

THE BIG BLUE BAG

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Chapter 1

It was dark and damp when I heard the trunk of a car slam. I hurried down my bunk bed ladder and rushed to the window.

There, right in front of my eyes was a sight to see : Mr and Mrs Glen were carrying a big heavy looking blue plastic bag. Hmm... I wonder what is in it, I thought to myself. The Glens rushed in with the bag in both hands. They set it down on the ground inside their house, closed the garage door and then the real door. Just then I became very suspicious. I had always told my parents everything I knew. But this time I had to keep it for myself. I scrambled back up my bed and got under my blanket. There were so many things that could be in that bag I thought again. I kept thinking but very slowly... I fell asleep.

Chapter 2

I woke up with a beam of sunlight hitting my eyes. Boom ! Boom ! Boom ! Suddenly I heard a pound on the front door. I scrambled down my bunk bed ladder and out my door. My parents were coming out of their room, too. My mom answered the door. There stood a policeman. He casually walked in without permission. He started asking a bunch of questions.

« Good morning, I am Officer James. I have some questions for you. Where were you last night at 8.30 pm ? What were you doing ? » My mom stiffened and answered : *« We were in our living room watching TV. »* The policeman replied : *« Who is we ? »* *« My husband and I »*, my mom said. *« Where was your daughter at that moment ? »*, Officer James asked. *« She was in her bed, asleep. »*

The policeman took out of a small phone-like device. *« It seems that you are telling the truth »*, he said. *« What's all this about, Officer James ? »*, my dad spit out. *« You didn't hear ? »* We all shook our head. He continued *« The Mayor of Keller has been caught up in some kind of... trouble. We don't know yet what type of trouble. The Police department of Keller has put on an investigation. Now that you know about the situation, take this. »* He handed my dad a small white card. *« It's the contact information for our department. Call the number if you find anything. »* He turned his back and left.

« Well, now that we are all up, I will make some breakfast », my mom said. She presented some hash browns and eggs on white plates. We sat in silence only to hear the sounds of munching on food. *« Call the police station »*, I said.

Chapter 3

« Hello ! May I speak to Officer James ? », my mom asked. I heard a muffled response on the phone. « Ok, thank you ! » There was a pause that seemed like forever. « Hello, Office James ? My daughter admitted to us at breakfast that she saw something last night that seems important for you to know. So, I was wondering if we could stop by the station and talk about it. » « Yes!.... Mmmm.... ok ! » « Well, see you, then ! » My mom hung up the phone and we all got into the car.

When we got to the station, Officer James was standing at the entrance waiting for us. We got out of the car and followed him into a small room. The room was dark, quiet and tiny. A lightbulb attached to a chain hung from the ceiling. « Now, little one, tell me what you saw last night ? » Officer James pulled out a chair for me to sit on. « Well, I was asleep and then I heard a trunk slam. » I told Officer James everything, everything about the blue bag and the suspicious looks on the Glens faces. All the policeman did, was nod and say « mhm ». After I was done talking to him, he said : « I will go make a visit to the Glens house. » He told us to move to a different room. We all walked down the big hallways and then made it to a small room. We sat down inside and Officer James left. Ten minutes later he came back. He informed us with everything the Glens told him. « They said they went grocery shopping.» I interrupted : « But they carried a big blue bag NOT brown paper bags. » « I know I was thinking the same thing », said Officer James. He told us he would be right back. He left the room and started talking to another police officer. They both took out their phone-like devices and shared puzzled looks on their faces. Officer James came back in the room and told us : « The Glens were not telling me the truth. »

Chapter 4

« *I will get the Glens to come here* », Officer James said. He picked up a phone, tapped the screen a few times and then put it to his ear. « *Hello, Mr Glen, this is Officer James from the Keller Police Department. I was hoping you could join me and the Viales at the station right now. We have a few questions for you. Yes... ok... See you soon ! Bye !* » He hung up the phone and said : « *They are on their way.* » A couple minutes later, the Glens arrived at the station. We all sat in silence except for Officer James. He was asking all the questions. « *Mrs Glen, do you mind if I see your purse ?* » Mrs Glen handed her purse. He started shifting around different items. « *Gum... earrings... lip palm... hmhhh... It's not in your purse !* » « *What isn't in my purse ?* » « *Your groceries receipt !* » « *Hummm, Officer James* », said Mrs Glen « *We have something to confess* ». « *Yes, I am all ears.* » Mr and Mrs Glen looked at each other and nodded. « *We were not grocery shopping, we were chopping down a tree for Christmas. We didn't tell you before because it is illegal.* » « *You are very right, Mr Glen !* » said Officer James, « *We also saw something you might want to know. We saw a red Toyota Corolla, with a licence plate from Virginia speeding through the forest strangely.* » Officer James told us to follow him to a room full of computers. « *This is our security camera room. Here is where we get all the footage from our security cameras around Keller... We are going to look at the footage from the forest last night.* » We all looked at the screen to see a red Toyota Corolla with a licence plate from Virginia speeding through the forest. We all looked at each other in shock. In the car, I think, I saw something no one would ever believe.

Chapter 5

An alarm blared in the police station. « *Mike, Johnny, Lola, get in the police car ! Mike, call an ambulance ! We are going for a ride !* », Officer James shouted to his police partners. « *The Mayor is in that Toyota !* » The four officers rushed into a black car. They sped away and made the tyres screech. About an hour later, they came back with the Mayor and a strange looking man. « *We found the car in a ditch on # 377. We think this man was trying to hide from us but he won't talk to us. When we found the Mayor, he was sound asleep because of a poison drug.* » Officer James had told us when he arrived. Out of the blue, the poor man said : « *I am poor. The ONLY reason why I kidnapped the Mayor was because my family and I need a ransom.* » « *Well, you know you, you could have gone to the community services and told them instead of kidnapping the Mayor !* », Officer James responded.

« *I am truly sorry, Officer !* », the man said.

« *I know you're sorry, Sir, but kidnapping any Mayor or President is ABSOLUTELY forbidden ! And for those reasons you have to be arrested* », Officer James told him.

The look of sadness filled the man's face which hurt my heart. That is terrible to get arrested but he was the one who decided to kidnap the Mayor.

The man, Officer James, Mike, Johnny and Lola, all left the room. They got into the car and drove to the jail department.

Chapter 6

It was the night before Christmas and the Mayor invited us to the town hall. Click, clack, click, clack, my mom's heels were clapping against the cement. My dad was wearing a suit and tie. My mom was wearing a tight skirt, a black shirt with a red vest. Lastly I was wearing a back dress with red and white roses. I was also wearing a headband with mistletoe on it. We all step onto the white marbled floors.

The inside AND outside of the town hall were covered with rainbow twinkling lights. There were so many you could probably see them from outer space ! Inside of the town hall we saw the Glens and Officer James. There was a big stage and the Mayor walked up to the microphone.

« Ehmmm », he cleared his throat. « We all have gathered here today to honor a person in this amazing town. They have a lot of courage and will help a lot of people in the future. Without this person our town would not have been... » I started to doze off. I had no clue how long I had been asleep but then I heard a big noise of claps. I opened my eyes and saw that the Mayor was pointing to me. He motioned me to join him up on the stage. I smiled and walked up the stairs. He placed a heavy metal around my neck :

« Congratulations, Maya ! You have been chosen to be Citizen of Honor ! » Clap ! Clap ! Clap ! Clap ! Clap ! Clap ! The room filled with applause. *« Maya, because you are Citizen of Honor, you will get three free meals with me anytime you would like ! »* That night was the best I have ever had ! Later a fine looking waitress came over and handed me a white drink. I took a sip... Virgin Pinacolada ! Yum ! Of course I chugged it down.

The Glens walked over and offered if we would like to see their Christmas tree. We all said *« Yes ! »*

We headed over to their house. We had cake, candies and chocolates. After we had a good dinner, the Glens gave me a BIG red box. They told me to open it, so I did. I took off the lid to see a layer of black paper. I took out all of the paper and found a small black box. I opened it and saw ... high-quality night vision designer... binoculars !

« *Oh, my Gosh, THANK YOU ! These are amazing. Can I go test them out ?* »
I asked.

« *Of course* », said Mr Glens. I ran to the window, placed the binocs on my eyes and looked out of the window. I adjusted the lenses and saw a black figure going into a car carrying a brown bag. « *Guys, you are going to want to see this !* »

Everyone rushed over to the window. We passed around the binoculars. A chorus of gasps filled the room.

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