**Arthur Christmas**

Scene 7

Characters: Steve and Arthur

Steve walks down the long, frosty corridor in the North Pole. The corridor is shiny, enormous and full of pictures of all the previous Santa.

(Arthur comes running down the corridor and slips through the double doors)

Arthur: (Loudly shouts) Steve! Steve! Wait! (stops in front of Steve panting because he is out of breath from running) I have a gift for you!

Steve: (Grumpily) What is it? I don’t have time for this. I am a busy man.

Arthur: Here, it’s a chess piece. You’re going to be Santa next year. I just know it (with a smile on his face)

Steve: (Roll his eyes at Arthur, not very impressed) How many times do I have to tell you Arthur? Keep the doors closed! It’s the North Pole! It’s freezing out there!

(Steve walks away and slams the doors behind him)

Scene 8

Characters: Steve, Arthur, Santa and Head Elves

The gleaming, shimmering headquarters late on Christmas Eve is empty because all of the presents have been delivered. In the large, empty headquarters there are hundreds of tiny elf computers on desks. On the floor there’s a glorious, golden North Pole badge. Above the main small desks there is a shiny, bright red gift countdown. Steve and the head elves are having a conversation about a leftover gift.

Elf 1: (Shocked) We found a present at one of the elves desks.

Elf 2: (sadly) Oh no!

Steve: (Confused) What? That’s impossible!

Elf 1: We were cleaning up for the night and we found a gift. A present has been missed (with a face of misery)

Elf 2: (Disappointed) We’ve missed a child. Christmas is ruined!

Steve: (Calmly) Not necessarily. There is probably an explanation. Maybe it’s just an extra gift?

(In the distance, Arthur runs into headquarters towards Steve and the head elves)

Arthur: (Seeing the head elves holding a present still) Why is there a gift left? Has a child been missed?

Elf 1: (Annoyed) Nobody gets missed! (Walks over to his computer and starts typing in the present’s code) 4778BSK…

(The countdown flashes on and shows that one gift is still yet to be delivered)

Arthur: (shocked and pointing at the countdown) A CHILD HAS BEEN MISSED!!!

(Santa can be heard coming into headquarters. The doors close behind him)

Steve: Be quiet Arthur! Do you want to wake up the whole of the North Pole?

Arthur: Good idea! (Arthur runs around the headquarters shouting and with his arms in the air) A CHILD’S BEEN MISSED! A CHILD’S BEEN MISSED!

Santa: (Yawning) Is everything okay?

Steve: There’s been a glitch. We have a present left over (looking embarrassed)

Santa: (sadly) How has that happened Steve?