***SCENE ONE***

*After the opening song, the teachers walk to stage right and the reindeer cadets form a group at center stage.*

**ATTICUS ANTLER:** Hello! Welcome! I am Professor Atticus Antler!

**DR. HOOF**: And I am Dr. Hoof.

**MS. CARIBOU**: I’m Ms. Caribou!

**MR. DEERTON**: I’m Mr. Deerton!

**SCHOOLMASTER JO BUCK**: And I am Schoolmaster Jo Buck.

**ATTICUS ANTLER**: As you all know, we run the School of Reindeer here in the Arctic!

**DR. HOOF**: You reindeer cadets are all here because you have completed your academic training and passed with FLYING colors!

**REINDEER CADETS**: (*everyone cheers*) Yeah! Woo-hoo! Alright! AWESOME! Yay! (high fives)

**SCHOOLMASTER JO BUCK**: At the School of Reindeer, we believe that a well-rounded education is very important.

**MS. CARIBOU**: Very important indeed!

**DR. HOOF**: That includes math, science…

**SCHOOLMASTER JO BUCK**: history, music…

**MR. DEERTON**: language arts, media...

**MS. CARIBOU**: reading, gym, and more.

**ATTICUS ANTLER**: Now that your basic studies are done, we can move on to what you’ve all been waiting for…

**LEONARDO**: Leaping?

**DR. HOOF**: Yes…

**CHARLES**: Reindeer games?!

**MR. DEERTON**: Well, yes, that too…

**ALL REINDEER CADETS**: Flying?!

**TEACHERS**: Exactly!!

**MS. CARIBOU**: Now, it’s true that all magic reindeer have the ability to fly, but you must learn to USE that ability.

**MR. DEERTON**: Quite right. Taking the time to learn and understand is very important.

**DR. HOOF**: For your academics AND for learning how to fly.

**NEIL**: Yeah, how hard can it be?

**SALLY**: It seems pretty easy to me!

**ARNOLD**: This will be a piece of cake.

*(Everyone nods in agreement)*

**ANGEL**: Wait, there’s cake?

**JOHNNY G.**: What? No, nevermind.

**BESSIE**: Shh! Let’s just listen!

**SCHOOLMASTER JO BUCK**: To help you out with your flying training, let me introduce you to your instructor, Coach Catapult!

*COACH CATAPULT, SARAH SLINGSHOT and TOM TREBUCHET walk on stage to gasps and looks of panic and worry from the reindeer.*

**AMELIA**: Catapult?!

**BUZZ**: This can’t be good.

**HOWARD**: With a name like Catapult…

**JULES:** Do you think he’s gonna have a catapult?!

**COACH CATAPULT**: Um, that’s Ca-TAH-pult.

**SALLY**: (*show relief)* Oh, that’s better!

**ARNOLD:** What a relief!

**NEIL:** For a moment there, I thought--

**TOM TREBUCHET:** Attention!

**SARAH SLINGSHOT**: Reindeer cadets, fall in!

*All reindeer line up for inspection*

**ORVILLE**: Yes sir!

**WILBUR**: Right away!

**RANDOLPH**: Yes Coach!

**COACH CATAPULT**: Before we begin, I want to let you know that your first lesson begins RIGHT HERE, and RIGHT NOW.

**TOM TREBUCHET**: Where does it begin?

**ALL REINDEER CADETS**: Right here!

**SARAH SLINGSHOT**: When does it begin?

**ALL REINDEER CADETS**: Right now!

**COACH CATAPULT**: Right then. Time to show me what you’ve got.

***(all characters go back to their spots on the risers)***

***Reindeer Zone starts to play.***

***SCENE TWO***

(*All Reindeer Cadets and Coaches come back on stage)*

**COACH CATAPULT**: Excellent! Now, before we begin, are there any questions?

**BESSIE**: Coach Catapult?

*(COACH CATAPULT looks annoyed)*

**TOM AND SARAH**: That’s Ca-TAH-pult.

**AMELIA**: Yeah, weren’t you listening before?

**BESSIE**: Oh, right. Coach Ca-TAH-pult?

**COACH CATAPULT**: Yes?

**BESSIE**: Will we ever get to, you know…

**LEONARDO**: Pull a sleigh?

**CHARLES**: Fly a plane?

**NEIL**: Go SKYDIVING?

**COACH CATAPULT**: Um, well, at least SOME of those things will be in your advanced training.

**SALLY**: Whoaaaaa!

**ARNOLD**: Wow!

**WILBUR**: I can’t wait!

**ORVILLE**: That’s incredible!

**TOM TREBUCHET**: (*to the audience*) NOT skydiving.

**ANGEL**: I wonder when they’ll be serving cake!

**JOHNNY G**: Would you FORGET the cake??

**COACH CATAPULT**: Any other questions? (*points to HOWARD raising hand*) Yes, you there.

**HOWARD**: What happens in bad weather? Like a blizzard?

**BUZZ**: Yeah! A bad blizzard would ground all flight activities, right?

**JULES:** There’s no way you can SEE in a blizzard!

**BESSIE**: That’s terrible!

**SARAH SLINGSHOT**: Well, you’ve read all the stories. Since you’re reindeer, you wouldn’t have to even use floodlights in bad weather, if you’ve got someone with a red nose on hand.

**AMELIA**: Hey, we have a red-nosed reindeer in our class!

**BUZZ**: Yeah, that’s right!

**HOWARD**: We’re so lucky!

**ORVILLE**: Randolph, where are you?

(*RANDOLPH steps forward, with a red nose and a tissue)*

**WILBUR**: In bad weather, you lead the flight back home!

**LEONARDO**: Won’t that be cool?

**RANDOLPH**: (*points to his nose, sounds all stuffed up)* It’s just a cold!

*(The reindeer look a little disappointed, someone gives Randolph a hug for comfort.)*

**ATTICUS ANTLER**: By the way, reindeer cadets, we have some foreign exchange students arriving any minute.

**MS. CARIBOU**: Yes, they were quite unexpected…

**DR. HOOF**: Something about a missed turn? Right instead of left?

**MR. DEERTON**: You would think that people would know the difference between the ARCTIC and the ANTARCTIC by now!

**SCHOOLMASTER JO BUCK**: Anyways, please be careful while they unpack and rest from their long--

**ATTICUS ANTLER**: LONG

**SCHOOLMASTER JO BUCK**: Trip.

**COACH CATAPULT**: Alright, reindeer cadets. If there aren’t more questions...let’s head to the launch pad!

**CHARLES**: All right!

**NEIL**: We’re going to be great!

**SALLY**: I bet I can fly higher than anybody!

**ARNOLD**: This is going to be so easy!

**JULES:** We are gonna be GREAT!

*REINDEER CADETs start to walk. As they are walking, a group of penguins walk towards them, some holding boxes. Some of the reindeer aren’t paying attention and bump into them. The penguins fall and packages go everywhere.*

**SPLASH**: Hey, what’s going on?!

**TIDE and SKIPPER:** Oh no!

**FLIPS:** Ouch, that hurt!

*REINDEER CADETS point and laugh as they keep walking.*

**BESSIE**: Did you see that?

**AMELIA**: That was hilarious!

**BUZZ**: I’m glad I don’t have to pick all of that up!

**HOWARD**: Yeah, we’re too important for that.

*PENGUINS look sad and frustrated.*

**ICE CUBE:** We only just got here and I’ve already dropped all my stuff!

**WADDLES:** Yeah, and I was looking forward to this trip too…

**BLITZ:** I thought the reindeer cadets were going to be nice…

*ORVILLE and WILBUR immediately apologize and start to help the penguins pick themselves up before joining the others.*

**ORVILLE**: Oh, I’m so sorry!

**WILBUR**: Sorry!

**ORVILLE**: Please excuse us!

**WILBUR**: Here, let us help you!

**FROSTY**: Thanks a bunch!

**WOBBLES:** Oh how nice!

**TUX:** Aren’t you kind?

**ORVILLE AND WILBUR**: You’re welcome!

**COACH CATAPULT**: Okay, here we go! AMELIA, take off!

**AMELIA**: Okay everyone, watch this! (*she attempts to fly unsuccessfully)*

*(AMELIA CRASH SFX)*

**SARAH SLINGSHOT**: Ouch. Well, don’t worry cadet. I’ve seen worse. BUZZ, you’re up!

**BUZZ**: Like I said, piece of cake!

**ANGEL**: CAKE?!

**JOHNNY G.**: Oh boy… (*shakes his head)*

*(BUZZ tries to take off, lands badly making a bad face, whines a little)*

*(BUZZ CRASH SFX)*

**ANGEL**: Bet you’d like some cake now?

**TOM TREBUCHET**: Okay, NOW I’ve seen worse. BESSIE and HOWARD, you two give it a try.

*(They try but can’t fly.)*

*(BESSIE/HOWARD CRASH SFX)*

**COACH CATAPULT**: Alright, cadets. We’d better take a little break.

**LEONARDO**: What’s happening? Why can’t we fly??

**CHARLES**: I don’t know! I thought it would be easy!

**NEIL**: Oh, I just couldn’t concentrate because I was still laughing at those penguins.

**SALLY**: Yeah, but something’s not right here. I think we’re missing something.

**COACH CATAPULT**: Alright cadets, let’s try a couple more. Orville, Wilbur, are you two ready to try?

**WILBUR**: Yes, Coach Ca-TAH-pult!

**ORVILLE**: We’ll do our very best sir!

**COACH CATAPULT**: Okay then, off you go!

(*ORVILLE and WILBUR take off and fly successfully)*

*(ORVILLE/WILBUR FLY SFX)*

**ALL REINDEER CADETS**: Wow! (OR) Would you look at that! (OR) Incredible! (OR) I don’t believe it! (OR) WHOAAAAAA.

**ARNOLD**: Whaaaaaaaaaaaat?

**ANGEL**: They… they did it!

**JOHNNY G.**: They actually flew!

**AMELIA**: (*whiny)* That’s not fair!

**BESSIE**: Yeah, why just them?

**REINDEER CADETS**: Why can’t ALL reindeer fly?

***SONG: Why Can’t All Reindeer Fly***

***SCENE 3:***

*(SOUND: ORVILLE/WILBUR LAND SFX)*

**ATTICUS ANTLER**: Wow! Very impressive!

**MS. CARIBOU**: Are all of the reindeer cadets doing this well, Coach Catapult… er, ah, Ca-TAH-pult?

**COACH CATAPULT**: Well, not quite, Ms. Caribou…

**BUZZ**: I couldn’t even get off the ground!

**HOWARD**: I fell flat on my face.

**CHARLES**: And we…

**LEONARDO**: Don’t even say it, Charles. I can’t even think about it.

**DR. HOOF**: I see. Well, you have to understand that there is more to flying than just *thinking* you can do it.

**MR. DEERTON**: Dr. Hoof is right. It’s harder than you think. You have to *learn* and *understand*.

**SCHOOLMASTER JO BUCK**: It’s no piece of cake.

*(Angel is about to say something--actually utters a sound before being cut off by the others.)*

**JOHNNY G.**: Don’t!

**ANGEL**: (*sighs*) Fiiiiiine.

**NEIL**: We thought it would be easy.

**JULES:** But it wasn’t...at all.

**SALLY**: We didn’t think we would have to try hard at all.

**ARNOLD**: We thought there’d be nothing to it.

**BESSIE**: Do all reindeer teams have problems like this?

(*Penguins go to the teachers and whisper to them)*

**ATTICUS ANTLER**: (*to the penguins)* Oh, I see. Well, that wasn’t very nice, was it?

(*Penguins shake their head)*

**MS. CARIBOU**: What’s this?

**ATTICUS ANTLER**: It seems that some of the reindeer cadet were rather inconsiderate to the penguins, and it hurt their feelings.

**SPLASH:** We had only JUST gotten to the School of Reindeer…

**TIDE:** And we were lost!

**SKIPPER:** Like, really lost. Really, REALLY lost.

**FLIPS:** And we were looking for some help.

**ICE CUBE:** But instead, all we got was run over.

**WADDLES:** And laughed at.

(*Reindeer cadets all look at each other)*

**AMELIA**: But we were just laughing.

**BUZZ**: We didn’t mean anything by it.

**HOWARD**: I guess we acted pretty rudely.

**LEONARDO**: Yeah, we were acting like hot shots.

**DR. HOOF**: There are several things that go into being a good reindeer.

**SCHOOLMASTER JO BUCK**: That’s right, Dr. Hoof. A good education is one of them!

**MR. DEERTON**: A positive attitude and a good work ethic.

**MS. CARIBOU**: And don’t forget about good character.

**COACH CATAPULT**: All true. But in order to FLY, one thing matters most.

**ATTICUS ANTLER**: Right! I think that Schoolmaster Buck says it best:

**SCHOOLMASTER JO BUCK**: When your kindness comes to light, your heart of gold will give you flight.

**Song: And then You Fly**

***SCENE FOUR:***

(*After the song ends, REINDEER CADETs go over to the PENGUINS and speak to them)*

**CHARLES**: I’m sorry I laughed at you.

**NEIL**: I’m sorry we didn’t help you when we bumped into you.

**FROSTY:** Thanks for apologizing.

**BLITZ:** Yeah, thanks! Now my feelings aren’t hurt.

**SALLY**: We should have helped you pick things up.

**ARNOLD**: And made sure everything was okay.

**AMELIA**: All we cared about was ourselves and flying.

**BESSIE**: And we were wrong to be so inconsiderate.

**BUZZ**: We’ll do better from now on.

**HOWARD**: And we’ll help you finish unpacking for your visit to our school.

**WOBBLES:** Thank you so much!

**TUX:** You also need to teach us what you all do for fun around here, I mean, besides flying!

(*All the reindeer cadets and penguins smile and nod and hug. All is forgiven, PENGUINS leave the stage and go back to the risers)*

**COACH CATAPULT**: Okay reindeer cadets, let’s give this another try!

**WILBUR AND ORVILLE**: Let’s do this!

**JULES:** Yeah, we’re gonna rock!

**LEONARDO**: I know we can do it this time!

**CHARLES**: Let’s try again!

**NEIL**: Up, up, and away!

(*Reindeer cadets run off stage. Everyone on stage looks to the sky in amazement, all of the reindeer cadets are flying!)*

*(SOUND: REINDEER FLY SFX)*

**WHOLE CHOIR**: WOW! There they go! Unbelievable! Amazing! AWEEEESOME! WOOO!

**ATTICUS ANTLER**: Well, I do love a happy ending.

**MS. CARIBOU**: I’m a little concerned, though…

**DR. HOOF**: What is it?

**MS. CARIBOU**: The clouds are getting a little thick.

**MR. DEERTON**: I hope we don’t get fogged in.

*(SOUND: REINDEER LAND SFX)*

(*Reindeer Cadets have landed and come back on stage)*

**SALLY**: Don’t worry about fog, we have our very own red-nosed reindeer!

**SCHOOLMASTER JO BUCK**: Is that right?

**ARNOLD**: Yeah! His name is Randolph!

**BESSIE**: Randolph can lead us if it’s foggy out!

**RANDOLPH**: (*rolls his eyes, sounds stuffed up, points to his nose)* IT’S JUST A COLD! (*makes sniffing noise)* Sheesh!

**SARAH SLINGSHOT**: Reindeer cadets!

**TOM TREBUCHET:** Fall in!

(All the Reindeer Cadets form a line on the stage)

**ATTICUS ANTLER**: Your training is nearly complete.

**MS. CARIBOU**: You’ve all done a wonderful job.

**DR. HOOF**: But there is one more thing you must do…

**AMELIA**: One more thing?

**BUZZ**: Is it difficult?

**HOWARD**: I hope it’s not a test!

**ANGEL**: Is it cake, FINALLY?!

**JOHNNY G.**: Would you forget about the-- you know what? Never mind!

**COACH CATAPULT**: Listen up! Schoolmaster Buck will tell you…

**SCHOOLMASTER JO BUCK**: Reindeer cadets, I need you to help me thank our audience!

**ALL REINDEER**: Thank you for coming! See you next year!

(*All Characters go back to their spots on the risers!)*

*(****SONG: We’re Taking Off!)***

***And Bows!***