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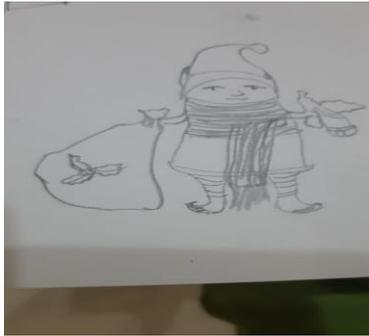
Santa

You've always thought Santa gives the gifts to the children. The elves do! At least some of them. Alabaster Snowball, Bushy Evergreen and Gracie Icesticks. She's new. Santa just sits on a couch all day. The old Santa was sweet and kind. He was delivering the presents to the kids every Christmas.

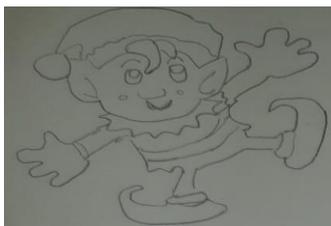
Christmas is on 25th December, so there is plenty of time to prepare for Christmas. Then I check the calendar, It's 20th December! I groaned as I blasted out at the mike "Please gather at the Assembly Hall now. It's urgent." Did I say I was in the Control room? Anyways, I ran into the assembly hall. After a long search I realized a number of elves were missing and felt an irritation surge run through me as I grabbed the mike once again and said " May someone please inform Gracie Icesticks, Shiny Upatree, Julie and Morgan to come to the Assembly Hall at once." Alabaster sprang his hand up and said, "I'll do it!". He ran out of the room without another word and ran back in a second with Gracie Icesticks, Shiny Upatree, Julie and Morgan trailing behind them their faces not too eager with the bucket load of work dumped on us this summer.

Then I said "Today is the 20th December. We don't have much time

until Christmas. And, as there are so many nice children in the world this year, we are going to need everybody doing their job. We will also need everyone to help deliver presents this year as Santa is too lazy.” They nodded and ran out of the room, obviously in a big hurry to finish the truck load of work assigned to each of them.



I went into toy making room. Oh! It was a HUGE mess. I wasn't really surprised and mad at myself for getting my hopes high. I just decided to leave as I felt there was nothing left for me to do. I went to the reindeer cleaning room, and it was quite clean even though they were still cleaning the reindeer. I left the room because I didn't have any duty there. Then there was the wrapping room. They were doing a lot better than the rest. I still left because my one job was to check how the elves was doing. Then I went to the sleigh and grinned as I found It shining. After another tedious 4 days, we were finally ready. We gathered everyone to get on the sleigh.





On Dasher!

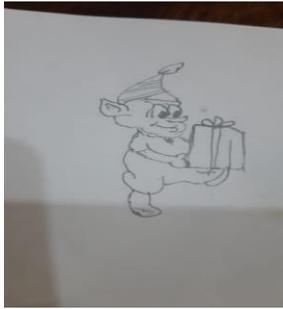
I called everyone to the Assembly Hall. I said "Today we need everyone on the sleigh". They just stared at me with blank faces. "Move your butts elves!" Then they dashed out of the room. So did I.

When I reached, Gracie Icesticks got on the sleigh as she was the elf in charge of the sleigh. Then she said "On Dasher, On Dancer, On Prancer, On Vixen, On Comet, On Cupid, On Donner, On Blixen!" Then we rose into the sky. We flew into Russia. I decided to check my watch. It was 9:00 P.M! It looked like the elves already knew because the sleigh was getting faster. "Hold on tight!" said Gracie Icesticks.

We flew towards the first house. Then Bushy Evergreen, Sugarplum Mary and Treefor Logan went down the chimney. After a while they came back. The same thing went on for the rest of Russia. It even continued for the rest of the world. Not Antarctica.

By the time we finished it was 11:59 P.M. Then we headed back to the North Pole. As we got closer and closer, a blizzard started. We have had many blizzards, but this one was the strongest one! We landed on some trees. We were too tired to move it. So, we just waited. We could

have had some hot chocolate, but we didn't bring any. We waited for at least a day. Then the blizzard was gone. Gracie Icesticks got on the sleigh and said "On Dasher, On Dancer, On Prancer, On Vixen, On Comet, On Cupid, On Donner, On Blixen!" We rose into the sky once again.



After 3 hours, we reached the North Pole. I fell off the sleigh. But The snow was so soft. I slept right there.

It took me five hours to Wake up. To be honest, it took me five minutes to get up. There was loud screaming. I went closer to the source of the sound. I shouldn't have though. My ear drums couldn't take it anymore.





Great Revenge

Luckily, that screaming stopped. But I decided to go closer.

The sound was from Santa's house! I rang his bell and hid.

He opened the door. When he saw nobody, he closed it.

While he was closing the door, I secretly entered the house. He was watching some television. Then I walked towards him. I fell into a deep hole. He was printing money! No wonder he never used to deliver presents. He hid it from us. No surprise.

How did he get out of this place?

I searched around the place. I found a ladder in the corners. But I also wanted him to stop making money. I found a hammer right beside me. Then, I tried destroying all of the machines.

It was too strong! As I tried and tried, I didn't realize that Santa locked me in the room. I went up the ladder and tried to open the door. Oh right, it was locked. He should work for the International Villain Association/IVA. Then something popped up in my mind, keys, KEYS!

If you go on a vacation, you always lock the doors. Same with this.

It was hard to find anything. The room was so dark! Luckily, I brought my phone with me.

I turned on the flashlight. All I could see were machines. I looked closer. I could see a triangular key! I took the key. I still wasn't able to stop him from making money. Then I remembered that every elf has a special power. Mine was Technology. I didn't see how that was useful. Then I saw tiny tablets on top of the machine. I could hack into the system and stop them from making money. The machines were on the ceiling. Then I made a desktop and made it float. I got on and made it go Higher until I could reach the tablets. I did all that and the machines stopped making money. Now it was time to escape. I climbed up the ladder and unlocked the door. I escaped. Santa was seriously right in front of me. Then he ran. I have no idea about why he ran,



but I know he is not coming back. If we are lucky, we may get a new Santa.



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Blurk

Santa is the boss around here. But he doesn't do any work. It started out like a normal day. We got ready for Christmas. After delivering all the presents, Santa became very suspicious. Can we uncover what no good Santa was up to?

