

THE LONG BEARD...

WHO'S GOT TWO THUMBS AND A BOOTLEG OF BONAROO 2009? THIS GUY!

THIS IS GONNA BE A LONG WINTER.

OLD, WISE SANTA FINDS IT RAPIDLY APPEARANCES ASIDE, I'M A PRETTY GOOD ELF.

I'D RATHER SPEAK ALONE. IT'S A PRIVATE MATTER.

HE WALKED ME OUTSIDE. I THOUGHT I WAS GETTING CANNED AND SENT ON THE FIRST SLED TO RUSSIA.

...AND I MAKE BEAUTIFUL TOYS.

WHERE'S CARL RUNNING OFF TO IN A HURRY?

UH OH.

BUT THE HOURS ARE LONG AND THE WORK IS HARD AND SOMETIMES THE STRESS GETS TO ME AND SO WHAT IF I NEED A LITTLE HELP RELAXING SOMETIMES DOES THAT MAKE ME A CRI-

HEADS UP, HERE COMES SANTA.

...WALKING AROUND IN A ROBE ALL DAY...

NEXT YOU'LL TELL ME MRS. CLAUS IS JEWISH.

SHE DOES MAKE A MEAN RÜGELACH!

OY.

END.

THERE GOES HIS HOLIDAY BONUS.

WHOA! SINCE WHEN ARE THEY DOING DRUG TESTS, BOB?

SANTA, THE STERN POLICEMAN

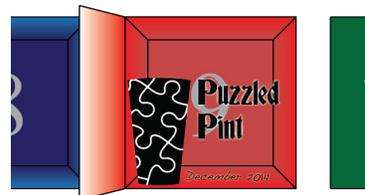
OF WHAT DO WE OWE THIS PLEASURE, SANTA?

CARL, MAY I SPEAK WITH YOU?

IS THERE A PROBLEM?

GOTTA GO, GUYS.

(GULP)



Elf Adventures

by Sandor W. (Chicago)

The local paper is featuring a new comic strip about three rascally elves — Al, Bob & Carl. But this week’s panels got all mixed up! Your job: arrange the panels back into five strips of five panels each — you’ll have a 5x5 square — and use the result to figure out what every elf is most proud of.

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