

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 font with a white outline. 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                             |  |   |
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| CHARACTER (Actor)                | DESCRIPTION  | VOICE   |
| <b>Elphonse (Geoff)</b>          | 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.<br>Very well spoken, articulate, superior |
| <b>Grumble (Michael)</b>         | Personal assistant to Elphonse and head reindeer keeper. Lacks competency and personal hygiene but is ever present.  | Defeated & deflated   |
| <b>Melfa (Cassie)</b>            | 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.                    |
| <b>Santa Claus (Russell)</b>     | 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   |
| <b>Mrs Claus (Sophie)</b>        | 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.                   |
| <b>Voiceover (Jason)</b>         | 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                         |  |   |
| <b>Elaph (Michael)</b>           | 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.                                     |
| <b>Elperta (Cassie)</b>          | Fellow disgruntled worker Elf, she is the voice of reason when Elaph gets a head full of steam.  | Girly elf voice   |
| <b>Elfis (Russell)</b>           | 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                       |  |   |
| <b>Elfrik (Russell)</b>          | Gritty career detective, who doesn't go by the book, flouts authority and will cut corners if possible.  | Male, Scandinavian  |
| <b>Ingelf (Sophie)</b>           | A very 'Asperger's' detective, obsessively focused, stickler for rules and no social filter.   | Female Scandinavian   |
| Other                            |  |   |
| <b>Caller (Michael)</b>          | Ep 1 - adult male on phone   |   |
| <b>Nick (Leroy)</b>              | Ep 2,5,6,7,8,9,10  |   |
| <b>Customer (Rod)</b>            | Ep 4   |   |
| <b>Kelfin</b>                    | Ep 5,6   |   |
| <b>DJ Kandi with a K (Jemma)</b> | Ep 8   |   |
| <b>Dr Elfington (Russell)</b>    | Ep 10  |   |
| <b>Sticker Machine (Geoff)</b>   | Ep 9 Monotone – robot effect   |   |

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## Episode 1 – Christmas Sales

**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 which is approaching quicker than Santa can empty a bottle of eggnog; where does the time go and what non-sensical drivel awaits the North Pole elves this Christmas?

Sc 1 – Elf Control/Elphonse's Office

**MELFA**

Hello Elf Control Melfa speaking? The *reindeer* still available?  
I've got no idea what you're talking about. Please hold.

*SFX – intercom*

**ELPHONSE**

Yes Melfa

**MELFA**

Elphonse, it's a call about the *reindeer*???

**ELPHONSE**

Oh I see.

**MELFA**

You're not trying to sell the reindeer Elphonse?

**ELPHONSE**

Noooo, noo. Noooo. Of course no-noo, no, no.

**MELFA**

Elphonse?

**ELPHONSE**

Well if the price is right.

**MELFA**

You're crossing the line Elphonse!

**ELPHONSE**

It's the bottom line that I care about Melfa.  
Do you *know* what those beasts cost us each month?!

**MELFA**

Who'll pull Santa's sleigh?

**ELPHONSE**

Melfa, there's *electric* sleds now, they cost nothing to run, they don't need

worning and of course with Grumble still not back from Christmas Island....

**MELFA**

You're trying to get rid of the deer so *you* don't have to look after them?

**ELPHONSE**

Well...

**MELFA**

What will Santa say?

**ELPHONSE**

He'll be saying 'Elphonse you're fired' if I don't find the money to fix the Gamebox production line. It was fried by the power surge remember, and it's not cheap to repair!

*SFX – phone*

**MELFA**

Line 1.

**ELPHONSE**

Hello, Elphonse speaking.

**CALLER**

Hello, yes I'm calling about the ad on ElfBook Marketplace, you have 10 reindeer for sale?

**ELPHONSE**

Why yes indeed I do.

**CALLER**

Are they new or used?

**ELPHONSE**

Oh, I suppose they're a little used?

**CALLER**

I was hoping for new

**ELPHONSE**

Ah they're *as* new, Comet has a new flea collar.

**CALLER**

Do they come with roadworthy certificates?

**ELPHONSE**

I wouldn't think so...

**CALLER**

What's the mileage?

**ELPHONSE**

Ah well just a few trips around the globe I suppose...

**CALLER**

Have they ever been in an accident?

**ELPHONSE**

Look come and see them for yourself, I think you'll find them all in very satisfactory condition and reasonably priced.

**CALLER**

Not too dear I hope.

**ELPHONSE**

No not *two* deer there are 10, the ad clearly says -

**CALLER**

I'd like to have them looked at by my own mechanic if that's OK.

**ELPHONSE**

Right (click – hang up). (typing) No time wasters, preferably knows what a reindeer is before enquiring.

*SFX - Santa's bell*

Oh for Santa's sake, yes I'm coming...  
(muttering to self) ...you jolly old git.

Sc 2 – Santa's Office

**SANTA**

Ah Elphonse, come in come in.

**ELPHONSE**

Yes Santa.

**SANTA**

I just need a little help with my COM-pu-tah Elphonse. (*SFX – slurp/burp*)

**ELPHONSE**

What do you need sir?

**SANTA**

I need to get words from my Santa mind and onto the computah screen.

**ELPHONSE**

That will require *typing* with the *keyboard*.

**SANTA**

Do I have a keyboard?

**ELPHONSE**

Ah yes, just under all the...

*(SFX – bottles clinking)*

**SANTA**

What's with all these boxes popping up everywhere?

**ELPHONSE**

Oh...

**SANTA**

And so many Elf-mails!

**ELPHONSE**

I think your being groomed...

**SANTA**

Look I've won a lottery I don't even remember entering!

**ELPHONSE**

(groan) I'm going to need an IT Elf to look at this, you've most certainly got a virus.

**SANTA**

Again!? Not to worry.

*SFX – squirt*

**ELPHONSE**

What are you doing?

**SANTA**

Just putting this cream on it, it's magic stuff, fixed up *my* other virus right away, well more of a rash really.

**ELPHONSE**

Oh my humbug.

**SANTA**

Nasty it was, would burn when I took a Santa slash.... (fading out)

**VO**

Computer concerns for the jolly fat man - I called the IT Elves once, my call was important to them but they never called back! Will the plot thicken? Will the IT department respond in a timely manner? And what are slightly used reindeer worth at market value? Find out next time on Elf Control by pressing one.

## Episode 2 – North Pole Nepotism

**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 a little over a week away, the urgency is growing for Elphonse to get Gamebox production back online, however with his assistant last seen in a Christmas Island detention center, his hands are full with other, smellier matters...

Sc 1 – Stables

*SFX – reindeer, water, feed*

**ELPHONSE**

Sweet Santa you drink a lot of water, you know dehydration isn't really a thing here at the North Pole. You'd make a nice venison steak wouldn't you.

Ok watered, fed...and....groan...and (SFX – spraying) deodorised.

Who knew I would ever miss ah, what was it... (SFX – walking away from stables)

oh yes Grumble. Grumble by name, compost pit by nature.

*SFX – door*

**MELFA**

Grumble!! Oh it's you Elphonse, I smelt you coming and thought Grumble was back.

**ELPHONSE**

It's the stink from the reindeer, it gets into your pores like a virus.

**MELFA**

Have you heard from Grumble?

**ELPHONSE (scratching)**

Sweet Santa this bathing 5 times a day is giving me a rash.

**MELFA**

Maybe you'll appreciate him more when he gets back.

**ELPHONSE**

Well I won't have much use for him once I've turned the caribou into cash.

*SFX - phone*

**MELFA**

Elf Control Melfa speaking, how may I help you? Yes he's right here. Your accountant.

**ELPHONSE**

Oh. Hello, thanks for getting back to me, just had a little query on the depreciated value of slightly used reindeer and tax implications if sold individually or as a bundle?

*Sting transition.*

Sc 2 – Workshop

*SFX – happy little elves ringtone*

**ELFIS - Voicemail message**

*Hello, you have called Elfis from the workshop. I'm busy making toys right now, leave a message after the beep.....(pause)....(sfx: fumbling)....tone.*

*(giggling and cheeky burp/fart noises)*

**ELFIS AND NICK**

*(Roaring with laughter)*

**ELFIS**

Oh that was brilliant.

**NICK**

Yep...although it is your own voicemail we're prank calling.

**ELAPH**

Jumping jingle bells, I've had a belly full of those two.

**ELPERTA**

Elaph, it's just Elfis having fun with Nick.

**ELAPH**

Ugh Nick. Since when did we have work experience kids here in the workshop.

**ELPERTA**

Ever since Santa's nephew needed it.

**ELFIS**

Hey Nick, would you like me to show you how to put stickers on Gameboxes again?

**NICK**

Oh nah Elfis, you've already shown me and yeah, there's not much to it.  
Can we play with one of the Gameboxes now?

**ELAPH (angry)**

No you can't!!! We don't play with the toys we make them.

**NICK**

Well you're not making any now...

**ELPERTA**

We're making what we can Nick until the machines are fixed,

they were damaged by a power surge.

**NICK**

Maybe I'll ask Uncle Santa about that. I'm so bored.

**ELAPH**

(growling but speaks calmly) I'm just going over to my workbench to work on a project.

**ELFIS**

Boy he's been spending a lot of time on that project.

*(SFX – very loud hammering BANG! BANG! BANG!)*

Hey Nick, let's go have another snowball fight!

**NICK**

(resigned) Groan. All right.

**ELFIS**

Let's go! (giggling and running off to play)

**ELAPH**

I can control the rage, I can control the rage...

**ELPERTA**

So the anger management course is going well?

**ELAPH**

As long as I have my distraction therapy hammer it is! Aaargh!

*SFX – smashing and breaking.*

*Sting transition*

### Sc 3 – Elphonse's Office

*(Elphonse is in his Jacuzzi. SFX – water, washing and scrubbing. Nice soft music playing)*

**ELPHONSE**

Ahh, that just about gets it, no more cologne de'reindeer here. Hmm although I could use some more bubbles, why is the button so far away...maybe I *should* get a new assistant. Right if I just – lean - over - the - edge and reach...just a bit more...little bit more...nearly...  
(groaning at full extension)

*SFX – door bursts open, wind*

**GRUMBLE**

I'm home Elphonse!!

*SFX – falling out of the tub*

**ELPHONSE**

Aaaagh! (falling)  
Grumble?!

**GRUMBLE**

I can see your Christmas baubles Elphonse.

**VO**

Grumble is back! How did he get home? How will he feel about the reindeer sale? And nepotism at the North Pole? If Santa has a nephew does this mean he has siblings and parents? Find out more about Santa's ancestral family tree next time on Elf Control...or maybe not, sounds far too complex.

## Episode 3 – Computer Virus

**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 an electric sled on order Elphonse has plans to make the reindeer redundant, but will Grumble's unexpected return pause his plans?

Sc 1 – Elphonse's Office

**GRUMBLE**

...and then after swimming for my life through a crocodile infested river, catching malaria and befriending a monkey, I continued heading in what I was thought was the right direction but -

*SFX - flush*

**ELPHONSE**

Sorry Grumble were you talking?

**GRUMBLE**

Oh, shall I start the story of my amazing return to the North Pole again?

**ELPHONSE**

Ahhh, I really should be ah... budgets, spreadsheets and you know...

**GRUMBLE**

But –

**ELPHONSE**

Budgets Grumble! Much more important than you gallivanting across the globe leaving me to do everything around here. Boy you've lost a lot of weight but sure haven't lost that trademark cloud of pollution that surrounds you, take a bath for Santa's sake!

**GRUMBLE**

I haven't washed since I was gone and have eaten nothing but twigs and cabbage. In fact whilst I was trekking the fjords of Iceland...

**ELPHONSE**

Yes, yes Grumble, please... the more you talk the more your breath kind of...

*SFX - intercom*

**MELFA**

Elphonse. Your visitor has arrived.

**ELPHONSE**

Oh 4 o'clock already, send him through Melfa.

**MELFA**

(pause) What about *please*?

**ELPHONSE**

(groan) *Please* send him through Melfa thank you, *please*...ok?

*SFX – door*

**CUSTOMER**

I'm here to look at the reindeer.

**GRUMBLE**

The reindeer. Are you a vet?

**ELPHONSE (sarcastic)**

No Grumble, the reindeer went mad without you so we're getting rid of them.

**CUSTOMER**

It's no sale if they've got Mad Reindeer Disease.

**GRUMBLE**

Elphonse?!

**ELPHONSE**

Ah no, no, I was joking, sweet Santa. Sir, just wait outside for a moment, just got to deal with a smelly little problem.

*SFX – door*

Ok Grumble, now, you might want to sit down.

**GRUMBLE**

I am sitting.

**ELPHONSE**

My you've lost height too. Grumble, I'm selling the reindeer.

**GRUMBLE**

What?!!

**ELPHONSE**

It's rather exciting actually, I've ordered one of those new electric sleds...

**GRUMBLE**

You can't do that.

**ELPHONSE**

I know, it is early days with the technology but the running costs Grumble, I mean being on solar –

**GRUMBLE**

No. You *can't* sell my reindeer!

**ELPHONSE**

Well I'm not just going to give them away! And that chump out there is willing to pay well above market value, I almost feel guilty.

**GRUMBLE**

What does Santa think?

**ELPHONSE**

Well...you know Santa doesn't get his hands dirty with the day to day operational –

**GRUMBLE**

You haven't told him!

**ELPHONSE**

It doesn't matter Grumble, we need the money to fix the workshop machines and to pay for the electric sled. Look the buyer is here now and –

*SFX – Santa's bell*

...not now Santa.

*SFX – intercom*

**MELFA**

Santa's office now Elphonse.

**ELPHONSE**

Ok, tell the customer that I'll be there in 5 minutes Melfa.

*SFX – door slam (loud!)*

**MELFA**

Rude! I'm sorry Sir, Elphonse *won't* be able to see you today, not until he remembers his manners.

Sc 3 – Santa's Office

**ELPHONSE**

Santa? Santa? Are you under there?

**SANTA**

I'm here Elphonse, just steaming my - aaachoo!

**ELPHONSE**

Oh dear, woah! (reacting to seeing his red nose) Your nose is usually red but...

**SANTA**

That wretched computah Elphonse.

**ELPHONSE**

Sir?

**SANTA**

I think I caught the virus.

**ELPHONSE**

Of course you did...

**VO**

A sick Santa steaming his sinuses, that's not very festive!  
Did Santa catch the virus from his computer? Did the IT elves ever turn up?

*SFX – ding*

**SANTA**

Oh blast, another elf-mail. Ooh I might already be a millionaire?! (Ah-choo!!)

**VO**

And how far can an electric sled go on one charge? Can't just feed it a carrot if it goes flat.  
Find out next time on Elf Control.

## Episode 4 – Optimal Credit

**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 less than a week until Christmas, Elphonse is fixated on finding funds to fix the Gamebox machines by selling the reindeer, however Grumble has managed to intercept one of the potential buyers...

### Sc 1 – Stables

**GRUMBLE**

And these two smaller ones are Quarry & Koo, they're the youngest, they still like bedtime stories.

**CUSTOMER**

I didn't realise they'd be such high maintenance, I've had livestock my whole life and never once used conditioner or given a pedicure.

**GRUMBLE**

Ooh yes and brushing and flossing at least twice a day, maybe more if they get a second dessert.

**CUSTOMER**

Dessert?! Don't they just eat grass?

**GRUMBLE**

Well Dasher likes clover for breakfast and some warm milk with a dash of vanilla but Rudolph likes –

**CUSTOMER**

Look I'm going to have to think about this a bit longer.

**GRUMBLE**

Take all the time you like.

**CUSTOMER**

And that smell, I didn't realise reindeer...or is that (sniffing)...you?

*Sting transition.*

### Sc 2 – Santa's Office

*SFX – knocking/entering*

**ELPHONSE**

You called Santa?

**MRS CLAUS**

Elphonse, my husband has caught a virus from the computer which you gave him. IT have recommended Norton's to fix it. Go at once to the apothecary and fetch some Nortons.

**SANTA**

And eggnog would also help a lot...

**MRS CLAUS**

Nortons Elphonse!

**ELPHONSE**

(sigh) Ok yes I can go to the *pharmacy* but this is nothing to do with Santa's computer.

**SANTA**

(sneeze, cough, splutter) They say it's a virus Elphonse.

**MRS CLAUS**

Get the Nortons Elphonse!

**SANTA**

And the eggnog.

**ELPHONSE**

Oh sweet Santa (seeing an opportunity) yes OK, OK, I'll get some Norton's straight away but I must warn you that it isn't cheap, in fact it's *very* expensive. These computer viruses require a lot of *special* treatment.

**SANTA**

(Cough, splutter)

**MRS CLAUS**

Whatever it costs Elphonse, and get extra in case it spreads.  
Here take my ELFCard, the PIN is EasterBunny – 1 word.

**ELPHONSE**

EasterBunny – got it.

**SANTA**

How is toy production Elphonse? When is Christmas? Is Christmas my birthday?

**MRS CLAUS**

You'd better hurry Elphonse.

**ELPHONSE**

I will Mam. Is there a limit on your card?

**MRS CLAUS**

No Elphonse, just get to the apothecary.

**ELPHONSE**

Pharmacy, yes mam. 1 sleighload of Nortons coming up.

Sc 2 – Elphonse’s Office

**ELPHONSE**

Grumble!!!

**GRUMBLE**

*(SFX whoosh)* Yes boss?

**ELPHONSE**

I’m scheming Grumble...

**GRUMBLE**

Would you like me to put some scheming music on?

**ELPHONSE**

Actually yes.

**GRUMBLE**

How’s this?

**ELPHONSE**

Nope

**GRUMBLE**

This?

**ELPHONSE**

Hmm, no.

**GRUMBLE**

This?

**ELPHONSE**

Yeeesss....right here’s what I need. I need medicine, a lot of medicine.

**GRUMBLE**

Shall I go to the apothecary?

**ELPHONSE**

Pharmacy. No, I don’t want to *pay* for it, I need another option.

**GRUMBLE**

I’ve got loads of old reindeer medicine from the Mad Deer Disease outbreak.

**ELPHONSE**

That could do it!

**GRUMBLE**

It's called I think 'Optimum Pain Relief'.

**ELPHONSE**

Sounds perfect and free. Get it all Grumble.  
And now I have the means to fix the workshop machines!

**GRUMBLE**

The means to the machines?

**ELPHONSE**

This ELFcard is the answer to all our problems. I now have the money  
to get the workshop back online.

**GRUMBLE**

So you don't need to sell the reindeer!?

**ELPHONSE**

Oh sweet Santa the reindeer, I had another buyer coming,  
you didn't talk to him did you Grumble?

**GRUMBLE**

I'll go and get the medicine!

**ELPHONSE**

Grumble? The buyer Grumble! Grumble!!!

**VO**

With Elphonse now cashed up with Mrs Claus's Bank of North Pole ElfCard, have the reindeers had a reprieve? Can the workshop get on top of Gamebox production? Will Santa recover in time to fly the sled on Christmas Eve? And will it be electric or reindeer powered? Find out more next time on Elf Control.

## Episode 5 – Tech Support

**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 been slow going in the workshop since the power surge took out the tech, however the elves have been busying themselves by tooling some more traditional toys...

Sc 1 – Workshop

**ELFIS**

And Nick this toy we call 'ball on a string.'

**NICK**

I'd feel ripped off if I got one of those for Christmas.  
Elfis, when can we play with a Gamebox?

**ELFIS**

Nah these are great, you have to hit the ball with bat and it – watch this.

*SFX – hit, hit, hit*

Oh this is great fu- ahhhh! (choking)

**ELAPH**

(laughing) Every time!!

**ELPERTA**

How does he get it wrapped around his neck?!

**NICK**

Actually that was pretty cool how you got it all tangled Elfis, Elfis? He's stopped moving.

**ELPERTA**

He's turning blue, get it off him.

**ELAPH**

Elfis! Relax, breathe – like last time.

**ELFIS**

(Big intake of air, panting)

*SFX – workshop door*

**ELPHONSE**

Ah my workshop Elves!

**ELAPH**

Well if it is isn't our long lost and not missed at all boss.  
I thought you were lost at sea or something.

**ELPHONSE**

No that was Grumble.

**ELAPH**

Well where have *you* been?

**ELPHONSE**

Around. In my office. Working very hard to get this Production Facility back to work.

**ELAPH**

Production what, you mean workshop, and we're doing fine without you and your fancy contraptions. Look at all these toys already finished.

**ELPERTA**

Elaph's reinstated all the old workbenches and tools and we've been busy little elves.

**ELFIS**

(still spluttering)

**ELPHONSE**

Is he OK?

**NICK**

Elfis was showing me how to play with this.

**ELPHONSE**

I don't think it's meant to be wrapped around your throat...

**ELFIS**

(husky voiced) It happened again...

**ELPHONSE**

So Nick, enjoying work experience here in your uncle's state of the art Production Facility?

**ELAPH**

Workshop!

**NICK**

Well, you know, it's a bit...there's a lot of sawdust...

**ELPHONSE** (not really listening)

Good, good. Well look, this is Kelfin from IT, he's here to fix all the machines. Got to get these Gameboxes made, I haven't noticed many letters asking for a bat and ball on a string this year...

**ELAPH**

Not everything needs a screen you know?!

**ELPERTA**

Take a deep breath Elaph, here play with this, a distraction therapy bat and ball.

*SFX – hit, hit , hit.*

**KELFIN**

Too much sawdust here, gets into fan, machine overheats.

**ELPHONSE**

Well Elaph, let's get this place cleaned up, the tools away and then Kelfin can get these production lines up and you can get back to work, not long until the big day.

*SFX – hitting getting harder*

**ELFIS**

Can you fix my sticker machine? I've nearly worn out my tongue licking all the stickers?

**ELPERTA**

They're toxic Elfis, they shouldn't be licked!

**ELFIS**

It's OK, I'm hoping that if I keep licking them my ability to taste will come back.

**KELFIN**

This sticker machine's going to need an update.

**ELPHONSE**

We just updated it, even had voice activation.

**KELFIN**

Voice activation is old now. Update has thought activation.

**ELAPH**

How's he going to run a machine that's thought activated?  
You need a brain to be able to think. (angry) Growl!

*SFX - angry hitting, breaks bat & ball*

**ELPHONSE**

And how much will this update cost?

**KELFIN**

It's not cheap.

**ELPHONSE**

Oh dear.

**KELFIN**

Once the deposit is paid, I'll get started.

**ELPHONSE**

I assume you take ELFcard?

SFX – credit card machine (old)

**VO**

The workshop will be buzzing with activity before you know it. Will Elfis be able to master thought activation? How did Elphonse get an IT Elf to turn up? And what is all this fuss over Gameboxes, I mean give me one of these any day. (SFX – *ball hitting a bat*)

...weeeheee...yay...oh – uh (choking).

Find out more next time on Elf Control (broken up with choking)

## Episode 6 – Minty Fresh

**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. As Kelfin the IT elf gets the workshop back online Mrs Claus has caught the contagious virus from Santa; which Elphonse has been treating with old Mad Deer Disease medication but not to worry, it's NPVA approved (North Pole Veterinary Association).

Sc 1 – SANTA'S OFFICE

**GRUMBLE**

...and then after I dug my way out of the internment camp with a spoon I hitched a ride on a boat who turned out to be pirates...

**ELPHONSE**

Grumble, I think Santa's feeling nauseous enough without having to listen to you.

**SANTA**

Ahh-choo!

Keep rubbing that Vicks in Grumble...goood, good.

Ooh tickly. Pass me more of those pills Elphonse, they really seem to be working...

**ELPHONSE**

You should probably use water...

**SANTA**

(drinks,swallows) BURP!!!

**ELPHONSE**

...instead of eggnog.

**MRS CLAUS**

Aachoo! Yes I'll have some more too, these antivirus pills are really working, my head is much clearer now. They are Norton's aren't they Elphonse?

**ELPHONSE**

Of course Mam, a generic brand but same active ingredients and a lot cheaper.

**SANTA**

Well don't let us run out Elphonse, Christmas is getting closer and I've got to ride my sleigh – zoom!!

**MRS CLAUS**

And don't forget the Christmas Party! I'm getting more ice cream, who wants some?

**SANTA**

Me, me, me, me!

**ELPHONSE**

Grumble will fetch more medication from the vet – I mean apocathing.

**GRUMBLE**

Pharmacy sir and yes I have loads more, (whispering) in the old stable.

*SFX – bottle of pills shaking*

**ELPHONSE**

Ah Grumble, this doesn't say 'Optimum Pain Relief', this says 'Opioid Pain Relief'. No wonder they want more Grumble, they're as high as kites and probably addicted!

**SANTA**

Grumble! When did you grow wings?!

**ELPHONSE**

Oh dear. We'll be back soon Claus's! Take care now, bye!

*SFX – door*

**ELPHONSE**

Grumble, we need to get them off those pills.

**GRUMBLE**

(scared and worried) Is it true Elphonse? Have I got wings?

**ELPHONSE**

No Grumble, the fatman's hallucinating, can happen when washing heroin down with eggnog. We'll need some placebos to wean them off the opioids.

**GRUMBLE**

This all feels very grown up & complicated Elphonse.

**ELPHONSE**

Look, take the ELFBank Card to the shop and buy up all of the fresh Elf-mints, they look exactly the same.

**GRUMBLE**

Oh ok.

**ELPHONSE**

And Grumble

**GRUMBLE**

Yes

**ELPHONSE**

Get yourself some, your breath is disgusting!!

Sc 2 Workshop

*SFX – typing, mouse clicking*

**ELAPH**

*(whispering)* What's he doing now?

**ELPERTA**

He's doing a software update Elaph.

**ELAPH**

A what?

*(calling out)* Oi! Computer Elf! When can I get my workshop running again?!

**KELFIN**

Again, I cannot go faster. Your internet speeds are too slow, there's sawdust in the modem.

**ELAPH**

I'll fix it -

**ELPERTA**

Put your hammer down Elaph, it won't be long now.

**ELAPH**

We've got to move on these Gameboxes Elperta, I've never been so far behind.

**KELFIN**

Production line will be quicker after the update.

**ELFIS**

And Nick, look at these big robot arm things! Look at me *(playing with the robot arms)*

**ELAPH**

Stop it Elfis!

**NICK**

Cool! Wow the whole Gamebox is now going to be 3D printed, doesn't even have to be assembled.

**ELFIS**

What's this?

**KELFIN**

The allen key.

**ELAPH**

Allen key?

**KELFIN**

It doesn't do anything but all updates come with an allen key. Don't lose it!

**ELFIS**

Do the new stickers taste nicer?

**ELPERTA**

It's the same stickers Elfis, just a new machine.

**KELFIN**

I'll show you how to use the new thought controlled sticker machine before I finish.

**ELAPH**

Once you've shown him how to think.

**KELFIN**

Artificial intelligence is most advanced on sticker machine because it's the simplest process.

**ELAPH**

With the simplest operator.

**ELFIS**

Hey Nick, what am I thinking now?

**NICK**

Are you thinking about letting me play with one of the gameboxes?

**ELFIS**

Aaah...I can't remember what I was thinking.

*SFX – machines coming to life, whizz and whirrs of machinery*

**KELFIN**

Ok, just one more step, I just need password?

**ELAPH**

Pass-what?!

**ELPERTA**

Password? Who's got a password?

**ELAPH**

Jumping Jingle Bells!

**ELFIS**

Um how about you try.....candy canes?

**KELFIN**

Jumping Jingle Bells – thank you that was it, I am done!

**VO**

The Gameboxes are back on track! Can the Claus's get off the smack?  
Is the ElfCard at it's max? Can Kelfin setup my new printer/fax?

**ELAPH**

Oh dear, where is that darn allen key?

**VO**

And will Elaph find the allen key?  
Find out next time on Elf Control.

## Episode 7 – Electric Sled

**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 buzzing and with only days until Christmas the toy quota looks assured, and with the books better balanced the reindeers are, for now, off the market.

Sc 1 – Stables

*SFX - deer*

**GRUMBLE**

There you go my deer, lucky I got back to the North Pole before Elphonse sold you, I don't know what he's going to do with this thing now. *(SFX – kicking steel)*

**NICK**

Hi Grumble.

**GRUMBLE**

Nick, shouldn't you be experiencing work in the workshop?

**NICK**

Well I am Santa's nephew so, you know...

**GRUMBLE**

Want to meet the reindeer?

**NICK**

Hey what's this?

**GRUMBLE**

A new electric sled, it just arrived.

**NICK**

Wow, can I get in it?

**GRUMBLE**

No, probably shouldn't..oh ok...we're returning it, Elphonse bought it but -

**NICK**

Whoah look at the size of this screen?!

**GRUMBLE**

Can you believe he was going to sell my reindeer. Don't touch that *(SFX – beep)*. Oh. While you're here let me tell you my amazing story of escape and adventure which all began one night in my cell when –

**NICK**

Oh cool, it's fully charged. Is it easy to drive?

**GRUMBLE**

Don't take that off, it'll void the (SFX – rip) warranty. Oh. So as I was saying I was in my cell when all of a sudden there was a bang...

*SFX – sled starting up*

**NICK**

Oops, I think it's (SFX – whoosh) Aaaaaaagh.

**GRUMBLE**

Oh dear, I was just getting to a good part.

Sc 2 – Elphonse's Office

**ELPHONSE** (crunching numbers)

Ok Kelfin the IT elf is paid, I've got a pallet of breath mints to ween the Claus's off the opioids rather than going cold turkey – save that for Christmas lunch ay Grumble, Grumble? He would have laughed at that. Can't believe I let him talk me out of selling the reindeer, then it would have been a very merry Christmas even more in the black, or is being in the red the good one...

*SFX – door*

Ah Grumble, you just missed a zinger.

**GRUMBLE**

I think I can still smell it.

**ELPHONSE**

No – ugh, where have you been?

**GRUMBLE**

Just feeding the reindeer, they really missed me, Koo & Quarry have grown so much and -

**ELPHONSE**

Boy I am really going to miss this ELFBank Card. Right, enough jabbering Grumble, get to work, you need to empty out these reindeer pills.

**GRUMBLE**

The 'optimum' ones

**ELPHONSE**

'Opioid' Grumble – and replace those pills with these, (SFX – rattle) which should have a very minty placebo effect.

**GRUMBLE**

And what should I do with the optimioids?

**ELPHONSE**

Dispose of them Grumble, we'll restock next deer pandemic.

**GRUMBLE**

OK. Hey, the electric sled arrived.

**ELPHONSE**

Well send it straight back, don't need it now apparently  
and I *need* to get my money back.

**GRUMBLE**

Well....

*SFX – Santa's bell*

**ELPHONSE**

Oh sweet Santa, pass me that bottle of mints.

*SFX – pill bottle rattling*

**ELPHONSE**

Don't mess this up Grumble. Pills in the bin, mints in the bottles and here (ramming mints  
down Grumble's throat), hopefully that tones down your breath a bit.

**GRUMBLE**

(mouthful) Righto, oh about the sled...

**ELPHONSE**

Back soon.

Sc 3 – Santa's Office

*SFX – reggae, stoner music playing. Knocking, door opens.*

**SANTA**

Elphonse, head Elf, come in man.

**ELPHONSE**

Santa, have you tye dyed your Santa suit?

**MRS CLAUS** (*eating ice cream from the tub*)

Chill out Elphonse, you need to chill man. Want some ice cream?

**ELPHONSE**

No thanks, here is your medication...

**SANTA**

Good-good, gimme, gimme.

**ELHONSE**

You're both looking a lot better, can probably stop taking these now.

**SANTA**

Yes of course. (SFX – biting, crunching), (lethargically) toys good?

**ELPHONSE**

Yes.

**SANTA**

I'm so pleased to hear it....aaahhhh.

**MRS CLAUS**

Let's talk Christmas Party Elphonse...

**ELPHONSE**

Oh, yes mam, fancy dress?

**MRS CLAUS**

Naaah, I want it to go off this year Elphonse!

**ELPHONSE**

Go off mam?

**MRS CLAUS**

Go right off!

**ELPHONSE**

And how do you plan on having it 'go right off'?

**MRS CLAUS**

Lots of lights, music, smoke machines, dancing and - a DJ!

**ELPHONSE**

Ok, yes mam, that does sound very off, I'm sure the elves will all rave about this...

**MRS CLAUS**

I need more ice cream...

**VO**

No fancy dress or fairy costume for this year's Christmas Party - what will the Elves wear?  
Do I even entertain the thought of getting an invite? And will it 'go off' - which I'm assuming is a good thing? Find out next time on Elf Control.

## Episode 8 – Christmas Party

**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 Party time, an annual highlight in the elves calendar, well maybe not all of them, but Elphonse is *high* on hope with the workshop *high* on finished Gameboxes; the Claus's *high* on deer medication and Nick somewhere *high* above in an out of control electric sled, drawing the attention of the Elf Patrol.

### Sc 1 – Elf Control

**INGELF**

And when was electric sled vehicle stolen?

**GRUMBLE**

Well he didn't really steal it...

**MELFA**

It's Santa's nephew, Nick, he's *missing* with the sled.

**ELPHONSE**

Sweet Santa I hope I can still return it, he better not scratch it.

**INGELF**

So how long has criminal been on run?

**MELFA**

Forget the sled! What about Nick?

**ELFRIK**

He would not be far. These electric sled are known as unreliable.  
He run out of charge and drop from sky like dead goose.

**GRUMBLE**

It was an accident, he was sitting in the sled and -

**ELPHONSE**

Maybe you shouldn't have let a child play around with such an expensive -

**GRUMBLE**

But –

**INGELF**

We send out search party, spread wide net. We'll use aerial surveillance and ground patrol with cadaver dogs.

**MELFA**

Do you think the dogs are necessary?

**ELFRIK**

Not for search but they need go walkies.

*SFX – Phone*

**MELFA**

Hello Elf Control Melfa speaking? Oh ok, I'll let him know.  
Elphonse, that was DJ Kandi (with a K), she's here for the Christmas party?

**ELPHONSE**

Staying for the party Detectives?

Sc 2 – Christmas Party

*SFX – dance music*

**ELAPH**

I hate this party.

**ELPERTA**

At least you didn't have to dress up this year.

**ELAPH**

I still hate this party. It's so loud.

**ELPERTA**

Elfis, didn't you hear it isn't fancy dress this year?

**ELFIS**

Yes but these are my going out clothes.

**ELAPH**

It's your jockey costume!!

**ELFIS**

Yeah I wear this when I go out.

**ELAPH**

I'm going back to the workshop.

**ELPERTA**

No stay for a bit, I don't want to get stuck with Elphonse, ugh, here he comes.

**ELPHONSE (tipsy)**

Ah workshop elves, are we having a good time?

**ELAPH**

It's too dark and too loud!!

**ELPHONSE**

They should be here soon.

**ELAPH**

What?!

**ELPHONSE**

No thanks, I've already got one. Can I get *you* a drink Elperta?

**ELPERTA**

No thanks Elphonse.

**ELPHONSE**

Sure thing, coming right up.

**ELAPH**

And get them to turn this music down!

**ELPHONSE**

Righto 2 eggnogs.

**ELFIS**

Oh hello Grumble, great party! Hey have you seen Nick?

**GRUMBLE**

You didn't hear what happened?

**ELFIS**

I can't hear much at all over this music. Oh look something's happening...

**DJ KANDI WITH A K**

Yo-yo Christmas Elves, I'm DJ Kandi bringin you all the party jams. Who's ready to party?  
I said who's ready to par-

**ELAPH**

Jumping jingle bells...get on with it!!!

**DJ KANDI-K**

Before we go any further please all the way from the North Pole - Santa and Mrs Claus!

**SANTA**

Ho-ho-ho! Wassup Elves!

**MRS CLAUS**

Delighted to be here! Thank you, thank you.

**SANTA**

What the...?!

*SFX – whooshhhh, crash.*

**ELFIS**

Oh look!

**GRUMBLE**

It's Nick!!!!

**ELPHONSE**

My electric sled!

SFX – more crashing

**ELAPH**

That little shi –

**INGELF**

Sch-top right there. Got you thieving elf!

**ELFIRK**

You're Nick'd, nephew Nick!

**NICK**

That was awesome!

**INGELF**

You under arrest for grand theft sled .

**ELFIRK**

And driving underage and underlicensed.

**NICK**

Worth it!

**SANTA**

Young Nicholas, glad you could make it to my Christmas Party!

**NICK**

Hey Uncle Santa I know what I want for Christmas!

**VO**

Nick the gate crasher! Will he get an electric sled for Christmas? Will the Claus's remember anything in the morning? And do you think DJ Kandi with a K takes requests?

Find out next time on Elf Control.

**(Record background audio of Santa and Mrs Claus at Christmas Party)**

## Episode 9 – Troubles

**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 the Christmas Party having 'gone off' and Nick released with a warning, there's a few sore heads on the North Pole and some last minute hiccups in the workshop.

Sc 1 – Workshop

**ELAPH**

I can't get this production line working!!!

**ELPERTA**

Didn't Kelfin show you?

**ELAPH**

He did but it won't go and we still need to make more of these darn things.

**ELFIS**

It's voice activated now.

**ELAPH**

I know that! Hey Gamebox machine, make Gameboxes.  
(*pronouncing Gamebox with accent eg. Geemmbox*) See, nothing!!

**ELFIS**

Well try saying Gamebox, not Geemmbox (accent)

**ELAPH**

What are you talking about?!

**ELFIS**

Gamebox.

**ELAPH**

Geemmbox.

**ELFIS**

Gamebox

**ELAPH**

Geemmbox.

**ELFIS**

No no Gamebox.

**ELAPH**

Where's me hammer!!!??

**ELPERTA**

Hey Gamebox machine, make Gameboxes.

*SFX – machine starting up*

**ELFIS**

I think the machine's a bit racist.

*SFX – background hammering*

I better get back to the sticker machine.

**STICKER MACHINE**

I am the sticker machine, I put on stickers. Would you like more stickers Elfis?

**ELFIS**

Um, I think so.

**ELPERTA**

How's the new thought activation going Elfis?

**ELFIS**

It's a bit upsy downsy so I've got Nick putting them back on the right way.  
It's also very tiring, hey water tap, pour water.

*SFX - pouring*

**ELPERTA**

Maybe you need to concentrate a bit harder?

*SFX – phone*

**ELFIS**

Ooh Nick just sent me an elfie of him fixing the stickers. Nice!

**ELPERTA**

Concentrating really might help.

*SFX – keypad*

**ELFIS**

I'll just reply and then start concen.....something... (trailing off)

**ELAPH**

Oi! You two! Phones down and get back to work!

**NICK & ELFIS**

Sorry Elaph.

**ELAPH**

What do ya need the phones for? You're standing next to each other.  
Now finish off those Geemmboxes.

**ELFIS**

Gameboxes.

*SFX – punch*

Sc 2 - Santa's Office

**SANTA**

...and then the way you had Nick fly in on the sled, I don't know how you pulled it off  
Elphonse!

**ELPHONSE**

Yes all went perfectly to plan sir.

**MRS CLAUS**

Good party but stop yelling, my head...

**SANTA**

Oh this hangover Elphonse, I'm really not feeling very...

**ELPHONSE**

Well it was quite the night.

**SANTA**

Oooohh my Santa stomach's not feeling very jolly right now. I think I'm –

*SFX – stomach gurgling*

**ELPHONSE**

Oh dear.

**MRS CLAUS**

My darling, are you going to be sick?

**SANTA**

No. Ah. Not that, I'm afraid I'm going to –

*SFX – tummy trouble*

**ELPHONSE**

Grumble!!

*SFX – swish*

**GRUMBLE**

Yes boss!

**ELPHONSE**

Fetch a bucket, a mop, some towels and just wait here a moment.

**GRUMBLE**

Ah...why?

**ELHONSE**

Your stench is helping take the edge off the smell of what's pooling under the fatman's throne.

**SANTA**

Oh my tum tum

**ELPHONSE**

Oh my humbug.

Sc 3 - Workshop

**ELAPH**

*(trying to say Gamebox without the accent)*

Gemmbbox. Geeeembox. Gemmm –

**ELPERTA**

We're nearly done Elaph!

**ELAPH (surprised)**

Elperta! Good, great, very good, thank you.

**ELPERTA**

What are you doing?

**ELAPH**

I'm working Elperta, working, I'm a workshop Elf, I work!!

*SFX – hammering*

**ELPERTA**

Weird. How are you & Nick going with the final stickers?

**NICK**

Nearly done Elperta.

**ELFIS**

I'm doing much more *concentrate better...*

**STICKER MACHINE**

More stickers Elfis? I am the sticker machine, I put on stickers.

**ELFIS**

Hey what's Elaph hammering?

*SFX – machine noise*

**ELPERTA**

Stop looking at that Elfis, it's effecting the sticker machine.

**ELFIS**

He's smashed that whole workbench to bits!

**ELPERTA**

Get your mind back on the job Elfis!!!

**NICK**

How do I deactivate this sticker machine, I think it's overheating or something!

*SFX – machine noise getting louder*

**ELFIS**

My head hurts.

**STICKER MACHINE**

I am the sticker machine, I put on stickers. More stickers Elfis?  
*(repeating and speeding up)*

**ELPERTA**

Elfis!!!!

*SFX – machine noise, ripping, tearing.*

**ELFIS**

Aaaagh!!! NICK!!!! Noooooo!!!!

**VO**

Has the thought activated sticker machine come unstuck? Will this delay Geembox..

**ELFIS/ELPERTA**

Gamebox!

**ELAPH**

Game...box

**VO**

...Gamebox production? Will Nick survive the sticker machine attack? And can Santa settle his squirty stomach before setting off in his sled? 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, the magical night before Christmas where Santa miraculously delivers toys to all the good children, that is if he is well enough to fly. His Santa sack is just about full, but unfortunately so are his Santa pants...

Sc 1 Elf Control

**MELFA**

Elf Control Melfa speaking how may I help you? Putting you through.

*SFX – intercom*

Elphonse, it's Dr Elfington for you. Are you sick Elphonse?

**ELPHONSE**

No not for me Melfa, I've got a squirty Santa.

**MELFA**

Squirty Santa?

**ELPHONSE**

He's bottom sick.

**MELFA**

Eww, is he going to be ok for tonight? It's Christmas Eve!

**ELPHONSE**

Well we can't really have Santa sledding across the globe leaving a streak of...

**MELFA**

Line 1.

**DR ELFINGTON**

Elphonse old chap, how's the rash?

**ELPHONSE**

Good doctor but I'm calling for Santa, he's somehow got a case of the ah...he's got a runny tummy.

**DR ELFINGTON**

I see, the old stinkle tinkle, well could be something he ate, maybe too much candy, peppermint perhaps, or it can be a sign of withdrawal, he still enjoying his eggnog?

**ELPHONSE**

As fas ar as I know.

**DR ELFINGTON**

Well plenty of fluids should do the trick, of the water variety of course. Lots of water!

*SFX – Door*

**ELPHONSE**

Ok thank you Doc. (SFX – hang up) How is he Grumble?

**GRUMBLE**

Still explosive Sir. I cleaned his office but he won't leave the bathroom in case he slops everywhere again, he's scared he'll sneeze and -

**ELPHONSE**

He won't be able to fly the sled in that condition. How's Mrs Claus? Maybe she could...

**GRUMBLE**

She's gushing too now. Does it *have* to be a Claus that delivers all the presents?

**ELPHONSE**

Yes, all part of the miracle of Christmas...

**GRUMBLE**

What about Nick? He's related.

**ELPHONSE**

Hmm...(thinking) and has sled experience - of sorts. Grumble, once again you've proven you're not as stupid as you look.

*SFX – tap, jug filing with water*

**GRUMBLE**

The reindeer and sled are ready, just need the filled sack from the workshop.

**ELPHONSE**

Right I'll get down to the workshop, here take this water to the Claus's. Doctor's order to keep their fluids up, I guess they're going cold turkey after all.

**GRUMBLE**

I had cold turkey for breakfast.

**ELPHONSE**

Shut up Grumble.

Sc 2 – Workshop

*SFX – door*

**ELPHONSE (panting)**

Elaph, Elaph! Where's Nick, I need him.

**ELAPH (quietly)**

Eh, he's over there?

**ELPHONSE**

Nick! Wait, where? Behind that rubbish pile?

**ELPERTA**

Ah, he's inside the rubbish pile.

**ELFIS**

He is the rubbish pile!

**ELPHONSE**

What?! Nick!

**ELAPH**

I told you a simpleton couldn't run a thought activated machine.  
The lad's smothered in Geembox stickers!

**ELPERTA**

The machine attacked him! It covered him with stickers and we can't get them all off.

**ELFIS**

The machine's are becoming self aware!!!

**ELPHONSE**

Is he...dead?

**NICK (smothered)**

Get me out of here!

**ELAPH**

We cleared a mouth hole but the rest of them are going to take some getting off.

**ELFIS**

Here Nick, have a drink, take the straw...that's it.

*SFX – slurping through a straw*

**ELPHONSE**

I guess he can't fly a sled then...

**ELAPH**

Elfis, go easy with that water, he's got to breath too!  
Here, Santa's sack. Now get out of my workshop, we're very busy!!!

Sc 3 – Stables

*SFX – deer*

**GRUMBLE**

There you go Rudolph, drink up.

**ELPHONSE**

Santa's sack Grumble, put it in the sled for what it's worth.  
Nick's no good to us, a little tied up.

**GRUMBLE**

Don't need him Sir Santa's feeling better!

**ELPHONSE**

But the cramps and - what happened Grumble?

**GRUMBLE**

I gave him the water and he suddenly perked up!

**ELPHONSE**

Is this the electric sled??

**GRUMBLE**

We couldn't return it after the crash so I just thought...

**ELPHONSE**

An electric and deer power hybrid sled, interesting. Cheaper to run?

**SANTA**

Ho, ho, ho!!

**ELPHONSE**

Santa? Feeling better?

**SANTA**

Much better! Just a quick case of the colon confetti, it's behind me now.

**ELPHONSE**

Indeed.

**SANTA**

Ah Grumble, fill this would you.

**GRUMBLE**

Eggnog?

**SANTA**

Just water little Elf, it really made me feel better

and I just can't stop drinking the stuff.

**ELPHONSE**

Ok Santa, well you really must run.

**SANTA**

Too soon Elphonse. Rightio, let's go Rudolph, ooh this is comfy, ho-ho-ho, away we go!  
Merry Christmas!!!!

*SFX – sleigh bells and sleigh departs*

**ELPHONSE**

A Christmas miracle hey Grumble. I guess all that opium was flushed from his system.  
By the way Grumble, what did you do with all of those opium pills?

**GRUMBLE**

I dumped them in the dam.

**ELPHONSE**

But...that dam supplies the entire North Pole's drinking water.

**GRUMBLE**

Oh. Drink sir?

**ELPHONSE**

Make it a double Grumble.

**VO**

And so the North Pole elves deliver another successful Christmas with Santa sailing into the Christmas Eve night sky bringing joy to countless boys & girls. The workshop elves delivered again and the happy little elves can take pause momentarily as another Christmas lurks just around the corner.

*SFX – Elves celebrating, happy sounds.*

They really are very happy little elves aren't they and incredibly well hydrated. (SFX – slurping) Hmm yes, I might get a top up, can't seem to just stop at one glass. Merry Christmas everyone!

**THE END**