

# A CAT'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

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It was closing time at the  
Department Store on  
Christmas Eve.

The cash tills  
were quiet.

The doors were locked.

And the lights were turned down low.



‘Merry Christmas!’ the shop assistants called to one another as they headed home.



But someone wasn't at all excited about Christmas.  
Clawdia, the security guard's cat!

“Bah! Christmas is for silly billies!” Clawdia grumbled, as she prowled the corridors on the lookout for mice.



She shivered. A window had been left open and a chilly breeze was blowing in.

But that wasn't the only thing coming in!



“STOP!”

Clawdia growled.

“But it’s C-C-Christmas,” the visitors squeaked. “And we’re so c-c-cold.”

“Rules are rules, even at Christmas,” Clawdia said.

But the mice weren’t giving up. “Run!” they squeaked.

