Mathildla’s story—
An adventure in a new land
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This story is entertaining for most ages with its exciting adventures and colourful characters.

WARNING! Young children may find this story a bit scary.
Long ago in the house you live now, were three young children. Their names were Jack, Lulu and Tom. They were triplets. Jack seemed to come from a land where boys went to war at nine and were simply bullet proof. He was lanky and lean with thick black locks. Lulu seemed to come from a land where girls are capable of doing anything, even though she seemed to be made of strawberries and cream with the slightest hint of sugar. She was tall, thin and graceful as a butterfly with blonde hair and porcelain like skin. Tom, well, let’s just say he was thin and tall like Jack and Lulu, with thick black locks and he seemed to be a bit of a smarty pants.

It was a beautiful sunny day and the family were spending the day in a pretty park. The triplets were having their birthday here. Their nana was coming too, but as usual she was late. When at last she did come they were opening the presents.
“Hello everybody,” called nana in her old, low crackly voice carrying an oddly wrapped object in her arms. “Nana,” replied the children, while running up to her arms outstretched. Nana caught them all in a humungous bear hug.

In all that excitement their present from Nana was unwrapped to reveal a magnificent carpet. It was every colour of the rainbow and as soft as silk. The children sat on the beautiful carpet. All of a sudden everything around them froze. They couldn’t move. Even the children who were not frozen still seemed to be glued to the spot. As the children were trying to wriggle free the carpet rose into the air and zoomed off rapidly. Lulu screamed. Jack yelled. Tom just sat still shivering in terror.
At long last the flying carpet slowed to a calm speed. Lulu stammered “What’s going on?”

“It might be a kind of illusion, you know a trick of some sort,” Tom answered her in a brisk voice.

Jack answered him in a don’t be smarty pants tone, “Tom, I think it’s obvious that we’re in mid air, hundreds of metres above the ground, flying through the clouds on a carpet.”

“Impossible!” Tom contradicted.

“Why is it impossible?” Jack demanded.

“Because, because, it just is, Okay!” Tom shouted back.

“Huh!” said Jack, “Not such a smarty pants, didn’t even give me a proper answer.”

“Hey, the answer was coming all right!” Tom shouted angrily.
The two brothers went on quarrelling for the next five minutes, until their sister piped in saying, “Boys, boys!” she screamed until they turned saying, “What, what?” “Listen,” she said “there is a possible answer we did not think of.” “Which one’s that?” the boys asked anxious to know. “Well,” she answered, “there’s a possibility Nana gave us a magic flying carpet. When we sat on it, it flew off and now we might be going to some mysterious land.”

The boys looked at each other, then at their sister and nodded. They all agreed that this was the best possible explanation. As they sat on the flying carpet, a huge cloud, bigger than all the rest came into sight. The children gasped. The carpet sped up. Lulu screamed. Jack yelled. Tom gulped. The carpet sped up even more. They all clung for their life. Now they were flying one hundred times faster than the speed of light all screaming in terror.
They zoomed into the cotton like cloud. Suddenly they found themselves in a dazzling land. Sweet smelling flowers and meadows sprung into view. Very gently the carpet landed on soft grass that smelt of peppermint. They all climbed off the carpet and gazed at the wondrous world around them. When at last they looked back at the carpet, there was a backpack sitting on it. There was a tag attached, saying, “To the triplets: Lulu, Jack and Tom”. Jack shrugged, rolled up the carpet and put it in the bag. He zipped it up and slung it over his shoulder.
It was the moment they had all been waiting for. It was time to explore this new land.
The three children wandered on enraptured with the scenery. As they walked through the tall trees a unicorn and Pegasus came gaily trotting by. The unicorn asked them in a sweet voice “Hello, are you lost?”
“Oh,” Lulu answered, “would you be so kind as to tell us where we are?” This time it was the Pegasus who answered her “You’re in the Sunshine Wood and my name’s AJ and this is my good friend Lily. What are your names?”
Tom answered him “I am Tom, this is Jack and that’s Lulu.” Then Lily said in a happy way, “I know let’s go and show you all the different stalls in the market, you can get anything you like. Everything is free.” The five wandered on until they reached the market. There were elves, gnomes, goblins and hundreds of other fairy folk. The children got lots of different fruits and several cakes. Lily and AJ had to leave though, because they were on their way to a friend’s house. When the children had got enough food Tom said “Lets go into that meadow and find a cool stream to wade in.” They walked into the meadow to find a stream. Sniffing every flower and grass stalk they passed.
As they walked though meadows a pretty, kind looking lady came racing by on a new broom. She landed gently next to them smiling down at them. The children smiled right back at her. She said to them in a sweet grandmother like voice, “Hello my name is Yoyu, I make the best chocolate in all this land. If you come with me to my house I will make some for you.” When the children heard that they were quivering with excitement and saying eagerly “Oh yes we’d love that.” Although this lady seems nice, she’s really a blood thirsty witch who ate little children for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
When they reached a pretty cottage Yoyu led them inside where a huge machine stood in the corner. “This is the chocolate making machine. The chocolate won’t take long I just need to pull this cord,” she said in a sweet voice.

As the chain cord was pulled, down came a huge cage over the children. That’s the moment they knew they had been tricked. The children shivered in terror. The witch gave a blood curdling laugh “Ha Ha Ha Ha Haaaa I`m going to eat you all one by one, every morsel of meat and every drop of blood” she snarled.
There was simply nothing they could do while that horrid witch ate block after block of chocolate. As she went on eating she fell asleep with half a block in her mouth. Lulu, who had taken in everything around her jumped to her feet. “Jack, quick unravel the carpet,’ she whispered.

Jack looked up startled saying “Why?” “Because,” she replied, “the witch is asleep and we can escape because she won’t see us and try to stop us.” Jack sighed and said “There’s nowhere big enough for us to fit through.” “Yes there is, there’s a window and there’s a window in the wall level with it and it leads outside.” Both Tom and Jack looked where their sister was pointing. Sure enough there was a huge window, big enough to go through. Quick as he could Jack took out the carpet and unravelled it on the cold stone floor.
As soon as they were all comfortable, the flying carpet rose into the air. Soon they were level with the window, they flew out into the glorious sunshine. They were hovering over lots of beautiful flowers when Tom said “I think we’ve had enough adventures for today, we’ve got to go home, back to the land we come from.” Lulu looked up at him shocked that she had to go home “Oh no I don’t want to go home. How are we going to go home?” “I know,” said Jack, let’s ask Lily and AJ if they know how to get back home.” Luckily Lily and AJ heard them and Lily said “That depends where your home is.” “Oh,” said Lulu “our home is not in this land.” Lily stared at them and AJ said “You mean to say you come from a different land!” He gasped in amazement. “Yes we do” answered Tom.

The unicorn said “So you’d like to go home would you?” Lulu answered her in a polite voice saying “Oh yes please, we would love to go home.”
“Well to get home you see that round cloud over there, all you have to do is fly straight through it and you`ll find yourself flying back to your own world. AJ do you think you could fly up to the cloud with them?” said Lily. “I can do that no problem,” replied AJ.” One by one Lulu, Jack and Tom said goodbye to Lily and flew off with AJ. They kept going until they were still a fair way away from the cloud. There they said their goodbyes for the last time and the carpet zoomed off. Faster and faster they flew, no one was scared this time because they had already been this fast. Then poof they were flying home.
When they had slowed down Lulu said with a sigh, “You know, I am going to miss that place.”
“Yes so am I” said Tom.
“Well we may miss it, but we still had fun,” replied Jack.  “Yes and I will never forget it,” said Lulu.
“I wonder if we will ever go there again? I hope we do,” Tom said with hopeful eyes.
“Yes,” said Jack, “but for now I think we’ve had enough of an adventure to last us a month.”
“I feel the same, no more adventures for now,” said Tom. To this all the children agreed.
Suddenly a warm hand landed on Jack’s arm, it was nana smiling her warm smile “Well did you like your present?” she asked winking.

The children nodded, “Yes nana we love it,” they said with a smile.