4/MOTHER: "So put a sock on it!"

NARRATOR 1: So Ardith did.

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(3/ARDITH AND 4/MOTHER RETURN TO CHAIRS. ALL READERS SIT IN UNISON).

NARRATOR 1: She covered the alligator's nose with one of father's

ALL: BIGGEST, WIDEST, LONGEST ANGORA SOCKS.

NARRATOR 2: The sock was red.

NARRATOR 3: Then Ardith and her pet alligator went off to the mall.

NARRATOR 4: The alligator bought

(READER 1 STANDS AND READS THE FOLLOWING AS THOUGH CHECKING OFF EACH ITEM ON A LIST. WHEN THE WORD "AUSTRALIA" IS READ, READER 1 SITS, SATISFIED THAT THE LIST HAS BEEN COMPLETED CORRECTLY).

NARRATOR 1: four advent calendars with holiday chocolates behind the windows, and an airline ticket to

ALL: AUSTRALIA!

(READERS 2,4 APPLAUD READER 1. READER 1 LOOKS PLEASED AND SITS).

NARRATOR 2: And when the shopping was done, Ardith and her pet alligator

ALL: WENT HOME!

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(READERS 1,2,4 STAND, PAUSE, LOOK AT EACH OTHER, AND PREPARE TO START THE SECOND VERSE. WHEN READY, READER 1 BEGINS).

NARRATOR 1: On the Tuesday before Christmas, Ardith Magee decided to take her pet armadillo out for a Christmas shopping spree.

(READERS 1,2,3 LOOK AT 3/ARDITH WHO IS STILL SITTING. 3/ARDITH LOOKS SURPRISED AND EMBARRASSED AND STANDS QUICKLY. READER 2 CLEARS THROAT LOUDLY AND CONTINUES).

NARRATOR 2: She opened her back door and checked the weather. Then Ardith called to her mother.

(3/ARDITH MOVES DOWNSTAGE, AS BEFORE, AND MIMES).

3/ARDITH: "It's cooooooold outside! My armadillo's nose will freeze!"

(4/MOTHER MOVES DOWNSTAGE AND STANDS, READING AS BEFORE).

NARRATOR 1: And mother said,

4/MOTHER: "So put a sock on it!"

NARRATOR 1: So Ardith did.

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(3/ARDITH AND 4/MOTHER RETURN TO CHAIRS. ALL SIT IN UNISON).

NARRATOR 1: She covered the armadillo's nose with one of father's

ALL: BIGGEST, WIDEST, LONGEST ANGORA SOCKS.

NARRATOR 2: The sock was green.

NARRATOR 3: Then Ardith and her pet armadillo went off to the mall.

NARRATOR 4: The armadillo bought

(READER 1 STANDS AND READS AS THOUGH CHECKING OFF ITEMS ON A LIST. READER 1 SITS AFTER THE WORD "AUSTRALIA").

NARRATOR 1: four acoustic guitars and an airline ticket to

ALL: AUSTRALIA!

(READER 1 SITS AS READERS 2,4 POLITELY APPLAUD).

NARRATOR 2: And when the shopping was done, Ardith and her pet armadillo

ALL: WENT HOME!

(READERS 1,2,3,4 STAND QUICKLY. ALL LOOK AT READER 3 TO MAKE SURE SHE IS GETTING IT RIGHT THIS TIME. BUT

READER 3 IS STANDING SIDEWAYS WHILE THE OTHER READERS ARE FACING FRONT. READER 1 WALKS TO READER 3, TURNS 3 TO FRONT, RETURNS TO OWN POSITION, CLEARS THROAT, AND BEGINS VERSE THREE).

NARRATOR 1: On the Wednesday before Christmas, Ardith Magee decided to take her pet anteater out for a Christmas shopping spree.

NARRATOR 2: She opened her side door and checked the weather. Then Ardith called to her mother.

(3/ARDITH RUNS DOWNSTAGE, RIPS OPEN THE DOOR, CHECKS THE WEATHER, AND READS TOO FAST).

3/ARDITH: "It's coooooold outside! My anteater's nose will freeze!"

(4/MOTHER LOOKS AT 3/ARDITH, SHAKES HER HEAD IN EXASPERATION, WALKS SLOWLY DOWNSTAGE INTO POSITION, AND SLOWLY READS LINE DIRECTLY TO 3/ARDITH).

NARRATOR 1: And mother said,

4/MOTHER: "So put a sock on it!"

NARRATOR 1: So Ardith did.

(3/ARDITH AND 4/MOTHER GLARE AT EACH OTHER AND RETURN TO CHAIRS. ALL READERS SIT IN UNISON).

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NARRATOR 1: She covered the anteater's nose with one of father's

ALL: BIGGEST, WIDEST, LONGEST ANGORA SOCKS.

NARRATOR 2: The sock was blue.

NARRATOR 3: Then Ardith and her pet anteater went off to the mall.

NARRATOR 4: The anteater bought

(READER 1 STANDS AND CHECKS OFF LIST, AS BEFORE).

NARRATOR 1: four big red tins of antbrittle and an airline ticket to

ALL: AUSTRALIA!

(READER 1 SITS TO APPLAUSE, AS BEFORE).

NARRATOR 2: And when the shopping was done, Ardith and her pet anteater

ALL: WENT HOME!

(THIS TIME 3/ARDITH POPS UP BEFORE ANYONE ELSE, REALIZES SHE IS STANDING ALL BY HERSELF, LOOKS EMBARRASSED AND SLOWLY SITS AGAIN. READERS 1,2,4 STAND AND LOOK AT 3/ARDITH IN DISMAY. 3/ARDITH SLOWLY STANDS AGAIN AND THE FOURTH VERSE BEGINS).