**Side #2 – Reindeer Games**

**BOBSLED:** *(To AUDIENCE.)* Welcome back to the 845th annual Snowlympiad!

**FROSTBITE:** *(Bursting with excitement.)* That’s right! It’s the Reindeer Games!

**BOBSLED:**  I’m Bobsled Costas, your host for this year’s Reindeer Games. And joining me as we broadcast the games over the next three weeks is my color analyst, the one and only—

**FROSTBITE:** Frostbite Snowflake!

**BOBSLED:** Tonight’s primetime broadcast of the 845th Snowlympiad begins with the medal round of Ice Dancing. Let’s watch as our reindeer couples are just now taking the ice to warm up for the main event! *(FALINE and PRANCER ENTER RIGHT. Both are on all fours and slip around clumsily on the “ice.” Despite the silliness, the tone of the commentary remains serious.)*

**FROSTBITE:** Here comes Prancer with the ever lovely Faline. *(Gasps.)* Oh! Just look at them! They’ve been partnered for several years and are finally at the peak of performance.

**BOBSLED:**  Yes, and there’s rumor they’ll be performing a feat not often seen in the Snowlympics.

**FROSTBITE:** That’s right, Bobsled – the dreaded double quadruple hoof ax-em! Here they go now, in warmup… Let’s see if they can pull it off. *(FALINE and PRANCER, again on all fours and still slipping around on the ice, split onto their bellies with their arms and legs spread out. FROSTBITE reacts gleefully.)* There it is! Such excellent execution, Bobsled!

**BOBSLED:**  If you say so. *(FALINE and PRANCER EXIT* awkwardly but quickly.)

**FROSTBITE:** Now everyone is just hoping their hard work will pay off and that they can execute as well under pressure in the final and win the gold medal!

**BOBSLED:**  *(Touches an ear on his headset.)* Meanwhile, I’m being told we have breaking news from earlier today, where the American team hailing from the Upper Midwest – Scoot Lighthoof and Charla Broomenthal – brought home their country’s first-ever gold medal in Reindeer Curling. For that, we go to our field reporter, Summer Irony. Summer?

*(OVER)*

**SUMMER:**  Thank you, Bobsled. Here with me now are Americans Scoot and Charla to discuss their victory *(SCOOT and CHARLA ENTER. CHARLA has a broom, and both have gold medals around their necks. [Note: BOTH REINDEER speak with an Upper Midwestern Swedish or Norwegian accent.].* To SCOOT and CHARLA.) Congrats, you two! Tell us, what’s it like to bring home the gold?

**SCOOT:**  Yah, it’s amazing, Summer.

**CHARLA:**  Truly amazing.

**SCOOT:** Like, seriously amazing.

**SUMMER:**  Is that so?

**CHARLA:**  You betcha!

**SCOOT:** *(Holds up hooved feet.)* Ya see… our hooves aren’t all that suited fer sliding rocks on da ice.

**CHARLA:** *(Does the same, fumbling with her broom a bit.)* Or fer sweeping da ice.

**SCOOT:** Or even spending all dat much time on da ice.

**CHARLA:** You betcha!

**SCOOT:**  It’s super slippery, doncha know.

**CHARLA:**  Yah, reindeer don’t got much business being on da ice at all, if ya know what I mean.

**SUMMER:** Can you tell us what it was like to have overcome such challenges and what it feels like to bring home your nation’s first ever gold medal in curling at the Reindeer Games? It must feel amazing.

**CHARLA:** Oh, you betcha!

**SCOOT:**  Yah, fer sure, fer sure.

**CHARLA:** But we can’t say it was all dat more than an accident.

**SCOOT:**  Yah, pretty much dumb luck if I’d say, doncha know.

**SUMMER:** There you have it, folks! Your Reindeer Games gold medalists in curling! *(To SCOOT AND CHARLA.)* Now, smile for that gold medal shot! *(SCOOT and CHARLA shrug, smile, and bite their gold medals.)* Back to you, Bobsled! *(SUMMER, SCOOT, and CHARLA EXIT.)*

**FROSTBITE:** So inspiring to see a pair of devoted athletes bring home the first gold medal for their country. What a pair!

**BOBSLED:**  What a pair, indeed. These Reindeer Games are always full of such dramatic stories of defying the odds. And I only wish we could spend more time with the American curling team…. *(Touches an ear on his headset.) …*but we have to cut away now to some breaking injury news from our Does’ *[as in multiple female deer].* Downhill Ski Racing correspondent, Faye Telluride.

**FAYE:**  Thank you, Bobsled.

**BOBSLED:** Faye, what can you tell us about this new development in the downhill ski event?

**FAYE:**  I can tell you this, Bobsled. Reindeer just should not be on skis. Never! Uh-uh! No way!

**BOBSLED:**  What can I say except that Faye reports it like it is, folks. The downhill event has long been troubled by injuries like this, and we’ve sadly witnessed yet another one today. Can you tell us more, Faye?

**FAYE:** Sure. I mean…. It was ugly. It was bad, Bobsled. Real bad. I mean… reindeers? On skis, y’all? Come on! It’s unnatural!

**BOBSLED:** That it is, Faye.

**FROSTBITE:** Such a grueling sport!

**BOBSLED:** You’re right about that, Frostbite. Only the bravest competitors would even dare face such adversity and the endless training involved.

**FAYE:**  *(Laughs.)* Endless training! Ha! Now that’s funny! We’re talking about top-heavy, hoofed creatures on skis, y’all! And going down a mountain at ninety miles an hour?! Endless training! Good one, Bobsled!

**FROSTBITE:** Tell us, Faye, how is the young doe recovering? Is there any hope for her to still compete in this event?

**FAYE:** *(Beside herself.)* No! Are you kidding me? She’s done gone and got some sense in her and she’s done with this. You’re dang right that she won’t be competing in this event again—and I’m with her, if you know what I mean.

**FROSTBITE:**  *(Still overly sincere.)* So sad.

**BOBSLED:**  So, just to be clear, you’re saying she’ll never be able to compete again?

**FAYE:** *(Angry.)* Are you for real right now?! No! There ain’t a snowflake’s chance in H-E-double-reindeer-hockey-sticks that --- *(LIGHTS OUT ON FAYE.)*

**FROSTBITE:**  Oh my!

**BOBSLED:** Well, there you have it, folks. And excuse the language for those listening at home. But speaking of double hockey sticks, we have a match for the ages coming up, as the North Pole team goes up against the Russians in reindeer hockey. But first, we’ll take a break for a word from our sponsors.