



A Christmas Story
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Once upon a time in the North Pole there was an elf with an embarrassing secret. It was so embarrassing that even Santa did not know. As everybody knows elves are the little people who work for Santa. They have pointy ears, magic powers and are also known as Santa's little helpers. Santa employs the elves to do lots of different jobs. For example most elves work in the toy factory making every toy you can think of. Others work in the letter department making sure each child gets the right toy under the right tree which is very important.

Others take care of the reindeers making sure they are healthy and ready for the most important journey of the year.

There is even an elf that has to make sure Santa doesn't gain weight so he can fit into his Christmas suit. The elf I am talking about is called Santiago. I know it's a strange name for an elf. But the thing about Santiago was he always wore his hat below his ears. Nobody knew who he did this, but I know why. Will I tell you? Okay if you promise not to tell, not even Santa. Okay the reason why, is because he didn't have pointy ears but instead had human ears.

It was finally Christmas Eve and Santa gathered the gifts together, put them in the sack, brought the reindeers and hooked them onto the sleigh. Before Santa could ride the sleigh he had to pick six elves to come with him to help him so he chose: Zuba, Coco, Crunchie, Marin, Pinkie and Santiago. Santiago was a lucky elf. The poor little elf didn't know if he should tell Santa his secret. But he finally had the courage to tell. He said to him 'Okay I'm just going to tell Santa right here, right now!

'Santa can I talk to you for a minute?' So Santa replied 'Sure!'

Santa took Santiago to his office. There Santiago told Santa the reason why he always wore his hat. It was because of his human ears and then he took his hat off. Santa was astonished. Santiago started blushing and he begged Santa not to tell the other elves. Santa said 'Why should I?' Everyone is different so there is nothing to hide. Did you know that I have an extra toe and nobody cares that's why I wear big black boots? Santa had a meeting with the elves in the office where he told everyone Santiago's secret. Santiago took off his hat cautiously but nobody laughed, not even a giggle. Everything was okay. So off they went and delivered the gifts. But I must mention that this story was not true, it was only a dream. I forgot to say Santiago has some weird dreams, like the one where a bar of chocolate kidnapped him but that's a story for another day.

However Santiago was a real elf who had pointy ears but having human ears would be Santiago's nightmare. But if you go to Lapland and you see Santa he just might let you see his little elf. He is still there helping to make the toys and having strange dreams!