



THE LAND BEFORE CHRISTMAS

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STAGE SCRIPT

The Land Before Christmas



Page Count: 7



Age Group: 6+



No. Characters: 14

Logline:

In a mythical Christmas land, a weary group of elves discovers Santa and Mrs. Claus in a mysterious box, offering them a chance at a new life—and the start of Christmas itself—in this origin story of festive magic.

Character List:

Elf names can be chosen

- Elf 1
- Elf 2
- Elf 3
- Elf 4
- Elf 5
- Elf 6
- Elf 7
- Elf 8
- Elf 9
- Elf 10
- Elf 11
- Elf 12
- Santa Claus
- Mrs Claus

Synopsis

In *The Land Before Christmas*, a group of elves, plagued by witches, ogres, and goblins, discover a mysterious box they believe could be their salvation. After much debate and fear of repeating past disasters, they open the box, revealing Santa and Mrs Claus, who offer them a chance to escape their perilous existence.

Santa proposes a new life at the North Pole, where the elves will work year-round to create joy and happiness by preparing for Christmas Day. Although sceptical of the Claus's vision of love and selflessness, the elves eventually agree, lured by the promise of safety and community. With their decision sealed, they embark on a journey to establish the magic of Christmas, marking the beginning of an enduring festive tradition. *The Land Before Christmas* is a heart-warming and humorous origin story of the Christmas spirit.

Have fun with it!



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Lights dimly light the stage. Two elves dressed in rags run down the middle isle

ELF 1

They've found it!

ELF 2

They've found it!

6 other elves appear on the stage also dressed in rags whispering to each other 'they found it'. After 6 rounds of whispers 4 other elves enter the stage dressed in rags holding a box whispering 'we've found it', they say this for 4 rounds. Placing the box in the middle of the stage. All the elves gather around the box.

ELF 3

What do we do?

ELF 4

Open it obviously

ELF 5

Are you sure?

ELF 6

What if it's the wrong box?

ELF 7

I don't think we should open it

ELF 8

I agree, you know what happened the last time we opened a box

ELF 9

It released a witch

ELF 10

And she ate nearly all of our kind

A big argument erupts between the elves

ELF 11

Stop!!! What choice do we have but to open it

ELF 12

This box could be our last hope

ELF 7

Or it could be the box that dooms us!

ELF 1

We're doomed if we don't open the
box

ELF 2

That Witch will continue to pick us off
one by one

ELF 3

Not to mention the Ogres and Goblins

ELF 4

I say we open the box, it's now or
never!

ELF 5

Or, or maybe we wait a few weeks,
see how things go for now

ELF 11

What do you mean wait a few weeks?
We're getting gobbled up left, right
and centre

ELF 6

But, maybe, in the coming weeks a
clearer sign might come to us as to
what's in the box

ELF 12

And we also might be stomped on by
an Ogre or eaten by a witch

Elf 8 grabs the box in frustration

ELF 8

What's in the box! What's in the box!
Tell me what's in the box!

Elf 9 grabs Elf 8

ELF 9

Calm down! We need to make a
decision, do we open it or not?

A witch's cackle is heard