

A magical solution



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Melchior and Balthasar went to meet Gaspar and were sitting at the table with a cup of hot chocolate. In silence. They had been talking it over for two hours, but they just couldn't find a solution they liked...

Balthasar: But how will they give us their letters if we can't have a Parade? And their dummies?

Melchior: I know, I know...

Gaspar: Come on, let's keep thinking...

The problem was that, if they walked around the streets of Barcelona with their entire entourage this 5 January, every family would want to go and greet them. The streets would end up full of people and, in view of the current circumstances... this was too risky!

They had thought of so many alternatives!

Gaspar: What if we send our magic messenger pigeons?

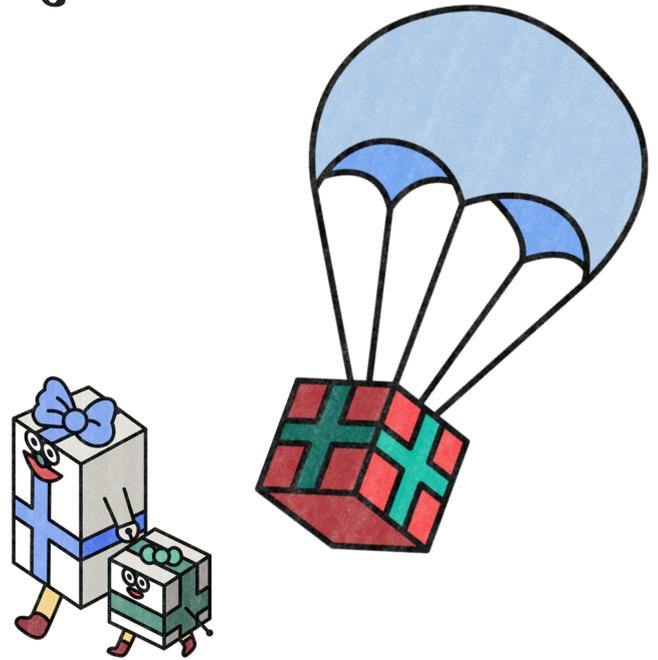
Balthasar: They will leave Barcelona covered in droppings...

Melchior: We could send the pages dressed up in bubble costumes...

Gaspar: Bubble costumes??? What are you talking about?

Balthasar: I've got it! I've got it! We could go through the streets dressed up as bin men, holding onto those iron bars they have behind the lorries...

Melchior: Yes, it would be loads of fun, but no one would recognise us. And besides, it would be too late for kids: bin lorries go out really late!



Since they couldn't find a solution, they decided to have a video call with the Pages Estel, Omar and Gregori to ask for their advice.

Balthasar: Hang on a minute: our camera isn't working! Now!

Melchior: We can't use headphones because there are three of us...

Gaspar: What do we need to do to see everyone? All we can see on the screen is ourselves!

Page Estel: That's fine if we can hear each other!

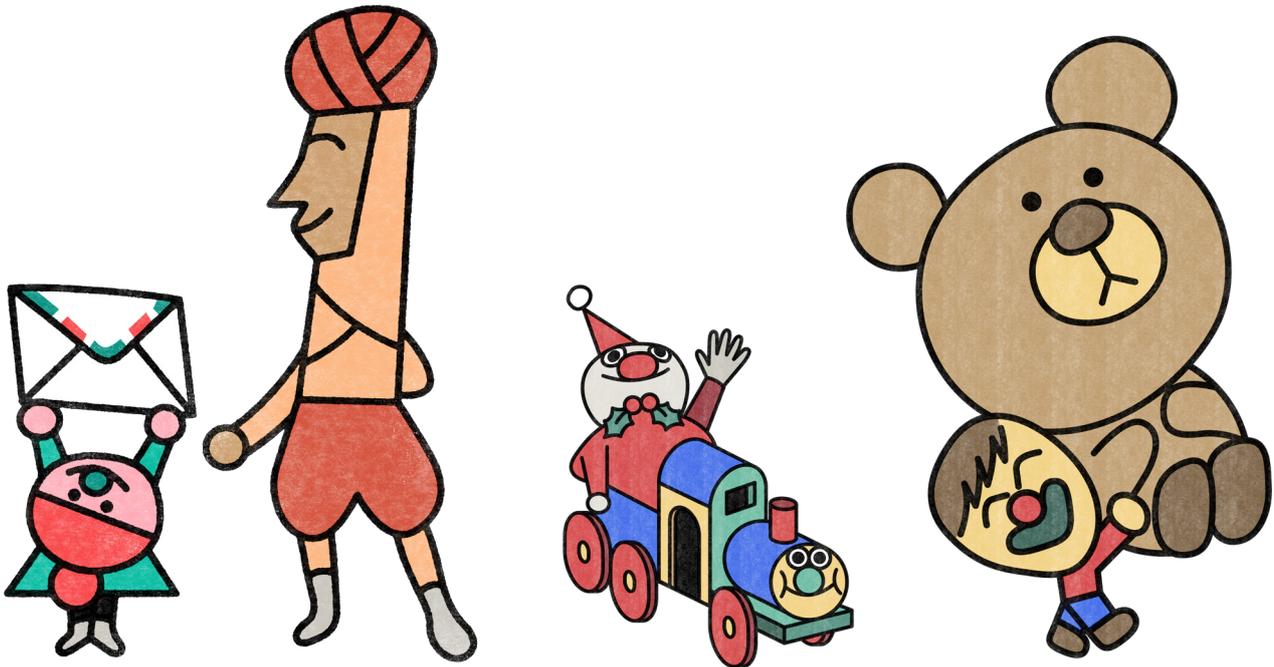
Page Omar: I must warn you that I'm in the middle of the desert and I've got almost no reception...

Page Gregori: Next time we do a video call, let's use a magic connection: this is impossible!

Page Estel: Calm down everyone! I think I've found something useful...

Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar: Come on, explain!!!

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The Page Estel told them that, while doing some research at the Royal Library of the Orient, she had found some documents about the green nose flu pandemic, as it was then known...

ALL: The green nose flu????

Estel: Yes, don't you remember? A flu outbreak in 1256 that gave you a green nose for a week...

ALL: Oh, yes! Ha ha ha!

“That year,” Estel explained, “in order to prevent the spread of the disease, the royal entourage was also unable to hold parades or face-to-face events, and they decided to carry a load of magic sacks to each city for everyone to leave their letters and dummies in...”

Balthasar: Now I remember, Estel! It's a great idea, and I think we could make it even better...

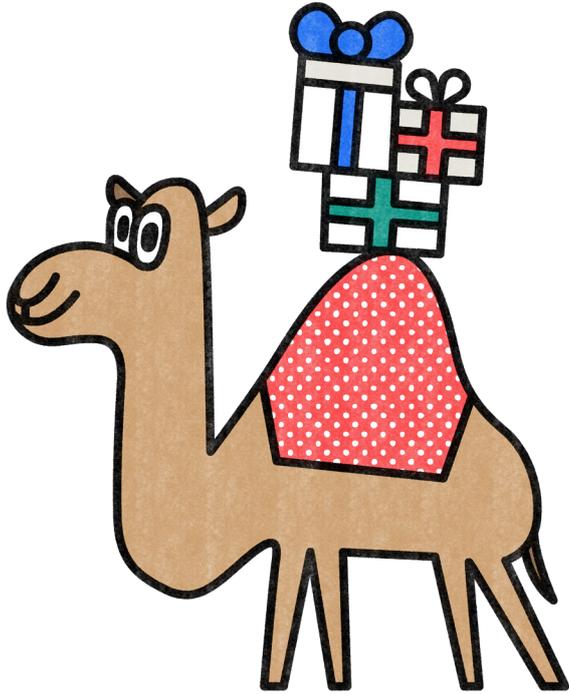
They continued with their online meeting, taking notes, making drawings and plans... and they finally had an idea. It was this:

First of all, the sea party will send a magic cargo with lots of royal items and belongings to the Fòrum.

People will be able to go and see it as part of a very special tour, and the Pages Estel, Omar and Gregori will guide families through Their Majesties' best kept secrets using a magic screen link from the Orient.

Tools and costumes of the royal party, fantastical creatures, magic machines, the Great Royal Mailbox... All this and much more will be at the Fòrum from 28 December. And, more importantly, everyone will be able to deliver their cards and dummies in person!

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They had finally found a good solution.
They were a fantastic team!

Melchior: Oh no, it's late!

Gaspar: Come on, let's get some sleep:
we've got so much work to do! And
thank you, everyone!

Balthasar: You're the best help we could
ever have imagined!

The Three Kings of the Orient went to
sleep happy and carefree, especially
because they knew there was something
no virus would ever prevent:
on 5 January they would arrive in the
city of Barcelona and, when everyone
was fast asleep, they would leave their
gifts in every home!

Estel, Omar and Gregori: Good night,
Your Majesties!



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