

MARGARET

Oh. Never mind. They're here on the table.

COLIN

(To himself)

Interviews being held for a new management company seeking talent and models for representation.

Reply here with headshots and size cards for consideration, along with a resume. Audition for film, television and commercials in Philadelphia and New York.

He seems pleased with the post and clicks on publish.

CUT TO:

22 INT. MALL - PHILLIPS OFFICE - EVENING

Phil is going through the process of caring for the suit with Colin.

PHILLIP

It'll be hung here before and after every shift. Before putting it on, you'll squirt the suit with this apple/ cinnamon spray. It gives the scent of Christmas for the child. Makes the experience even more magical, praise god. Then, at the end of the shift, pop it in this dryer for 10 minutes on fluff dry, then iron the suit with this iron. Then just hang it up till next use.

COLIN

Seems simple enough.

PHILLIP

It does. But you don't know how many past santa's couldn't comprehend. The suit sometimes smelled like whiskey, or bad

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PHILLIP (CONT'D)  
breath. Which reminds me, this  
breath spray should keep you  
smelling good.

Phil squirts some in his mouth and reacts to it.

PHILLIP  
Hmmmm. Interesting after taste.

COLIN  
I think I'll be fine, Phillip.

PHILLIP  
I know you will, buddy. Could  
always count on you. Let's walk.

Phil walks out of the office and Colin follows.

CUT TO:

23 INT. MALL - SANTA WORKSHOP - MINUTES LATER

Phil continues talking as they approach the in process building of santaland. He stops them before they get close to anyone or the workers.

PHILLIP  
One thing, Coll. Let's keep it hush hush on you playing Santa given the recent publicity around you. My vendors don't need the controversy.

COLIN  
Understood.

They walk around the newly created snow and workshop.

The conversation moves on to the Santa time conduct while playing the role.

Phil is specific about all the procedures. Santa time. Break time. Rules of the beard.

Phil proudly looks at the display and throne for Santa. proud of his acccomplishments, he sighs.

PHILLIP  
Praise Jesus. Praise him good.

CUT TO:

24 INT. MALL - PHILLIPS OFFICE - EVENING

There is a circle of chairs and seven worshippers along with Phil leading the group in an opening prayer. They all hold hands except for Colin. He keeps his eyes open while everyone else closes their eyes, bow their heads and pray hard.

When the prayer gets more vigorous and halty, some in the group stand up and start convulsing and speaking in tongues. Colin is frightened and intrigued by this.

- an older white guy interprets his understanding of the verse they are studying which sounds very much like a kkk speech.

- a young woman plays the guitar and sings a very monotonous song worshipping the lord.

Colin rolls his eyes in disbelief and agitation.

Phil now takes the last part of the study to introduce Colin to the group.

Phil explains their childhood, shares a little about Colin's history through the years.

PHILLIP  
Colin, you want to share your story with the group? Tell them a little about your life?

Colin reluctantly shares his story of horror to the group. Starting from the divorce with the love of his life after he was jailed and convicted of a crime he didn't commit. Then onto life in the penitentiary.

The shock on everyone's faces is palpable.

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