



Maya's Big Birthday Trip

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Maya is a bright girl in eighth grade who loves to stay busy. She sits in her room and dreams about her big birthday plans with her best friends.



The sun shines on her special day as she wakes up with a wide smile. She sees a pile of gifts on her table and feels very lucky to turn fourteen.



Maya grabs her phone to send a quick text to her main group of friends. They all agree to meet near the train station to start their big trip downtown.



She wears a green dress and a pair of silver earrings for the party. Maya waits on the platform and feels the cool breeze as the train rolls into the station.



Her friends, Claire and Jade, arrive with a bundle of purple balloons. They share a giggle and take a seat together to talk about the fun things they will do in the middle of the city.



As the train moves, Maya looks out the window at the green trees and blue lakes. She uses her phone to take a clear photo of the beautiful view while they travel.



The group steps off the train into the middle of the busy city streets. They gaze up at the tall steel buildings and follow the simple signs to find the best shops.



They stop at a small cafe to eat sweet treats and drink cold peach tea. Maya blows out the candles on a little cake while her friends sing a happy tune.



The girls walk past a fountain and stop to take a group photo to save the memory. Maya feels brave and happy as they explore the park and play a simple game.



As the day ends, Maya rides home feeling very glad for her wonderful friends. It was a sweet birthday, and she feels lucky to have such a gentle circle of people in her life.