The elf was touched · what to do now

Nobody is in trouble. The magic needs a night.

The rule exists so the elf survives until Christmas, not to catch anyone out. Keep it small: the magic went quiet, it comes back after a night's rest, and there is one thing Oliver can do to help. Do not investigate who did it. Leave the note from the next page beside Jingle, lying down, and say the line once.

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1. Lay Jingle down where it is, on its side, with something small over it — a tissue, a sock, a face cloth. A resting elf is a believable elf.
2. Leave the note from the next page beside it, folded once.
3. Let Oliver do the fixing: a pinch of cinnamon or sugar beside the elf, or a whispered "sorry" to it, is the North Pole cure. Tomorrow it has moved. That is the whole of it.
4. Do not add rules. One quiet night is the entire consequence, and it is not a consequence, it is a nap.

SAY THIS, ONCE

"It is all right. Touching makes the magic go quiet for a night, that is all. Jingle just needs a rest, and you can help."



Jingle · assigned to Oliver

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FROM THE ELF

Oliver —

Someoody touched me. It happens. It is all right.

It makes my magic go quiet for one night, so I am having a rest.

A pinch of cinnamon beside me helps. So does a whisper.

Back to normal tomorrow. Noboody is in trouble.

Not even you.

IN HASTE

— Jingle

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