

Alice. Maxine

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THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

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The Best Christmas Pageant Ever—Alternate

(As the play opens, the curtain is down. BETH is sitting stage right. ALICE and MAXINE are sitting stage left. Spotlight on BETH.)

BETH. The Herdmans ~~were the worst kids in the whole history of the world. They lied and stole and smoked cigars, even the girls, and~~ talked dirty and hit little kids and cussed their teachers and took the name of the Lord in vain and set fire to Fred Shoemaker's old broken down tool house.

(Spot up on MAXINE and ALICE.)

ALICE. And that's not all! Somebody sent five dozen doughnuts for the firemen and the Herdmans ate them all, and what they couldn't eat they stuffed in their pockets and down the front of their shirts.

MAXINE. And they wrote this really really dirty word on the back of Naomi Waddell's favorite turtle, so now Naomi can't take it to the Y.M.C.A. pet show...her mother won't let her.

ALICE. What was the word?

(MAXINE whispers it.)

(horrified) Oh-h-h!

MAXINE. And that's not all! They did it with fluorescent paint, so it glows in the dark. When you can't even see the turtle, you can still see the word.

ALICE. And they put a whole bunch of tadpoles in the school drinking fountain, and Miss Barnes swallowed two or three by mistake. Somebody yelled, "Mildred, stop! You're drinking tadpoles! ...but it was too late.

MAXINE. Did she get sick?

ALICE. Not right away.

(Spotlight on BETH, as ALICE and MAXINE move off.)