



READER'S THEATRE SCRIPT

It's Time for Holi!

(From the Children's Book: *It's Time for Holi!*)

SCENE 1

Narrator: It was a cold, winter day in February. The Shah family was at home on this quiet Sunday afternoon when...

Boy: "Ma...Papa...Is it time for Holi yet?" (Boy walks in and looks for his Ma and Papa as he speaks)

Narrator: Ma and Papa are sitting on the table drinking masala chai.

Ma: Well... I want you to remember what I always say, Without a doubt when the colors come out, spring is here and Holi is near. Do you see any signs of spring outside our house right now?

Boy: Let me go outside and check. Brrrr.... Where did all the colors go? All I see is white, white snow.

Papa: Don't worry. It will be time for Holi soon. On Holi day, you will love all the colors that you see. I will give you colored powder so you can celebrate with me.

Narrator: A few weeks pass...Spring arrives... The weather gets warmer. The boy is riding his bicycle outside. His grandma (Nani) is watering the plants.

SCENE 2

Boy (with excitement): Nani, do you see the colors?! I see the red flowers blooming! I see the blue bird singing! I see the green grass growing!

Nani: You are right! The colors are out! Spring is here! The colors are out! Holi is near!

Narrator: The boy goes into the house. Ma is in the kitchen.

Boy: Ma, I'm going to start getting my colored powders out to prepare. I'm so excited about all the colors I'll share.



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SCENE 2 (CONT.)

Ma: Yes, now it is time for Holi. Soon we will meet with family and friends. Then we will celebrate until the day ends.

Narrator: *Boy goes into his room and plays with his yo-yo. He looks outside his window.*

Boy: Oh wow! That's a colorful rainbow!

Hmmm... I really can't wait any longer to play Holi! I think I'm just going to have to start celebrating with the colors that I have in my room from last year's Holi celebration.

Narrator: *He gets the red, blue and green colored powders out. He walks out of his house. Ma is outside getting her red bike out of the shed.*

Ma (with her bike next to her, says to the boy): It's such a nice, warm day today. I'm going to go for a quick bike ride.

Boy (sprinkles red on Ma): Happy Holi!

Ma (laughing): Oh my, I didn't see that red color coming my way!

Narrator: *Boy goes to his backyard. Papa is doing yoga outside on his mat.*

Boy (rubs blue on Papa's hat): Happy Holi!

Papa (smiling): Wow! You really got me with that blue!

Narrator: *Boy goes to the front lawn and finds his Nani. Nani is reading a book.*

Boy (pats green on her cheeks from behind her): Happy Holi!

Nani (shrieks): eeeek! (laughs with her grandson after she shrieks)



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SCENE 3

Narrator: Mom, Papa, Nani, all gather on the street and turn to the boy who is sitting on the sidewalk waiting and listening for his friends and family to arrive.

Mom: It's Time for Holi!

Papa: It's Time for Holi!

Nani: It's Time for Holi!

Boy: Yes, Finally! It's time for the colors to start to coming my way!

Narrator: Family and Friends all start to arriving. They Play Holi with one another. Throwing yellow, orange, and purple in the sky while saying Happy Holi! to one another.

Ma, Papa, Nani, Boy shout: "Happy Holi to everyone!"

Narrator: Holi is a time for family and friends to gather and celebrate the arrival of spring, and having brighter days ahead!