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Cupid

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MEET OUR HEROES



Hannah

Hannah is the youngest human to have visited the Spirit Realm, and she is the April Fool's first Apprentice.

Despite her youth, Hannah is brave, creative and intelligent. Her strong belief in magic will guide her on her magical adventures.



Avril

Avril is the Spirit of April Fool's Day. He guards a festival that is filled with fun and laughter.

He runs Avril's Emporium, a mystical shop that sells artifacts from our world, and many more from the ones beyond.

Although Avril may be mischievous at times, he truly cares for both humans and the Spirits, and is loyal towards his friends.



Diya

Diya is the Spirit of Deepavali's Apprentice, and is destined to protect a festival that celebrates the triumph of good over evil.

As a guardian of Deepavali, Diya is filled with life and enthusiasm, and constantly strives to do what is right.



Cupid

Cupid is the Spirit of Valentine's Day. He guards a festival that commemorates love and romance.

Aside from being a great friend, Cupid is also a skilled archer, and a terrific aviator. His powerful wings allow him to fly all over the world, and his enchanted arrows have helped humans find true love.

Chapter 1

THE OFFER

As the Spirit of April Fool's Day, Avril was infamous for his practical jokes.

He once swung from the vines in Mother Nature's garden, and reversed the hands on Father Time's giant clocks. He stole Cupid's enchanted arrows, and used the Leprechaun for target practice. Although the Spirits knew that Avril could come up with terrible pranks, his latest escapade was far worse than they could have imagined.

He had befriended a human, and he had chosen her as his Apprentice.

"Avril, what were you thinking?" hissed Cupid, the Spirit of Valentine's Day. "When I asked you to choose an Apprentice, I didn't



mean for you to select a human child!”

Cupid glared at Avril and his cheeks turned as pink as his hair. At the same time, Diya, the Apprentice to the Spirit of Deepavali, fixed Avril with a disappointed frown.

Avril avoided his friends' angry gazes and stared into a crowd of guardian Spirits. Like Avril, these creatures were immortal beings who watched over the festivals of the human world and who ensured that age-old traditions were not forgotten.

Seems like they're mad at me too, Avril noticed. Several of the Spirits regarded him with sullen frowns, while many others gave him furious glares.

"Avril," said Cupid with a sigh, "most of the Spirits believe that the huma – "

"Her name is *Hannah*," Avril corrected.

"All right. They believe that *Hannah* is a menace," Cupid continued. "By befriending a human, the Spirits are convinced that you've put our realm in danger."

"Don't get us wrong, Avril." Diya placed a sympathetic hand on Avril's shoulder. "Cupid and I have met Hannah before, and we believe that she's a great kid. We just don't think she's ready to be your Apprentice."

"Why not?" Avril demanded.

"As the April Fool's Apprentice, Hannah will be exposed to powerful magic, and she may be sent on dangerous adventures," Diya explained. "Avril, how could you trust a little girl

with such a big responsibility?"

"That's exactly what I'd like to know," a voice rasped from behind them.

Avril, Cupid and Diya jumped in unison. As Avril swivelled towards the source of the voice, he realised that a hooded figure was looming behind his counter.

The figure raised his scythe, and his hood fell away to reveal a human skull. It was the Grim Reaper, the guardian Spirit of Halloween, and one of the oldest entities in the Spirit Realm. The mood in the shop darkened.

Diya and Cupid shrank away in fear, but Avril faced the Grim Reaper with a carefree smile.

"Hello, Reaper. You're looking pretty *sharp* today," Avril greeted. He gestured towards the Reaper's pointed scythe. "Did you want something from my Emporium?"

Avril's Emporium served as a magical supermarket for the Spirits – it contained a range of magical artifacts that they required for



their festivals. However, after seeing the Grim Reaper's fiery glare, Avril didn't think that he was here to shop.

"April Fool," the Grim Reaper rasped. His cloak billowed with purple smoke. "You're in a *lot* of trouble."

Avril forced a laugh and replied, "What else is new?"

"This is not the time for one of your jokes!"

the Grim Reaper growled. "A human child has discovered your magical doorway, and she has used it to infiltrate our realm. When I asked you to erase her memories, you refused. Instead, you made the blasted creature your *Apprentice!*"

Bang!

The Grim Reaper's cloak let out a crackling explosion and burst into purple flames. The deafening sound made every Spirit within the building turn towards the counter.

"The Reaper has a right to be angry." The Groundhog, the bespectacled guardian of Groundhog Day, addressed the crowd.

"I agree! The April Fool's Apprentice has already caused her fair share of trouble," insisted Old Man Winter, the wizened Spirit of the Winter Solstice. "When she first discovered Avril's Emporium, she let off a set of enchanted fireworks in his shop!"

That isn't true! Avril panicked.

Although a series of dangerous fireworks were released in his shop, Hannah wasn't the one who set them off. In fact, she was the one who stopped them before his shop was burnt to a crisp.

"Now that the Summer Revelry's right around the corner, who knows what could happen?" demanded Old Man Winter. "If it were up to me, I would banish the human, and I would wipe away her memories of our realm!"

To Avril's disappointment, several Spirits cheered in agreement, while many others nodded in consent.

I have to stand up for Hannah, Avril decided. Juggling jesters, what should I say?

"Hold on," he said. "Old Man Winter, didn't you say that the Summer Revelry is right around the corner?"

The guardian Spirits turned towards Old Man Winter. He shrivelled under their stares, and gave Avril a suspicious nod.



"That's neat!" Avril proclaimed. "I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to that celebration!"

With a frigid stare, Old Man Winter asked, "You are?"

"I am!" Avril proclaimed. He whipped his hat off his head and bowed to the crowd. "In fact, I would like to volunteer to be the host of this year's Summer Revelry."

Cupid and Diya exchanged quizzical

looks. Every year, the Spirits would organise the Summer Revelry – a giant party that commemorated the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year.

For as long as Cupid and Diya could remember, Avril had not expressed any interest in the Summer Solstice, nor would he bother to attend the Summer Revelry. Why would he volunteer to host this year's celebrations?

"Avril, forgive me, but you aren't exactly the most responsible Spirit in our realm," Mother Nature, the dignified Spirit of Earth Day, spoke with a tight smile. "Can we trust you to host this prestigious event?"

"Of course you can!" Avril jumped onto his counter and gestured around his shop. "My Emporium is the perfect place for the Summer Revelry to be held. It's large enough to hold everyone in the Spirit Realm, and it has a magical doorway that my Apprentice can enter through."

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Several Spirits gasped in surprise, while many others exchanged worried frowns. Once Avril noticed this, he sighed and steadied himself on his desk.

“Fellas, you don’t have to like Hannah just yet,” Avril addressed the crowd. “But just give her a chance. That’s all I’m asking.”

The Spirits listened intently as Avril continued, “The Summer Revelry would give you a chance to get to know her. Once Hannah formally introduces herself to you, you’ll realise that she’s more trustworthy than you think.”

The Spirits sighed in defeat. Although they still believed that Hannah could not be trusted, they knew how stubborn Avril could be. If the April Fool had decided to host the Summer Revelry, there was little they could do to change his mind.

“It’s settled, then!” Avril declared. “Three days from now, we’ll hold the Summer Revelry right here in Avril’s Emporium. It’ll be a

celebration to remember!”

Avril placed his hands on his hips, and scanned the crowd with a satisfied smile. He had no idea that the Summer Revelry would come with a dangerous challenge, and that his Apprentice would pay the price.