

WARBUCKS

Good.

(Opens the envelope, takes out a paper, and reads)

Comes the dawn. Now it all fits together.

(WARBUCKS hands the paper to GRACE, who reads it, smiles, and shakes her head)

GRACE

Annie, come look at this.

(ANNIE comes to GRACE and reads the paper)

ANNIE

(Keep the paper in front of your face to say the first line of this speech)

Leapin' Lizards! Who would'a guessed?

WARBUCKS

Show it to the President.

(ANNIE takes paper and shows it to ROOSEVELT, who reads it, nods and smiles; ANNIE goes back to GRACE's side with the paper; DRAKE enters)

DRAKE

Sir, Mr. and Mrs. —

(He makes their name sound like sewer waste)

—“MUDGE.”

WARBUCKS

(Rubbing HIS hands together. HE can't wait.)

Show them in, Drake.

DRAKE

With pleasure, sir.

(DRAKE exits)

WARBUCKS

Drake, Drake!

(WARBUCKS crosses to MOLLY down center, picks HER up and carries HER upstage with the other orphans, and puts HER down.)

Franklin? Shall I have them call for your car?

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ROOSEVELT

No, Eleanor can wait.

(DRAKE enters through the doorway, ushering in ROOSTER and LILY in their disguises as RALPH and SHIRLEY MUDGE)

DRAKE

Won't you please come in, Mr. and Mrs Mudge.

ROOSTER

Good morning.

ALL

(Cheerfully)

Good Morning!

ROOSTER

And Merry Christmas one and all.

ALL

(More good cheer)

Merry Christmas!

DRAKE

(Going overboard)

Merry, merry, merry, merry...

WARBUCKS

Thank you, Drake.

DRAKE

...Christmas.

end

ROOSTER

There she is, Shirl, our little girl.

WARBUCKS

Your little girl.

ANNIE

(Very innocently)

Hi, Mom. Hi, Dad.

