

SANTA'S PALACE SOMERSET STAGE - CHRISTMAS EVE

A lone elf walks into view in front of Santa's Palace. She is frantic with worry. She paces nervously back and forth.

ELF

I have great big problem.
It's something you should know. I cannot find the reindeer,
that makes his nose glow.
I've looked high and low and he's no where to be seen.
I'm afraid to tell Santa,
we're missing part of his team.
Oh, would you please help me,
I'm lost as lost can be,
I need some very smart children
to help save Christmas Eve!
Will you all help?

(Waits for a response.)

You will? Really?

(Waits once again.)

Oh fantastic! I knew I could count on you all to make this happen.
Now, before we go any further, I have to make you official Santa's little
helpers. Is that okay with you?

(Waits for the response.)

Alright great! Get on your feet. Wiggle your elf ears, shake your knees, and clap your hands. Great! Again. Wiggle your elf ears, shake your knees, and clap your hands! Great now put your finger against your nose like this and repeat after me:

I'm a little helper

(I'm a little helper)

I'm helpful as can be

(I'm helpful as can be)

Because as a Santa helper

(Because as a Santa helper)

To help makes me happy

(To help makes me happy).

Alright give yourselves a big round of applause. I now deem you Official Santa's Little Helpers, one and all. Okay, now let's get to the business at hand. We've got a big problem. We are only moments away from Santa's take-off and I can't find the leader of the his sleigh team. That's right! Rudolph is missing!

(DRAMATIC SOUND-EFFECT?)

Now, little helpers does anyone have any ideas on how we might get Rudolph's attention so that we can get ready for Santa's big night?

(Waits for response. A staff member can be sure to prompt our performer with "Sing Rudolph's song" if we don't get from the kids after a few moments)

Did I hear someone say sing Rudolph's famous song?

(Response)

That's most fan-ta-bu-lous idea, I've heard all day. Hmm. Why didn't I think of that? Alright, will you please help me sing Rudolph's song? I pretty sure if I sing it all by myself it won't be as effective.

SONG: RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

(NOTE: We can the REINDEER VOICES with LIVE ACTORS back stage as last year. It will require a little rehearsal on the part of our REINDEER PERFORMERS to be able to interact with our ELF PERFORMER.)

RUDOLPH

Hey did I hear my song?

(Response)

What are all these people doing here?

ELF

They are waiting for you Rudolph. We were worried sick about you. What are you doing? We have to get ready for the big day.

RUDOLPH

Oh. Didn't you hear. I'm no longer pulling the sleigh for Santa. I'm a biker now. The open road called my named and I answered.

(COACH COMET enters)

COACH COMET

Did I hear Rudolph's voice over here?

ELF

Coach Comet. What are you doing here?

COMET

Looking for Rudolph, of course. (To Rudolph) C'mon kid, we got to get ready for the big game tonight! Where have you been? You haven't been playing any reindeer games. I noticed you stopped clocking hours on the flight simulator. What's the big idea?

RUDOLPH

Don't you guys get it? The open road called and I answered

ELF/ COMET

What!

RUDOLPH

I think its time for me to retire from this whole Christmas thing. I'm moving on to the next phase of my life. You know Christmas is sometimes called Xmas. Right?

ELF

Sure.

RUDOLPH

Well, I'm switching to X-Sports. I'm gonna' be the best high-flying biker on the circuit. It's a perfect fit for me since I've already got tons of air time experience. You see the open road has called

ELF

and you answered!

RUDOLPH

Exactly.

COMET

Oh, boy. The kid's done plumb lost his mind. Get your head out of the clouds kid. Wait. Actually, get your head back in the clouds. We got a job to do tonight. What's a team without it's star player?

ELF

This is not good. Hey everyone. I said, hey everyone!

(Response.)

ELF

We need your help. Rudolph has apparently forgot how wonderful and important Christmas is to everyone. Will you help us remind him?

(Response.)

And I know just the thing that will help him get back into the Christmas spirit.

I need of you to sing along by saying ding dong, like this

Ding, dong!

Ding, Dong!

(She replicates the melody of the song "The Most Wonderful Time of The Year", and we will play an instrumental version simultaneously).

SONG: IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

(As the children chant "Ding, Dong" ELF will sing/speak the lyrics of the song to Rudolph).

COMET

Surely, that got Rudolph in the holiday spirit.

RUDOLPH

A little bit, but guys are you listening to me I'm really passionate about bright future as a motor star.

COMET

But you already are a star, and beloved by children all over the world.

ELF

Isn't that right everybody?

(Response.)

ELF

Ooo. I know the song that always gets me in a jolly mood. And I'm gonna' need your help. Does anybody no the song Jingle Bells. Raise your hand if you know that song!

(Response)

Wonderful. Alrighty then, on the count of three we're going to sing that song together. A one and a-two and a-three!

SONG: JINGLE BELLS

RUDOLPH

That is a nice song. Ooo, and it gives me a great idea. Maybe we can get that horse in the song to pull Santa's sleigh this year. The song does say that it is fun to ride in a one horse open sleigh.

COMET

Oh, its hopeless. We'll never get Santa back on schedule now.

(COMET rushes away in a huff.

NOTE: Hoping we can get him to the top of the roof in time from here. If not no biggie.)

ELF

Oh, don't worry everyone. I think I know exactly what to do. We're gonna' have to call in someone very special to convince Rudolph. The big guy, himself. Are you all ready to see Santa?

(Response)

I can't hear you!

(Response)

Boys and Girls

Mas, and Pas

Get ready

for wonder and awe!

Give a round of a applause

for the

Santa Claus!

(Applause)

MUSIC EFFECT: SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN???

(The doors swing wide open to reveal Santa in all of his glory.)

SANTA

Ho, ho, ho. Merry Christmas everybody.

(RESPONSE)

SANTA

Are you all ready for the big day?

(Response)

Have you all been good boys and girls.

(Response)

Very good!

ELF

Santa! Santa! We have an emergency. Rudolph says he won't be guiding your sleigh tonight!

SANTA

What? Rudolph? Whatever do you mean?

ELF

You've got to convince him to fly tonight. We've tried everything.

RUDOLPH

(Shyly)

Oh, hey Santa. I meant to tell you about it. I guess it just slip my mind.

You see I'm a biker now.

SANTA

Oh Rudolph, that's wonderful. I love to ride Harley Davidsons myself.

RUDOLPH

Really.

SANTA

Oh, yes, I rode when here last year. Motorbikes are great fun. But

Rudolph?

RUDOLPH

Yes Santa?

SANTA

I need you to remember something. Christmas is the one day out of the year where everyone around the world is focused on giving to one another. Christmas is about others, not yourself. The true spirit of Christmas is the Spirit of Giving. That is the most important thing to all of us in the North Pole, being great givers.

ELF

Right Rudolph. Now is your chance to give your gift for leading brightly, and flight to all the children of the world. Giving our gifts is what really makes the world a better place.

RUDOLPH

Oh, geez, you're right. I can't believe I was going to be selfish on the most important day of the year. Santa long ago you gave me a chance to fly your sleigh when no one else would. I can never thank you enough for that. You know what, one day of not doing what I want is not the end of the world. In fact I love the way I feel after we've giving so many gifts.

ELF

So what are you saying Rudolph?

RUDOLPH

I'm saying, you can count me in! I got some serious giving to do. Let's get to work.

SONG: HAVE YOUR SELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

(I'm thinking of employing a choir this year to sing the last two songs to give it some gravity and energy)

ELF

Well Santa, you're really running out of time. You got to get up there to your sleigh. But in order for Santa to get up there, we'll need a little magic from everyone here to make it happen.

Everyone raise your right pointer finger in the air. And when I count to three you will shout "I believe in Santa Clause" and then give a little flick of your nose just like this. Right Santa? Can you show us how it's done when you go up the chimney?

(SANTA gives a demonstration.)

Great. So when I count to three everyone will say, I believe in Santa, raise your finger and give a flick of your nose just like Santa. 1-2-3.

I BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS!

(After everyone flicks, the smoke machine should go off, hiding Santa, and then he miraculously appears on the roof. As before we will do this a three times, and tease the audience, and on the third time the smoke machine will go off!)

SANTA ON THE ROOF: SMOKE MACHINE

ELF

Did it work? Where did Santa go? Does anyone see Santa? What's that Clarice? You see Santa? Where do you see him? Oh Great! There he is right where he should be on the roof with his sleigh.

(Rudolph points at the roof. SANTA and COMET are up there now)

ELF

Wow! That worked really quickly. You all must really believe in Santa Claus. That was great! Give yourselves a big hand. Now everybody give a big wave to Santa. Now on the count of three we gonna' say "Merry Christmas Santa have a safe trip." Are you ready? 1-2-3.

(MERRY CHRISTMAS SANTA, HAVE A SAFE TRIP.)

We did it everyone. Thank you so much for your help. You were great Santa's Little helpers today.

RUDOLPH

Good bye everyone, I got to get to work!

(Response. RUDOLPH exits.)

ELF

Bye Rudolph. Alright Santaland Singers. Take it away!

SONG: WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

ELF

Thank you everyone for coming out tonight. Have a very Merry Christmas! Don't forget your milk and cookies. Bye!

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