

During these acts, you must reveal the following points:

Act One

- 1 Running this business keeps me as busy as a tinsel maker around Christmas. It makes me go grayer (*point to your beard*). Santa had a great job — playing with toys all year and delivering them at Christmas. I want his job! Why not? The position's vacant now, isn't it?
- 2 Why can't we have celebrations all year round instead of everyone wanting everything at the same time? It's crazy. By the time Santa comes to my house, I'm too tired to put out any milk and cookies for him. This should be a real celebration now that Santa isn't around to bother us.
- 3 Santa's presents may have been free, but because something is free for a while doesn't mean it will be forever. Like browsers and search engines — we all know that you will have to pay for them someday, either directly or via advertising.
- 4 **RESPONSE:** *If someone says you were booking a trip to the Bahamas, say, "You must have misheard the dates. I am planning a trip to the Bahamas, but it is for February, not December."*

Act Two

- 1 I saw Reg give Santa a strange-looking drink in a plastic bottle. It looked like one of those new fad drinks. He must have brought the drink for Santa from Gas — Plus More, because they don't sell it at Chatties.
- 2 *Say to Ebony, "Ebony — when you joined the company, in the psychological profile, you scored very highly in the risk-taking category. You like traveling, Ebony. Traveling is a very risky business. Surely murdering someone is also one of those risky things that high-risk people do, eh Ebony?"*
- 3 **RESPONSE:** *If someone asks if you were planning to take over Santa's business, say, "I'm a visionary, so I could see the possibilities of a true Santa business. It would have been such an easy job to be Santa, especially if I'd used my business to do all the promotion. I knew I'd become so rich from the spin-offs that I would be able to spend most of the year sailing and playing games."*
- 4 **RESPONSE:** *If someone says they saw you buying the cookies, say, "I've been eating a lot more cookies in preparation for my new job as Santa. Better than boring old sandwiches any day. Those cookies I was buying were just ordinary cookies. They just fell off the back of a truck, so they were cheap, that's all. Trying to save the company a few dollars — I should be given an award, not be treated like a serial killer."*

Act Three

- 1 I was just as surprised as everyone else when Santa died just before our party. I didn't have anything at all to do with it. I had realized that you aren't allowed to trademark the name "Santa" and red isn't really my color, so I had given up on the whole idea of taking over Santa's job. During the party preparation, to be honest, I was goofing off out back. I hate doing menial tasks. I am a thinker, not a doer.
- 2 While one of the staff was preparing the hot dog to make it look like they cooked it even though they had bought it from the fast food joint, Rosemary had a private word with Santa in the pantry.
- 3 *Say to Glenda, "I saw you, Glenda, talking to Santa. I heard you saying that because you couldn't go to court, you had taken the matter into your own hands. Santa looked very pale when he heard this. Can you explain this, Glenda?"*
- 4 I saw the email message that Glenda was sending the computer hacker. She had asked the hacker to scramble Santa's clock and electronic diary so that he wouldn't deliver presents on Christmas Eve. Glenda thought that when Santa failed to deliver his presents on Christmas Eve that everyone would just blame it on a computer virus like they do everything.