

Rudolph's Revenge

By Samuel Stokes, based on "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" by Johnny Marks

5 Characters: RUDOLPH, COMET, CUPID, DONNER, BLITZEN

Running Time: Approx. 2 minutes, 30 seconds

RUDOLPH: I'm Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer. Remember me? Of course you do! I totally saved Christmas last year when there was that big blizzard. The big guy came to me and said "Rudolph, with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?" Then I totally zoomed in, and everyone was like, "oh yeah, you're totally awesome! Yay!" But it wasn't always like that... they didn't even used to let me join any reindeer games. And they would always laugh and call me names. Well, guess what? Now I'm the team leader, so this year I'm going to get them back and get them good!

(COMET, CUPID, DONNER, and BLITZEN are sitting around a Monopoly board. Rudolph walks up and rudely flips the board over).

COMET: Hey! What do you think you're doing?!

RUDOLPH: Ha ha! That's what you get for not letting me join in any reindeer games.

BLITZEN: Gee, Rudolph, we're awfully sorry about that.

CUPID: We sure are. Would you care to join us for a game of Monopoly?

RUDOLPH: (*disarmed, not expecting kindness*) Oh, uh, no thanks, Cupid. Hey, haha, did you know that Cupid rhymes with stupid? Ha ha ha! I guess that means you must be stupid! Ha ha!

CUPID: (*takes a deep breath and then speaks in a slow and calm voice*) I hear you saying that my name rhymes with "stupid" . . . it makes me feel . . . hurt . . . and I would very much appreciate it, if you would please not call me "stupid" in the future.

RUDOLPH: Huh?

CUPID: I said, I would very much appreciate . . .

RUDOLPH: No, I heard you, it's just . . . never mind. (*turns his attention to DONNER*) Hey, Donner, I just noticed, you have really big floppy ears! Ha ha ha! Look, everybody, Donner has big floppy ears! Ha ha ha!

DONNER: (*takes a deep breath and speaks calmly*) I hear you saying that you feel that my ears are big and floppy . . . It makes me feel . . . self-conscious . . . and . . . I would be very grateful if you would please refrain from further comments about my ears.

RUDOLPH: (*confused*) Hey, what's wrong with you guys, anyway? You were so mean to me before!

COMET: We know, Rudolph, and we would really like to apologize for that, and we hope that you'll find it in your heart to forgive us.

RUDOLPH: Well . . . maybe I can forgive you for having such an ugly face, ha ha ha!

COMET: *(Takes a deep breath)* I hear you saying I have an ugly . . .

RUDOLPH: *(cutting him off)* Stop that! What are you guys doing anyway?!

BLITZEN: Well, after we gave you such a hard time last year, Santa sent us all to a special Reindeer Sensitivity Class.

RUDOLPH: What on earth?

DONNER: We realized how hurtful it was to call you names, and to exclude you from our games.

BLITZEN: We really hope you can forgive us!

RUDOLPH: I’ll have to think about it...

DONNER: Please? We’d really like you to play some Monopoly with us...

RUDOLPH: *(he pause to think about it)* Hmm, well, alright. But I get to be the thimble!

ALL OF THE OTHER REINDEER: Yippee!