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'NAUGHTY OR NICE'

SYNOPSIS

On her way to work one morning, advertising executive Krissy Kringle is reminded of the "Naughty or Nice" list by a mother at a coffee shop. Perhaps due to the fact that her hot water is off in her house, or that everyone from the coffee shop barista to her co-workers finds amusement in her holiday-inspired name, Krissy is not filled with the Christmas spirit.

Her spirits are lifted, however, when she is called into her boss Helen's office, believing she'll receive a promotion. Instead, she is fired. Krissy tells Helen that she's going on the naughty list and laments to her work friend Jill, before leaving.

Krissy returns to her home on Candy Cane Lane, where she is the only neighbor without decorations (much to the chagrin of her other neighbors). Her door is jammed with loads of mail addressed to Kris Kringle. One package stands out – a "Naughty or Nice" book sent by a girl who "Kris Kringle" had visited. All of the pages are blank.

Krissy's boyfriend Lance picks her up for dinner at her parents' house. Unlike Krissy, her parents Carol and Walter are filled with holiday cheer. Although she tries to hide that she lost her job, her mother figures it out. She says finances wouldn't be a problem if Krissy and Lance, who have been together for six years, would just get married. Krissy's dad offers her money, but she declines. Her mother, however, cannot be turned down when she sets Krissy up with a job wrapping Christmas presents at the mall (dressed as an elf).

Lance drops Krissy off at home, and she expresses frustration over the long hours he spends at work, and that he hasn't proposed. He heads back home to do more work.

The plumber calls Krissy the next morning to tell her he can't fix her hot water that day, and she yells at him. As she does, the Naughty or Nice book magically opens and reveals a moving picture of her yelling on the phone with the text "Krissy Kringle, loses patience with plumber." It then reveals the plumber lying about his car breaking down – which she uses to her advantage.

Krissy starts her gift wrapping job with her new co-worker, Marco, and her boss Justin. Justin is socially challenged and on a holiday power trip, but she and Marco become fast friends. Marco tells Krissy that Justin has been stealing the petty cash fund that the senior center donated. Krissy uses the book to find proof, and threatens to tell Justin's grandmother if he is not nicer to the staff. Justin agrees, and also offers to set up Krissy's holiday decorations.

Lance cancels on Krissy (again), so she joins Marco for lunch. While there, she uses the book to reprimand two rude girls who cut them in line. Marco asks where she gets her information,

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and Krissy reveals to him the magic of the Naughty and Nice book. She then sees Helen and Jill enter the restaurant together. Curious, Krissy uses the book to discover that Jill stole Krissy's ideas and lied to Helen to steal Krissy's promotion. Jill is also stealing clients from Helen. Krissy plans to get revenge.

When she returns home, Krissy's yard is fully decorated (by Justin), her hot water is repaired at a discount, and she has flowers waiting from Lance. Her neighbor, Debbie, acts very excited about her new decorations, but seems jealous as well. Later, Krissy notices a snowman missing from her display, and confirms with the book that Debbie has been stealing decorations from all the neighbors.

Krissy reveals Debbie as the decorations thief and the neighbors vote Krissy with the best-decorated house, stripping Debbie of her "Holiday House" title. Although Krissy now holds the title, she feels bad about humiliating Debbie.

When Lance cancels on Krissy that night, Marco suggests she use the book to see if he's lying about work. She does, and is furious when it reveals that he had an affair with Jill. Krissy confronts Lance in front of his bosses, and angrily dumps a bowl of pasta on his head.

Still angry the next day at work, Krissy explodes at some children in Santa's Workshop and causes a scene. Marco rushes her off before she can do any more damage, but it's too late.

At home, Krissy sees Debbie moving out and feels awful. Her parents stop by to cheer her up after seeing her Santa's Workshop outburst – which was recorded by onlookers and landed on the news. Her mom suggests that Lance could have been with Jill when Lance and Krissy were on a break, and that there are two sides to every coin. This makes Krissy realize that the Naughty or Nice book has a nice side, as well, and when she checks it she sees all the nice things about Lance.

Krissy looks in the book for the nice things about everyone to undo the damage she's done, and to expose Jill to Helen, but accidentally ruins the book, by spilling coffee before she can. Marco encourages her to try to make amends, even without the book.

Krissy bursts into Lance's law firm to tell him, and his colleagues, that she was wrong, and begs his forgiveness. He is not ready to forgive her, but he does agree to come by her house that night to pick up his belongings. While there, he agrees to help Krissy prove that Jill is trying to steal clients from Helen, and thus close down the agency.

Krissy apologizes to Debbie, acknowledging many charitable acts she does anonymously for the community. Debbie agrees to meet Krissy for coffee before she moves. When she does, Krissy surprises her with a party with all the neighbors attending in Debbie's honor. They thank Debbie for all the contributions she has made to the community, and convince her to stay. She gratefully accepts the permanent "Holiday House" honor.

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Lance gives Krissy his research, but can't find a paper trail that implicates Jill. Debbie, who handles the competitor's accounting, agrees to help out. Debbie finds the evidence that they need to connect Jill to the fraud, and also tells the affected companies that they should work with Krissy instead.

Krissy presents the evidence to Helen, who fires Jill. Helen hires Krissy back, with a bigger office, more vacation, and a raise. Krissy, in turn, helps Helen with her Christmas party for underprivileged children. She and Marco don their elf costumes, and bring the kids to meet Santa Claus. Before she leaves the party, Krissy meets the real Santa Claus, who gets his book back. He knew she would be able to get back on the nice list without the book's help, and hopes she gets everything she wants this Christmas.

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