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**SANTA'S LOUSY JOB**

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*DENA, a girl of 5-10 years old, is at the mall, visiting Santa's workshop. She talks to Santa.*

DENA

You did a really bad job last year. I know I'm just a kid, and I know they say what you do is hard, but I mean, I could have done a way better job. And I'm not even 10. Like, here's a tip. Girls like to build things too. Okay? If you knew me at all, you'd know that. You give my brother, like, 4 lego packages and you give me, what? A stuffed dog, a stuffed rabbit with a baby rabbit, a stuffed kangaroo with a baby kangaroo and a...what was the other one? A stuffed alligator. With an egg. I mean, do you think I'm like those babies who throw everything at people's heads so you have to only give me soft things so I'm not gonna hurt anyone? Do you know how bored those babies are who only have stuffed animals? Like, they have nothing fun to play with! And clearly, Santa, I'm not a baby. I don't have a problem with hard toys. So this year, please. Some legos. And my brother wants a stuffed dinosaur.

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