



from Daytona Beach, Florida!



One day the students of Mrs. Shaw's third grade class were asked by the cafeteria workers to help make gingerbread men for all of the students at Ortona Elementary School. While the students were baking, one of them bumped into a shelf and from way up on top an old canister filled with a strange glowing powder fell into the mix. It caused the dough to glow a bright red and sparkle like glitter. A few moments later POOF hundreds of gingerbread men sprung to life and ran all over the cafeteria. They ran out the doors and jumped out the windows yelling, "Catch me if you can!"

Reports started pouring in from all over town, they were everywhere. The first batch was spotted on the beach with their surfboards and climbing into lifeguard towers. Others raced to the top of our 100 year old lighthouse to see what they could see. Calls even came in from Daytona International Speedway that said they couldn't be stopped and were racing around the track at over 200 miles an hour. From here, from there, and everywhere all you heard was, "Catch me if you can!" They were hiking in state parks and watching the manatees, scouting down the river in kayaks, even showing up at the planetarium and climbing on the giant sloth at the museum.

We need your help! We have already captured a bunch of the gingerbread men and are sending them to other schools all over the country for safe keeping. This one is yours. Make sure you keep it close and whatever you do, don't let it out of your sight. Good luck!

