

THE H PPENING

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Dear Kessie's,

Thank you for the treats! I can always count on you to help me get through the long night.

I sync my list with Saint Nicholas to make sure everyone has been good before I make my baskets, and everyone made the good list...well I think so anyway. I see you have a weekend guest with you and I am getting a 94% positive match, due to hair samples, fingerprints and DNA from saliva on the pillowcase, that she is Devon DeZwaan-Lemke. I didn't have time to pull her file. Protocol says I should contact Horatio Hornblower and asked him to run a background on her, but if she is a friend of yours I will save some time and okay the delivery. Plus my sources tell me that she is an Aunt to Eli Cooper and he's a cutie! No problems with that family.

Big things happening here, huh? Hannah is graduating next month? Just doesn't seem likely. I also hear a new baby is coming to your family! You all will be as busy as a one-armed elf trying to hang garland.

Well let me tell you a little more about the "behind the scenes" of our little world. Children come to us when they are 20 and begin their training. Some are candy makers, dentists, toy makers, etc. They begin to get younger each year until they are sent to Earth as babies. I tell you this, because the new Kessie has been very well liked here and we will miss him terribly!! It's a pleasure watching children know what their calling is and develop that strength. What is a little difficult is seeing them get younger and forget for several years where their strengths lie. A parent's job is to guide them back in that direction.

The reason so many of "us" visit you throughout your lives is, because we grew close to you and want to see you again. Believe me we don't need teeth piling up all over the place, but it gives Felix, Charity & Cassandra a chance to get out and see their friends. Anyway, Liam was a favorite around here! I think he had an edge over most, because of his Dad. Josiah still holds many records today in the toy construction department and his photos are still up on many walls and his initials carved on many desks ☺. Liam had a little problem once, but he kept his record

clean since then. Every time he would pass through my department he would grab a handful of M&M's and ask me to put it on his tab.

Liam knew he was leaving, they all do, but he only cried once. It was then that Drake gave him a picture of his Mother to keep in his belongings. That helped him a lot! The children don't know where they are going; only what language they need to learn. Liam's first word was Popi.

Drake gave me something for you to keep. We don't need it anymore. Don't tell anyone you have it.

Happy Easter! Love you all!!