THE DRAGON WITH THE BLAZING BOTTOM AT CHRISTMAS!





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The stockings were hung by the fireplace with care, Twinkling in hope for the gifts they would share.

The grown-ups were snuggled all warm in their beds, As snowflakes and moonbeams danced in their heads.





And I, in my jim jams with teddy held tight, Was just getting ready to turn out the light ...

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When all of a sudden I heard a strange noise –



or the jangle of toys.

Like the jingle of bells ...







Father Christmas himself dressed in red head to toe, With a billowing beard that shimmered like snow And a star-dusted sleigh that blazed through the sky ...