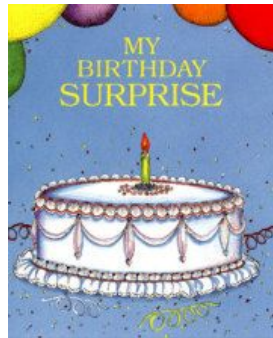


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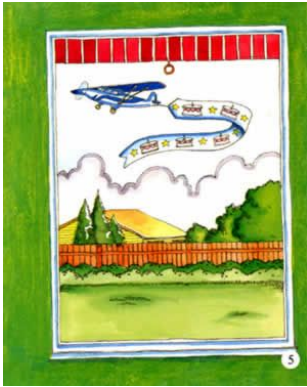
"My Birthday Surprise"
was created especially for

Lucy Ann Smith

with love from

Mommy and Daddy

March 2, 2015



Lucy Smith was so excited! Her "big" day had finally arrived! She had reminded everyone in Hawaii about her birthday on March 2nd, for a long time. Lucy had not wanted a single person to forget this special day. Today she was 6.



For months now, Lucy had been dreaming day and night about her party. She had asked her friends again and again, "Do you suppose my birthday will ever get here?" There were many names on her invitation list. Lucy hoped Lana could come. She was really looking forward to a great time!



It seemed to Lucy that her dreams always started out the same way. She would be sitting in the middle of an enormous room all dressed up for her party. Beside her was a key ring with 10 magic keys, each a different color. Around her would be doors, and Lucy knew that the keys were there to open those matching, colored doors.

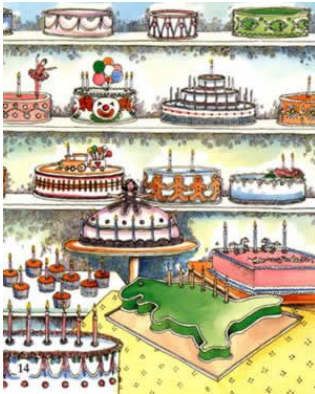


In each dream, **Lucy** would find many happy, wonderful surprises behind the locked doors... Except for one. There were 11 doors, but only 10 keys.

Lucy wondered how she would get into that last room. There wasn't even a knob on the door. Every time she would start to search for the missing key, she would wake up. Oh well! Maybe **Lana** could help her.



In her dreams, **Lucy** liked to start with the blue key that unlocked the blue door. The blue room looked as if it held a billion bouncing balloons. There were balloons of different shapes, colors and sizes, and **Lucy** had fun walking through them. There was one balloon that had to be the biggest, bluest balloon she had ever seen. This was so much fun, **Lucy** raced on to the next door !



The second door opened up to a white room with lots and lots of birthday cakes. There were tiny cakes and gigantic cakes and cakes just big enough for **Lucy** to eat all by herself. Some cakes were huge, but there was one snowy white cake behind the white door that had 7 huge layers. It was a cake for **Lucy**. She wanted to show all these beautiful cakes to **Lana**.



When Lucy opened the cherry red door, she almost fell backward! What a fun dream! In front of her was a monstrous mountain of melting ice cream. There were cherries, nuts, whipped cream and syrup running down the sides. Lucy thought it would be so much fun to slide down this kind of mountain. What a delightful, delicious time she would have !



Lucy giggled when she opened the orange door to the clown room. Inside she found forty funny clowns, most of them with bright orange hair. There were fat clowns and thin clowns, short clowns and tall clowns, happy clowns and sad clowns.

Some clowns did tricks while other silly clowns just
clowned around. In this orange room, Lucy laughed until
she could laugh no more.



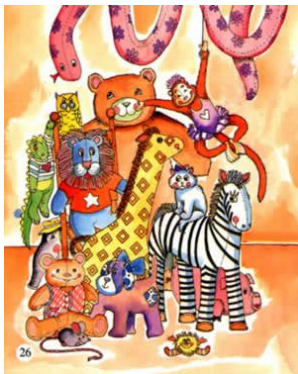
The green room had so many presents that Lucy had trouble opening the door. She wondered if any of the gifts were from Lana. She was hoping that one of those boxes would have something very nice she could play with on her birthday. Maybe it was the gigantic green gift box! Should she open it? No, she must hurry to the next door.



Lucy jumped up and down when she opened the glittering gold door and found a golden room full of rides for her birthday party. In the middle of the room was a beautiful gold merry-go-round. Surrounding it, Lucy could see the ponies with their golden saddles, a train ride and even a small ferris wheel !



A pink door opened up into a candy room. Lucy was amazed at all the candy. She found suckers, gumdrops, lollipops, peppermint sticks, hard candies, soft candies and all kinds of chocolate candies. There was also the biggest, bubbliest bunch of pink bubble gum that she had ever seen. Lucy knew that she would have to share this candy with Lana or she would have a big tummyache.



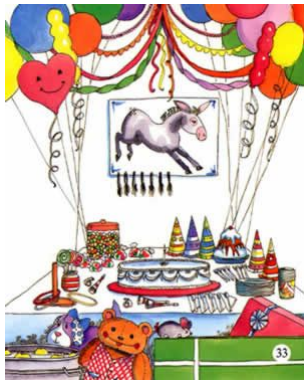
Behind the brown door were many, many huggable animals. Lucy wanted to hold and squeeze the soft, cuddly brown teddy bears, as well as the cats, dogs, monkeys and dinosaurs. Some of the other animals, like the giraffe, were taller than Lucy . Others were so small they would fit in her hand. If she put all these animals in her room, she might not be able to find her bed. Wow, that would be neat !



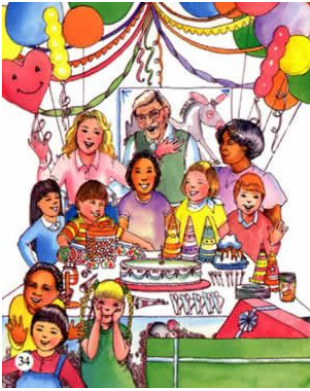
When **Lucy** opened the yellow door, she found a yellow room filled with games fit for a king. **Lucy** saw pin the tail on the donkey, a fishing pond, balloons for water fights, jacks, musical chairs, drop the clothespin in the bottle, bobbing for yellow apples, hopscotch and ring toss. **Lucy** knew exactly which games she would play first in the yellow room.



Using the shiny silver key, **Lucy** opened the silver door and saw colorful streamers decorating every inch of the tenth room. She also found everything else she needed for her birthday party. Here were the plates, cups, napkins, forks and spoons. For her guests, there were stacks and stacks of silver whistles, silver bells, horns, blowers, birthday hats and other party favors. She knew that she was ready for her birthday party when she saw the squirt guns !



Lucy found herself in front of the last door that had no key. She leaned against the door to peek through the keyhole and, as she did, the door silently opened. She looked inside. The rainbow-colored room was ready for a birthday party with something from each of the other ten rooms, but **Lucy** was puzzled. Something was missing! How could a birthday party be fun if you were all alone? She became very sad.



Suddenly many voices sang out
"Surprise!" and "Happy Birthday!" at the same time.
Lucy Smith blinked her eyes and immediately stopped
daydreaming. She turned around and saw **Lana**. This
was her best birthday surprise of all ! Now she knew that
having family and friends was much more important
than all the presents and decorations or even the cake.
Oh, it was fun to be **6**and have a birthday celebration !

Happy Birthday !

Lucy Smith

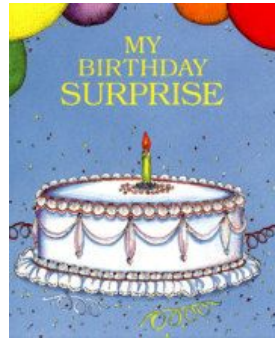
Where I celebrated my birthday:

My favorite gift:

What I liked most about
this birthday:

People who were with me to
celebrate my birthday:

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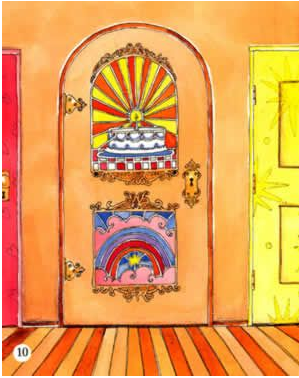
Yes, it was birthday time again,
March 2nd. Michael Smith of **Hawaii**, had reached yet another major plateau in his life - age **38**.
Michael was a high flier, a born leader, and a man of many accomplishments. There was no doubt about it - **Michael** was a legend in his own mind.



Claire, Lucy and Bob had planned a big birthday bash for **Michael** this year. Hand-written invitations had been sent to all his friends.
 Fortunately for **Claire, Lucy and Bob**, the job had been very easy. Only a few invitations had to be written.



Claire, Lucy and Bob had spent a lot of time developing a theme for this special birthday party. It was
Michael Smith
The ten keys to success
in your life
 Obviously, the theme was a very popular one. The party room was packed.



Claire, Lucy and Bob started his success story by explaining that the path Michael had followed through life had been met with a series of closed doors. Over the years, judging from the shape of his beak many of these doors had been slammed in his face.

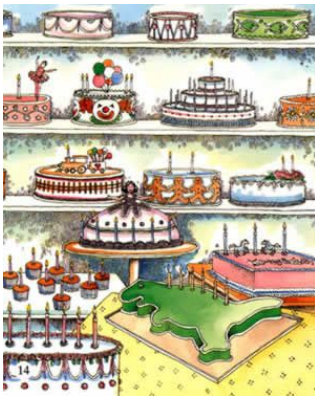
Despite these setbacks, Michael had still managed to become a success in Hawaii. It was evident that these ten keys had worked a miracle for Michael.



Michael and the rest of the party group were quiet when Claire, Lucy and Bob announced the first key to his success.

"Always be full of hot air"

Michael had devoted much of his life to achieving this goal. Those who knew him agreed that he was definitely full of it.



The second key of success was

"Stay young"

Michael maintained his youthful appearance by following a strict exercise program. His favorite activity seemed to be jogging to the refrigerator.

Unfortunately, staying young was difficult after 38 birthday celebrations. In fact, lighting the candles on his birthday cake was considered a fire hazard for Michael and everyone else present at the party.



Believing that

"No mountain is too hard to climb"

was another component of the success formula for

Michael. Anyone who had ever seen **Michael** demolish a mountain of ice cream topped with whipped cream and a cherry realized the truth of this statement. He could whittle it down in seconds.



The fourth key was a critical factor in making **Michael** the success he is.

"Surround yourself with intelligent, responsible people"

Michael always kept snapshots of his trusted friends in his wallet. Come to think of it, that was about all you could ever find in his wallet !



The excitement of the party had almost been too much for everyone. They decided to briefly interrupt this spell-binding

"Success Story" and have **Michael** open his many gifts.

Nobody had trouble buying **Michael** a present. After all, what can't you buy for a man who needs everything?



After watching **Michael** open his gifts, the anxious crowd was eager to hear the fifth key to his success. It was

Don't be a horse's... behind.

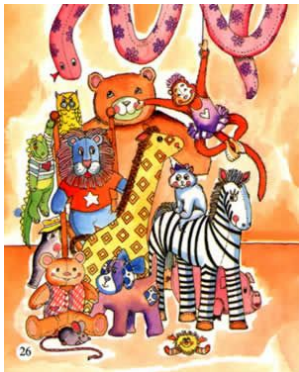
Unfortunately, **Michael** couldn't help himself. It was just his nature.



The saga of **Michael** continued. The next key to his success was

"Enjoy the sweet things in life."

There are many sweet things in life: the presence of a wonderful companion, adventure-filled vacations and lots of money. Whenever **Michael** wanted to enjoy sweet things, he went to his pantry. This was the only source of sweet things for **Michael**.



The seventh key was vitally important for social climbers like **Michael**:

**"Don't forget from whence
you came."**

On his long climb up the ladder of success, **Michael** never once forgot his roots. He was so very proud of all his ancestors.



To really be successful, you must

"Only play games you can win."

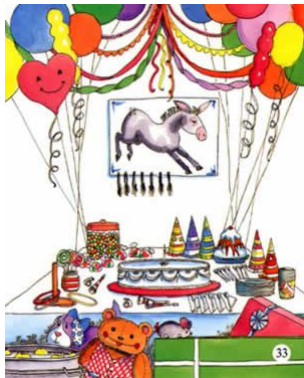
Talented individuals like **Michael** pride themselves on their athletic and business prowess. Very few adults had ever beaten **Michael** at any of his favorite games. Everybody knew he would have a temper tantrum if they did.



"Blow your own horn"

was certainly another vital part of his success formula.

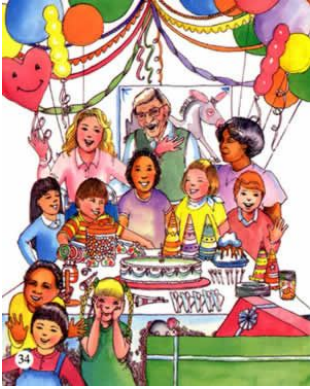
Everyone agreed that if **Michael** didn't blow his own horn, nobody would do it for him. In fact, he kept stacks of horns and whistles handy for all the important moments in his life. **Michael** would do almost anything to call attention to himself !



Michael always maintained that, to be successful, you must

"Picture yourself as you want to be."

Michael thought that once he was successful, his portrait would be hung in the homes of all of his friends.



Dear **Michael**:

Now you know the ten keys to the success in your life. We had originally planned to have you say a few words, but we remembered that brevity is not one of your ten keys.

Congratulations on yet another "successful" year.
Happy Birthday!

Liam

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