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ABRACADABRA!
KAZAM KAZOOM!!
PREPARE TO BE AMAZED!!!

★ The world-famous master of magic ★

★ **Mister Mysterio** ★

will be appearing at Eddie's birthday party

★ **COME AND SEE HIS** ★
INCREDIBLE TRICKS

★ **YOU WILL NOT BELIEVE YOUR EYES!** ★



At: Eddie's house

On: Saturday 25th March From: 3pm to 5pm

Please RSVP to: Eddie's mum

From: Edward Smith-Pickle

To: Morton Pickle

Date: Monday 20 March

Subject: My party



Attachments: Mister Mysterio



Dear Uncle Morton

Did you get my invitation?

I just wanted to check because you're the only person who hasn't RSVPed.

I hope you can come. It's going to be a great party. We're having a magician.

Love from

your favourite nephew

Eddie

From: Morton Pickle
To: Edward Smith-Pickle
Date: Tuesday 21 March
Subject: Re: My party



Dear Eddie

I would have loved to have come to your party. There is very little that I enjoy more than the work of a good magician.

Unfortunately I have already promised to stay in Scotland and help on the farm with Mr McDougall, who is a man short this weekend.

That man is, of course, our mutual friend Gordon, who is very excited about coming to see you. He talks about nothing else.

I can hardly believe that he only met your mother a few weeks ago. He already seems to know much more about her than I do, and I've known her for an entire lifetime.

Mr McDougall only agreed to give Gordon the weekend off if I would work in his place. It is the lambing season here and the farm has never been busier.

He will be bringing a small birthday surprise for you.

With love from
your affectionate uncle
Morton

From: Edward Smith-Pickle
To: Morton Pickle
Date: Wednesday 22 March
Subject: Your surprise



Attachments: Emily



Dear Uncle Morton

Thank you for the surprise. I can't wait to see what it is.

Mum is very excited about Gordon coming to visit. She keeps buying new dresses, then taking them back to the shop because they're not quite right.

I'm sorry you can't come to my party. I know my friends would like to meet you. Will you come next year instead?

I'll send you some pictures of Mister Mysterio sawing someone in half.

Apparently that's the best bit of his act.

I am going to suggest he does Emily.



She said, "That's not funny," and I said I wasn't trying to be funny. I just thought the house would be a bit more peaceful if I only had half a sister.

Love from

Eddie