

Fuzzy-less?

IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMASTIME, AND I KNOW THIS SEASON IS ABOUT YOU AND THAT I SHOULD BE FEELING JOYFUL ABOUT IT.

BUT I JUST DON'T SEEM TO HAVE THOSE WARM AND FUZZY CHRISTMAS FEELINGS.

I DO WANT TO BE EXCITED ABOUT THE SEASON, BUT HOW DO I FIND THAT EXCITEMENT?

I UNDERSTAND, KRISTOF, WHAT YOU'RE UP AGAINST. THIS TIME OF YEAR IS OFTEN A PERIOD OF EXTRA BUSYNESS AND MORE BEING EXPECTED OF YOU.

SOMETIMES THAT BUSYNESS AND STRESS CAN LEAVE YOU WONDERING WHERE THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT HAS GONE.

RAYA, HURRY! WE NEED TO REHEARSE FOR THE PAGEANT.

PERHAPS YOU THINK OF MOVIES LIKE *IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE*, OR OF OTHER CHRISTMAS STORIES WITH PORTRAYALS OF CHRISTMAS DAYS FILLED WITH THE "WARM AND FUZZIES" THAT SEEM TO BE A MANDATORY PART OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. BUT RIGHT NOW, YOU FEEL ZERO WARMTH AND FUZZINESS.



You're trying hard to look for Christmas in the things that surround you.



THEN IF ANY OF THOSE THINGS ARE MISSING, OR IF THEY DON'T STRIKE THE RIGHT NOTE IN YOUR HEART, YOU FEEL DEPRIVED AND LIKE THIS REALLY CAN'T BE WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT. YOU'RE RIGHT! BECAUSE THAT IS LOOKING FOR THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES!



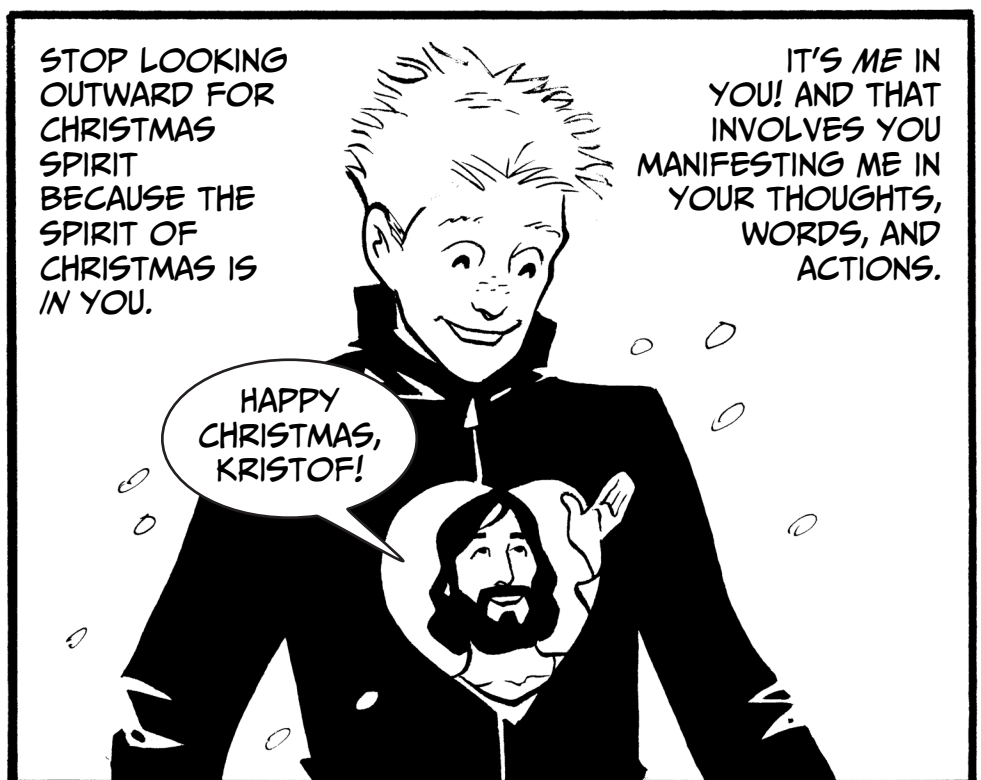
If you're looking for Christmas spirit, look no further than your own heart.

AS MY CHILD—ONE WHO KNOWS ME—YOU ARE A MESSENGER, AN AMBASSADOR OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

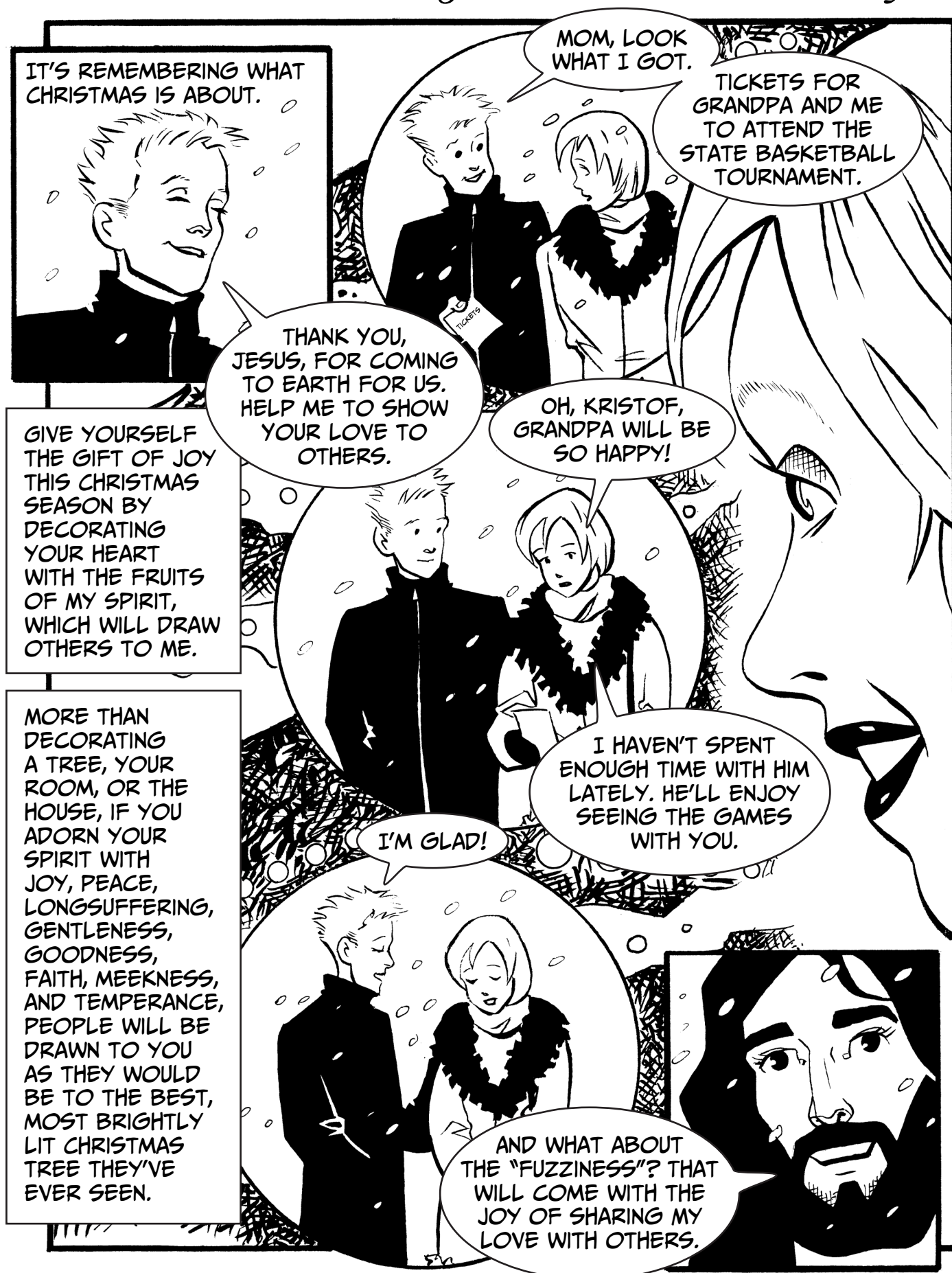


STOP LOOKING OUTWARD FOR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT BECAUSE THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IS IN YOU.

IT'S ME IN YOU! AND THAT INVOLVES YOU MANIFESTING ME IN YOUR THOUGHTS, WORDS, AND ACTIONS.



This is where it starts. Right here between the two of us.



THEY'LL RECOGNIZE IN YOU TRUE CHRISTMAS JOY, AND THEY'LL WANT WHAT YOU HAVE. AS YOU MANIFEST ME TO OTHERS, YOU'LL BECOME A BEAUTIFUL, MAGNETIC FORCE, DRAWING PEOPLE TO THE REAL REASON FOR THE SEASON.

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