

A Very Special Gift



Once upon a time, three angels were busily working in the miracle factory.

They were responsible for wrapping up all the little miracles and sending them on their way.

Normally they wrapped each one in bright, sturdy paper with big, shiny ribbons. They stamped it with a delivery date and away it would go to the parents who eagerly awaited its arrival. Things usually ran pretty smoothly.

One day, however, down the conveyer belt came a little miracle that made the angels pause.

"Oh my," said the first angel "this one's uhm... well... different."

"Yes, she is unique" said the second angel.

"Well I think she's quite special," said the third angel.

The others quickly agreed.

"Yes she is definitely special," said the first angel "but I don't think she will quite fit our standard wrapping procedures."

And the second angel added, "And we know she's special, but will everyone else?"

"Not a problem," said the third angel "obviously a special miracle deserves extra special wrapping; and of course we'll send her off with our most heartfelt blessings. Then everyone will see how special she is."

"What a wonderful idea!" replied the others. So they searched the shelves high and low for their finest paper, and their most delicate ribbons.

When they were done, they stood back and admired their work.

"Beautiful!" they all agreed.

"Now for our blessings," said the third angel "for it is time for her to go."

"I will bless her with innocence and happiness," said the first angel.

"And I will bless her with strength to face the many challenges that lie ahead" said the second angel.

"And I will bless her with an inner beauty that will shine on all who look upon her," said the third angel. Before sending her off the third angel, who was very wise, gently tucked a note inside. It said:



Dear Parents,

Today you have received a very special gift.
It may not be what you were expecting,
And you may be disappointed, angry and hurt.
But please know that she comes with many blessings,
And, while there may be pain, she will bring you much joy.
She will take you on a very different journey,
But you will meet many wonderful people.
She will teach you patience and understanding,
And make you reach deep inside yourselves
to find a source of strength and faith you never knew you had.
She will enrich your lives,
And will touch the hearts of all who meet her.
She may be fragile,

But she has great inner strength.
So please handle her with care,
Give her lots of attention,
Shower her with hugs and kisses,
Love her with all your heart,
And she will blossom before your eyes.
Her spirit will shine like the brightest star for all to see,
And you will know you are truly blessed.

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