

Niller
Pilfinger

Flying with Timmy Tinker

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Presentation of the characters inside the cover

Mummy

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Timmy Tinker

Archibald Plane Spotter

Peggy Pilot

Nimbus

Cassandra

SIDE 2/3

Timmy Tinker lives in the red round house with his two mothers. So they can hear the difference he calls one of them Mum, and the other – Mummy.

Timmy Tinker loves fiddling with things. He's especially crazy about fiddling with buttons on electrical devices. All the magical things that make noises, blinks and says tick-tock or click-click he just loves. That's why everybody calls him Timmy Tinker.

SIDE 4

Mum and Mummy are racking up leaves in nice big piles on the lawn. Timmy Tinker is whizzing around and growling. He's playing with his rake pretending it's the wings of a big noisy airplane.

SIDE 5

Yippee, it's so much fun! Mums pile of leaves looks like an ugly old troll. Oh oh, Timmy's plane is ready for another bombing mission. The troll pile is going to be smashed now!

"Oh no, Timmy that's enough!" Mum got angry, "this is the third time you've toppled my pile of leaves."

SIDE 6/7

“Stop it Timmy,” says Mummy and looks up in despair to the sky. And right at the moment when Mummy looks up she notices a real airplane in the sky. Timmy Tinker also spots it right away.

“Look Mum! Look Mummy! An airplane.”

Mummy winks at Mum and smiles mysteriously. “Would you like to get a surprise today Timmy?”

“Yaaay!” Timmy shouts with joy.

Timmy has a nice feeling of butterflies in his stomach. “A surprise... well, then Mum and Mummy aren’t angry with me any more because I toppled the piles of leaves,” Timmy thinks to himself.

SIDE 8/9

Nimbus is Mum's motorcycle. He is always ready to give a ride. Timmy jumps into the sidecar. As usual he's fiddling with the dashboard and quickly finds the horn button.

"Come on, Mum and Mummy!"

"Look at you, Timmy. Can't you wait, huh? Well if you are ready for the surprise, then let's go!" says Mum.

SIDE 10/11

„I'm looking so forward to the surprise. Where are we going?" asks Timmy.

"We're going to The Flying Grill," says Mum.

"What is a flying grill?"

Timmy is imagining a flying barbecue.

"No, The-Fly-ing-Grill," says Mummy, "This café has the best view of the airport. You can watch planes take off and land there while eating hot-dogs and ice-cream."

SIDE 12/13

Finally they arrive at The Flying Grill.

Mum asks “Do you fancy a hot-dog?” but Timmy Tinker doesn’t answer.

“What about an ice-cream, Timmy?” asks Mummy. Ice-cream is usually Timmy’s favorite but it seems like he’s not listening to what Mummy is saying. He’s very busy looking at all those cool airplanes.

SIDE 14/15

“Whoa, look at that! Here comes a huge jumbo plane,” shouts Timmy.

Archibald Plane Spotter is standing next to Timmy with his binoculars taking notes in his notebook. He is just as excited.

“Are you drawing the airplanes?” asks Timmy.

“Naah, look. The queen of the sky, the one with a lotus flower on it, the one you called a jumbo plane, is a boeing 747-400. It’s landing right on time on its way back from Thailand, and that’s what I note in my notebook,” says Archibald Plane Spotter.

SIDE 16/17

“Look, Timmy. That’s Cassandra standing over there. She is a magnificent example of an older propeller airplane. Cassandra belongs to my friend Peggy Pilot. She’s the one standing over there waving with the wrench,” says Archibald the plane spotter.

“Cassandra doesn’t feel like starting today,” shouts Peggy Pilot.

“Maybe Cassandra is getting tired in her old age?” asks Archibald.

“Well, she is 75 years old. But if I could only fix her propeller she could fly for many more years.”

SIDE 18/19

Peggy Pilot spots Timmy Tinker.

“Hello, my little friend. Looks like you are crazy about airplanes. Would you like to come up and see Cassandra’s cockpit?”

“Cool!” shouts Timmy with joy, “may I, Mum and Mummy?”

“Yeah, but you must promise not to fiddle with anything Timmy,” says Mummy.

Timmy promises not to touch anything. Imagine that a real pilot would invite him to see the cockpit of an airplane...

SIDE 20/21

“Here you go, jump on board Timmy. Look around and I’ll go on fixing Cassandra’s propeller. Just don’t touch anything please,” says Peggy Pilot.

“Wow, so many good looking buttons and measuring instruments! I wonder where the horn is?” thinks Timmy. Oh oh, Timmy Tinker can’t help touching a few of the buttons.

SIDE 22/23

Suddenly, Cassandra starts rolling out of the runway. Her old propeller is spinning merrily and making lots of noise. The whole machine is shaking.

“Oh oh,” whispers Timmy getting scared and clinging to the stick.

“Hey, wait for me, I am the pilot!” shouts Peggy Pilot.

SIDE 24/25

“Sit down Timmy and hold on tight,” says Peggy and fastens Timmy’s seatbelt. “Didn’t I tell you not to fiddle with anything?”

“Yes you did... I think,” whispers Timmy.

“You are such a fiddle-finger, but I’m glad that you got my Cassandra going for me. Yaaay – we’re taking off!”

Peggy Pilot is laughing. Timmy is laughing too now. He isn’t afraid of flying at all.

SIDE 26/27

“Hi Mum. Hi Mummy. Look at me! I’m flying upside down.”

“Oh, I just hope he doesn’t touch anything dangerous,” says Mum.

“Everything will be alright honey,” says Mummy.

SIDE 28/29

Up in the sky Timmy's little fingers is tickling. Suddenly he feels a great desire to push the big orange button. Oh oh... just when he's about to touch it Peggy Pilot notices his sneaking little fingers. She gets really angry.

"Hands off Timmy Tinker! Keep your fingers off that button!"

"Ups! Sorry..." whispers Timmy embarrassed and a bit scared.

"It can be terribly dangerous to fiddle with everything Timmy! If you push that orange button our seats will shoot up in the sky. That orange button triggers the ejection seats."

Timmy has never heard of ejection seats before. But he doesn't dare touch the buttons anymore. They are so high up in the sky and it's a long way to fall down. He is missing Mum and Mummy a bit.

SIDE 30/31

Peggy Pilot is landing Cassandra in front of The Flying Grill. Timmy Tinker gives big hugs to his parents. Mum and Mummy feel very relieved. They thank Peggy Pilot and Cassandra for the flight. Fortunately, nothing dangerous happened.

SIDE 32/33

“I have a present for you Timmy Tinker,” says Peggy Pilot. Thank you for helping me to get my beloved old Cassandra flying again.”

Peggy gives her flying goggles to Timmy.

“Thank you,” says Timmy very proudly, “and thanks for the flight, Peggy Pilot. It was very cool to fly.”

“Bye-bye Timmy Tinker. See you when you are a big boy, who doesn’t fiddle with everything. You will even get a chance to fly Cassandra on your own,” says Peggy Pilot.

SIDE 34/35

It’s been the best day ever in Timmy Tinker’s life. On the way home Timmy asks his Mum and Mummy: “Can you guess what I want to be when I grow up?” They both shake their heads and smile. They really can’t guess.

Can you guess what Timmy Tinker dreams of becoming when he grows up?