



## Golu's Xmas Gift

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It was a nice sunny morning. Golu was in the garden with his painting kit painting flowers.

Suddenly, he saw somebody at the gate. He put aside his painting stuff and ran towards the gate. He saw Bholu Kaka, the postman .

" Whats up, Bholu Kaka? " asked Golu. " Well there's a letter for you Golu. Here it is " replied Bholu Kaka. Golu took the letter carefully. It was a red envelope with a bright star printed over it. He took the envelope to the garden and peeled it off.



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It was a nice hand written letter which read, "Dear Golu, I am Santa Claus. This year I am not well and cannot visit your village. So I have a request for you. Can you give gifts to all the children mentioned in this letter, in your village. I will give you a nice gift next year if you keep my request.

Also you should not utter any word about this letter to anybody. If anybody comes to know that you are gifting on behalf of me then it will not be good for you."

Below it was a list of children names. Golu took the letter, folded and put it inside his pocket.

He thought for a while. How can he manage to do all this without getting caught. Also he would need money to buy so many gifts. What will he tell his mom?

After thinking for a while he cracked upon a plan and went to his mother.



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"Mom, I am thinking of starting the science project earlier this winter vacation" . " Wow, that's very good Golu" , replied his mom.

" Well I need money to buy some stuff from Tom uncle's shop. Can you give me 500 rupees" . Mom said " Well that's quite a lot of money Golu.

You take 100 now and start your work ,if needed will give you more" . Golu was ok . At least he got something to start buying the gifts. Also he cannot buy so many toys at a same time from Tom uncle shop. He might get suspicious and ask lots of questions.



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As he was thinking all these in his mind he was passing by Tom uncle's shop. Suddenly a board on the shop attracted Golu .

It read " Exchange your old toys and get new toys this festive season". Golu was ecstatic. He knew now he can exchange lot of his toys to get new toys and gift to all the children In that case 100/- would be enough for him.



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He rushed home quickly and gathered all his toys . He felt little sad as he had to part with lot of his favorite toys.

However thinking of sick Santa he understood he had a responsibility now.

So he packed all his toys and went to Tom uncle's shop.



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Tom uncle was surprised.

"Well it seems you have decided to exchange all your toys Golu", asked Tom uncle. Golu gave a sneaky smile and started picking up new toys.

Uncle Tom started checking the toys and gave a credit of 600/- rs to golu. Golu had all this money and the 100/- note from his mother.

He used them and got all the toys packed. He asked Tom uncle."Will you mind if I take these in batches." Golu didn't want to get noticed.

Tom uncle looked at him closely and said "Its ok son. Do as you like".

Golu started taking those toys and used the back door at his house and started stacking all the toys in his cupboard.

After many trips to and from the shop the mission was accomplished.



Golu was very happy. He now had toys for all the children in his neighbourhood.

Now he had to just wait for the 24th eve and start dropping all the toys.

As the day approached Golu became very excited. He would be playing Santa today and would make so many children happy.

As it turned dark, Golu crept out from backdoor of his house with the toys. He had to do this again in batches.

He visited all the children's house and dropped their toys at the doorstep.

When he reached Pintu's house he saw his mother was outside. He waited behind the tree till she went inside and dropped the gift box.

With similar hide and seek play finally Golu managed to distribute all the gifts in his neighbourhood. He was very happy. He sneaked back into his house and just lay down on his bed.

This eve for the first time he knew there is nobody to gift him any gift as he had been the Santa himself.



After a quiet dinner Golu went to sleep.  
 When he woke up the next morning Golu's mom came screaming in to his room.  
 "Golu, see what you have got".  
 Golu jumped out of the bed and rushed at the door and he saw a huge box kept there.  
 There was also a letter over that.  
 Golu grabbed the letter and started reading.

"Dear Golu, I want to really thank you for your generous attitude. I know just to keep my request you have let go of all your toys. There is a lot more pleasure in giving than in receiving . I hope you realize it now.  
 Lakhs of children miss my gift because I am old and cannot reach everybody.  
 I hope all children are like you and can be Santa to other children. You have shown a big heart and Santa thanks you once again.  
 I though managed to see your acts and I was so pleased that I have chosen you for the best gift this season. Enjoy."  
 Golu jumped with joy and rushed to open the big box...  
 And there was something inside which made Golu very very HAPPY.