

None. Our friends did an excellent job tonight. I think we even shaved a few minutes off of last year's time.

SANTA winks at the REINDEER, who wink back, or smile in response. Then, SANTA looks at ANNOTHOR.

SANTA

Give them an extra scoop of food tonight, Annothor. They've earned it.

ANNOTHOR bows with a small smile on his lips. SANTA makes the same request every Christmas on their return.

ANNOTHOR

Absolutely, sir.

ANNOTHOR walks over to SANTA'S SLEIGH, & begins to unharness the REINDEER from the SLEIGH.

SANTA starts to walk away toward the MAIN HOUSE, but AGORDOR stops him.

AGORDOR

Pardon me, sir, but I was wondering if you would come into the stable with me for a moment? Agordor & I have discussed some possible improvements to the stables, and we'd like to get your input on them.

SANTA

Can this wait until tomorrow, Agordor? I'd like to go see my missus, & enjoy the night's festivities.

AGORDOR

Yes sir, I know. I'm sorry. But this will take just a moment, & you'll be at the celebration in no time at all.

SANTA begins to walk alongside of AGORDOR as they both head into:

INT. REINDEER STABLE. NIGHT.