



“Surprise!”

Short True story by Michael K. Primavera

People love surprise gifts. Sometimes, the gifts are surprised, as well. On that Christmas, one was.

I wished to give my sweetheart something special and found an adorable kitten. I felt the presentation should be as precious as the present. A jack-in-the-box immediately came to mind. Properly done, it would be breathtaking for her but not for the kitten. My fun-loving Mom gladly assisted.

It was Christmas Eve and Mom stood vigilantly at the window until we arrived. At the last possible moment final preparations were made. Mom gently placed the kitten into a small pre-wrapped box and as we entered, all was ready. An inconspicuous nod gave me the go ahead.

The beautifully wrapped present sat beneath the tree. When I gave it to Sue, she surprised me by not wanting to open it until Christmas day. We anxiously encouraged her until her curiosity kicked in.

She took the box in hand and proceeded to shake it vigorously! Playfully she commented, “I wonder what it is?” While I wondered how it was. Patiently though I waited and fortunately, so did the kitten. It remained quiet as a mouse.

When Sue finally opened the lid, out popped its cute little head! Kitty meowed as if to say, “It’s about time!” Kitty didn’t understand; it was really about “surprise.”