Tinseltop here! A couple of you may remember me from last year ... No? Why are you staring like that? Never seen an actual Christmas elf before?

Hey, Folks,

'Scuse the glitter. He insists on it. Says it's part of the uniform. So here's a thing you may not know about the Big C: He's not actually that jolly happy guy you see on TV commercials. He thinks Christmas has become kind of a pain in the ass, and he wishes he could find ways to make it fun again.

> Fun for him, I mean.

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That's how we get to where we start this story, a few weeks before what we call the Big Ride.

> The boss has to spend a lot of time checking his telescopes and astrolabes and weather reports to get ready to go, and it bores him silly, not that he'd ever admit it.

You know, Christmas used to not just be all about the handouts.

> I used to *punish* people too. I got to wreak vengeance! A moral arbiter! Not just --

> > -- a man in a funny suit passing out loot.

I've heard this one,



HMM.

I don't

know how much

more of this I can stand!

Uh-oh.

Everything OK, boss?























So we spent the rest of the night flying around turning bad boys into good girls ...

> Plus a couple of variations on the theme, just to keep it interesting!







I think it's an excellent idea. But it should be a bit more evenly applied.

You've been



