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**ANNOYING
MOM**

ZEEK

What!? What is he talking about?

CROSBY

Okay, Dad, we're trying to remain calm about it.

ZEEK

What's going on?

Crosby takes Zeek aside, under--

CROSBY

She had a tough night last night. Something about her white blood cell count being low because of the chemo. Adam didn't want me to tell anyone. He didn't want anyone to worry.

ZEEK

What the hell is wrong with him? Where are they, St. Mary's?

CROSBY

Yeah. Dad, where are you going?

ZEEK

Where the hell you think I'm going? My daughter-in-law is in the hospital.

CROSBY

Dad. Dad, hold on!
(then distracted by)
Otis! Do not crap on the rug! You are not doing this to me!
(to himself)
Oh my God, how does Adam endure this?

~~OFF the mat...~~

PARENTHOOD

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INT. MALL - SANTA BOOTH - DAY

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HANK focuses on an eight-year old BOY with missing teeth who sits on MALL SANTA'S lap.

HANK

Okay, smile, look at that. Very nice.

Hank snaps several photos.

HANK (CONT'D)

Okay, we got a good one.

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Meanwhile, Sarah is dealing with an ANNOYING MOM who wants to negotiate.

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ANNOYING MOM

Okay, I want Package C, but instead of the wallet sized, can I get an extra five-by-seven?

SARAH

I'm sorry, but if you want two five-by-seven's you have to get Package D.

ANNOYING MOM

But I don't need Package D. Isn't it bad enough that you're ripping off these parents by overcharging for these crappy pictures, then you have to make me buy stuff I don't even want?

SARAH

Ma'am they are not crappy pictures. Hank Rizzoli Photography happens to be one the best commercial photo studios in the city.

ANNOYING MOM

Yeah, I'm sure.

SARAH

Actually, it's true.

ANNOYING MOM

Look. I don't have to buy anything. I took a picture of the kid with my iPhone and it came out fine.

SARAH

That would be stealing.

ANNOYING MOM

It is not stealing.

Hank comes over.

HANK

Whoa, whoa, whoa. What's the problem?

~~SARAH~~

~~It's okay, I got it.~~

He looks at the Mom--

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ANNOYING MOM

You've got a mean elf here is the problem. I'm just trying to get Package C with an extra five-by-seven instead of the wallet-sized photos.

HANK

You're Robbie's mom, right?

ANNOYING MOM

Yeah.

HANK

Photogenic kid. If you ever are interested, he could model.

ANNOYING MOM

Get out of town.

HANK

I photograph a lot of people. He lit up the frame. I'm telling you.

ANNOYING MOM

Wow. I had no idea.

HANK

Tell you what. I'm going to give you Package D and charge you for Package C. How does that sound?

ANNOYING MOM

Thank you.

HANK

Merry Christmas.

Hank pulls Sarah aside.

~~END.~~

SARAH

Okay, this is weird. You just acted nice.

HANK

Sarah, maybe you wanna take a break. You've been on edge all day.

SARAH

I don't wanna take a break.

The Santa walks over.