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A play for Team 3/4 2011

The Mystery of The Lost Gift.

With Investigator White and the Seven Detectives

**“The Mystery of the Lost Gift”**

Characters:

* Chief of Police
* Inspector White
* Detectives:
  + Doc
  + Happy
  + Sleepy
  + Cheeky
  + Grumpy
  + Sneezy
  + Bashful
* Queen Quickfoot (Room 13)
* Marvin/Mandy Monkey (Room 12)
* Captain Carlos/Kelly (Room 10)
* Sailor (Room 10)
* Firecracker Frank/Francis (Room 11)
* Firefly Fiona/Fred (Room 9)

**Scene 1**

*Investigator White the 7 detectives walk in to the office and around the Christmas Tree. Detective Sneezy keeps sneezing, Detective Bashful keeps hiding behind people, Detective Cheeky keeps sneaking up on people and playing tricks, and Detective Sleepy finds a place to curl up and sleep with a blanky.*

**Happy:** Yippee!! I just love love LOVE Christmas!

**Grumpy:** You would Detective Happy. Let’s just get this over and done with.

**White:** Well the chief of police said he had a wonderful gift for us this year for our Christmas bonus, but I don’t see it anywhere.

**Grumpy:** That’s just blimin typical. He probably forgot. Just like he forgot to take my clothes to the drycleaning!

**Doc:** Detective Grumpy, that is not the chief’s job! I would think that if there is no gift here, then…

**Grumpy:** WE’VE BEEN ROBBED! Figures! Of course we wouldn’t have a Christmas off, it’s just TOO much to ask for!

**Doc:** Well I suppose that could have happened… But I…

**Happy:** OOOooh Goodie! Another investigation! I just love love LOVE investigating!!!

**Grumpy:** You *just love* anything, it’s so annoying!

**White:** Come on you lot, lets go see the Queen to see if she has heard of anyone taking any gifts.

**Grumpy:** This is not how I wanted to spend my Christmas Eve!

*Investigator White and the detectives leave singing:*

Hi ho, Hi ho, we’re off to earn some doe,

With a look under here (with a question there)

With a question there (with a look under here)

Hi ho, hi ho hi ho hi ho.

**Scene 2**

*The Queen is standing in front of her servants when Investigator White and the 7 detectives walk in.*

***Song and dance: Dancing Queen – Room 13***

**White:** Sorry to bother you Queen Quickfoot, but I would like to have a quick chat with you.

**Queen:** Certainly Investigator White. What do you wish to talk to me about?

**White:** We seem to have lost our Christmas gift and we wondered if you have heard about any others going missing?

**Queen:** Ah yes, the Chief of Police did mention this to me earlier.

**White:** He did?

**Queen:** He did, and he thought you might come and ask me. He said to tell you that there are some sailors due to leave the dock in an hour and they may know the wear-abouts on your gift.

**White:** Thank you Queen Quickfoot for your help. And we hope you have a very happy Christmas!

**Queen:** And same to you Investigator White and your 7 Detectives.

**Happy:** Oooooh I just love love…

**Detectives:** LOVE the Queen… we KNOW!

*Investigator White and detectives leave.*

**Scene 3**

*The sailors are gathering their things to prepare for leaving in their submarine.*

**Sailor:** *(To Captain)* Alright boss, that’s all of the cargo in, we’re all ready to depart.

**Captain:** Thank you sailor! ALRIGHT YOU LOT, ALL ABOARD!

**All:** Aye aye Captain!

*Investigator White and the 7 detectives enter as the sailors are gathering to go to the submarine.*

**White:** Evening Captain, where are you off to?

**Captain:** I am not at liberty to say.

**Doc:** Crikey! Do you all live in there??

**Captain:** That we do young detective…

*Sailors sing the song “We all live in a yellow submarine.”*

**Happy:** I just love love LOVE all these songs!!

**Grumpy:** (*Groan)*

**Captain:** So how can we help you before we leave?

**White:** Well, we were all gathered in our office to receive our Christmas bonus from our chief, and it wasn’t there. We asked Queen Quickfoot and she said you may know something about it.

**Captain:** I see… Well, did see something suspicious this afternoon. I saw the monkeys taking some boxes in to the forest this morning and looking rather… mischeivious!

**Grumpy:** They’re monkeys, how else are they going to look???

**Happy:** Oooooh goodie, let’s go see the monkeys! I just love love LOVE…

**Grumpy:** *whacks Happy* Shut your mouth!!

**White:** Off we go detectives

*(sing hi ho song as they exit)*

**Scene 4**

*The Monkeys are prancing around when Investigator White and 7 detectives walk in to the forest.*

*Song: “Hey Hey We’re the Monkees”*

**Grumpy:** Oh great. A whole lot of crazy monkeys!

**Happy:** Oooooh Yay! I just love love LOVE…

*(Grumpy whacks him again)*

**White:** Who’s in charge here?

**Monkey:** That would be me! Hoo ha!

**White:** I have reason to believe that you may have something that belongs to us.

**Monkey:** Wha ha haha WHAT??!

**Doc:** We would like to have a look at the boxes you have been bringing in to the forest this morning.

**Monkey:** Our boxes? But they are our Christmas gifts. They can’t be opened until tomorrow!

**Doc:** All we want to do is check if you have our Christmas gift that went missing today.

**Monkey:** *(Aside)* Oh trust me, you won’t want any of ours… they’re all full of…. NA-NAS!!

**Grumpy:** They’re all bananas if you ask me!

**White:** So nothing else?

**Monkey:** That’s right, I check each one as we bring them in and there was nothing but bananas!

**White:** Thank you for your help… Do you have any idea where we may find our gift?

**Monkey:** I’ve seen some strange lights further in the forest… I suspect something is happening there – you may want to check there next?

**White:** We will… thank you Monkeys for your help.

*Investigator White and the 7 detectives leave.*

**Scene 5**

*Investigator White and the 7 detectives walk further in to the forest and meet a group of fireflies dancing.*

*Song: “Firefly”*

**Sleepy:** These pretty flies are making me *(yawn)* sleepy!

**Grumpy:** What’s new?

**Firefly:** We have some visitors! Welcome!

**Doc:** Thank you! Your music is beautiful!

**Firefly:** Thank you, this is a tradition we do every night. We come together and sing and dance as a celebration of us being together.

**Grumpy:** Sounds lame!

**Happy:** It sounds absolutely wonderful to celebrate together! I just love love LOVE celebrating!!

**White:** We are investigating the disappearance of our special Christmas bonus. Have you seen it anywhere?

**Firefly:** I am very sorry to tell you Investigator White, that I do not know anything about this gift you speak of.

**White:** I see, well thank you for your time Fireflies. We hope you have a very happy Christmas tomorrow.

*The fireflies leave while Investigator White and the 7 detectives sit down looking unhopeful.*

**Grumpy:** Well that was a waste! We waste hours of time looking for nothing. Some Christmas!

**Doc:** Detective Grumpy, you can’t think like that. We have done our very best to search for this gift, and we have not solved it. It is sad, but we can still have a happy Christmas without our gift.

**Happy:** I have just LOVED being together this Christmas! We usually go our separate ways home and forget about each other. This has been WAY more fun!

**White:** Detective Happy’s right, and I think we can learn from our Firefly friends. We can celebrate the simple thing of being together! We are a great investigating team and are all so different!  
Detective Bashful, you are fantastic at finding clues in the weirdest places!

**Bashful:** Awww shucks!

**White:** Detective Grumpy, you are great at hitting us with the hard facts.

**Grumpy:** I guess.

**White:** Detective Happy, I just love your enthusiasm!

**Happy:** Yippeeee! Thanks Investigator White!

**White:** Detecive Sleepy, you make sure we all take the time to rest.

**Sleepy:** huh? Yea, rest, I love my sleep!

**White:** Detective Cheeky, you make sure we all have fun while we go!

**Cheeky:** *(giggling) hehehe! I’m a sneaky one!*

**White:** Detective Sneezy, you make sure we keep our immune system working.

**Sneezy:** ACHOOOO! There’s your next vaccination. You’re welcome!

**White:** And Detective Doc, you are a great organizer – you help me out with making our team work.

**Doc:** Thank you Investigator White. I am happy to be a part of your team and we all think you do a great job at keeping us together.

*Firecracker walks in.*

**Firecracker:** Well done Investigator White and your team of 7 detectives. You have found your Christmas gift.

**Grumpy:** What…. A fire cracker??

**Firecracker:** No silly! Your gift is the celebration of your time together. Your friendships with each other are greater than any gift you could ever have. Christmas is not about getting presents, it’s about spending time together with the people you love.

**White:** Well said! I think it’s time we started our own celebration!

**Doc:** Hit it!

*The remaining firecrackers enter and sing “fireworks” (kidsbop version) together with Investigator White and the 7 detectives.*

**The End**