

IVY

Of course, Alice!

BETH

Don't worry, Alice. I don't want to play Mary.

ALICE

Beth! I didn't even think —

BETH

You have to play Mary. You're smart, and neat, and well, so holy-looking.

ALICE

(feigning modesty)

I'm not really. But if you really believe that...

IVY & BETH

You're perfect!

TRACK 10

#3B HERDMAN ENTRANCE

(ELMER rushes in, then runs to join CHARLIE)

ELMER

The Herdmans are coming!

ALL KIDS

(panicked whisper)

The Herdmans!

IVY

(to her friends)

Quick, eat your dessert.

(the HERDMANS appear and pose in the doorway of the cafeteria, punctuated by cymbal crash)

RALPH

Well lookee here.

(as each HERDMAN kid identifies a food item, the good KIDS clutch the item to their chests or try to eat it fast)

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I smell something good! IMOGENE
Ham and cheese! LEROY
Peanut butter! CLAUDE
Fritos! OLLIE
Chocolate milk! GLADYS
What are we waiting for? Let's go shopping! RALPH

TRACK 11

#3C HERDMAN SHOPPING

(the HERDMANS dance through the cafeteria like a swarm of locusts...when they move on from each kid, the victims look like they've been mugged)

Gimme that. RALPH
That's mine! CLAUDE
Mine! OLLIE
Mine! LEROY
Yes! GLADYS

(the group surrounds TEDDY)

Fork it over, Teddy. IMOGENE

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TEDDY

What?

IMOGENE

You know what.

(TEDDY gives her his lunch)

IMOGENE

All of it.

TEDDY

(shaking his head back and forth)

No!

(IMOGENE slams his head in his lunch box)

TEDDY

Okay. Here.

IMOGENE

Nice.

(the HERDMANS huddle together to inspect their plunder)

LEROY

(to OLLIE)

What'd you get?

OLLIE

Get away from me.

RALPH

Ollie, show it. Now.

(OLLIE pulls a smashed food packet out of his torn coat pocket)

GLADYS

A Hostess cupcake? Give it here.

OLLIE

No. It's mine.

IMOGENE

Let him have it, Gladys. You can have some of Sally Martin's cake from her birthday party.

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CLAUDE

How'd you get that?

IMOGENE

She gave it to me, just so I wouldn't go.

(CHARLIE has passed out some carrot sticks but is hoarding his dessert)

LEROY

Wait a minute! Charlie's mom always packs those Rice Crispie Treats.

CHARLIE

Oh no!

BETH

Charlie, look out!

HERDMANS

(circling CHARLIE)

Come on, Charlie ...

CHARLIE

Back off!

TEDDY

You're surrounded.

HERDMANS

Cough it up!

ELMER

Run, Charlie, run!

CHARLIE

Nooooo!

TRACK 12

#4 TAKE MY LUNCH

CHARLIE

I can't take it anymore!

(KIDS are IVY, ALICE, BETH, TEDDY, and ELMER)

CHARLIE

WANT MY LUNCH
JUST TAKE IT

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