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# MERRY NOVEMBER TO YOU FROM ALL OF US



Was it ever a great party! The center is very impressive, the Governor said, and it really is fantastic, with an indoor-outdoor kindergarten (the walls slide back into themselves somehow, to make an open-air playground); a wading pool; a gym; a shop. We all sang Christmas carols; we ate lots of tree- and bell-shape Christmas cookies and drank chocolate milk. Then came the presents. They looked marvelous, and everybody cheered and applauded because it looked like—well, a *dream* of Christmas. And I saw my Cynthia doll in the arms of a girl who seemed to love her as much as I did! At last it was over and we went home—and what do you think? There were more packages waiting for us! “You can open them now,”

Mommy suggested. So we did. And guess what! No, you never will! *In my package was a Cynthia doll, my big wish! The twins' boxes contained the exact toys they had chosen for the center!* We just screeched! Just then, the phone rang. Dru. Her father had bought her a Talking Tamu of her own; and Sukey had just called Dru to say that *her* Dad had surprised her with Ginger Snap. “Daddy,” I said, “how come?” “It was a conspiracy,” he admitted with a smile. “The entire fathers’ committee, including the Governor, had the same idea: Why not get you kids the very gifts that you yourselves had selected! I hope it’s okay with you.”

Okay? OKAY! Honestly, *fathers!* Aren’t they just the greatest? All of them!



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