Let's Kill Santa

Dramatis Personae

Qwerty

Bames Jond Any guesses for who this is parodying? That's right! Maggie Thatcher!

Tim Possible A true servant of his nation, holding its leaders in the highest esteem, and accusing

everyone who seems even a little suspicious of being a spy.

Margaret The very definition of an American, where all others are American'ts. She claims direct

Washington descendance from George Washington.

Ivan Definitely not a Russian spy.

Ivanovitch Ivanovsky

Elves

Steve The leader of the elves, though they wouldn't agree. Every elf is equal right?

Bionicle Really likes to eat, like a lot.

Georgie Probably the most reasonable elf.

Police

Rudolph The sergeant of the bunch, he may or may not still hold grudges from when they

wouldn't let him play their reindeer games.

Dasher Only takes one thing seriously, and that one thing is puns.

Blitzen Actually takes the job fairly seriously, and manages to like Dasher despite the puns.

Vyclaudius From the fashion police, the very embodiment of high fashion

Villains

Santa The villain of the piece, because why not. Likes: World domination, Christmas, not having

to do anything, evil masterplans. Dislikes: having to do things himself, having evil

masterplans foiled, most people

Cupcake Santa's minion, strong and not the most eloquent, but has a passion for making

cupcakes.

Muffin Santa's other minion, like talking more than cupcake. Together they're the confectionary

duo.

Daughters of other cast members

Elizabeth Santa's daughter. She's not evil. They don't get along.

Marketeers

Bob the Used to handle reindeer until he came to Santaland, where reindeer are sentient and

Reindeer that's a dead end career, literally.

Handler

Elwrong Elrond's angsty cousin

Millennials

Victor A millennial, embodying every article anyone's written about them ever.

Hugo Another millennial.

Demons

Krampus A half-goat, half-demon, who has returned after millennia of sleep to bring terror and

death. And maybe find a nice goat partner to settle down and grow old with, but not

before the spreading of terror!

Humans

Speck One of Reindeer Santa's humans, Wholesome

Reynard Another human, also wholesome but is a bit of a kleptomaniac

Civilian Reindeer

Reindeer The actually good Santa in this script, not because it needs one, but because it would be

Santa funny

Narrators

Narrator The narrator, what further description do you want?

Unbelievably Sucessful Businesspeople and their assistants

Douglas wrote the description for this character section

Capitalism

Black

Polly Edited the description so that it only had one spelling error.

People who are also literally the incarnation of a season

Jack Frost Also the weather, takes things as seriously as you'd expect the weather to.

Icons of Non-Christmas events

Easter Bunny Not at all bitter that Easter never took off the way Christmas has.



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Songs

Act 1

S1 Let's Kill Santa (QWERTY, Ivan has no singing part)

S4 Welcome to the Outsider's Market (Marketeers, Victor Hugo, Humans, Narrator?)

S6 the Miserable Song (Elves)

S8 Police Brutality (the police, maybe a bit of the elves)

S13 Not one Day More (Police, Elves, Elizabeth?, QWERTY?, villains?)

Act 2

S5 The Money song. (Douglas and Polly)

S7 The Gifting Song (RS and Humans) and The Gifting Song-Reprise (RS, Humans, Krampus, Victor, Hugo)

S10 The Evil song (Santa, Minions, Police)



Act 1

QWERTY intro S1

On stage there is a desk with a letter on it.

Enter Narrator

Narrator Oh wow, there's a lot of you, why are you here? (thinking for a moment) oh yeah, I remember, it's a show night. You're here for a show, a masterpiece of theatre! A thriller, a drama, an epic! Something so spectacular it does all of those things at once! A tale for the ages!

(pause)

Umm, yeah. We don't have one of those. Sorry about that. We do have a tale, and it's actually not half bad, just not quite as good as what I was saying before.

Now that' I've suitably, uhh, ruined your expectations, let's start the show!

Enter QWERTY looking spy-ie, they're doing a thing where 3 of them are following each other but trying to be covert about it, one of them ideally has a cardboard box and can hide under it to look even more suspicious than before, for sake of convenience I'll say its Bames, following Margaret, following Tim, following Bames. Ivan is looking on with bemused exasperation. None of them notice Narrator

(continuing to talk over their entrance) Our story ranges across lands both mythical and fantastic, but it starts here, in America, the QWERTY Headquarters to be precise, and they are about to receive a letter which will make them decide to, well... you've seen the title of the play. It should be obvious.

Nothing happens

Ivan Ugh, I am bored. If only orders would arrive for us.

Narrator Ha! Little does he know that some orders are going to arrive... Now! (does extravagant gesture towards door)

Nothing happens

Narrator Ok, not then, but it's definitely going to be (counts down silently) Now! Nothing happens

That's odd (walks over to desk) Something should definitely be happening. (looks at desk) Oh it's here already. And they haven't noticed it. These guys are spies, that does not bode well. You know what, I'll just deliver it again. We haven't got all night. Hey, letter for QWERTY.

All of QWERTY look visibly startled

Bames Tim, you're supposed to be watching the door! How did this enemy agent get

in here?

Tim I wasn't on the door, I was watching you

Bames Wait, what?

Ivan Yes, we must be sure you are not Russian spy.

Bames But I'm obviously not a Russian spy! I was at your wedding.

Tim So?

Bames We grew up together!

Tim You could be a deep agent.

Ivan Yes, it would be horrible if the team were infiltrated by the Russians. I shudder

at the though.

Margaret Can we stop arguing about this? We can't work as a team if we don't trust

each other.

Bames Ha! I saw you, you were following Tim. You clearly don't trust him.

They continue arguing but in silence, while Narrator talks

Narrator Now, while they're arguing I should probably explain, believe it or not, this lot

are spies, really good spies, they're currently practicing a technique called 'Look like it's so obvious you're a spy that you couldn't possibly be a spy'. Or at

least I hope they are. Now QWERTY led by this one

Bames The name's Jond, Bames Jond,

Narrator And QWERTY stands for... (is cut off)

Tim (very angrily) Excuse me! Jond Bames Jond. Last I checked you were just called

Bames Jond. Now you're Jondbames Jond! Care to explain that, or are you a

spy!

Bames I am the leader of the Quite Well Endowed Randy Troublemakers that are

Youthful!

Narrator And, yes, he chose that name himself. The others here are Margaret

Washington, Tim Possible, and Ivan Ivanovitch Ivanovsky.

Margaret As annoying as Tim is, he does have a point. Why do you always introduce

yourself like that?

Bames It makes me sound cool

Margaret It makes you sound like an asshole. Anyway can we maybe read our orders?

Please?

Narrator Sure thing, here you go. (gives her the letter)

Bames (Taking the letter) I think you'll find I'm the leader of this group, Margaret Washington. (Starts reading)

Dear QWERTY,

Our intelligence services have uncovered a shocking and horrible threat to our nation. Reports indicate a foreign power has the ability to 'see you when you're sleeping, and 'know when you're awake.' If that weren't terrifying enough, reports also indicate that they 'know if they've been bad or good, and as you know only WE are allowed to mercilessly violate our citizen's basic rights to privacy.

Tim Of course, that's just sense. How else would we know if they're a traitor?

Bames I'm sure that you will see that such a threat as a power other than ourselves possessing this ability is potentially world shaking and that it leaves us only one course of action: to execute a pre-emptive retaliation before anything happens to this nation.

Love,

Mr President

Tim starts applauding, alone

Margaret Why are you applauding?

Tim Why aren't you? Do you not owe the president your respect and love? (Aside) traitor.

Well come on then, let's go pre-emptive retal-aliation this guy

Margaret Wait a moment, the president didn't say who it was.

Bames Oh, yeah, wait there's a P.S. (reading) P.S. The foreign power is Santa Claus

Bames Well come on then, let's go pre-emptive retal-aliation Santa Claus

Narrator Good luck and goodbye.

Exit Narrator

Bames

Margaret You don't know what that means do you?

Bames Yes! Maybe. No.

Ivan It is good, it means we get to murder Santa Claus

Bames And that's good? Why is that good?

Music starts up, sounding hopeful

Ivan I have always... Hey, stop that, I'm trying to tell a story here!

Master of Are you sure? Songs are fun!

Music

Ivan No. I hate songs and everything to do with them.

Master of Music grumbles but stops playing

Ivan You see, when I was little boy I made Christmas wish.

Tim Wait, you're not going to sing a song?

Ivan No, I hate songs.

Tim Oh, shame. Guess we'll have to do one.

Song: We're off to kill Santa. The terrible Santa Claus.

A nice high energy number about how QWERTY are going off to kill Santa for President and Country, while Ivan protests, but does not sing.

Ivan Urgh, that was horrible. Can I at least do my monologue now?

Everyone Let's kill Santa!

else

Ivan Alright then, maybe we make plan?

Everyone else leaves

Ivan Or not, that works too.

He also leaves



Santa and Minions Are Generically Evil S2

Enter Narrator

Narrator And so QWERTY go off on their merry way to murder Santa. Obviously

with that as their aim you'd expect them to be the villains of this story. People are killing Santa, therefore they're bad. It's a perfectly good assumption. Shame it's wrong. No, no, no, our story has an entirely different villain. He's in Santaland now. You're actually about to meet him, Ladies, Gentleman and anyone who isn't boring like that! I give you the villain!

Enter Santa, Muffin and Cupcake

Santa HO! HO! Tell me, Cupcake, Muffin. How goes the evil masterplan?

Narrator By the way, no points for guessing the villain's name before we say it. At

least no points from us, feel free to assign yourself as many points as you

want, just don't expect us to care.

Cupcake What evil masterplan?

Muffin We haven't been told about any evil masterplan.

Narrator The confectionary duo, that's these ones, are actually an odd pair. Muffin

is just your standard creepy minion fare, but Cupcake here is a baker. A really good baker, owns a cupcakerie in town, those cupcakes, they're to

kill for.

Santa You don't know? HO! HO! HO! Well I suppose I shall have to explain it

then. My EVIL MASTERPLAN is as such. We will dominate the world by

driving the people of Santaland to...

Muffin Wait there, We actually know that plan, you told us about it yesterday.

Santa Don't just stop me in the middle of explaining my evil masterplan. We're

going to force the people of Santaland to make huge amounts of gifts, thereby letting us make Christmas last forever and take over the world! We'll have to break the elves' spirits first so we'll get the police to crack

down on them, hard.

Muffin Yeah, well. You didn't call it the evil masterplan when you told us about it,

Santa.

Santa I thought it was obvious from context. It's eviler and more masterly than

any of my other plans.

Muffin Not any more evil or masterly than any of your other plans. Back me up

here Cupcake.

Cupcake Yep. Just the same level of evil.

Santa What? Which of my plans is anywhere near as evil or masterly as this.

Cupcake Well there was that time we made it so that Christmas music starts around the end of September so by the time December rolls around people are so sick of it that they'll do anything we want just to make it

stop.

Muffin Or when we convinced everyone that Christmas is a time for family so

everyone has to invite their worryingly racist and generally horrible

relatives to celebrate it with them.

Cupcake Therefore making it so that the establishment will never stop supporting

Christmas, because well, the horrible relatives are the establishment.

Santa I will give you credit. Those were both wonderfully evil and masterly, but

not quite as evil or masterly as this one. So, how goes the plan?

Muffin I've got Black on the first part. He's outside.

Santa HO! HO! HO! Well then, fetch him.

Exit Muffin, then re-enter followed by Douglas

Douglas (offering a hand) Douglas Capitalism Black! Pleased to meet you.

Santa (Shaking the hand) And you too. Now to business!

Douglas Of course, of course. Your time's important. I'm about to have my workers

double their production as per your requests.

Muffin And everyone else? You're buying them out, I hope.

Douglas I'm working on it. Just give me some time. No easy way to convince

someone to sell their business quickly.

Then ensure that it does not go wrong.

Santa Time is a luxury you don't have. Persuade them to sell, and quickly.

Douglas That's not the only problem. I'm spending too much money at the

moment. If I buy out the rest of them and even a little thing goes wrong, I'll run out of money and it'll all come crashing down around my head.

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Douglas Why should I take this risk for you?

Santa What possible benefit could there be to having a monopoly on an entire

nation?

Santa

Douglas A monopoly! I'll be able to do whatever I want! Price gouging! I won't

have to hide my unethical business practises! I'll make so much money!

Santa Also if you don't, I'll have you killed. Now go, buy them out!

Douglas Oh I will! You can trust me!

Exit Douglas

Santa Well, that's all going according to plan.

Cupcake I actually have a question, Santa. I don't exactly see how this plan is that

evil.

Santa Ho Ho! Tell me what's not evil about it then

Muffin Well we can easily make more gifts by just expanding normally. Sure it's a

bit slower, but it's probably better in the long run. As well as that, a lot of gifts probably won't be enough to force people into making a second Christmas, let alone making Christmas last all year round, which isn't even that evil. So basically, I don't see how this plan will actually work, and, well

it's only evil because we insist on screwing people over.

Santa HO! HO! Muffin, Muffin Muffin. You just don't understand. We're

villains. We're evil. Our plans have to make people suffer or we'd be good.

The three all shudder at the thought of being good.

Santa As to the making Christmas last all year. Well of course it's evil!

Cupcake Yeah I can see that. Imagine having to buy presents for people all year

round.

Santa Exactly! Most people can barely manage to get the one for Christmas

every year. And you'd have to spend the entire time celebrating with your family, all of them. Anyway that's not the point. The point is that all the

world will be working in our name! It'll all belong to us!

Cupcake And, how do we make them have never-ending Christmas

Santa HO! HO! It's not like there's a lack of national holiday we just get

people to start giving gifts, and do everything until they're all clones of

Christmas! And who is the face of Christmas!

Cupcake You, Santa.

Santa Ho Ho! Now, go enact the second stage of the plan!

The Yes sir!

Confectionary

Duo

Santa Brilliant! I leave it in your capable hands!

Exit Santa, Cupcake and Muffin

The Practises of Capitalism S3

Enter Narrator, a desk and Chair is onstage.

Narrator Hoo boy, plots and plots! By which I mean two plots, so that should really be

plot and plot. Anyway we're finally meeting some innocent people. Spoiler alert: this scene does not go well for them. But then again. What would you expect when you're an elf in the employ of Douglas Capitalism Black? Probably

not cookies.

Enter Douglas and Polly, it should be immediately obvious which one is the boss and which one isn't an idiot.

Douglas Alright who's great? That's right, me!

Polly Nobody answered you, sir.

Douglas That's irrelevant, as if I'd let a little thing like the truth bog me down.

There is a knock, and the elves enter.

Douglas Oh, it's you. Who are you, and what are you doing in my office?

Steve Uhh, we work for you? And you called this meeting.

Douglas No I didn't, for your insolence you're all fired.

Elves What?

Polly Sir, these are the elves from sector 5. You did call this meeting.

Narrator Just to add a little more context here, these are Steve, Georgie, and Bionicle.

And by the way, as far as greater elf culture is concerned, Bionicle's the only

one with a normal name.

Steve So why are we here?

Douglas I don't know. Polly, tell them.

Polly Productivity sir? I would swear you were saying something about that earlier.

Douglas Bah, you're useless!

Polly It would be easier to remember this stuff if you'd let me write it down. Or even

be in the room when you make your plans.

Douglas Request deined! We can't have anyone stealing my secrets. And I've

remembered why you're here. I'm doubling your production quotas.

Georgie What?

Douglas I'm doubling your production quotas.

Georgie There's no way we'll be able to do that.

Douglas Pish and tosh! As I say 'you can always give someone more work.' Just ask Polly

here. I doubled their hours and you're perfectly happy with it aren't you?

Polly Yes sir, definitely not on the verge of a mental breakdown due to the extra

hours, sir.

Douglas Exactly! Just follow Mark's example.

Polly I'm Polly, sir.

Douglas Who cares?

Steve You can't possibly expect us to do double of what we're doing now. It's

impossible!

Douglas That's a shame, you're already on thin ice, what with having barged in here just

now insisting we have a meeting scheduled. I'd hate to have to fire you.

Polly They did have a meeting scheduled.

Douglas Oh shut up, Molly.

Georgie We won't be able to do it.

Douglas That's not the go-getting can do attitude I expect from my workers! Whatever

happened to you can do anything if you just put your mind to it? Oh that

reminds me, you're not getting any pay rise from this.

Steve What. The. Christmas?

Douglas Is that everything?

Polly Yes sir. Probably.

Douglas Brilliant! Now get out before I change my mind.

Bionicle You realise that you changing your mind would be good for us right?

Douglas I meant about releasing the hounds on you!

Bionicle There was literally no way we could have known that

Steve Come on, let's go.

Exit elves

Douglas Actually, I have changed my mind. RELEASE THE HOUNDS!

Pause

Douglas This isn't right. Where are the hounds? Ohh right. I never had any. Secretary!

Make a note to get some hounds to release!

Polly What type of hounds, sir?

Douglas What do you think I pay you for? Choose.

Polly Of course, sir.

Blackout



Welcome to the Outsiders' market! S4

On stage is the closest approximation we can make to a market, or more accurately two market stalls.

Enter Narrator

Narrator

So everywhere in Santaland is ripe for something to break out right? Sounds like it, with the business magnate putting unfathomable workloads on his employees and the rulers seeking to cause a total meltdown, not to mention the foreign power attempting to coup their head of state. Not quite, most people are just trying to get on with their lives and loves, and don't really care for all that big picture stuff, one such place is here, and because this is a play not an accurate representation of events from your average person's view that peace is going to be torn away. But before we get to that point, Welcome... To the Outsider's Market.

Enter Elwrong, Bob, Victor, Hugo, and Speck and Reynard. Elwrong and Bob each man/elf one of the two stalls, and the other characters are customer type people.

Song: Welcome to the Outsider's Market. (ok I just really like how that phrase flows)

A song that provides a general introduction the market, in my head when I put this song in I kinda had 'In The Navy' or 'This is Halloween' vaguely in mind (though for the latter only structurally) when I put this in there, but feel free to do whatever.

As the song ends Bob goes into barter with Victor and Hugo (silently obviously)

Elwrong (Talking to Speck and Reynard) Hey! You know you need to pay for the stuff

you got in the song

Speck We did pay you?

Elwrong (Holding up a pinecone) this is a pinecone.

Speck Yes?

Elwrong Pinecones are not legal tender. For Christmas' sake, they literally grow on

trees

Reynard Look Mr...?

Elwrong Elwrong

Reynard You're a reasonable man

Elwrong Elf

Speck But you're too tall to...

Elwrong Let's not discuss it

Reynard Sure, sure. Look pinecones are currency in reindeer land. In fact that could

pay for what we've got three times over.

Elwrong I really don't care. Just put the stuff back, or pay me in money

Speck But we don't have any money from here... Oh no! Well I guess we'll just have to give it back then.

Reynard (In a way that makes it obvious they're going to suggest stealing the stuff) Speck. There is an alternative.

Speck We're not going to steal the stuff Reynard. Stealing in a crime.

Elwrong Great! No stealing! Now give me back my stuff.

The humans reluctantly hand the stuff over

Speck Whatever are we going to do? We need to get this. But we don't have any money

Reynard looks like they're about to say something

Speck And we're not going to steal it

Reynard makes a disappointed noise, they leave and the focus shifts to the other side, where Bob is looking exasperated

Hugo Look Bob, I'm not saying I think it's rubbish but how can I know it'll work if there aren't any reviews

Bob It's water. How could water not work?

Hugo I don't know, I'm not the one selling water.

Bob Well I am, and I say it can't not work.

Hugo Yeah but you can't take everyone at their word, you could be a con artist. Back me up here Victor

Victor He's right, you know. Con artists are notably untrustworthy.

Bob But I'm not a con artist.

Victor That's exactly what a con artist would say! You should never trust places with no reviews!

Bob Well someone has to eventually

Hugo What do you mean?

Bob Well someone's got to give the first review. Otherwise nobody would review anywhere

Victor Holy Mistletoe that was deep!

Hugo I'm gonna give this place the best review ever! Sells top quality water and doles out quality wisdom!

Bob But you haven't tried the water...

Hugo And Bob's market stall is now the highest rated thing in all of Santaland!

Victor You said it Hugo!

Hugo Good job Victor!

Victor Participation prizes for everyone!

Bob Hey, do you want your water?

Hugo No this calls for a celebration! I want avocado toast!

Victor But that'll ruin our finances! There's a reason they say you can't buy a house if you eat avocado toast. It's cursed.

Hugo Wait, really?

Victor I presume. I mean people wouldn't just go saying a small lifestyle choice would ruin your finances for no reason.

Hugo Well I don't believe in curses. We millennials killed pretty much every industry and we can kill curses too!

Victor This won't go well...

Hugo Let's go buy some avocado toast!

Exit Victor and Hugo

Bob How did that guy not know about the curse of avocado toast?

Elwrong I'll guess your people bought just as much as mine?

Bob If by that you mean nothing, then yes.

Elwrong I'm always right. As a high elf, I have the gift of prophecy after all.

Bob You're a high elf, Aren't they, uhh meant to be in high fantasy?

Elwrong Yes. They are. (Looks solemnly into space)

Bob Kinda like my reindeer then

Elwrong Yes, it's just like... Hang on, no it's not. Reindeer?

Bob I was a reindeer handler. One day I ended up here and well, my reindeer started critiquing my clothes and joined the police.

Elwrong This story sounds very much like bollocks

Bob Says the high elf who's in a Christmas setting.

Elwrong Hey! It wasn't an insult! High elves invented talking bollocks. How do you think we're so widely regarded as mystical and wise?

Bob I don't know

Elwrong (drawn out and dramatic, kinda like a ghost would say whatever it is that ghosts say) Bollocks. It's all bollocks. You know the reason that prophecies are so vague and only really useful after the fact. They're bollocks. High elves are really good at PR but otherwise they're mundane. We don't even live that long. We just have strong family resemblances and you're all a bit racist.

Bob You don't like high elves do you?

Elwrong That's such a profound statement I feel a prophecy coming on. Ooh.

WoloWOLOwoloWOLO.

When love is overcome by hate, what'll come to you will sound great,

but if you accept, you'll change your fate,

And you'll know the thing to do was wait.

... Do you know the best thing about prophecies?

Bob You can use them to change the world?

Elwrong Gods! No. Haven't you been listening? It's bollocks. No, the best thing about a prophecy is that they have no expiry date. Even if it takes a million

billion years. It's still legit. You can still lord it over everyone when it comes

true.

Bob So they manufacture an illusion of wisdom to hold onto power? Isn't that

really awful.

Elwrong Oh yeah. Of course.

Bob Oh, ok.

Blackout

Elves are Cheered S5

Yeah remember that scene where things went bad for the elves, well guess what. They're now miserable, and tired, like really tired, think didn't sleep last night and has been running since they woke up tired.

Enter elves looking miserable

Steve Oh my Santa, I'm so tired.

Georgie There's no way we'll be able to keep this up!

Steve This is everything wrong with the capitalist machine!

Georgie You're a part of the capitalist machine

Steve I'm bringing it down from the inside!

Bionicle How can you two think about anything but food! I'm so hungry!

Georgie You're always hungry

Bionicle No I'm not, sometimes I'm eating.

Steve I don't know what to do.

Bionicle I'm so hungry

Georgie It's been like an hour since you last ate

Bionicle Exactly! This is horrible!

Enter Elizabeth, in a rush. She collides with Bionicle and he falls over

Elizabeth Ohmigosh, I'm so sorry, are you ok?

Elizabeth Are you ok? You look terrible.

Bionicle (having seen a sweet on the ground) Oh sweet, a sweet. What did you say?

Elizabeth I'm so sorry

Steve Why are you in such a rush?

Elizabeth Oh, you... also look terrible. I'm really sorry, I can't think of another way to

describe it. Are you all ok?

Steve Yeah, ... yeah

Georgie Mr Black, our boss, is forcing us to do twice as much work. We we're struggling

before. Now...

Bionicle We've been solidly working for forever. Haven't even stopped for food

Elizabeth What, Douglas Black? Look, I really should be going. Sorry for knocking you

down, and saying you look terrible, twice.

Song: The miserable song

A miserable song about how the elves are miserable and poor and have too much work while Elizabeth tries to cheer them up. Actually maybe I should cut this. Not relatable enough for students.

Note: At the beginning of this song Elizabeth should be leaving, but by the end she should obviously not be leaving.

Elizabeth Come on, it's not all over. You can't just give up!

Bionicle You try going an hour without food! I'm in so much pain.

Elizabeth You're just going to roll over and die?

Steve What else can we do?

Elizabeth I don't know. But not every problem has an immediate solution. Sometimes

you have to work at it. There's always a way, you just need to find it.

Steve I've been trying to make a communist state for my whole life and it hasn't

happened! What's going to change now?

Elizabeth I'll help.

Steve You what?

Elizabeth I'll help. I mean, not necessarily to make a communist state. But to get you out

of this.

Steve You don't know us at all.

Elizabeth I know, but you need it, so.

Bionicle If you're helping us...

Georgie Bionicle, don't

Bionicle Then we should all introduce ourselves. I'm Bionicle

Georgie Oh, I'm pleasantly surprised. I'm Georgie.

Steve Steve

Elizabeth And mine's Elizabeth.

Bionicle Now that we know each other, do you have any food on you? I'm really

hungry.

Elizabeth Sorry, got nothing on me.

Enter QWERTY bedecked in a variety of horrible Hawaiian shirts or Christmas jumpers, it doesn't really matter. The functional word here is horrible

Ivan I still do not understand. Why are we wearing these?

Bames So we look like we're on holiday and are not spies here to kill the head of

state. We look like we belong.

Ivan Yes. Because nothing says 'I belong here' like horrible tourist clothes.

Margaret Well I think I cut a rather fetching figure. My ancestor, George Washington

would be proud.

Ivan Your ancestor would think you look like a prat.

Tim And be ashamed you're a spy.

Margaret Oh my god! I am a spy! Of course I'm a spy! We are all spies!

Tim See she said it herself! Get the spy!

Ivan Stop it, Tim. Look we are lost. Why do we not ask them for directions?

Bames Good idea Ivan. I'd better sound like a tourist so as not to arouse suspicion. Ho

there, native person things. We're lost and were wondering if you could give

us some directions.

Georgie Ooh tourists! I bet they're here for completely innocent and innocuous

reasons, and definitely are not spies.

Ivan Yes. That is completely correct. What a very astute observation that was.

Margaret We're looking for Santa. If you could tell us where to go it would be really

useful to us. We have some cupcakes, if you do.

Bionicle Deal (takes a cupcake)

Bames Hey! Those are mine!

Bionicle I heard that Santa sometimes goes to Cupcake's cupcakerie.

Tim Cupcakes's Cupcakerie?

Bionicle Yes, Cupcake's Cupcakerie

Margaret What's Cupcake's Cupcakerie?

Georgie Cupcake's Cupcakerie where Cupcake bakes cupcakes.

Steve in cups

Bionicle Mmm, cupcakes

Tim Cupcake bakes cupcakes in cups?

Georgie In a cup called Cupcake's cupcakerie.

Bames What?

Steve Cupcake makes Cupcake's Cupcakerie cupcakes in cups while in Cupcake's

Cupcakerie which is itself a cup.

Georgie It's really not that difficult a concept, I don't know why it needed anywhere

near that much explanation.

Elizabeth Why do you want to find Santa anyway?

Bames We're going to ki.... I mean, for completely innocent and innocuous reasons.

Steve Well that's good.

Bames Thank you weird child thing!

Steve We're elves.

Elizabeth Yeah shouldn't that be obvious? Considering where we are and how they're

dressed?

Margaret Actually, where are we?

Elizabeth You're in Santaland? Didn't you know that?

Bames Ha! See I told you this was the way to the north pole!

Ivan No, North Pole is colder than this.

Steve Pfuff, we haven't been at the north pole for ages. Had to relocate because of

global warming.

Ivan Ha! Never argue with Soviet about North! I mean, umm, Alaskan. Why did we

think Santaland was at North Pole anyway?

Bames I think you'll find that it's a well-documented fact!

Margaret Well, it's wrong. Shall we go? That guy isn't going to kill him... I mean perform

perfectly innocent and innocuous actions on himself.

Ivan We need to get better at lying

Bames Hey cheer up Ivan, now we know where to go it'll be easy as pie!

Exit QWERTY

Elizabeth They are going to try to kill Santa.

Georgie But they said they were here for completely innocent and innocuous reasons.

Elizabeth They were lying!

The elves are all amazed by this revelation

Steve That actually makes a lot of sense now.

Elizabeth And none of you picked up on that?

There are murmured no's all round

Elizabeth I don't even know what to say.

Bionicle Hey, they were very convincing liars.

Elizabeth You guys go sleep. I'll come up with a plan to help you. I think I have the

beginning of an idea.

Exit all

Police intro S6

Enter the main police force, goose stepping. There is a chair onstage.

Rudolph Ten-Hut

They stop and stand to attention

Dasher Hey Rudie

Rudolph turns his head and glares at him

Dasher ... Sergeant Rudolph

Rudolph Yes Dasher,

Dasher Why are we goose stepping?

Blitzen Oh Christmas, please no

Rudolph I'm not sure I understand the question, Dasher

Dasher Well, shouldn't we be

He pauses

Dasher (excitedly) Reindeer stepping!

Pause, nobody laughs

Rudolph Tell me, Constable, Do you know what a reindeer step is?

Dasher No

Rudolph Have you ever heard of a reindeer step?

Dasher Yes

Rudolph Exactly that's beca... What?

Dasher I have heard of a reindeer step.

Rudolph Where?

Dasher Just now sir, I must say I'm surprised you didn't know. You're the one who

mentioned it.

Rudolph Constable

Dasher Yes

Rudolph Shut up.

Blitzen Lance-Corporal Blitzen, reporting for duty.

Rudolph Good Blitzen, good. Dasher why can't you be more like Blitzen, we're

meant to be Santa's elite police officers. Now, let's get down to business.

Dasher! Tell me about the transfer officer.

There is silence, Dasher looks very intensely at Rudolph, maybe waggling an eyebrow or two.

Rudolph Dasher that was an order

There is silence again, Dasher looks even more intensely at Rudolph

Rudolph (growing vexed) I grow vexed.

There is a short silence then Dasher has an idea and excitedly tries to mime something out

Rudolph Constable

Dasher mimes putting a zip across their mouth, Rudolph looks ready to kill them when Blitzen says

Blitzen (sighs) Dasher, You're allowed to speak now.

Dasher But I thought I was supposed to shut up (silenced by glares)... Oh ok, has an

impressive service record, they say he's unbeatable in combat when he

brings the right outfit.

Rudolph How about we start with his name and rank, constable. Or did you manage

to forget those?

Dasher I covered those already sir.

Rudolph When?

Dasher Just now.

Blitzen Dasher, nobody understood your mime, it made no sense.

Dasher (visibly upset) What, no it was great!

Rudolph Constable

Dasher Don't tell me you don't understand either!

Rudolph Dasher!

Dasher Fine, He's called...

Enter Vyclaudius

whenever Vyclaudius enters he will enter alone after everybody else if he' supposed to arrive at the same time, and then some big entrance effects will be made about him accompanied by a dramatic pose of some kind, ideally one of these things would be the rest of the lights dimming and the spotlight focussing on him, I am not however, familiar enough with the resources we usually have available to say that this will happen. there is also some music for his entrance, basically the gist of this is that we should put a lot into the entrances he has

Vyclaudius Vyclaudius Delamode.

The lights return to normal

Vyclaudius And you would be the team from the ugly police, Pretty Darn Fabulous

Vyclaudius Delamode, pleased... ambivalent to meet you.

Blitzen Excuse me? Ugly police?

Vyclaudius That's what we at the fashion police call you people, because, well it's self-

evident from this one. (He gestures to Rudolph)

Dasher (peering closely at Rudolph's face) I'm not sure I understand

Vyclaudius Really? I thought my meaning was obvious. You're ugly. Just all of you, it's

ugh. Especially you nose. Don't get me wrong, I understand, even we get

sick, but you don't need to look like that. It's almost illegal in fact.

Rudolph What? I look fine I'm perfectly healthy! I outrank you!

Dasher Uhh, Rudie

Rudolph Quiet Constable! (at Vyclaudius) You should treat your superiors with more

respect, you pathetic excuse for a policedeer!

Vyclaudius Are you sure you're healthy? That looks quite bad.

Rudolph You should know who I am, I am Sergeant Rudolph! Your commanding

officer, and you should address me as sir!

Vyclaudius Oh yeah you look like a sergeant.

Rudolph (Calming down a little) Thank you.

Vyclaudius Ugliest word I've heard on a long time. Honestly, it's shameful, you're still

using that despicable system. We moved on ages ago, now how senior is a

(he shudders) Sergeant?

He begins counting on his fingers and mumbling under his breath, as if comparing the two systems

Enter Muffin and Cupcake, Dasher and Blitzen salute, Rudolph and Vyclaudius do not notice, and Vyclaudius pays Rudolph no attention

Rudolph Why you little, I don't know what slackness you were accustomed to in the

fashion police, but here in the real police we treat our superiors with

respect!

Muffin Rudolph

Rudolph Shut up! Can't you see I'm busy? We ALSO pay attention when a superior is

speaking to us.

Muffin Sergeant, I really advise that you listen to me.

Rudolph takes no notice

Rudolph Listen to me! If you don't shape up and start obeying orders like a proper

Policedeer.

Cupcake (grabs Rudolph) Shut up.

Vyclaudius and Rudolph notice Cupcake and Muffin, Vyclaudius flamboyantly bows and Rudolph freezes up like he's realised he's made a terrible mistake.

Vyclaudius My Sincerest apologies good sirs. I didn't see you there. May I say that you

are both looking so good I almost wouldn't be ashamed to be seen in public

with you.

Blitzen (to Dasher) I think that was a compliment.

Muffin Next time, be less honest.

Rudolph I am very sorry as well, Muffin sir.

Muffin And, normally that wouldn't be enough. But today, it is. I'm sure you're

wondering what this is all in aid of.

Blitzen Not really.

Dasher I'm wondering why sheep look like clouds when sheep are made of wool

and clouds are made of... Hmm now I'm wondering what clouds are made

of.

Cupcake Clouds are made of water. They float because the particles are tiny

Muffin Wait a moment. But then. Gah. We're getting off point.

Dasher Ahh! I had no idea we were on a point to begin with! Hahh!

Blitzen Relax, relax. It's a metaphor.

Muffin Oh my Santa.

Dasher Sorry, sorry. I have aichimophobia. I'm afraid of pointy things.

Muffin Look please, please let me get to the poi...

Dasher AHH!

Muffin The focus, not the point. There are no points here. Now, you may have

noticed that there's some unrest amongst the citizens lately.

Cupcake And that's bad. We've been hearing rumours about protests, and we can't

have that!

Muffin We need you to, ahh, discourage them

Dasher Ohh, we could bake them all a cake! Then they'd love us too much to

protest!

Muffin No, no not that. **Discourage** them.

Rudolph I'm sorry I don't take your meaning.

Cupcake (impatiently) You need to hurt them.

Muffin Yeah, discourage through police brutality.

Rudolph I understand, You can count on us sah!

Muffin Oh, and by the way

Cupcake You're the same rank as Vyclaudius

Muffin And we couldn't decide who would lead the squad. So we decided it was

going to be

The JOINT COMMAND!

Confectionary

Duo

Vyclaudius Joint command!

and Rudolph

Rudolph (simultaneously) I'm not sharing my authority with that poser!

Vyclaudius (simultaneously) I don't want to have to control these idiots!

Rudolph Fine then, cede command to me!

Vyclaudius Snowy Christmas! That'd be even worse.

Cupcake Well you have a job to do.

Both Good luck!

Exit Muffin and Cupcake

Rudolph This is unacceptable! I refuse to share my authority with an insubordinate

oaf!

Vyclaudius I'm not insubordinate though. We're the same rank. Making everything I've

done totally fine.

Rudolph That's immaterial! You shouldn't have assumed that you were my equal!

Dasher But sir, uhh. You did that too.

Blitzen Sorry sir.

Rudolph I don't want any of that from...

Vyclaudius I'm just gonna stop you right there.

He goes and lies down in the chair

Rudolph Well? Don't you have something to say?

Vyclaudius Not really, I just wanted you to stop talking.

Rudolph Well if nobody else is going to take responsibility I suppose I will have to.

How are we going go about this duty? And how exactly did they want us to

hurt people?

Vyclaudius I would have thought that was obvious, even for someone of your calibre

Rudolph No it's not! There are tons of ways to hurt someone. You can laugh at him

and call him names.

Vyclaudius What?

Rudolph You could not let him play your rein... I mean games.

Dasher Oh yeah, I hadn't considered that. I guess we have to go off police brutality.

What is it?

Rudolph Dasher I expected better of you, you should know that. Blitzen, care to

explain?

Blitzen I actually don't know either. What is it sir?

Rudolph Vyclaudius, care to weigh in?

Vyclaudius Oh no. You got this one champ. I'd hate to steal your thunder.

Rudolph I... don't know either.

Vyclaudius Wait, sorry. I drifted off. What were you saying, that you're an idiot and

don't know what police brutality is, immediately after you berated your

deer for not knowing either?

Rudolph We're on the same side. Come on, help us out here.

Vyclaudius Eh he he. No. Figure it out yourself. Call it a learning exercise, Santa knows

you need it.

Dasher Right I've got it! So I figure police brutality is us being brutal to people, and

being brutal is just being rude. So we just go be rude to people!

Blitzen Wait you sure that's right? Rudolph is rude to people all the time.

Dasher Yeah but rude as in insulting. Not like...

Vyclaudius The ravings of an insecure incompetent?

Everyone looks at Vyclaudius

Vyclaudius What?

Dasher So am I right?

Vyclaudius Not even... Actually. Hmm. That sounds more fun. (Suddenly very

enthusiastic) Not even a bit wrong. Come on team! Let's do this!

Exeunt

QWERTY meet and greet S7

And at a table with chairs are Frost and Bunny sitting there

Enter QWERTY, well more fall onto stage QWERTY, followed by an angry Cupcake

Bunny Ah, it would appear we have company. Hello there, how are you on this fine

day?

Frost I bet they're just wonderful, probably get thrown about by empowered thugs

on a daily basis.

Cupcake And don't come back!

Bunny May I ask what these gentlemen did?

Cupcake They were rude. In my cupcakerie, I do not like people who are rude.

Exit Cupcake

Margaret I can't believe we were so easily overpowered by a baker!

Bames Well we have to come back from this harder and stronger! Just like last time!

Margaret The last time this happened, you spent 3 weeks doing nothing but eating

chocolate and watching daytime TV.

Bames Exactly, where's the chocolate?

Bunny You're not having any of my chocolate.

Ivan Yes, you can't do that again. It was saddest thing I have ever seen.

Tim You actually recorded daytime TV so you could watch it in the evening too.

Bames Hey, that was a great idea! You don't appreciate Jeremy Kyle the first time

around!

Ivan Anyway it is of no matter. We have job to do.

Frost How did you idiots get a job?

Bunny What he means is (desperately trying to think of a question) what job do you

have to do?

Frost Nope I defin... (he is silenced by Bunny)

Tim That sounds like the kind of thing a spy would say...

Bunny And how would you know what a spy would say?

Bames Because she's a sp...lendid judge of profession

Margaret Stop it, Tim. We can't go around accusing everyone of being spies.

Tim Why not? That's what we did back home.

Frost To be fair you're all spies, it's a valid accusation.

Bames How did you know that?

Ivan I think it was obvious, sir.

Bames Anyway we have a job to do so we'll be going.

Tim Sir, they might be spies. We can't just leave them!

Frost I don't mean to hail on your parade but I'm Jack Frost, the literal incarnation of winter itself.

Bunny And I'm the Easter Bunny.

Frost I'm just as likely to be a spy as the rain. What could I possibly gain from it?

Margaret Tim, you need to stop accusing everyone you meet of being a spy. It's really not that endearing.

Bunny Now, where were we? Oh yes, you were about to tell us what you were going to do here.

Bames I can't imagine why we would do that.

Frost Though let's be honest here, doesn't seem like the scope of your imagination is that wide.

Bames I don't know what that means so I'm going to assume it's a compliment. Thank you. As to what we're doing if you say that then I have to believe you.

Frost How can you both be hopelessly naïve and stupidly paranoid?

Bames Thanks again! We're here to bring Santa down!

Frost and Bunny react, in some way. I'm undecided

Frost You're gonna struggle with that.

Bames What? No! There's nothing that we can't do!

Frost You sure about that?

Margaret Yes we're sure! Who was it who stopped the Wannacry ransomware attack from happening? Who infiltrated every military base on the globe?

Bunny Yes, who was it?

Margaret Not us! But it totally could have been!

Frost So if I asked you to go back and fight that guy who threw you out of the cupcakerie?

Ivan Pah, easy.

Tim Ivan, he totally beat us up.

Ivan What? He never said we have to win.

Bunny Fair point. But to kill Santa you'd need to get through him.

Frost And the other one.

Bunny And all the police.

Frost Also, have you met Santa? You guys would die quicker than shrimp in a supernova

Tim Why are shrimp relevant?

Frost They're not. The point is the dude's terrifying. I wouldn't fight him if you paid me.

Bames What if someone else paid you?

Frost Then still no?

Bunny Most people worship him.

Tim What, like a god?

Frost No, they worship him like an orange.

Bames You see, we chose to have our head of state just be a president. It's great because it means we don't go overboard and do anything ridiculous. Like blowing four of their faces into the side of a mountain.

Margaret Bames, we did that.

Bames What?

Margaret Mount Rushmore. The mountain was pretty much destroyed

Bames See! If we'd gone down the orange route, they'd have done even more!

Bames So to sum up. We're screwed. Well there goes that. Back to plan A.

Margaret Oh no, Bames, we are not letting you go back to the chocolate daytime TV phase.

Bames I wouldn't do that! I've progressed as a person! ... I'm planning on eating ice-cream this time. (pride, then pulls out a tub and starts eating)

Margaret Thanks for nothing, it'll take him ages to get out if this.

Frost Hey! This isn't our fault. I mean we may have obliterated any hope you had of success, but you're the ones who are so rubbish your chances of survival are less than a lobster in a lava flow.

Fim Do you have something against crustaceans?

Frost No, they're tasty though.

Bunny Also it's not completely hopeless.

Bames stops eating and looks at Bunny

Bames Go on

Bunny Not everyone here loves Santa-

Frost Some people think he's a Coca-Cola chugging show off who would be nothing if a certain morally corrupt capitalist hadn't decided that 'Frost' didn't have enough 'brand identity' and-

Bunny Ok. The point is, there are people who would help.

Bames Everyone, I have an idea!

Margaret We're not starting a fashion brand based on your fish.

Bames What? But Abercrombie the Fish always looks slick as an oil spill! Also how did

you know that was my idea?

Ivan That is only idea you ever have.

Bames Well it was only most if this idea actually. Now come on! Let's go do the other

half of my idea!

Exit QWERTY

Frost What odd people.

Bunny They're very simple in their own way though. There is one thing that confuses

me though.

Frost Go on.

Bunny Why would an American spy watch British daytime television all day when in a

slump?

Frost Beats me. Jeremy Kyle isn't even that good.

Bames (poking his head in from backstage) I'll have you know Jeremy Kyle is the best

thing to be on television. Each episode is a masterpiece of drama! A thriller, a drama, an epic! Something so spectacular it does all of those things at once!

They're tales of the ages!

Frost I guess that's a reason. He's completely deluded.

Exit Frost and Bunny

Enter Narrator

Narrator I would just like to make it known. We are not sponsored by Jeremy Kyle. They

wouldn't give us a single penny. Stingy or what?

Exit narrator

Police Brutality S8

Lights up on the Elves, who look impatient

Bionicle You're sure we're supposed to meet Elizabeth here?

Steve Yes. I'm sure.

Georgie We sure she's going to turn up?

Steve Oh come on have a little faith.

Georgie We barely know her. She might have just agreed on impulse, and then

realised she couldn't.

Steve Actually I think we might be supposed to be around the corner.

Exit Elves

Enter police

Dasher I'm not so sure about this.

Blitzen What do you mean?

Dasher Well, don't we as policemen have a duty to ensure that we protect people

and don't hurt them. And we're now going out to specifically hurt them. Qui

custodiet ipsos custodies and all that.

Rudolph I'm going to pretend that you didn't just say that gibberish.

Dasher It's Latin. It means who watches the watchmen? You see my point here at

all?

Rudolph Dasher.

Dasher Yes?

Rudolph Shut up.

Enter Vyclaudius

Vyclaudius I wouldn't worry about that if I were you.

Dasher Hmm I don't know.

Rudolph Stop looking so sheepish! We have a job to do.

Dasher I'm pretty certain I look reindeer-ish sir. You can tell because I'm a reindeer

and not a sheep.

Blitzen Come on sarge, you walked right into that. You should know better.

Vyclaudius And here, I think, come some prime targets

Enter elves

Steve Well I guess it's here after all.

Vyclaudius (leaping into their midst) Hello there

Blitzen This is where the fun begins

Steve What's going on?

Rudolph Oh nothing to worry about

Steve Please don't hurt us

Vyclaudius I wouldn't worry about him, that idiot couldn't hurt a sparrow with a grenade

launcher

Dasher Actually that sounds pretty difficult

Blitzen Aren't we supposed to be insulting them? Not each other

Vyclaudius Oh sorry, low-hanging fruit and all that. Well, let's get to it

Song: Police brutality

A song in which all the police repeatedly insult the elves and are as brutal as they can be

Enter Elizabeth

Elizabeth What the Easter is going on here!

Elizabeth runs between the police and the elves, though in my head the elves are surrounded so I'm not sure how this works. On the other had is it really my problem? Good luck directors!

Rudolph Shut up! And stand aside. You're interfering.

Elizabeth I'm not going anywhere

Rudolph Then we'll treat you as one of them!

Elizabeth You know who I am? Do you really think he'd be happy to hear that!

Vyclaudius You make a compelling argument. Let's go.

Rudolph I'm not going anywhere until they've learned their lesson. Well?

Elizabeth Well what?

Rudolph Have you learned your lesson?

Steve What lesson?

Dasher (Whispering) Say yes, it'll really confuse him.

Georgie Yes. We've learned our lesson.

Rudolph And what lesson would that be.

Georgie Uhh.

Dasher Literally say any rule. It'll probably be fine.

Georgie I before E except after C.

Rudolph That's what we were showing you? Ok. Well I'm satisfied. Move out!

Exit policedeer

Georgie Holy lent that was horrible.

Steve Everyone feeling ok?

Bionicle I think my leg's broken.

Georgie But they didn't touch us at all

Bionicle Oh yeah. (flexes leg) How about that?

Steve (to Elizabeth) Thank you.

Georgie I've never felt so insulted

Bionicle But I'm always dropping sick burns!

Georgie You've never dropped a sick burn in your life

Bionicle No! I'm like a raging inferno made of food poisoning!

Steve Well that's the most disgusting thing I've ever heard.

Bionicle Trust me, I've got a lot more where that came from.

Elizabeth We really don't need to hear it. Anyway. I've come up with a plan.

Steve Wait really?

Elizabeth Yep. You know how people say you can't run from your problems?

Georgie We're going to fight them!

Elizabeth No we're going to run from them. I figure those people are weird and didn't

try hard enough.

Georgie Aww, where are we going to run to?

Elizabeth Somewhere else. We're going to find those spies from earlier and convince

them to take us with them when they leave.

Steve You want us to leave Santaland?

Elizabeth Not forever, just until we can come back safely.

Georgie What do you mean?

Elizabeth I figure we'll be able to get help from the rest of the world to deal with Santa

and Douglas. Then we can come home, afterwards.

Steve No, we should fight on our own terms. That way we'll be in control of what

happens to us afterwards.

Georgie Yeah! I vote fight!

Steve Bring down the system!

Elizabeth That won't work. I promise you.

Bionicle Do they have good food in foreign lands?

Elizabeth Probably better than anything here.

Bionicle Well I'm in.

Steve But what about everyone else in Santaland?

Elizabeth We can come back for them later. Look, I know you don't just want to

abandon everything, but you wouldn't win on your own. Santa's good at

what he does.

Steve I guess

Georgie Well, let's go then

Exit all

Krampus Awakens S9

There is something on stage for Krampus to hide behind/emerge from, and Krampus is already there, ready to emerge for the awakening.

Enter Narrator

Narrator I think, realistically that went well for a grand total of nobody. Any of you think

the elves have it bad? There are worse things that could happen to the incautious person. Things that nobody could ever save you from. Like 'The

Curse of Avocado Toast'.

Enter Victor and Hugo

Exit Narrator

Hugo Hoo boy, was that avocado toast delicious.

Victor And the curse doesn't seem to have struck. Then again, it was supposed to stop us from buying a house so maybe...

Hugo You can't be worrying about curses all the time. It'll take the enjoyment out of life.

Victor But, Hugo. If the curse is real, then we'd be idiots not to worry about it.

Hugo I wouldn't say so. Either we can stop the curse, in which case, why bother worrying, or we can't, in which case, why bother worrying?

Victor That's actually a very good point.

Hugo No need for the tone of surprise.

Victor You know that's mostly because you spend almost all your time worrying about things.

Hugo I have no idea what you mean.

Victor You once spent a week formulating plans for what you'd do during a zombie apocalypse. You got so stressed out that you forgot to eat.

Hugo I was training myself to be able to cope with starvation! I know what I'm going to do for the zombie apocalypse? Can you say the same?

Victor Yes, I'll probably die.

Hugo What really?

Victor I mean it's an apocalypse. Most people are going to die. Otherwise it wouldn't be an apocalypse.

Hugo And you're not worried at all by your impending doom should that happen?

Victor I mean, not really. C'mon apocalypse, it's like being afraid of demons. You should be more afraid of goats, at least those exist.

Krampus emerges

Krampus After millennia of sleep, I, Krampus, have awakened! All shall hear my name

and know fear!

Hugo What, who?

Krampus Fear me mortal! I am the demon Krampus! I am contagion! I am death! As all

demons are!

Victor (googling him/her/they) Then you're only half contagion right?

Krampus Do not question me mortal!

Victor But you're half goat, half demon. Which means you can only be half contagion

and death.

Hugo Unless your goat half is a weird killer goat thing

Krampus I am the primest specimen of everything I am!

Victor So not killer goat? Shame, that would have been really cool

Hugo Yeah, I could have totally gotten behind a weird killer demon goat.

Krampus (as intimidating and loud as possible) I'm a demon! You're not supposed to get

behind me! You're supposed to fear me!

Victor and Hugo break out in laughter

Victor Sorry dude, that's hilarious.

Hugo I mean, you're like half goat.

Krampus SILENCE!

Hugo You're not gonna get anywhere with that attitude.

Victor You gotta work with people.

Krampus I'm a demon, I spread terror, not cooperation

Victor Hey I just realised. DEMON goat's milk would sell like hotcakes!

Hugo Quiet Victor, we're being helpful now.

Victor Sorry Hugo.

Krampus I still don't see why I shouldn't just kill you both. In fact I think I will.

Victor Here have a nice tasty carrot.

Krampus I will not be swayed by your paltry offering, oh actually that does look really

good. But I'm still going to kill you. (start's eating the carrot)

Hugo (aside) Why do you randomly have a carrot on you?

Victor (aside)It's a superfood, also we live in a place that's policed by reindeer. You

never know when it might be useful

Krampus Ok fine you can live. But I will still go on killing sprees!

Hugo That won't get you anywhere, my delightfully goaty demon friend. People investigate brutal murders now, and if they did find out it was you, then they'd arrest you.

Victor And anyway, there's seven billion people out there, and you've spent two minutes talking to us. Keep up that rate and it'll take you two hundred and thirty seven years to kill us all. That's even assuming we stop making babies. If we do you'll...

Hugo What we're saying is that if you really want to make an impact, you've gotta get to a large audience if you want to make an impact.

Victor And there are two ways to do that.

Hugo You wouldn't happen to have huge amounts of money would you?

Krampus I'm a demon. Of course I have vast sums of money!

Victor Great, this'll take several million pounds.

Krampus Uhhh, what. That's more money than exists in the world.

There is a moment of confusion as Victor and Hugo slowly remember that there's been a lot of inflation over the past couple millennia and conveniently forget that the pound is only 1200 years old.

Narrator Inflation is a killer. Also would you all mind forgetting that the pound's only been about for the past 1200 years?

Hugo So how much do you have?

Krampus (Proudly) I have 10 pounds, enough to buy the whole of Essex 10 times over.

Hugo Yeah, sorry, that's not worth much anymore. To buy Essex 10 times these days you'd need at least £1000. Inflation is crazy. You my friend need to go viral!

Krampus That sounds like contagion! I approve!

Victor Well not quite. Come on, we'll show you!

Exeunt

Reindeer Santa! S10

Enter Narrator

Narrator See, demon haunting. Curses can't get much worse than that. And you can't even claim you weren't warned about it.

Enter Reindeer Santa

Narrator So this is Reindeer Santa, sort of, the antithesis of human Santa. She's got

Enter Speck and Reynard looking downcast

Narrator (Talking over their entrance) humans instead of reindeer, and they're all so Christmassy it's unreal.

RS Oh no! You two look so sad! What happened?

Speck starts sobbing and Reynard looks kinda miserable

Speck We're sorry reindeer Santa! We couldn't get the stuff like you asked! They don't use pinecones as currency here!

RS I knew I shouldn't have trusted that nice Mr Black.

Reynard Really

RS No. He was so nice! Why would anyone that nice be double-crossing people like that? But I guess we still have nothing.

Reynard Yeah and Speck vetoed stealing

RS Don't worry Speck, I'm sure you did your best and you know what that means.

RS and When you do your best nobody could ask for more! **Speck**

Narrator See what I mean, unbelievably wholesome. They probably even believe in the Christmas spirit too.

RS And Reynard, you should know it's not in the Christmas spirit to steal.

Exit Narrator, sighing. (don't pause anything for this, it just happens in the background)

Speck Yeah! Not even when it's for a good cause!

Reynard Fine. I can see I'm outnumbered.

RS Now we just have to find out how to get enough gifts to make Christmas happen without any money.

Speck I have a question. Isn't there a human Santa. I thought he made Christmas happen?

Reynard Speck, we've been over is like 50 times now. We're going to make Christmas come in Santaland. Human Santa only makes Christmas happen everywhere else.

RS All those poor souls. Forced to go without Christmas for so long. I can just imagine the smiles on their faces when we make Christmas happen. It's going to be super fantastic.

Reynard It'd be better if you'd let me steal stuff.

RS What is it with you and your kleptomania?

Reynard Stealing's really fun and I have little to no self-control.

RS Well just focus on how great Christmas is going to be and let that distract you. We just need to think of a way to get gifts for everyone in Santaland without any money.

Speck Yes! We can do it! We just need to have faith!

Reynard Having a tonne of money might help too.

RS Well we don't have a tonne of money and giving up is not an option so we'll just have to find another way!

Speck Yay!

Reynard We could set up a secret Santa among everyone! That way we don't have to get anything ourselves.

RS That would work but it wouldn't be as magic if everyone knew about it in advance. What we want is that magical surprise factor.

Speck We could ask people to give us things and money!

Reynard That's called begging. We don't want to do that.

RS Drat, this is going to be harder than I thought. Let's keep thinking! I'm sure we'll come up with something eventually! Let's go. Plodder! Reynard! Cougar! Speck! Eier! Dickon! Bumbler! Stumbler! Blunder! Onwards! To Christmas!

Reynard There's only two of us here Reindeer Santa. Reynard and Speck.

RS Oh sorry! Well, onwards!

All Let's make Christmas happen!

Exit

QWERTY cause a revolution S11

Enter OWERTY

Tim This has got to be the STUPIDEST plan I've ever heard. And that includes the one when we pretended to be French, but we didn't speak any French so we could only communicate by interpretative dance.

Margaret Which, in defiance of all logic, actually worked.

Bames Hey all my plans are great!

Ivan Yes, this plan is not actually that stupid.

Tim Really? We're recruiting the elves and starting a revolution? That seems like overkill. I say we just shoot him in the face.

Bames No this is definitely the best way.

Margaret I don't know. Shooting Santa in the face has a certain elegance to it.

Ivan No, that is not elegant. It might be impossible to get less elegant than that.

Bames All in all, my plan's the best!

Tim How are we even supposed to find the elves?

Bames Well we split up and look. You and Ivan look over that way. I'll search over this

way with Margaret.

Tim Yessir

Exit Tim and Ivan

Margaret In all seriousness, why are we doing this? It's not like staging a complete coup of the state is going to be that useful in killing Santa

Bames Well yes, but think about it. We're killing Santa because he has too much power. I we just kill him and leave, someone else will take it, it's best if we shake things up first.

Enter Bionicle and Georgie

Bames Bam! I'm a genius, we can ask those passers-by if they know where to find

them!

Margaret Those are the elves!

Bames Then they're certain to know where to find the elves! Honestly, do I have to

tell you everything?

Georgie Hey look it's the spies!

Bionicle Yeah! (To offstage) Hey Everyone! We've found them!

Georgie Hey you! Spies! We need your help.

Bames Let me guess. You're struggling with the ladies and you need advice?

Georgie How is it possible for you to be so wrong?

Bionicle The only lady I want is cake.

Enter Elizabeth, Steve

Steve Well done guys!

Elizabeth You found them!

Georgie Of course we did.

Bames So, if it's not advice with the ladies (winks at Elizabeth), then what do you

want?

Elizabeth We just want passage out of the country

Margaret And what's in it for us?

Bames Exactly, we're not a charity.

Elizabeth Well, what do you want?

Bames Oh nothing that's too much trouble, (to Elizabeth) just a date with you my

beauty?

Margaret And for you to help us destroy Santa's regime.

Bames Oh yes, that too. I was too mesmerised by your beauty. So for a date, and your

help in a revolt we'll get you out of here. What do you say?

Elizabeth No

Steve We'll help in the revolution though.

Elizabeth What do you mean?

Steve We'll revolt with them. This is what you wanted right? Help from the outside.

Elizabeth Yes, but not like this.

Georgie Then like what?

Elizabeth I meant... Ok I suppose that is what I said.

Bames Great, I'll pick you up tomorrow at 7

Elizabeth Yeah, that's not gonna happen.

Bames Your loss.

Elizabeth I think I'll cope just fine.

Bames Sure hon, now who's up for a revolution!

General cheering

Bames Let's go motherflippers!

Georgie Go where exactly?

Bames Don't you know anything? We're going to build a barricade!

Enter Ivan and Tim

Ivan We found no elves. Wait a moment. You did?

Tim Why didn't you bother to tell us?

Margaret Does that really matter?

Bames Come on! Let's go build a barricade!

Ivan No, seriously. You need to tell us these things.

Bames Oh my god. I am going to say 'let's build a barricade' one more time, and then

we're going to go build a barricade. Am I understood?

Tim Not really, Isn't that actually a horrible idea?

Bames Let's build a barricade!

Exit all

VIVE LA REVOLUTION! S12

Now for the scene, we return to the market, Bob and Elwrong are at their stalls when

Enter the revolutionaries doing the Les Mis walk

Revolutionaries Do you hear the people sing?

Singing a song of angry elves?
It is the music of a people
Finally fighting for themselves
When the beating of your heart
Echoes the beating of the drums
There is a life about to start
When tomorrow comes!

Tim You there! We're commandeering this stall in the name of the

revolution!

Elwrong No you're not.

Bob I don't even know what you're fighting for.

Georgie It's simple really, we are fighting for the freedom of every elf in

Santaland from his terrible oppression!

Steve So we can be free and live in a land where everyone is equal!

Bionicle And I get loads of food!

The other elves all look at Bionicle

Bionicle Hey, it's just as valid as all your stuff!

Meanwhile, QWERTY have already taken the stalls and used them to set up a barricade across the middle of the stage

Ivan Good distraction. Well done.

Elwrong Seriously, guys? You distract us so they can do this?

Georgie We didn't know they were going to do that.

Elizabeth Isn't this quite dodgy? I mean these guys wanted no part in this, and

you've just taken their stall from under them

Bames We're the good guys, I'm pretty sure we can't do anything 'dodgy' Don't

worry.

Elizabeth I'm going to go ahead and worry.

Ivan You do you.

Bames Man the barricades!

Steve VIVE LA REVOLUTION!

Georgie DEATH TO THE OPPRESSORS!

Bionicle I WANT A HOT DOG!

Margaret What are we supposed to do now?

Bames We wait for the enemy to attack the barricade. That's the point of a

barricade.

Ivan (looking the other way to the barricade) Is it possible there might be a

flaw in this plan?

Tim The police are coming! There! (points offstage, over the barricade)

Enter Police

Rudolph Well, well. What do we have here?

Dasher A barricade sir.

Rudolph It was a rhetorical question!

Enter Vyclaudius

Vyclaudius Oh darlings, fighting again?

Rudolph We're not fighting! You there! Behind the barricade! What's your name?

Ivan Ivanovitch Ivanovsky

Rudolph Well, Ivan Ivanovitch Ivanovsky, this barricade is illegal and I demand you

tear it down, this instant!

Ivan Oh, we did not know. We'll get on it at once.

Nobody behind the barricade moves

Rudolph Another situation perfectly solved by me. Honestly, you're all useless.

What would you do without me?

Blitzen I don't think they were telling the truth

Rudolph I don't pay you to think

Blitzen I know, but sometimes it happens anyway. And they're not taking the

barricade down.

Rudolph What? Didn't you hear me? Mr Ivanovsky, tear down this wall!

Georgie (At Vyclaudius) Hey, you're fashion police, shouldn't you be on our side?

Revolutions are fashionable.

Vyclaudius Oh my sweet summer child, have you seen yourselves? This is hardly

Parisian revolutionary chic. At best it's Primark's finest. Don't make me

laugh darlings, it doesn't suit me.

Georgie Wow, that hurts.

Rudolph If you won't take this illegality down then we'll have to make you!

Vyclaudius Even commander insecurity over here looks better than you. Bear in

mind, I think the only treatment fit for his wardrobe is nuclear

annihilation.

Blitzen Sir, there are like, ten of them.

Elwrong I'm actually just an innocent bystander.

Bob Me too, actually wait I'm a victim! These arses stole my stall!

Rudolph See Blitzen, there are only eight who oppose us.

Blitzen We'll still need more people.

Santa (from offstage) Ho! Ho! Ho!

Steve Oh dear.

Bames What is it?

Steve That's Santa.

Bames That's good isn't it?

Steve It's terrifying.

Enter Santa and Minions

Santa What do I see before me? It looks like a barricade, but it can't possibly

be, because you were supposed to make sure this wouldn't happen!

(glares at Rudolph)

Rudolph Sorry sir, we'll deal with it sir.

Steve Death to the oppressors!

Georgie Give us liberty or give us death!

Santa You heard the elf. We're all out of liberty, so give them death.

Rudolph Well we have our orders. Deer. Make ready to attack!

Song: Not One Day More

A song that is not one day more, but is immediately before an attempted revolution defends a barricade from the police and each of the many groups on stage sing a bit giving a little insight into their situation relative to the revolution. So not one day more, but like only just.

Santa (Loudly) Now then, Sergeant, Pretty Darn Fabulous, deal with this, and

quickly.

Muffin Or you could die.

Exit Santa and minions

Rudolph Well then. Seems like we have to attack the barricade.

Blitzen They still outnumber us by about two to one.

Vyclaudius Correction: three to one. I'm not attacking that barricade

Rudolph What?

Vyclaudius Excuse me. Does this look like a fighting outfit? Also I'm not ruining this

outfit to fell that barricade.

Dasher Santa will kill us if we fail!

Vyclaudius You have a very poor understanding of my priorities.

Dasher He'll kill you too.

Vyclaudius As I said, you have a very poor misunderstanding of my priorities. Lataz.

Exit Vyclaudius

Margaret They're all leaving. There's only three of them now!

Elizabeth But why? It doesn't make any sense.

Bames He did say he was leaving it to the police though.

Elizabeth Listen, I know him. He always has a plan, and just leaving isn't the plan.

We shouldn't just sit here and wait for him to make a move!

Bames And what do you suggest we do? Attack them? Ha!

Elizabeth Yes, actually. There are eight of us and three of them.

Bames Which means when they attack it'll be even easier to win.

Rudolph Alright arm up!

Blitzen gets out a lance while the other two get out police batons.

Dasher How come you get a lance?

Blitzen I'm a lance-corporal. It's in the name.

Dasher That is so cool!

Rudolph Now, ATTACK!

Rudolph charges to the barricade and is fended off by Steve

A note on the barricade fighting, obviously we're not going to have fighting over the barricade, because if we injure the actors then how will they ever do it again for the shows. So what I propose is that when the police are at the barricade they each enter a pushing match with one of the defenders where both parties stand still and look like they're pushing at each other. Or you could not do that, I don't really mind. I just wanted to provide an option that isn't dangerous.

Blitzen Bringing the lightning!

Dasher Isn't it bringing the thunder?

Blitzen Oh no, Donner does that.

Rudolph Guys, a little help?

Dasher Oh, Sorry!

Dasher and Blitzen charge the barricade. Blitzen is held off by Georgie, Dasher is held off by Bionicle

Bames See my plan worked flawlessly! Let's get them!

QWERTY vault the barricade (don't actually vault the barricade, it's probably not safe)

Bob Hey! Mind my stall!

Bames accidentally knocks Bob out while QWERTY seize the police. Bob is caught by Elwrong

Elwrong You knocked him out.

Bames Oh gosh, I am so sorry! One moment, please. (to the police)Ha!

Outwitted by my genius!

Blitzen There are eight of you and three of us.

Bames And that's because of my genius

Margaret Oh dear lord. I think he might be right.

Elizabeth (going over the other side of the barricade) Come on, let's get out of

here before the rest of Santa's people arrive!

Santa (from offstage) Ho Ho Ho!

Elizabeth Too late.

Elwrong I get the distinct feeling that you've cocked this up.

Enter Santa and minions behind the barricade (if we don't have two stage entrances then you'll have to use your imagination)

Santa I think that this revolution is over.

Margaret They're behind us!

Tim You notice everything don't you?

Ivan I know the flaw in the plan now! They can just walk around the barricade

and surround us.

Elizabeth But we're not surrounded! We beat the police! It's still eight against

three! Elves, get over here! We're defending the barricade from the

other side now!

Cupcake It's you! The rude people from my cupcakerie!

Tim Oh god it's him!

Margaret And he's even angrier than last time!

Bames Well QWERTY, it seems there's only one option left for us. RUN!

QWERTY run away releasing the police and leaving everyone else to fend for themselves.

Santa Get them!

The elves are seized by the police and the minions move towards Elizabeth, Elwrong starts sneaking off.

Elizabeth No! Stay away from me!

Santa Oh it's you.

Elizabeth Hello.

Santa Hello to you too. (pause) My daughter.

There is a moment of astonishment for the elves to be shocked by this information

Elizabeth Father

Steve You're his daughter?

Georgie I don't believe it.

Elizabeth I'm so sorry I.I

Georgie Just go. Go!

Exit Elizabeth

Santa Take them all away!

Steve You'll never get away with this.

Santa Ho Ho Ho! I think I'll do just fine! (maniacal santa laugh)

Exit all

Enter Narrator

Narrator Wow, what a dramatic climax that was. The elves all captured and our

heroine in distress! Whatever is a girl to do? Seems like everything is going Santa's way, doesn't it? And let's be honest here, that's because it

is.

Exit narrator

Enter Vyclaudius, clad in his battle gear.

Vyclaudius I return, ready to surround the rebels! Hmm, there's no one here. Is the

battle done? Wow I was gone for like 5 minutes. That's unbelievably quick. Anyway, it's probably the interval now. Take my advice. Get a

drink. We've already used up all our best jokes.

Exit Vyclaudius.

Act 2

Elizabeth Argues with Bames S1

Enter Narrator

Narrator And we're back for act two! I just want to say, ignore anything any rogue cast members may or may not have said about the quality of the jokes in this act compared to the first one, and to the rest of the cast members, I would remind you how that particular actor is not getting paid. Anyway, act two, we re-join the action just as QWERTY are regrouping from that revolution, and some people are less happy about how it went than others.

Exit Narrator

Enter QWERTY, Bames and Margaret are celebrating.

Enter Elizabeth

Bames Hey there! We're just celebrating our victory. You see how I decked that guy?

Elizabeth He was just a bystander! What the Easter is wrong with you?

Ivan Many many things.

Bames Hey baby relax. (Suddenly very creepy, wait I mean suave. Is there that much of a difference?) Everything is going to be fine. Just trust me. It'll all work out in the long run.

Elizabeth Trust you? You're an idiot. You couldn't find trees in a forest! You could be in the middle of the Atlantic and still not be able to find any water!

Bames This is confusing. Normally you'd have fallen into my arms and we'd be doing it about now.

Tim Dude, we're right here.

Bitchavitch, you were trying that? You know it never works.

Bames Shut up! I'm a master of seduction and you know it. She's just weird is all.

Are you a complete idiot? They've captured the elves that you stirred to Elizabeth rebellion and you don't care.

Bames Oh drat! I'd forgotten about that. We need to rescue them.(creepy/suave) Just the two of us on a dangerous mission. Who knows what would happen.

Elizabeth (grabbing Bames by the collar, spoken sweetly) Say another word to me in that voice and I guarantee you will never feel your penis again.

Bames In a good or bad way?

Elizabeth glares at him and Bames shies away, cowed

Bames Let's put a pin in that for now then.

Tim Well it's settled. We storm the base, rescue the elves and finish our mission by killing Santa!

Elizabeth Oh really? Storm the place? That's your plan? Why? Because it went so well for you guys last time?

Bames I don't mean to be rude. But you should leave this stuff to the professionals. We're trained spies. I think we know what to do.

Elizabeth As soon as Cupcake looked at you, you ran away, screaming.

Margaret I wouldn't say screaming, necessarily.

Elizabeth I don't care, the important fact is that you ran away. Which means that to rescue the elves we're going to have to sneak into the prison.

Bames We're not doing that. You can do that if you want but don't expect any help from me. I'm a spy. Not some sneaky coward!

Elizabeth Really? None of you will help?

She looks at the other members of QWERTY

Margaret We, a bit, have to do what he says.

Ivan Even when it is very stupid.

Tim I can still remember how to pedicure horses. That was a weird time.

Margaret Good luck though.

Elizabeth That's all? Good luck? Fine, I'll do it myself! I'll have a better chance without you idiots around to screw everything up anyway!

Exit Elizabeth

Margaret We should really help her. My ancestor, George Washington would.

Bames No, we're spies for god's sake! We don't do sneaking.

Tim Spies totally do sneaking! That's why you can never be sure if anyone's a spy! Unless it's Margaret, who's definitely a spy.

Margaret When will you stop with this weird obsession?

Tim When you stop being a spy.

Margaret I'm not a spy!

Tim See this is why you're so suspicious! We're all spies, that's why we're here! Then you go and say you're not a spy. It's so dodgy!

Margaret I can't win with you can I?

Tim You could stop being a spy.

Margaret Then why don't you suspect Ivan. He's obviously Russian! Come on! What did you do before joining QWERTY and where did you do it?

Bames Alright calm down both of you. Now that that plan's failed catastrophically, we need to try something else! I'm going to watch Jeremy Kyle with this Ice-cream (he pulls out a tub)

Ivan I am certain that will have melted by now.

Bames Nonsense! (he opens it) Noooooo!

Ivan Told you so

Bames (obviously lying) It hasn't melted! But I've just realised that I can't do that for unrelated reasons that I will not go into right now.

Tim So what do we do? Attack his stronghold?

Bames Yes I was planning that and not at all mourning the loss of my ice-cream because it most definitely has not melted! Tim, give out the guns!

Tim gives out some guns

Margaret Why didn't we use these at the revolution?

Bames And kill some poor policedeer who's just doing their job? What are you? A monster? No we don't use guns on the police. But since we'll only possibly be going up against Santa now, it's best that we're prepared. Let's go team.

Exit QWERTY



Douglas tries to buy Elwrong's stall S2

Lights up on Elwrong, who's just finishing cleaning up the mess caused by the revolution scene.

Elwrong Well that was a debacle. Bloody elves, bloody spies. At least now we can get back to the business of failing to sell stuff to people. Isn't that right Bob?

Pause

Elwrong Oh yeah, they took Bob. Bloody government. You're getting a prophecy, you

pricks.

Though the people took a stand,
The tyrant laughs once more.
And you lay claim to this land,
While I stand here, still poor.

But I'm going to punch you in the face.

And it will glorious you red-garbed arsehole.

Pause, then enter Douglas and Polly

Douglas Ahh, a market. I love markets. The hustle and bustle of successful and

innovative stallholders as people flock to buy their wares.

Elwrong Hello and welcome to the outsiders' market what can I help you with?

Douglas Except you haven't got any customers do you? Dammit you ruined my

punchline. You're fired!

Elwrong I don't work for you.

Douglas Of course you don't work for me you blithering idiot. I just fired you!

Elwrong Yeah, but I didn't work for you even before you fired me.

Douglas No wonder I fired you then. Why would I be paying someone who doesn't work

for me?

Elwrong I don't know. Now, are you going to buy anything or not?

Douglas No, why would I want any of this rubbish?

Polly Sir, you came here to buy this business. You want all of this rubbish.

Elwrong My business is not for sale?

Douglas Why? What do you have to lose? Your legions of loyal customers? Your well

respected name? Other Secretary, look those up for me?

Polly Look them up where? I don't have my flies with me. Ohh it's a joke I can't find

them.

Douglas Why do I even keep you around?

Polly Because the other day you were going to spend a million pounds buying a

company until I reminded you that you already owned it?

Douglas Yes, I suppose that does earn you some slack. But it's out now. You're in thin ice now.

Polly Of course sir. We're prepared to pay you £10000

Douglas No, no, no. We're prepared to pay you a pinecone.

Elwrong What?

Douglas A pinecone. You know what they are don't you?

Elwrong Yes, yes I do?

Polly Sir, are you quite ok?

Douglas Then why do you seem confused? It's a fair deal!

Elwrong Pinecones are not legal tender. How is this the second time I'm having to explain this today?

Douglas Pinecones are very much legal tender!

Elwrong They literally grow on trees!

Douglas Of courses they do! Where else do you think the phrase "money does grow on trees" comes from?

Elwrong Seriously? Fine then. There's a shop round the corner. Go buy a cupcake from them, and pay with that pinecone

Douglas Drat! I really thought that would work like it did for that weird reindeer in a santa outfit. Ah well. Back to money.

Polly We're prepared to pay you £10000.

Elwrong £10000? Really?

Polly Well yes. We're very keen to get this over quickly.

Douglas Don't say that! But yes! We're offering so much more that the value because we want a swift resolution to all this.

Elwrong He may be a complete arse. But this is perfect. I, wait a minute. This is the deal I made a prophecy about! "Love overcome by hate" was the revolution and this definitely sounds great, so I should wait. Hang on, why am I getting worried about that? It's rubbish, I should know. I told the thing! Deal!

Douglas De...Hang on a minute you just had a soliloquy! I'll be socialism if I don't get one too!

Polly Are you sure that's a good idea?

Douglas I think it's impossible for me to have a bad idea. Now, soliloquy: I'm the artist whose medium is money! No matter where I go or what I do, I always make money, and when I make money, it's art. Now once I've made this deal I'll control every industry in Santaland! I'll be able to drive up prices however much I want. That idiot's £10000 won't even be able to buy him a loaf of bread! Deal!

Elwrong (having removed his hand) Sorry mate not a chance. Why didn't you wait till after we'd made the deal to mention how you were going to screw me over?

Douglas That was a soliloquy! You weren't supposed to hear that!

Elwrong Yeah, I come from high fantasy, we don't have soliloquys there. I heard everything.

Douglas But you did a soliloquy yourself!

Elwrong That was me just talking to myself. I didn't care if you heard.

Douglas Gah! You'll regret this! Or my name's not Douglas Capitalism Black!

Elwrong Oh just piss off already.

Exit Douglas and Polly

Elwrong Yep, I'd say capitalism has some major flaws if he's got any power.

Enter Frost and Bunny

Elwrong Alright some new people. With any luck I'll have someone not try to buy something with a pinecone. Do you know, I think it's a perfect description of my

life that I said that sentence unironically?

(to Frost and bunny) Hello and welcome to the outsiders' market! See anything

you want to buy?

Bunny Well yes, but all I have is this pinecone.

Elwrong Why does everyone around here suddenly want to pay with pinecones?

Bunny Oh no, I don't want to pay with it. How could pinecones be money? They

literally grow on trees.

Elwrong Oh thank Christ, I thought I was going insane.

Bunny Don't worry we're not here as customers.

Elwrong I literally just want customers.

Bunny But we are here to help you.

Elwrong How?

Frost Good question! I don't know.

Bunny (sighing) Huddle in, I'll explain

They huddle in, and the Easter Bunny explains the plan.

Elwrong I don't understand this plan at all.

Frost Don't worry, if it doesn't work we can just hit him over the head with a golf club.

Bunny glares at Frost

Frost What? It'd work. And you can't say it wouldn't be fun.

Bunny Don't worry, it'll work, trust me.

Elwrong I don't understand. Why do you want to destroy Black?

Bunny You know how I'm the Easter Bunny

Elwrong Yes.

Bunny Ever wonder where I went? I mean I was up and coming. I was going to be as big as Santa. But then he killed me and Easter. Now it's either incredibly religious or just an excuse to gorge yourself on chocolate.

Frost As if that wasn't enough he went and set up his own event in honour of capitalism. Even named it after himself. Black Friday.

Elwrong What? So this is just some petty revenge.

Frost Oh he's also a massive egomaniac, with no concern for anyone other than himself. It's a public service to take him down

Bunny That just happens to also be immensely satisfying.

Elwrong Well that's touching, and I would love to be fortunate enough to tell you to piss off.

Frost But you're not. Three cheers for inequality! Hip hip. (Realises the others are glaring at him) ok fine, no cheers.

Elwrong I do have a condition though.

Bunny Well?

Elwrong My friend Bob, they took him, when the revolution failed. He's in prison. And he didn't do anything wrong. Get him out.

Bunny We'll see what we can do.

Frost So you'll help? Great! What's the plan then?

Bunny and Elwrong facepalm

Blackout.



Krampus Fails to Go Viral S3

Enter Victor, Hugo and Krampus.

Krampus I don't understand. I am contagion! I have spread plagues that ravaged the world of men, and yet I have not gone viral! This cannot be.

Victor Ok so first of all, if we're going to keep working with you, you need to drop that sexist attitude

Hugo Yeah man, it's 2017 now, it's the world of men and women

Victor And anyone who's neither of those, don't forget.

Hugo Oh yeah, that too.

Krampus I don't understand. What do you mean?

Victor You gotta start treating everyone equally

Krampus Is there some other way to treat people? I am the plague that ravages this

world!

Hugo And you're a goat

Krampus I had not forgotten. But plague cares not who you are, only that you are

infected.

Hugo You can drop the "I am an evil demon act". It's not fooling anybody. We know

you just want to find a nice goat to settle down with and eat lots of grass.

Krampus No! I am a demon! I'm not happy to just live like a goat

Hugo Fine, fine, whatever you say. But when you come to terms with your urge for

greener pastures, let me know.

Krampus Let us turn back to the matter at hand. Why have I not gone viral? Sedition is as

child's play to one such as me. I'm beginning to think the fault lies with you.

Hugo Are you really sure about that?

Victor Because we very much think it's your content that's the issue.

Krampus What do you mean?

Victor Show us what you're doing in the videos again.

The stage goes dark, with the most sinister lighting we can manage.

Krampus PREPARE TO HAVE YOUR WORLD OBLITERATED! I WILL RAVAGE YOU LAND AND KILL YOUR CHILDREN! ALL SHALL HEAR MY NAME AND KNOW FEAR!

Lights back to normal

Victor You see where the issue with that is?

Hugo For starters, you don't say your name. So how are people supposed to fear it?

Victor Also, it's just deeply unpleasant to see.

Krampus I'm a demon, it's not supposed to be pleasant.

Hugo I'm getting the distinct feeling you don't understand the internet

Victor You see the internet is a wonderful place, where you can be anyone, do anything.

Hugo Like a unicorn who's working two jobs so she can finally pay off her mortgage before she turns fifty.

Victor And, when you can pretend something silly like owning a house before you turn fifty.

Hugo Why would anyone want to be someone being terrorized by a goat demon?

Krampus So what you're saying is that I have to destroy the internet?

Hugo faints

Victor Oh gosh no! Don't do that, look you've gone and made him faint from fear, now.

Krampus I was literally threatening to kill you earlier.

Victor (grimly) Some fates are worse than death.

Krampus The world makes no sense anymore! What is wrong with you!

Victor Yes! I've got it!

Krampus What do you mean?

Victor What we're going to do to make you go viral

Krampus What do you mean?

Victor Don't you see? You're a demon, you've been sleeping for years. All we need to do is film you seeing all sorts of new world stuff and people will go crazy for it!

Krampus I've never been an agent of delirium before.

Victor I'm not sure that's what I meant

Krampus Delirium sounds fun! I'm in!

Victor I mean, you've vastly misinterpreted the end result we're going to get here

Krampus I will hear nothing against this new plan! Onwards!

Victor Wait a moment, Hugo's still unconscious.

Krampus Oh leave that to me.

Krampus does something that looks suitably demonic, and the Hugo wakes up

Hugo Whhh. What happened?

Krampus Let us not tarry any longer! Onwards!

Exit all

Rescue Schmescue S4

Enter Santa and minions, Santa's doing a maniacal Santa laugh (ho sound instead of ha sound) and the minions are doing an ordinary one.

Cupcake Boss, um. Why are we laughing?

Muffin How are people supposed to know we're evil if we don't do maniacal laughs

every so often?

Cupcake By our words and actions?

Muffin Ahh, but there's one thing you're missing.

Cupcake And that is?

Muffin People (dramatic pause) are stupid.

Muffin does a big sweeping gesture at the audience.

Cupcake What?

Muffin There's nothing so telling that someone is evil as a good maniacal laugh. You

can do all the evil you like, but without a good maniacal laugh they won't know to celebrate our inevitable defeat, on account of how they're, you know,

idiots.

Santa Muffin, Muffin, Don't you know anything? We're going to win. The

rebellion is quashed, and the only thing that's left to do is sweep up the

remains.

Muffin What do you think we should do?

Santa Well, top priority is finding my daughter, Muffin, take care of that. Cupcake. I

think it's time we dealt with our guests. Bring the elves in here.

Cupcake Yes boss.

Exit Muffin and Cupcake

Enter Cupcake, with the Elf prisoners in tow.

Steve You can take our lives! But you'll never take our freedom!

Santa What? I'm pretty certain I just did, you're imprisoned.

Steve It's a metaphor!

Georgie What are you going to do?

Santa I would think that's patently obvious. (maniacal laugh)

Enter Muffin, with Elizabeth struggling behind him

Muffin Found her.

Santa (startled out of his maniacal laugh) That was quick.

Muffin Yeah, I think she was here to free the elves.

Santa What gives you that idea?

Muffin Oh, you know. Intuition.

Elizabeth Let the elves go, you bastards!

Muffin Like I said, intuition.

Santa I see. Well it seems like we've got one more prisoner on the roster.

Elizabeth (at the elves) Are you ok?

Santa I think that's up to me to decide. Don't you Cupcake?

Cupcake I suppose so.

Santa And I say they're going to be executed.

There are general protests/pleading from the elves.

Elizabeth Please! Don't kill them!

Santa Of course, you could change my mind.

Elizabeth How?

Santa It's simple really. Denounce this silly revolution of yours and help me track

down QWERTY. Come back to me, daughter.

Georgie Don't do it!

Elizabeth But he'll kill you!

Steve We can't let him win though.

Elizabeth But if he kills you it's my fault! I got you into this! And I lied to you!

Bionicle No it's not.

Georgie I got into this on my own terms. And I want to go out on my own terms too.

Santa Come on, be with your father.

Elizabeth Fine. I won't help you, father.

Santa Shame. You've made the mistake of thinking I bargain because they have a

chance, when in reality, it's only because I'd rather not leave you in prison to rot. Muffin, take her away! Cupcake, have the elves executed, and once you've

done that, deal with QWERTY.

Blackout

Elwrong Sells His stall S5

Elwrong is minding his stall again, looking distinctly bored, when in walk two humans Enter Speck and Reynard

Speck Why are we walking around here Reynard

Reynard Oh you know, just looking for inspiration.

Speck You were going to steal something weren't you?

Reynard I'm insulted that you would even think that! But yes.

Speck You know what Reindeer Santa said about that.

Reynard Ok fine, I won't steal anything.

Elwrong (just noticing the others) Oh it's you two, the weirdoes from earlier with the

pinecone.

Speck Wow, that's an amazing sales technique!

Elwrong Hey, I've had a long day, no need to get sarcastic

Speck I was being sincere. It's so nice that you remembered us!

Elwrong Ok, sure. Look are you still interested in buying my stuff?

Speck Oh my gosh! Yes! I mean, we still only have pinecones. But will you accept

them? You wouldn't before.

Elwrong No but. I can't believe I'm going to say this. You can take it for free.

Meanwhile Reynard already has a couple of boxes of stuff grabbed.

Reynard Wait what, we're just allowed to just take this?

Elwrong Yes, It would have been nice if you'd actually waited for me to say you can take

them, but sure.

Speck Reynard!

Reynard What? I was being prescient. He wants us to take them.

Speck That's actually a fair point.

Elwrong Is it? I don't think it is.

Reynard Well what does it matter now? We've gotten everything for Reindeer Santa. And

now we can make Christmas happen.

Speck And we did it without stealing.

Reynard I know. Who knew people randomly giving you a tonne of stuff was a thing that

happened?

Speck Yep. Let's head off. Thank you mister!

Exit Speck and Reynard

Elwrong If this doesn't work I'm going to kill that bunny. Now I just need to find Douglas and sell my stall to him.

Enter Douglas with Polly

Elwrong Well that's convenient.

Douglas Have you realised the folly of denying my will yet?

Elwrong Yes actually

Douglas Wait what?

Elwrong I've decided to sell.

Douglas But why? I haven't done anything to you, yet.

Elwrong I don't understand.

Polly He had so many unpleasant things planned for you. First he was going to have a scary man shout obscenities at you every five minutes, then start a dung heap next to your stall and stink you out. Then we were going to release a film whose premise was if you get a lock of a high elf's hair, then you get a wish.

Elwrong Well you don't need to do any of those. I'm prepared to sell.

Douglas You sure you don't want to reconsider, They're really fun!

Elwrong No, thanks, I'll have my money now please

Douglas (Sighs) Fine, I guess I'll buy your store. Here you go.

Elwrong Pleasure doing business with you.

Douglas (Moving behind the stall) Hey, where's all your stuff?

Elwrong Oh, didn't I say? I lost it. It's too late anyway, we've done the deal. Later!

Exit Elwrong

Douglas That sniggering high elf! Selling me his stall when he doesn't have any stock left! This setback has cost me dearly! No matter! I've done what Santa wanted! And now I have a monopoly through the whole of Santaland! I'll easily makeup the losses with the price gouging I can do with that! I'm going to be, oh so rich!

Song: The Money Song

A song about why money is great and how Douglas is going to have loads of it Exit Douglas

Captured! S6

Onstage are the police except Vyclaudius, Elizabeth and Bob are tied up and asleep in the background

Blitzen Well, that could have gone better

Rudolph What do you mean?

Blitzen You know the bit where we got beaten and captured before Santa came along

and saved our arses

Rudolph I mean yeah, but I was more thinking of how we didn't get executed for utterly

failing

Blitzen You're right, that is quite an upside.

Rudolph Dasher, you're being unusually quiet. I haven't had to tell you to shut up for

ages.

Dasher I, I actually have a question.

Rudolph Is this going another stupid question?

Dasher No, actually I'd like to talk about the elephant in the room.

Blitzen If this is a pun about there being an elephant in this room somewhere then

we're both going to murder you.

Dasher I'd love that but, no, it's entirely figurative. I've just noticed something.

Blitzen The revolutionaries are all cowards?

Dasher Have you looked at our uniforms recently?

Blitzen Our uniforms?

Dasher The emblems on our uniforms. Have you looked at them?

Blitzen What? No, a bit.

Dasher They've got skulls on them. Have you noticed that our uniforms have actually

got little pictures of skulls on them?

Blitzen I don't

Dasher Are we the baddies?

Rudolph Both of you, stop it. Worrying about things that is for your betters. Just trust

that we're doing good work.

Dasher But are we doing good work?

Enter Vyclaudius

Vyclaudius I'm doing good work, just ask the world of fashion

Blitzen I'm not sure that's what Dasher meant.

Vyclaudius Then what did he mean? Pretty much everything I do is to benefit the fashion

industry.

Blitzen Oh, you've been far more useful than I'd have expected.

Vyclaudius Oh yes. Mocking people having major self-doubts is so far out it's unreal.

Rudolph Do we have any orders then?

Vyclaudius Actually no, I'm not all too certain what's going on at the moment.

Something's happened that's got the high-ups all distracted.

Rudolph Maybe that revolt we put down earlier.

Vyclaudius Oh yeah, there was that revolt. You guys dealt with that really fast. Well done!

I was actually moving around to get behind the barricade, but by the time I got

there the whole place was empty.

Blitzen Why didn't you tell us that?

Vyclaudius They were like two metres away. They could hear everything we said.

Rudolph Alright then. Let's go out!

Vyclaudius And do what? We haven't been asked to do anything.

Rudolph Patrol. What do the fashion police do when they haven't got any specific

orders?

Vyclaudius Nothing, why would we bother?

Dasher Aww, I don't want to patrol. I'm tired. We should be like the fashion police

Rudolph It's not up for discussion. We're going on patrol or your ass is fired. That's an

order.

Dasher Fine.

Blitzen Shouldn't some of us stay here to guard the prisoners?

Rudolph Santa and Muffin are both here. I think the prisoners are sufficiently guarded.

Exit police

Elizabeth (stirring from sleep) Wake up, they're gone! You can stop pretending to be

asleep now.

Bob makes having just woken up noises.

Elizabeth Are you ok?

Bob I was asleep. I'm really tired. Why would I be pretending to be asleep?

Elizabeth I, okay I don't know. Maybe I'm being paranoid.

Bob Yes you are. Now do you have anything important to say? I'd really like to

sleep.

Elizabeth We need to plan our escape!

Bob We're not going to escape. We're in the middle of Santa's fortress and the doors are locked. There's nothing we can do.

Elizabeth No there must be some way to escape! No prison is inescapable!

Bob I think this one might be.

Elizabeth No you don't understand! I have to escape!

Bob Are you ok?

Elizabeth You wouldn't understand.

Bob I can try. If you talk about it a little then you'll feel better. It's never good to keep these things bottled up.

Elizabeth I'm not bottling anything up.

Bob Sure, if you insist.

Pause

Bob Well, if that's all...

Elizabeth I had some friends. Something bad happened to them. Something that I could have stopped. I wanted to, to stop it, but they said no, and I listened. It's all my fault.

Bob Don't be stupid.

Elizabeth They wouldn't have been there if it wasn't for me!

Bob Why were they there in the first place though? For you, or for themselves.

Elizabeth Does it matter?

Bob Yes, yes it does. Because you need to realise that they made their own decisions. You may have influenced them, but they still decided to do what they did. Not you.

Elizabeth But how can I live my life knowing people died for me.

Bob You just have to take it one day at a time.

Elizabeth I guess.

Bob That's the spirit! This story's not done yet.

Enter Muffin

Muffin Which one of you is Bob?

Elizabeth What do you think?

Muffin (sighs) Bob, Come with me.

Elizabeth Where are you taking him?

Muffin No need to sound so concerned. He's getting released.

Bob Really? Why?

Muffin Well for starters you haven't actually done anything illegal. So there's that. Also there's this rabbit woman kicking up a stink and demanding your release. Come on.



Reindeer Santa Success S7

And it's Reindeer Santa again! Yay, wholesomeness!

Enter Reindeer Santa

RS Where have those two humans gotten off to? I hope they haven't gotten hurt. No that would be silly! I'm sure they're fine!

Enter Speck and Reynard, with the stuff from Elwrong's stall

RS There you are! And you've got everything we need! You know what that means?

Speck Group hug?

RS Group hug!

The Trio have a group hug.

RS How did you do it?

Reynard It was really weird. This guy just gave us all his stuff.

RS Obviously he saw you had the magic of Christmas about you

Reynard I don't think it was that.

Speck Well it doesn't matter now! Because we can give the magic of Christmas to everyone in this land!

Song: The Gifting song

A detestably wholesome song about how Christmas is great and everyone's going to be so happy with all the gifts they're giving out.

RS That's right! Put everything into the sack! Let's go bring some festive cheer to the world!

Exit RS and Humans

Enter Victor, Hugo and Krampus

Hugo Wow, Victor! We did it!

Victor What do you mean Hugo?

Hugo We've actually gone viral! Look we're up to one hundred now!

Krampus Yes! Already one hundred people bow before my might!

Victor One hundred followers isn't that much

Hugo Oh sorry, that's not one hundred followers. That's one hundred people trying to copy our idea. They're failing miserably of course, amateurs the lot of them. None of them at all have an ancient demon, they just have... old people.

Krampus They seek to steal my glory! I will destroy these fools and reduce their homes to ashes!

Victor That's not necessary.

Krampus But they seek to diminish my glory! Can this be allowed to stand?

Victor Well yes, really. None of them are going to get anywhere. Ancient demons that haven't been awake for thousands of years aren't exactly common. None of them are going to have the magic that you do.

Hugo Shall we do another video now then?

Victor Shall we show him avocado toast?

Krampus I already know what that is. We cursed it way back in the day. If you eat it it'll be impossible to buy a house.

Hugo Told you it was cursed!

Victor As if it wasn't impossible for me to buy a house anyway. I'm a millennial. (laughs sadly)

Hugo (having got a phone out and filming) Right I'm filming. Let's find something new to show him.

Victor Someone's coming, let's see if they can show us anything

Enter RS and the Humans

RS Merry Christmas! I'm Reindeer Santa and I bring gifts on this happy day!

Hugo It's [current day and month] Christmas isn't until the 25th of December.

RS Well excuse my species for not having invented the calendar yet. Learning to talk wasn't enough for you? Sorry that was rude, it's a sore subject.

Victor How is the development of a calendar a sore subject?

Reynard You don't want to know.

Krampus Who are you?

RS I'm Reindeer Santa and these are two of my humans, Reynard and Speck, now let's see what I have for you.

RS pulls something from the sack and gives it to Krampus (I can't be bothered to decide what it'll be yet)

RS Ooh that's a kettle! Lucky you!

Krampus What does it do?

RS Oh, didn't you know? You can use it to boil water.

Krampus Ahh yes, for use in witch trials. Very clever.

Speck Umm, no. It's for making tea.

Krampus What is tea?

Speck It's like fermented leaves in hot water, sometimes with milk. It tastes really nice.

Krampus This world is so confusing! Why would you add extra steps to making drinks when you can drink both water and the blood of your vanquished enemies?

Hugo Ohh that's why you wanted me to drink that oil.

Krampus That parking meter was my enemy!

Hugo You don't even own a car.

Krampus Well then, use this vessel to make tea.

Speck We can't we don't have any tea or water.

Krampus You need tea to make tea? This is the stupidest invention in the world!

Hugo (stopping filming) And that's a wrap.

Victor Ohh, can I ask you something now?

RS Of course.

Victor If you're Reindeer Santa, how come you don't have a sleigh?

RS Why would I have a sleigh?

Victor Because Santa has a sleigh?

RS Yes, but Santa has reindeer to pull his sleigh. Why would I want to copy that, even if my humans were suited to that?

Victor I guess.

RS And now, we go to bring Christmas to new people.

Hugo Wait. One more thing. Aren't you going to run out of gifts pretty quick? That sack isn't big enough for everyone

Speck Well duh, The sack is magic. If you fill it up then it never runs out Song: The Gifting Song-Reprise

A very short reprise for RS's exit.

Exit RS and Humans

Hugo We should go too. I've got horrible data coverage here. Gotta upload this new video.

Exit all

Douglas is in ruins! S8

Enter narrator

Narrator Oh, I love the smell of business in the morning. Especially this morning, because it will smell so, so bad for a certain annoying businessman.

Enter Douglas with Polly

Exit Narrator

Douglas What are you saying?

Polly Sir nobody's buying anything, anywhere. We've lost a lot of money, and with your recent purchases. It might be...

Douglas Hold up, nobody's buying anything, anywhere?

Polly Yes sir.

Douglas I don't understand. How could this happen? I own literally every shop in this miserable land.

Polly Well, if nobody buys anything at all, then it happens. I'd thought you could put that together. It's quite obvious.

Douglas Less of the lip, secretary. How could everyone stop buying everything all at once?

Polly My name's Polly sir. I've told you enough times that you should know.

Douglas Just answer me, man.

Polly I don't know. It's not my problem anymore, with this dip in profits and your rapid expansion, you've gone bankrupt.

Douglas What? This can't be happening! I'm the greatest businessman in the world! I'm too big to fail!

Polly You say that, but you've definitely failed. So I'd guess you're not.

Douglas (Dramatic, we're talking prequel Darth Vader when he learns that Padme is dead) Nooooooooooo!

Polly The auditors are already here.

Douglas Auditors! I'm not sticking around for that. Get my gold stash, I'm skipping town.

Polly Not gonna happen. I don't work for you anymore. Ah, here they are now.

Enter Frost and Bunny

Douglas You! How'd you become an auditor?

Frost Oh I didn't, I lied. I would have thought that was obvious.

Bunny Shame to see a business fail so catastrophically. Especially when you worked so hard to get here.

Frost It would have worked if it weren't for Reindeer Santa.

Douglas What do you mean? Who's Reindeer Santa?

Frost None of your business. You're the villain in this side plot, and we just beat you. We're hardly going to turn this into a monologue now are we?

Douglas I'm the villain? All I was doing was cooperating with Santa's scheme to take over the world and get rich by exploiting everyone else in this country! That's just capitalism!

Polly Regardless of whether it's capitalism, it makes you detestable.

Bunny It also makes you the owner of a completely failed business. Don't forget that.

Frost Well this has been fun. But we've got better things to do than talk to failed businessmen.

Bunny Do we?

Frost No, but if someone said that about me I'd be insulted as heck.

Exit Frost and Bunny

Douglas How dare they? I'm not some nobody! I am Douglas Capitalism Black. I'm the best businessman this world has ever seen! I may not have my empire anymore but I made it once and I can make it again! Then nobody will be laughing.

Exit Douglas

Polly Oh Douglas, why must you be such a fool? You haven't been the one making your business work for years now. No, it's been me who ran your business. And it's me who will rebuild it.

Exit Polly

Enter Narrator

Narrator Who would have thought it? Turns out having a monopoly is pointless when out of nowhere pops up a reindeer with a taste for philanthropy and a magic sack that never runs out of stuff. Really unfortunate for Douglas that Elwrong just happened to give all his wares away, just before selling.

Exit Narrator

Plot Twist! QWERTY Are Stupid S9

Santa in on stage relaxing safe in the knowledge that his minion is hunting down the only dissidents left in the land, while Muffin is in the background looking attentive

Santa Well this has been an absolute farce, hasn't it, Muffin?

Muffin Yes sir.

Santa It's all just stupid, isn't it? Those elves revolting even though they know they won't possibly win, or those elves thinking they could take me down. I don't know which is more ridiculous. I deliver one and a half billion presents all across the globe in a single night! It's going to take more than a few rebels to stop me!

Muffin Yes sir.

Santa It's oddly satisfying how it all came down to nothing in the end. Even now I'll bet Cupcake has caught the rest of those cowards who helped them. And then my evil masterplan can proceed without interruption!

Muffin Yes sir.

Enter Cupcake, in a rush

Cupcake Boss! QWERTY are here! I think they're about to attack!

There is a huge boom from offstage

Santa Well? Go get them!

Cupcake Yes, sir!

Exit Cupcake and Muffin, off to fight QWERTY

Santa And the last of the rebels are caught. This is just too easy! Ho Ho Ho!

Enter Cupcake and Muffin, both obviously defeated, followed by a victorious QWERTY without Bames

Tim Alright Suckers! Hands up!

Margaret Consider yourselves captured

Enter Bames, In a rage

Bames You should not have gone up against us!

Santa Alright. I surrender. Now tell me what you want!

Bames You know what I want. Tell me where my love is!

Santa Of course of course. Cupcake, fetch the prisoners.

Ivan Wait a moment. I know who you are.

Bames Damn right, you know who he is! He's the one who's keeping me from my one

true love!

Ivan No, no, I mean.

Margaret The man's distraught, don't distract him!

Tim Really Margaret, I mean this rescue is stupidly over the top. Now he's saying he's in love.

Margaret Hey, respect his choices. The man says he's in love, he's in love.

Bames Yeah exactly.

Ivan Sir, the people we've captured...

Bames Be quiet Ivan! I am deaf to all but that which will bring my love into my arms until we're together again!

Tim Sir you can't possibly be in love! You're being stupid!

Ivan You are being very stupid...

Margaret Oh so now he can only be in love with specific people. Wow! I thought this was an accepting group.

Tim I'm not saying that! I'm just saying that it's ridiculous that he claims to be in love with a pot of ice-cream!

Santa Wait your love is a pot of ice-cream? I thought it was my prisoner.

Bames No! I threw it over your wall by accident and the person at the door wouldn't let me in to look for it so. Imprisoned.

Muffin Oh that's actually in the corner here. (picks up the ice cream and gives it to Bames)

Bames Thank you! Take the goon you sent to the cells and go

Exit Santa and Muffin, in a hurry

Tim (while they're leaving) Sir that's

Margaret (cutting her off) Let him has his moment. They've just been reunited.

Bames Right, now what is you you're trying to tell me

Ivan That was Santa. You just let him get away!

Bames What? Why didn't you tell me!

Ivan You were too distracted with your ice cream

Tim And Margaret stopped me just as they were leaving.

Margaret Sorry! I thought it was your inanity again

Tim What inanity?

Margaret You always call me a traitor?

Tim That's not inane. You are a traitor.

Enter Elizabeth

Elizabeth Wow, it's you! You came to help me after all

Bames Well not really, actually

Ivan We came to rescue the elves.

Bames We did?

Ivan Yes that's exactly what we did. We definitely did not get lost looking for Santa

then only come in here when Bames lost his ice-cream.

Bames Ivan, could I have a word? (pulling him back)

Ivan What is it?

Bames Why are you lying to her?

Ivan Would you rather we tell her the truth?

Bames Fair point. (now addressing Elizabeth) Where are the elves? Were they here

with you?

Elizabeth No, they're... they're not. They're not here.

Margaret Shame, well we should chase after Santa before he gets away.

Elizabeth If Santa's gotten away we can't give him opportunity to plan. We've got to do

this!

Bames Well what are we waiting for?

Tim You sir. You're what we're waiting for.

Bames Oh, well then. Let's go.

Elizabeth Wait, wait. How did you ever beat Santa and his goons? You're idiots.

Bames That's needlessly rude. And we are actually highly trained spies. We're not that

bad at fighting.

Elizabeth Then how did you get so utterly thrashed before?

Bames Oh, that's because. Well

QWERTY Cupcake's really scary!

Elizabeth Wow.

Bames Now. Let's go!

Exit all

Evil Regroup S10

Onstage are the police except Vyclaudius, Dasher is bored and is watching a video on their phone.

Rudolph (noticing Dasher is on his phone) Dasher! Put that down

Dasher What? C'mon sarge, it's so funny. There's these guys that have an ancient

demon and...

Rudolph I don't care. We are supposed to be patrolling!

Dasher You're no fun.

Rudolph I'm fed up of this! Neither of you respect me at all! How am I supposed to lead

this squad when you spend all your time trying to undermine me?

Blitzen You're not exactly blameless yourself. You're an awful sergeant.

Rudolph How could I be anything but awful? You spend more time insulting my

intelligence than doing your job!

Dasher Because you spent all your time threatening to fire my ass. And I'm like what

does my donkey have to do with anything?

Blitzen And it's not like you did much to foster a passion for the job. All you do is bully

us and blame us when anything goes wrong.

Rudolph That's only because that's the only way to get you to do anything.

Blitzen Which is part of why you're such an awful sergeant. Why were you even

promoted to Sergeant? Having a shiny nose on a foggy night?

Dasher And come on, that's literally the stupidest reason ever. Light doesn't work to

help you see through fog, and even if it did, like torches exist. There's literally no need to rely on your weird abnormalities and even if there were, that's no

reason to promote you to be our leader.

Blitzen Especially when we didn't even like you to begin with.

Dasher It stinks of nepotism

Rudolph Do you think I don't know that? I have no idea why I'm the leader here. I just

tried to do the best I could with it.

Blitzen Oh please, the first thing you did was come down on us with discipline,

discipline, discipline.

Rudolph What was the alternative? It wasn't I could get you to follow me out of love or

respect

Blitzen That's... actually a good point.

Dasher I guess.

Both We're sorry

Dasher For being such awful cops.

Rudolph No, no. This is probably some elaborate practical joke.

Dasher I promise you it's not.

Rudolph I'm sorry for being a horrible sergeant!

Wholesome group hug.

Enter Vyclaudius

Vyclaudius Are you all ok?

Dasher It's a group hug.

Vyclaudius Eww no.

Rudolph Well if you won't come to us

All We'll have to come to you

Group hug V2.0, now includes Vyclaudius, minor bug fixes

Vyclaudius This is deeply unpleasant.

Rudolph But seriously Dasher. Put that away. We're on patrol.

Dasher Oh I didn't realise it was still on. (looks at the phone and is about to turn it off

when)

From offstage comes a massive boom! Again! Actually it's the same one. We're doing some slightly non-chronological retelling here.

Dasher looks completely mindblown

Rudolph What was that?

Vyclaudius I'm by no means an expert, but it's probably an explosion.

Blitzen It sounds like it came from Santa's fortress.

Dasher It's Reindeer Santa!

Blitzen Really, Dasher? Reindeer Santa's just a myth. Something they tell fawns about

when they're young. And I doubt they're going suddenly come here and blow

up the fortress.

Dasher No I mean on here! (Gestures to phone) look! Reindeer Santa's real. The

humans are real! And they're on YouTube.

Rudolph It's probably just someone faking it to get more views. Don't pay any attention

to it.

Dasher But...

Vyclaudius What's all this Reindeer Santa nonsense?

Blitzen Did you ever hear the legend of Reindeer Santa the kind?

Vyclaudius No.

Blitzen I guess not. It's not a story the fashion police would tell you. It's a deer legend.

Rudolph All nonsense, of course. Reindeer Santa doesn't exist.

Dasher Yes, but if it were true. It would be huge. When reindeer Santa comes, it's told

that we can't serve human Santa anymore. And all sorts of great things would

happen. But you're right. It does look like it's just someone is a rubbish

amateur dramatics costume.

Vyclaudius So let's go investigate that explosion.

Blitzen Wait are you actually proposing we do work?

Dasher That's very unlike you. You even lied about what police brutality was so you

wouldn't have to do any.

Vyclaudius Well so did you apparently. Anyway I'm a bit of a pyromaniac. Explosions are

fun! And before you ask. No that's not fashionable. But who cares?

Dasher Oh my. Could it be that? You're developing as a person?

Vyclaudius No, I've just realised no one in the fashion circles would ever believe you if you

told them.

Dasher Come on, you enjoyed the hug, admit it.

Vyclaudius No. Argh, who cares? Let's go investigate.

Enter Santa and the confectionary duo

Santa (while entering) That won't be necessary.

Rudolph What happened?

Santa Rebels attacked the base. Caught us off guard. It won't happen again.

Song: The evil song

The Traditional Villain song, about how they're going to annihilate everyone else and take over the world!

Muffin We're going back there now.

Cupcake And we're going to end this.

Santa Come. Those fools will regret ever crossing me!

Exit all

Finale S11

Enter Narrator

Manakan

Narrator So here we are. The final showdown! Who's pumped, I'm pumped! I admit it's at least partly so I get to stop having these guys interrupt my narration, but it's also because it's exciting. Though actually thinking about it, my role is kinda pointless. I'm the narrator so I tell the story. But also, you literally see the story happening in front of you. I'm like that guy who tells you stories only for you to yell "I know, I was there!" at the end. Ah well. You've seen the beginning, the middle, and now, let's make an end.

Enter QWERTY and Elizabeth on one side, and Santa and Co on the other side.

Bames There you are!

Santa There. You. Are.

Elizabeth You don't have to do this, father. We can end this peacefully.

Santa I am all in favour of that. If you'll all just put yourselves in my custody.

Bames Ok that's not going to happen (to Elizabeth) Also we maybe totally have to kill him. President's orders and all that.

Elizabeth I did not know that. Hang on wait, that's why you've done all this stuff. You are horrible people.

Ivan Let us keep the morality talk until we do not have someone who wants to kill us around.

Elizabeth Fine.

Santa Do you seriously believe this clown will be better than me?

Elizabeth I believe that anyone will be better than you.

Ivan Oh my god, did neither of you hear me? Less talk more fight.

Santa You don't get to decide that.

Bames We don't. Oh wow, because I was totally under the impression we would just attack when I yell "ATTACK!"

They (except Bames) attack

Bames (genuine surprise) Well how about that.

Bames joins in, the good(ish) guys fight valiantly but are defeated

Bames Dammit, I really thought that despite the fact there are less of us and more of you than the last time you kicked our collective asses, we'd win.

Santa (Santa and minions doing the evil laugh) And you're defeated, as was the only possible way this could go. Tie them up, and take them to be executed.

Cupcake Ha! You screwed up big time. It would take a major Deus Ex Machina before you could beat us

Enter Reindeer Santa and the humans

RS Did somebody call for a Deus Ex Machina?

Cupcake I really should have kept my mouth shut.

Reynard Why did you say that? It's completely out of character for you.

RS Because the writer has no self-control or artistic integrity.

Reynard Oh yeah, obvious really.

RS I am Reindeer Santa! And I have come to bring Christmas to this poor mistreated land!

Dasher It's Reindeer Santa.

Blitzen The legends are true.

Dasher But that means

Rudolph That we can't serve Santa anymore.

The policedeer, except Vyclaudius rush over to RS.

Rudolph Reindeer Santa! We're Santa's reindeer.

Blitzen And we will serve you

Dasher If you'll have us.

RS Of course! I'm always happy to have extra deer.

Blitzen Vyclaudius, aren't you going to join us?

Vyclaudius No, I'd literally never heard of Reindeer Santa until today. Why would I change

my life because of her?

Dasher But you're one of the bad guys!

And I'm perfectly fine with that. I've known for a long time now. At least I'm Vyclaudius

not a hypocrite like you.

Santa You'd betray me then? No matter! I have no need of you! Muffin, get them!

Exit Muffin

RS Oh dear is it a bad time?

Elizabeth You could say that.

RS Ok then. Come on friends! We'll come back later!

Exit RS and followers (you're welcome, directors)

Wow there are more of us then there are of them now! It isn't ridiculous to Bames

assume that something will change this time

Vyclaudius Oh please, I'm wearing my combat outfit. You'll need more than that to get through me.

Elizabeth Attack!

The good(ish) guys attack again, but are all beaten quickly by Vyclaudius (sorry directors)

Elizabeth Dammit! We can't just let you carry on like this! You're ruining lives!

Santa That's the point!

Cupcake Hoo, boy! Looks like you'd need a second Deus Ex Machina to have a chance against us!

Enter Bob and Elwrong, Vyclaudius is incredibly shocked to see them

Bob Did somebody call for a second Deus Ex Machina?

Santa And what business do you have with me?

Bob You wrongly imprisoned me.

Elwrong And are just generally a prick.

Santa You are of no consequence! Vyclaudius, deal with them!

Bob Vyclaudius? That's the name my reindeer took before he abandoned me.

Vyclaudius Bob! (running towards Bob)

The two embrace

Bob I've missed you buddy!

Vyclaudius I've missed you too. But we're together again.

Bob I thought you were going off into the world of fashion.

Vyclaudius I did, but it turns out being really good looking and insulting everyone you even meet in clever and funny ways is no replacement for true friendship.

Santa Right, this is all unnecessarily soppy. It's time. End this.

Elizabeth What's that supposed to mean? I don't understand

Margaret (levelling a gun at QWERTY) That's because the message wasn't meant for you.

Everyone is shocked at Margaret's betrayal. Except Tim, who doubles over laughing.

Bames Margaret! Who could have guessed that you would betray us? Except Tim, multiple times.

Margaret Yes! All that time putting up with those jokes and it's finally paid off! Now, I'll put down this little group of yours and join Santa when he takes over the world! Tim, stop laughing.

Bob Yes, really do stop laughing! He's got a gun.

Tim continues laughing

Margaret If you don't stop laughing. I'll shoot you!

Tim You'll shoot me, with the gun I gave you.

Margaret Yes I suppose there is a sort of irony to it.

Tim Go ahead. But there's one thing you should know before you try.

Margaret tries to shoot Tim, but the gun doesn't work

Tim The gun's not loaded.

Margaret What?

Tim Did you really think I'd give you a loaded gun? I mean I'm not sure how much more obtuse I could have been about not trusting you.

He renders her incapable of fighting, somehow.

Bames Wait a moment, there's only properly bad guys left! We can use our guns now! (pointing a gun at the bad guys) Hands in the air suckaz.

Santa You think a gun can do anything against me! I'm Santa Claus! I am outside your reckoning! I

He is cut off as Elwrong has snuck up to him and punched him in the face.

Elwrong Sorry about that, but it was just inevitable. Prophesised actually.

Santa Oww that hurt. Fine then we surrender.

Enter Frost and Bunny

Bunny Looks like there's been a fight here.

Frost And we missed all the fun! Darn.

Bunny Really, you call fighting fun

Frost Hey, it's an objective fact. Boxing is a multimillion dollar industry, and that's just fighting with enough rules so you can get away with saying 'it's not just us paying to watch two people fight. It's a sport.'

Bames We're QWERTY, and we're here to assassinate Santa Claus

Frost (Sudden realisation) wait you're QWERTY and you're going to kill him? Easter, I need to tell you something.

He pulls Easter in, and whispers something in her ear

Bunny You sent them a letter telling them their president wanted them to kill Santa Claus? And you didn't realise that when we met them over half the play ago?

Frost Not so loud! Yeah, I was drunk, and I didn't expect them to believe it! I signed the thing, "Love, Mr President" for Christ's sake. Besides, they didn't say they wanted to kill him, and I didn't realise who they were.

Bunny I despair at you. Well, you know what you have to do.

Frost Come clean and explain it was all a mistake?

Bunny Don't be stupid! You have to

She whispers in his ear

Frost Oh that does make sense. I'll get on it now. Can you distract them a bit so they don't kill him?

Frost starts writing

Bunny Sure, (to QWERTY) So, what are you going to do after this?

Ivan Probably go home.

Bunny Oh that's interesting (aside to Frost) I've run out of things to say

Frost Really? You usually never shut up

Bunny I'm not good under pressure!

Frost Just tell them the joke

Bunny What joke

Frost You know, the best joke in the world

Bunny I am not telling that joke.

Frost Fine, take over, I'll tell it.

Bunny Ok

Frost So who wants to hear the funniest joke in the world?

Elizabeth Not me.

Frost Well it's your unlucky day, because I'm going to tell it anyway. What do you

call a donkey with three legs?

Cupcake I don't know.

Frost A wonky donkey!

Elizabeth That was rubbish!

Frost I'm not through yet!

What do you call a donkey with three legs and one eye?

A winky wonky donkey

What do you call a farting donkey with three legs and one eye?

A stinky winky wonky donkey!

What do you call a small farting donkey with three legs and one eye?

A dinky stinky winky wonky donkey

Bunny I'm done. You can stop telling the joke now.

Frost Fine, but I want it on record that I can go on for at least another three iterations. Hey QWERTY, we've got another order from your President. Here you go.

Tim This is highly irregular

Ivan Just read it.

Bames (reading) Dear QWERTY

Just to clarify, you do not need to kill Santa, in fact it would be preferable if you don't actually kill Santa. He just needs to be removed from power. Blah blah I am counting on you.

Love,

Mr President

Frost (to Bunny) Really? Blah blah blah?

Bunny I said I'm not good under pressure! Besides, he bought it.

Bames Well, I suppose we'll leave him here in whoever is going to take over's custody? Actually who is going to take over?

Santa You really don't know? I do actually have an heir. One who probably is the main reason your little attack succeeded.

Tim Oh my! There's a shadowy figure been helping us from behind the scenes this whole time? That explains why we had two Deus Ex Machinas in a row.

Santa What? No, you're just incredibly lucky. Elizabeth is my daughter and heir.

Bames So you'll be ruling here, then.

Elizabeth Gods, no. I may have to keep things ticking over for a bit. But I think we'll have a democracy. That way we won't have any power crazed maniacs like him getting into power!

Frost Ha! Good one

Narrator Well, I think that's all the dangling plot lines tied up. Either that or we forgot about them, and, in that case, so probably did you. All that's left I guess a moral, though that's difficult from this mess.

Enter Douglas

Douglas I think it's obvious what the moral is! Capitalism is the best!

Narrator How could you have possibly got that as the moral?

Douglas It's the moral to everything!

Narrator Whatever. Enjoy the final song!

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