

## Audition Sides - Deb, Buddy, Mr. Greenway, Walter

What?  
**WALTER**

What does a rainbow feel like?  
**BUDDY**

I don't know. Soft...  
**WALTER**

Dad?  
**BUDDY**

Buddy!  
**WALTER**

What was my mom like?  
**BUDDY**

That was a long time ago, Buddy.  
*(BUDDY looks dejected. WALTER softens.)*  
Susan was fun, full of life. You would have liked her.

*(MR. GREENWAY, a gruff, elderly businessman, enters.)*

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## START

**DEB**  
Mr. Greenway, sir.

**BUDDY**  
*(standing up)*  
Hi, Mr. Greenway, I'm Buddy the Elf!

**MR. GREENWAY**  
What? Who the devil is that?

**WALTER**  
Well, he's, uh, he's my, son.

**MR. GREENWAY**  
What?!

**WALTER**  
Deb! Buddy needs a break.

**DEB**  
*(to BUDDY)*  
Buddy, why don't you come help me put these documents through the shredder?

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**BUDDY**

What's a shredder?

**DEB**

It's a machine that makes snow.

**BUDDY**

No way!

*(BUDDY and DEB leave the office.)*

**MR. GREENWAY**

Hobbs! My phone has been ringing off the hook. Angry mothers, kids crying, "What happened to Jingles, the jolly Christmas puppy?"

**WALTER**

It was an unfortunate oversight, Mr—

**MR. GREENWAY**

Hobbs, you're out of a job unless you can come up with a blockbuster idea for a new Christmas book. I mean a through-the-roof national bestseller!

**WALTER**

Well, sir, that's easier said than done—

**MR. GREENWAY**

Yes, it is. So you better get your top writers on it, because I will be back in New York on the evening of December twenty-fourth. At that time, you will present to me, in exact detail, your plans for the book! Happy holidays, Hobbs.

**END**

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*(MR. GREENWAY exits. WALTER waits until MR. GREENWAY is gone and then explodes, yelling offstage in the direction where MR. GREENWAY just exited.)*

**WALTER**

Exact details? For a brand new book? Seriously? Do you have any idea how hard I...

*(Suddenly, BUDDY runs back in and throws shredded paper in the air over WALTER's head around the office. He is followed by DEB.)*

**BUDDY**

Snow! Snow! Snow!