

# December 13th, 2020 - Sophia's story

## The Great Christmas Dinner Disaster

It was the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> December. Everybody was excited about Christmas. We had to prepare a lot of things. We needed to bake new cookies (because we couldn't find the old ones anywhere), decorate the house and get the tree from the store. We had already chosen one and reserved it but we still had to pick it up. We decided to split our work, so we didn't need that much time. My mother went to the grocery store to buy the ingredients for the cookies. My father went to the Christmas tree shop (still feeling guilty for "disappearing" the old cookies), to pick up the tree.

Me and my brother went downstairs to the cellar because that's where we keep the carton with all our decorations. Together we carried the box upstairs and started decorating. It didn't take us too long, about 20 min. Soon after, our mother came home from the store and because we were finished, my brother and I helped my mother with the baking. My mother quickly cleaned the kitchen and told us to get dressed. We ate our lunch at our neighbour's house because they very kindly invited us.

Suddenly it was 4pm and my whole family came over. I took my cousins to my bedroom when the adults were chatting. Our actual mission was to put the presents under the tree...but there was a problem. We couldn't find the presents that my father always hides in the same place every Christmas anywhere! We told my father and asked him to have a look, but he couldn't find them himself! The presents were gone! I went downstairs with all the children. My six-year-old cousin slipped on the stairs and began to cry! He had hurt his ankle really badly. In the living room the other kids were crying because they had no presents to open and my four-year-old cousin pushed the tree, and all the glass figures and balls fell down and smashed all over the floor.

A few hours before I had just been thinking that it was going to be an epic Christmas. Well, in many ways, it kind of was.

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