

and Ben as she showed us a soft-missile bow, "No cookies are gonna stop thousands of maniacal elves. Okay! So, follow me. You're gonna need something much stronger." "Whoa!" Ben gasped. Ben and I went through Santa's Village with a soft-missile bow Mrs. Claus had given us. The elves saw me and Ben and shouted, "It's a human! Get him!" We shot back elves as we went past them. We saw elves flew in planes throwing bombs. We shot the planes and the planes crashed and exploded. We saw the elves guard the cannon tower. "Uh oh," I cried. Ben saw a lollipop. He scooped the elves out of the way and quickly headed inside. Meanwhile, when Lauren reached to the top of the Christmas

tree, she put the star back onto the star to power back up Santa's workshop village. Ben and I climbed to the top of the cannon tower. We poured each



viceless potion to each cannon. They BOOM! The cannons released the antidote. It snowed down onto the elves, and they turned back to their regular selves, forgetting all the mischiefs they'd caused while affected by the Elf's Bane. Mima told the elves, "Let's get this place cleaned up before Santa sees it!" All the elves cleaned up Santa's Workshop Village as quickly as they can before Santa. Mrs. Claus, Bill, Lauren, Ben, me, and our parents came over.

When Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Bill brought our parents in Santa's Workshop Village, Lauren, Harry, Ben, and I found our parents at last. We shouted happily "Mom!

Dad! I miss you so much!" "I'm so glad you found us,  
Ben!" Mrs. Nilson smiled. "I know I always love  
you," Mom told me. "Did Santa find you?" I asked  
"Yeah, we just met" Dad said. "You just met Santa  
Claws?" Lauren asked. Bill exclaimed, "That's right! And  
I saved your parents!" "Did you capture Belsnickel?"  
Ben asked. "Yes we have and he'll go to the police  
station," Santa explained. "What told the other elves,  
"Take him away to the police station!" The elf  
took Belsnickel away to the police station. Mrs.  
Nilson asked, "What time is it?" Ben checked the clock  
and he said, "It's 7:15 in the morning!" "It's getting  
late! We gotta head home to celebrate Christmas!"  
Lauren said. "And I have to head back to California  
for another season," Bill said, too. "I'll take you  
both home in no time," Santa said. Later, Mr. and  
Mrs. Nilson, Mom, Dad, Bill, Lauren, Harry, Ben, and I  
hopped on the back of the sleigh, but Mrs. Claus  
rushed over to give us snowman cookies. She handed  
"In case you get a little peckish on the ride." "What  
in these?" I asked. "Um, eggs, butter, flour, sugar,"  
Mrs. Claus pointed out. "No, what kinda magic is  
in them?" I corrected Mrs. Claus. "I mean, when I  
ate one in the forest, I lost all my fears. The  
snowman cookie made me feel stronger." "Well,  
only the gingerbread man has magic ingredients.  
The snowman didn't have any." Mrs. Claus exclaimed.

I felt confused. I said, "But wait! So that means..." Mrs. Claus answered, "The hero was always inside ya." "I'll never forget you Mrs. Claus," I smiled. "Oh... you will from time to time, and that's as it should be," Mrs. Claus smiled back. "Have a great journey." "Merry Christmas Mrs. Claus," we said. "Merry Christmas," Mrs. Claus replied. "Nick, hurry back." Santa waved a kiss goodbye and head out.

When Santa, Bill, Lauren, Harry, Mr. and Mrs. Nilson, Mom, Dad, Ben, and I arrived back at Ben's house, Ben asked, "Hey, Santa?" "Yeah?" Santa replied. "Will we ever see you again?" Ben asked. "Not if he can help it," I said. "I'll see you back in California after the New Year!" Bill said. When Ben and Mr. and Mrs. Nilson came to their house,

Lauren came outside and shouted happily, "Mom! Dad! So glad you're okay!" Ben told Lauren, "They saw Santa!" "No way!" Lauren gasped.



"Yes way!" Ben smiled. "Let's go open your presents!" Mr. Nilson said. "Bye Michael," Ben said. "Bye Ben," I said back. Santa took us off back to our house.

When Santa, Bill, Lauren, Harry, Mom, Dad, and I arrived back home, I asked, "Will I ever see you again, Mr. Nye?" "Oh, I'll see you after the New Year when you move back to L.A.," Bill said. "And you can always

give me a call, okay?" Santa said. "Will do," I smiled. Santa took off and flew Bill back to Los Angeles, California. When, Mom, Dad, Lauren, Harry, and I came inside, Kelly shouted, "Mom! Dad! I miss you so much!" "I miss you too!" Mom smiled, "Look who's home?" Dad pointed out. "Merry Christmas, Michael!" Kelly shouted as she gave me a hug. "We went all the way to Santa's workshop village and saw the whole thing!" I exclaimed. "Really?" Kelly smiled. "Hey Lauren! Where have you been all night?" Saman asked. "We went to Santa's Workshop Village and saw Santa and Mrs. Claus!" Lauren exclaimed. "No way!" Saman gasped. "Yes way!" Lauren chuckled. "Let's go open gifts!" Kelly said. We went to the sun room and opened our presents. I said as I opened Bill Nye's Great Big World of Science Book and Bill Nye VR Science Kit and VR Space Lab, "Oh my goodness! That's exactly what Bill Nye gave me!" Lauren got a card from Santa. Kelly asked, "Who's that from?" "It's from Santa!" Lauren said as she read the letter out loud:

Dear Lauren

I'm sorry that your parents were kidnapped, but I came all this way to spread true believers and spirit of giving to you! Hope you'll like this gift.

From Santa

Lauren opened the box and it was an ornament. she put it on the tree and Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elf sang "Oh Christmas tree." Then, Dad suggested to us, "Let's have stockings!" Right when Dad

walked over to the stockings. Saman told Dad, "Mr. de Groot! Watch out for the tiger trap!" Dad fell in the tiger trap. Dad got mad. In fact, he shouted, "Michael! ! ! ! ! " "Oops!" I cried.

Claire Pierce: Herself    Teddy Pierce: Himself

Kate Pierce: Herself    Jack Booker: Himself

Jack Booker: What? Michael's in trouble for setting up a tiger trap?

Teddy Pierce: Is that the end of the story?

Claire Pierce: Well, it's almost the end of the story.

Kate Pierce: Can you finish up the story?

Claire Pierce: Now this wedding is gonna look like our wedding for tomorrow.

story



1 year later, Lauren and Saman were about to get married and have a wedding at St. Mary's church. Harry was right next to Saman. I was a bridesman next to Ali and Ben. Kelly was a made

of honor next to the other bridesmaid, Allie. Father Renigar told Lauren and Saman, "Repeat after me. I take Saman." "I take Saman," Lauren repeated. "To be my Husband," Father told Lauren. "To be my Husband," Lauren repeated. "For rich and report," Father told Lauren. "For rich and report," Lauren repeated. "And I promise my love to you," Father told both Lauren and Saman. "And I promise my love to you," Lauren repeated. "And I promise my love to you," Saman repeated too. "May I have the rings please?" Father Renigar asked Kelly. Kelly handed the rings to Lauren and Saman. Then Father Renigar said, "You may now kiss for the bride." Lauren and Saman finally kissed each other for the bride. Mom and Dad were there applauding. Kelly and I were very proud of Lauren.

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Claire Pierce: Okay. That's about enough for tonight.

Jack Booker: That was a great story!

Teddy Pierce: I wish I could meet Bill Nye too.

Claire Pierce: We got a big wedding tomorrow!

Kate Pierce: Good night, Mom!

## Epilogue



48 hours later, Claire and Bob were about to get married and have their wedding. Both Teddy and Jack are groomsmen. Kate is the maid of honor. The priest told both Claire and Bob, "Repeat after me, I take Bob." "I take Bob," Claire repeated. "To be my husband," The priest told Claire. "To be my new husband," Claire repeated. "For rich and report," The priest told Claire. "For rich and report," Claire repeated. "And I promise my love to you," The priest told both Claire and Bob. "And I promise my love to you," Claire repeated. "And I promise my love to you," Bob repeated too. "May I have the rings, please?" The priest asked Jack. Jack came up with the rings and handed them to Claire and Bob. Then the priest said, "You may now kiss for the bride." Both Claire and Bob finally kiss each other for the bride. Everyone applauded especially Teddy, Jack, and Kate.

