**Side #5 – As the North Pole Turns**

The following scene is done with an over-the-top dramatic style, like a daytime soap opera. (NOTE: FREEZY has twigs for arms in this scene.)

**ANNOUNCER:** *(Voice-over.)* And now we return to, *As the North Pole Turns…*

**ELSIE:** *(Rushes ON. To FREEZY.)* I thought I’d find you here.

**FREEZY:** I’m always here. This is where you built me, after all.

**ELSIE:** And that is how I know you’ll always be here for me.

**FREEZY:** Elsie, there’s something I. need to tell you.

**ELSIE:** Yes. Crystal told me you wanted to see me. Don’t tell me…

**FREEZY:** But I have to.

**ELSIE:**  Is it someone else? You love another?

**FREEZY:**  No, no! It’s nothing like that.

**ELSIE:** Then what? What’s so important that you had me come out here so suddenly? You know I have toys to build. You know Christmas is coming soon!

**FREEZY:** Yes, Elsie. I know. And I’m sorry. I didn’t know how to do this, but there isn’t much time.

**ELSIE:** So, tell me.

**FREEZY:** Elsie, I’m… I’m… melting….

**ELSIE:**  What?! No!

**FREEZY:** It’s true.

**ELSIE:**  How long have you known?

**FREEZY:** A couple of days now. Ever since this warm spell started, my temperature has been going up.

**ELSIE:** But… but…. This is the North Pole!

**FREEZY:** I know, but with rising emissions and global warming… I’m sorry, Elsie, even we North Pole snowmen don’t stand a chance.

**ELSIE:** Why didn’t you tell me sooner?

**FREEZY:** I didn’t know how to.

**ELSIE:** How much longer do you have?

**FREEZY:** I don’t know. Maybe a few days…?

**ELSIE:**  *(Embraces him.)* Oh, Freezy! You can’t leave me! How will I go on without you?

**ELBERT:** *(ENTERS.)* What’s this?

**ELSIE:**  Elbert! What are you doing here?

**FREEZY:** Who’s this?

**ELBERT:**  I’m her boyfriend. That’s who I am.

**ELSIE:**  Take it easy, Elbert. It’s not what it looks like.

**ELBERT:** Oh, no? Because it looks like I’m not the only elf in your life.

*(OVER)*

**FREEZY:** Actually, I’m a snowman.

**ELBERT:**  I knew I could never trust you!

**ELSIE:** Elbert, be kind. He’s just a friend and---

**ELBERT:** And what?

**FREEZY:**  And she built me.

**ELBERT:** *(To ELSIE.)* Is that true?

**ELSIE:** Yes! Yes, it’s true! I built him and well… there’s something else.

**ELBERT:** What is it?

**ELSIE:** He’s… he’s… I can’t bring myself to stay the words.

**FREEZY:**  It’s okay, Elsie. You can tell him.

**ELBERT:**  What is it?

**ELSIE:** He’s melting!

**ELBERT:** Oh. I’m… I’m so sorry… Forgive my rudeness. I didn’t know.

**ELSIE:**  You always were the jealous type!

**ELBERT:** Is there anything we can do to help? Here, Elsie, help. Me get some snow… *(Leans down to gather snow.)*

**FREEZY:** No… it’s no use. It’s too late to save me…. *(One of his twig arms falls off.)*

**ELSIE:** Nooo…!

**PIPPI:**  *(ENTERS with POLICE.)* There he is, Officer. The one-armed snowman!

**OFFICER:** Are you sure this is the snowman who mobbed you?

**PIPPI:**  I’m certain, officer.

**ELSIE:** No, wait! You’ve got the wrong snowman!

**OFFICER:** Out of the way, Miss Elf.

**ELBERT:** No, officer! She’s right. This snowman only just lost his arm. We both saw it happen.

**OFFICER:** Is that so?

**FREEZY:** It’s true, officer. I’m…. I’m melting.

**OFFICER:** *(Suddenly somber.)* I’m sorry to hear that. *(To PIPPI.)* Now are you sure this is the snowman who stole your purse?

**PIPPI:** Well… I mean… it looks just like… Yes, I know it was him!

**FREEZY:**  Are you saying all snowmen look alike?

**PIPPI:** Well, yes. Pretty much.

**ELSIE:** Look, it can’t have been him. He’s been here the whole time. He was built here. I built him!

**ELBERT:** I can confirm. He hasn’t moved since I’ve been here.

**OFFICER:**  So… perhaps it was someone in disguise as a snowman.

**PIPPI:**  No, no, I’m certain! *(Pouts.)* It was this snowman!

**OFFICER:**  All right, pal. You heard her. Off you go! I’m taking you in for questioning. *(Puts a handcuff on FREEZY’S remaining twig arm.)*

**ELSIE:** No, you don’t understand! You’ve got the wrong snowman! (*ALL FREEZE.)*

**ANNOUNCER:**  *(Voice-over).* Will Freezy be found guilty? Or will he melt before he even gets to the station? Join us next week for another thrilling episode of *As the North Pole Turns….*