

## The Birthday Triplets Times

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#### **Breaking News** from Granny Rosie's Amazing Magnificent Magical Adventure Factory

#### Fairytale Adventure

Newly discovered Icky Sticky Paste has put Humpty Dumpty back together again. All the King's horses and all the King's men have been reassigned to babysitting Old Mother Hubbard's children.

#### North Pole Adventure

Elves on strike! Demands include less pointy shoes and frequent flyer miles.

#### Gingerbread Man Adventure

The Gingerbread Man-caught! But not before breaking marathon world records. 2020 Olympic hopeful?

## A Surprise!

One morning, while Candi Birthday picked flowers outside Granny Rosie's magical factory, she heard someone crying.

"Diane! What's wrong?" Candi asked her friend. A tear tricked down Diane's cheek. "The kids at the park are making fun of me again. They say my house on Skunk Hill is smelly!" she sobbed.

Candi hugged Diane until her tears stopped. She felt sad and angry that her friend had been hurt by unkind words. Candi knew she should say something to the kids, but what if they were mean to her too?

I have to be brave, Candi thought to herself.

Candi peered through the open window where Granny Rosie was busy making new adventures. Granny looked up and smiled, as if she already knew what Candi was going to do.

Candi gently led Diane by the hand towards the park. "No!" I don't want to go back there," she cried.

"I know how much you love the unicorn swings. You don't want to give those up, do you? Candi asked. Diane shook her head.



Cookie, Candi & Coco Birthday

We celebrate kindness, bravery, being your best, ballet and birthdays!

"They're my favorite. But I'm scared the kids will be mean to me again."

"It's ok, Diane. I'm also a little afraid."

You - scared?" she asked. "But you are brave, Candi. I'm not."

Candi looked at Diane. "Being brave doesn't mean that you aren't afraid. You can be scared AND brave at the same time.



We can do this together." Cont. Page 2

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As they came nearer to the park, they heard some of the kids laughing and pointing.

"Silly little Diane, scared like a mouse. Stinky, stinky, stinky. Stay away from her house!"

Diane gripped Candi hand. "I want to go home," she said, her voice trembling.

Be brave, Candi whispered. "We know your house on Skunk Hill isn't stinky!"

Candi marched up to the girl with a red bow who was laughing the loudest. Her two friends stood beside her, giggling.

"Please stop being mean to Diane and saying things that are not true! How would you feel if someone did this to you?" Candi asked.

Diane tried hard not to cry, but it was no use. The two friends looked down at their shoes. Suddenly it didn't feel so funny.

"What a baby!" yelled the girl in the red bow.

Suddenly, something welled up in Diane that she had never felt before. "I AM NOT A BABY!" she yelled. "This is my playground too, and I want you to leave me alone!"

The unkind girl started to say something, but her friends stopped her. "She's right," they said. "Let's go."

Candi and Diane sat on the unicorn swings. "I am so proud of you, Diane! You are brave."

Diane smiled. "Thanks Candi. I didn't even know that I could be." Diane sighed and said, "I am still a little sad. It won't be long before someone else teases me about Skunk Hill."

Just then, they heard a whoosh from above - Granny Rosie and her flying cloud, Lulu Puff! "Jump in!" Granny said."We're going somewhere special."



They soared past Applesauce Lake, Be Kind Lane, and over Silly House Street. Diane laughed as she looked down, "Look! That house looks just like a tea pot."

The Birthday Triplets' pup, Chocolate Pudding, barked at the house shaped like a birthday cake. "I think that's her favorite!" Candi said, laughing.

Lulu Puff landed at the end of Silly House Street. "Why are we here Granny?" asked Candi. "It's nothing but a big empty patch of grass."

Granny Rosie handed Diane a present wrapped in pink paper. "It's from my special magic machine," she said with a smile.

"It smells so nice," Diane said as she opened the small box. "Oh, thank you, Granny Rosie! What could this be?"

In a shower of rainbow sparkles, a flower house appeared!

Diane jumped up and down. "I have the prettiest house in the world, and it will be like living in a beautiful flower garden!"



Survey: Should dinosaurs be allowed on our playgrounds?



Pet Posts

#### Overheard at the Pet Parade

#### Harriet Hamster

"I love cage cleaning day. The fresh bedding makes me feel so clean and happy that I somersault! "

#### Goofy the Goldfish

"I'm so happy when my tank water is sparkling clean so I can see where I'm swimming. I wish my family would remember to feed me everydaybut not too much, so I don't get a tummy ache.



Did You Know? By Cookie Birthday



Kangaroos cannot walk backwards.

Honey lasts forever.

Rabbits and parrots can see behind them without turning their heads.

If you put an apple in water, it will float? This is because an apple is 25% air.

Giraffes, with their 21 inch tongues, can clean their own ears!

You can't sneeze with your eyes open!

A snail can sleep for three years!

Baby beavers are called kittens.

### Please Adopt!

A sad doggy or kitty



#### Dear Coco,

| really love my ballet classes, but I don't want to practice at home. What should I do?

Kayla S., Age 7- Houston, Texas

#### Hi Kayla!,

Sometimes practice doesn't feel like fun. How about starting for just a short time each day- even IO minutes? The next week you can add five more minutes. Keep adding a little bit more each week, and before you know it, you'll be dancing so well that you won't be looking at the clock at all!

The most important thing is to be your very best during your practice time-no matter how long or short it is!

#### Dear Coco,

I want to learn how to write my name, but keep making mistakes on some of the letters. It's hard, and sometimes I want to give up. Ashley D., age 4 -Provence, France.

#### Hi Sophie!

It's ok to feel that way. Learning something new can be a little hard and making mistakes are all part of it. Our Granny Rosie says that when we use our pencil eraser, we're giving it something to do! So keep on erasing. Keep on trying. Before you know it, what once was hard will be easy. I am so proud of you, Sophie! Next time you write to me, I know you will be signing your name on the letter!

Love, Coco

## Cookie's Kindness Corner



## FUNNIES!



What do you feed a teddy bear? Nothing, he's already stuffed.

What do elves lean in school?
The elf-abet

# Being kind makes me happy. Here are some ways you can be kind:

Ooh! I love presents! On my birthday, my friend Alonso gave me a gift wrapped in blue bow. What could be inside? I started to imagine all the things I really wanted: a new paint set, bug catcher for injured insects, a baby penguin stuffed animal. I was so excited that I could barely open the present! I lifted the lid to find... a model airplane that he had made in his workshop.

Alonso looked so happy. I knew he had worked hard to make me something special-even though it wasn't what I thought I wanted. Alonso chose all my favorite colors for the airplane and even painted a pretty butterfly on one of the wings. That was kind.

I couldn't hurt his feelings and have him think I didn't like the gift. I thought about the things I *did* like. "Thank you, Alonso!" I said. "I know you spent a lot of time making something special for me. I like that you remembered the colors I love and even painted a butterfly!"

So remember to always smile and say thank you for EVERY gift. It makes the other person feel good inside and you too. That's the best present of all!









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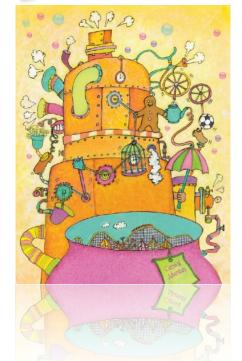








Magical inventor, Granny Rosie, sits all alone in her Adventure Factory on her birthday. When she decides to create a birthday adventure for herself, everything goes comically wrong. That is, until the magic Birthday Triplets-Cookie, Coco and Candi dance into her life and change it forever. The Birthday Triplets celebrate kindness, bravery, being our best, ballet and most of all-birthdays!



#### This new, expanded edition

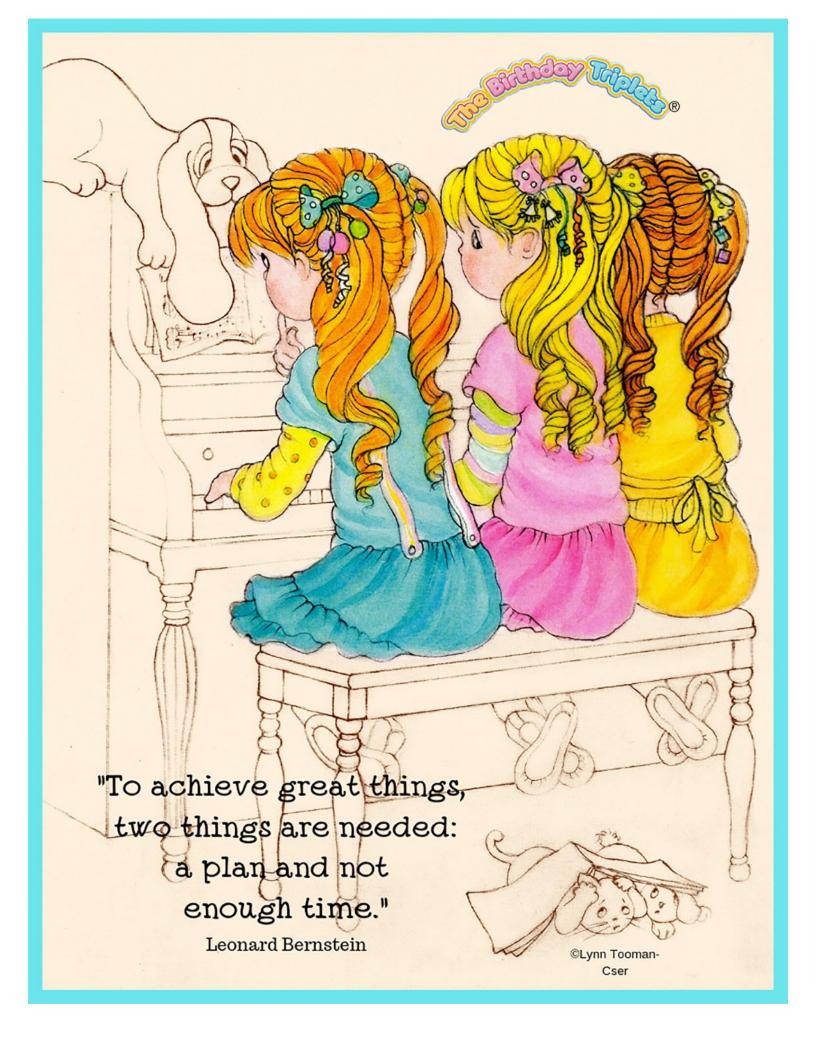
of the original birthday story includes a magical map, full-page pictures of each triplet surrounded with their favorite things, and other surprises!



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