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Lin and the Early Midnight



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Staying Up

It was New Year's Eve. The courtyard twinkled with little lights, and all the neighbours came out. "I am staying up till midnight!" said Lin.





Dancing

Lin danced with Amara. Twirl, twirl, hop! Lin danced with Luca. Hop, hop, twirl! Then Lin yawned. "I am not sleepy," she said.

Cocoa

Nai Nai gave her a cup of warm cocoa. Lin sipped it on the bench, all cosy in a blanket. Her eyes went droopy. "I am NOT sleepy," she said.





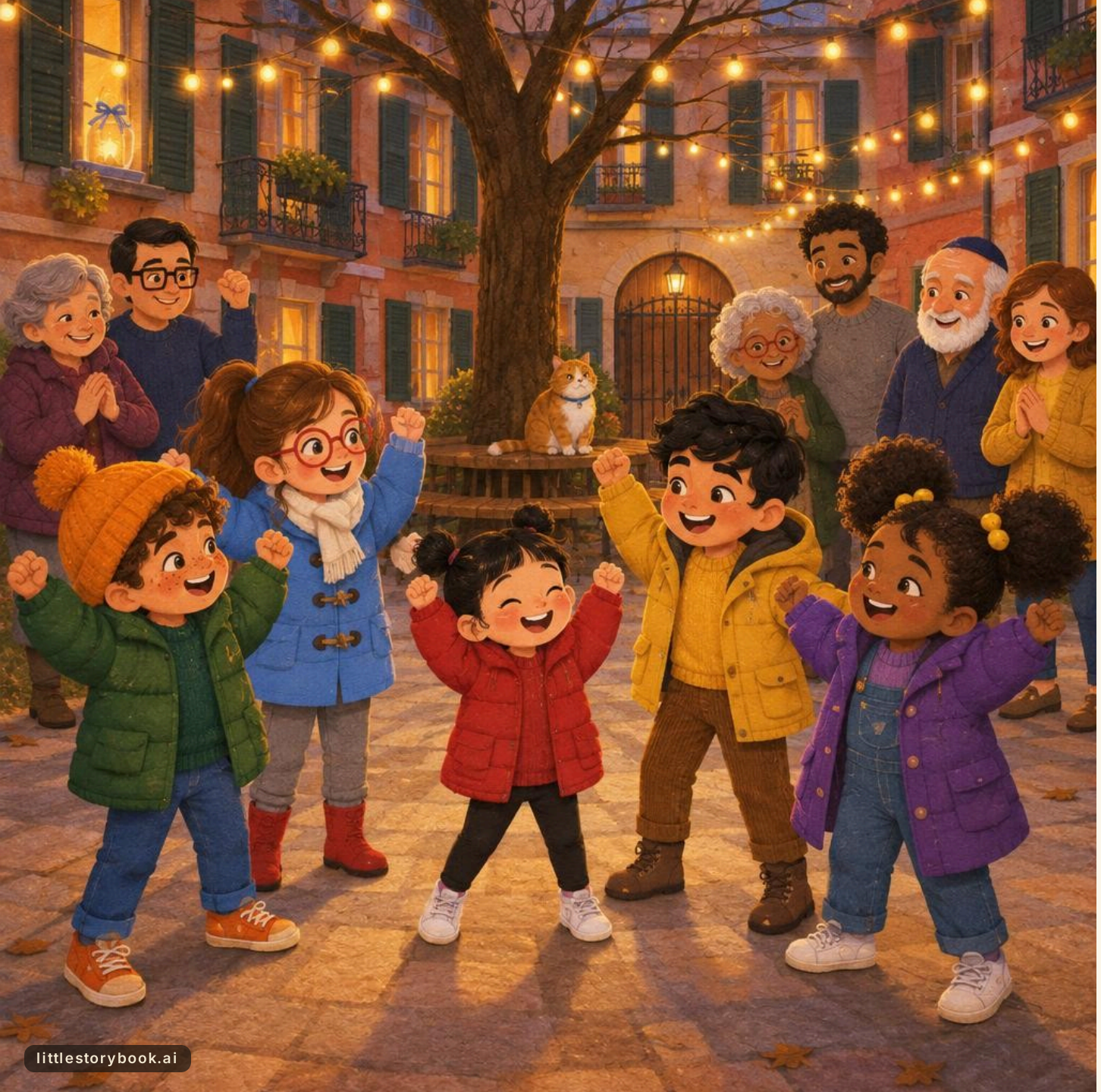
Yawns Everywhere

Lin yawned a great big yawn. Then Mochi yawned. Then Saba yawned. Then Grandma Bea yawned! Soon everybody in the courtyard was yawning, and everybody was laughing.

Somewhere Far Away

"Midnight is still a long way off," said Dara. Lin's lip wobbled. Then Noa had an idea. "Midnight travels round the world! It is already midnight somewhere far away, right now!"





Ten, Nine, Eight

So everyone stood in a circle round Lin. "Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one!" "Happy New Year, far away!" Lin cheered the loudest of all.

Up to Bed

Then Dad carried Lin upstairs. "Goodnight, courtyard," she whispered. "Goodnight, lights. Goodnight, everyone."





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Fast Asleep

Lin snuggled into bed. Through the window, the little lights twinkled. And before you could say "Happy New Year", Lin was fast asleep.

Happy New Year, Lin

Much later, at the real midnight, her friends tiptoed under her window. "Happy New Year, Lin," they whispered. And Lin smiled in her sleep, all the way into the new year.



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