



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!*