

The logo features the word "ELF" in a light blue, metallic, 3D-style font. Below it, the word "Control" is written in a large, bold, red, rounded font. A small red Santa hat with white trim is positioned on the left side, partially overlapping the letter 'C'.

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The North Pole, Christmas HQ where the busy little elves are busy all year round preparing for that one special day of the year.

CHARACTERS

MAIN		
CHARACTER	DESCRIPTION	VOICE
Elphonse	Head elf, workshop foreman, reports directly to Santa. Is self interested and the smartest elf at the North Pole (just ask him). Avoids work and (mis)manages budgets.	Cary Elwes/Danger Mouse/Blackadder. Very well spoken, articulate, superior
Grumble	Personal assistant to Elphonse and head reindeer keeper. Lacks competency and personal hygiene but is ever present.	Defeated & deflated
Melfa	Elf Control receptionist, feels like she really runs things. Is very experienced, cynical and has contempt for Elphonse who she considers overpaid and lazy.	Officious, motherly. A bit of an annoying squawky quality.
Santa Claus	The boss, the jolly fat man who's jolly comes from his Eggnog flask. Dislikes naughty children, interests include giving presents and Grumble.	Santa as you'd expect
Mrs Claus	Wife of the fat man, sweet on the surface but has a mean streak and likes getting her own way.	Sweet and motherly but with a stern, cutting edge at times.
Voiceover	The professional voiceover artist, who's a bit tired of his job, self deprecating and doesn't get the attention or love he deserves.	Eloquent, deep, refined, silky smooth.
Workshop		
Elaph	Chief worker Elf, paid up member of the union, very disgruntled with the poor management and working conditions, reports to despised foreman, Elphonse.	Scottish, deep, gruff, union man's voice.
Elperta	Fellow disgruntled worker Elf, she is the voice of reason when Elaph gets a head full of steam.	Girly elf voice
Elfis	Hard working Elf who would also be disgruntled if he knew what it meant.	A bit dopey, but happy in his blissful ignorance
Elf Patrol		
Elfrik	Gritty career detective who doesn't go by the book, flouts authority and will cut corners if possible.	Male, Scandinavian
Ingelf	A very 'aspergers' detective, obsessively focused, stickler for rules and no social filter.	Female Scandinavian
Other		
Demetrielf	Elfcover inspector/safety auditor	Male, Russian accent
Elfabian	Corporate trainer, uses jargon, corporate buzz words	Camp
Elfira	Santa's absent assistant	Female, bogan

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Episode 1 – New Year

VO

The North Pole, Christmas HQ where the busy little elves are busy all year around preparing for that one special day of the year. The new year is the least busy time for the elves, but before they can catch their condensation soaked breath, soon enough it will be Christmas time yet again, and on it goes and on...and on....

Sc 1 – Elphonse’s Office

SFX – door

GRUMBLE

Happy new year Elphonse.

ELPHONSE

It got off to a good start but now you and that usual stench are here.

GRUMBLE

Did you have a nice break sir?

ELPHONSE

No Grumble I did not. Every last dollar has been spent on workshop upgrades and Elf training, I couldn’t even afford a tent in Greenland. Did you go away Grumble?

GRUMBLE

I took some of the reindeer on a trek to see the Northern lights.

ELPHONSE

So not a long trek?

GRUMBLE

It is when you get lost.

ELPHONSE

Lost? I can see them through the window.

GRUMBLE

Something truly awful happened Elphonse!

ELPHONSE

You came home?

GRUMBLE

My best friend Venison died.

ELPHONSE

That stupid reindeer, choked on Mrs Claus’s holly bush?

GRUMBLE

No. Eaten by a polar bear.

ELPHONSE

Is there any mail Grumble? I mean how many letters do we get demanding gifts and do you think we get one thank you letter?!

SFX – Intercom Buzz

ELPHONSE

Yes?

MELFA

Elphonse, Santa would like to see you in his office.

ELPHONSE

Could you tell him I'm away please Melfa?

MELFA

I don't think so.

GRUMBLE

He was eaten by a polar bear!

ELPHONSE

Thanks for nothing Melfa.

MELFA

Maybe he wants you to do your job?

GRUMBLE

Eaten until he was dead!

ELPHONSE

Did *you* have a nice break Melfa?

MELFA

Stop stalling Elphonse, go and see Santa.

ELPHONSE

Oh my humbug.

GRUMBLE

He was my best friend (cutoff)

ELPHONSE

Ok, I better see what the fat man wants.

Sc 2 – Santa's Office

SFX - Knocking

SANTA

Come in Elphonse, come in. I can't get this lid off.

ELPHONSE

You called me in to open a jar?

SANTA

Mrs Claus gave me this jar of humbugs for Christmas and I'll be damned if I -

SFX – jar lid popping off.

ELPHONSE

Here you go Sir. Everything OK?

SANTA

Yes I think so Elphonse, it's just after Christmas I get a little flat. All the excitement for the big day and then – POOF – all over just like that. I feel completely out of sorts.

ELPHONSE

Hmm, I'm no physician but is there any chance that you've become sober?

SANTA

Well I don't care for this at all.

ELPHONSE

I take it you're out of eggnog?

SANTA

Not a drop left on the entire pole.

ELPHONSE

I'll have my assistant arrange another shipment.

GRUMBLE

Can do.

ELPHONSE

Jingle bells Grumble! Where did you come from?!

SANTA

Ooh, that smell!

ELPHONSE

It's just Grumble sir

GRUMBLE

Oh he usually likes my – (cutoff)

ELPHONSE

He's out of eggnog.

GRUMBLE

Ooh sober Santa.

SANTA

How's the workshop Elphonse?
Christmas *is* just around the corner.

ELPHONSE

Yes only 11 and a half months away.
It's pretty quiet with all the elves away.

SANTA

Yes the training, they'll need that with the rise in quotas this year.
Got to stay aligned with increasing world population I'm afraid.

ELPHONSE (*sarcastic*)

Well no doubt this pricey, corporate junket will *double* their output.

SANTA (*interested*)

Double?

ELPHONSE

Sarcasm sir. I project that we'll increase toy production with the expansion into electronics, but we already work to capacity and a little training will hardly turn the elves into robots.

SANTA

It's agreed then. We'll double toy production let's see, I'm on a roll,
what else can we improve around here?

ELPHONSE (*whispering*)

Eggnog Grumble, pronto.

Clear headed Santa's going to make my life a misery.

GRUMBLE

Righto sir, you know I can also get Soynog for the lactose intolerant.

ELPHONSE

Sounds disgusting. Is it cheaper?

VO

It's so great to be back with our friends at the North Pole with Elphonse as usual under pressure to increase toy production and Santa unable to fathom sarcasm. I mean what's with that, is he stupid or something?! Was that sarcasm? Or was it not? Find out next time on Elf Control.

Episode 2 – An Upskill Battle

VO

The North Pole, Christmas HQ where the busy little elves are busy all year around preparing for that one special day of the year. The workshop is still, no joyful singing, not a tiny hammer being swung, as the elves undergo up-skilling and modernisation, just like my voiceover booth which now has cup holders.

Sc 1 – Training Room

ELFABIAN

Well good morning today workshop elves, my name is Elfabian and I am your ninja guru facilitator taking you for the team building part of today's workshop.

ELAPH

Ugh, what a waste of time.

ELFABIAN

Now Elaph in order to move the dial we need some blue sky thinking to bring a paradigm shift. So let's buy in and create synergy so you'll embrace being not just workshop elves but brand ambassadors.

ELAPH

Jumping jingle bells.

ELFABIAN

We will examine the value of empathy & alignment in order to help build some bridges.

ELFIS

I thought we were here to learn how to build Game Boxes?

ELFABIAN

You can't be great toy maker ninjas without a great team culture Elfis. A teamwork mentality will help each person be responsible for reaching a common goal.

ELFIS

So you have to build a bridge before you can build a Game Box?

ELFABIAN

Precisely.

ELFIS

(whispering) Elperta, what do we make the bridge out of?

ELPERTA

He's talking metaphorically Elfis.

ELAPH

He's talking a load of shi...

ELFABIAN

Shifting mindsets is the first step to building trust. Elaph stand here, Elfis stand here.
Now Elaph, fall backwards and Elfis will catch you.

ELAPH

Like hell he will.

ELFIS

I'll catch you

ELFABIAN

See, this is a safe space. Go on fall.

ELPERTA

Elfis has you Elaph.

ELAPH

I wish I hadn't pushed for this training now. OK...

SFX – phone message received.

ELFIS

Ooh a message

SFX – thud

ELAPH

Oooh! I knew it, I trust him as far as I could throw him.

ELPERTA

You can't throw him anymore Elaph, remember yesterday's diversity workshop which taught us that Elf tossing is oppressive and demeaning.

ELFIS

You also can't be racist towards South Pole elves.

ELPAH

It's not racism or 'implicit bias', I just hate them, what's wrong with that?!

ELFABIAN

You will be a more effective organisation without unconscious bias, inclusive businesses are 20% more likely to outperform their competition.

ELPERTA

Competition?!

ELFABIAN

Now, we've done some team building, we've done some self-reflection...

ELFIS

I slept through that.

ELFABIAN

...but before you get back to capacity building, let's discuss the formation of a high performance culture. What are your thoughts on the future of work, Elaph?

ELAPH

Ah...we make toys.

ELFABIAN

Yes, and with globalisation, digitisation, automation, what does the future of work look like by your optics?

ELAPH

Eh...we make toys.

ELFABIAN

Good, let's unpack that a little.

ELFIS

Oh-oh.

ELAPH

What's that smell?

ELFIS

It's that juice cleanse they've got us on, I think it's ruining my insides.

ELPERTA

Ooh, yeah I've gone a bit queasy too.

ELAPH

Gawd, it smells like dead reindeer –

SFX – angry Tummy rumble

ELAPH

Oh-oh.

ELFIS

Yep, I think my guts are lacking synergy right now, here come some deliverables...

SFX - spewing

VO

Oh my, definite disruption in the training room! Will this be a game changer? Is this what it means to liquidise your assets? And what was in those spirulina smoothies?

Find out next time on... (*SPEWWWWW*) Elf Control.

Episode 3 – A Deer Farewell

VO

The North Pole, Christmas HQ where the busy little elves are busy all year around preparing for that one special day of the year. There's melancholy at the northern tip today as our friend's farewell one of their deer-est...

Sc 1 - Venison's Funeral

SFX - wind

GRUMBLE

Your life on this pole was too short lived. Antlers to antlers, dust to dust...

ELPHONSE

Get on with it Grumble, can't believe I let you talk me into a funeral for your dead deer Venison.

GRUMBLE

There's another deer star in heaven, you'll forever be in our hearts...

ELPHONSE

And until then he'll be in in that polar bears stomach and then polar bear poo, I'm going Grumble.

GRUMBLE

I thought you might say a few words Elphonse?

ELPHONSE

Oh sweet Santa, really Grumble?! Ok. Dear Venison, sweet, tasty Venison. If that polar bear hadn't eaten you than you were one day destined to be on the end of my fork, you'll be deer-ly missed. Ha-ha, worked in a little pun their Grumble.

GRUMBLE

Not really the time for levity sir.

ELPHONSE

Well I've never been to a deer funeral before Grumble. There wasn't much of him to left to bury was there.

GRUMBLE

Just the antlers.

SFX – Growl

ELPHONSE

What in Santa's name?!

GRUMBLE

Polar bear!!! Run!!!

Sc 2 – Elf Control

MELFA

Elf Control Melfa speaking? Putting you through.

SFX – door

ELPHONSE (*panting*)

Oh my (*panting, panting*)

MELFA

Hello Elphonse, been out for some exercise? That's not like you.

ELPHONSE

...no not intentionally..

GRUMBLE

We were at the cemetery and a polar bear attacked us!

MELFA

Not surprising really, what with climate change diminishing their habitat it's forcing them further north. They're now endangered with this reduction in food supply.

GRUMBLE

That's why they're after my reindeer!

MELFA

Lets hope they don't develop a taste for elf.

ELPHONSE

Melfa, how do you know so much about all this?

MELFA

It's called reading. We're not all as simple as Dopey here.

GRUMBLE

I think elves would taste like candy canes.

ELPHONSE

Grumble, have you ever been kicked in the head by one of your reindeers?

MELFA

What were you doing at the cemetery anyway?

ELPHONSE

We were laying to rest his stupid reindeer Venison.

MELFA

Oh the deer that ate Mrs Claus holly bush.

GRUMBLE

His poor tummy.

ELPHONSE

Mrs Claus never did find out what hit her.

MELFA

While you were gone Santa was ringing for you,
there's been shouting coming from his office.

ELPHONSE

But we restocked his Eggnog last week?

MELFA

Mrs Claus is in there too.

ELPHONSE

I'll be in my office.

SFX – bell ringing

MELFA

Get in there Elphonse.

Sc 3 – Santa's Office

MRS CLAUS

It goes up December 1!

SANTA

No, 12 days before! (*Burp!!*)

SFX – Door

SANTA

Ah come, come Elphonse, we need you to settle a disagreement.

MRS CLAUS

You'd think Father Christmas would know better.

SANTA

When *should* the tree go up Elphonse?

ELPHONSE

Ahhh....well...some do it at the beginning of Advent,
some traditions Christmas Eve I mean -

SANTA

So who's right?

(PAUSE)

ELPHONSE

Should we get Elfira in to offer an opinion sir? I mean she is your assistant, seems like a perfect job for –

MRS CLUAS

Who's right?

SANTA

My assistant, where is that elf? *(SFX – slurp)*

ELPHONSE

I did file a missing elf report with the Elf Patrol.
Glad to see the eggnog arrived.

SANTA

Where is your strapping little assistant Elphonse? *(burp)*

MRS CLAUS

Elphonse, who's right?

ELPHONSE

Oh my humbug.

VO

An impossible situation for Elphonse...

ELPHONSE

Your tree is up all year, what does it matter?!

SANTA

(sternly) Who's right Elphonse?! *(burp)*

VO

Will the polar bears become a menace at the North Pole? Was Grumble kicked in the head as a child? And who is right? And then, when should you take the tree down?
Find out next time on Elf Control.

Episode 4 – A Visitor

VO

The North Pole, Christmas HQ where the busy little elves are busy all year around preparing for that one special day of the year. The shopping days have flown by and it's now December.

MRS CLAUS

Time to put the tree up!

VO

The polar bear threat continues and the upskilled workshop elves are now working to a different tune, the buzzing of activity and of poorly wired outlets. *(SFX – arcing)*

Sc 1 - Workshop

ELFIS

Elperta, do you ever wonder what the sawdust tastes like?

ELPERTA

No Elfis, never.

ELFIS

Oh, either have I. *(spitting)*

ELPERTA

Besides Elfis, I don't have any more sawdust now that I'm soldering circuit boards over here.

ELFIS

Wonder when I'm going to be allowed to play with the circuit boards.
I'm back on wrapping duties.

ELAPH

Come on you two, back to it, we've got double the load now that we're also making Gameboxes.

SFX - burning

ELPERTA

OUCH!!!

ELAPH

Elperta, you've got to use the clamp when soldering the wires, they get hot!

ELPERTA

It's so fiddly, why can't I just go back to hammering?!

ELFIS

Here let me help...AAAH!!

SFX – hiss of burning skin

ELAPH

You're holding it the wrong end Elfis! Jumping jingle bells, the paperwork I'm now in for!

ELPERTA

You Ok Elfis?!

ELAPH

The Accident Reports are 3 pages each!

ELFIS

Ooh I'm going to stick my hand in the snow.

ELAPH

Plus the incident form, the witness form,
why can't you just be more careful?!

ELPERTA

Watch out for the cord Elfis!

ELFIS

Ooh I nearly tripped.

ELPAH

Oh great, now a 'Near Miss Report'

Sc 2 – Elphonse's Office

SFX – Wind, Door closing

GRUMBLE

It's cold out there.

ELPHONSE

No need to say that every single time you come in Grumble,
our average temperature *is* minus 15.

GRUMBLE

Was just feeding the reindeer, it's so cold Rudolph's nose is blue.
What are you doing Elphonse?

ELPHONSE

Just running over some figures Grumble.
200,000 on workshop renovations!
20,000 for new tools! A \$15,000 gas bill?!

GRUMBLE

That would have been the furnace for body disposal sir. Remember the South Pole elves that came here to help make electronic toys and all met an ill fate - the event of which we don't speak.

ELPHONSE

Yes Grumble, I remember and yes - it is never to be mentioned.

GRUMBLE

I can't believe you told the South Pole Ambassador that they either got lost or eaten by orcas when they actually all got poisoned.

ELPHONSE

You're sure making a lot of chitchat on something we don't speak of.

GRUMBLE

My lips are sealed.

ELPHONSE

Than why am I still bathed in your breath.

GRUMBLE

And we haven't finished the cremations yet, there's still some frozen stiffs in the old stable.

ELPHONSE

That's fine, cut down on the gas usage. Not like they're going anywhere.

SFX – Intercom

MELFA

Elphonse you've got a visitor.

SFX – picking up phone

ELPHONSE

Hello Elphonse speaking how can I endure you today?

MELFA

No Elphonse, you've got a visitor – at reception.

ELPHONSE

Visitor? Who?

MELFA

His name's Demetrielf, he's from Elfcover here to do a safety inspection?

ELPHONSE

Jumping, jingle bells.

GRUMBLE

Elaph normally says that.

ELPHONSE

Well he's going to be saying it again soon and most likely with an expletive.

VO

Jumping jingle bells indeed, an Elf Control safety audit. Can the inspector put his finger on the safety hazards of Santa's workshop? I guess as long as said finger isn't get hit by a tiny hammer, severed by a ribbon or taken by frostbite, he's in with a chance.

Find out more next time on Elf Control.

Episode 5 – Jokes & Audits

VO

The North Pole, Christmas HQ where the busy little elves are busy all year around preparing for that one special day of the year. Christmas is now only days away and under the Aurora borealis preparations are in full swing. The toys are in production, decorations are being made and the Christmas bon-bons are being stuffed with ill-fitting hats, choke hazard toys and..jokes – in inverted commas.

Sc 1 – Santa’s Office/ Sc 2 – Elf Control

SANTA

Elphonse, what do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?

ELPHONSE

I don’t know sir.

SANTA

Tinsel-itis. *(LAUGHING!)* What do the elves cook with in the kitchen?
Utinsels! *(BIG LAUGH!)*

GRUMBLE

(Laughing)

ELPHONSE

(Unimpressed) Ah a tinsel theme this year.

SANTA

Just getting some Christmas jokes ready. *(slurp)*

GRUMBLE

I’ve got one for you Santa, why did the elf go to the doctor?

SANTA

Why?! *(slurp)*

GRUMBLE

Because he had tinsel-itis.

SANTA

(SFX – spraying his drink) Ha-ha-ho-ho gorgeous Grumble, a bit similar to my first one but...have you got one Elphonse?

ELPHONSE

Well I doubt I could match the quality of these hilarious –

SANTA

(Mood changed) You really are a miserable little elf Elphonse.
How is the workshop going head Elf, have you increased production at all as discussed?

ELPHONSE

Well I should be working on my plan now, or down at the workshop - we are being audited, but apparently quality checking tinsel puns is a higher priority.

GRUMBLE

What do you get if you eat too many Christmas decorations?

SANTA

What?!

GRUMBLE

Tinsel-it is.

SANTA

Hilarious Grumble, (*SFX: Burp*) you precious little Christmas cherub.

ELPHONSE

Oh my humbug, I'll be right back.

SFX – door slam

ELPHONSE

(*muttering*) Happiest day of the year my foot, I'll give them tinselitis..with a crossbow.

SFX – door opening

MELFA

He just left the workshop?

ELPHONSE

What Melfa?

MELFA

Demetrielf from Elfcover just left the workshop

ELPHONSE

Where is he now?

MELFA

Ah just poking around the place.

ELPHONSE

Oh that's not good. Grumble!Grumble!!

GRUMBLE

Sorry Elphonse, yes?

ELPHONSE

Go and show the auditor your reindeer or something,

Just don't let him near the Old Stable.

GRUMBLE

I can tell him some of Santa's jokes.

ELPHONSE

I think the life of a safety auditor is miserable enough Grumble,
just go now, I'll check on the workshop.

MELFA

If you can you remember how to get there.

ELPHONSE

Funny Melfa, but I've really had enough jokes for one day.

Sc 3 – The Workshop

SFX - door

ELPHONSE

Elaph how did you go with the Elfcover inspector?

ELAPH

Well he's shut us down and we're getting more behind by the minute!

ELPHONSE

Oh my humbug why?! Was it the new soldering
irons haven't been tagged and tested?

ELAPH

Nope.

ELPHONSE

Was it the fire plan? I've still got to get batteries for the smoke alarms.

ELFIS

We don't include batteries, we just do the toys.

ELPHONSE

Was it the saw guards?

ELPERTA

What saw guards?

ELPHONSE

Well, technically we should have some but -

ELAPH

He just poked his nose around and told us to stop work.

ELFIS

He put these safety cones everywhere

ELAPH

Which we keep tripping over!

ELPERTA

He was very interested in our new electronics area.

ELFIS

Owwww! Burnies!

ELAPH

Stop touching the soldering irons Elfis!! I wish I had steel caps,
then you'd really feel this boot up your elf arse!

SFX – big kick

ELFIS

Owwww!

ELAPH

Get back here!

SFX – falling body thud, tripping

Owww. Darn safety cones! That's the tenth time...

VO

Demetrielf the safety inspector has really thrown a tiny spanner into the works. How will Elphonse increase productivity with a non-working workshop? Why the inspector's interest in the electronics? And do you really get tinels-it is from eating Christmas decorations? (chewing) Find out next time on Elf Control.

Episode 6 – Elf Patrol

(Alternate theme music)

VO

The North Pole, Christmas HQ where the busy little elves are busy all year around preparing for that one special day of the year. Law and order is crucial anywhere in the world, even at the North Pole where despite boasting the lowest crime rate in the world of 0 crime, having a team to enforce the rules of society - including breath testing sleigh drivers, is most reassuring. This force at the North Pole is called the Elf Patrol.

Sc – 1 Elf Patrol HQ

INGELF

Hallo Elfrik, you look fat.

ELFRIK

Thank you Ingelf, yes I had good weekend thank you.

INGELF

Why are you telling me that?

ELFRIK

That's what normal people talk about on a Monday morning.

INGELF

Do we have new case? Body in the woods, serial killer, or even a speeding sleigh in this unforgiving climate?

ELFRIK

It's called conversation Ingelf. We talk, not just about work but also friendly, personal stuff.

INGELF

Oh...ok. What coping mechanism did you resort to on the weekend? Did you see the ghosts of your dead family again? Did you wake to the sounds of your own screaming?

ELFRIK

Let's just stick to work. We have a case, a missing Elf. Elfira.

INGELF

How long has she been missing?

ELFRIK

8 years.

INGELF

So it's a cold case.

ELFRIK

On the North Pole they're all cold cases.

INGELF

I can't tell if that's a joke. Despite my lack of social filter, I am a well intentioned, obsessively focused detective with a deeply troubled past but a big heart and passion for the truth.

ELFRIK

So am I. We must overcome personal flaws and demons from our past to solve cases in this unforgiving climate.

INGELF

Darn your inability to deal with authority.

ELFRIK

Darn your inability to accept me as your new partner since the tragic death of your previous ones.

INGELF

Darn your willingness to bend the rules!

ELFRIK

Darn your need to always do things by the book!

SFX – kissing passionately.

INGELF

So a missing Elf, finally an actual case.

ELFRIK

Yes not much crime here at Christmas Headquarters. That sleigh-jacking turned out to be a misunderstanding.

INGELF

I remember this one, Santa's personal assistant Elfira.

ELFRIK

Been missing for 8 years. No clues, no leads. It reminds me of when our toilet was broken.

INGELF

Huh?

ELFRIK

We have nothing to go on. *(pause)* Yes that was a joke.

INGELF

I don't even know why you keep making jokes.

ELFRIK

Why don't you try one?

INGELF

Ah...why did the reindeer cross the fjord?

ELRIK

I don't know, why did the reindeer cross the fjord?

INGELF

Because it was about to be disemboweled and eaten by a merciless polar bear.

ELFRIK

Ok, we can workshop that. But that gives me a good idea.

INGELF

What?

ELFRIK

We can close the case right now by adding it to the 'Eaten by a Polar Bear' file.

INGELF

You can't just put *every* case down to 'eaten by a polar bear'!

ELFRIK

It's got us this far.

INGELF

That would be breaking the rules. This demands detective work. We need to run background checks on everyone from Santa to the workshop elves, we need to get samples to the lab and have forensics sweep the entire North Pole. I suspect foul play and will not rest until we get justice for Elfira.

ELFRIK

Yeah all right. I guess we should interview the witnesses.

INGELF

Yes, but first I'm going to club a baby seal.

ELFRINK

What?!

INGELF

A joke, is euphemism for poop.

VO

The Elf Patrol on the case of the missing assistant. Their first case for a long time, will they remember what to do? Can they survive this unforgiving climate? And would they dare give the voiceover man a parking ticket, I mean there are only 1 hour spots around here and

this is taking me all day. Find out next time on Elf Control. (off mic) Anyone got change for the meter?

Episode 7 – Another Elphonse Plan

VO

The North Pole, Christmas HQ where the busy little elves are busy all year around preparing for that one special day of the year. With Christmas now only two days away and the workshop under a stop work order from Elfcover the elves are in a bit of a festive flap. Safety has never been a strong point at the Winter Wonderland, even the actual north pole has a sharp tip.

Sc 1 Elphonse's office

SFX intercom

ELPHONSE

Yes Melfa?

MELFA

Delivery.

ELPHONSE

Excellent, I've been waiting on this.

MELFA

Also your store visit with Santa is cancelled.

ELPHONSE

More good news! Can this day get any better?!

MELFA

Santa forgot to update his Working with Children check.

ELPHONSE

He really should get a new assistant.

MELFA

I heard she was eaten by a polar bear.

SFX – dragging

GRUMBLE

(heaving) Here you go Elphonse.

ELPHONSE

Good Grumble, let's unpack it.

SFX – unpacking...and more unpacking

Okay, now the protective plastic....

SFX – unpacking

GRUMBLE

I'll get some scissors....

SFX – cutting, unpacking

ELPHONSE

Oh sweet Santa, so much bubble wrap.

SFX – bubble wrap popping

ELPHONSE

Grumble! Oh my humbug, I can nearly see it.

GRUMBLE

Oh! There's still another box inside this box!

SFX – Bell ringing

ELPHONSE

Keep unpacking Grumble, then get this down to the workshop,
but don't show the worker Elves.

SC 2 – Santa's Office

SFX – door

SANTA

Elphonse.

ELPHONSE

Yes Santa, surely you can't be out of eggnog already?

SANTA

No Elphonse, (*SFX – slurp*) Two things, firstly how is my increased toy production going?

ELPHONSE

Well I've been working on a plan for some time but it is absolute top secret,
it mustn't leave this over decorated room.

SANTA

Sounds exciting (*BURP!*)

ELPHONSE

Imagine a workshop where repetitive tasks are handled
more efficiently and all without singing.

SANTA

Go on.

ELPHONSE

It's called Robotic Process Automation, all computer driven, cloud based of course.

SANTA

On a cloud? Sounds risky.

ELPHONSE

Not at all. Increased toy production, low cost and zero risk.

SANTA

Impressive. Calls for a drink wouldn't you say?

SFX – glug, glug, glug – burp. Door, Grumble enters.

Grumble, have you lost weight?

GRUMBLE

Quite possibly Santa, I've been –

ELPHONSE

What is it Grumble?

GRUMBLE

Demetrielf is waiting in your office.

SANTA

Who?

GRUMBLE

It's about the workshop shutdown – (cutoff)

SFX – punch

SANTA

What??!

ELPHONSE

Ah nothing sir, Demetrielf is an old friend. Was there something else?

SANTA

Oh, the Christmas Party Elphonse.

ELPHONSE

Oh. Of course. The – oh my humbug.

SANTA

You hadn't forgotten about it had you?

ELPHONSE

Ahh...

Sc 3 – Elphonse's Office

DEMETRIELF (*Russian accent*)

Firstly I be needing to see accident reports...

ELPHONSE

Incident reports...

DEMETRIELF

And complaints certificates...

ELPHONSE

Compliance certificates.

DEMETRIELF

And then I finish inspection and give you thumbs up.

So you do make electronics here at North Pole?

ELPHONSE

Well obviously Demetrielf, kids don't just want toys made of wood anymore.

DEMETRIELF

Isn't more a South Pole skill?

GRUMBLE

South pole elves are incredible at making electronic toys, in fact –

SFX – punch

ELPHONSE

You must come to our Christmas Party!

DEMETRIELF

You have Christmas Party at North Pole?

ELPHONSE

Unfortunately, it's as much fun as a safety audit usually.

Been at Elfcover long?

DEMETRIELF

Yes long time.

ELPHONSE

Sorry about Santa's back injury claims,

that sack gets heavier every year.

DEMETRIELF

Of course. I finish inspection and then be on my way.

ELPHONSE

Certainly, Grumble will show you around. (*whispering to Grumble*) I don't trust him Grumble, something doesn't smell right and for once it isn't just you.

Sc 4 – The Old Stable

SFX – crunching footsteps, deer FX

GRUMBLE

Would you like to see my reindeer again?

DEMETRIELF

No Grumble, enough stinky reindeer. And do you must bring that one everywhere?

GRUMBLE

Blitzen needs a lot of walks, has lots of energy.

DEMETRIELF

What is over there?

GRUMBLE

Oh that's the old stable, we can't go near it because...ah.

DEMETRIELF

I better take look.

GRUMBLE

No-no, wait. We can't. Elphonse said –

DEMETRIELF

Elphonse! What he is hiding?! I'm going.

GRUMBLE

No you can't!

DEMETRIELF

Watch me.

SFX – fighting, big hits and thud of a body.

VO

Some heavy hitting at the North Pole, has Demetrielf overpowered the pungent elf to find the dark secrets decomposing in the old stable? Has Grumble unwittingly saved the day? And who knew that reindeer like to go walkies? Find out next time on Elf Control.

Episode 8 – Interrogation

VO

The North Pole, Christmas HQ where the busy little elves are busy all year around preparing for that one special day of the year. We left last episode with Grumble, ElfCover inspector Demetrielf and a barrage of sound effects implying extreme violence. Speaking of sound effects -

SFX – door, dragging, busy activity

ELPHONSE

Oh sweet Santa!!! Grumble! What in Santa's name? Is he – dead?!

GRUMBLE

(panting) No. Well I don't think so.

ELPHONSE

What happened to Demetrielf? Did he smell you with his mouth open?

GRUMBLE

He was trying to inspect the Old Stable, I was trying to stop him, he took a swing at me and then Blitzen bucked him.

ELPHONSE

Blitzen bucked him?!

GRUMBLE

Bucked him hard!

ELPHONSE

Bucked him right up. Grab his clipboard Grumble.

SFX – paper shuffling

Ah-ha. I knew it, he's no safety auditor, didn't mention high-vis once. There are no safety forms here. Just as I suspected, Demetrielf is a spy from the South Pole!!!

SFX – dramatic sting.

GRUMBLE

Wow, you could tell that by his notes?

ELPHONSE

Yes and the South Pole Spy Academy letterhead confirmed my suspicions.

GRUMBLE

What shall we do with him? *(seriously)* Should we burn him?

ELPHONSE

It always ends with burning with you Grumble, you little pyro-weirdy gremlin, honestly you're as bad as a volunteer firefighter. No let's lock him down in the workshop, I can't keep him here, don't want my carpet stained.

Sc 2 Workshop

SFX – workshop door

ELPHONSE

Good news Elaph, we can get the workshop working again.

ELAPH

Well about time, you took care of that inspector?

ELPHONSE

In a way. But not an Elfcover inspector but a spy from the South Pole!

ELAPH/ELPERTA/ELFIS

What?!

SFX – dragging body

ELPERTA

Is he...

SFX – splash of water

GRUMBLE

That should wake him.

ELAPH

A dirty South Pole rat snooping around my workshop?!

ELPERTA

You know this place really could use a safety inspection.

ELPHONSE

Not the point here Elperta, he's coming to.

DEMETRIELF

(waking) What's going on? Hey let me out of here!

ELPHONSE

The jig is up Demetrielf, if that is your real name?

DEMETRIELF

How you find out?

ELPHONSE

I have many contacts at Elfcover, with our record you'd understand why. They'd never heard of a 'Demetrielf' plus I asked you about Santa's sack lifting injury which never happened. You fell for it.

DEMETRIELF

Piz-det. (*Russian expletive*)

ELAPH

I'll get the waterboarding kit out.

ELFIS

I'm going to shine this bright light in his face.

SFX – buzzing, arcing, zap!

Ouch!

GRUMBLE

Shall I get the matches sir?

ELPHONSE

Hold on, hold on. Start talking spy.

DEMETRIELF

Ok, ok. My mission was to find missing South Pole elves...

ELPERTA

What missing elves? We don't know what you're talking about.

DEMETRIELF

Our government suspect elfnapping & torture to betray their pole, but seeing such incompetency here I learn that conspiracy is out of question.

ELFIS

Hey, we could so do all that stuff what you're talking about and stuff.

DEMETRIELF

I mean this workshop like going back in time – so much sawdust.

ELAPH

Watch it!

DEMETRIELF

I not locate missing elves but I did find Elphonse's plans.

ELPHONSE

Right, interrogation over then, how about we –

ELAPH

Plans?!

DEMETRIELF

He's making North Pole even more advanced
than South Pole – full automation!

ELFIS

Auto-what?

ELPERTA

You mean...robots?

ELAPH

Robots!?

ELPHONSE

No, no, no, I can explain but, hey, point that light back at DemtrielF?

SFX – tripping

(angrily) And I think we can lose some of these safety cones now.

VO

The jig is indeed up but who will the workshop elves waterboard? Has Elphonse gone from interrogator to interrogatee? Will Demetrielf discover the missing South Pole elves and escape with North Pole secrets? And what kind of spy disguises himself with a Russian name and accent? Find out next time on Elf Control.

Episode 9 – Suspicion

VO

The North Pole, Christmas HQ where the busy little elves are busy all year around preparing for that one special day of the year. We pick up the action with Demetrielf the South Pole Spy under the spotlight or was it Elphonse, I can't remember I was checking my socials during the last episode.

Sc 1 – The Workshop

ELAPH

So Elphonse you're going to replace us with robots, is that the plan?

ELPHONSE

No Elaph, it isn't like that but we can be better using technology to assist with some of the more mindless, repetitive tasks.

ELAPH

That's what Elfis is for!

ELFIS

Hey what's in this box?

ELPHONSE

Ah there it is, smaller than I imagined.

ELAPH

Its it an elf replacing robot?

ELPHONSE

No Elaph, this is the RT-6000 Ribbon Tying machine. Currently it takes two elves to tie the ribbon, one to tie and the other to place a tiny finger on the ribbon. This expensive & rather small machine will automate the process, more than doubling the output.

ELPERTA

And improving safety.

ELPHONSE

(dismissive) Yeah that too.

Look, get it going and we just might have a chance at getting all the toys made in time!

ELAPH

But where does it end?! It starts with a mechanical finger and ends with a whole army of robot elves!

GRUMBLE

I hope they don't make robot reindeer.

ELPHONSE

Now, we need to work out what to do with Demetrielf!

DEMETRIELF

I know you hide something, what is in that Old Stable?

GRUMBLE

You'll never find the South Pole elf stiffs in the old stable Demetrielf!
We're much too clever for you.

ELHONSE

(sigh) Honestly Grumble.

SFX – Intercom

MELFA *(over intercom)*

Elphonse are you in the workshop?

ELPHONSE

Yes Melfa, a little occupied right now.

MELFA

The Elf Patrol are here to see you.

ELAPH

Jumping jingle bells!

ELPHONSE

Sweet santa!

SFX – squeaky fart

ELPHONSE

Grumble!

(to Melfa) Be there in a jiffy!

(to Elves) I'll be right back, keep your eye on the spy.

Sc 2 – Elf Control

SFX - door

MELFA

They're in your office.

ELPHONSE

Thank you Melfa.

SFX – Door

ELPHONSE

Detectives, so nice of you to stop by.

INGELF

You have big pointy ears.

ELPHONSE

Well I am an elf.

ELFRIK

I suppose you know why we're here.

ELPHONSE

Well...

INGELF

The missing elf report you filed.

ELPHONSE

Oh. Elfira. Any idea what happened to her?

ELFRIK

No but you do.

ELPHONSE

What?!

INGELF

We have a warrant to search your premises, you're our final witness to rule out and the only elf with access and motive.

ELPHONSE

Motive?

INGELF

You wanted to take her job to be closer to Santa.

ELPHONSE

Oh, you know me too well. Look it wasn't me, I've had to do all her work since she disappeared I'm the last person you should suspect.

SFX – bells ringing

If you could remove these handcuffs I've got to see the fat man.

ELFRIK

Ok sorry.

INGELF

This won't be the last you hear from us.

Sc 3 – Santa's Office

SFX – knocking

SANTA

Enter!

ELPHONSE

Santa, oh Mrs Claus.

MRS CLAUS

It's Christmas Eve tomorrow Elphonse,
why haven't we had the Christmas Party yet? You're this close to being fired.

ELPHONSE

Oh yes the party, you've caught me.

MRS CLAUS

Oh?

ELPHONSE

(scrambling) Well I guess I may as well tell you. I've been planning a surprise
Christmas party on Christmas Eve this year

MRS CLAUS (delighted)

Oh, a surprise, for me?

SANTA

On Christmas Eve?

MRS CLAUS

Will it be a surprise fancy dress Christmas party?

ELPHONSE

Is there any other?

SANTA

Well as long as there's plenty of eggnog and I get away on time.

ELPHONSE

It's all planned. Righto, if that is all....

MRS CLAUS

Oh and just a few more little things Elphonse, I'll need my fairy costume, I will be providing entertainment with the art of song, for catering we'll need roast turkey and plum pudding for dessert. For drinks we'll need sherry, mulled wine and dessert wine, lets try a tokay this

year. Of course there'll need to be plenty of decorations, extra baubles, tinsels and lots of lights.

(trails out under the voiceover)

VO

The usual fanfare for the North Pole Christmas frolic and Elphonse feeling like a Christmas bon bon – being pulled in all directions. Will Elphonse pop like a cracker? Can the workshop catch up on lost toy making time? And will I get an invite to the Christmas Party this year?

I mean it hasn't arrived yet and it is on tomorrow. Find out next time on Elf Control.

Episode 10 – Christmas Eve

VO

The North Pole, Christmas HQ where the busy little elves are busy all year around preparing for that one special day of the year. It's Christmas Eve but there's no Christmas joy for Elphonse who remains the number one suspect in the case of the missing assistant, is hastily arranging a surprise fancy dress Christmas party, whilst ensuring that Santa's sack gets filled in time for his departure into the night sky.

Oh and not to mention a certain hostage who remains imprisoned in the workshop.
I'd say it was time for a Christmas miracle.

Sc 1 – The Stable

SFX – reindeer, spray and polish

GRUMBLE (singing)

*Rudolph my red nose reindeer
Has a very shiny nose.*

There we go, that should do it. Don't you all look smart, all ready for tonight.
Such a shame Venison isn't with us.

SFX – Radio

MELFA

Melfa – Grumble, do you copy?

GRUMBLE

Ah 10-4 good buddy, I'm just getting the sled ready over.

MELFA

You need to get your butt to the workshop right away, Elphonse needs you.

GRUMBLE

Copy that. Over.

MELFA

I don't how *you'll* be able to help, you normally cause the problems around here but Santa will be furious if he doesn't get away on time.
Are you done there Grumble?

GRUMBLE

Roger that. The reindeer are groomed, perfumed and milked.
I'm heading to the workshop. Over.

MELFA

Ok Grumble, now stay off the radio.
Milked?!

Sc 2 – Workshop

SFX – workshop in a frenzy

ELAPH

More Gameboxes!

ELPERTA

These are ready for wrapping!

SFX – RT6000 machine

ELIFS

Ooh boy this RT-6000 machine is fun! These ribbons are getting tied in no time!

ELPHONSE

Ok Santa's sack is nearly full, well done team.

SFX – door

Grumble is the sleigh ready?

GRUMBLE

Yes and the reindeer.

ELPHONSE

And is everything in place for the Christmas Party?

GRUMBLE

Yes, I got a new shelf for my costume.

ELPERTA

Demetrielf is waking up.

DEMETRIELF

Ahh!! (scared) I've been kidnapped by jockeys!

ELFIS

No we're all just in fancy dress for the Christmas Party.

DEMETRIELF

Let me out of here!

ELAPH

What do we do with him?

ELPHONSE

Just keep him here, we'll work out what to do with him once we get the fat man away after the Christmas Party.

ELAPH

Elfis you watch him.

ELFIS

Ooh I don't want to miss the party!

ELAPH

Don't go anywhere until Santa's sack is full!

ELFIS

Ohh. (pause) Fruitcake!

Sc 3 – Christmas Party

SFX – Mrs Claus singing carols in the background

ELAPH

I hate this party. All these elves dressed as jockey's is creepy.

ELPERTA

Relax Elaph, have a drink. We should celebrate we got all the toys made in time!
That robot thing actually helped.

ELPHONSE

We've just got to be seen and then we can get back to more pressing matters.
Grumble, you've actually done a good job putting all this together in no time.

GRUMBLE

Well I hadn't packed anything away from last year so -

ELFIS

Yay, ride on horsey!!!

ELAPH

Elfis! What ya doing here?

ELFIS

I finished filling Santa's sack, it's in the sled ready to go.

ELPHONSE

What about, you know?

ELFIS

Don't worry, to be extra sure I put him through the RT-6000,
he's all tied up with ribbon, he's not going anywhere!

SFX – commotion, door, music stops

DEMETRIELF

(running to freedom through the party)
Aaaaaaahhhhhhhhh!!!!!!

ELPHONSE

Oh sweet Santa. It's Demetrielf!!

ELFIS

Oh dear, those ribbons aren't very strong.

GRUMBLE

Elphonse got the cheap ones.

ELPERTA

He's getting away! Look, he's off!

ELPHONSE

Grumble! Do something!!!

GRUMBLE

(panicking) Ahh, ok, ok...

ELPHONSE

I hope that ribbon is more effective on gifts than hostages.

SFX – Reindeer running

GRUMBLE

Get him Blitzen!

SFX – running Blitzen chasing Demtrielf

DEMETRIELF

Aaagh.....(running, panting) get this stinking deer away!!

ELPERTA

They're heading for the cemetery!

SFX – roar

Ahh polar bear!

SFX - crunching

GRUMBLE

(shriek) Blitzen!!! No!!

ELPHONSE

Sweet Santa!

SFX – roar, crunching

DEMETRIELF

Aaagh!

ELAPH

Jumping, jingle bells. He's been eaten by a polar bear!

ELPHONSE

Ooh gruesome, but it does solve that little problem.

GRUMBLE

(disbelief) Blitzen?

ELFIS

So did we pass the safety inspection?

ELPERTA

Elfis, there never was an inspection.

SANTA

Ho! Ho! Ho! Great party Elphonse but It's time to go.
Mmm Grumble my little elf on a shelf, is my sleigh ready?

GRUMBLE

Ahh...yes Santa, it's out front, your flask is full.

SANTA

Good, good. (burp) Elphonse, Mrs Claus is so delighted with the party and also with your workshop automation idea and the computer up on the cloud thingy I've decided to give you a Christmas bonus.

ELPHONSE

Oh, Santa, you shouldn't have.

SANTA

I've decided to make *you* my Executive Assistant!

ELPHONSE

Oh, Santa, you shouldn't have.

SANTA

What is this??!!

INGELF

This sled is illegally parked, you're getting a ticket.

ELFRIK

You're in a 6 deer sled spot and you've got 7.

SANTA

Oh, shouldn't I have 8? (burp)

GRUMBLE

Ahhh (sniffing, crying)

ELPERTA (sniffing the air)

Shouldn't you Elf Patrol be out catching real crooks?!

ELFRIK

Wait here while I get breathalyser from the patrol sled.

ELPHONSE

Quick Santa, you really should be getting a move on. In you get.

SFX – getting in sled, jingle bells

SANTA

You'll make a fine assistant Elphonse. My look at this sack, absolutely bursting. Rightio and a (burp) ho-ho-ho. Merry Christmas everyone! Away we go!

ELVES

Bye Santa! (cheering)

SFX – footsteps

ELFRIK

Where did he go?

ELPHONSE

Look Elf Patrol, it's with some urgency that I need you to find Elfira. I now very much need Santa's assistant back!

INGELF

Well if it wasn't you, our number one suspect, than we have hit a dead end.

ELFRIK

This cold case couldn't be colder.

GRUMBLE

(sniffing) Did anyone (sniff) check her house?

ELPHONSE

Ah....well...

VO

Another successful Elf Control Christmas but will Elfira be found?
What would this mean for Santa's newly appointed EA?
And what will this appointment mean for Grumble?

Change is in the air at Christmas HQ. What will an automated workshop look like? Can Santa's sleigh maintain velocity with only 7 reindeer? Will the cheap ribbon hold up until Christmas morning? Are the elves jobs safe as the age of automation looms and how will automation impact voiceover artists?
(in robotic voice) Find out next time on Elf Patrol.

Sc 4 – Elfira's House

SFX – police sirens knocking, door knocking

ELFIRA

Yeah?

ELFRIK

Elfira.

ELFIRA

Who's asking?

ELFRIK

Inspector Elfrik, Elf Patrol. You've been reported as missing. For 8 years.

ELFIRA

I ain't missing, just been on the couch binging on Elf-Flix.

INGELF

That's why you fat elf.

SFX – footsteps, Elphonse arrives.

ELPHONSE

Elfira! Santa desperately needs you to come back to work.
He really needs his beloved assistant!

ELFIRA

If I'm so beloved why haven't you come sooner Elphonse?!

ELPHONSE

Please come back...for Santa???

ELFIRA

Weeelll.....

VO

(Overlapping)Weeelll there you have it, all loose ends tied up tighter than the RT6000 could manage. Have a very Merry Christmas, and please recycle your Christmas wrapping to protect this unforgiving climate and help stop the spread of Polar Bears.

THE END