

THE DAY SANTA CLAUS ARRIVED AFTER CHRISTMAS

*The day Santa Claus made a special
journey to satisfy a poor child request.*

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Synopsis:

The book tells the story of the day Santa Claus felt obliged to take a special trip after Christmas to fulfill the request made by a poor child. After a short holiday after Christmas, Santa Claus began preparations for toy production for the upcoming Christmas. He was aided by the elves and they all work in the secret village of Santa Claus in Lapland, Finland. Seeing the mail in the inbox, Santa Claus was surprised to find a letter that had been hidden at the bottom of the box. It was a request from a poor child. As a gift he asked for a bicycle, notebooks and pencils to study. He lived in a small house in the backcountry, far from school and could not attend classes like the other children. Santa Claus has agreed to pay a special visit to the poor boy, even though it is not Christmas, causing a stir and many surprises among the children and adults who have seen his sleigh with the reindeer pass like a comet in the sky bound for the poor boy's house. Completed his mission, Santa Claus returns to his home for his well-deserved vacation. The boy was able to start his studies in time thanks to the new off-season gifts from Santa Claus.

Dedication

I dedicate this work to all those who reserve part of their lives to educate children in some way, as a mission and a belief that in them is the hope of a better world.

In special to parents, teachers and grandparents, the basic triangle of early childhood education.

I thank God for the child that He still allows to exist in me.

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One more Christmas was over.

Santa Claus was exhausted. He gave as accomplished another mission. Millions of homes were visited, and millions of toys delivered.

It was still dawn when Santa Claus returned to his home in Lapland, in distant Finland.

The snow was high and covered all the streets and roofs of the houses.

And Santa was venting with Shinny Upatree:

“Shinny, I can't wait to take off these boots, take a hot shower and sleep near the warmth of the fireplace. And without dispensing a very hot cup of chocolate. It's very cold and I'm very tired. Tired, but very happy! We have successfully accomplished our mission this year. Soon we will start work again thinking about next Christmas!”.

Shinny Upatree was one of the elves helping Santa Claus. He was his oldest friend and co-founder of the secret village in Lapland. This secret village is called Santa Claus Village.

In the village has several workshops and toy factories.

And in the village, there are also houses where hundreds of elves live, also known as goblins.

They help Santa Claus in his gigantic work.

Back in the village of Santa Claus, each elf takes care of a function.

Some elves take care of Santa Claus's reindeer and keeping his sleigh in good condition. The sleigh should always be ready to fly through the skies on Christmas Eve.

Other elves help to keep his list of children to receive gifts up to date. Some elves guard the secret location of Santa Claus Village.

The elves are playful and mischievous. Some elves make sudden appearances for children in the days before Christmas. They do this to keep an eye on each child and see if they are behaving well and obeying their parents.

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They are believed to be Santa's secret agents!

No one has really ever seen Santa Claus's Village, because the secret entrance is known only to Santa Claus and the elves.

But some people say it is somewhere on Korvatunturi mountain in the Savukoski municipality of Lapland, which is on the border between Russia and Finland.

Elves help design toys and process requests for children that are sent to Santa Claus. The most popular names of Santa's helper elves are:

Alabaster Snowball, who is the list administrator of the children who will receive gifts.

Evergreen Bushy, the inventor of the toy making machine.

Pepper Minstix, the secret keeper of where Santa Claus Village is located.

Sugarplum Mary, she is known as Mary of Christmas.

She is a Santa Claus assistant and helps in the kitchen, preparing thousands of meals every day for the elves.

Wunorse Openslae, he designed Santa Claus's sleigh and is responsible for its maintenance. He also cares for the reindeer and his sleigh is believed to reach speeds faster than the Christmas tree lights.

And there are many other elves with strange names for us, such as: Askasleikir, Bjugnakraekir, Faldafeykir, Gattathefur, Giljagaur, Gluggagaegir, Ketkrokur, Kertasnikir, Pottasleikir, Skyrjarmur, Stufur, Bvorusaljir, Bjugaljurir, Bjugnur, Laekjaraegir, Raudur, Redda, Sledda, Steingrimur, Syrjusleikir, Tifill and Tuttur.

After each Christmas, Santa takes a well-deserved vacation. And he needs a lot of rest on this vacation, because work soon will begin for the following year Christmas. During the holidays, besides reading books and reviewing some letters received from children, Santa Claus likes to eat well and take a good nap after lunch.

Then he likes to ride his sleigh in the snow, visiting the blue lakes and snow-capped mountains in Santa Claus Village.

From time to time, he even risks skiing, but almost always takes a few drops.

And on these occasions, the elves can't control themselves and have fun with Santa's tumbles.

And Santa Claus pretends to be angry:

"I'm falling because I want to! I like to fall in the cold and soft snow!".

But the elves know that Santa Claus is too fat and heavy to ski. However, they just laugh quietly and respectfully.

Santa Claus's vacation only lasts 15 days. And soon the whole village of Santa Claus moves in preparation for the upcoming Christmas.

Before work begins, Santa gathers all the elves for a prayer and thanks, as well as words of encouragement and efforts to make it all right.

After all, everyone was committed to making Christmas always better and making the children happy in ever increasing numbers.

“My dear elf friends. Another Christmas has passed, and we have accomplished our mission well. The requests from the children were fulfilled. But unfortunately, not all! We have another year of fighting ahead. I am sure you will all do your best to make all the toys for next Christmas. I'm counting on you! Thank you all!”.

At this time Alabaster asked:

“But, Santa Claus! Why do some requests from children not reach our hands?”.

Santa Claus answered:

“For a serious but very simple reason. Many men stopped believing in Santa Claus. They erased Santa Claus in their hearts. They do not strive to fulfill this children's dream. So many requests do not meet Santa Claus's address”.

All the elves fell silent and bowed their heads in deep sadness as they heard these words from Santa Claus.

But Santa Claus is a very wise and optimistic man and soon completed:

“Very well! But, no sadness. We must face the stone hearts of these selfish men with patience and perseverance so that the forgotten children are added to our list. We have faith that your letters will find Santa Claus’s house address next Christmas. But from now on, let's go for another year of work!”.

Each elf knew very well what they had to do, and they went to their jobs. After all, they have been doing this for dozens of years.

Santa Claus commanded and coordinated all the work. Even without receiving the letters with the children's requests for next Christmas, he had to work to make a good supply of toys.

So, he wondered what the children's requests would be.

And he made his predictions based on requests from previous years. So, he knew which toys were most requested. Dolls, balls, strollers, various games were among the most requested.

So, production started with these toys.

From time to time, Santa Claus went to his mailbox. But almost always it was empty at the beginning of the year.

However, one day came when he had a surprise:

“Wow, this letter was stuck in a crack in the wood at the bottom of the mailbox! My God! Did we forget to deliver a child a gift?”.

The letter had been forgotten in the mailbox last Christmas.

Opening the letter, Santa Claus was even more surprised.

In the letter was written:

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“Dear Santa Claus. Good Morning! Good afternoon! Or good night! I don't know what time you will open my letter. I cannot read and write. But, Saint, my best friend girl. She helped me write this request. Santa Claus, I would love to go to school and study. But I cannot. I live in a place far away from the city. This place has only the house where I live with my father, my mother and my sister. It is a desert outback and it is far from school. If I had a bike, I could go to school with it. I know the school is far away. But with a bike I'm sure I would arrive at school on time! Santa Claus, if it is possible, I'd like to get some notebooks and pencils too. My name is Tommy. My father's name is Raymond and my mother's name is Mary Ann”.

Santa Claus was very embarrassed that he had not complied with this poor child's so important request.

Far from Santa Claus Village, Tommy began another day. He drank goat's milk and ate a piece of corn bread. And he went to the fields with his father.

He helped grow corn, rice, beans, manioc, and potatoes. They also had five goats and one kid. And there was OncOnc the donkey. Ah! It also had twelve chickens.

The donkey was used to take part of the production to sell in the city. Another part of the production the family ate everything. Tommy was very fond of the rice and beans Mary Ann made, as well as fried manioc and fried egg.

OncOnc helped carry wood to Mary Ann's stove and bring water from the well. It is a well that collects water from the few rains that fall in the desert outback.

The donkey got its name because when he was a puppy, he used to screech like that when he saw Tommy.

Tommy was very fond of living in the desert outback. He listened to the birds, he saw animals, among them the armadillo. In the desert outback it rains very little. The plants are very dry and have many thorny plants called cactus. Only the goats could eat these cactuses.

But Tommy was sad when he traveled with OncOnc to the city. He was going to sell part of the ranch production. And in town, he could see the kids go to school. They always seemed happy and carried their notebooks and pencils in their pack.

And he dreamed one day that he could go to school too. For this he would need a bike. And he prayed every night for Santa Claus to satisfy his request.

Back in Santa Claus Village, Santa Claus felt very sad that he had not received Tommy's letter before Christmas. And this worry hammered his head.

He looked at the map and saw that the desert outback in the country where Tommy lived was very far from Lapland. The days passed and Santa Claus returned to his duties. But he didn't forget the poor child's letter that it had been forgotten in his mailbox last Christmas.

Toy production for next Christmas was in full swing.

The depots were becoming crowded with a thousand types of toys.

Among the toys, millions of bikes. And they reminded Santa Claus of Tommy's letter. Santa Claus knew that the child would have to wait another year to start going to school. This made him very unhappy.

The night was very cold, but with a beautiful starry sky. It was the first night the sky showed its stars after many weeks of heavy snow! Santa Claus couldn't sleep well, as he used to do after a tiring day at work.

And I thought:

“Ah! This Tommy and his letter don't leave my mind! I have to do something!”.

The next day, Santa Claus thought, thought it again, hesitated for a moment. But, imagining the face of that child from the desert outback, the willingness he had to study and the hope he had for winning the long-awaited bicycle, he decided.

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Leaving outside his house, Santa Claus rang the traditional bell and gave the well-known cry to all the elves:

“Oh! Oh! Oh! Merry Christmas!”.

The elves woke up scared, asking:

“But, is it Christmas already? Has Santa Claus gone crazy?”.

But the elves were faithful servants and never argued with Santa Claus. Immediately, Wunorse Openslae prepared the reindeer and sleigh.

Alabaster Snowball asked:

“Santa Claus, which child will receive the gift and what gift should I get from the warehouse?”.

And Santa Claus clarified:

“A bicycle. The prettiest you have in the warehouse! And take notebooks, black pencils and crayons. Ah! Bring a good backpack, too!”.

The sleigh was ready for this unforeseen trip. Santa Claus's reindeer are the only reindeer in the world that can fly. When Santa Claus asks them to be as fast, they can, they travel faster than a plane!

Reindeer names are Rudolph, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen.

Pepper Minstix asked:

“Santa Claus, do we already have the address of the child who will receive these gifts out of time?”.

And Santa Claus kindly answered to his faithful guardian of security:

“Take it easy, Pepper. Yes, we do”.

Finally, Santa Claus gave the order for the reindeer to fly. Quickly, the sleigh rose into the sky heading toward a destination known in the desert outback.

Wherever he went, Santa Claus and his sleigh caught the attention of millions of children gazing at the enchanted sky.

And all wondered:

“But, it's not Christmas! Why is Santa Claus traveling? Where is he going? Will I get a gift again?”.

And on the trip to the desert outback of the country, the sleigh looked more like a comet such was the speed Santa Claus ordered the reindeer.

Everyone was surprised with Santa Claus traveling after Christmas. They had never seen this before.

Newspapers, radio, and television broke this news with great fanfare:

An O.V.N.I. was seen in the skies in the southern region of the country. The Unidentified Flying Object travelled through the sky at great speed, following the course of the desert outback.

However, the children could see him and shouted:

“See! It's Santa Claus with the reindeer and his sleigh! He is in a hurry! Where is he going? And why is he here? Christmas is over!”.

Wherever he went, Santa Claus and his sleigh caught the attention of millions of children gazing at the enchanted sky.

And all wondered if they would get a gift again!

No one could explain this event. The children had no doubt that it was really Santa Claus.

Adults thought it was a comet or a weather balloon, and they thought it was children's imagination to think it was Santa Claus.

Tommy, oblivious to all this movement, played idly making a sandcastle. Dry sand that he could easily find in the desert outback where he lived.

Raymond was very worried. It hadn't been raining in the desert outback for months and the plantation was feeling it very badly. The water in the well was no longer enough to water all the plants.

This year, for sure, there will be no excess production to sell in the city. Food production would barely be sufficient to Tommy and his family.

Every morning his Raymond prayed to God make it rain. Good rain could even save his crop.

Finally, Santa Claus arrived at Tommy's house. It was dawn and everyone slept.

He could see no neighborhood, and the animals on the site were quiet. And that was good for Santa Claus. The reindeer with the sleigh waited quietly, hovering in the air above Tommy's house.

Tommy slept soundly when he began to hear the sound of bells. When he opened his eyes, he saw dozens of silver stars in his room. And he was enchanted with such beauty, waking up quiet and serene. Seeing Santa Claus, he exclaimed with joy:

“Santa Claus! Did you come? Wow! I thought you wouldn't come anymore! Christmas is over! I no longer believed you would come!”.

He got up and ran towards Santa Claus and hugged him tenderly. Raymond and Mary Ann slept heavily and did not hear what was going on in Tommy's room.

“My dear Tommy. I could not resist seeing it. Yes, I got your letter, but only now have I been able to travel. Now, repeat to me the gifts you want to get!”.

“I want to get a school! I want to study, learn to read and write. I want to go to the big city and study to be a teacher!”.

Seeing that Santa Claus got a little confused, Tommy added:

“And to realize my dream I need a bike! With it I can ride to the nearest school!”.

Santa Claus then delivered the bike, notebooks, black pencil, crayons, and backpack.

Tommy was so happy and pleased that he couldn't hide the tears from her eyes.

And to Santa Claus's surprise, Tommy took the bike and left at dawn to take a walk around the place.

Only the moon and stars were the witnesses of the happiness that Tommy felt at that moment.

When he returned from this first ride on his bike, Santa Claus kissed Tommy and left him in his room. Tommy slept soundly then.

Before entering the sleigh, Santa Claus also dropped two tears from his eyes, saying:

“Tommy be in God's peace and good studies. I am sure you will be a winner in life and be a great teacher someday!”.

Santa Claus said goodbye silently, climbing into the sleigh and speeding back to Santa Claus Village. Hard work awaited him for next Christmas.

And at Santa Claus's departure a heavy rain fell on Raymond's fields. The rain watered the whole plantation and filled the well again with water.

This was a special gift from Santa Claus to Tommy's parents.

The next day Tommy told his mother:

“Mom, tonight I saw Santa Claus in my room. I saw dozens of silver stars and bell sounds. He looked and smiled at me! He brought me all these gifts, see!”.

Dona Mary Ann answered, never quite understanding what had happened:

“Good, my son, good. Santa Claus is very good, and he will surely bring you more gifts on Christmas Day. Mom is very happy!”.

In the village of Santa Claus, Santa Claus was received by all the elves:

“Welcome, Santa Claus! We have a lot of work ahead and we were missing you!”.

But Santa Claus said:

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“Yeah, let's get back to work. But not in the next three days. I really need to rest! It was a long trip, but one of the happiest trips of my life!”.

That night Santa Claus felt he could sleep peacefully. Tommy was fine and would definitely start his classes this year”.

At the end of the year, Santa Claus received another letter from Tommy:

“Dear Santa Claus. Finally, I managed to go to school. I can read and write a little. My teacher Char corrected this letter. But she said that I am learning very well. Thanks so much for the gifts! And thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to study in life! I love you so much! Look, Santa Claus, I don't need any gift this year. If you can, give other bikes to children who can't go to school like me. Hug and kisses, Tommy”.

Santa Claus found Tommy's letter to be one of the most beautiful he ever received in Santa Claus Village.

And hurried to call for Alabaster Snowball, the elf who is the administrator of the list of children who will receive gifts.

Very happy, Santa gave the following order to Alabaster:

“My faithful Alabaster, this Christmas add to the list of gifts the names of children who need a bicycle to go to school. Take a survey around the world. This is the biggest contribution we can make to a better world - helping to educate our children!”.

Although Tommy hasn't asked for anything next Christmas, Santa Claus will sure visit the desert outback again and give him a well-deserved gift.

In the desert outback, a scene was repeated at the beginning and end of every morning.

A trail of dust on the dirt roads marked the passage of a happy child riding his bicycle at lightning speed. He cut the dry desert outback towards the school.

Tommy pedaled vigorously his bike and with great skill, singing loudly to distract himself.

Too bad this scene was admired only by the armadillos, foxes, coyotes, snakes, lizards, doves, hawks and other animals that can live in the desert outback environment ...

The End.