

# CHANG APANA MIDNIGHT CLEAR

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4 ANNCR Reynaud

5 EMILY HO Joy Jackson

6 HENRY CHILLINGSWORTH Gregg Porter

7 CHANG APANA Al Tringali

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9 HELEN Marge Lutton

10 LUCY Melinda Mains

11 FLORENCE Liz Roach

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13 BIG EDDIE Pat McNally

14 MOKI Moki O'Reilly

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16 SANTA/Capt. LARSON Kim Turner

17 DANNY Dan Schindler

18 ANDY Ken Liesse

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20 ANNCR American Radio Theater presents another episode of that real-life Charlie Chan,  
21 Chang Apana of the Honolulu Police Department. We left him marching 40  
22 people to the police station in Chinatown—the biggest arrest by a single officer.  
23 Today we look in as Lt. Henry Chillingsworth runs into that intrepid reporter  
24 for the Star Bulletin, Emily Ho.

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26 SFX STREET NOISE IN WAIKIKI

27 (SCENE 1 EMILY & HENRY AT BEACH)

28 EMILY Henry Chillingsworth! Little early for shave ice, ya?

29 HENRY Emily Ho! It's never too early for a shave ice.

30 EMILY So what flavah you get?

1 HENRY Nothing better than Lilikoi..

2 EMILY No! Get ice cream on da bottom?

3 HENRY (SMILING) Is there any other way?

4 EMILY Uh-huh. One Snowcap.

5 HENRY How's that again?

6 EMILY Cream drizzled on top, making it look like Mauna Kea.

7 HENRY Next time, for sure. Emily, what's your favorite flavor? I'll buy you one.

8 EMILY (HEARTFELT) Lychee—a little bit of Heaven.

9 HENRY Here you go

10 EMILY Hmm...Mahalo. So, what chu doing down here in Waikiki?

11 HENRY Trying to stay out of the heat at the Police Station. Here, you need a napkin.

12 EMILY (TEASING) Too much Kona winds for haoles?

13 HENRY (DISGUSTED) No, that's not it. Big Eddie and his gang are really upset with

14 me.

15 EMILY Hah! Beeg Eddie always upset 'bout somtin'.

16 HENRY(SHUDDER) Not like this!

17 EMILY Why you worried?

18 HENRY Emily—if you worked for something other than the newspaper I'd be willing to

19 tell you.

20 EMILY I don't print everything I hea.

21 HENRY (DERISION) No? Just anything having to with CHANG.

22 EMILY Is dat a problem?

23 HENRY Everyone thinks we're joined at the hip! He's always wandering around and

24 getting me into trouble. I spend most of my free time trying to smooth the

25 waves he leaves in his wake as he twinkle-toes along.

26 EMILY So where's Chinatown's hero today?

27 HENRY I sent him down to the docks. I'm hoping that keeps him out of trouble and out

28 of Big Eddie's hair. (THROATILY) And gives me some time to myself.

29 EMILY Do you think that's WISE?

30 HENRY Foolhardy. Chang's just like a little kid—you can't leave him alone for a

31 minute. You turn around and bam! Another screw up.

1 EMILY Have you heard anything about the big guy yet?  
2 HENRY Big Eddie? (REMINDING) That's why I'm down here, Emily.  
3 EMILY No, silly. Santy Claus.  
4 HENRY Emily Ho—you're telling me you believe in Santa Claus?  
5 EMILY What's a girl to think when the Islands are filled with reported sightings of a  
6 Hawaiian-sized Haole around this time of year? Ho-ho-hoing.  
7 HENRY I haven't heard a thing. Must just be a tourist.  
8 EMILY But no one sees how he gets hea. We know he don't come in by steamship. He  
9 just show up, soak up some of our sunshine, surf a little, and disappea just  
10 before Christmas Eve.  
11 HENRY Never heard of him. Gotta be a tourist.  
12 EMILY Tourist or not, I'd love to get an interview with him. (TEASES) Maybe you  
13 could put Chang Apana on him.  
14 HENRY Now that's an idea. That'd keep him out of trouble. Chasing a will o' the wisp.  
15 Just the thing. Thanks, Emily.  
16 EMILY And eef he catchum, I get one interview?  
17 HENRY We'll have to see—no promises.  
18 MUSIC  
19 (SCENE 2 At Lucy's house: Lucy and Chang)  
20 ANNCR At the Ol' Plantation, home of Victoria Ward and Lucy, one of her six  
21 daughters, a very wet Chang Apana is drying out.  
22 LUCY I've sent for some lemonade, Chang.  
23 CHANG T'anks, Miss Lucy.  
24 LUCY What in the world were you doing swimming in your clothes? And very odd  
25 clothes to see on you, I might add.  
26 CHANG Was on docks as Kana Pung. Look for smuggling.  
27 LUCY And it got too hot, so you fell in?  
28 CHANG Not true.  
29 LUCY What were you doing? You can tell me.  
30 CHANG (RESISTING) Police stuff.

1 LUCY Chang, as an officer of the Humane Society, I'm also in the Police. You know  
2 that.  
3 CHANG (GIVING IN) 'Kay den. Saw one Tiki Maru dock. Beeg Eddie's boat.  
4 LUCY Big Eddie owns a ship? I didn't know that. You have something against him?  
5 CHANG Ch'row me out window two time!  
6 LUCY You're going to hold a grudge about that?  
7 CHANG Maybeso. As Kana Pung, got hired to unload Tiki Maru.  
8 LUCY Not a bad business, shipping.  
9 CHANG Smuggling if don't pay duties.  
10 LUCY You find anything on board?  
11 CHANG Crates and crates of toys, no custom tags. Smuggling.  
12 LUCY That doesn't tell me why you got so wet.  
13 CHANG Got seen snoopin' in da hold. Two crew ch'row me overboard.  
14 LUCY (TEASING) Twice?  
15 CHANG Once only. Nother t'ing—got big wood canoe in crate. No custom stickers.  
16 Fancy. Expensive. Carved all ovah. Then got ch'rown overboard.  
17 LUCY I'm glad you came here. No sense in getting your wife upset.  
18 CHANG Ha! Wife only upset if lose at mahjoong. (LOWER VOICE) I need see you,  
19 Lucy.  
20 LUCY (SIGH) If only you weren't married.  
21 CHANG No make difference.  
22 LUCY (UNWILLING) I like to watch you, and hear your chuckle.  
23 CHANG (HOPE) Could do moa.  
24 LUCY My family would object. They only see a Pa-kay while I see a...a man.  
25 CHANG Want be more than den friends.  
26 LUCY You hold my heart, always.  
27 CHANG Das not enough. But eets bettah.  
28 MUSIC  
29 (SCENE 3 At Helen Wilder's for tea: Florence Marguerite Gurrey and Helen)  
30 ANNCR The secretary of the Humane Society of Hawaii, Florence Marguerite Gurrey, is  
31 having an afternoon tea with one of her closest friends, Helen Kinau Wilder.

1 FLO Helen, I suppose we have to ride in this travesty of a Christmas parade.  
2 HELEN The Humane Society should have a presence there.  
3 FLO (SLIGHTLY JOKING) I know! We could show off a few of those broken-down  
4 dray horses from Manoa Quarry—parade them right down the street. With  
5 fancy bows on!  
6 HELEN We wouldn't be allowed to do that! I'm afraid it would outrage people against  
7 the Human Society.  
8 FLO What, making a purse out of a sow's ear?  
9 HELEN Sometimes out of sight has advantages of being out of mind.  
10 FLO But it would really spice up the parade! All the haughty stares...  
11 HELEN Flo, you sound bored with the parade.  
12 FLO I've ridden in it for years. It's just disgusting.  
13 HELEN Disgusting?  
14 FLO It's basically the white oligarchy applauding themselves for taking Hawaii  
15 away from the Hawaiians.  
16 HELEN (LAUGHING) White Oligarchy? Those the kind of words they taught you at  
17 that school on the Mainland?  
18 FLO You mean my conscience is showing?  
19 HELEN You came back with blood in your eye and lobbied for the job of secretary.  
20 FLO (DESPERATE) Can't we do something to twist everyone's tails in this parade.  
21 Something different?  
22 HELEN What about something comical? Clowns, or...  
23 FLO How can you be comical when you're sitting on a horse?  
24 HELEN Okay, you don't like that idea. Let's think about elegant.  
25 FLO Elegant like what?  
26 HELEN Well...how about the group of us from the Society dress up as Pa'u riders?  
27 Each horse and rider could be dressed up as a different island.  
28 FLO You mean different colors for the Pa'u? Are you sure the horses would be okay  
29 with all that fabric draped all over them? Nine yards of it?

1 HELEN We can drape the fabric over the saddle, and have half of it on either side of the  
2 horse. The ancient Hawaiians used them to cover the women's lower parts for  
3 decency.

4 FLO Since women didn't ride side-saddle back then, you mean?

5 HELEN Yes. If we do it just right, the horses won't mind.

6 FLO Pooling around the horse's feet, getting walked on and tripped on with each  
7 step...

8 HELEN You're telling me that your horse isn't trained enough to handle it? I always  
9 thought you were a better rider than that.

10 FLO (FIRE) There isn't a horse on this island I can't ride.

11 HELEN And we could have huge leis made of flowers around their necks! That would  
12 look so grand!

13 FLO That might brighten things up, Helen, but I don't see that it's going to liven  
14 them up. I want to twist some tail!

15 HELEN (IN DERISION) What do you want us to do—bring in Santa Claus?

16 FLO Santa Claus? (CHANGE OF VOICE AS THINKING) Santa  
17 Claus...(ANOTHER CHANGE—ACCEPTANCE & ENTHUSIASM)  
18 Santa Claus! I like it!

19 HELEN You do? Florence, I was just joking!

20 FLO No, think about it. It'll poke a big hole in everyone's high and mighty parade.  
21 We'll be laughing at our "betters." And they won't be able to say anything  
22 about. They can't throw rocks at Santa Claus! It's their heritage!

23 HELEN We'll be the laughing stock of Honolulu.

24 FLO (LOW SADNESS) At least if they are laughing at us, they'll give Queen  
25 Lili'uokalani a rest.

26 HELEN Speaking about the Queen, do you want me to let Lucy know?

27 FLO No, I'll do it, but not today. Don't let her hear you calling her that!

28 HELEN I was just joking. What's happening today?

29 FLO On Mondays, the real Queen has luncheon with Victoria Ward and the family.  
30 Lucy will be involved with that. I don't speak good enough Hawaiian to attend.

31 HELEN Surely they speak English.

1 FLO Not since Queen Lili'uokalani was deposed by "her friends". Ever since then,  
2 Mrs. Ward insists on only speaking Hawaiian, particularly when the Queen  
3 visits.

4 HELEN (THINKING OUTLOUD) Maybe having Santa in the parade will do  
5 something else, Florence.

6 FLO Like what?

7 HELEN (WARMING MORE TO THE ARGUMENT) What kid—white, brown, yellow or  
8 black, can resist Santa Claus? Could we turn the parade into something that  
9 everyone living in the islands will enjoy watching?

10 FLO You mean subvert it from being a parade about haoles patting themselves on  
11 the back?

12 HELEN If we talked about Santa being in the parade, I bet every kid in town will be on  
13 the parade route, just to see.

14 FLO (DELIGHTED) Ha! The good ol' boys will hate it, having all those kids  
15 underfoot. And their constant noise. Helen, Helen---I love it!

16 HELEN To get it in the papers, and encourage everyone to come, we could claim  
17 sightings of Santa all over the island. Plant pieces in the newspapers...

18 FLO But Helen! Do you have someone in mind or are you just talking through your  
19 hat?

20 HELEN God will provide, I'm sure of it. But to be on the safe side, we need to get Lucy  
21 involved. That girl gets the most amazing things done.

22 FLO She should. She takes lessons.

23 MUSIC

24 (SCENE 4 Wilder Ranch—Lucy, Helen, Big Eddie, Moki)

25 ANNCR Out at the Wilder Ranch several days later, Helen and Lucy Ward, longtime  
26 friends and rebellious to the hilt plot their next thrust.

27 LUCY Helen! It's working! It's really working!

28 HELEN Do you really think we'll get away with this?

29 LUCY Of course.

30 SFX KNOCK

31 LUCY Oh, that must be Big Eddie and Moki.

1 HELEN (AGHAST) Big Eddie...the gangster? You invited him here? Lucy, how  
2 could you!

3 LUCY No one will know. Who would suspect that Big Eddie was in cohorts with one  
4 of the Island's Wilders.

5 HELEN I certainly wouldn't.

6 SFX DOOR OPEN, 2 pair FOOTSTEPS

7 BIG E You want see me, ma'am?

8 LUCY (IRONIC, BUT FIRM) Yes, she did.

9 HELEN (STUNNED) Thanks.... for coming Big...er Mr. Eddie.

10 BIG E Oh, call me Beeg Eddie. Everyone does.

11 HELEN Please ...have a seat, sir.

12 LUCY You too Moki. Please sit down.

13 BIG E T'ank you, ma'am.

14 MOKI T'anks.

15 HELEN Lucy and I have a proposition for you, sir.

16 BIG E (SMILE) Dis kinda sudden, ladies. Customary for exchange vows first.

17 LUCY (LAUGHING) Got you there, Helen! Oh, stop blushing, we're not suggesting  
18 that.

19 BIG E (JOKING) Too bad. What chou have in mind?

20 LUCY It occurs to me that one reason you're such a target for the police.

21 BIG E (MUTTERING) Some of dem.

22 LUCY (CON'T) is that you don't do anything to offset your well-known reputation.  
23 What if you did something that make people think highly of you?

24 BIG E (MOCK CONCERN) And ruin my reputation? Ladies, dat's all I got!

25 LUCY/HELEN (BOTH GIGGLE)

26 HELEN We've got something that might make you look good.

27 LUCY Really good. And cover your other activities at the same time.

28 BIG E You two wahine goan tell me mah business? 'Kay, tell me moa.

29 HELEN The Christmas parade is coming up. It's usually so staid and awful. All my  
30 relatives in their coaches, moseying along. But what if Santa Claus was in the  
31 parade?



1       BIG E     Ladies, sorry but I heard dat Santa Claus myth. Besides he lives somewhere  
2                   north of North Beach. North Pole maybe.

3       LUCY     But he could come here on a vacation, couldn't he? Be in the parade and then  
4                   leave on his deliveries?

5       BIG E     Silly have beeg Haole inna red velvet suit, wid sleigh and reindeers! 80 degrees  
6                   outside, ya, and Kona weather to boot.

7       MOKI     On vacation, be in trunks and on surfboard. No red suit.

8       HELEN    That's right! We could have him arrive by surfboard.

9       BIG E     Naw. Where he carry da presents?

10      HELEN    Presents?

11      MOKI     If it's gonna be Santa, gotta have presents.

12      HELEN    No one knows how he arrives. His reindeer could just drop him off.

13      BIG E     No buy that.

14      LUCY     Well, you've got that a red canoe inside the Tiki Maru.

15      BIG E (STUNNED, CONCERNED)    Miss Ward, how you know dat!?

16      LUCY     Oh, a little birdie. You do, don't you?

17      BIG E     Yeah. Gotta haul back to New Zealand. The kane what ordered it no accept.

18      MOKI (MIMICKING)    "All that carving! I bought one racing canoe, not Mau-ree canoe  
19                    needin' 50 paddlers!"

20      BIG E     Moki! No need tell our business to these two wahines.

21      LUCY     What if we bought it?

22      HELEN (AGHAST)     Lucy! With what?

23      LUCY (UNPERTURBED)     We could use it in the parade! For Santa and the presents.

24      BIG E     No lightweight canoe, ladies! Made from tchree.

25      LUCY     Perfect. We could have some beach boys carry it. They're all muscle.

26      HELEN    Lucy we don't have that kind of money for an authentic Mau-ree canoe!

27      BIG E     Let me contribute that. Since for a good cause.

28      MOKI     Yeah, your reputation.

29      BIG E     Ya, mah reputation. Besides, I can take it back afta.

30      HELEN    Now what are we going to do about a Santa Claus?

31      MOKI     Plenty big Hawaiians.

1 HELEN That's true. But since Christmas is primarily a northern European tradition, I  
2 think he should be a how-lee. Lucy, you know anyone that is big enough to play  
3 the role?

4 LUCY It'd be better if he wasn't known. No, I don't.

5 BIG E (GLIMMER OF IDEA) Da skipper of Tiki Maru might fit da bill.

6 MOKI He large enough.

7 HELEN Who?

8 BIG E Skipper, mah boat.

9 LUCY We've already started rumors about seeing Santa on the beach.

10 BIG E Saw in da Star Bulletin. I thought Captain Larson was goan bust a gut.

11 HELEN Do you think he'd do it?

12 BIG E He do it. I see to it.

13 HELEN You'll get him to make a showing on the beach?

14 BIG E I bet he won't be able to not say he Santa Claus.

15 LUCY Could you...uh...donate some of those toys for him to give out in the parade?

16 BIG E (GROWLING) How much of mah business you know? Hmmm...could work.  
17 'Kay den.

18 LUCY But only to the kids...

19 HELEN The ones who never get anything.

20 BIG E I no ask Captain Larson to go down chimneys!

21 HELEN That wouldn't work in Hawaii! Think about it...people live in grass shacks  
22 without fire places.

23 MOKI Could come in chroo da' window.

24 LUCY Yes, I agree.

25 HELEN Since he can't wear the red suit, why...then...the shorts could be red.

26 MOKI Must wear lei. Oh, and straw hat.

27 HELEN People will be shocked just to see a white man in shorts.

28 LUCY I'll get something made up for him.

29 MOKI Better be beeg!

30 BIG E I get measurements for you, and send Moki with dem.

31 HELEN In the meantime we'll keep talking about him to everyone.

1 MUSIC

2 (SCENE 5 POLICE STATION: Danny, Henry, Andy

3 (POLICE STATION)

4 DANNY Where's our dog catcher today?

5 HENRY I sent him down to the docks.

6 DANNY Nothin' due in today.

7 ANDY Perfect—he can't get into trouble.

8 HENRY Keeps me busy trying to keep him busy.

9 DANNY Makes me mad—he no follow procedures but comes up smellin' like lei.

10 ANDY One big bust. He had one big bust. He coulda been killed.

11 HENRY Yeah, how many times can he get thrown out before he lands wrong.

12 DANNY He got lucky, dass all.

13 HENRY Emily Ho wants me to put him on Santy Claus.

14 DANNY Santy Claus!

15 ANDY Sound like a great idea. Keep him out of everyone's hair.

16 DANNY We all workin' dis parade? I got plans...

17 ANDY I want to see everyone there, keeping the peace.

18 DANNY Even dog catcher?

19 ANDY Specially him.

20 DANNY I know! Put him on da drunk patrol.

21 HENRY Drunk patrol?

22 DANNY Den maybe dey can beat da crap out of him. I'd like t' see dat!

23 MUSIC

24 (SCENE 6 ALA MOANA BEACH, NIGHT, Chang and Larson)

25 ANNCR A week later, the girls have done a superb job getting people excited about the  
26 sightings of the famous person and his participation in the annual parade. But  
27 trouble is just around the bend when Chang spotted a familiar red canoe. The  
28 moon shone on a calm sea, as the red canoe was slid through the waves and  
29 onto the Ala Moana beach.

30 SFX SLIDE ON GRAVEL, FOOTSTEPS

31 CHANG Canoe from Tiki Maru. I no see customs sticker...

1 LARSON (OFF) Hey you! Get away from that canoe!

2 CHANG Still illegal.

3 LARSON (OFF) Get off my canoe, Chink!

4 CHANG Illegal! I impound.

5 SFX SLIDE OF CANOE ON GRAVEL BACK OUT TO SEA.

6 LARSON No you don't, you sorry specimen of a Chinese. It's my canoe and I've got  
7 business to do.

8 CHANG T'ink not.

9 LARSON You're not taking my canoe!

10 SFX FISTFIGHT, THEN SPLASH AS CHANG GOES OVERBOARD.

11 SPLASHING SHOULD CONTINUE UNDER

12 LARSON You try to come back into this canoe, I'll use my paddle on your head.

13 CHANG (WETLY) (EFFORT TO CLIMB BACK IN.) You...(SFX PADDLE THUD)  
14 under (SFX PADDLE THUD)...arrest. (SFX PADDLE SPLASH)

15 LARSON Arrest? For what? Get off my canoe!

16 CHANG Try hit me again, I grab paddle! Pull you in!

17 LARSON Interferring Chink!

18 SFX PADDLE THUD, SPLASH AS LARSON PULLED OFF CANOE)

19 LARSON (SPLUTTERING)

20 CHANG You unner arrest! Assaulting police, smuggling. Ch'row me off boat. We go  
21 station.

22 LARSON You're making a big mistake, Chink. I'm Santa Claus, get it? Santa Claus!

23 (FADING) Santa Claussssss.....

24 SFX SPLASHING ENDS

25 MUSIC

26 (SCENE 7 WARD'S GARDEN; HENRY LUCY HELEN BIG EDDIE MOKI, CHANG)

27 ANNCR Several days later, Henry joined Lucy and Helen in the lush tropical garden at  
28 the Ward's Christmas party. It's the night before the big parade. But the group  
29 is far from jovial.

30 SFX: FOOTSTEPS ON GRAVEL

31 LUCY Helen, here comes Henry. Maybe he's got good news.

1 HELEN (HOPELESSLY) Henry, have you seen him?  
2 HENRY Not a sign of him anywhere.  
3 HELEN What are we going to do?  
4 LUCY We've done such a good job getting people worked up about this. How are we  
5 going to say it was a hoax?  
6 SFX RATTLE OF BRUSH  
7 MOKI (WHISPERING) Psst!! Miss Helen, Miss Lucy...  
8 HENRY (SUSPICIOUS) Who's there?  
9 BIG E Beeg Eddie.  
10 MOKI and Moki.  
11 HENRY What in thunder are you doing here?  
12 LUCY My mother will have you flayed if she finds you!  
13 BIG E (ANGRY) You Haoles no play fair. I go out on a limb, loan you one expensive  
14 canoe, convince mah captain, and den dis happens!  
15 HENRY What happens?  
16 BIG E ALL your fault, Chillingsworth!  
17 HENRY I didn't do anything!  
18 BIG E Dat understatement of the year. Tell me another one, Haole.  
19 HELEN I have to ask this, but I think I know the answer. Have you seen him, Big  
20 Eddie?  
21 BIG E (PISSSED AND GETTING MADDER) I expected dis as a lark, not  
22 cockroach him completely! He's mah skipper. My business depends upon  
23 him. And thanks to you, he gone!  
24 LUCY Slow down, breathe deep. Big Eddie, we've been looking for him, high and  
25 low, for both Captain Larson and the canoe.  
26 HENRY We're on an island, for heaven's sake. It's driving all of us nuts.  
27 MOKI (softly) I find!  
28 HELEN (MOANING) And the parade is tomorrow. We promised everyone that we'd  
29 have Santa in the Parade. We're really sunk.  
30 MOKI (LOUDER) I find!  
31 LUCY Moki, did you just say what I wanted to hear?

1 MOKI I find.  
2 HELEN Praise the Lord!  
3 LUCY Where is he?  
4 MOKI In jail...  
5 BIG E Moki, why you no tell me?  
6 MOKI Just fin' out little while ago, Boss.  
7 HENRY He can't be! I'd know.  
8 BIG E You don't know nuttin'. Your own department.  
9 MOKI Your partner put him dere.  
10 LUCY Chang?  
11 BIG E Chang Apana. It always Chang Apana causin' problems. Dis was good town  
12 den you guyz hired that Pa-kay!  
13 LUCY Let me go get him. He's here on the grounds. I want to get to the bottom of  
14 this. I'll be right back.  
15 SFX BRUSH, FOOTSTEPS ON GRAVEL  
16 MOKI (NERVOUS) Chang Apana here? Boss, we need go.  
17 BIG E (PROMISING) I won't ch'row him out window dis time—I wrap tree 'round  
18 him!  
19 HENRY Calm down, sir. You don't know how bad this makes me feel.  
20 BIG E (SAVAGE) And you be NEXT!  
21 SFX FOOTSTEPS ON GRAVEL, BRUSH RATTLE  
22 LUCY Through here, Chang.  
23 CHANG Lucy, not understand. (SEES THE GROUP) Ohhhh, Henly. Miss Helen.  
24 (DROP IN TONE) Beeg Eddie...  
25 BIG E (JUMPING ON) I'll Beeg Eddie you! All over da garden!  
26 HENRY Wait just a minute. We gotta listen to what happened. Lucy, since it's been  
27 your idea all along, you start.  
28 LUCY Not precisely. It was mostly Flo's. Chang, you know we've been working on  
29 the parade for tomorrow.  
30 CHANG Hoh.  
31 LUCY We arranged to borrow a red canoe from Big Eddie.

1 CHANG (SMALL VOICE) Red...canoe....  
2 HELEN And hired the captain of Big Eddie's ship to portray Santa Claus.  
3 CHANG (SMALL VOICE) Santa...clo...  
4 BIG E Captain Larson looks like da haoles' Santa Claus. And you pinched him!  
5 CHANG He was smuggling. No duties on toys. No duties on canoe.  
6 BIG E Those were gifts, not for sale.  
7 CHANG I watch. I watch allatime. Suspicious. When he tch'rew me off canoe, I got  
8 mad. Hauled his okole off to jail.  
9 LUCY Didn't he tell you who he was?  
10 CHANG Kept yellin' Santa Claus at me. No look like Portagee, but whaddo I know.  
11 (SHRUG) All haoles look alike.  
12 HENRY Well, that does it for Captain Larson.  
13 CHANG ID said Larson, but he kept yellin' Santa Claus. ID not match.  
14 HENRY But where's that confounded canoe?  
15 MOKI (SMALL VOICE) I find canoe. Police impound yard.  
16 HENRY (IRONIC) Oh, fine. Okay, this is what we're going to do...  
17 BIG E I kill him first.  
18 HENRY I know you want to, in fact we all want to, but we've got work to do. Chang, I  
19 want you to go get that canoe and bring it to the parade area.  
20 CHANG How I do that?  
21 HENRY You better find a way. And I want it polished until it gleams. I want you to stay  
22 there and guard it with your life.  
23 MOKI What there is of it left.  
24 CHANG Hoh.  
25 HENRY Big Eddie, you and Moki go get those presents ready for the parade. They'll  
26 need to be packed into the canoe. So they can be handed out during the parade.  
27 BIG E My toys...I no want to...  
28 HENRY I don't want to either, but none of us has a choice tonight. I'll get Captain  
29 Larson out of jail---somehow. Chang, you owe me good. Malasadas aren't  
30 going to be enough this time.  
31 HELEN Bring the Captain to my house. Lucy and I will get him spruced up, and ready.

1 LUCY Say goodbye to the party, everyone. We've got to race the sunrise!

2 MUSIC

3 (SCENE 8 POLICE STATION HENRY, DANNY)

4 DANNY Henry! What you doin' here? I thought you at party with big shots.

5 HENRY I was. Until the rug was pulled out from underneath me.

6 DANNY (JABBING) Oh--Your girl friend not there?

7 HENRY How many times do I have to tell you that Emily Ho is NOT my girlfriend?

8 DANNY Uh-huh. What our dog-catcher do now?

9 HENRY (WITHOUT A HOPE) He arrested Santa Claus.

10 DANNY Santa Claus? He not know dat not real person?

11 HENRY Oh, this one's real enough. And Big Eddie is very un-happy.

12 DANNY (WORRIED) Beeg Eddie? (SURPRISED) He believes in Santa Claus?

13 HENRY And what's more, Moki says we got 'im!

14 DANNY Auwe! You pullin' mah leg! Whatchu mean, we got 'im?

15 HENRY Danny, don't tell me we don't have someone down in the cells. We better have  
16 someone down there.

17 DANNY Oh, we got someone. Just that lolo guy.

18 HENRY (EDGEY) Crazy guy? What crazy guy?

19 DANNY The one who keeps screamin' he's (REALIZING) Santa....Claus...

20 HENRY (RESIGNED) So we do have him. I was so hoping that wasn't going to be  
21 true.

22 DANNY (INCREDULOUS) He really is? But...I not know...

23 HENRY If you don't want Big Eddie to make life even more difficult, we gotta get him  
24 out of here and over to the Wilders.

25 DANNY Oh, so they believe he's S...

26 HENRY And we have to make the paperwork look good. He's going to ride in their  
27 blasted parade. Come on, get out the keys.

28 SFX DRAWER OPEN, JAGGLE OF KEYS

29 DANNY (LAUGHTER) Beeg joke! Dogcatcher lock up Santa Claus.

30 HENRY (SOURLY) Ho---ho---ho. Come on, hurry it up. I've got things to take care  
31 of tonight, what's left of it.



1 DANNY (GRIN) Dancin' wid Miss Emily, I bet!

2 HENRY I wish. Big Eddie isn't that light on my feet.

3 MUSIC

4 (SCENE 9: PARADE EMILY & HENRY, FLO & HELEN, LUCY & CHANG)

5 SFX PARADE NOISES

6 CAST AD LIBS CHEERS and "SANTA! Over here!" "Santa!"

7 EMILY So there is a real Santa! Hooray!

8 HENRY (EXHAUSTED) You don't know how close that was.

9 EMILY Henry, you look awful. Were you up all night partying?

10 HENRY Just about. But I don't think I'd call it partying. But, you know? Looking at all  
11 those shining eyes—I think it was worth it.

12 EMILY And presents! Maika'i! (excellent) Henry...about that interview you promised  
13 me with the Beeg man...

14 HENRY Don't ask, Emily! As soon as the parade is over, Santa has to go off on his  
15 rounds. In fact, he can't wait to get out of this town. He's been here too long.

16 EMILY Rough time, in Honolulu? What, he find gravel in his sand?

17 HENRY Unexpected, I think you could say.

18 SFX/AD LIB CROWD NOISE up and then under

19 SFX HORSE HOOFS UNDER HELEN AND FLO

20 FLO (GLOATING) Look at all those kids! This parade will never be the same again.

21 HELEN Like your parade now? Now that it stands for something better than your  
22 friends.

23 FLO (PRICKED) Not my friends, Helen. Betrayers of the Queen. Don't tar me with the  
24 same brush.

25 HELEN Enough of that. Smile for the kiddies, you reprobate.

26 SFX/AD LIB CROWD NOISE Up and then fade.

27 CHANG Lucy, got for you.

28 LUCY Oh, Chang, you shouldn't. You have kids to give presents for...

29 CHANG Apology for makin' you worry. Open, open.

30 SFX PASSING OF A BOX, OPENING

31 LUCY Chang... They are breath-taking. So beautiful.

1 CHANG Jade beads. Mean special.

2 LUCY Will you be upset if I gave you a present?

3 CHANG From you, be special.

4 LUCY Here.

5 SFX PASSING OF A BOX,

6 LUCY (LAUGHING) Open, open.

7 SFX BOX OPENING

8 CHANG (APPRECIATION) A warrior's carving...

9 LUCY For my warrior. Merry Christmas.

10 CHANG Mele Kalikimaka, Lucy. Mele Kalikimaka to everyone!

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12 ANNCR: American Radio Theater has presented Chang Apana Midnight Clear. Written,  
13 produced and directed by Joy Jackson. You heard Al Trigali as Chang Apana,  
14 with Gregg Porter as Henry Chillingsworth

15 Joy Jackson as Emily Ho

16 Melinda Mains as Lucy Ward

17 Marge Lutton as Helen Kinau Wilder

18 Liz Roach as Florence Gurrey

19 Pat McNally as Big Eddie

20 Michael Moki O'Reilly as Moki

21 Dan Schindler as Danny

22 Ken Liesse as Andy

23 Kim Turner as Santa

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25 Live Hawaiian music by Friends of Chang Apana

26 Sound effects by Penny Swanberg, and Harry Thiel

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29 This is A. R. T. The American Radio Theater.

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