

WITH A FOREWORD BY DAMON LINDELOF

AXE COP



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The Power of Christmas

2010 Christmas Special

The less you know about this story before you read it, the better, so if you have never read it, please do before you read this introduction.

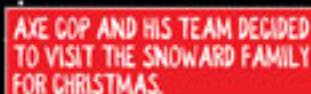
What makes this episode especially significant for me, besides its hilarious twist ending, is that I created it during my visit to my family for Christmas one year after *Axe Cop* came to be . . . what I will always look back on as "Axe Cop Christmas." I did not plan to do any *Axe Cop* during that visit, but then the idea of doing a Christmas special came about and I couldn't resist it, so I quizzed Malachai for a story and got out my laptop. I hadn't drawn an *Axe Cop* episode on my laptop since last Christmas, so I used the original files from that fateful visit as templates for this episode. I even retained the "Pop!" sound effect from Pretzel Head's transformation and used it when *Axe Cop* is force-fed a cherry rainbow candy cane. It may be trivia to most people, but for me it was somewhat surreal and very meaningful. I really embraced the art on this episode because it carried with it that anniversary of the event that changed my life when *Axe Cop* was born. I put all my gratitude into the lines and tried to express the joy I had experienced through it all into the drawings.

What made it even cooler is that this episode revisits the Snow Planet and the massive Snoward family, which was a concept created during that visit a year earlier, and it was always one of my favorite moments in the pages of *Axe Cop*.

I think there are plenty of quintessential *Axe Cop* elements in this tale. Cuteness, monsters, magic, candy, tragedy, heroism, and of course mass genocide. I get warm fuzzies every time I re-read it, and even though I know a lot of that is personal sentimentality, I hope you enjoy it as well.

—Ethan





AXE COP AND HIS TEAM DECIDED TO VISIT THE SNOWARD FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS.

YAY! AXE COP AND HIS GANG ARE HERE!

THE SNOWARD FAMILY

AXE COP in THE POWER OF CHRISTMAS

the AXE COP CHRISTMAS SPECIAL 2010

story: Malachai Nicolle, age 6
art: Ethan Nicolle, age 30

THE SNOWARDS HAD 2,000,001,000 KIDS AND LIVED IN A BUNCH OF IGLOOS ON A SNOW PLANET.

*SEE AXE COP EP. #4

THE SNOWARDS LOVED EGGNOG, BUT AXE COP AND HIS TEAM HATED IT.



CHRISTMAS EVE...



...AXE COP KEPT NIGHT WATCH IN HIS BLACK CAT SUIT AND MADE SURE SANTA SAFELY DELIVERED THE PRESENTS.

BUT AFTER SANTA LEFT THE PRESENTS, SOMEONE ELSE CAME DRESSED AS SANTA AND STOLE THEM ALL.





AXE COP FOLLOWED
THE MONSTER.

HE SAW HIM PUT ALL THE
GIFTS INTO A HUGE BAG.



IT RODE AWAY ON A
ROCKET AERO-DACTO.

AXE COP CONTINUED
TO FOLLOW HIM ON HIS
FLYING T. REX.

THEY ENDED UP AT THE
XMAS MONSTER PLANET.



A WHOLE PLANET OF
CHRISTMAS MONSTERS.

THE MONSTERS WERE STEALING
PRESENTS FROM EVERY PLANET.



THEN THEY WOULD PUT THE
STOLEN PRESENTS UNDER THE
TREES OF OTHER XMAS MONSTERS.



AXE COP COULD NOT
ALLOW THIS TO CONTINUE.



CHOP

HE STOLE ALL THE GIFTS BACK
FROM ALL THE PLANETS.



STOLEN PRESENTS

HE RETURNED EVERY ONE.



HE WAS REALLY TIRED
WHEN HE GOT BACK TO
THE SNOW PLANET. IT
WAS A LONG NIGHT.



BUT THE CHRISTMAS MONSTERS SENT
THEIR BEST FIGHTERS TO KILL AXE COP
BECAUSE HE MADE THEM REALLY MAD.



THE CHRISTMAS MONSTERS COULD ONLY HAVE CHRISTMAS BY STEALING IT FROM THE REST OF THE UNIVERSE. THEY WERE SUPER MAD.



BUT THEY HAD A SECRET ATTACK.



THEY THREW A CANDY CANE AT AXE COP.

IT STUCK RIGHT IN AXE COP'S MOUTH.



BLECH!! CHERRY RAINBOW!! I HATE CHERRY RAINBOW!! YOU FOUND MY SECOND WEAKNESS!



CHERRY RAINBOW WAS AXE COP'S SECOND WEAKNESS.* IT MADE HIM ALMOST DIE.

*SEE ASK AXE COP #38

BUT SANTA CAME AND HEALED HIM AND GAVE HIM A SOUR GREEN CANDY CANE.



WHICH GAVE HIM...



USING THE POWER OF CHRISTMAS, AXE COP GAVE THE XMAS MONSTERS GIFTS FOR THEIR WHOLE PLANET.



THE XMAS MONSTERS WERE SO HAPPY.

THEY BROUGHT THE PRESENTS
BACK TO A CHEERING PLANET.



AND ALL THE XMAS
MONSTERS WOKE UP TO A
TREE FULL OF PRESENTS.



ALL THE PRESENTS
WERE FULL OF BOMBS.

THE EXPLOSIONS WERE BIGGER
THAN AN ATOMIC BOMB. IT
BLEW UP THE WHOLE PLANET.

BOOOOM!

THE EXPLOSION WAS SO
BIG IT EVEN TOOK OFF A
SMALL CHUNK OF EARTH.

THAT MORNING AXE COP
GOT WHAT HE ALWAYS
WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS.

A ROBOT SANTA THAT
GAVE HIM PRESENTS
ALL YEAR LONG.



EVERYONE SANG AXE COP CHRISTMAS
CAROLS BECAUSE HE SAVED
CHRISTMAS FROM MONSTERS FOREVER.

*Chop to the World!
the Lord has Axe Cop!
Let Earth receive her Axe Cop!
Let every head,
prepare for his axe...
and bad guy babies are dumb
and bad guy babies are dumb
and bad guy, and bad guy
babies are dumb!*

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

