

# RANTER CLAUS



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The Ranterino in...

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A story for Lower to Middle Primary  
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What if, for just one very special day,  
Christmas Day...



...there was no Santa Claus...  
but a Ranter Claus....?



Oh dear....





All the little children were lined up by the wall  
In the big store  
Waiting for Santa to call.



Each child had an excited face  
As they looked around the place -  
A Santa's sleigh, some reindeer too  
And lots of toys that looked brand new.

He is  
coming.



Where is  
Santa?



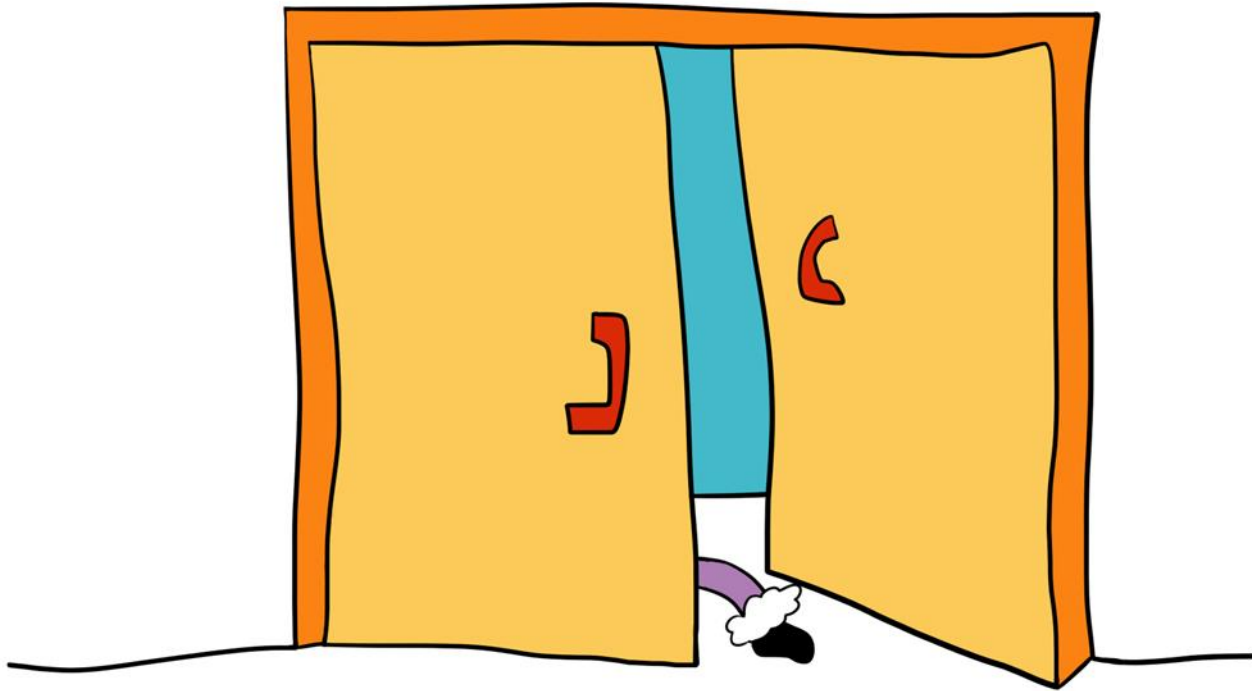
‘Where is Santa?’ One of them said.

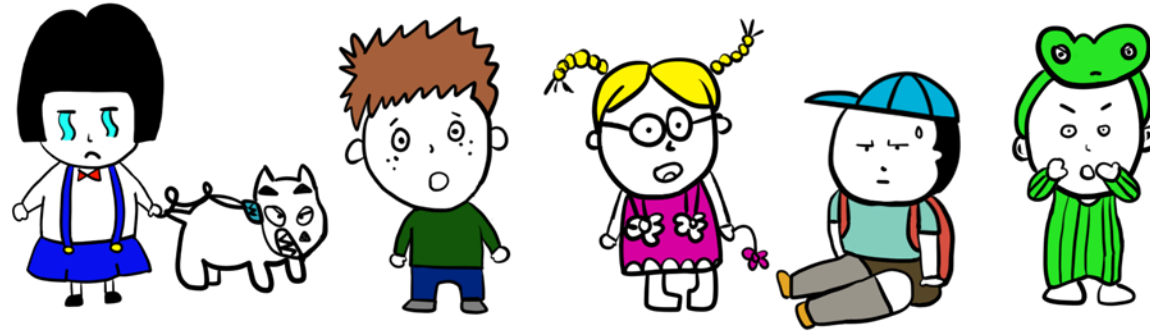
‘He’s coming now,’ the shop man said,

As he looked at the door and nodded his head...



All the children looked  
And saw a pair of purple legs  
Walking through the door  
Of the department store.





‘Here he is, it’s Santa Claus.’  
The children looked at the open doors.  
‘That’s not Santa Claus at all!’

With a big purple sack on his back,  
The Ranterino tried to say 'Ho, ho, ho.'  
But he said 'Blah, blah, blah.'

Blah,  
blah,  
blah





He sat in Santa's sleigh,  
Listening to all the children say,  
'You are not Santa! Santa's suit is red!'  
'Blah, blah, blah,' the Ranterino said.



He took his purple Santa's sack  
Out from behind his back  
And looked inside and grabbed a purple gift...



The first child said with a stare,  
'Are you Santa? I don't think you are!'  
The Ranterino replied again,  
'Blah, blah, blah.'



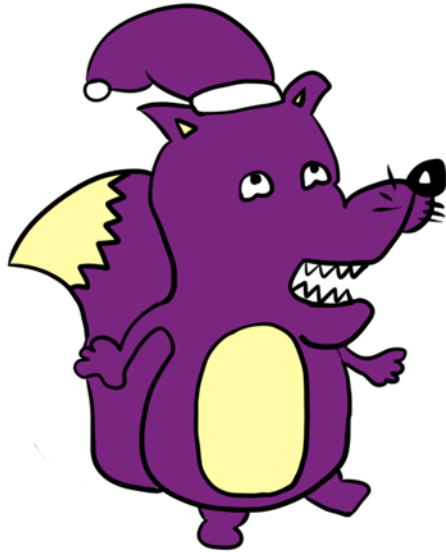
The Ranterino gave her a purple gift.

She held it up and sniffed.

'It's very light,' she said.

The Ranterino nodded his head.

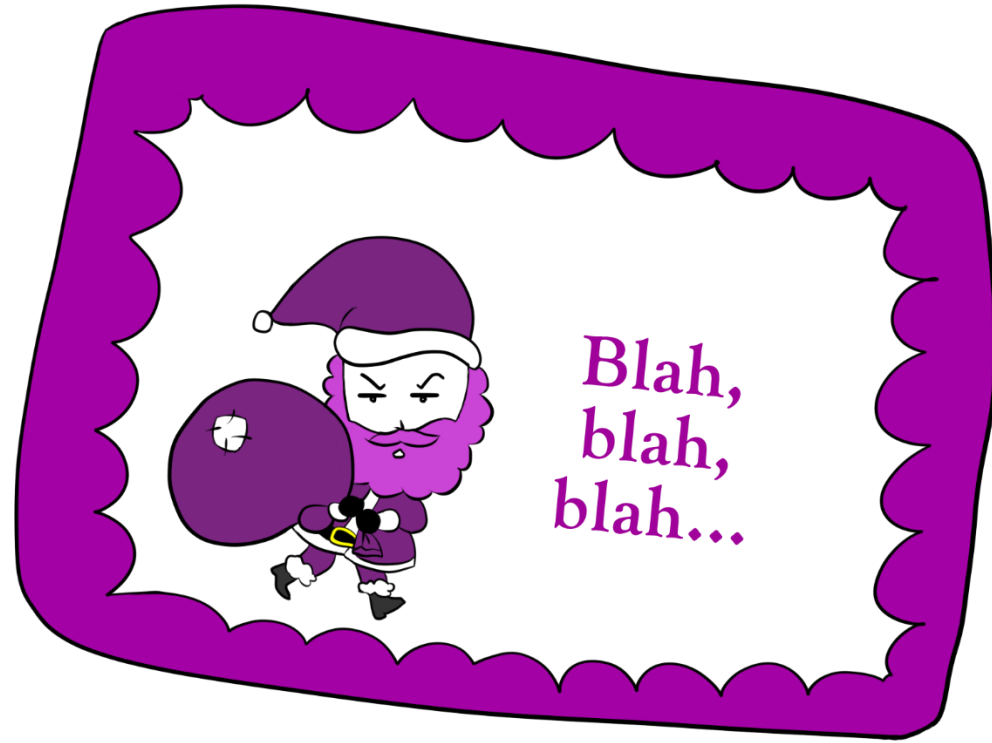
What was it? She didn't know.  
As she turned to go  
She shook the empty purple box.  
The Ranterino grinned like a fox.





He called her back with a nasty cough  
‘Take this...and be off!’  
It was a Christmas card and it said,  
In big purple letters, not red...





With a very sad look  
All the children came and took  
A light and empty purple box  
While the Ranterino grinned like a fox.



When there were no more children in the store  
The shop man closed the door.

The Ranterino climbed out of Santa's sleigh.

And said to the shop man,  
'Ahhh! I've had a good day.'

The shop man shook his head and said,  
'You're not a very nice Santa Claus.'

You're not a very  
nice Santa Claus.



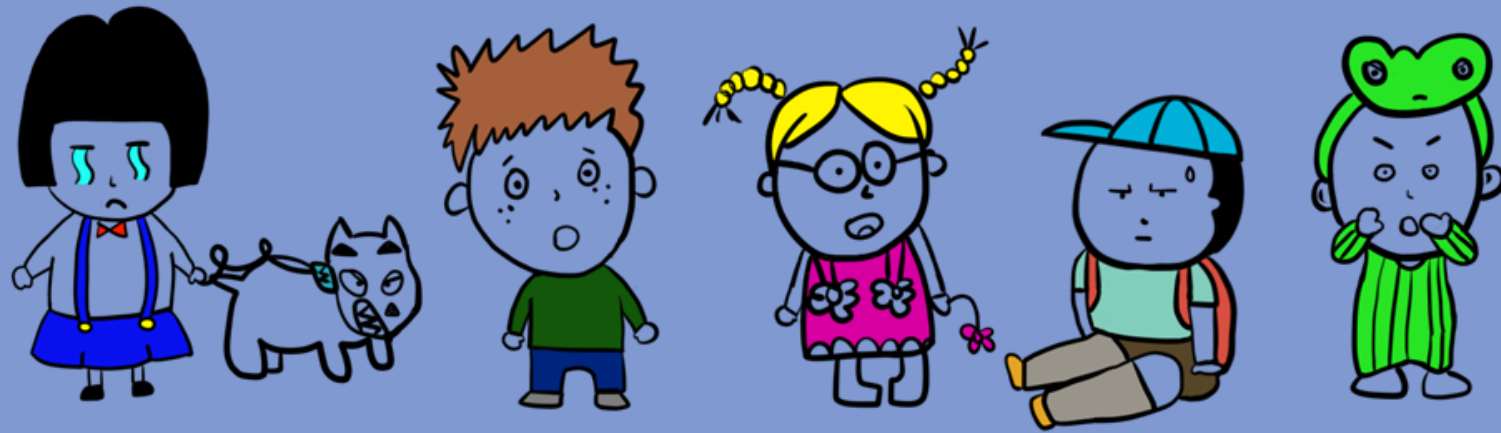
Ahhhh!  
I've had a good day.





Whistling as he went outside, to his purple car,  
He simply said, 'Blah, blah, blah.'

All the children in the town hadn't got a single toy!  
Isn't the Ranterino a naughty boy!!!!



The End

Merry Christmas  
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Blah,  
blah,  
blah

