

SCENE 4

HELEN'S HOSPITAL ROOM

*(lights up to reveal HELEN in her hospital bed...next to her bed is a giant bulletin board that looks like a CSI/Homeland board with strings connecting pictures of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Elmer and Alice...HELEN gives GRACE the official Christmas pageant overstuffed notebook and then uses a pointer to describe the auditions...GRACE is anxious to leave)*

HELEN

Don't be nervous, Grace. Just start the auditions with Mary. Tell the kids how important she is because Mary was the mother of Jesus.

GRACE

I know that, Helen.

HELEN

Then move on to Joseph. You can tell them God chose Joseph to be Jesus's dad. But don't spend too much time on that subject. It can be confusing. Besides Elmer is always Joseph. He knows all about Mary and Joseph.

GRACE

But we're holding auditions. All parts are available.

HELEN

Right. And don't let the Wise Men stand next to the shepherds. They always start hitting each other.

GRACE

Helen, I really have to get to the church.

HELEN

The angels should not wear makeup or earrings or high heels.

GRACE

I'm going, Helen.

HELEN

And the baby angels are going to be your biggest problem. Someone has to push them on.

GRACE

I mean it.

HELEN

Bob could help.

GRACE

Very funny. Bye, Helen.

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