

# A Crackers Christmas!

DING, went my alarm as I lifted myself off my bed. I reached up for my onesie and with a weary eye, checked my calendar. WAIT WHAT!! It was Christmas Day. Without thinking I rushed to Mum and Dad's room to wake them up, but I tripped over an immense sack! I peered inside, there were lots of presents but first I had to wake everyone up! We all clambered down the stairs into the Lounge where Max was laying on the sofa on his back! To be kind we let Max open **one** of his presents from us but it seemed he preferred the wrapping paper more than what was inside. Until I squeaked the squeaker, he went crazy and we were holding the squeaker in just under 3 minutes! Once we had taken pictures by the tree, Issy and I opened our presents from Father Christmas taking turns. I got cartridge paper, felt pens, a Cadbury selection box and a PJ top with the words BAD TO THE BONE on it! Pretty cool. I got lots of other things too but I won't bore you with them. Under the tree was another sack for Dad! He got presents as well and so did Mum!

2 hours passed and we had half an hour to lay the table and clean the house before my Grandparents came round at half ten. Soon they arrived and I drew a welcome sign with my new cartridge paper and stuck it on the door. Mum and Dad were now busy cooking our mouth-watering dinner, so Issy, I and my Grandparents played Monopoly Jackpot. YES you guessed it I won, only just mind you.

At around half 2, we came together in the Dining room and was served with a phenomenal Christmas dinner, so we kept eating and eating until we felt we would burst! Once everyone had swallowed their piece of the Christmas pudding, We gathered in the Lounge and everyone sat in a space. Then Issy and I handed out all the presents that were under the tree as if we were Santa's helpers. All except one, as it was not under the tree... We put music on our Alexa and took turns to open our presents from family going clockwise in a circle. We were in a circle so we could see what everyone else got. I was so thankful and happy with what I got, but I was more glad that everyone else liked their presents especially my sister, Mum and Dad. That one present that was not under the tree was in the garage, it was MINE! I opened it and on the box it said double bed frame, My Mum and Dad got me a double bed for Christmas! The mattress was coming soon but I could unwrap the frame.

Issy and I had made a quiz a few days back and wanted to play it with the family, so at 6pm, all of the family joined a ZOOM call and the quiz. Issy and I had no clue that it would be as hard as it was! There were 6 rounds so it ended around half 7, but hopefully everybody enjoyed it.

Next we played a game that I made up, **The dice game**, where you have to roll two 1-9 dice, and once everyone has had a turn, the person who rolled the largest number got a prize from the prize bag. In this game you play it 5 times. The game we played after that one was so fun. We had never played it before so it was new to everyone except my Grandparents as they thought of it. It was called **The Boy and Girl game**. You get given a sheet of lined paper and at the top is a boy or girl's name. Next to that is an age, and there are names hidden around the house. If you have a girl's name with the age of 18, you have to find a boy's name which starts with the letter that your last name ended with. It also has to be one year younger each time. When you fill in your whole slip of paper you win. That game always takes a while so by the end it was around 10pm! We were all a bit peckish so Mum and Dad put a few snacks on the table including crackers, cheese, cucumber and carrot, just to keep us going. There was one game that we hadn't played, **the House game**. For this we needed to use my parent's calendar mini houses. It is quite simple really as all you have to do is roll a 1-6 die and if you get a 6, you get a house, if you don't get a 6, you give the die to the next player. In houses, you can either get a chocolate coin, a pound coin, a piece of paper that says (s) or A-Z. If it says (s), you get a scratch card. If it says A-Z you get a prize. You keep going until all 24 houses disappear. I got 6 scratch cards and altogether won £25!

The day had gone so fast and it had been so much fun, unfortunately, the day had to end and my Grandparents left not long before midnight. That was a different Christmas I'll never forget.