

Intro: Welcome to Wavemakers Audioplays, I'm your host, Hilarie Mukavitz. Every month we bring you a brand new audioplay. Here's how it works. This past June all of our writing teams were given 4 weeks to write a 15-30 minute audioplay for a team of 3 actors. Each writer was given a sound prompt and a setting they had to use in their script.

For December we are taking you on a holiday cruise. This story comes from Danielle Lienau and Patience Weinberger. The setting was "Holiday City". My original thought was this episode would be in December, so I was picturing something like [sings a couple of bars of "Silver Bells"] but Danielle and Patience took it a whole different direction. This was the sound effect: [Retro Coin](#) The actors are: Andy Higgins, Kristine Switzer and Susie Toman.

Pack your bags and prepare to sail away on "Holiday City Cruise Line" by Danielle Lienau and Patience Weinberger.

Scene 1 - DRIVING TO PORT

SOUND: [Light Traffic - [Traffic \(light\)](#)]

Brian: Are we there yet?

Melissa: I'm so excited! I can't believe we're actually going on a cruise! So glad *this* Uber picked us up on time unlike the last one.

Uber Driver: We'll be there shortly. The traffic has thinned out. It was worse earlier. Is this your first cruise?

Brian: Nah, I've been on a beer cruise before on Shawano Lake.

Uber Driver: What's a beer cruise?

Melissa: It wasn't a real cruise. He and his friends were on a pontoon boat in the middle of the lake drinking beer.

Brian: It was too a cruise. You were just jealous that you had to stay back at the camp site and watch the fire.

Uber driver: Well, this is a much longer trip on a larger body of water. How many days are you cruising?

Melissa: 5 days. All inclusive holiday package.

Uber Driver: So like a Christmas thing? Are you meeting family aboard the boat?

Melissa: Oh, no no! It is a Christmas and other holiday cruise but absolutely no family other than Brian and me.

Brian: We're actually ditching my family Christmas gathering. We didn't tell them where we were going. Just that it was somewhere warmer than Wisconsin. They got all sappy and sad that we wouldn't be around for all the regular Christmas stuff this year.

Melissa: Thank goodness. His family does the weirdest things. Last year Brian's creepy uncle carried around mistletoe and made everyone kiss him under it. And I mean everyone - me, Brian, all the cousins, all the babies - no one was off limits from this guy! It was sick.

SOUND: [End Light Traffic]

Uber driver: Uh. Here we are. Enjoy your cruise.

Brian: Thanks man. Look at the size of that boat! Come on Melissa, let's get a move on!

SOUND: [Brian and Melissa get out of the car. **Car doors slam** - [Car doors 2](#)]
[Sea coast sounds/Crowd sounds - [Port Ambiance](#) (start 4.06)]

Uber driver (to self): I have to stop taking these fares. These people get weirder and weirder everyday.

SOUND: [Car drives away - [Car Drives Away](#)]

Scene 2 - IN LINE TO BOARD

SOUND: [Crowd chatting - [Crowd Chatter](#)]
[Ship horn - [Ship horn](#) (just one)]

Summer (to general passengers as they board ship): Welcome! We're so glad to have you aboard! Welcome to Holiday City Cruise Line, where everyday is a holiday! Hello, I love your blouse, you're in cabin 212 on the Vista deck.

Melissa: Oh my gosh, is that cruise director 12 years old or something?

Brian: Dude. She sounds so annoying. Kind of like how you were in high school.

Melissa: Shut up Brian!

SOUND: [Hitting someone with a purse - [Fist Hit Shoulder](#)]

We're up next.

SOUND: [Crowd chatting fades]

Summer: Welcome to Holiday City Cruise Line where everyday is a holiday! I'm Summer, the Cruise Director-in-Training. What are your names?

Melissa: We're the Roberts, Melissa and Brian Roberts.

Summer: Ok... let's see... hmm, we have several guests with that last name.

Brian: It's pretty common.

Summer: Oh here you are on the list. I have you in cabin 310 on the Riviera deck. It's one of our ocean view staterooms.

Melissa: Sounds lovely!

Brian: Do you have a map of this boat so we can find our room?

Summer: It's a ship. Not a boat. And you can find a map to your *cabin* on the app. Did you forget to download it?

Melissa: (heavy sigh) Don't worry, I downloaded it. We're all set.

Summer: Fabulous! I love it when guests are prepared! Sounds like you and I will be besties on this cruise!

Brian: She'd love that.

Melissa (annoyed): Let's get to our cabin.

SOUND: [Crowd chatting increase - [Crowd Chatter](#)]

[Hitting someone with purse -[Fist Hit Shoulder](#)]

Melissa (through clenched teeth): Brian! I am not going to hang out with that Millennial weirdo! We came here to avoid that type of thing.

Brian: Chill babe. Let's just find our room.

SOUND: [Footsteps on wood floor - [Footsteps - Bridge](#)]
[End Crowd Chatting]

Scene 3 - THE ROOM

SOUND: [Footsteps on carpet - [Footsteps - Carpet](#)]
[Luggage jostling sounds - [Luggage Sounds](#) (from 1.928)]

Melissa: Here we are. Do you have the keycard?

Brian: On it.

SOUND: [ASSIGNED SOUND, RETRO COIN - [Retro Coin](#)]
[Door open/Door close- [Door Open/Close](#)(from 0:13.561)]

Melissa: This is nice. Look at this ocean view.

Brian: Did you order something?

Melissa: No. Why?

Brian: There's this Christmas gift on the desk. I'm opening it.

Melissa: Hey, wait for me. It's so pretty! Look at the tiny white trees on the shiny green paper and the giant red bow!

SOUND: [Unwrapping ripping - [Rip Wrapping Paper](#)]

Brian: Yeah, that's what I said. It's a Christmas gift.

Melissa: Chocolates, coffee mugs

SOUND: [Cups put down - [Cups Put down](#)(from 1:36.464 to 1:41)],
jingle bell necklaces

SOUND:[Jingle bells - [Sleigh Bells](#) (from 0 to 0:01.17)]....

Ooo and an invitation to sit at the Captain's table for dinner tonight.

Brian: Do we have to? I was hoping to go to a buffet.

Melissa: Clean up and put your suit on. Dinner is in an hour.

Brian: Birthday? Swim? Which suit are we talking?

Melissa: Seriously? The jacket, khakis, and tie that I packed for you.

SOUND: [Knock on door- [Knock on Door \(Shave and a Haircut\)](#)]

[Door opens- [Door Opens](#)]

Summer: Hi kids! Just thought I'd drop off a paper map in case Mr. Roberts forgot his phone too.

SOUND: [Paper rustle - [Paper Rustle](#) (from 0:14.659 to 0:16)]

Melissa (abruptly): Thanks, Summer.

Summer: You're very welcome. Anything you need please reach out. See you at dinner!

SOUND: [Door closes - [Door close \(hotel\)](#)]

Melissa: I hope not.

Scene 4 - DINING ROOM

SOUND: [Crowd sounds. Dinner sounds (fancy) - [Restaurant crowd](#) (louder than fade)]

Brian: Wow! This is bigger than all the fast food joints in Sheboygan combined.

Melissa: Look at that chandelier!

Brian: Where do we sit?

Summer: Hello again. Right this way to the Captain's table.

Melissa: Oh - Summer, yes, hello again. Thanks.

Summer: It's my pleasure! I'm also sitting at the Captain's table. We can sit together!

Brian (mockingly excited): How wonderful!

Summer: I know, right?!?! We're having the Captain's favorite: Meatloaf and mashed potatoes.

Brian (super excited): Yes!

Summer: Here we are!

Melissa: Everyone's dressed so fancy. I feel so out of place.

Summer: You look great, Melissa! And so do you, Brian! Oh look - the Captain's about to speak.

SOUND: {Shushing sounds (will have to be several cast members)}

Restaurant crowd

Captain: Welcome aboard the Holiday City Cruise Line! I'm your Captain, Captain Henry Winter, and I'm honored to have you all as special guests at my table this evening. Please enjoy your meal and each other's company as we kick off the holidays together.

Restaurant crowd (up and then fade to background)]

Summer (to the Roberts): Which holidays are you two looking forward to celebrating? We have so many of them, all in different parts of the ship and on different days of the cruise.

Brian (excitedly): Thanksgiving! I can't wait for the buffet.

Melissa: I'm looking forward to the Valentine's night and the Christmas sing-a-long without *his* family.

Summer: And this year the Christmas sing-a-long is actually on Christmas.

Brian: How do we get our costumes for the Halloween ball? I want to be a pirate.

Melissa: Actually, I was hoping for something a little more romantic.

Summer: Ooo, like Romeo and Juliet?

Brian: Spaghetti and meatballs?

Melissa: Always so fixated on food. I might settle for peanut butter and jelly, I guess...

Summer: I'll see what's still available in the costume shop. Many guests pre-book their costumes.

Melissa: Oh no. How did I miss that on the pre-registration packet?

Summer: No worries! That's what besties are for.

SOUND: [Dinner Sounds fade out]

Scene 5 - FIREWORKS ON THE DECK

SOUND: [Footsteps on wood floor - [Footsteps - Bridge](#)]

Brian: That was the best meatloaf. Better than mom's. Better than yours. And those mashed potatoes were so creamy and smooth. How do they do that? Yours always has chunks. But the dessert. Chocolate volcano cake. How did they get it to run out like lava as they put it in front of us? This boat is amazing!

Melissa: Ship dear. It's not your cousin's pontoon boat. And you said you liked my mashed potatoes.

Brian: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Melissa: Let's head to the back of the ship. That's where they're shooting off the 4th of July fireworks. I think it starts in a few minutes.

SOUND: [Footsteps - Bridge](#) (with effect to sound faster)

SOUND: [Fireworks with crowd - [Fireworks With Crowd](#) (2:55 to 3:44)]

Melissa: They're so beautiful!

SOUND: [Fireworks fade]

Scene 6 - MORNING

SOUND: [CPAP noises - [CPAP Noises](#) (maybe Kristine could record better one)]

Melissa: Wake up sleepy head. I don't think I could take another minute of your CPAP. We have a big day ahead of us. We're pulling into the first port in Mexico in about an hour.

SOUND: [CPAP off. Put on table - [Put on Table](#) (From 0:15.849 to 0:21.889)]

Brian: **grunting** Oh, morning. Sorry babe. I think I was dreaming about meatloaf. Do you think there were any leftovers?

Melissa: Goof. Get up so we can get something to eat before we get off the ship.

Brian: Oh yeah. The continental breakfast is this morning. Do you think they'll have one of those waffle makers like hotels have?

Melissa: I think they'll have a little bit of everything. Let's go.

SOUND: [Door opens/closes - [Door Open/Close](#) (from 0:13.561)]

Scene 7 - MEXICO

SOUND: [Market sounds - [Market in Mexico](#)] (Insert random people yelling prices and products in Spanish?)

Brian: Have you ever seen so much homemade crap?

Melissa: Brian! These are artisans. Look at this beautiful blouse.

Brian: I don't need a blouse. And you have too many clothes.

Melissa: It would look great on you! I wish I would have paid more attention in Spanish class in high school. I feel like such a tourist trying to speak to everyone in English.

Brian: I remember a few words... Dos cervezas, por favor.

Melissa: Brian. Brian! Is that your cousin Holly?

Brian: What? Where?

Melissa: Over there by the flower stand.

Brian: Couldn't be. She's allergic. Remember?

Melissa: I swear it looked just like her. Even her crazy hair.

Brian: Hey, you want to get some tacos at that bar over there?

Melissa: We just had breakfast!

Summer: They do have the best tacos.

Brian: See, even your bestie thinks we should get tacos.

Melissa: Where did you come from?

Summer: Off the ship, duh. I have to make sure my passengers have the best experiences possible.

Melissa (under her breath): Well, you're doing a lousy job.

Brian: Hey Summer, you want to go get tacos with me while the wife shops?

Summer: It would be my pleasure.

SOUND: [Fade Market sounds]

Scene 8 - LOVER'S NIGHT

SOUND: Piano bar music. Classy bar sounds -Night in Venice - Incompetech, Crowd sounds]

Melissa: Thanks for remembering to meet me at the bar. I thought you'd show up with Dummer, I mean Summer.

Brian: I wouldn't forget my Valentine. This is pretty swanky for Lover's night in a boat bar.

Melissa: I love just flying through all these holidays in one week. Look - they gave us a box of Valentine chocolates and some conversation hearts!

SOUND: [Shakes box of candy - [Shakes Box](#) (From 0:07.44 to 0:08.5)]

Brian: I'm just here for the drinks... and you. Oh look - they have a bowl of mixed nuts out. Pass those puppies my way!

SOUND: [Slide bowl on table - [Bowl on Wooden Table](#) (From 0:12.43 to 0:14.697)]

Melissa: You are a nut. But you're my favorite.

Brian: Salty. Give me a smooch.

SOUND: Kiss sounds - [Kiss](#)]

Summer: Aww. You guys are adorable!

Melissa (perturbed): Hello Summer.

Summer: I'm so glad I ran into you! I found the cutest costumes for you!

Melissa: We're kind of busy..

Summer (interrupting): I found a set of koala bear outfits. How cute would that be?!?!

Brian: I don't think they're bears.

Melissa: How'd you get so smart all of a sudden?

Brian: It was on my feed.

Summer: O-M-G! I am so sending you friend requests when I get back to my room!!!

Melissa: I don't think koalas are the right fit for us. Got anything a little more... human?

Brian: And sexy?

Summer: I can keep looking. You haven't even ordered drinks yet. You have to try the Cupid's Flaming Arrow. That's Vinnie's signature Valentine drink.

Summer (over her shoulder): Hey Vinnie! I need 3 Flaming Arrows over here.

Vinnie: Coming right up, babe.

Melissa: Um, 3?

Summer: Yeah. I just finished my shift so I figured I'd join you guys for a drink.

Brian (slightly amused): Cool.

Summer: Melissa, you seem upset.

Melissa (through clenched teeth): I'm fine Summer. I enjoy having extra people at my Valentine's celebration with my husband.

Summer (oblivious to Melissa's anger): Great! I love this holiday and rarely get to celebrate it with friends!

Vinnie: 3 Cupid's Flaming Arrows!

SOUND: [Glasses put down - [Glasses on Table](#)]

[Sound of flame- [Lighting a Fire](#)]

Be careful of the flames.

SOUND: [Bar with Piano fades]

Scene 9 - THANKSGIVING

SOUND: [CPAP put down - [CPAP Put Down](#) (From 0:15.849 to 0:21.889)]

Brian: Thanks for letting me sleep in babe. Those Cupid Arrow things were no joke.

Melissa: I can't believe we actually slept until noon. Thank goodness it's a full day of sailing on the ship. It'd be a great day to get a quick bite and people watch by the pool all day.

Brian: Which day is it?

Melissa: I think it's Tuesday??

Brian: Oh my god! It's all day Thanksgiving buffet day. Why'd you let me sleep in?

Melissa: Again with the food!!! A Thanksgiving buffet does sound delicious. Do you think they'll have sweet potatoes or just regular mashed?

Brian: They do make a mean mashed potato here. Let's go!

SOUND: [Door open/closed - [Door Open/Close](#) (from 0:13.561)]

{2-3 second pause}

SOUND: [Pool \(outdoor\)](#)

Melissa: That pumpkin pie at the buffet was amazing! It was better than your grandma's pie.

Brian: Nothing beats grandma's pie. But I could hit the buffet a couple more times today.

Melissa: It was really good! I'm stuffed though. Let's sit by the pool here and do some people watching. I'm hoping to relax today... and avoid Summer if we can.

SOUND: [Butts sitting on vinyl lounge chairs - [Sit on Vinyl Chair](#)]

Brian: Did you see that couple at the tiki bar?

Melissa: What couple?

Brian: I swear they looked like my aunt Lucy and uncle Richie.

Melissa: You're just thinking about your family too much. It's the food. Are you starting to miss them? Did we make the right decision to ditch them?

Brian: I love my family but we needed to get away. Just once isn't gonna kill them. What is with all these guys in speedos?

Melissa: Nevermind that - is that Summer in a Pilgrim outfit coming our way?!?

Brian: Crap. I didn't know they dressed the part too.

Summer: Hi Brian! Hi Missy! Is it ok that I call you "Missy"? You just look so much like a "Missy"!

Brian: I tell her that all the time.

Melissa: (swallows forcefully) uh, sure. Whatever.

Brian: So Summer. How long did you stay at the bar last night?

Summer: Just a bit to finish my drink and then I had to go get ready for Thanksgiving!

Melissa: So you were prepping the Thanksgiving meal drunk at like 2am??

Summer: I don't do the meals silly. But I do have to make sure all the fun activities are ready for you.

Brian: Hey, Summer, remember when we got on the boat the first day and you said there were others on board with the last name Roberts?

Summer: Oh yes! You mean the ship. We tend to get lots of people with similar last names on the ship. Smith, Jones, Johnson, Taylor ...

Brian (interrupting): Any of the Roberts from the Midwest, like from Wisconsin or Minnesota?

Summer: Oh, I couldn't share any of that information on our guests.

Brian: Huh. Melissa and I have both had weird experiences where we've thought we've seen relatives of mine on the boat.

Summer: Ship.

Melissa: The one I saw was when we were at port in Mexico.

Summer (hesitates): Oh really? That's really weird? Well, uh, I gotta get back to the port side of the Lido deck. I'm running the turkey toss. See you later.

SOUND: [Quick steps away- [Footsteps](#) - Bridge] (Sped up)

Melissa: Was that weird? Did she get weird when we asked about others on the ship?

Brian: Hasn't she been weird this whole time? You know what? I'm going to hit the buffet again. I'll see you later.

SOUND: [Footsteps on wood floor - [Footsteps - Bridge](#)]

Melissa (yelling after him): I don't see how you can eat any more after all you packed away an hour ago! I'm going to stay at the pool a while longer.

[Pool sounds fading]

Scene10 - IT'S EASTER

SOUND: [Toilet flushes - [Toilet Flushes](#)]

Brian: Honey? Do we have anything for my stomach? I think I ate too much yesterday.

Melissa: Give me a minute to wake up and I'll check my bag.

SOUND: [Sound of covers - [Bed sheets rustling](#) (From 0:21)]

[Footsteps on carpet - [Footsteps on Carpet](#)]

[Rustling in luggage - [Rustling in Luggage](#)]

Melissa: I'm not seeing anything that would help your stomach. Do you think we can get some on the ship?

Brian: Maybe we should call Summer?

Melissa: Heck no.

Brian: Well, could you go out and get me something?

Melissa: Fine. I'll call Summer.

SOUND: [Phone call - [Phone dialing](#) (Until 0:22.725)] (Telephone effect on Summer)

Summer: Hello. This is Summer. How can I make your holiday?

Melissa: Hi Summer. You said to call you if we needed anything.

Summer: Of course! What can I do for you Missy?

Melissa: Brian ate too much yesterday and needs some tummy medicine. **(disgusted)** And I could use some air freshener for the bathroom.

Summer: Oh my goodness! That poor guy. Of course I'll get some right over to you.

Melissa: I appreciate it. Goodbye.

SOUND: [Phone set down - [Phone hangup](#)]

Melissa: Summer will bring you your medicine while I go on the Easter Egg hunt. I'm not missing that because you had to hit the buffet 6 times in one day. They are giving away a free cruise if you find the golden egg!

Brian: Sounds good to me.

SOUND: [Footsteps on carpet - [Footsteps on Carpet](#)]

SOUND: [Door opens/closes - [Door Opens/Closes](#) (from 0:13.561)]

Scene 11 - CASINO

SOUND: [Dinner (light) - [Light Dinner](#)]

Brian: You were so right to have a light dinner tonight. I slept most of the time while you were at the Easter egg hunt. Did you win anything?

Melissa: I tried, but I was distracted. Every time I turned around I thought I saw a member of your family. I was this close to getting the golden egg and your mom was right there. At least it looked like her and it freaked me out.

Brian: That's so weird. She hates boats.

Melissa: I know! It's freaking me out a bit. And I was so close to getting that egg! I'm still feeling lucky. Let's finish eating and head to the casino!

SOUND: [Forks returned to plate - [Forks on Plate](#) (From 0:06.613)]

[Chairs pushing from table - [Chairs Pushed](#)]

SOUND: [Footsteps on wood - [Footsteps on Wood](#)]

[Casino ambience - [Casino Ambiance](#).]

Scene 12 - THE BAHAMAS

SOUND: [Sea - [Sea](#)]

[Walking on pavement - [Walking on Pavement](#)]

[City - [City](#)]

[Fade out Seacoast sounds]

Melissa: OK - the map says to turn right here. Watch your step, Brian, there's a big crack in the sidewalk.

Brian: Ope! Got it.

Melissa: Wait - it's actually to the left on Prison Lane.

Brian: Well, lock me up. Prison in the Bahamas sounds like a great time.

Melissa: Hurry up! I want to see the Queen's Staircase.

Brian: What's so special about a bunch of stairs?

Melissa: Because it's a major landmark and we're tourists. And it's free. Come on.

Brian: Fine.

Melissa: You'll like it. After this we can head back to the ship and get ready for the Halloween Costume ball. We still have to get our costumes from Summer.

Brian: Yeah, she'll probably dress us up like a cat and mouse.

Melissa: Well, if I would've paid more attention to the pre-registration it would be taken care of.

Brian: It's odd that you would miss something like that. Hey - look over there! By that food truck.

Melissa: What? We just ate.

Brian: No! That guy by the truck, wait, he just walked away. I swear he looked like my uncle Joe!

Melissa: I think the heat's getting to you. Let's check out these stairs and then head back to the ship.

SOUND: [Fade out city sounds]

Scene 13 - HALLOWEEN BALL

SOUND: [Party sounds - [Party](#)] [Haunted Organ](#) (intro) [Theremin](#) (loop under dialog)

Melissa: Ugh! I can't believe we ended up as a pimp and a hooker. What was Summer thinking?!?

Brian: I think you look hot. And this is the best smoking jacket. Let's get this party started.

Melissa: Let's grab a drink quick so I can forget about how short this dress is.

Brian: Let's roll baby.

Aunt Lucy (talking in background): Anybody know where the bathroom is around here, eh?

Melissa: Hey - did you hear that clown talking back there? I swear they sounded like your aunt Lucy. Didn't you think you saw Lucy at the pool on the Lido deck the other day?

Brian: You're losing your mind, babe, and you haven't even started drinking. Hey look - there's Summer!

Melissa: Oh great. Now I really have a reason to drink.

Summer: Boo! Hahaha. Just kidding. I'm a princess. I don't say boo.

Brian: You look great, Summer.

Melissa: Excuse me?

Brian: What? I already told you that you look hot.

Summer: Are you enjoying the Halloween ball? We worked hard on the decorations. Lots of streamers, skeletons, and assorted scary things.

Melissa: I love the purple and black of it all. However did you come up with *these* costumes, Summer?

Summer: They were actually the last ones left. Thank goodness they fit you so well.

Brian: I think they're great.

Summer: Thanks, Brian. You know, you should really try the goblin punch. It's my favorite. It's over by the buffet.

Brian: Buffet? Woman after my own heart.

Melissa: Yeah, let's go check that out.

SOUND: [Footsteps on wood floor - [Footsteps on Wood Floor](#)]
[Party and music fading.]

Scene 14 - ROCKING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

SOUND: [CPAP sounds - [CPAP Sounds](#)]

Melissa: Merry Christmas! We made it to Christmas on the ship!! I'm so excited for today! This is what we've been waiting for!

SOUND: [CPAP off. Put on table - [CPAP Put Down](#) (From 0:15.849 to 0:21.889)]

Brian: Merry Christmas.

Melissa: Get up, sleepy head! They're serving gingerbread pancakes and lattes on the promenade deck. After that is the Christmas Sing-a-Long and cookie decorating! Here - put this on!

Brian: Seriously? I thought the whole point of not going to my family Christmas was to not wear stupid stuff like this.

Melissa: This is nothing compared to the awful antlers and red noses your family makes us wear. It's a classic ugly Christmas sweater. Hurry up! Get ready. I don't want to miss this!

SOUND: [Dressing - [Getting Dressed](#)]
[Jingle bells from necklaces - [Jingle Bells](#) (from 0 to 01.17)]
[Door opens/closes - [Door Open/Closes](#) (from 0:13.561)]
[Footsteps carpet - [Footsteps on Carpet](#)]

Melissa: I can't wait to see the giant Christmas tree. It looked huge in the brochure.

Brian: You know, I'm actually getting kind of excited for this. It really could be fun! I'm so happy to be here with just *you* on Christmas.

SOUND: [We Wish You a Merry Christmas (music getting louder) - [We Wish You a Merry Christmas](#)] and [Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas](#)
[soften music to background]

Melissa (audible gasp at seeing the tree)

Brian: Wow! That looks bigger than that tree in New York City.

Melissa: How did they get it in here?? And it smells wonderful. Like pine trees and candy canes. Let's go decorate cookies.

Brian: Yes! Then we can eat them! I'm really loving this cruise. They have sugar cookies, gingerbread men, all colors of frosting, sprinkles, and those bead-like things you love.

Melissa: I'm going to decorate a tree shaped cookie.

Brian: I'll grab a gingerbread man. Mmm.

SOUND: [Sounds of sprinkles - [Sprinkles](#)]

Melissa: I'm done with mine. Look how cute it is! I made a little yellow star out of sprinkles for the top of the tree.

Brian: Look at mine. I didn't want to cover him up too much so I put some little balls and a leaf on it.

Melissa: Oh Brian.

SOUND: [Classic sitcom laugh track - [Laugh Track](#)]

Summer: Guess what guys. I got you a present.

Melissa: Where'd you come from???

Summer: From behind the Christmas tree, silly! I couldn't let Christmas pass without getting a gift for my bestie and my favorite guy!

Melissa: Excuse me? What?!?

Summer: I'm talking about you two! You've both just been so nice to me and I wanted to arrange something special for you!

Brian: Gee, thanks Summer.

Summer: Ok - close your eyes! **(Pause a moment)** Now open them!!!

Aunt Lucy: Surprise!!

Group of people: Merry Christmas!

Summer: Turns out you *are* related to all the Roberts on the ship! Isn't that wonderful?

[Holiday music stops]

SOUND: [\[Record Scratch\]](#) signaling abrupt end]

Outro:

You've been listening to "Holiday City Cruise Line" by Danielle Lienau and Patience Weinberger

Featuring Andy Higgins as Brian Roberts, Ship's Captain Henry Winter, Vinnie and Aunt Lucy

Kristine Switzer as Melissa Roberts

and Susie Toman as Summer and the Uber Driver

Music included: Our theme song "Ghost Dance", by Kevin McLeod, Incompetech.com, under a Creative Commons license. Check out our show notes for a complete listing of credits for all our sound effects.

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If you want to hear more from Susie and Kristine, be sure to check their podcast "Scary Movie Book Club" where every month she and Kristine Switzer read a horror story, watch the corresponding movie, and discuss which did it better. This month's episode is their Year in Review episode. It can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Podbean and just about any app you usually use to listen to your podcasts.

Wavemakers Audioplays are recorded and edited by me, Hilarie Mukavitz, in the Wavemakers Studios here in the Malibu of the Midwest, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Be sure to join us next year on January 13th as we blast off into space with "Mug and Flab Purchase a Rocket Booster." Thanks for listening. Until next time, keep making waves!