

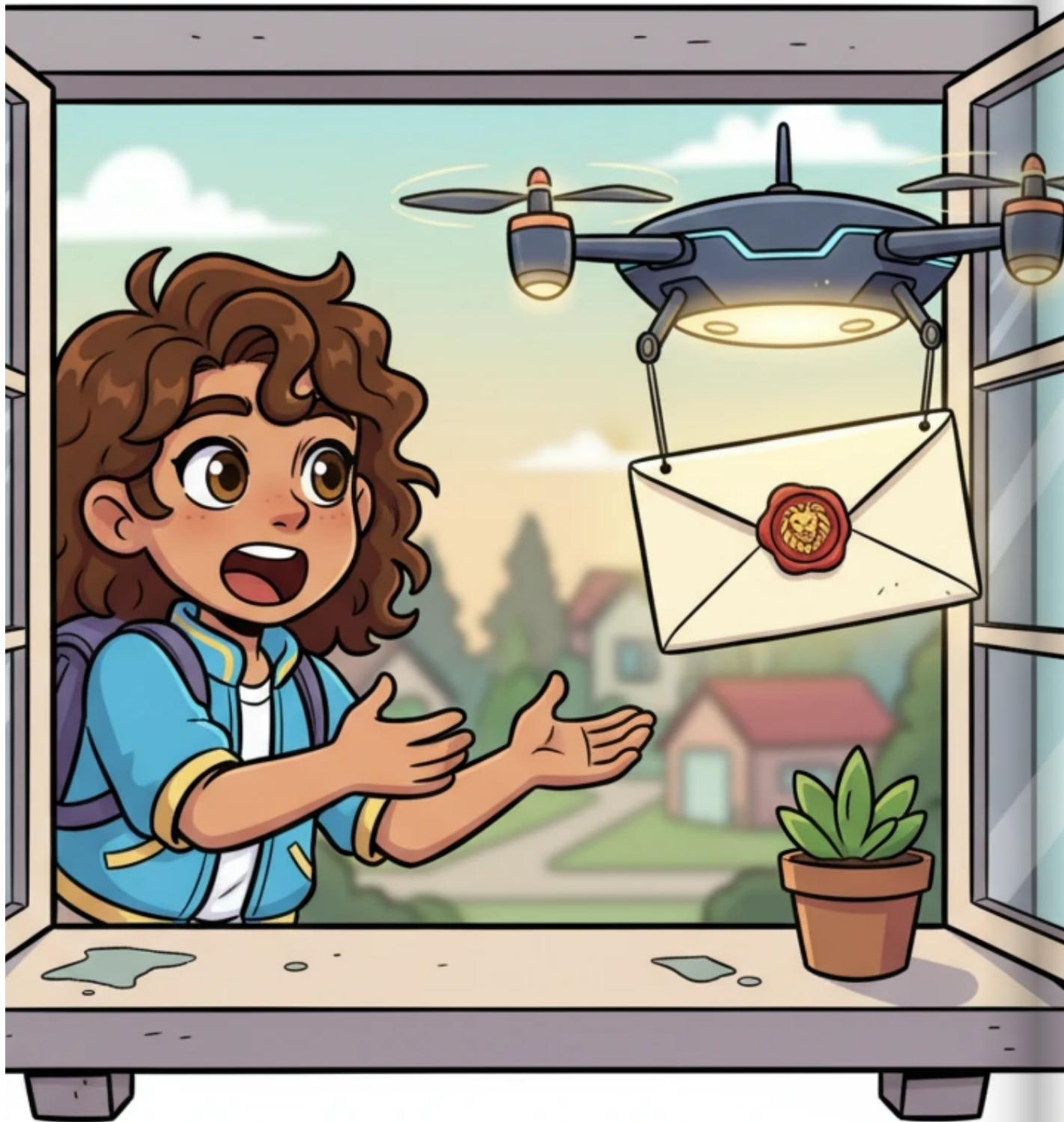


Lijah and the Academy of Powers

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Lijah, a bright-eyed boy with an adventurous spirit, gazes up at the magnificent, futuristic spires of the Academy of Powers, visible even from his bustling HDB neighborhood in Singapore. He imagines flying through its shimmering gates, his heart full of a hero's dream.



A sleek, glowing drone with the Academy's crest delivers a prestigious, wax-sealed envelope to Lijah's open window. His eyes widen in disbelief and joy as he sees the official emblem – a swirl of energy and a majestic lion's head – confirming his acceptance.



Lijah steps through the colossal, shimmering gates of the Academy, a breathtaking campus filled with students practicing their powers. Hovering platforms glide by, and colorful energy crackles in the air, making his jaw drop in pure amazement.



In a vibrant, high-tech classroom, Lijah meets Maya, a girl with shimmering water abilities, and Kenji, who can make plants grow in an instant. He feels a strange, exciting tingle in his fingertips, hinting at his own unique power waiting to emerge.



During a playful training exercise in the Academy's grand hall, Lijah accidentally summons a swirling vortex of wind, sending practice dummies spinning through the air. He grins, amazed and a little startled, realizing he can control the very air itself.



Lijah practices tirelessly in the Academy's vast, open-air training grounds, learning to control his new wind powers. He struggles at first, sending leaves scattering wildly, but with focus and determination, he begins to sculpt the air into graceful, controlled currents.



Feeling frustrated after a particularly tough lesson, Lijah sits alone by a tranquil koi pond, watching the colorful fish glide. A wise-looking mentor, Professor Chen, approaches, offering encouraging words and a gentle reminder that every hero starts with small, uncertain breezes.



Lijah teams up with Maya and Kenji for a thrilling obstacle course designed to test their combined abilities. Lijah's wind lifts Kenji over a tricky gap, while Maya's water douses a fiery barrier, showcasing their perfect teamwork and growing friendship.



During the annual Academy showcase, a tricky illusion spell goes awry, creating a swirling, chaotic vortex that threatens to engulf the stage. Lijah, using all his learned control, calms the magical winds, saving the day with a powerful, steady gust.



Standing proudly with his new friends, Lijah looks out over the vibrant Singapore skyline from the Academy's highest tower. He knows his journey has just begun, and with his wind powers strong and true, he's ready to embrace his destiny as a true hero.