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Prologue

There are things in this world that are not of this world. Strange creatures and ghostly spirits walk the face of the Earth with us. Enchanted objects with powers beyond belief are tucked away in hidden, out-of-the-way places, where no mere mortal would think to look for them. People who look as normal as you or I do are out there too, wielding great forces of magic. There's an entire Mystical Realm out there, sitting right next to our own world without anyone being aware of it.



Well, almost anyone. A few lucky people have a gift for seeing the otherworldly. They know just where to find mysterious, hidden wonders. But most people know nothing about the Mystical Realm at all, until the Mystical Realm comes looking for them.

You see, the Mystical Realm isn't perfect. It has strong points and weak ones, just like our world does. Its residents may be able to do some amazing things, but there are other things they don't do well. For example, they are very bad at math.



Strange, isn't it? You would think that people who perform great feats of magic could handle mathematics without breaking a sweat. Either that or they would have magical computers handy to do the math for them. But not even a magical computer can help you with your math if you don't understand the purpose of math. It doesn't do much good to have a machine tell you that one plus one equals two if you don't understand what "one plus one" means or why you should care that they equal two.

So the residents of the Mystical Realm are always on the lookout, always watching for mortals like us who can help them with their math problems and puzzles. Those they choose can look forward to a life of hardship, peril, and even danger—and that's just from the math problems.

This is the story of one such person.





The Problem

Lennie Miller was bored—bored and annoyed with how unfair her life had become.

It was easy to be annoyed when she felt as though her entire life—even her summer break—had been stolen from her. The day after sixth grade had ended, her parents had told her that they were leaving their home in the suburbs of Philadelphia and moving to Bailey, Indiana—a tiny town in the middle of nowhere, at least two hours from a city that wasn't even as exciting as Philadelphia.





Challenge Words

accused

computer

activities

computers

already

curious

amazing

dilemma

angrily

enchanted

annoyed

enemies

answer

equation

anthropologist

example

arthritis

exclaimed

business

explained

calculation

figure

calculator

figured

challenge

impossible

companion

interesting