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MRS. CLAUS

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CAST

MABEL CLAUS: An older woman dressed in a flannel nightgown, hair in a nightcap.

<u>Place</u> The North Pole.

<u>Time</u> Christmas Eve.

At Rise: MRS. CLAUS collapses into the chair, sighs and takes out her cell phone. She dials a number and waits.

Hello, Edna? This is Mabel, Mabel Claus?...Oh, I'm much better now. Kris and the posse just left. It's my once-a-year night of quiet here, at last...I'm fine, just exhausted...and just, you know, tired of it all. You work all year for one night of quiet, knowing in 12 hours it'll start up again. GOD, I was so relieved to see him go this year, it's been so stressful! Well, you know there was that awful lawsuit by that 9 year old girl in Iowa...you know, when the elves mistakenly decided she was 'naughty' not 'nice' after her file got switched with that of a 23-year old hooker from the Bronx?...I know, Edna, but the last thing we need is a class action lawsuit from 6 billion people! That's what they call "bad PR," ya know? And by the way, thank you for the name of that therapist, he's been a lifesaver. I was just having such an identity crisis. I mean, who even knows the name of Mrs. Claus, right? Santa does the least of the work and gets all of the glory, but does he EVER clean up after those reindeer? NOOOOO!!!

END OF FREEVIEW

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