

EMILY/MICHAEL/BUDDY/WALTER:

BUDDY

All fixed!

MICHAEL

Yay, Buddy! You're the man!

EMILY

Nice going, Buddy.

WALTER

What in the devil is going on here?!

BUDDY

Hi, Dad!

MICHAEL

Look, Buddy fixed my wind machine!

EMILY

He's staying with us!

WALTER

Staying with us? What do you mean, Emily, he's staying with us?

EMILY

Walter, I've been, uh, very busy the last couple of days. You see, I took a strand of Buddy's hair, and a few strands of your hair from the sink, then I had my cousin at Beth Israel Hospital compare the two and...

WALTER

(worried)

And?

EMILY

You have an elf for a son.

WALTER

Oh, no.

(During the above, we see BUDDY and MICHAEL move closer to eavesdrop.)

BUDDY

Yay! I knew it! I knew it! Dad!!! Dad!!! Dad!!!

MICHAEL

I got a big brother! This is so cool! I can't believe it!

BUDDY

I planned out our whole first day, Dad. Just you and me. Tomorrow we will...

WALTER

Tomorrow I've got to go to work...

EMILY

(interrupting)

Tomorrow, your father will take you to work with him.

WALTER

All right, but if you're coming with me you'll have to lose that costume. We'll stop at Brooks Brothers on the way and get you a suit.

BUDDY

Oh! Can it be red like Santa's?

WALTER

No.