

ROUTY THE TRAVEL ELF

CHARACTER READING GUIDELINES

Big, chaotic but controlled energy – excitable, clumsy, and bursting with festive enthusiasm.

ROUTY

Attention, everyone! Big news – I'm the elf in charge of Santa's travel plans. That's right. Me. The one who decides where Santa goes, when he goes, how fast he goes, and which way is the right one. It's...pretty awesome, but do you have any idea how stressful that is?!

[Fans self dramatically, then beams with pride.]

Last year, I accidentally sent Santa to... Australia first. He was very confused. Kangaroos, sunshine, surfing – ah, he loved it, but Mrs. Claus was not impressed.

And don't even get me started on reindeer parking... have you ever tried parallel parking eight reindeer and a sleigh on a rooftop?!

[Mimes steering reins, exaggerated turns, almost crashes, then sighs in relief.]

Phew! Nailed it. Ten out of ten.

[Suddenly spots the audience, excited.]

Wait a minute – maybe you can help me test my directions! Okay, everyone point North! ... No, no, that's West. Santa would end up in Germany! Try again. Point South! ... Ha! You nearly sent him to the desert! The camels don't even celebrate Christmas!

[Laughs, claps hands together, then gets sentimental for a beat.]

But you know what? Even if I get the directions wrong sometimes, the important thing is Santa always gets to the people who need him most. Because Christmas is about finding your way – not just with maps and compasses, but with kindness.

[Raises arms like an airplane/sleigh soaring.]

And with that – sleigh engines on, reindeer ready, and we are cleared for takeoff! Everybody give me your best 'WHOOSH!' as we fly off together!

Perfect flight path! Next stop... the North Pole bakery for cookies! Don't tell Santa I skipped ahead in the route!