

Elf Judy 6 Learns Patience

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My mother, Elf Renee, breastfed me with an ancestral mix of DNA passed through the Grand Elves supplemented with Vixon's flying reindeer milk. I received the capacity of mental telepathy and preconscious access. I can think of solutions as a problem is being presented. After Elf Elementary and Elf Boot Camp my first assignment was Reindeer Wrangling. During the Reindeer Games I slipped off of Sam and got road rash on my forehead. Santa cured me with Milky Way Star Dust leaving a slight star-shaped scar. It became part of me giving me super powers including the power of light from my head. During my North Pole Kitchen time I had to use my forehead light as a laser beam to cut the shackle on the lock to the Recipe Box to get Great Grandmother Elf Rosa's secret Hot-Hot Chocolate Mix recipe.

My next assignment was as a job screening counselor for Elf Boot Camp graduates. Grand Elf Rachel, my grandmother, who heads up that department requested my presence as a learning experience for me. I need to learn about the available job opportunities and for graduate elves. Options include cookie baking, toy making, researching, designing, engineering, manufacturing, monitoring elf on the shelf, reindeer wrangling, health services, greenhouse farming, land and snow scaping, packaging, shipping, and the other jobs. Getting ready for Santa's Christmas visits keeps Santa's North Pole Village humming.

Elf Bernard, Head of Toy Manufacturing, told me about his need for a toy making assistant. With my special powers and thinking I knew what was best for Elf Ralph, I referred him to the toy department.

He was assigned the job of painting fire engines sky blue for the Chapel Hill Fire Department. To Elf Ralph it doesn't make sense because he knew fire engines are supposed to be red. Plus, he did not like working indoors all the time. In addition, the fumes from the drying paint gave him headaches.

In my follow up interview with Elf Ralph, I could tell he was very frustrated with the work. He was sad having to be in the paint shop all day. How did I miss the signs and mess up his assignment?

I decided to ask Grandma Rachel for help. She agreed and together we watched the video of my Elf Ralph interview and assessment process.

Elf Ralph appeared unsure of what he wanted to do. I took that as a sign that I could help him by suggesting a position I knew was open and needed to be filled immediately. Elf Bernard had just messaged me of his need and I directed Elf Ralph to the toy department.

Grandma Rachel observed that I had acted too quickly. I had not adequately considered what Elf Ralph wanted, nor what would be good for him. I had directly imposed my priority on him. And now Elf Ralph is miserable, disappointed and sad. It was then I became aware of my

impatience with my own impatience. I disappointed myself. I asked Grandma Rachel for help.

She said, “First pause, take in a conscious breath like deep breathing a bouquet of roses and blow out like blowing out a candle. Listen carefully with an open mind, judgement free and with understanding to get a full sense of your client. Find out where and how they picture themselves and then suggest a match of interest and skills with our job opportunities.”

Grandma Rachel invited me to sit in on her interview with Ralph. In her own evaluation Elf Ralph revealed his desire to be living on the land and working with animals. She offered him an assignment to greenhouse farming and reindeer wrangling. He was over joyed by his new assignment. He was glad to be outdoors.

Elf Ralph’s response humbled me and caused me to be more aware and careful about how I use my elf super powers. Although I can think of solutions when a problem is presented, I have learned to be patient with myself and with others. And to remember, it takes time for things to naturally unfold in our thinking, experience and understanding.

So, until our next time take care and take it easy.

Love Elf Judy.