

SCENE 10 - THE HEFLEY HOME - HOLIDAY SEQUENCE

GREG is in his living room. It is decorated for Christmas. A giant cardboard box sits in the middle of the room.

GREG

(to audience)

I was all prepared to spend my Mom Bucks on something cool like a jet-pack or a flamethrower, but then I realized: if I cash in too much at once, Mom will know something's up. But if I cash them out little by little, I can make the money last forever. I may never have to get a real job!

GREG begins to open the box.

GREG (CONT'D)

But when December came along, I couldn't help myself. The town's Winter Talent show is happening at our school this year, and if I can win that, I'm sure to be crowned "Most Talented" in the yearbook. So I decided to spend some Mom Bucks on a professional grade Presto Change-o Magician's Box!

With a flourish, he finishes opening the cardboard box, revealing another box within it. It is a large purple and black box covered in silver moons and stars. The words "Presto Change- o" are printed on it in a magical font.