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#### Mama's Christmas Miracle

Mama told me a story a long, long time ago, w not like any that I'd ever heard, all about a little girl mama used to know, how I remember every word.

Seems like a lifetime ago, though I remember it so well. It was a Christmas Eve I'll never forget as far as I can tell.

> We were sitting at the kitchen table, it was only my mother and me. I was dreaming of Christmas morning and all the presents under the tree. Dad wasn't doing that well and money was scarce that year.

Mama found a way of telling me without me shedding one tear. She told me a story of a little girl

and a Christmas long ago, who came from far away, a place where it rarely snowed. Santa was just a dream to her, but she believed so much inside, that Christmas was going to be special, so she knelt by her bed and she cried.

"Lord, let Santa remember me if not just this one time. I promise I won't ask for much, maybe a dolly I can call all mine." She closed her prayer and thanked the Lord

> for all that she received. She knew that Santa would really come if only she believed.

She wrote a letter to Santa, unfamiliar to most girls and boys. Though her list was long and full, on it there were no toys.

> Only things we take for granted, like new shoes or underpants, hair bows for her sisters and gloves to warm her brothers' hands.

At the bottom of her list she asked, if it not be too much, for a brand new baby doll she could hold and love and touch. Then Christmas morning came

and she looked beneath her tree, Not a present to be found

as far as she could see. She didn't give up hope as she heard a knocking sound. When she opened up her door, a great big box she found. She called out to her mother and

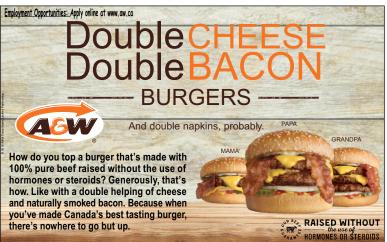
dad, brothers and sisters too, She said, "My prayers were answered, there's something in here for all of you."

Her daddy got brand new boots, her mother new underpants, her sisters got beautiful hair bows, her brothers warm gloves for their hands.

Buried deep beneath the box was a brand new baby doll and a note that said, "Merry Christmas, I love you one and all."

I'll never forget that story because much to my surprise, I saw the true meaning of Christmas shining in my mother's eyes. For those of you who are wondering, as if you didn't know, The little girl in Mama's story was my mother long ago.

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> December." Oliver Herford

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#### by Bonnie J. Malcolm ComParrots 🗢 Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?





Solution: 1. Window appears on gingerbread house. S. String on puppet is object in Sharing appears on in Virani, 4. Meddine to appet is a closted in S. Doll's shirt is different. 6. Puddle of paint is colored in. 7. Inside of tree on table is colored in. 8. Star on stocking has moved. 9. Ell's apron is longer. 10. Shirt is longer. 11. Pants are lower in back. 12. Weckline on apron is different.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS

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6'6" long dresser, 6 drawers, 30" high, Cottonwood lumber, 1" with random widths mirror; 24"x16"x23" dresser; 52" wide, & lengths, 2 5/8" with random widths & 75" long bed with head board. Best offer. Call 250-788-2606

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\$125. Call 250-788-2944

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masonry in case, \$60; torque wrench to Dawson Creek, Arras & Pouce Coupe areas. Call 250-219-7082

HD PVR model 630 Shaw satellite receiver, net: Shaw satellite receiver model 600, new: Fresh chicken eggs, \$3/doz. Call or text Quad LNB; elliptical satellite dish; Noma super light electric lawn mower, 24".Call 250-788-2606

Square hay bales - timothy, brome, alfalfa, \$4.50/bale, or \$3.50/bale for 100 or more; fiberglass tank, approx measure 12'x4' for round bales, 4x5, \$40'ea or \$35/ea for 20 or more. Call 250-788-5056

> & lengths, 2 5/8" with random widths & lengths, misc other dimensions & timbers, \$550 per thousand. Call 250-401-7311

5 Coleman cooler with wheels, \$25; Tamarack 1" planks, well-cured; 2 large Mitchell 407 Rod Reel, \$30; Coleman gas wood stoves. Call for price or more info

Red Everlast punching bag, good condition, \$50; Bissell Pro Heat Plus 2x carpet & 3 heavy wood bar stools, \$40; small wood upholstery cleaner, Used only once.\$175.Call 250-788-3306 or 250-788-5582

Cooking service & wiener roasting rack, Unpasteurised local Honey for sale 500ml -1.5lbs \$8.00 per jar. Call 250-788-6935

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#### PROPERTY

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Reduced to sell - Open concept fully renovated dwelling with hardwood floors, 2 bdrms, 2 baths & office space. Located 5 km from Chetwynd in Wabi Estates. 20x32 heated shop. Year round fresh water. 5.3 acres landscaped for horses, recreation & relaxation. Guest cabin, outbuilding, award winning gardens & 2 landscaped full hookup RV pads. Call or text 250-788-5293

0.9 acres on 53rd Ave in Chetwynd, bare lot, ready for building, all of the utilities included. Call 250-788-5319

Large, level & cleared lot in Rodeo Sub. Close to schools & Rec Centre. 5117-41st Ave. \$56,000. Call 250-788-3052

3 houses for sale at Moberly, each on a 5 acre lot across from golf course with excellent lake views: 1 custom-built log house, 3 bdrm with a basement suite, \$385,000 obo; 2 bdrm bungalow, \$165,000 obo; Large 3 bdrm house with rental suite and wkshop, \$209,000 obo. Call 250-788-6339

950 sq ft 2 bdrm home, completely renovated, everything is brand new! 4.5 acres with the option for an additional 4.5 acres. Located at 2579 Brulotte Rd 16 km from Chetwynd out Jackfish Lake area. Asking \$265,000. Call 250-788-6805

1 acre lot in Progress Rd 255 btwn Chetwynd & DC. 2010 manufactured home with 3 bdrms & 2 baths, electric heat, 6" walls, winter pkg, 3 sheds, wood stove, close to McLeod School & convenience store, lots of spruce trees, mature garden, priced to sell. Call 250-843-7086 or 250-719-5516

#### PETS/LIVESTOCK

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35 laying hens, 18mths old, \$4 ea. Call 250-788-2805

Free - 2 tabby kittens, 3 months old. Call 250-401-7346

Female Boa constrictor imperator, male python, female Mexican black Kingstone, male Dumerlis Boa. 250-401-3490

#### LOST & FOUND

Lost: iPhone 6 in Star Wars case. Last Wanted: Smaller older tractor with seem at Spencer Tuck beach table bucket for use on small piece of (Moberly Lake). Call 250-788-2577

Lost: Black Samsung Galaxy S5 with butterflies on the back somewhere Wanted: 6 cords of dry firewood between the Legion and Days Inn. Call delivered. Call 250-788-2626 250-788-1987

somewhere between Chevron and the water fill station, likely on Sept 23. Call 250-401-7019

Lost: Dog named Jigger from Moberly Lake on Nov 17. Has tattoo in right ear, code is 194CJD. Call Denise at 250-788-3837 and leave a message.

Lost: Set of keys at Home Hardware on Nov 29/17 250-788-3672

#### **REC VEHICLES**

Wesport Avion 5th wheel, 36, 3 slides, winter package, leather interior, asking \$10,000. Call 250-401-7286

Sears boat & trailer, 5 h Johnson Motor, good cond. \$1400.250-242-5888

2000 40' motorhome, very clean, loaded, 3 slides, 3 queen beds, big bathroom. \$29,000. Call 250-219-0605

2007 Can Am 800 quad with a snow blade, 1200 km, \$6000. Call 250-788-1679

22 ft Kozy holiday trailer, no papers, older, no leaks, exc storage. \$2000 OBO, Call 250-788-2805

2002 Ali Craft 18' boat, double axle trailer, full tops, travel tops, 200 sport jet, new motor, 10 hrs, \$33,000. Call 250-788-5656

16' mahogany strip kayak, sea & lake, \$1700 OBO. Call 250-788-5905

2008 Honda TRX 420, 6655 km 678.7 hrs comes with winch and snow plow. \$5000 OBO Kent 250-788-6611

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#### WANTED

property. Call 250-788-2170 or 250-401-7770

Wanted: Apartment to rent ASAP Lost: Black wallet with 3 folds for responsible family. References available. Call Adam 438-828-2326

> Wanted: Math tutor for someone upgrading their highschool. If you have some time to help me out, call 250-556-4087

> Wanted: Childcare for 3 month old baby 2-3 days a week for up to 3 hrs. First Aid required. Call 250-788-1634

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> Wanted: To buy PS3 in good working cond. Call Joe at 250-788-1597

> Wanted Someone to shovel snow off of deck. Must have own transportation. Call 250-788-2795

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> Wanted: Bobcat for a reasonable price. Call 250-874-4433

> Wanted: Looking for someone to install Drywall in Bdrm and part of Living room. Materials are provided. 250-788-9781

> Wanted ASAP: Cat carrier to get cat to vet's to get spayed. Call George at 250-788-9505 or email peacecountry@persona.ca

#### KARAOKE

\*Next one in the new year\*

#### FAMILY BURGER NIGHT

Thursday Nights 5pm-8pm Families welcome!

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Every Wednesday at 7:30pm New members welcome!

#### HALL RENTALS

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## FEATURE PRESENTATION

Thurs, Fri, Sat Dec 21, 22, 23 WONDER



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Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, Jacob Tremblay







#### Santa Letter to Adult



Ho! Ho! Ho! I was just checking my list for a second time and sure enough, there your name is on the naughty side. Wow, have you been bad this year! I can't believe some of the mischief you've been up to.

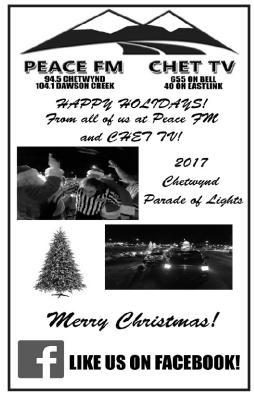
Before I double-checked, I was thinking of bringing you something very nice, but now I think a stocking full of coal is just the thing for you.

If you hear a bump on your roof on Christmas Eve, don't investigate. It's just me, bringing your coal. Also, don't think I can't make it past that burglar alarm. They don't call Christmas "magical" for nothing.

I hope you can pull it together and clean up your act for next year. This is so disappointing for me. I remember when you were a good little child, and look at you now.

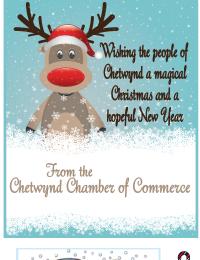
Perhaps you can redeem yourself by leaving me some milk and cookies. And when I say milk, I mean a glass of wine, and when I say cookies I mean, well, cookies. Sincerely, Santa





















#### FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul,

With a corncob pipe and a button nose and two eyes made out of coal.

Frosty the snowman is a fairy tale, they say, he was made of snow but the children know how he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found. For when they placed it on his head, he began to dance around.

O, Frosty the snowman was alive as he could

And the children say he could laugh and play, just the same as you and me.

Thumpety thump thump, thumpety thump thump,

Look at Frosty go. Thumpety thump thump, thumpety thump thump, Over the hills of snow.

Frosty the snowman knew the sun was hot that day, So he said, "Let's run and we'll have some fun now before I melt away."

Down to the village, with a broomstick in his hand, Running here and there all around the square saying,

> "Catch me if you can." He led them down the streets of town right to the traffic cop.

And he only paused moment when he heard him holler, "Stop!"

For Frosty the snowman had to hurry on his way, But he waved goodbye saying, "Don't you cry, I'll be back

again some day."





Community Association



#### FIVE TIPS TO AVOID WEIGHT GAIN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

- 1. Don't skip meals. Avoid skipping lunch in preparation for a gargantuan dinner. If you're starving before the party even begins, you're more likely to overindulge.
- 2. Don't deprive yourself (too much). Saying no to all of your favourite foods will only lead you to overdoing things later on. Instead, make moderation your mantra and try to eat healthy between parties.
- 3. Drink in moderation. Even if you're not driving, try to limit your alcohol consumption. In addition to being high-calorie, alcoholic beverages can also stimulate your appetite.



- 4. Think before you load up your plate. Fill at least half of your plate with veggies and carefully study the different dishes you have to choose from for the other half. Turkey is a good, low-fat option as long as you go easy on the gravy. Try not to fill up on appetizers, which are often high in calories.
- 5. Eat slowly. Join the conversation around the dinner table. If you're busy chatting, you'll eat more slowly, allowing you to pick up on the signals your body sends once you've had enough to eat. If you're in charge of hosting, try to prepare a meal that's just as healthy as it is delicious. You should also avoid cooking industrial amounts of food; the inevitable leftovers will only lead to more excess. Finally, keep in mind that exercise is a vital part of a balanced, healthy lifestyle.

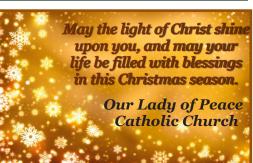


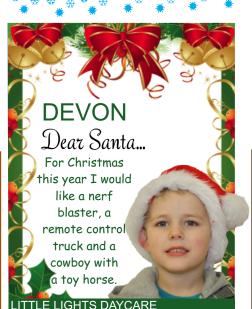
# Wishing you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS









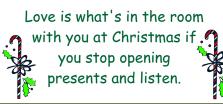












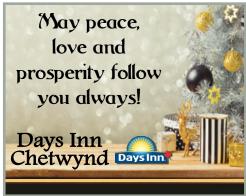












#### Reginald's New Year Diet

Reginald was terribly overweight after Christmas, so his doctor placed him on a strict diet.

'I want you to eat regularly for two days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for two weeks. The next time I see you, you'll have lost at least five pounds, 'his doctor assured him.

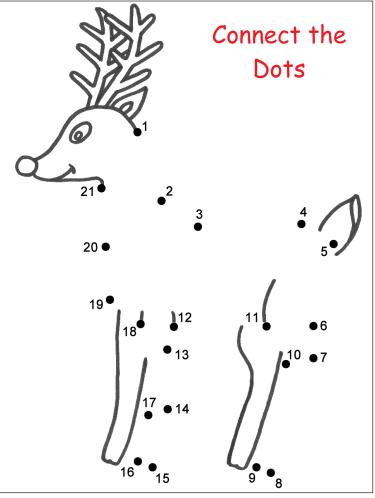
When Reginald returned he shocked his doctor by having lost almost twenty pounds.

'Why, that's amazing, 'the doctor said, greatly impressed, 'You certainly must have followed my instructions.'

Reginald nodded, 'I'll tell you what though, I thought I was going to drop dead on the third day.'

'Why, from hunger?' asked his doctor. 'No, from all that skipping.'

#### HA HA HA









Christmas is like home... warm, comfy and always welcoming.

#### What The 12 Days Of Christmas Means

The song was written by Catholics in England as a catechism song to teach their children about the Christian faith. The song's "gifts" help remember the teachings of the faith.

"True Love" refers to God.

"Me" refers to every Christian.

The other symbols mean the following:

1 Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ

2 Turtle Doves =
The Old & New Testaments
3 French Hens =

Faith, Hope and Charity or the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Trinity

4 Calling Birds = The Four Gospels
5 Golden Rings =

First Five Books of the Old Testament

6 Geese-A-Laying =

The Six Days of Creation

7 Swans-A-Swimming =

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

8 Maids-A-Milking =

The Eight Beatitudes

9 Ladies Dancing =

The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit

10 Lords-A-Leaping =

The Ten Commandments

11 Pipers Piping =

Eleven Apostles, not Judas

12 Drummers Drumming =

The Twelve Points of Doctrine in the Apostle's Creed









#### LETTER FROM SANTA TO A NAUGHTY GROWNUP

So. You thought you could play Santa Claus. I was packing up my sleigh today, all ready to bring you coal because of how naughty you've been. And then I realized that you haven't even been trying to hide your bad behaviour. I mean, really... you knew I would figure out what you did to the family cat.

That's when I understood. You want coal. You thought this was win-win: behave badly, receive a hot commodity that produces rare, precious oil. It's been so many years; I forgot to check its market value. Oh man, I've been such a sucker.

Unfortunately for you, I have other punishing things that I give to naughty individuals. You might just be getting a button that doesn't go to anything. Or a framed picture of a reality TV star. Or poetry written by moody, broken-hearted high school sophomores. Or a computer virus.

On second thought, you can just have this letter full of my deepest disappointment. Next year I hope you try a little harder to make it on my nice list. I'll have the coal waiting. Love, Santa



## 'Twas The Night Before Christmas - For Moms!

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the abode Only one creature was stirring, & she was cleaning the commode.

The children were finally sleeping, all snug in their beds, while visions of Nintendo 64 & Barbie flipped through their heads.

The dad was snoring in front of the TV, with a half-constructed bicycle propped up on his knee.

So only the mom heard the reindeer hooves clatter, which made her sigh,

"Now what is the matter?"

With toilet bowl brush still clutched in her hand, she descended the stairs & saw the old man.

He was covered with ashes & soot, which fell with a shrug,

"Oh great," muttered the mom, "now I have to clean the rug."

"Ho Ho Ho!" cried Santa, "I'm glad you're awake."

"Your gift was especially difficult to make."

"Thanks, Santa, but all I want is time alone."

"Exactly!" he chuckled, "So, I've made you a clone."

"A clone?" she muttered, "What good is that?"
"Run along, Santa, I've no time for chit chat."
Then out walked the clone - The mother's twin, same hair, same eyes, same double chin.

"She'll cook, she'll dust, she'll mop every mess.
You'll relax, take it easy, watch The Young & The Restless."
"Fantastic!" the mom cheered. "My dream has come true!"
"I'll shop, I'll read, I'll sleep a night through!"

From the room above, the youngest did fret.

"Mommy?! Come quickly, I'm scared & I'm wet."

The clone replied, "I'm coming, Sweetheart."

"Hey," the mom smiled, "She sure knows her part."

The clone changed the small one & hummed her a tune, as she bundled the child in a blanket cocoon.

"You're the best mommy ever, I really love you." The clone smiled & sighed, "And I love you, too."

The mom frowned & said,
"Sorry, Santa, no deal."
That's my child's LOVE she
is trying to steal."
Smiling wisely Santa said,
"To me it is clear,

Only one loving mother is needed here."

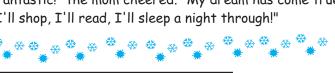
The mom kissed her child & tucked her in bed. "Thank You, Santa, for clearing my head. I sometimes forget, it won't be very long, when they'll be too old for my cradle & song."

The clock on the mantle began to chime.

Santa whispered to the clone, "It works every time."

With the clone by his side Santa said, "Goodnight.

Merry Christmas, dear Mom, you will be all right."









#### Christmas movies



#### HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR CLASSICS?

Do you love a good Christmas movie? Think you know them like the back of your hand? Let's see if you can correctly answer these 15 questions! **Which movie came out first?** 1. Home Alone or National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation?

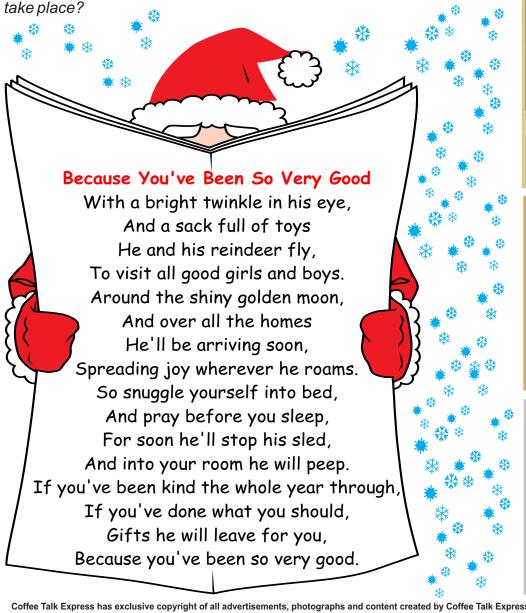
2. The Santa Clause or Jingle All The Way?

3. The Muppet Christmas Carol or The Nightmare Before Christmas? 4. Elf or The Polar Express? 5. Love

Actually or The Holiday? What's the name of... 6. The elf played by David Krumholtz in The Santa Clause? 7. The Grinch's dog in How the Grinch Stole Christmas? 8. Doris's daughter in Miracle on 34th Street? 9. Kevin's mother in Home Alone? 10. The two sisters in White Christmas? Random trivia 11. What toy is Howard desperately looking for in Jingle All The Way? 12. What does Clark hope to buy with his Christmas bonus in The Santa Clause? 13. What musical instrument does Jack give Charlie in Jack Frost? 14. In which English county is Iris's cottage located in The Holiday? 15. In what fictional city does the Gremlins movie

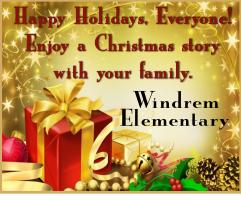
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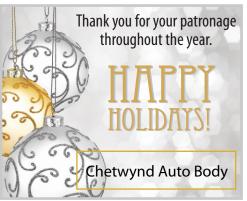
- National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, 1989 (Home Alone, 1990)
- 2. The Santa Clause, 1994 (Jingle All The Way, 1996)
- 3. The Muppet Christmas Carol, 1992 (The Nightmare Before Christmas, 1993)
- 4. Elf, 2003 (The Polar Express, 2004)
- 5. Love Actually, 2003 (The Holiday, 2006)
- 6. Bernard
- 7. Max
- 8. Susan
- 9. Kate
- 10. Betty and Judy Haynes
- 11. A Turbo Man action figure
- 12. A pool
- 13. A harmonica
- 14. Surrey
- 15. Kingston Falls











#### TOP TEN PARTY HOSTING FAUX PAS

Are you hosting a holiday get-together this year? For a snag-free celebration, don't make these mistakes.

- 1. Forgetting to ask your guests about their dietary restrictions (or animal allergies, if you have pets).
- 2. Providing only alcoholic beverages, even if there are no minors in attendance.
- 3. Serving an unvaried menu (think of children, vegetarians, guests with allergies or who are on a special diet, for example).
- 4. Playing excessively loud music (the goal is to create a festive atmosphere music shouldn't prevent people from having a conversation!)
- 5. Overcrowding the table (for instance, the centrepiece shouldn't take up too much space or prevent guests from being able to see each other).
- 6. Trying a recipe for the first time this has a potential for disaster!
- 7. Leaving dangerous or fragile items (medication, candles, collectibles) within the reach of children.
- 8. Forgetting to stock up on essential supplies like toilet paper, tissues or table napkins.
- 9. Neglecting your guests (this includes not greeting them when they arrive, expecting them to introduce themselves and forgetting to top up their drinks).
- 10. Having an unwelcoming or downright unsafe entrance. Make sure you clear any snow and ice from your front walk, and tidy your mudroom or entrance so guests won't feel cramped as they arrive.

Organization is the key to success. Start planning well in advance — improvisation is an art that not everyone can master!





Have you been naughty or nice











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