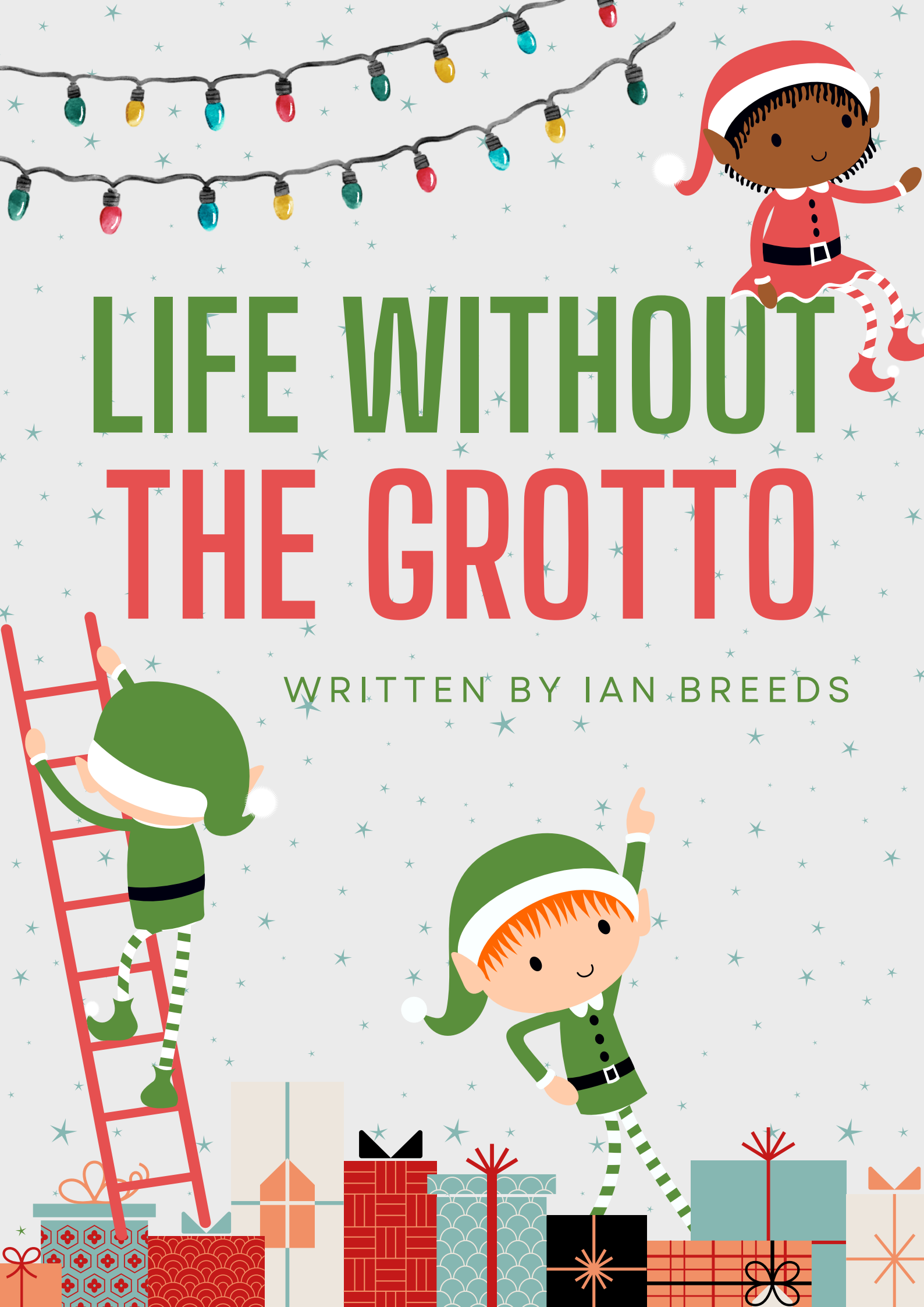




LIFE WITHOUT THE GROTTO

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STAGE SCRIPT

Life Without the Grotto



Page Count: 12



Age Group: 6+



No. Characters: 9

Logline:

In *Life Without the Grotto*, a group of exiled elves reunite for their annual support meeting, where past grievances, old feuds, and long-buried secrets come to light as they navigate life after being cast out of the North Pole.

Character List:

- Toby
- Chit
- Antorii
- Kippy
- Elle
- Sam
- Jellybelly
- O'Hara
- Lulie

Synopsis

Life Without the Grotto follows a group of exiled elves who gather annually to share their struggles and grievances after being cast out of the North Pole. The meeting, led by the well-meaning but exasperated Jellybelly, brings together a colourful array of characters, each grappling with the aftermath of their departure from Santa's domain.

Kippy, once the most troubled of the group, reveals their journey to recovery, while others like Chiti and Toby reignite old feuds over stolen recipes. O'Hara, a disgraced leprechaun-turned-elf, laments his fall from grace, and Elle and Sam reminisce fondly –and controversially– about their time with Santa. As tensions rise and past resentments come to light, Jellybelly finally snaps, revealing their own unacknowledged hardships and a shocking claim about the origins of Elf on the Shelf.

Have fun with it!



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7 Elves enter the stage in pairs or individually.

TOBY

Well look what the reindeer dragged
in.

CHITI

If I knew you were going to be here I
would have stayed at home.

TOBY

The feeling is mutual.

ANTORII

Good to see you Kippy, how are you?
Staying out of trouble?

KIPPY

So far so good. Hard to come by work,
what with my record and all.

ANTORII

I could maybe get you some work at
the mall.

KIPPY

Mall Elf?

ANTORII

Unfortunately yeah.

KIPPY

I'm good thanks.

ELLE

Why do we come to this year after
year, it's so sad.

SAM

I know but it's nice to see everyone
and it makes me feel better about
myself.

JELLYBELLY

Shall we begin?

CHITI

Shouldn't we wait for O'Hara?

TOBY

He's not even an Elf, he was an
imposter who stole from Santa.
Speaking of stealing...

CHITI

Oh don't you dare.

JELLYBELLY

Settle down you two, can we for once
have a meeting where you both don't
fight?

Enter O'Hara.

O'HARA

Sorry I'm late everyone, the money
never stops and I'm always on the
clock. What did I miss?

SAM

Nothing, we've only just started.
Business going well, is it?

ELLE

You can't help yourself can you.

SAM

What are you talking about?

ELLE

Oh please, like you don't know. You
hear the jingle jangle of money and
you're all over it like an elf on the shelf.

Enter Lulie

LULIE

Did someone say elf on the shelf?

Everyone gets excited to see Lulie.

KIPPY

I can't believe you came. Where have
you been? How have you been?

O'HARA

Give her some space. Come and sit.
Tell us everything.