

PLAY #12 POSITIVE SPHERES

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CHARACTERS

BILKO

A clown.

WICKI

Another clown. His friend.

POSITIVE SPHERES

(At Rise: BILKO speaks with WICKI. They are at a crossroads.)

BILKO

I'm not going down that road Wicki. That road will lead us into a huge implosion. Of everything we ever held dear.

WICKI

How do you know this?

BILKO

That's what it did the last time we went down that road. Remember?

WICKI

Roads can lead to different places, Bilko. This road does not just go to one place. We do not have to go to the place we went to the last time.

BILKO

I certainly hope not.

WICKI

No. We do not have to go there.

BILKO

Because that was a really bad place.

WICKI

We can still go down this road and not go to that place. There are other places to go down that road.

BILKO

Why don't we try the other road? Why do you insist on putting us in danger?!

WICKI

We have no idea what is down this other road! We have never been down there before. It is a complete mystery!

BILKO

I love mysteries.

WICKI

That's what got us into trouble the last time. Your love of mysteries.

(The sound of a bus in the distance.)

BILKO

What is it?

(WICKI goes to look.)

It's not what I think it is, is it?

WICKI

It's a bus.

BILKO

Oh no!

WICKI

Why don't we let the bus decide which way to go?

BILKO

We don't even know where the bus has been. Or where it came from. How can we let it decide where we're going?

WICKI

Because it's mysterious. How about that?

BILKO

No.

WICKI

I'm going to get on this bus.

BILKO

You're gonna go without me? Everything we've been through?

WICKI

You're coming with me.

BILKO

No, I'm not!

WICKI

Wait a minute.

(WICKI goes and looks. The sound of the bus has faded.)

It turned off.

BILKO
It's gone?

WICKI
Now what are we going to do?

BILKO
Thank god.

WICKI
It was our last chance.

BILKO
For a trip to hell!

WICKI
We need to do something. We need to figure out our next step. We cannot go back.

BILKO
No. We certainly can't.

WICKI
Well, what then?

BILKO
We could take the middle road.

WICKI
There is no middle road.

BILKO
I mean bush whack.

WICKI
You would rather bush whack than start off down the road we already know?! That is completely wrong.

BILKO
I don't like that road!

WICKI
We are not going to bush whack. We will do it your way. We will go down the new road.

BILKO
Really? You mean it?

WICKI

We have to push ourselves out of this...

BILKO

This what?

WICKI

This circle. This sphere.

BILKO

Push what?

WICKI

This place. This not so nice place. It is better the bus never came.

BILKO

Why?

WICKI

There are other people on the bus.

BILKO

You see? It is better.

(They're happy they're finally in agreement.)

WICKI

They can tell where we come from. And where we are. And they would drop in on us. And take us somewhere we do not want to go. That is what I mean. We have to push this out of us. Create a bubble around ourselves.

BILKO

Right! A bubble?

WICKI

Yes! A sphere of positivity! So we attract more positive things.

BILKO

I think I get it. Think positive.

WICKI

That's right.

BILKO

Well, okay... Let's go then. Let's start off. Oh...

Happy mystery!

WICKI

Okay. So. Down the new road. Here we go...

(WICKI tentatively steps down the new road. He takes a few steps. But BILKO stops. WICKI turns around.)

What are you waiting for?

BILKO

I can't.

WICKI

What do you mean you can't? I've already done it! I've started down the new road!

BILKO

Don't yell at me! I'm trying to stay positive. And I can't do that when you yell at me.

WICKI

Okay. Then don't yell at me for yelling at you.

BILKO

I don't feel that we're in a positive sphere.

WICKI

Then push it away.

BILKO

I'm pushing.

WICKI

There! See! See that?! Ahah! Yes!

BILKO

I feel it! Okay.

WICKI

Okay? Now... Step.

(BILKO steps down the new road.)

See? It wasn't so bad. Was it?

BILKO

No.

WICKI

You see?

BILKO

Wicki?

WICKI

What, Bilko?

BILKO

This seems a lot like the last road we went down.

WICKI

Oh no! Whose idea was this?

BILKO

I know, but...

WICKI

Do not think that way. We have made this decision together. We are moving forward. Together. Okay?

(They move down the new road together.)

LIGHTS FADE

END OF PLAY