

THREE ELVES SITTING AROUND, PLAYING POKER

a comedy

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CHARACTERS (2M, 1W)

Rip, a male elf

Snit, another male elf

Dangle, a female elf

LOCATION

The North Pole, of course

TIME

Now

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RIP, a male elf, SNIT, another male elf, and DANGLE, a female elf, sit around a table, playing poker. Rip deals the cards. If possible, they should all speak in higher-pitched "elven" voices and also, if possible, wear elf-appropriate clothing.

I'm in.

SNIT

Yeah.

DANGLE

Me too.

RIP

I'll raise you one gumdrop and one candy cane.

SNIT

Snit throws a gumdrop and candy cane into the center of the table.

I'll see your gumdrop and raise you two gingerbread men.

DANGLE

Oh, come on.

RIP

Stakes too high for you, short guy?

SNIT

No, I just can't believe this is what we're playing for. Who plays poker for candy canes?

RIP

Santa.

DANGLE

Santa.

RIP
(mocking her)

What?

DANGLE

What's your problem tonight, Rip? Bad day making wagons?

SNIT

RIP

I'm sick of playing for candy canes.

DANGLE

We always play for candy canes.

RIP

I know! What am I going to buy with 50 candy canes?

DANGLE

I love candy canes.

RIP

And that's why we're boring. That's why people make fun of us.

SNIT

They make fun of us because we look funny. Now play cards.

RIP

Historically, elves are supposed to be mischievous. Look at us! We're dressed like toys. Why can't we wear jeans or t-shirts or a fedora? We don't even play for money!

DANGLE

Santa doesn't believe in money.

RIP

Well, isn't that kind of stupid? Why do we work for the only boss in the world who doesn't "believe in money"?

SNIT

What do we need money for? Santa gives us a home, food, clothes.

RIP

Have you looked at your clothes? Mine are torn. My left shoe has a hole in it the size of the Grand Canyon. And housing? I'm getting tired of having a roommate. I'd like to get my own place!

SNIT

Hey, I clean our room! I'm not the one dropping gingerbread everywhere.

RIP

Don't you find it strange that we work for a man 365 days a year for no pay?

DANGLE

"The joy of Christmas is its own reward."