

December 23

There were only two days till Christmas. At the North Pole, Santa sounded the alarm. Over half of the elves were sick. They had the usual coughing and sneezing. But the itching elves also had red and green spots all over them. Santa had never seen such a thing, so he called the North Pole's very best doctor.

After an exam with two of the elves, Dr. Tinsel gave Santa the bad news.

"Santa," said Dr. Tinsel, "I'm afraid this is a full blown case of Elfluenza, an elf sickness. The only cure is time and rest."

"Rest? Time?" Santa said, "We have so much work left to do. Christmas must go on. We must find help fast."