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FLICK
SCHWARTZ
RALPHIE

SCHWARTZ. This'll make it go really fast. Zoom!

FLICK. Whatchoo getting' for Christmas?

SCHWARTZ. Gilbert chemistry set.

FLICK. Yeah?

SCHWARTZ. Yeah! Y'get lotsa jars of special chemicals and a book that tells how to make stuff.

FLICK. What kinda stuff?

SCHWARTZ. Invisible ink, stuff that looks like blood, stink bombs.

FLICK. Stink bombs?

SCHWARTZ. Yeah, they got about ten kinds of stink bombs you can make.

FLICK. Wow!

SCHWARTZ. What're *you* gettin' for Christmas?

FLICK. Lionel train set.

SCHWARTZ. Like the one in Higbee's window?

FLICK (*with a nod*). Even gonna get that little house where the guy pops out, too.

SCHWARTZ. Oh, man!

(RALPHIE enters the pool of light.)

FLICK. Hey, Ralph! Bet you caught it when your dad got home last night, huh?

RALPHIE. Wasn't bad.

SCHWARTZ. What about that BB gun? You gonna get it or not?

RALPHIE. Guess not.

SCHWARTZ. Gee, Ralph, that's tough.

FLICK. Sorry, Ralph.

RALPHIE. Yeah, well ...

SCHWARTZ. Hey, ya wanna come sledding with us?

RALPHIE. No. You guys go ahead. Maybe I'll catch up later.

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