

## Lefty Elf Christmas Gift Exchange Story

This is a story about Santa and LEFTy elf.

LEFTy received his nickname one Christmas when he couldn't seem to do anything RIGHT. Santa said, "LEFTy, sometimes I think you have two LEFT thumbs!"

On the day before Christmas Eve, Santa and LEFTy were finishing up the toys that were LEFT. LEFTy called from the workshop, "Oh no, there is no glue LEFT! Santa, do you know where any might be?"

"I can't believe you forgot to check the inventory. Sometimes I wonder if you can get anything RIGHT, LEFTy!" said Santa.

"Santa, don't be mad," replied LEFTy. "It will only take me a few minutes to find some. I'll be RIGHT back."

Santa said, "I'm sorry I am so grumpy, but we don't have much time LEFT, LEFTy."

"I'll try our packaging and delivery outlet RIGHT on the edge of town," said LEFTy.

Santa replied, "It would be faster to stop by my house. Mrs. Claus is sure to have some LEFT, but she just might not know RIGHT where it is."

"Take the short cut, go to Candy Cane Lane and Rudolph Rd. and turn LEFT, RIGHT at the Lollipop stop sign. Then go to Holly Drive and turn RIGHT, and there it will be on your LEFT."

LEFTy found the house RIGHT away and asked Mrs. Claus where she might have some glue LEFT. Mrs. Claus' hands were all doughy from making the last of her Christmas cookies. So she directed him RIGHT to her craft room.

"Go RIGHT down the hall and turn RIGHT, then open the first door on the LEFT. Walk RIGHT in and turn RIGHT. It should be on the bottom shelf, RIGHT next to the LEFT-over glitter."

LEFTy found plenty of glue to finish the toys RIGHT where Mrs. Claus had directed him. LEFTy hurried RIGHT out the door. LEFTy looked LEFT, then RIGHT, then LEFT, but he couldn't remember where he had LEFT his sled.

Suddenly, he remembered he had taken Santa's sleigh because it would be faster, and that his sled was in the garage at the workshop RIGHT where he had LEFT it.

Eventually, a tired LEFTy found his way back to Santa's workshop.

Santa said, "LEFTy, I thought you said you would be RIGHT back, so I LEFT Jolly Elf to take over your station. He used all that was LEFT of the red paint instead of gold, so now there is no red paint LEFT to touch up my sleigh. You will have to go RIGHT out and get some, LEFTy!"

LEFTy sighed and happily said, "I knew we would have no energy LEFT by now, so RIGHT after Thanksgiving, I fixed up your sleigh for the big day!"

Santa said, "I'm so sorry I said you couldn't do anything RIGHT! Because of you, there is no work LEFT, and I can go RIGHT to bed. I'll be all rested and my jolly old self again. Good night, LEFTy." And Santa went RIGHT to bed.

Now I hope you have the RIGHT present for yourself, because that's all that's LEFT of our story. Except to wish you a Merry Christmas...Isn't that RIGHT?