



It's up to Dianna and Bryce the Green-nosed reindeer to stop... "The Christmas Party Pooper!"



The Christmas Party Pooper

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WORKSHOP 25, WHERE EVEN THE ELVES GET A FEW MINUTES TO RELAX.



WOW, YOU GUESSED
THE CRIMINAL, TOH.



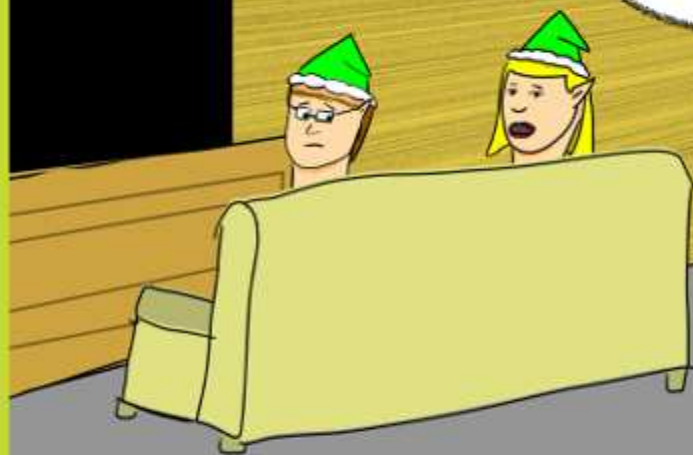
YEAH. SIS HATES
WATCHING MYSTERIES
WITH ME.

I THINK IT'S COOL.
I WISH I COULD SOLVE
MYSTERIES LIKE THAT.



MAYBE YOU JUST
NEED THE RIGHT ONE.

**ATTENTION! WE
HAVE A CHRISTMAS
EMERGENCY!**



**THE ROCKAROUND
HOTEL IS PLANNING ITS
FIRST CHRISTMAS
PARTY.**



**SOMEONE IS TRYING
TO STOP THAT PARTY.**



IS IT ANOTHER
RASCALLY ANIMAL
SITUATION?*

NOT THIS
TIME.

*SEE LAST ISSUE

WELL, TOH HERE
IS REALLY GOOD AT
MYSTERIES.

ACTUALLY, YOUR
TALENTS ARE NEEDED
FOR THIS, DIANNA.

ME?

MAYBE THIS IS
THE RIGHT MYSTERY
FOR YOU.

WELL, I'LL TRY.



THEN TAKE THE
ORNAMENT OF
POWER.



FEEL THE CHRISTMAS
SPIRIT IN YOUR HEART.



AND BECOME OUR
CHAMPION!

CAPTAIN YULETIDE!

SOON, CAPTAIN YULETIDE AND BRYCE THE GREEN-NOSED REINDEER ARRIVE AT THE ROCKAROUND SKI LODGE HOTEL.

YOUR DECORATIONS ARE AMAZING, MS. HOLIDAY.

YOU'RE THE EXPERTS SO THANK YOU. EVERYONE'S WORKED SO HARD.

I WANT EVERYTHING TO BE READY FOR OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS PARTY.


EVERYONE IS GOING TO BE HERE.

NOT EVERYONE...






AS IT TURNED OUT, HERMIT HERMAN WAS A NICE GUY,
AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE PARTY HAPPENING.




I ENJOY MY SOLITUDE,
BUT I DO LIKE THE CHRISTMAS
PARTY IDEA.

WHY IS THAT?



I LIKE THE SOUNDS OF
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
AS IT ECHOS UP HERE.

IT GIVE ME A
SENSE OF PEACE.



PLUS THEY
PROMISED ME THE
LEFTOVERS.

BACK AT THE LODGE...

I DON'T THINK
HE'S GUILTY.

IF YOU WERE WITH
HIM JUST NOW, HE
CAN'T BE.

THE FACE-PAINTING
BOOTH WAS JUST
TRASHED.

GOSH!

OH NO!

CAN WE GET A LIST
OF ALL THE ATTRACTIONS
THAT WERE DAMAGED?

I'LL HAVE MR. PARIENTES
PUT ONE TOGETHER.

MAYBE WE CAN
FIND A PATTERN OR
SOMETHING?

GOOD IDEA.

LATER...

THE TARGETS SEEM
TO BE FAMILY FOCUSED
EVENTS.

WELL, THEY ARE MOST
OF THE EVENTS.

YES, BUT NONE OF
THE KIDS OR ADULT
ONLY EVENTS.

HMM...HADN'T REALIZED.

WE HAVE TO FIGURE THIS OUT,
OR CHRISTMAS WILL BE RUINED FOR
EVERYONE!

NOT EVERYONE.

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?

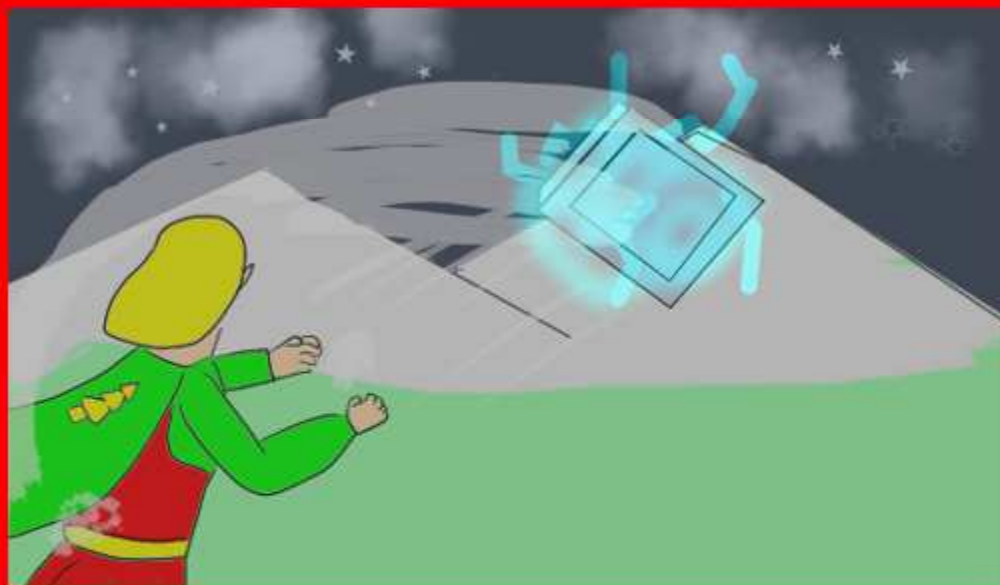





NOT HERE,
IT ISN'T.



LET'S
SAVE
CHRISTMAS!






A woman with short blonde hair, wearing a pink sweater and a pearl necklace, stands with her arms crossed, looking sternly at a man. The man has dark skin and short black hair, wearing a black button-down shirt. He has a slightly sheepish or apologetic expression. In the background, a decorated Christmas tree is visible.


EXPLAIN YOURSELF,
MR. PARIENTES!

I'M SORRY,
MS. HOLIDAY.

A close-up of the man's face. He is looking slightly to the side with a sad or regretful expression.


I JUST WANTED THE
WORKERS TO BE ABLE TO
SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH
THEIR FAMILY.

I TRIED TO BRING IT
UP, BUT YOU JUST TALKED
ABOUT THE PARTY.

The woman is gesturing with her right hand towards the man as she speaks. The man looks downcast and is listening to her.

AND YOU DIDN'T THINK
THE CUSTOMERS DESERVED
THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTY?

THAT DOESN'T EXCUSE
WHAT YOU DID.

A close-up of the woman's face. She has a determined and slightly angry expression, with her mouth open as if speaking firmly.

BUT I SHOULD
HAVE THOUGHT OF
THE WORKERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES.

WE HAVE A SOLUTION
TO THAT AT LEAST.

THE WORKER'S FAMILIES
CAN COME AND ENJOY
THE PARTY, TOO!

THAT'S GREAT!
SORRY I'LL MISS IT.

OH, IF YOU DO THIS
AGAIN YOU **WILL** BE
FIRED, AND YOU WILL PAY
FOR THE DAMAGES.

BUT I WANT MY MANAGER
THINKING OF THE EMPLOYEES.


AND SO EVERYONE HAD A
GREAT CHRISTMAS PARTY
WITH THEIR FAMILIES.

(AND HERMIT HERMAN GOT
HIS LEFTOVERS.)


BACK AT THE WORKSHOP...

I GUESS I
DIDN'T REALLY SOLVE
A MYSTERY.


I DON'T THINK THAT'S
WHAT WAS NEEDED.



WELL, I GUESS I
DID SOLVE THE PROBLEM.
THAT'S A WIN.



EXACTLY. THIS CASE
NEEDED AS MUCH HEART
AS INTELLIGENCE.



I COULD
WATCH ANOTHER
MYSTERY. YOU?

SOUNDS LIKE FUN.



ON YOUR
NEXT BREAK,
RIGHT?

OH, YEAH.
RIGHT, YULIE.

Merry
Christmas