



HO, HO, HO... hello!

I am so sorry I wasn't able to answer your letter before now. We had a terrible mishap at the North Pole post office a few days ago. There was a malfunction in one of the mail sorters and a whole bag of mail was shredded! The postal elves spent days and days taping together hundreds of letters that were ruined in the calamity. They only just finished and there simply isn't enough time to get my replies delivered before Christmas. I've decided to take my letters with me and deliver them on Christmas Eve – which is why you are reading it now!

The weather here has been perfect. Lots of snow and good cold temperatures. Yesterday it was very foggy – the perfect day to play a game of hide-and-seek. Playing in North Pole fog, because of the Northern Lights, is like playing in the middle of a rainbow. It is very magical! The elves, the reindeer and all the forest animals had such a fun time, Mrs. Claus and I could hear their giggles all over the North Pole.

Last night, the workshop was filled with the sounds of music as the elves performed their winter concert. Elf Harmony does a great job working with the choir; they sound like angels singing (which is hard for elves!). The show was all about the importance of being kind to each other and it was wonderful. My favourite part was Elf Jingles performing his version of Jingle Bells. I think we'll be talking about his drum solo for a long time! HO HO HO!

Please remember to be kind to all of your friends and family. Friends and loved ones are our greatest gifts. Once again, thanks for your letter and I hope 2023 will be your best year yet!

Love, *Santa*

