

May 27th - England

The next day, Kat made her farewells to her family.

"Mum, please don't cry. I shall visit again. If not before, I shall see you all at the wedding."

Finally, wiping away the tears, Kat got into her car and began the journey back to Creighton-Ward Manor.

Parker met her at the door.

" 'Er ladyship h'is h'in the drawing room with Miss Tin-Tin."
As Kat entered the room, Lady Penelope rose to greet her.

"Kat, your hair looks wonderful, so different! The Tracy's won't recognise you. Did you have a wonderful time with your parents?"

"Yes, I did, but it was hard parting from them."

"Now my dear, I have a present for you. Parker?"

Parker came into the room carrying a crate of wine bottles. Kat gasped

"Twelve bottles of wine, six red and six white. After all," Penelope added with a smile, "there may be occasions when you want to celebrate."

Parker handed her a small parcel. Kat opened it to reveal a beautiful carved wooden wine bottle opener. Kat hugged him. "Thank you, Parker. It's lovely."

Lil entered and gave Kat a hamper. "Some ingredients and herbs and spices to use in the wok."

Kat was quite overcome. "Thank you all so much. They're wonderful presents." Then excusing herself, she headed for the garage to have a quick word with Lofty. He was working on FAB-1 wiping his hands on a piece of cloth; he came over to chat to her. Sitting on the edge of the bench, swinging her legs, they talked for a short while, about FAB-1 and Lady Penelope.

"She's a luvly boss. The best I have ever worked for," Lofty said enthusiastically.

Kat nodded in agreement. She would always have a soft spot for Lady Penelope. She felt that even now, there was nothing that she wouldn't do to assist her Ladyship.

Kat headed back to the house. Lady Penelope and Tin-Tin were in the Drawing Room. As soon as Kat appeared, Lady Penelope rang the bell for Parker to bring in the tea. During tea Tin-Tin showed Kat her purchases.

"Wow, what lovely clothes Tin-Tin. You'll look so elegant." Kat said. Thinking of the clothes that she had bought herself, which were all very practical. Except for the long skirt.

And for the next hour or so, the three young women discussed Lady Penelope and Tin-Tin's day in London at the Fashion Show and Kat's stay with her parents.

However, the time was growing nearer for Kat and Tin-Tin to return to Tracy Island.

Soon the little plane was loaded with not only Kat's presents and shopping, but Tin-Tin's purchases as well.

Hugging Lady Penelope, Parker and Lil one last time, Kat boarded the plane and, once clearance was given, headed back with Tin-Tin to Tracy Island.

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