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The New Year was getting closer, and just like every year, Charalampos was waiting for Santa Claus to come and bring him his present, as happens every year for all children.

Charalampos was finishing kindergarten this year. Every day, the school bus left him at his grandparents' house, where they took care of him. His grandmother cooked for him, while his grandfather played with him, read to him, and made up stories, just like this one, which he loved very much.

So today Charalampos says to his grandfather, "Grandpa, will Santa Claus come and bring me my present? What do you think?"

"Of course he will, Charalampos," his grandfather says. "He never forgets any child. What did you ask him for?"

"Grandpa, I asked him for a battery-powered car that I can drive myself, while my dad follows me to keep me safe."

"Ah, that is a very nice toy," says Grandpa, "and an expensive one too."

“What worries me,” says Charalampos, “is how Santa Claus will bring it to me. The car is big, about one meter long, and it will not fit down the chimney.”

“Do not worry,” says Grandpa. “Santa will park his sleigh on the rooftop. Then he will get into his self-moving* vehicle, hold your package in his hands, come down to your balcony, and leave it outside your balcony door.”

There he left the present outside the window, climbed back into his vehicle, and let out his well-known cheerful voice: “Ho ho ho!”

Charalampos woke up, hearing the “Ho ho ho!” inside his dream, and went to the balcony.

There he saw the huge package, wrapped with a shining bow, and shouted to his father, “Dad, he came! He came!”

Morning was beginning to break, and a bright sun shone on the gift, which seemed to overflow with magic.

THE END

Note for Parents and Grandparents

Here you may add the name of the child to whom you are reading the story.