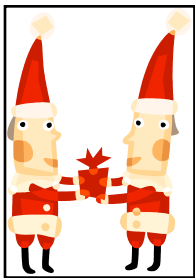


Cookie Chronicles

World News

Christmasville Saved!

Slayer saves Christmasville from Sparkling Psychos



Buffy Summers, North Pole Chief of Police, successfully defended Christmasville from sparkling vampires bent on stealing the spirit of Christmas.

Three weeks before Christmas, Summers and her friends repulsed a surprise attack on Santa's workshop in spite of overwhelming odds.

No one suspected the coming battle when the 300 sprites arrived during early autumn, bearing gifts and offering to bolster the overwhelmed workforce as it entered the peak toy-making season. Hans Candle, Chief of the Elves' Guild, said, "The leaders, James, Victoria, and Laurent, said they came from a secret underground city in South America that was destroyed in an earthquake. They claimed to be refugees, and we welcomed them like brothers."

"They mostly looked like us, but they all had dark eyes and shimmered in the sunlight," said Grace Winterspoon, North Pole news anchor.

"They were well liked. They were sociable, and they were willing to work weird hours," said Crystal the Snow Woman, the new North Pole Mayor. "Before long, they moved into key positions. When our elves started getting sick, we all thought it was another flu outbreak, and it was only natural to rely on the newcomers even more. No one realized these guys were causing it."

The Snow Queen spotted two of them snooping around the workshop after hours, "There was something suspicious about them. They made my icicles tingle." She contacted Summers for help.

Summer already had her own suspicions. She took her visiting friends, Willow Rosenberg and Xander Harris, along to check on Santa's workshop. The Naughty and Nice team normally watches over Santa's workshop, but they had been infiltrated by the mysterious sprites.

They caught the leaders in the act of adding some kind of biotoxin to the toys and to the cocoa dispenser in Santa's sleigh.

Surprised in their attempted sabotage, the sprites revealed their true nature, sprouting fangs and

Holiday Flashback

First there was Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen...

But do you recall, the second most famous reindeer of all...

Rosie, the gold-hoofed reindeer, had four very shiny toes. And if you ever saw her, you would even say she glows.

All of the Sleigh Team reindeer used to laugh and call the does names.

They never let them pull Santa's sleigh or play in any boy games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve Rudolph caught a cold: "Rosie with your toes so bright, won't you sub for me tonight?"

All of the other team reindeer wouldn't help her with the flight, so Rosie the gold-toed reindeer, led her doe friends with Santa that night!



rippled foreheads.

“I saw the whole thing! It was really, really bad,” exclaimed Frosty the Snow Man, who was leaving his studio after a show. “Victoria screeched, and the sound rang throughout Christmasville. Her minions came running from every corner. There were elfin vampires everywhere!” Frosty was too modest to admit that he jumped into the fight to help, flattening several vampires with iceballs.

The battle raged for an hour. Rosenberg zapped the fanged elves with Christmas magic, while Harris wielded a hammer and wrench against the sparkly demons with startling accuracy.

Summers, the unassuming polar police chief, cut a twinkling swath through the troops and found herself surrounded by the three leaders. It seemed like they had the upper hand until she spiked the three of them with the

Christmas tree from the center of town.

Santa’s reindeer joined in and dusted the last few stragglers.

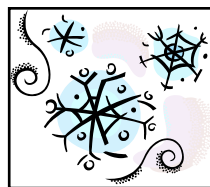
The revived Naughty and Nice Team mopped up the mess and decontaminated the toys, workshop, and sleigh. Christmas deliveries will be unaffected this season, although Christmasville will need a few repairs after the holiday rush.

Santa awarded Summers, Rosenberg, Harris, and Frosty with the Snowflake Medal of Valor. Summers, who joined the polar force in 2003, said humbly that it was all part of a day’s work.



years. Eventually he founded a new career hosting reality TV shows and starring in the hit sitcom. He married supermodel wife Charlotte Brooke and there were

rumors about him running for mayor again.



Making matters worse, after he got fired, Brooke caught Frost in an affair with singer Misty Mistletoe and has filed for divorce.

“They won’t get me down. I’m winning!” exclaimed Frost, who now claims to be joining Charlie Sheen’s new comedy.

Celebrity Update

MARTIN FROST FIASCO

Martin Frost has fumbled his way into another foolish faux pas, getting fired from his hit TV show, “Two and a Half Snow Cones.” TV execs cited his “dangerously self-destructive conduct.”

Martin Frost, brother to Jack Frost, served as mayor from 2000 to 2003 until an embarrassing recall election dislodged him. Frost stayed out of the limelight for a couple of

Community Notes

Lost and Found

One wagonload of candy canes, found on Sled Hill. Call Merry at 555-1618.

Looking for three pairs of lost mittens. Reward. Call Fluffy at 555-4020.

Meetings

Toymakers Anonymous. Meets the first Thursday of each month at the Community Center. Support group for elves who want to quit making toys. Call Hermie at 555-2718.

Reindeer Writers Grainhouse. Come network with fellow reindeer writers over a bucket of grain. Meets at Santa’s Stable on the last Sunday of each month, 12-3.

Sleigh Club of the North Pole. Join us for a fun drive and cookie tasting on New Year’s Day! Reserve a spot by calling 555-2012.

Jobs

Do you have what it takes to join the Naughty and Nice Team? Immediate opening on Research Team. Must be willing to travel. Send resumes to N&N, c/o Santa’s Workshop.

Polesoft positions: Software Engineer with experience in Java, Snowflake++, and Cocoa3. Program Manager needed to coordinate next upgrade to Santa’s Workshop computer systems. Send resumes to Polesoft, 15 North Pole Way.

Clean up and repair workers needed immediately. Call Blitz at 555-1113.



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