

# opening extract from Katie Morag and the Birthdays

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### JANUARY

It was a special day on the Isle of Struay; it was Flora Ann McColl's first birthday.

"I remember her being born last year," said her big sister, Katie Morag. "I was jealous, but not any more," she smiled, giving her little sister a kiss and a present. It was a teddy bear made out of an old fur hat that she had found in the dressing-up box. Katie Morag loves making presents. Katie Morag also loves the excitement of other people's birthdays. But each time she can't help asking, "When will it be MY birthday?" "A long time yet!" replies Grannie Island. "This is only January, the first month of the year. Lots of other birthday months before yours!"

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