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Subject: Re: New Beginnings

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January 1, 2069, noon; Rockville, Maryland (5 AM on Jan 2 on Tracy Island)

"Mom, Nyanya, Leslie! Hurry up! The parade's about to start!"

"We're coming, Naomi. Not so loud. Siti's sleeping."

"Sorry, Leslie."

Half the family was at Joy and Tom's home. She had had given her husband a big screen television, similar to Matthew and Amelia's, for Christmas, and they both wanted to watch the parade and Rose Bowl game (at least) on it. Lena, and Leslie, with E.J. and Siti had joined them the night before to ring in the new year, and spend the night. Matthew and his family, including grandchildren, would join them later for football game watching.

Joy, Lena, and Leslie walked into the living room, one bearing a huge pizza, another with drinks in bottles and pitchers on a tray, and the third with glasses. "Now this should satisfy you all for a while, but just in case, there's a smaller pizza in the oven," Joy said, as she set the drinks on the large coffee table, and placed a mat for the pie. "But only the two. Any more will be baked once Matthew and the rest of the family show up."

Lena sat down in an armchair beside which she had placed her laptop. Kevin had suggested to her that she could pull up the order in which the bands and floats, etc. would come. She opened the computer and pulled up the website she'd found earlier that would tell them what they wanted to know.

"What's the theme for this year's parade, Nyanya?"

"Let's see. Ah, Heroes, Past and Present."

"Cool! Does it also say who's the Grand Marshall?" asked Naomi.

"I'm looking. Ah, here it is: Andrew Carmichael, representing Doctors Witout Borders. Well, now. Isn't dat interesting."

"What, Mom?"

"Doctor Carmichael is Dianne Tracy's uncle. I wonder if she and her motter know about dis. She didn't say anything to me when we last talked."

"You'll have to call her later."

"Well, much later. She told me dat de family will be spending New Year's Eve, and de first in England, at Lady Penelope's estate. I don't know when dey'll be able to see it. I have de feeling dey won't see it live."

"Too bad, though, they couldn't have someone from International Rescue in the parade."

"I imagine deir security is too tight to allow dem to be part of de parade."

"Oh, look," Kevin exclaimed. "Here comes the first float."

They turned their attention to the television, Tom, E.J. and Joy all commenting on how great the floats looked on the new television. Floats representing organizations from different countries passed, along with high school bands, and the usual horse troops. Then:

"Look at that!" "Oh wow!" "Cool!"

"And it's an award winner, too!"

Now I'll definitely have to call Dianne!