



Christmas Day

CARNAGE

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STAGE SCRIPT

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Age Group: 10+



No. Characters: 11

Logline:

In *Christmas Day Carnage*, a well-intended holiday gathering unravels into festive chaos as clashing in-laws, eccentric relatives, and duelling Santas turn Christmas cheer into laugh-out-loud mayhem.

Character List:

- Laurie
- Debbie
- Jenny
- Peter
- Mitch
- Martha
- Gerald
- Auntie Suzi
- Auntie Cheryl
- Lillian
- Gilbert

Synopsis

In *Christmas Day Carnage*, a chaotic Christmas gathering quickly spirals out of control as multiple generations of one family clash over traditions, misunderstandings, and a pair of duelling Santas. Laurie and Debbie's plans for a calm celebration are disrupted when both sets of in-laws unexpectedly show up, along with eccentric relatives and children impatient to open their presents.

As arguments erupt over everything from Christmas sandwiches to war stories, the family's attempts to keep the peace descend into hilarity. With miscommunication, mistaken identities, and sibling rivalries running wild, the festive cheer is overshadowed by laugh-out-loud chaos that leaves no one unscathed.

Christmas Day Carnage is a sharp and witty comedy that captures the absurdities of family dynamics during the holiday season, offering a look at the joys and disasters of Christmas day.

Have fun with it!



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The two kids enter the stage and run towards the presents. They are about to open them as Laurie and Debbie enter.

DEBBIE
Not so fast

JENNY
But you said we could open the
presents under the tree when we
were back from the pub

PETER
I don't see why you have to go to the
pub on Christmas day

JENNY
Because it's tradition, everyone from
the village goes and we get to wish
them a happy Christmas

LAURIE
We also get a free drink as well

MITCH
I got five free drinks, for being number
one customer

DEBBIE
I can imagine

JENNY
Can we open the presents now?

LAURIE
You'll have to wait until everyone is
here

MITCH
Oh I have a surprise for the kids, be
back in a second

PETER
Ugh! Where is everyone I want to open
my presents

DEBBIE
Young man calm down!

JENNY

It's Christmas, we can't calm down,
we're filled with Christmas joy and
chocolate!

LAURIE

I don't know where my parents have
got to

DEBBIE

You invited your parents?

LAURIE

Yes, why?... You haven't invited yours
have you?

DEBBIE

I told you weeks ago my parents were
coming for Christmas day and yours
for boxing day

LAURIE

Oh no, I thought you said it the other
way round

DEBBIE

This is going to be fun, I think I need a
drink

Exit Debbie

PETER

No, mum where are you going there
are presents to be opened!

Enter Martha and Gerald

GERALD

Hello son happy Christmas

JENNY

Is everyone here, is it present time?

LAURIE

We still have your Aunties to come
and your other Grandparents

GERALD

A not so Happy Christmas then