

UP-Elf

Frost - head elf

Jingle - in charge of delivering the birds

Pep - cows, trees and ponds. Drives cattle trailer

Coco - all the people. Drives bus

Sprinkles - rings. Happy. Sings “ five golden rings” every time someone goes to say it.

Candy Corn - small elf

Lord Tod - An unhappy leaper

GumDrop - jolly little elf

Empty desk in front. Pep and Jingle are standing to the side. Coco enters.

COCO - If it ain't Pep and Jingle. I should have known you two trouble makers would be here again this year.

PEP - Hey Coco. What did they get you for this time

COCO - I was helping out in the tailor shop. And I made a few alterations that Mrs Claus wasn't happy about.

JINGLE - you just can't please them. Why I made Santa a lovely cup of hot chocolate and next thing I know I'm on the twelve day's delivery detail.

PEP - that doesn't make any sense Jingle.

JINGLE - Mrs Clause said Santa had some violent reaction and blamed me for it. I personally think she's threatened by how much better my hot chocolate was than hers.

COCO - (to PEP) and I suppose you had some animal related fiasco once again.

PEP - I'd rather just forget all about it.

COCO - so where's Frost? I've got a bone to pick with her/him about this true love detail.

JINGLE - I take it you have also seen the assignment list then.

COCO - oh yeah I saw it alright and I'm not putting up with it.

PEP - we aren't either. We both filed complaints. That must be why Frost called this meeting.

JINGLE - I'm going to walk right up to her/him and say. Frost I refuse to deliver the birds this year.

COCO - that's brave of you. I had considered groveling and if that didn't work then bribery. I'll pay anything not to have to drive that bus.

PEP - I just planned on asking nicely.

JINGLE/COCO - (laugh)

PEP - well it's better than either of your ideas.

(SPRINKLES enters.)

SPRINKLES - Well isn't this just a ha ha happy coincidence, all of us together on the same team again? Ha ha happy Christmas Eve.

PEP - Happy Christmas Eve Sprinkles.

(PEP nudges JINGLE and COCO.)

JINGLE/COCO - Happy Christmas Eve.

SPRINKLES - (To COCO and JINGLE.) what's got those smiles turned upside down?

PEP - They're not happy about their assignments.

JINGLE - And you are?

PEP - I didn't say that. I like the transportation part of it. It's just the delivery part I could do without

SPRINKLES - why I just love picking up and delivering the (sung) five golden rings.

JINGLE - Yeah I saw you got the..

SPRINKLES - (Sung) five golden rings.

JINGLE - again this year.

COCO - How do you manage to get the..

SPRINKLES - (Sung) five golden rings.

COCO - Every year?

SPRINKLES - Because I volunteer for the job of course. Just like all of you.

PEP - We didn't volunteer.

SPRINKLES - You didn't?

COCO - No this is punishment.

SPRINKLES - What do you mean punishment? Why the real punishment is those poor elf's that are stuck on sleigh packing duty.

JINGLE - why do you say that?

SPRINKLES - because they will never know the joy of personally delivering a gift to someone.

And seeing there surprised faces as you give them (sung) five golden rings

(FROST enters and goes to the desk.)

JINGLE - surprised faces try showing up with a load of squawking birds. They're a bit more than surprised.

COCO - I tell you what, if I could hear them over all my nosey passengers. it wouldn't be shouts of joy that I'd be hearing.

PEP - I just unload and run.

FROST - Quiet down and listen up. Unlike you I have a Christmas celebration to get to. But apparently first I gotta deal with a bunch of cry babies that aren't happy about their delivery assignments.

SPRINKLES - Ha ha happy Christmas Eve boss.

FROST - oh for the love of Christmas Eve what are you doing here Sprinkles?

SPRINKLES - Why when I saw my teammates in here having some kind of meeting. That someone must have forgotten to invite me to. I said Sprinkles , they need you. So I skedaddled my way right in here because as everyone knows you can't spell team without (sung) five golden rings.

FROST - I have not had enough hot chocolate to deal with you, on top of them, today Sprinkles. So I'm going to need you to bring it down a notch or ten.

(CANDY CORN enters and goes over to FROST)

SPRINKLES - A hidey ho to that boss.

FROST - what is it Candy Corn? can't you see I'm busy? Why are you soaking wet?

CANDY CANE - I was giving the birds a bath like you said to.

FROST - good get back to it.

CANDY CANE - oh I'm finished.

FROST - then what do you want?

CANDY CANE - a blowtorch.

FROST - what for.

CANDY CANE - to unfreeze the birds of course.

FROST - don't tell me you bathed them outside in the freezing cold.

CANDY CORN - okay I won't tell you.

FROST - here are the keys to the furnace room.

PEP - I will not allow you to cook those innocent animals.

FROST - hold your horses Pep it's where we keep the warming blankets. Hurry up before they do end up in our stew veand Pep hear cries about it for a month.

CANDY CORN - will do boss.

FROST - Now it appears that three of you have gone whining to the higher ups about getting the true love detail.

SPRINKLES - (Shocked) Nooo.

JINGLE - That's right it's not fair that you stick us with it every year.

FROST - oh boo hoo I don't like my delivery assignment. Well I don't like having to deal with all of you but you don't hear me complaining about it do you?

COCO - you literally complain about it for the whole twelve days.

FROST - well how about next year, you don't do the crime, if you don't want to do the time.

PEP - there has to be someone you can switch our deliveries with.

FROST - let's just see what we have here. Jingle it looks like you have the every day run. You must have really made someone angry.

JINGLE - it's pure gelousy.

FROST - so you'll start off the day with a partridge. Then the next day you'll pick up two turtle doves. Then three French hens and four calling birds. Then it's..

SPRINKLES - (sung) five golden rings.

FROST - how many times have I told you not to sing that at me.

SPRINKLES - sorry I just get carried away sometimes.

FROST - then you got (looks like a SPRINKLES who motions a zipped mouth sign) six geese a-laying. What a racket that must be.

JINGLE - you have no idea.

(LORD TOD enters and is wandering around)

FROST - then you finish up with seven swans. (Laughing) Well you don't really finish up cause you gotta deliver five more of all of that.

JINGLES - very funny.

(FROST notices LORD TOD)

FROST - (to LORD TOD) you, you ain't no elf what are you doing back there.

TOD - I'm Lord Tod.

FROST - well aren't we fancy. I assume you're one of our leaping lords and not the janitor that just likes to call himself lord.

TOD - about that. I have decided I don't want to leap anymore.

FROST - ohh he's decided he doesn't want to leap no more.

PEP - be nice Frost.

FROST - it's not in my nature. What is it you want to do then?

TOD - I want to be a drummer.

FROST - did you hear that he wants to be a drummer.

SPARKLES - everyone loves a drummer.

FROST - Do You know what I want to be lord Tod.

TOD - No. what?

FROST - I want to be a lord.

TOD - you can't be a lord.

FROST - why not?

TOD - you have to be born a lord, like me.

FROST - exactly. and what do lords like you do?

TOD - leap

FROST - right. Now get out of here.

PEP - you could have at least given him one of our surplus drums.

TOD - by the way the Pipers clogged up the bathroom.

COCO - it's always the Pipers. I'll be in, in ten.

TOD - I hope the maids can hold it that long.

(TOD exits)

FROST - now where we're we. Oh yes Jingles sqwauking army.

SPRINKLES - wow wow wowwy. How lucky are you to get that detail. Such majestic and beautiful creatures.

JINGLE - Do you know what a chorus of seven swans a-swimming, six geese a laying.

SPRINKLES - (sung) five golden rings.

JINGLE - four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge. sound like all muddled together while they drown out all other sound in the universe.

FROST - it sounds to me like Sprinkles is willing to trade with you Jingle.

JINGLE - really Sprinkles? Why I take back everything bad I've ever said about you.

SPRINKLES - while I would just love to take them off your hands. I could never.

COCO - why not.

SPRINKLES - well.

FROST - better make it good.

SPRINKLES - I would just be too afraid that I'd grow so attached that I would want to keep them all to myself. And that's hardly fair to the true love that is supposed to get them.

FROST - nice save Sprinkles I almost believed it. Unfortunately for you Coco you're the only one on the twelve days details that has a bus license.

COCO - I don't believe that for a minute.

FROST - it doesn't matter because that passenger bus is all yours including the eight maids a milking, the nine ladies dancing, the ten lords a leaping, the eleven pipers piping and the ten drummers drumming.

SPRINKLES - How lucky are you. If I didn't love the (sung) five golden rings. (Back to talking) so much I would be right on that. What sing alongs you must have.

FROST - you've just got five days of delivery's Coco far less than anyone else. When you add it all up, that's just fifty people. Granted they're quite strange people. But not too many to handle.

COCO - You'd think that wouldn't you. Now I've got no beef with the maids, ladies and lords for the first three days.

JINGLE - just sit there and behave. I wish those birds would do that.

COCO - But the second those pipers get on and start pipping it's pandemonium.

PEP - why is it always the pipers starting trouble.

COCO - The milk maids flip their buckets and start strumming along. The ladies are in the aels dancing up a storm. And the lords are leaping all over the place.

SPRINKLES - oh my.

COCO - By the time the drummers join the party the bus is a rocking. I get at least three flats and they all have to come out and (makes quotes with hands) "help" me.

(GUM DROP enters)

GUM DROP - Hey Frost what you doing over here.

FROST - hey Gum Drop I just have some last minute things to finish up here. How's the party going?

GUM DROP - you wouldn't believe me.

FROST - go on give me a try.

GUMDROP - Sugar Plum, you know from accounting.

FROST - yeah I know Sugar Plum.

GUM DROP - he had eight hot chocolates.

FROST - go on.

GUM DROP - then got up on the piano.

FROST - yeah.

GUM DROP - and started singing I saw mommy kissing Santa claus.

FROST - Mrs. Clause hates that.

GUM DROP - too bad you're stuck here.

(GUM DROP exits)

FROST - Now I don't understand what you're complaining about Pep. I thought you liked driving the big rig. And you love cows. I mean your whole house is decorated in them.

PEP - The transportation of my big squishy cow friends is not what I'm upset about. Nor is it my big diesel hunka hunka semi power.

FROST - Then what is it?

PEP - The swans

FROST - you don't don't even have the Swans. You have the pear tree, the eight maids, cows and the Swans fountain.

PEP - yes that's exactly it. Every time I deliver the fountain the swans attack me. All of them. By the twelve day I have 42 swans chasing after me. They swarm my truck the second I pull up and the cows are terrified of them.

JINGLE - I can't say that I blame them.

COCO - It's not fair that Sprinkles has the..

SPRINKLES - (Sung) five golden rings.

JINGLE - While we get all the hard stuff.

FROST - oh cry me a river. you do remember why you three are in the true love detail don't you. Or Do you need a reminder? Jingle you put hot pepper in Santa's hot chocolate.

JINGLE - Only cause I saw the Mayans used to.

FROST - The Mayans did not use ghost peppers.

JINGLE - Can you prove that?

FROST - Coco you put a butt flap in Santa's pants.

COCO - I thought he would appreciate it if he needed to make a quick pit stop.

FROST - He showed his long Johns to half the Bronx.

COCO - I blame faulty snaps.

FROST - you didn't put any snaps on them.

COCO - Well then it was definitely the snap's fault.

FROST - And Pep why did you feed a packet each of fiber treats to the reindeer?

PEP - The hay binds them all up.

FROST - You unbound them so much They were rot toot tooting all over Santa on his practice run.

PEP - I'm sorry but the good digestive health of our furry friends should always be our number one goal.

SPARKLES - why you're all naughty. I didn't want to believe all the rumors. But you have all admitted to it.

FROST - oh get off your high horse Ring girl/boy. You only volunteer for this duty every year because no other team will have you.

SPRINKLES - that's not true. I have lots of friends.

FROST - really. Then why aren't you at the Christmas party with all of them.

SPRINKLES - because.

(SPRINKLES looks sad)

PEP - because you can't spell team without. (Nudges SPRINKLES.)

SPRINKLES - (sung) five golden rings.

PEP - (to COCO and JINGLE) right

JINGLE - well

(PEP nudges COCO and JINGLE)

COCO/JINGLE - right.

(((((Maybe sing song at end????))))))

THE END