SANTA'S PROBLEM PUP

ice cup of tea. It's good orange in my kennel. I have to leave now, so whatever you decide in

"Peako, that name. I can't all right with me." stand that name." she said.
"Oh, come on, Miss Kay perper said, "Gee, Santa, Nihn," Santa said. "It's really where will we keep Peako."
"I think I have the analysis of the said of the said of the said." It's really where will we keep Peako." you're making an avalanche out of a snowball. Certainly a little pup like Peako isn't causing you that much trouble."

"Well, all right," she said. "I will have a cup of tea but we must decide what to do with THAT doe."

"I think I have the answer," Santa said. "What, Santa, what?" the elves asked.
"Peako can stay right here with me until Christmas eve."

The elves cheered.
"That's a great idea, Santa."

both front paws covering his

Miss Kay Nihn looked down and said, "Oh, well, I must ad-

mit he is cute, Santa, but he isn't obeying the rules."
"He is only a pup." Santa

said.
"But he sneaked through one Nihn is pretty smart."
"But windows," Miss Kay "How could she be?" Juniof my windows," Miss Kay
Nihn said. "And two poodles perperper said. "She said she is helped him."

"How could she be?" Juniperperper said. "She said she is punishing Peako and after all,

"Oh, then you know how he he is getting whe got out," Juniperperper said. the first place." And you know we didn't help

don't think he would have left otherwise.

"He is such a loving pup," Santa said. "I think he just wants to be around us."

With that, Peako jumped up on Santa's lap and began to lick his face.

"He is a nice pup," Santa

said. "But Peako must be punished," Miss Kay Nihn said. "I can't have him disturbing my kennel and getting the other pups into mischief. I have to punish him some way."

"What do you suggest, Miss Kay Nihn?" Santa said. "I know," she said. "I'm not going to allow him to stay in

the kennel any longer. He is of-ficially evicted. He can't stay with the other dogs."
"But where will he stay?"

"That is your problem," Miss Kay Nihn said. "I wash



"Settle down, Miss Kay my hands of the whole thing. It Nihn." Santa said. "Have a is definite. Peako cannot stay

"That's wonderful." "Hurrah for Santa." "By the way, where is Peako?" Santa said.
Santa looked beneath his
chair and there was Peako with
head, "Welcome to Santa's

"I don't think he wants to "Boy, that Miss Kay Nihn is dumb," Juniperperper said.

"She is dumb, Jinkersnipes "Dumb, dumb, dumb," said

Jasper.
"I don't know about that,"
"I don't know about that,"

he is getting what he wanted in

him. My, my, my, Miss Kay
Nihn."

Miss Kay Nihn started to
Miss Kay Nihn started to to stay with us but because she "That's what I mean," Santa didn't want to say yes, she had "Yes, I know how he got didn't want to say yes, she had out," she said. "But I'm sure you elves put him up to it. I Peako. Actually she is doing Peako. Actually she is doing

Peako a favor and she knews

"Santa, that old meanie doesn't like dogs," Juniper-

doesn't like dogs," Juniperperper said.
"I think you're wrong," Santa said. "Miss Kay Nihn loves
dogs and that is why I put her
in charge of the kennel."
"She sure doesn't act that
way, Santa," Jimmy said.
"Yes she does," Santa said.
"Then why is she mean?"
Juniperperper saked.
"See, it is like this," Santa
said. "Miss Kay Nihn does
love all her puppies. But she
can't get too attached to them
because we give them to the
good boys and girls on Christmas. It is a said time for her. So
she pretends to be mean. But she pretends to be mean. But underneath it all, Miss Kay Nihn is a very loving person."
"She doesn't act like a loving

person," Juniperperper said.
"Suppose she cuddled and loved each and every puppy,"
Santa said. "Why on Christmas her heart would break as the pups left. No, Miss Kay Nihn must act like she acts.

She really does like dogs."
"Then that is why she let
Peako stay here?" Jinkersnipes

"That is why," Santa re-plied. "She knew Peako would be happier with us, so Miss Kay Nihn let us make the decision. So you see, she is not an

Santa lifted Peako the pup and said, "Come on, fellow, let me show you the North Pole."

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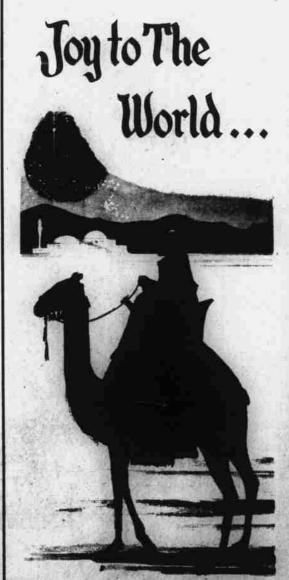
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