

'Twas the Night before Christmas

By Steve Gilliland

'Twas the night before Christmas; and to humor my spouse
I had just set some traps for that darn pesky mouse.
My stockings were all dirty and strewn under the bed
So an old hunting boot hung by the chimney instead.

Our puppy was nestled all snug in her bed
Under the laundry room table with her stuffed toy named Fred.
My pj's were long johns, all cozy and white
And I crawled into bed and turned out the light.

My wife lay beside me in jammies of red
She was already dreaming of Claus and his sled
When out in the drive there arose such a ruckus
I sprang from my bed to see what had struck us.

I should have known not to "spring" from my bed
Cause I busted my toe and clobbered my head.
As I limped up the hallway I grabbed my deer rifle
I'd show them I was someone with whom not to trifle!

I peered out the window and what did I see?
Why old Santa himself, alive as could be.
And there stood old Rudolph in all of his glory,
With his nose shining brightly just like in the story.

But all I could see was his head on my wall
With that bright red nose twinkling to brighten my hall
His rack it was monstrous, at least twenty points,
The thought of its score made me weak in my joints



I wanted that rack, whether legal or not,
 So I eased out the door to line up my shot.
 I clicked off the safety and steadied myself
 So I wouldn't endanger the Jolly Old Elf.

Now remember those traps I'd set out before?
 Well there happened to be one right by the door.
 While I tried to be sneaky so no one would know
 That trap clamped its jaws around my sore toe.

I jerked on the trigger and the shot went astray
 And ended up lodged in the front of the sleigh.
 The reindeer all spooked and yanked on the sled
 Dumping St. Nick on the floor on his head.

They shot out the drive as slick as a whistle
 And away they all flew like the down of a thistle,
 But I heard him exclaim as they drove out of sight
 Rudolph you idiot; no more deer hunters tonight!

Note* The events depicted above **DO NOT** reflect the ethics of the author.
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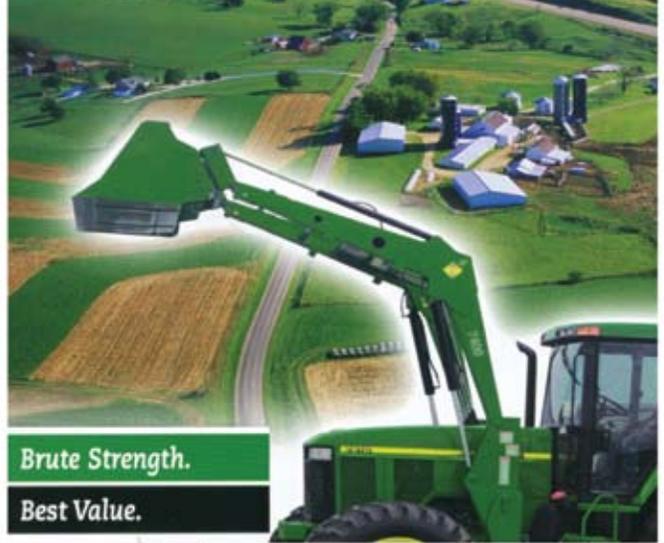
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