

## **Smitha Middle School**

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### **THE AHAB**

*(The play begins in CAPTAIN AHAB's houseboat. DAD sits down next to AHAB.)*

**DAD**

Son, I need to talk to you about something.

**AHAB**

Argg.

**DAD**

Remember when you were chasing Moby Dick, and you fell off your ship and got your peg leg?

**AHAB**

Yeah.

**DAD**

Well, you should stop chasing that whale. You're getting too old.

**AHAB**

But dad! Chasing whales is fun. I want to do it forever! I'm only 21. You call that old?? Plus, I'm Captain Ahab, greatest sailor and hunter ever.

**DAD**

But you're not 11 anymore.

**AHAB**

What should I do instead?

**DAD**

Be a tour guide.

**AHAB**

I don't want to be a tour guide. Tour guides are boring!

**DAD**

But you don't have enough energy! I think you should be a tour guide before you die.

*(AHAB stomps to room and slams the door.)*

**AHAB**

I guess little old me should stop chasing that big old whale. He already gave me this peg leg. I guess dad was right. He'll hurt me even more if I keep chasing him. He's a good whale anyways.

*(AHAB turns and calls.)*

I need the tourists now, please!

*(ARI and SIERRA come out. They are wearing grass skirts and leis.)*

**ARI**

We're excited about Hawaii!

**SIERRA**

We've never been to Hawaii before.

**AHAB**

Did you bring any fur coats? Because we're also going to the North Pole to meet Eskimos!

**SIERRA**

Nope.

**ARI**

I never heard we were going to the North Pole.

**SIERRA**

I don't have any money because I spent all my money for the grass skirt.

**AHAB**

We'll just buy them at the Eskimo gift shop at the North Pole. But first, Hawaii! With my captainly powers, I turn this inanimate boat into an animate object!

*(AHAB twirls and points at the boat. When she does, ARI and SIERRA turn the boat to reveal its other side. It has eyes and a mouth that moves like a puppet)*

**BOAT**

Hello. I am a boat named boat!

**AHAB**

No, you're not. You're a boat named *Pequod*.

**BOAT**

Okay. A boat named *Pequod*.

**AHAB**

All aboard!

*(ARI and SIERRA get in the boat. With each step, the boat says "Ow!" ANTHONY and GAVIN push in the volcano.)*

**AHAB**

To Hawaii! Here are some interesting facts about Hawaii.

**ARI**

Hawaii has eight main lands.

**SIERRA**

There are only twelve letters in the Hawaiian alphabet.

**AHAB**

Hulu dancing is an art.

**SIERRA**

Hawaii gets an inch further from Japan each year.

**AHAB**

Barack Obama was born in Hawaii. We're here!

*(ARI, SIERRA, and AHAB get out of the boat)*

**SIERRA**

It's so hot out here! Can we go get something to drink?

**ARI**

Yeah.

**AHAB**

Do you want some coconut milk or coffee? Hawaii is the only state that grows coffee.

**SIERRA**

Coconut milk.

**AHAB**

Also, do you know these food facts? You can eat at tables in the water. Banana cream pies are great. There's lots of spam in Hawaii. It's called the Hawaiian Steak.

*(STEELERS and ST. PETERSBURGH enter. They are chimney sweeps. They are dressed in all black, carry big q-tips, and have ash smudges all over their faces.)*

**AHAB**

Who are you?

**ST. PETERSBURG**

We're volcano sweeps. This is Steelers.

**STEELERS**

And this is St. Petersburg. We were on our lunch break.

**ARI**

What are you eating?

**ST. PETERSBURG**

This poky little pineapple. Got any sugar on you? Tangerine salt?

**AHAB**

Why aren't you eating spam?

**ST. PETERSBURG**

Spam tastes so nasty. We get cans of spam at Kroger, and it's just pitiful.

**STEELERS**

Tastes disgusting. BLAHH!

**AHAB**

Why are you disrespecting the Hawaiian culture?

**SIERRA**

Throw them in the volcano!

**ARI**

No! Don't!

*(ARI and AHAB throw STEELERS and ST. PETERSBURG in the volcano.)*

**ST. PETERSBURG AND STEELERS**

Ahhhh! Ahhhhhh! Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh! Buh bye.

**AHAB**

That's what you get for disrespecting the Hawaiian culture! That's a fact! If you don't like Hawaiian food, you get thrown in the volcano! It's always been that way! The founders of Hawaii made it a law.

**ARI**

You are wrong. That is an incorrect fact. That's not nice, and it's against the law to throw people in the volcano. In the old times, people were only put in the volcano as a sacrifice. I saw that in movies and stuff.

**AHAB**

Oh. I'm sorry. Everyone into the boat! All aboard the tour to the North Pole!

*(ANTHONY and GAVIN turn the volcano around revealing the snow mountain.)*

**AHAB**

Do you know these North Pole facts? There are igloos and Eskimos.

**SIERRA**

Robert Perry was the first explorer there in 1906. He had dog sleds.

**ARI**

It is floating ice. There is no land.

**AHAB**

There's a gift shop in the North Pole.

**SIERRA**

There are no penguins in the North Pole!

**AHAB**

No fair! I like penguins. We're here!

*(ARI, SIERRA, and AHAB get out of the boat. ST. PETERSBURG and STEELERS enter, dressed like ghosts with holes cut out for eyes.)*

**ST. PETERSBURG**

They made us ghosts! Let's get revenge on them!

**STEELERS**

Come on! Let's get them when they leave the boat!

*(ST. PETERSBURG and STEELERS run to the boat. THEY start scratching ARI's back.)*

**ARI**

Ooh. That feels good. Wait. Who's scratching my back?

**AHAB**

Not me.

**SIERRA**

Not me.

**ARI**

Then who is it?

**ST. PETERSBURG AND STEELERS**

Oooooh!!!

**AHAB**

Ahhh! Get out of the boat! It's haunted!

**BOAT**

Ahhh! I'm haunted!

*(SIERRA, ARI, and SIERRA act like statues. STEELERS and ST. PETERSBURG run past them.)*

**ST. PETERSBURG**

Hey, Steelers. Where'd they go?

**STEELERS**

I don't know, St. Petersburg.

*(STEELERS and ST. PETERSBURG run over to the side of the stage and look off into the distance)*

**SIERRA**

Quick! We have to find a room to hide in!

*(SIERRA, ARI, and AHAB run to the other side of the stage. ELF, dressed in Christmas-themed armor jumps onstage.)*

**ELF**

Why are you guys in my house?

**AHAB**

We're hiding from ghosts!

**ELF**

There's no such thing as ghosts.

**AHAB**

Then what's that?!

*(AHAB points to the ghosts, who are still trying to find them.)*

**ELF**

Oh. My.

**SIERRA**

Can we hide in your house?

**ELF**

NO!

**SIERRA**

Why?

**AHAB**

If you let us hide in your house, we'll take you on the rest of the tour with us.

**ELF**

Where have you been?

**AHAB**

Hawaii.

**ELF**

Okay. I've always been in the North Pole, and I've never seen something hot besides a stove. Come on let's go.

*(ARI, SIERRA, and AHAB walk into his house and see something on the floor.)*

**ARI**

What's that for?

**ELF**

Stop! Don't touch!

**ARI**

But it's just a bent up, old spoon.

**ELF**

It's the key to Santa's new and improved sleigh.

**ARI**

Can I touch it?

*(While AHAB and ELF talk, ARI and SIERRA sneak up to the spoon.)*

**ELF**

It's faster. Loads more presents. More room for him. And an automatic feeder for his reindeer.

**AHAB**

But that's going to distract them, and they'll go boom!

*(SIERRA grabs the key.)*

**SIERRA**

We got the key!

**AHAB**

Get to the boat! See you later! Sucka!

*(ARI, SIERRA, and AHAB run to the boat as ELF runs to STEELERS and ST. PETERSBURG.)*

**STEELERS, ST. PETERSBURG, AND ELF**

We're all joining forces to defeat those evil peoples!

**AHAB**

I'm not evil! You're wrong, just like the whale. Moby Dick thinks I'm evil, but I'm not! I gave it up to be a tour guide.

*(STEELERS, ST. PETERSBURG, and ELF jump onto the boat. There is lots of yelling.)*

**SIERRA**  
QUIET!!!!

*(EVERYONE stops.)*

**SIERRA**  
What's that I hear?

**STEELERS**  
I hear chomping.

**ST. PETERSBURG**  
I hear a blow hole.

**ELF**  
I hear "Errrrr." Captain Ahab! What is it?

**AHAB**  
I know this sound! He's been making it to me since I was little. It's Moby Dick!

*(Terror!)*

**AHAB**  
Hush! Be quiet, people! Moby Dick still thinks I'm bad, so he's going to eat us. Now, I have a little song.

**AHAB** *(singing)*  
Ohhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!  
You gotta stop.  
And think.  
Before you get eaaaaaten.  
  
You gotta stop.  
And think.  
Before you get eaaaaaten.  
  
Stop stop stop!  
Think think think!  
Eaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaten!

*(While AHAB sings her song, EVERYONE rotates the snow mountain, changing it into Moby Dick's mouth. When they finish, they sit in the jaw. When AHAB finishes her song, she joins them.)*

**STEELERS**  
Oh, no. It didn't work!



**ST. PETERSBURG**

We're in Moby Dick's mouth, and it's---

**EVERYONE**

STINKY! SLIMY! Chomp! Chomp! Chomp! Chomp! Chomp!

*(EVERYONE pulls out a ghost costume.)*

**ST. PETERSBURG**

Now that we're all ghosts, I guess we should be friends.

*(Everyone gets up, starts clapping hands, and sings.)*

**ALL** *(singing)*

Why can't we be friends?

Why can't we be friends?

Why can't we be friends?

**AHAB**

Alright, Ghosts. It's traveling time!