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INT. TOY MAKING ROOM - DONNY'S CAMERA POV - DAY

JEFFREY (80) sits behind a bench cluttered with toy parts. He wears a traditional red and green elfin outfit and smock.

Shelves of rocking horses line the wall. Elves walk by in the background.

JEFFREY

I've been making rocking horses for over 120 years. Proud of that.

Still looking at the camera, he slaps together toy parts. A rocking horse, in no time flat!

He puts it aside, along with a dozen or so other horses, and works on the next one.

JEFFREY

Most elves work on a variety of toys. Rocking horses. Choo-choo's, dolls. But not this elf.

Passing elves in the background look at Donny's camera POV. Some wave. Others make faces and victory signs.

JEFFREY

On occasion, I'll visit the painting department and paint the horses too, but most times, I'm happy staying right here.

He completes another rocking horse.

CARRUTHERS (O.S.)

What is it about horses you like?

JEFFREY

Oh, what's not to like? Horses are beautiful creatures. And, with a bit of imagination, a rocking horse can be as good as the real thing.

He plays with the horse. He rocks it on the bench. He rears it on its hind legs.

JEFFREY

You can put a doll on it. Or a toy soldier. Or just have it run around free.

He puts it aside and starts on the next one.

BERNIE and CLYDE, two burley-looking elves step up from behind as Jeffrey works on another horse. Bernie grabs him in a friendly choke hold.

BERNIE

Jeffrey, here, can turn out more horses than any other elf!

CLYDE

Requires a lot of *stable* thinking to do that.

BERNIE

Stable thinking! I got that!

Clyde slips a Barbie doll head in a pile of horse heads.

JEFFREY

(uncomfortable)

Err, thanks guys.

BERNIE

We're just proud of ya, Jeffrey.

He slaps Jeffrey on the back.

CLYDE

You're an elf among men!

The two leave. Jeffrey turns to the camera as he continues his work.

JEFFREY

(awkward)

As you can see, we're all a pretty friendly bunch.

He slaps the doll's head onto the horse's body.

JEFFREY

We work together. We play together. We--

He completes the horse and looks at it.

Confusion grows on his face as he stares at the doll head. He looks around. LAUGHTER is heard in the background.

JEFFREY

Gee whiz, fellas. My mom might see this.