

The Super Four and the Golden Bird

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The outside of Austen Middle School looked like an ordinary middle school. But it was no ordinary middle school. To get into this middle school you had to take a special test, a test that ordinary people couldn't pass. In Austen there was a little magic to make sure that the students would not get hurt while learning how to use their powers correctly. All the students in Austen had powers. Kynlee, Alex, Henry and Cassie all had to take a test. Kynlee had known she had powers, but she didn't know how to control them. When she went inside the school she could immediately control them. She had the power of bubbles and flying. Alex had the powers of laser eyes and force fields. Henry had teleportation and lightning. Cassie had the power of healing people and super speed.

When they went to school they all had different schedules. In the second week the principal called them all down to the principal's office. In the waiting room they got to know each other and by the time the principal came out of his office they were best friends. "Well I see you guys have gotten to know each other," he said.

"Yeah" said Alex speaking for all of them.

As they sat down in the principal's office the principal said "You are probably wondering why I called you here today?" He paused to let the gang nod. "I have watched you guys work and you are the best students I have ever had. In fact you are so good I am going to let you go on a super secret mission. But before I give you the details do you guys want to do it? If you want I can give you some time to talk about it," he told them. The friends looked at each other and nodded yes. "Ok, since you have made your decision, when I tell you what the mission is you have to do it. So is this your final decision?"

"Yes" they all said.

"Ok, here is the mission: you must find the golden bird, capture it, and bring it back to me. "

It was the first day of their adventure and their first time flying in a private jet. They had to go from Orlando, Florida to Detroit, Michigan. When they got to Detroit they looked around and thought about how they would find the golden bird. Cassie realized that the best hiding place would be in plain sight. She whispered to the crew, "Maybe the bird is hiding in plain sight." They strolled the streets and then they saw something so beautiful they had no words to describe it. It shimmered and shined as they looked at it. They walked over to the park to figure out what it was and found a little golden trail leading into the woods. Kynlee thought out loud and said what they were all thinking "I wonder where it leads?"

"Well, there's only one way to find out!" Henry replied.

They had followed the trail for about two minutes and then Alex stopped suddenly. "Guys I see the bird! Be very quiet and do as I say." The bird was golden with long feathers coming out its head. They very carefully crept up behind the bird and Cassie grabbed it, a little too early. She caught it but it was so surprised that it started screeching like a car alarm.

Henry looked behind them, tried not to freak out, and said quickly, "We need to walk away right now." Unfortunately, he said it a little too late. Kynlee looked behind her, screamed, and ran into Cassie. Cassie dropped the bird and tumbled to the ground. She rolled a few feet, looked up and saw a tiger with a scar across one eye! Drool was dripping down its chin and it stared at her as if it hadn't eaten in years. She tried using her super speed but was in such a state of shock she couldn't move. Alex saw this and acted fast; he created a force field and grabbed Cassie. Then Kynlee flew above the tiger and trapped it in a bubble. Henry teleported to the tiger, then zapped it lightly on the side so it couldn't hurt anyone.

Once they'd had some time to calm down they popped the bubble and looked at the tiger. It looked at them and said " Please don't hurt me or my friend". Then they noticed the bird had retreated to the tiger's head. " We don't mess with anyone unless they try to hurt us," the tiger continued. The friends

looked at each other and smiled. They couldn't take this bird away from its friend. Henry asked the tiger to stay where he was while they discussed this. He called the principal, told him what had happened and that they weren't about to take the golden bird away from his friend. The principal was upset but he still gave in.

"Why did you want the bird in the first place?" Henry asked the principal.

"I wanted it because we can use its magic to protect the school and the students," the principal said disappointedly. Cassie told the tiger what had happened. The tiger was happy because the kids were not going to take his friend away. He invited them to supper at his cave. It was getting dark and they had to leave in the early morning so they said yes.

As they were heading to the cave Kynlee asked the tiger "What's your name. Do you have one?"

The tiger chuckled as he answered "Yes, I have a name, my name is George. What are your names?"

"My name is Kynlee, that's Cassie, Henry, and Alex." Kynlee introduced everyone. They went to the cave, ate a good meal of burgers and bread, and went to sleep. The next morning they got up early, thanked George, said goodbye to the bird and flew back to school.

As they grew up, they went on more missions together. With each quest their friendship and powers strengthened. To this day they fight crime to stop people who try to hurt animals in nature.