

1.3 **Nick or Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_: *If you aren't Nick, say I heard Nick say,* "Running this business keeps me as busy as a tinsel maker. It makes me go grayer. 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?"

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1.17 **Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_: Santa came to my house and he broke the chimney. And he didn't have any public liability insurance!

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2.7 **Nick:** *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 Santa business. It would have been easy to be Santa, especially if I'd used my business to do all the promotion. I'd become rich from the spin-offs. I'd be able to play games."

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2.16 **Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_: 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.

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3.2 **Nick or Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_: *If you aren't Nick, say I heard Nick say,* "I didn't kill Santa. I'd found out you aren't allowed to trademark the name "Santa" and red isn't my color, so I'd given up on taking over his job."

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3.14 **Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_ (*except Winnie or Glenda*): *Say to Winnie,* "I saw you, **Winnie**, with **Glenda** whispering in the corner. You looked like you were planning something. What were you up to?"

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1.9 **Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_: Santa didn't have any kids of his own, so he didn't know what it was like to be a parent. He just dumped the toys for the kids to fight over and cleared out before dawn.

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1.28 **Nick:** *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."

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2.12 **Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_ (*except Winnie*): I heard **Winnie** chatting on her phone to what sounded like a private detective. She said she would pay her well if she found any good dirt on Santa. [*Winnie does not respond.*]

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2.21 **Nick or Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_: *If you aren't Nick, say I heard Nick say,* "I've been eating cookies in preparation for my new job as Santa. I was buying ordinary cookies. They fell off the back of a truck, so they were cheap. Trying to save the company money — I should be thanked, not be treated like a villain."

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3.5 **Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_ (*except Ebony*): Santa's red hat had been pulled down over his face. We don't know yet if it was used to suffocate him.

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3.19 **Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_ (*except Rosemary*): *Say to Rosemary,* "I saw you, **Rosemary**, going into the kitchen just before the party started. You were hassling the staff about genetically modified foods. While you were there, Santa also came into the kitchen and demanded his usual hot dog."

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1.33 **Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_ (*except Winnie*): **Winnie** told me that she had gone up to Santa recently at the mall and told him that because he was bringing better presents, he was making parents look stingy. So, they had to buy better presents, which was costing them more money. He just went “ho ho ho” and gave her a candy. © MerriMysteries.com

1.35 **Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_ : I have always wondered at the mental stability of Santa. Grown men don’t usually go about saying things that have no meaning like “ho, ho, ho.”

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2.33 **Rudolph or Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_ : *If you aren't Rudolph, say I heard Rudolph say*, “Santa never drank alcohol. He always tipped all the beers people left out for him down the sink so they would think he had drunk them. He didn't like to offend anyone.”

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2.35 **Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_ (*except Nick*): **Nick** told me that during the party preparation, he was goofing off out back. He said he didn’t like menial tasks and that he is a thinker, not a doer.

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3.33 **Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_ (*except Josh*): **Josh's** party preparation job had been to set up a chair in the corner for Santa and to surround it with presents. Santa never got to sit upon his chair. See — it's as empty as all of our Christmas stockings will be this year now that Santa is gone. *[Josh doesn't respond.]*

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3.35 **Rudolph or anyone** \_\_\_\_\_ : *If you aren't Rudolph, say I heard Rudolph say*: "The motorcycle wrecked the roof of the restaurant, because it concentrated Santa's weight. We reindeers are very light-footed. We go on top of thousands of roofs and we never damage anything.”

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1.34 **Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_ (*except Nick*): **Nick** told me that if he contracted out Santa's delivery service, then all he would have had to do is make the odd personal appearance at a shopping mall and sit for a few photos with kids. Talk about being paid to have a good time.

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1.36 **Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_ : Christmas won't be the same without Santa, will it? Think how much empty space there will be under the Christmas trees from now on. I think we should raise our glasses in a toast to Santa's departure from this world. We won't have to leave out milk and cookies anymore. Hip hip hooray!

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2.34 **Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_ (*except Glenda*): Before the party, **Glenda** was busy folding napkins.

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2.36 **Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_ : I'm not sure if Santa was insured for the damage he did to the roof. Someone should check that.

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3.34 **Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_ (*except Winnie or Barret*): **Winnie** had a nametag to give to **Barret**, but he wasn't anywhere to be seen.

*[Neither Winnie nor Barret respond.]*

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3.36 **Anyone** \_\_\_\_\_ (*except Rudolph*): Rudolph confirmed that he'd eaten Santa's memoir because Santa starved him so much, he had to eat something.

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