Narrator:  And now on ITV it’s time for our Date with Cilla!

(Music plays, Cilla walks on stage, “Thank you, Thank you” etc.......... (Audience applauds).

Cilla: Well good evening, we’ve got a laura laura laughs for you this evening, not to mention our beautiful contestants on our extra special Christmas blind date. So let’s not waste any more time, lets introduce the three lovely lads that one lucky girl will be choosing for her blind date. Fellas, come on in.

(Contestants enter waving to the audience before taking their places)

Cilla: (Goes over to contestant number one) Hello number one, oh just look at that beard ladies and gentlemen, I hope our lucky girl likes her men hairy! What’s your name love and where do you come from?

Santa: Hello Cilla, my names Santa and I come from Lapland.

Cilla: Well it’s no wonder he’s got a beard like that then is it. It must be freezing living there.

Santa: Oh it is Cilla. Cold and lonely, but meeting up with a lovely young lady like you brings some much needed warmth to my heart.

Cilla: Oooh, flattery will get you everywhere my love! Let’s here it for contestant number one, Santa Claus!

(Audience applauds)

Cilla: Hello contestant number two. What’s your name and where do you come from?

Rudolph: Hi Cilla, my names Rudolph and I’m from Cricklewood.

Cilla: I thought you were supposed to live in Lapland with Santa.

Rudolph: Well I work for myself nowadays, there’s always a demand for Reindeers, but I’ve been contracted out to work with Santa over Christmas.

Cilla: So then Rudolph what’s it like working this chap here.

Rudolph: Not bad, but I’d like to know when it’ll be my turn for the mince pies and sherry and he sits back and tucks into a carrot. I would make more of a fuss but it’s more of a matter for the union.
Cilla: But you only work one day a year, I hope you don’t call a strike! Anyway, best of luck this evening, let’s here it for contestant number two, Rudolph!

(Audience applauds)

Cilla: Hello contestant number three, what’s your name and where do you come from?

Ghost: Hellooooo Cilla, my name is the Ghost of Christmas past and I come from, well, the past!

Cilla: Oooh, he’s giving me the creeps this one. Now I here you’ve got an interesting job, tell the audience what you do for a living.

Ghost: Well Cilla, I follow Mr Scrooge, and when I finds him I terrifies him “Whooooaaah!”

Cilla: That’s the spirit. Hey do you get it? Ghosts – spirit, oh what do you expect we did let them in for free!

Cilla: So now that we’ve met our 3 gorgeous contestants, lets go and meet the lucky lady that’s going to do the choosing. Her names The Christmas Fairy and she’s from the top of the tree.

(Audience clap and Cilla greets the Christmas Fairy)

Cilla: (Walks over to the partition) Oh she’s gorgeous fellas. Far too good for you three. So then Christmas Fairy, what’s life like at the top of the tree?

Fairy: Being on top of the tree’s the best bit, but spending eleven months a year in the loft is no fun.

Cilla: O.K then Christmas Fairy, fire away with the questions.

Fairy: Hi boys!

Boys: Hello (deep voices and ghost like echo).

Fairy: O.K question one. For most of the year my life’s a bit dull. As you heard I spend eleven months a year in the loft. How would you make my life more exciting? That’s to number one.

Santa: Hello ho ho Christmas Fairy. Well I’ve got my own Reindeer and sleigh. So I could whisk you off in my sleigh and take you to new heights.

Fairy: The same question to number two.

Rudolph: HI Faiiiiiiiiry! The names Rudolph! Well lots of people have talents in life that they use in their jobs and my jobs all about pulling power. I would say and if you choose me……… But you will do anyway, looking at the state of the other two the competitions not too great!

Fairy: Aaaah, I like the shy ones. And finally the same question to number 3.
Ghost: Hellloooo! My dear Fairy. Well some people say I'm a bit old fashioned and live my life in the past, but if you choose me tonight, the past needn’t matter because we’ll be looking towards our future together!

Fairy: Ooooh, one with a good heart.

Cilla: Well not exactly!

Fairy: O.K question two. One of my hobbies is flying and I must admit I’m pretty good at it. What are your hobbies and do you think I’d like them? That question goes to number 2.

Rudolph: Well my little sugar plum, my hobbies me and I’m sure that if you choose me tonight you’ll pretty soon be making me your hobby too!

Fairy: Yes, ah, OK And the same question to number three.

Ghost: Well my hobby is surprising people and if you choose me tonight you’re in for the surprise of your life.

Fairy: And finally the same question to number 1.

Santa: Well my hobby is delivering presents. And if only you could see behind this screen you’d know that I’m the perfect present for you!

Fairy: Oooh, it’s not going to be an easy choice. O.K, final question. As a fairy I’ve got a magic wand that I carry with me everywhere I go. What have you got that you keep with you at all times, and that’s for number 3.

Ghost: Well unfortunately I’ve got this ball and chain, but if you pick me tonight you could use your magic wand to make it disappear. If you pick me tonight there’ll be no end to the magic in our lives.

Fairy: Oh, a romantic! The same question to number two.

Rudolph: Well I’ve got many things that I always carry around with me, charm, wit, good looks, 364 days holiday a year, antlers, intelligence……… ( Fairy butts in)

Fairy: And the same question to number one.

Santa: I’ve always got my presents with me and if you choose me tonight I’ll be one of those presents you won’t be saving the receipt for, because once you’ve got me you’ll never want to take me back!

Cilla: Well then Christmas Fairy, you’ve heard the answers from these fellas but just to help you we’ve got a quick re-cap from our Graham.

Graham: (music plays and voiceover comes in). So then Christmas Fairy which of these three lucky fellas will be swept of their feet by you tonight? Will it be Our number one, Santa, the man with all the presents who says if you pick him tonight you needn’t keep the receipt. Or will it be
number two the guy with the pulling power and a diet of carrots. Or will it be our number three, the spooky fella who wants you to cut him free from his ball and chain and lose yourself with the Christmas spirit. The choice, as they say, is yours.

Cilla: So then love it's that moment of truth, who’s it going to be.

Christmas Fairy: Well it’s not an easy decision to make but it’s going to have to be number three. (Audience applauds and number three is congratulated).

Cilla: Well your not going to be disappointed but how could you turn down our cuddly number one, that’s our Santa from Lapland, come in Santa.

Cilla: And, oh, how could you turn down the charming number two, the guy with the pulling power and 364 days holiday a year, our Rudolph, come in Rudolph.

(Rudolph enters walks straight past the fairy and asks Cilla what she’s doing tonight and passes her a rose and some chocolates.

Cilla: But we promised you that you wouldn’t be disappointed and here’s why it’s our number three the Ghost of Christmas Past, come on in.

(Ghost appears through screen and Cilla and Fairy run off stage terrified).

Choose your own punchline!