

Santa's Eleven Months Off



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For Robb Rothman and Jordan Bayer—the best in the business

—*M. R.*

For Kathy, Ross, and Morgan—
except for when they are aggravating—
in which case,
for Mom and Dad

—*M. G. M.*



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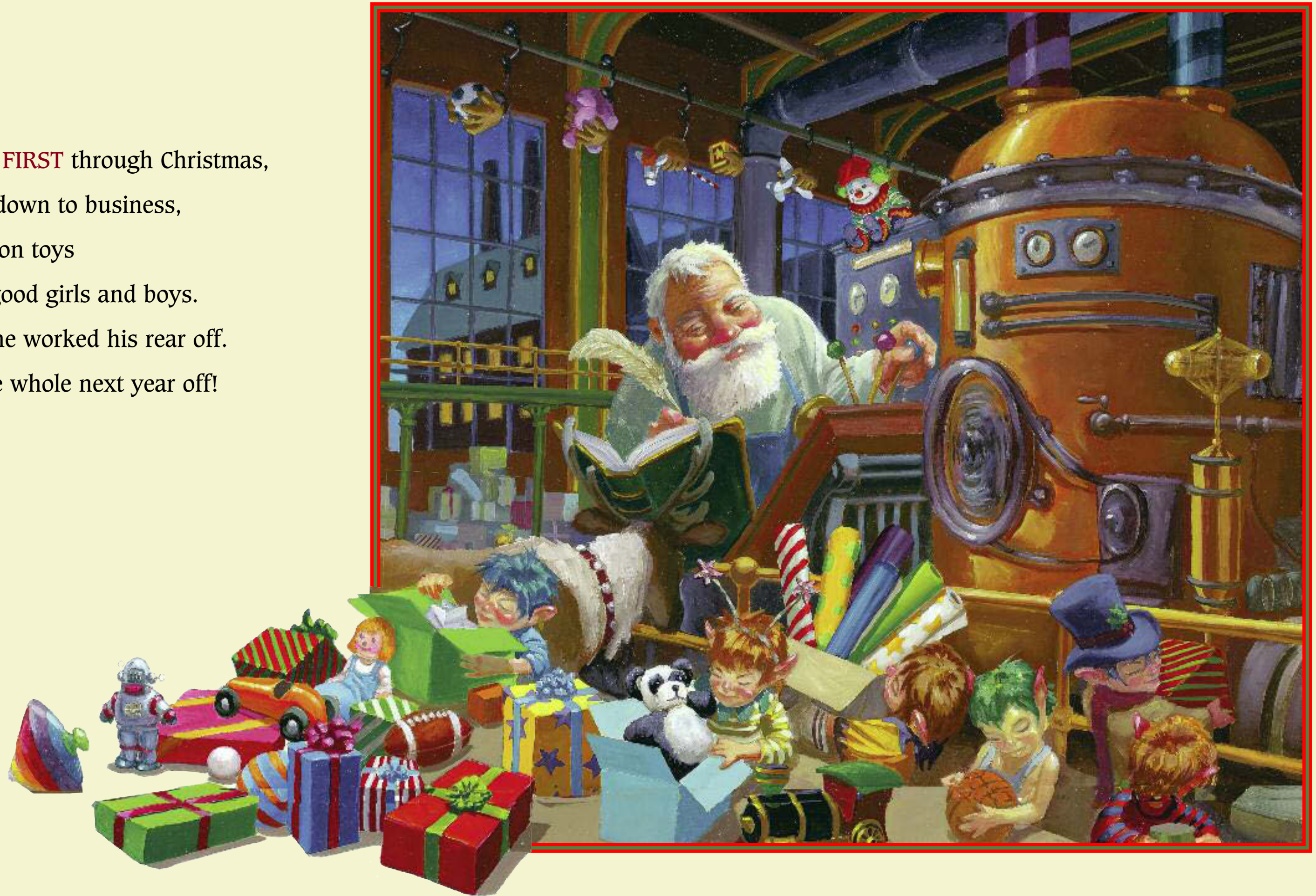


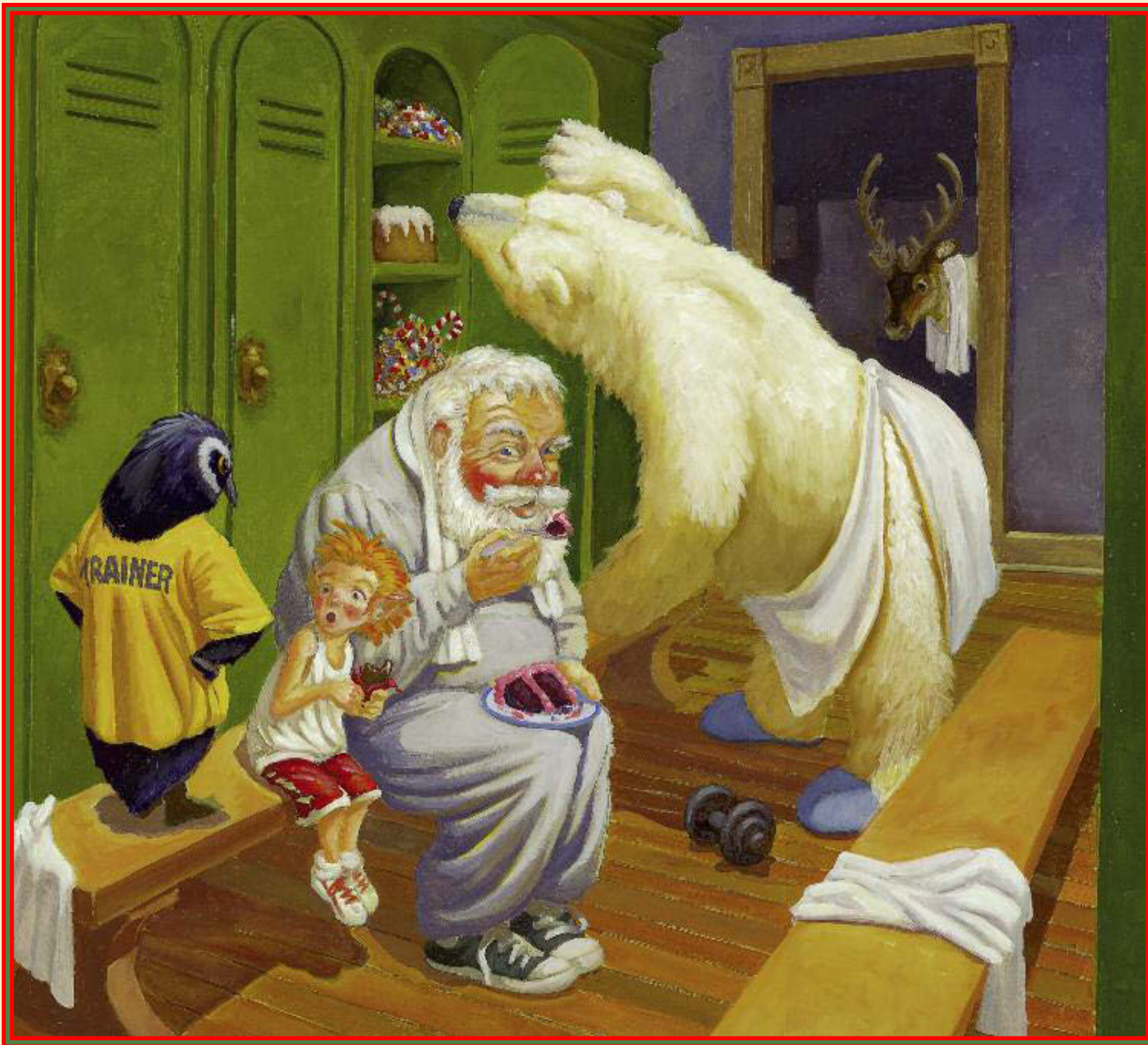
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From **DECEMBER FIRST** through Christmas,
Santa Claus got down to business,
Making fifty zillion toys
For the world's good girls and boys.
All that month, he worked his rear off.
Then he took the whole next year off!





On **NEW YEAR'S DAY**, he made a vow
That he would lose some weight, somehow.
He ate salads, joined a gym,
But found these things were not for him.
Santa, we don't mind your flaws.
They're what make you Santa Claus!

