

Three Wishes

On a Saturday afternoon, I was sitting with all of my friends talking. Suddenly, Mimi pulled a lamp out of her pocket and said, "I found this in my attic, and I wanted to bring it to you guys to figure out what to do with it." We all crowded around her, when I exclaimed, "It's a genie lamp!"

Five minutes later, I was rubbing the lamp, and out of nowhere, a genie popped out! She said her name was Karima, and she would grant us three wishes and only three. All of my friends went silent and started to think. Then, Mackenzie suddenly said, "Wait, is it three wishes per person or three wishes all together?" "Three wishes all together," the genie said. "Then, how are we going to decide who asks for three wishes?" asked Jaime.

"I know! We could have three contests and whoever wins in each one gets to choose the three wishes," I said. Everyone agreed to my idea. "Alright Karima, I want you to set a contest to see which person asks the first wish," Samantha said. The genie looked confused, but no one noticed. "Okay, I want you to have a standing on one foot contest. Whoever can stand on one foot the longest, wins," said the genie.

So we all lined up, one girl after the other, standing on one foot, the genie timing us. One by one, each girl's foot came down with a thud, until only one person's foot was left up. Mine. "I declare Kayleigh the winner of this challenge!" said the genie. Everyone cheered, and I sat down on the sidelines to watch the other two challenges. I noticed the genie still looked confused, but I didn't think much about it.

"Okay genie, I want you to set us a second contest," said Mimi. "Alright, I think you should have a dancing contest. Whoever has the best dance moves, wins," said

the genie. But Mimi raised her hand. "Isn't that kind of cheating? I mean, you're choosing the winner based on opinion." "So, what are we going to do?" I asked.

"Karima, can you set a different contest for us, that doesn't involve opinions?" asked Jaime. "Sure. I know! Whoever can hold their breath the longest, wins," said Karima. So all the other girls took a deep breath. It was about thirty seconds later, till I heard gasps for breath. The only person left, was Mandie. Everyone cheered for her.

"Now on to the last contest," said Jaime. "Karima?" "I'm sorry," said Karima. "But you've already used up your three wishes." We all started to talk over each other, till I shouted, "Wait! What wishes? We never wasted even one wish!" "Um, yes, you did," said Karima. Everyone looked confused. Karima sighed and said, "Samantha, you asked me to set a contest for you. You too Mimi, and Jaime, so did you. You all wanted me to set a contest for you." We all groaned having such high hopes for getting our wishes.

After the genie left, we all sat down to talk about all that had happened. All of us just sat there, quiet, where you could hear a feather drop on the floor. Samantha broke the silence. "Well, we did waste our three wishes, even though we didn't know it, but we still had a lot of fun." I was glad that Samantha broke the silence, because I would have never come up with something that poetic. Everyone thought about what she said, and agree with her statement. So, like a good stories end, we all lived happily ever after.

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