

Snowballs at noon

GENE -older, gene and Jamie are siblings

JAMIE -younger

LEE -older, lee and tal are siblings

TAL -younger

Empty stage

GENE and LEE enter from opposite sides. GENE is followed by JAMIE and LEE is followed by TAL. JAMIE is carrying a comic. TAL Has a video game. Both JAMIE and TAL are not interested in what is going on.

When GENE and LEE get close to each other they start circling each other.

LEE - Surprise surprise I didn't think you'd show.

GENE - Me I bet Jamie here you'd be home crying under your bed.

(LEE and GENE stop walking. LEE stops in front of JAMIE. GENE stops in front of TAL.)

LEE - Well I bet Tal a two dollar bill that you would go crying to your grandma and she would come in your sted.

GENE - I bet Jamie three dollars that you'd pay your baby sister and her preschool friends to come in your place.

LEE - Well I bet...

JAMIE - I thought we were going to have a snowball fight?

TAL - Yeah let's get to the throwing already.

LEE - We're getting to that Tal (looks at JAMIE.) Hey, you're not Tal.

JAMIE - Yeah I know.

TAL - I'm over here.

LEE - What are you doing over there?

TAL - Me you're the one that's on the wrong side.

GENE - That certainly won't work. I don't want Tal on my team he/she throws like my dad.

TAL - Why I never. Of course you know this means war.

LEE - Save the smack talk for the battle.

JAMIE - (To TAL. Looking at.) Let's just trade sides.

( everyone walks to their opposite side. Look around.)

GENE - I don't think we did that right.

JAMIE - Only me and Tal were supposed to change sides.

LEE - You didn't explain it good enough.

GENE - Here's what we'll do. Jamie will go stand where Tal is.

(JAMIE goes to TAL.)

LEE - And Tal will go stand where Jamie is.

(JAMIE and TAL look confused.)

GENE - Right.

TAL - Wrong. It's Lee that has to come stand over here where I am.

(LEE walks over to TAL.)

JAMIE - We can't all be on the same team.

LEE - Okay everyone back to where they were. we'll try this again.  
(LEE and JAMIE go back to the other side.)  
JAMIE - You get one more try and then I'm just going to start throwing snowballs at everyone.  
GENE - You can't do that, we haven't even properly declared war yet.  
JAMIE - Are you sure I thought Tal declared it already?  
TAL - I did.  
JAMIE - So what are we waiting for?  
LEE - We need to get our teams sorted out first.  
JAMIE - Then do it already.  
GENE - Conference?  
LEE - Conference.  
(LEE and GENE go to the back and look like in discussion. TAL and JAMIE go to middle)  
TAL - What are you reading?  
JAMIE - Penguin farm four thousand ten.  
TAL - No kidding. That's the game I'm playing.  
JAMIE - Go on.  
TAL - No it's true see.  
JAMIE - I've been begging my mom for that all week.  
TAL - I made a snow fort just like the penguins. You want to come see it after this?  
JAMIE - Sure. But we should go to my house first so we can have some hot chocolate and warm our hands.  
TAL - You can play my game in front of your mom too so she sees how cool it is. Then she's bound to get you one.  
(GENE and LEE come over.)  
LEE - (To TAL) No making friends with the enemy.  
GENE - (To JAMIE) that goes double for you.  
JAMIE - Have you figured out how to fix this yet.  
GENE - Of course we have. We're practically adults you know?  
TAL - Well what have you adults decided to do?  
LEE - We are all going to walk six paces in the direction we will be leaving in.  
(GENE goes in the direction he/she came on in followed by TAL. LEE goes in the direction he/she came in followed by JAMIE. All take six paces and turn around.)  
GENE - Now we can begin our declarations of war.  
JAMIE - Nope  
GENE - Now why are you over there?  
JAMIE - I'm going over to Tals to see his/her snow fort.  
TAL - I thought we were going to your house for hot chocolate first.  
JAMIE - Oh that's right.  
(JAMIE walks over to TAL.)  
LEE - Hey why don't I get any hot chocolate?  
JAMIE - Relax, you can come have hot chocolate if you want to.  
LEE - Thank you. Now that that's settled let's get going.  
(JAMIE, TAL and LEE go to walk off in GENE's direction. GENE jumps in front of them all.)  
GENE - Nothings settled, we are supposed to be having a snowball fight remember?

LEE - Oh yeah. But hot chocolate after right?  
GENE - Of course I'm not a barbarian.  
LEE - We are going to take five steps toward our houses, go.  
(GENE, JAMIE and LEE go in the directions they came on in. TAL goes to back of stage)  
LEE - Why are you over there?  
TAL - Because our house is over there.  
LEE - But we have to take the sidewalk home. You know we're not allowed to cut through the woods.  
TAL - I wasn't going to but that is where our house is not over there.  
LEE - Get over here before I tell mom.  
(TAL goes to LEE.)  
GENE - Now that we've got that sorted out. Lee, this snow field isn't big enough for the two of us.  
LEE - I agree one of us needs to go and that one is going to be you.  
GENE - Not if this snowball has anything to say about it.  
LEE - Hah hah don't make me laugh that puny snowball is nothing compared to my bucket of snowballs  
(TAL gets a bucket and puts it behind LEE. TAL gets one snowball.)  
GENE - Chuckle chuckle you think that is a match for my basket that's filled to the brim with snowballs?  
(JAMIE gets shows basket. Puts behind GENE. JAMIE gets one snowball.)  
LEE - you only need a bucket because your aim is so weak.  
JAMIE - Are we ready yet?  
GENE - We're almost done just give us a minute to set the mood  
TAL - This is taking so long I just want to throw some snowballs.  
LEE - Jeepers be patient you can't just go around throwing snowballs at people without a little banter first.  
GENE - Honestly. Children.  
(JAMIE and TAL look at each other then at their snowball smiling. Go like they are going to throw them. GENE and LEE see them and take their siblings snowball.)  
LEE - Thank you. Now to the rules. No ice balls and no rock balls. The face is off limits.  
GENE - And you absolutely can not throw snowballs at your teammates.  
JAMIE - I want a new team then.  
TAL - Me to  
GENE - Well tough you're stuck with us.  
(JAMIE and TAL look at each other and motion to pails and motion dropping on them. JAMIE and TAL give thumbs up and go to the bucket and basket.)  
LEE - Gene You almost forgot the most important rule.  
GENE - What's that Lee?  
LEE - Duck.  
GENE - Duck  
LEE - Yeah that's right.  
LEE/GENE - DUCK!!  
(LEE and GENE duck down as JAMIE and TAL throw snowballs over them into the crowd.)

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