

SCENE 4: THE WARBUCKS MANSION

(ANNIE and GRACE enter. ANNIE is wearing a new coat. DRAKE, the butler, is supervising the work of the SERVANTS.)

DRAKE

Good Afternoon, Miss Farrell.

GRACE

Good afternoon, Drake. Everyone, this is Annie. She'll be with us for Christmas.

ANNIE

Hi everyone.

SERVANTS

Hello, Annie.

DRAKE

May I take your coat, Miss?

ANNIE

Will I get it back?

GRACE

Of course, dear. Now, what do you want to do first?

ANNIE

The floors. I'll scrub them first, then the windows...

GRACE

Annie, you won't have to do any cleaning. You're our guest.

(A voice is heard from offstage.)

WARBUCKS

(offstage)

Where is everybody?

(The SERVANTS quickly stand at attention as OLIVER WARBUCKS enters.)

Hello, everybody.

SERVANTS

Sir.

GRACE

Welcome home, Mr. Warbucks.

WARBUCKS

It's good to be home.

(notices ANNIE)

Who is that?

GRACE

This is Annie, Mr. Warbucks: the orphan who will be with us for Christmas.

WARBUCKS

That's not a boy. Orphans are boys.

GRACE

I'm sorry, sir, you just said "orphan." So I chose a girl.

WARBUCKS

Annie huh? Annie what?

ANNIE

Oh, I'm just Annie, Mr. Warbucks, sir. I'm sorry I'm not a boy.

WARBUCKS

Not at all. Well, Annie, I guess we ought to do something special on your first night.

(comes up with an idea)

Would you like to go to a movie?

ANNIE

Gosh, Mr. Warbucks, I've never been to one.

WARBUCKS

Then we will go to the Roxy. Grace, you'll come, too, of course. Drake, get our coats.

DRAKE

Yes, sir. Which car will you be wanting, sir?

WARBUCKS

We'll walk. It's only 45 blocks.

*(GRACE, ANNIE, and WARBUCKS begin strolling
as various NEW YORKERS enter.)*