



MONOLOGUES

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The Semi-Amazing, Sort-of-Sensational, Almost Unbelievable Christmas Spectacular!

by Jon Jory

(After hearing reports that Christmas Carol has been cancelled, the actor playing JACOB MARLEY rushes onstage wrapped in chains and dragging them behind him.)

MARLEY

Are you crazy? I was turkey-boy for two years and now I'm Jacob Marley! Do you know how long it takes to get into these chains and wear this smelly costume? "I wear the chains I forged in life!" I am a thespian! A thespian to the core! Do you know how I get into the mood for this part? I have Mary Ann Belcher slap me over and over backstage—over and over and over! Do you know how Mary Ann prepares to slap me? All summer she soaks her hands in brine—which to the uninformed is pickle juice and salted water—which hardens her hands until they are like cement and then she slaps me and slaps me and these chains are heavy and leave big welts on my wrists and ankles, and the smell of the costume makes me nauseous and I begin to hyperventilate and Mary Ann Belcher and I slap each other and begin laughing hysterically and then, like a gunshot—I hear my cue and Mary Ann Belcher yells, "Break a leg," and for good luck she kicks me in the knees with her steel-toed hiking boots and I stagger on stage, like this, and I confront Ebenezer Scrooge and I am the distilled embodiment of thespianism and I say, "Ebenezer Scrooge, I wear the chains I forged in life!" And the audience cheers and throws peanut butter and bitsy balls. And I triumphantly accept plaudits of the maddened crowd! And now you tell me, there's no Christmas Carol?

(Completely calm:) Cool. I'll get out these rags and go work out on the climbing wall for a couple of hours. *(Exiting:)* It would be nice if someone had told us because Mary Ann Belcher is back there weeping with her hands in the pickle juice.

(MARLEY is gone, slamming the door.)

(Re-appearing:) And remember, there is nothing, nowhere, anywhere as dangerous as a disappointed thespian! *(Exits slamming door. Immediately re-entering.)* Nowhere.

(MARLEY exits, slamming door.)

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Length: 30-35 minutes

Cast Size: 15-48 actors (suggested casting: 3F, 3M, 14 any)

Genre: Comedy

Synopsis: What happens when a school tries to put on a Christmas Spectacular for the bargain price \$11.50? You get a ton of elves, a spirit of Christmas, a visit from the little match girl, Jacob Marley and a partridge in a pear tree. It may be low on budget, but it's high on laughs as we watch the Christmas characters we know and love hilariously collide in this Christmas disaster for the ages.