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“I Have a Dream” - Martin

Luther King Jr.

By Darian Rosca

In the speech “I Have A Dream,” Martin Luther King Jr. outlines the struggle for civil rights and racial equality in the United States. The speech discusses the Emancipation Proclamation and the unfulfilled promises that have been made for the freedom of African Americans, while voicing how people should not get judged for their race and color of skin color, but rather be judged for their character. The persistent injustices faced by African Americans highlight the need for a nonviolent protest with unity, while envisioning a completely different future where discrimination and segregation are no longer found and eradicated, and where all people have a new future with new opportunities and a good life. Freedom is the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint. When

everyone deserves freedom, Dreams are where all men are created to be equal, and that all white and black people would sit down together. The aspiration is for one day to change the world, and let black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, all hold hands. (King Jr. 1963)



Biography of Stephen Colbert

By Taheerah Giwa

Stephen Tyrone Colbert was born on the 13th of May 1964 in Washington, D.C. He is the son of James William Colbert and Lorna Elizabeth. He grew up in Charleston, South Carolina. He was the youngest out of eleven children.

On the 11th of September 1974, his father and two of his brothers died in a plane crash, on their way to Charlotte, NC.

During his childhood, he attended St. Joseph School in Charleston, South Carolina.

During his years there, the doctors diagnosed him with a tumor in his right ear. This resulted in his right eardrum being taken out, which made him deaf in that ear.

Stephen was obsessed with acting, performing, reading, impressions, impersonation, humor, and comedy. This led to his nerdy career.

Stephen went to Charleston's Benediction College Preparatory before he went to Northwestern University in Evanston. It was there he studied philosophy and theater, graduating in 1986 with a Bachelor's of Arts Degree.

After this, he became involved in the Second City improvisational Comedy Troupe in Chicago, where he developed his exceptional skills. He performed in several sketch shows.

Then Stephen moved to New York City to have more opportunities in television. He succeeded in working as a writer and performer on various comedy shows such as "The Dana Carvey Show" in 1996. He worked with Steve Carell, Louis C.K., and many other people.

His Nerdy and Geeky career eventually began when he joined The Daily Show. He became known for his amazing humor and satire in politics.

He eventually hosted his own show, The Colbert Report, which had its first appearance on Comedy Central. This won many Emmy awards during the time frame from 2005 to 2014.

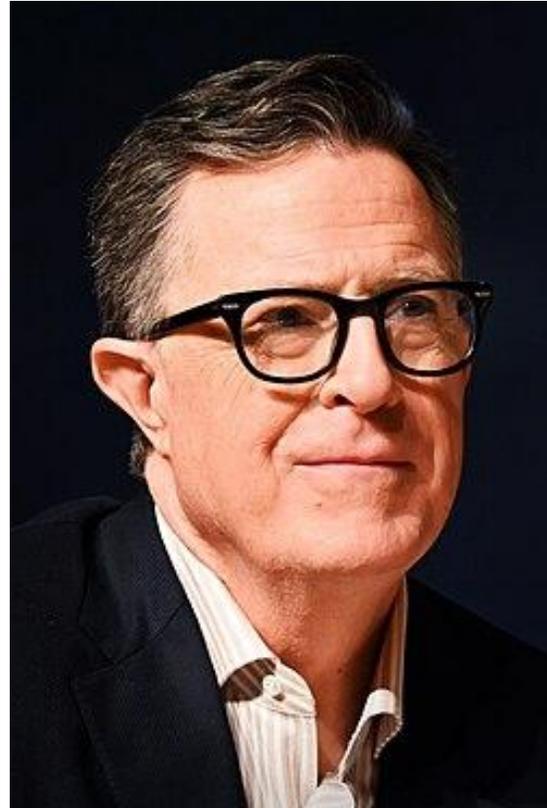
Among these, he wrote two books: "I am an American (and so can you) " in 2007 and "America again: Re-Becoming Greatness We Never Weren't" in 2012.

In 2014, he was selected to replace the host of The Late Show, David Letterman. This was later given the name " The host of The Late Show with Stephen Colbert."

Surprisingly, in all this, he played Chuck Noblet in the movie " Strangers with Candy". He also acted as a Laketown Spy in "The Hobbit". He even voiced the character Colby Kraus in the Simpsons episode " He Loves to Fly and He D'ohs".

Stephen Colbert's story shows us that there is nothing wrong with being a Geek/Nerd. Colbert lost his dad, brothers, and the ability

to hear in his right ear, but he survived through it all. He shows that anyone can succeed if they try.



Japanese Winter Fashion

By Naveah Sparvier

Japan's winter fashion is warm, stylish, and easy to recognize. People like to layer their clothes to stay comfortable in the cold weather. A common outfit includes a long coat, a soft sweater, a scarf, and a pair of sturdy boots. Many choose simple colors like black, brown, gray, or cream, but they often add a small pop of color with an accessory, maybe a bright hat, a patterned scarf, or a fun bag. This mix keeps the outfit neat but still interesting.

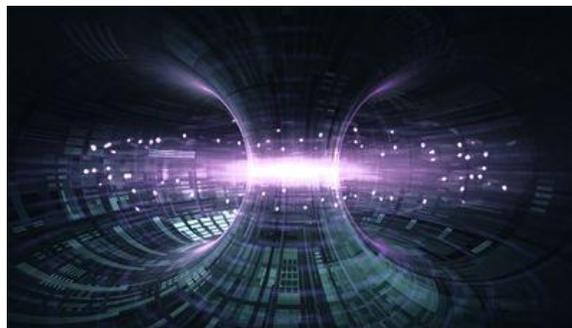
In popular fashion spots like Harajuku, Shibuya, or Osaka's shopping streets, winter clothes are more playful-looking. You might see oversized jackets, big shoes, fluffy hats, or colorful knitted items. Some people enjoy mixing different textures, like wool, fleece, and faux fur, to create a unique style while staying warm. Even though the outfits can

look trendy or bold, they are still designed to handle cold wind and low temperatures.



What is nuclear fusion, and how can it affect our world?

By Adi



On average, the world emits approximately 50 billion metric tons of greenhouse gases per year, primarily through a mixture of carbon dioxide, methane, water vapor, and nitrous oxide. If this number seems high to you, it's because it is. In fact, it is so high that we have exceeded the expected rate needed to maintain a sustainable overall growth rate of our global climate (1.5 °C), as dedicated by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Scientists have long concluded that we must limit, if not completely eradicate, our fossil fuel dependency (primarily of coal, oil, and natural gas) to maintain a safe or even net-zero carbon output needed to keep the climate (among other phenomena such as natural disasters and shortages of food yields) within a safe boundary. While in the world, renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, and hydroelectric have gotten the most attention and rapid industrialization

on a worldwide scale, there is a horizon that is quickly approaching us. This solution could erase any need for any other energy source, whether that be fossil fuel, renewable, or even nuclear.

To understand what nuclear fusion truly is and how we can harness its tremendous power, we should first understand how stars work. It is quite clear that a star is bright and warm, even strong enough to give an unsuspecting beachgoer skin cancer from approximately 150 million kilometers away. In the core of a star, let us take our own Sun as our example, which reaches over 15 million degrees Celsius, and this heats all the stored hydrogen inside the core. This kinetic energy eventually allows the hydrogen nuclei to fuse and form helium nuclei, the next heavier element. This action releases energy, which can then be represented by heat and light in the most obvious case.

If this were done on Earth and acted as humanity's energy source, it would have significant benefits over most other energy sources available today. Of course, it releases no greenhouse gases, which will stabilize our climate over time and even slow down the rates of various cancers, especially lung cancer. Since there is no leftover waste in nuclear fusion like there is in standard nuclear energy, risks related to radiation poisoning and environmental contamination are almost nonexistent. Over renewables, nuclear fusion is simply far more powerful and efficient. Unlike systems such as solar, wind, and hydroelectric, nuclear fusion can be used at any time of the day with equal efficacy and can be placed basically anywhere on the face of the planet.

The process of nuclear fusion is fundamental to virtually all stars and thus exists everywhere in the observable universe, but it is immensely difficult to reproduce in a lab and has not yet been able

to be accomplished on a meaningful scale.

While the process of nuclear fusion is incredibly powerful and efficient, we would need several thousand large reactors to provide humanity with its total energy needs. So far, there have been numerous advancements in this field, such as the ITER in France and the IFMIF in Japan, which aim to create a realistic and safe prospect for nuclear fusion. While the idea of a world nearly or entirely run on nuclear fusion is still in its development, it is in the field of view and not as far as we first pictured it.

Overall, any energy opportunity that can replace fossil fuels, and thus aid our climate and general quality of life, will be a huge plus to humanity as a whole. While this idea is still in its infancy, it will be hugely beneficial to us and will be exciting to watch.

Winter in Seoul

By Nevaeh Sparvier

Seoul in winter is cold but full of unique charm, offering a season of surprises, sparkling lights, street snacks, local culture, and festivals that make the city worth visiting.

Seoul's winter runs from December to February, with temperatures often dropping low. Despite the chill, the season reveals a side of the city where locals enjoy hot street snacks like hotteok and fish cake soup, skating at outdoor rinks, or gathering in cozy food stalls. Winter travel has advantages like fewer crowds, lower hotel prices, and beautiful scenery like snow-dusted palaces and hanok villages.

Winter-only activities include:

- Ice fishing festivals such as Hwacheon Sancheoneo and PyeongChang Trout Festival.

- Light displays like the Seoul Lantern Festival and the Morning Calm Lighting Festival.
- Day trips to ski resorts and snow parks near Seoul.
- Indoor escapes like jjimjilbangs (Korean bathhouses), underground shopping centers, and museums.

Some tips for the winter: dress in layers, wear thick socks and gloves, and plan itineraries that balance indoor and outdoor activities. A 4-day trip is considered enough to experience Seoul's winter culture, though longer stays allow a deeper exploration.

Ultimately, the piece argues that winter shows Seoul at its most authentic, with community-centered traditions, vibrant food culture, and seasonal events that can't be found in other times of year



“Ontario”

By Gwen Modi

Ontario roads are full of stars

Glimmering quartz stuck in paved cement

Headlights on pavement mirror the starry
sky

Hidden by a city that never sleeps

Faux stars twinkle as planes land on the
runway

Each one shining as bright as someone’s
dream

Of a bigger life, a different world

Opportunity at every door

Optimism in the streets

Overjoyed to live somewhere so full of life

Although I know it isn’t true

It’s purely a fantasy,

But I’d like to live it out for a moment
longer

Because in my mind

Ontario roads are full of stars



Frost in the air

By Nevaeh Sparvier

Snowflakes drift through cold air,

Frosty patterns everywhere.

Footprints leave marks on the soft white
ground,

While winter covers the world around



January Hope

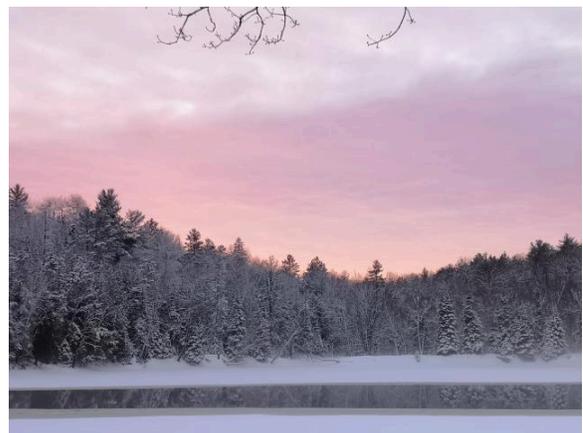
By Nevaeh Sparvier

Cold winds flow through grey skies,

A fresh new year is on its way.

Snowy mornings, calm and chilly

January starts a hopeful year.



Holiday Cheer

By Nevaeh Sparvier

Lights twinkle, soft and bright,

Homes are glowing softly in the night.

Laughter, love, and voices cheer

The joy and fun of Christmas fill the year.

Holiday Poems

By Hiya Patel

Welcoming Christmas

Candles flicker softly in the winter glow,
 Hearts gather close where warm stories grow.
 Ribbons and laughter tangled on the floor,
 In every small moment, we find something more.
 Snow drifts outside like whispers from the sky,
 Treasured memories passing quietly by.
 Music hums low, filling rooms with cheer,
 A gentle reminder of love drawing near.
 Season of wonder, staying bright through the year.



Dear New Year By Hiya Patel

Dear New Year,

I'm writing to you with the weight of twelve long months behind me—

months filled with lessons I didn't ask for

But learned anyway.

There were days I felt smaller than my own shadow,

and nights when I carried worries that didn't belong to someone my age.

Still, I'm here.

And that has to count for something.

I'm not wishing for miracles.

Just moments—

the kind that feels like a warm room after stepping in from the cold.

Moments where I don't have to pretend I'm strong

just to make others comfortable.

Take the heaviness I collected quietly,

the kind I tucked behind smiles.

Replace it with a little courage,

a little clarity,

and the softness I forgot to give myself.

Help me grow in ways I can feel.
 Help me trust that even slow progress
 is still progress.
 If you bring challenges,
 let them teach me,
 not break me.
 If you bring joy,
 Let me believe I deserve it.
 Dear New Year,
 meet me with open doors.
 I'm stepping toward you with hope that isn't
 loud,
 but steady—
 the kind that comes from surviving
 What I once thought I couldn't.
 Be good to me.
 I'm ready now.



Home

By Taheerah Giwa

Home is a word that can't be replaced,
 Home is not only a word, it is a tapestry
 enlaced!
 Home is full of love, laughter, warmth, and
 hugs,
 Where memories are embroidered like
 warm, soft rugs.



A 7-minute essay on The Grinch

By Sung

“The Grinch”, written by Dr. Seuss, demonstrates the profound character actualization that can be developed through euphoric moments in our daily lives. The Grinch, who arguably symbolizes the traumatic disconnection within society, illustrates the minor group within the community, who segregated itself. The transformation and elf society’s acceptance of the Grinch can be interpreted as the removal of prejudice and racism between the groups in the real world.



3 Min Christmas Poem

By Jaiden Szautner

Christmas tree

Stems, all covered with green

Lights all shine and gleam

On this special night, I say

How grateful I am, and pray

With a star, up so high

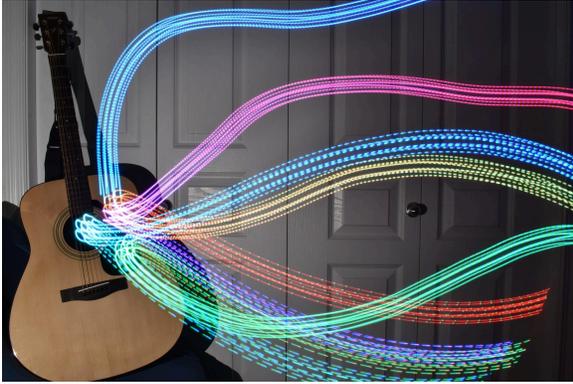
Angels flying in the sky

Oh, Christmas tree

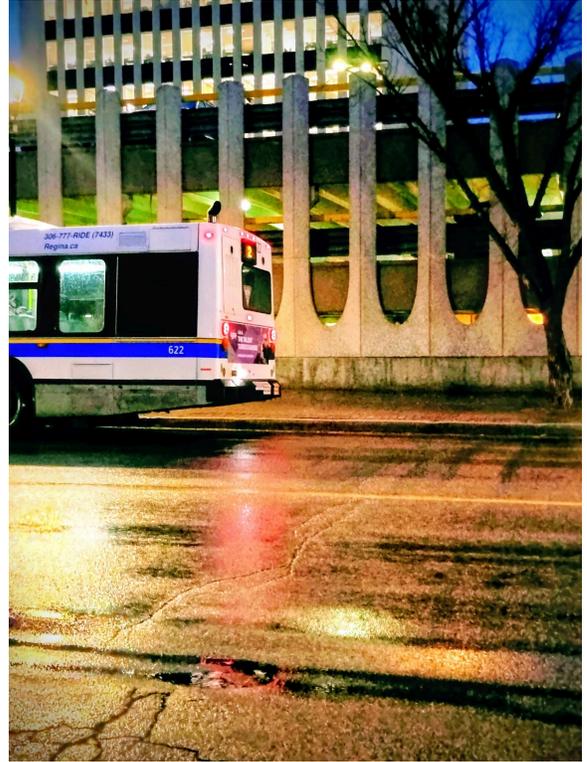
I love your glee

How lovely are your branches





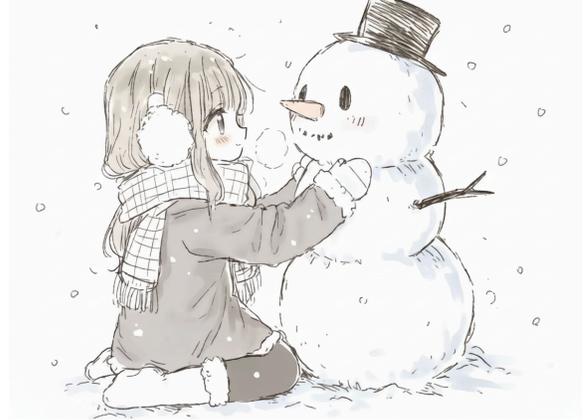
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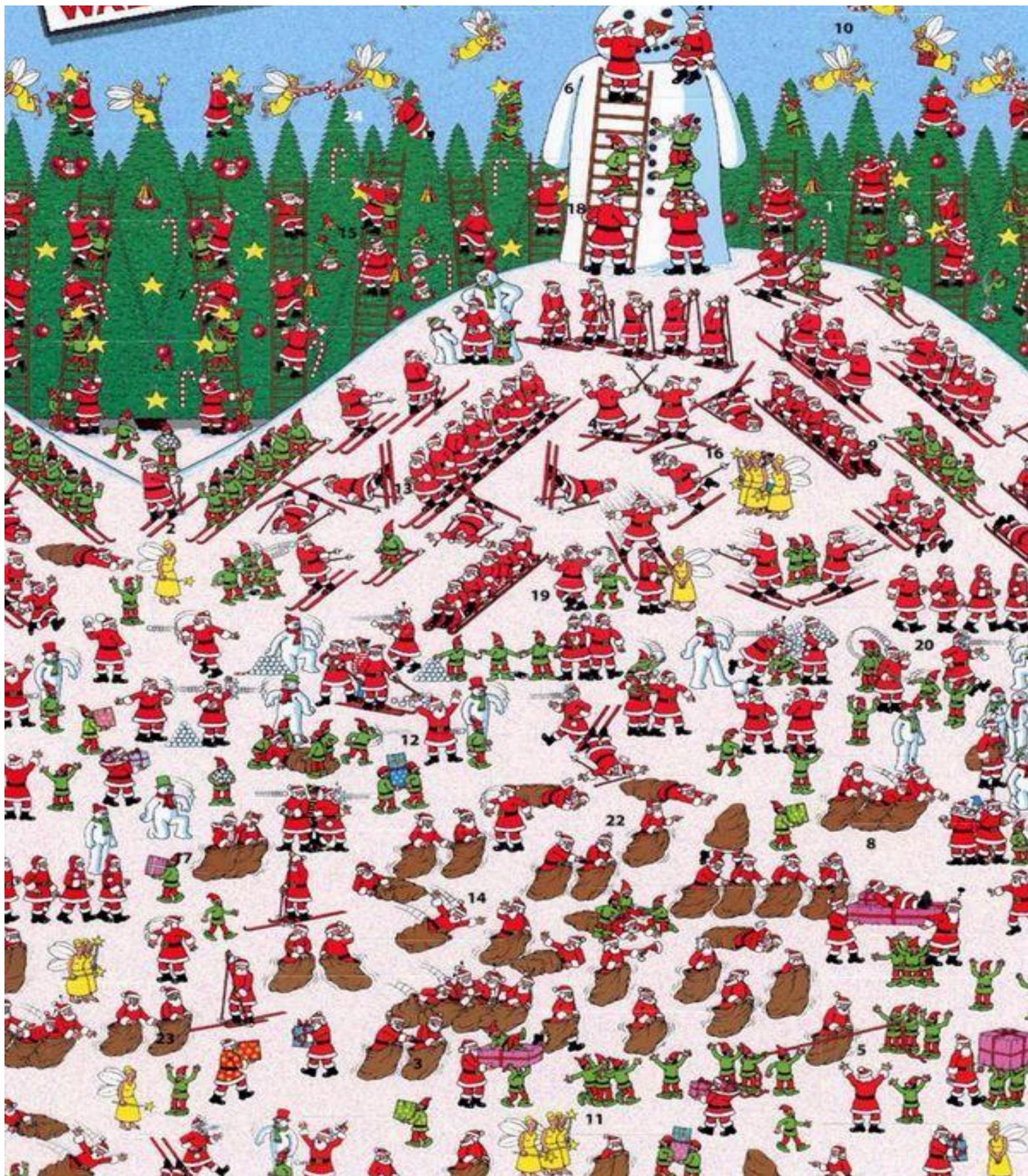
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Singing Christmas Carol 	Has yet to finish Xmas shopping	Christmas is favorite holiday	Snoops for presents	Loves holiday movies
Celebrating Xmas in a warm place	Has taken a sleighride	Won a snowball fight	Has New Year's Eve plans	Built a gingerbread house
Celebrates Kwanzaa	Will celebrate more than one Xmas		Skis or snowboards	Already sick of Xmas carols
Making a New Year's resolution	Once knocked over an Xmas tree	Has dressed up like Santa	Celebrates Hanukkah	Put pets on Xmas photo
Baked cookies	Has celebrated Xmas in a foreign country	Counts "Die Hard" as an Xmas movie	Likes eggnog 	Traveling for Christmas



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