IN THE WEE HOURS

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Cast Of Characters

Mrs. Murray: A great-grandmother lovely older lady Judy: Mrs. Murray's neighbor, in her early 50's

Time And Place

Shortly after Christmas in a Wal-Mart store aisle

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(As the curtain rises Mrs. Murray and Judy are just meeting each other in a Wal-Mart store aisle. It is shortly after Christmas.)

MRS. MURRAY

Oh, Judy!

It's so good to run into you.

I'm sorry I didn't see you earlier to wish you a Merry Christmas

(They hug)

JUDY

It's so good to see you too. A belated "Merry Christmas", Mrs. Murray. Did you have a nice Christmas?

MRS. MURRAY

My daughter, Nancy, hosted our family gathering at her house on Christmas day. Her family and my two sons' families were there ... grandchildren and great-grandchildren galore.

I got a beautiful Christmas sweater, smell-good perfume and more.

We had so much fun opening presents and sharing Christmas dinner together.

JUDY

That must have been very nice.

MRS. MURRAY

It was...Although I must admit I don't understand the young ones these days... always tap-tap-tapping on these handheld gadgets, shooting at creatures on the TV... never without being connected to some gizmo. I just don't understand this electronic stuff at all. (pause)

How was your Christmas?

JUDY

It was both happy and exciting.

It was so perfect that I still haven't gotten over the excitement.

(pause)

(excitedly)

I got a Wii

(PRONOUNCED "WEE")

MRS. MURRAY

What?

JUDY

(more excited)

I got a Wii.

MRS. MURRAY

Well you go ahead, Dear.

I'll wait for you right here.

That often happens to me too when I get excited.

JUDY

Huh?

Yes?

I never realized how much fun and exciting it would be to work a Wii controller.

MRS. MURRAY

Is your Wii controller working?

JUDY

Yes it works just fine.

Why did you ask?

MRS. MURRAY

Well you just said you had to ...

Oh never mind.

JUDY

Actually I got two Wii controllers.

One for yoga and one for tennis.

MRS. MURRAY

So, these Wii controllers are specialized then.

JUDY

Oh, yes.

You couldn't possibly use the yoga Wii controller as the tennis Wii controller.

MRS. MURRAY

I didn't know that you were into yoga.

Why would you need a yoga Wii controller?

JUDY

Well that's exactly why I never got into yoga.

I was always worried about looking foolish or having an accident.

But with the Wii controller I can practice yoga all day long at my own pace without a worry in the world.

MRS. MURRAY

Oh!

(pause)

And I never knew that you were into tennis either.

Does the tennis Wii controller work for you?

JUDY

Oh yes. It's perfect

You can smash your Wii with a rollicking forehand or two handed backhand ... and just keep getting better and better at it.

MRS. MURRAY

(looking aghast)

Doesn't that hurt?

JUDY

Of course not.

It's only a game.

MRS. MURRAY

(looking around frantically for a route to escape)

Well it's been wonderful seeing you .Judy.

(as she starts to exit)

But if you'll excuse me, I've gotta wee!

(She rushes off upstage while Judy looks confused)

(Blackout)