Style-Alike Essay #1

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The 3rd period toolkit is:
1. Narrator/characters who are oblivious to the seriousness of the situation
2. Exaggerated and unexpected responses to situations
3. Explicit content, like swearing, drugs, alcohol, sex references
4. Repetition
5. Everything that can go wrong does go wrong
6. Use of lots and lots of irony

You have two choices of how to do this:
1. Use the shell of the story and add elements from the toolkit to make it funny. You still need to write it all in your own words, but it's okay to take the events and small phrases from the original.
2. Write an all-new story that contains these elements
   a. a small child, who is part of a large family
   b. that child has a bad Christmas/holiday experience
   c. the situation is in no way humourous (like in Child Called It) in and of itself
   d. the reason the situation is negative is due to the parents

Format:
- 2-5 pages
- typed, double spaced, 12 point font (choose a normal font please)
- a heading that includes name, assignment title, period, and date
- written in google docs (or uploaded there) and dropped in the shared folder called:
   - CM_3 Lastname, Firstname

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