Adventure 1: Santa's Missing List

A Christmas one-shot.

You are one of Santa’s elves, working at the Charlie Brown Nursery For Special Christmas Trees in the wilds of Snowquitlam, when suddenly a reindeer crashes to the ground in front of you. Christmas is under attack, and it’s up to you to get Santa’s list back to him!

My pitch email:

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My after report: https://www.forgreatjustice.ca/2023/01/christmas-one-shot/

Setting rules:

Heroes never die: Heroes and named villains rarely actually die but return in some way after being defeated.

For players

You are a Christmas elf! You spend all your time in the North Pole, preparing for the most magic day of the year: Christmas Day!

Instead of making presents, you've been sent to the place where you can do the least harm: The Charlie Brown Nursery for Special Christmas Trees. This is your life now: looking after scraggly trees in the hopes that they can one day become a real Christmas Tree. Living in the forests of Snowquitlam isn't what you thought you'd do, but at least you're contributing to the effort.

Under the watchful eye of Julio, your supervisor, and some genial old gingerbread men, you're doing your best to make this Christmas great.

Important details

- Setting rules in effect: Heroes never die
- All combat is non-fatal.
- You play as a Novice with 2 advances.

Changes to core rules

New Arcane Background: True Believer

New skill: Holiday Magic (Spirit)

Starting powers: 3. Power points: 10

The power of Christmas is so strong within you that you're able to wield it.

    - All powers must be Christmas-themed. For example, Entangle could be called Gift Wrapping, and covers the target in wrapping paper.
    - Requires arcane background.

New skill: Christmas (Spirit)

This encapsulates all regular Christmas activities, such as roasting chestnuts, decorating, wrapping presents, and so on. It can also be used to coordinate fellow elves.

New hindrance: Bah, Humbug! (minor/major)

Some elves just don’t like Christmas -- I know, it’s scary to think! They suffer -2 to their Christmas rolls. Elves with the major version are outcasts in elvish society.

For the DM

NPCs

Julio - The supervisor at the nursery. He’s gruff, but avuncular. His mission in game is to help the players set out on their quest.

Rudolph

Krampus

Santa Claus AKA Kriss Kringle

Mrs. Claus

Misc rambly notes

The power
Spells are allowed, but must be Christmas-themed:
Arcane Background: Miracles -> Arcane Background:

The players are elves
Invaders attack the North Pole while Santa is away for Christmas!
It turns out that Santa staged the entire thing.

Invaders:

Hallowe’en?
Commies?
Facebook?
ZOMG ELFBOOK

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