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Mrs. Smith's 4th Grade Class

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We all want our students to change the world. We see their gifts and talents even when they don't and cherish the time we spend with them. Even if they don't change the world, they certainly change our world.

Recently, I heard Jane McGonigal speak about a project she did with the New York Public Library called Find the Future: The Game. She created an elaborate scavenger hunt that culminated in an all night where 500 young people wrote a book in one night.

Inspired by that event, I had an idea. What if I could get a class to write a book in one day? What if I could get several classes across the country or even the world to write a book on the same day? And thus, Change the World? was born.

This is the first year and we are learning a lot. Each book in the series is each classrooms' own book. They concepted, planned, collaborated, and wrote the text all on their own. They were given creative freedom to write what they wanted with the simple guideline that the title was "Change the World?"

The following book is one of those stories.

Troy Cockrum

Introduction

I was in training trying to get my next spy belt, and then it happened. But wait let me introduce myself, I am Shimmer the magical unicorn. I live in a small town in the sky called Sky High Sparkles. I have many friends, but my best friends are Cotton Candy, Coral, Celeste, Pearl and Kylie, and my sister's name is Razzle Dazzle. My friends and my sister have my powers, too. My powers are telekinesis, I can fly fast, I can breathe underwater and I can shoot lasers with my horn. My spy colors are peach, purple and blue just like me! I also have a magical bracelet that I put on my villains so then I know what they are planning.

I saw a familiar man come through the secret elevator that led to the Good Undercover Unicorn Training Society (G.U.U.T.S.) meeting room. Then he turned around and I was amazed at what I saw because he was not a regular man, he is my good friend Superman. Everything about and on him

said Superman. His suit had a diamond with a "S" in middle of his blue suit. And he has a red cape with the same diamond. On top of that he had a curly strand on his face and the rest of his hair gelled.

Now you know my good friend Superman, I can tell you a little about his dog. Superman's dog is really cute, his name is Rocky. Rocky is a superdog so he has powers. His powers are firebreathing, heat vision, he can fly and he has x-ray vision. And you will be amazed at the fact that Rocky talks, so he can understand you. Rocky is really important to Superman, so if Rocky got lost, Superman would PANIC!!!

My story began when I made it into Good Undercover Unicorn Training Society (G.U.U.T.S). We practiced for the sparkle belt but I was a black belt. I always wanted to be a spy and now I can. But to become a Sparkle belt you had to beat Sparkle Yang's Dragon which nobody did even when he was tired. Once a uni-girl named Crystal managed to defeat Yang's Dragon, Crystal was my mom. She died after a mission with a villain. I

never told anyone about it, not even my sister. I always told myself that if I ever met Wolfman, he would be a goner. He killed her while she saved me.

Chapter 1

Superman's Perspective

Hi, I'm Superman and I have a problem. My dog, Rocky, went missing in the morning. I checked everywhere in the city but he wasn't there. It all started yesterday. In the morning, I gave Rocky some food for breakfast. Then I got a call that a girl was in a burning building. I sent Rocky because I was too busy watching T.V. and my favorite show was coming on. *Dancing With The Superheroes*. He didn't come home after a long time. I looked outside to see if he was playing outside after coming back from the fire rescue but he wasn't there.

I knew that I had to call someone... The G.U.U.T.S agency. I had never panicked this much before but I knew I had to call them. Superman called them, it beeped 3 times then there was a voice, it said please hold and don't panic. I was trying to calm down. After a long

pause there was a voice and she said, “Hello, how may G.U.U.T.S help you today?”

“I have to find him,” Superman said, worried.

“Who?,” she asked.

“My dog,” Superman yelled. “I can’t find my dog Rocky,” said Superman. “He has been missing for five hours.”

“Who is this?,” asked a G.U.U.T.S. agent.

“I’m Superman,” I declared, and in an afternote, I muttered, “Not that it matters.” To convince and threaten the person, I declared, “I will panic out if you don’t help. It’s Rocky, the Superdog that is missing.”

There was a long, long pause. “All our agents are out, but we have a new one that we’re training.”

“Send him now.”

“She’s in unicorn training,” the agent replied.

“Whatever.”

I can’t believe I just said yes to a unicorn.

I saw the unicorn, she looked pretty stylish. Not really the agile type, maybe a little quick? She was said to have really cool superpowers. I don’t

think she really knows how to use her super powers, but she probably knows how to activate them. I probably need to teach her a few things. I will send her to training to learn the rest of the things she needs to learn. Her name is Shimmer.

Chapter 2

Shimmer's Perspective

Hello, I am Shimmer, and I am a secret undercover unicorn in training. I work and train at G.U.U.T.S, [Good Undercover Unicorn Training Society]. Just to let you know I am a pure white unicorn, my soft delicate fur is as white as whip cream and fluffy clouds. I have a mane a sparkly as glitter, with some blood red roses with thorns as sharp as needles on them. In undercover unicorn training at G.U.U.T.S, there are multiple different belts. The lowest belt would be white and the highest belt (and my favorite) is sparkle. The belt is so shimmery it can blind a giant! Sadly, I am a black belt which is before sparkle belt. But at least I am only one belt away from the awesome sparkle belt! My cool sister, named Razzle, is a sparkle belt. She earned it about three years ago -she is really good at karate- while

she was eating cake! I think she is a very good role model! And even better she is helping me become a sparkle belt too!

“Guess what I got a new superpower about five days ago!” I exclaimed to Coral and Cotton Candy excitedly [my friends].

“It’s Called D.D.P. Which means distracting disco party. I can throw a party with my disco power. Razzle is teaching me how to do use the superpower D.D.P. because I am the first person in the world to get this superpower.”

I galloped prodigiously fast on two legs by the curb -I’m a talented unicorn- into my best friend’s house, but disaster struck very hard over there. When I mean hard, I mean HARD! All of the flowers were in random colors everywhere! I mean who does that!?! His garden was infested with all different types of animals, humming birds, turtles, bees. It was driving me crazy! And as you probably know by now, I am a very neat unicorn. So I just used my own special power, telekinesis, to lift all the flowers and sort them in mid air then put them back in a mannerly order. Also with

some of the flowers I made Superman's famous logo with the big S symbol. Then after that I went into Superman's house to investigate. "Luckily he left the door ajar carelessly." I thought as I went inside looking for clues. Inside Superman's house was like inside a five star hotel. There were computer screens comfy pillows, and it was very clean! Then at that moment when I was about to look into the kitchen, I saw superman hiding in his humongous metal closet from a crack on the bottom. It looked like he needed to get out so I used my laser eyes to melt the door down into glop.

"Thank you! Thank you!" Superman exclaimed as he hugged me with all his might (which was pretty hard). "I got stuck in the closet."

"Your welcome!" I replied back happily.

"Where was your dog when you last saw him?" I asked Superman like a detective.

"Well I was watching-" Superman stammered, "Uh I mean doing superhero stuff, then I asked Rocky, my dog, to go out and find somebody to save.

“Well then it would be useless for me to look inside for clues.” I exclaimed frustratedly as I trotted to the forest.

“Since investigating Superman’s house was a fail I’m going to go investigate in the forest. Now that I have entered the forest I should start investigating. This forest is kinda dark if I’m going to find this dog I need some light. Good thing I brought an emergency flash light! Wait I forgot I used all the batteries for the sleepover yesterday. Great. Oh well. 5 minute later... How long has it been, it’s been like forever. Wait I heard something. She did heard something. A shadow. My nails are dirty. Good thing I have my nail filer. Clean, clean, clean, clean, clean, clean...”

Oh! By the way, I’m different. Kind of a weird thing to say but I’ll just get to the chase. I walk on my two hind legs. All my unicorn friends think I’m weird that way, but if I’m galloping in mud, there is no way I’m getting my hands dirty! I just got my hooves done! I was just examining my nails when I spotted it. A sly shadow was off in the distance staring at me. I knew just what to do.

“It’s time to party!” I pulled out one of my DDP’s (Distracting Disco Party) and started to dance. It made that shadow run away like a little girl!

After the shadow had run away I finally looked around this thick tree. It had dark bark, maybe pine. I was inspecting this odd looking tree and I felt something warm and soft around my ankle. It was Rocky! I couldn’t believe that I found him this easy! I was just about to call Superman when I noticed the scar that was behind Rocky’s ear. It looked freshly cut and when I touched it Rocky whimpered. “I can’t believe someone would do this to such a poor dog!” I exclaimed. Then it finally hit me. Superman told me that Rocky never whimpered and from the pictures I’d seen, Rocky didn’t have a scar behind his ear. I had been tricked!

I can’t believe I have been tricked. Obviously it wasn’t the dog in the picture now that I have realized it. First of all the scar that was behind his ear that wasn’t suppose to be their and second of all the orange spots were painted on with a marker. Obviously now I have to start my search

all over again but first I need to ask this dog some questions. "Come on doggy I'm going to ask you some questions". "First why are you pretending to be Rocky?" "Argh, Argh!" "Oh ya I forgot you can't speak human" I realized feeling really stupid for not knowing that dogs can talk "Well I might as well take you to Superman. I took the fraud Rocky to Superman's

Superman was furious "We need to come up with a plan" he furiously said to me. I thought of a plan we could do to his secret location and you could distract him while I use my superpowers to save him. "What if this doesn't work?" Superman said nervously to me.

Okay let's make another plan. Since you can fly you will take to wolfman's cave while I use my powers to free Rocky.

Once we discussed the plan, I felt awesome. As he told me the plan I was eating another donut. I didn't know what he was talking about but I'm pretty sure he said I should take a day off. But then the weird part happened, he said with a straight face, "I want you to go back to your training

and don't forget your sleeping bag, 800 miles of walking to the layer. We need to come up with a he plan is you and me walk to the layer and you use your what ever that power you have to distract WolfMan. We will escape with Rocky in our hands.

I couldn't go on the mission yet because I need more training. Training was HARD!!! I had to learn how to use certain weapons. I had a lot of trouble with the freeze ray. I froze Razzle about 20 times. I had to learn how to climb a mountain. I hurt my leg at least 5 times. I also had to learn a kick called a hook kick where I jump in the air and "hook" my leg around an emney. It was very HARD. But, after a couple of days, I got the sparkle belt. I was ready for the mission and I became an official spy.

Chapter 3

Wolfman's Perspective

So here's the plan we have, I will change my voice to a little kid, call Superman saying that I am stuck inside a burning building. Then, Superman will come. I will capture him. My plan will work if Superman fights back I will need backup from you guys and that is why I am telling you guys the plan.

"Hmm, Superman must've been here by now," Wolfman said in a grimly tone. He turned and to his surprise, Rocky was there, "Wait, what why are you here?"

"I'm here to save the girl in the burning building." Rocky said.

"Too bad, so sad." Wolfman told him and his minions captured him and put him in a kryptonite cage.

You remember when my daughter was held hostage on that airplane and the plane was about to crash and you jumped out without her that when the most loved person died. I said to Superman threw a video.

“You know I have to get you back because of my daughter. Now it is payback time. The exact same thing you did to my loved one. That is why I have your dog. I’ll give you a week.”

“Looks like I win!” I murmured. I turned to the screen on my flat-screen TV. “Show me Shimmer the unicorn!” I commanded. The screen showed a unicorn skipping down a road. She looked as if she had superpowers. But, it wasn’t likely. She looked too cheerful to live with superpowers, dealing with villains I turned to the dog. “This is your friend?” I chuckled, “You *are* weak!” “Send 70 minions to target.” I told a passing general.

“Yes sir!” he responded. I pressed a button. I shocked the dog. He was getting annoying.

So after I stole Superman's dog, Rocky, I was keeping him busy by committing crimes like robbery and timing bombs and murder so he has

less time for saving Rocky. Rocky was in a kryptonite cage. My wolf minions were guarding the cage so if anybody came they would be guarding the cage. I was tired out doing the crimes but everytime he is making progress because Superman is just wasting time. "Wolf minions, make some trouble to keep Superman away."

Chapter 4

Rocky's Perspective

It all started with the set-up. There was a call about a little girl in a burning building. Superman was “super busy” sitting on the couch and watching TV. Superman told me “Would you mind helping that little girl, Rocky.” “I wouldn’t mind at all,” I said. So I flew to go help the little girl in the burning building. When I flew inside the building, I was captured by a villain named Wolfman! He stuffed me into a little cage with green bars and took me to this spooky and mysterious lab.

Once he stuffed me in that small cage I finally realized it was all a set up. I was whimpering and wished for Superman to come and save me the whole time. I started feeling sad, but I remembered I have superpowers! I tried using my heat breath, but... My superpowers were gone! Then I got irritated because they didn’t work and

tried using them again. They still didn't work. Now I knew, there was nothing I could do.

Then I realized I was bait for my own owner. I heard that maniac Wolfman talking, so I decided to listen. He exclaimed "I'll use that mutt for bait! I tried to talk but I couldn't so I started to bark instead." "BE QUIET!" He shouted. I started to think of ways to warn Superman. Then I remembered I have a thing to call Superman strapped on my collar. I tried calling Superman, but unfortunately there was no signal.

My thoughts turned back to why my super powers weren't working. Then I recognized the cryptonite bars. So, I started to bark and bark and bark. After that, Wolfman took out this weapon that makes you fall asleep. The next thing I know he points it towards me, pulled the trigger and shot me with it, The last thing I heard was Wolfman's evil laughter and then everything went pitch black...

Chapter 5

Superman's Perspective

I received a call saying there is a bank robbery by unknown people. The show 'Dancing with the Superheroes' was going on so I don't want to get up. And since Rocky's not here I can't call him to go. So I guess I have to go myself. There are... 10 people robbing the bank. I guess I have to go. After this I'm just going to get home and relax after.

As soon as I get home, I get a call saying that 20 unknown people stole 40 million dollars worth of Ferraris and the police dispatched all of their fastest cars and they still couldn't catch them. So off I go to get them. There is no way to get them all without hurting anybody, so I have to put them in the water when they started onto the bridge. I started putting them in the water, so I put 15 in the water, but the other five get away.

I get another call saying that 15 unknown

people have hijacked an extra-large plane with 350 people in it. Even though I am really tired, this is very important because I never let people die. So I have no other choice but to go to the plane. When I get there, the people who are hijacking the plane look the same as the people who committed the crime of the bank robbery and the car stealing. I used my super strength to save the plane from crashing. The plane is 1,000 feet from crashing and I knew I did a good job of saving 350 lives. Now my energy is drained 80%.

I sit on the couch for 2 seconds and then I get a call saying that there is a bomb under the daily planet building. I have to do it for Lois (the person I like at our job) and my job. I go to the building. I have 1 minute left. I have to dig really fast. I finally find the bomb. I open the compartment and I cut the red wire. I saved a lot of people. I barely have any energy left. But I had enough energy to see Lois and go home.

I closed my eyes for just 1 minute and I received a call that there was a murder by an unknown person. I burned my phone in anger. I

have to go investigate so I can figure who was the murder. When I got there, I found out that three people killed the person who was murdered because there were three knives. I'm just going to leave it to the police because i'm really tired. Then I just go home and doze off. It feels good to doze off.

When I wake up, everything in my house is gone. I try to remember what happened. I suddenly remember. Since Rocky was gone for so long, I was thinking about getting a new dog. I suddenly see a note. It's by Wolfman.

Come to my lair. Hahaha!

-Wolfman

I almost jump so high that I could've broke the roof. I go to his lair so fast my underwear almost ripped.

I go to Wolfman's lair as soon as I find out he has Rocky. Before I got there, I knew there would be someone that could help me out. I came with Shimmer because she is my sidekick and I have to let her come. I don't even think that she is fully trained because she sang a song about unicorns

dancing on every place of the world. It was really annoying. I heard that she has something called D.D.P. I don't think it will help at all because every villain I have gone to didn't have time to disco. And plus, this is Wolfman we're talking about. He is the person who only wears black and hurts anyone who says the world light. He can be a monster if he wants to be one. I'm just scared. And I'm Superman.

When we were on the way to his lair, I told Shimmer to stay back so if something happens to me. I broke the cage door using my heat vision. However, a Kryptonian jail big enough for me suddenly dropped onto me. I become weaker on the account of it disrupting my powers. So, I blacked out.

Chapter 6

Shimmer's Perspective

I was really excited to meet up with Superman again at his now awesome house. He will be very proud of me for getting the sparkle belt and for making his garden much better. I knocked on the door with my light up, color changing, hoof (yes even my hoof is involved in disco partying). KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK! Nobody answered the door. "How rude!" I thought silently and angrily. KNOCK!!! KNOCK!!! KNOCK!!! I knocked again but even louder this time. Still nobody answered Superman's steel door. I was scared and aggravated at the same time. Then I melted his door down with my laser eyes. The house was a mess when I came back! The pillows were scattered all over the floor, the seventy inch flat screen TV was broken into pieces. It looked like Superman was robbed or

something. SUPERMAN!!! I whinnied with a shaky but loud voice. Still, nothing and now I was getting the creeps! Then I saw a mysterious note on the fridge. It said:

*Dear “top secret” magic unicorn,
I have your doggie and your hero friend.
From,
No One*

It was so obvious that it was Wolfman and his minions. I at least I thought it was him.

“Ha, Wolfman is a fool!” I whinnied with laughter and fun.

I googled the map to Wolfman’s Castle, and it actually showed his location. It actually did! All I had to do was to go on a simple quest, and climb a mountain, defeat Wolfman, and save Superman and his dog. Easy! Wait a second, now it doesn’t seem very easy anymore... But I made some more courage so I packed some weapons, food, and water. Then I went off to find Wolfman.

I found the map for where the cave is and then I realized that it is 800 miles away from where I am right now. I had to camp at night and it was so cold. I was freezing. Then I was thinking of superman what he was going to do with him and Rocky. It was morning time and I had to start flying. Day 2 I'm so tired I can't fly anymore so I ordered a plane. When I went on the plane I realized when I said I was tired I was only a mile away. Then I got off the plane and then there was a mountain...

After I reached the 800 miles of loneliness, I was devastated, a mountain was right in front of me. The layer was on top of the mountain ugh. "Could have told me Superman!" I screamed. I used my fast flying to get myself up half the mountain. I was so scared that it stopped right away. So I used ski sticks to reach the rest of the mountain. Along the way I met a mountain goat that kept me company. The one night I stayed on the mountain, it rained hard. In all, the trip up the mountain was one day.

"I'm so tired" I said as I fainted on the floor from climbing non stop for one day. *Okay the castle is right in front of me.* The next day... "Am I there yet" I asked myself waking myself from my deep sleep. "Oh my gosh I slept the whole day that leaves me one day to find Superman and Rocky!" I realized "Okay I might as well start inspecting the castle to find a way in.

After inspecting the castle for quite a while (and let me tell you I was actually impressed) I had to find out a way to get in the castle. I tried climbing to the top with rope, but the castle was so big, my hooves got tired after climbing halfway up. I tried a bunch of other things (like trying to make a ladder, which didn't work) Then I remembered, "DUH! I have superpowers!" I bursted through the door with my super flying skills and looked awesome while doing it. All of these ugly looking minion wolf people stared at me, then charged.

"Ah I see you have entered my layer?"
Wolfman sneered

"Wolfman," I squinted. I was worried and had no idea what to do (just kidding I did) but I was

strong so I looked up, “ WHO WANTS A DISCO PARTY?”

“What?” Wolfman said and in seconds, he was breaking out in dancing.

“Come on!” I yelled to Superman and Rocky.

“Uh, we can’t get out!” Rocky yelled back

“Wait, Where are you going?!” Wolfman asked not being able to stop his dancing

I used my telekinesis to open the bars of both cages and danced out of the room with both Superman and Rocky. “Here get on my back,” I yelled, the music of the disco party can be deafening at times. They both got on my back and sparkles surrounded them, they had their powers back! We then flew back to Superman’s house drinking Sparkle Cider and eating donuts. It was the best day.

Chapter 7

Wolfman's Perspective

I heard what sounded like a rocket, then they flew away. Unicorn burst through the wall. I sent all my minions to stop her. They all punched and kicked and did damage one-by-one. The unicorn kept fighting back, but her legs were too weak. "Hey, Shimmer!" Superman shouted, "Over here!" She turned to Superman's cage and she received a kick to the face.

Pretty soon, Shimmer started using her powers. Still, they didn't work that good. "I'll use my secret weapon!" she whispered. So with that, she pulled out the torture machine.

After pulling out the disco ball, I couldn't resist dancing to the music and neither could the minions. I even saw Superman and Rocky dance. Superman was all cramped up, so he was just shaking. Shimmer barely danced. She walked to

the cages. We were all too busy dancing to notice. Well, except me.

Shimmer used telekinesis to break the kryptonite cages, Superman and Rocky ran to protect her. Everyone stopped dancing. Then they all fought the minions and me. Shimmer kicked a wolf general. Rocky smacked some minions with his paw. Superman punched me in the nose. Then they flew away. That was the last thing I saw before everything turned black.

Chapter 8

Rocky's Perspective

I had finally woken up. Just in time to see Superman sleeping while being carried in and put in a cage by Wolfman's minions. Then, Superman woke up. He tried to use his powers and I almost told him that it wouldn't work, but then I remembered that I couldn't talk because of the Kryptonite cage. He finally realized that it wasn't going to work. "You really thought this through didn't you, Wolfman?" said Superman.

"Great!" I thought, now we're both captured.

Luckily a unicorn came. The Wolfman's minions started toward her. She said, "It's time to party!" and took out a disco ball looking thing that shot out sparkles. While the minions were distracted, she freed me and Superman with her telekinesis, moving the bars so that we could squeeze through them. When we were out of the

cages, we had our powers back. Then we saw the minions heading toward us, not distracted by the disco ball thing anymore. The unicorn said, "By the way, my name is Shimmer, now lets fight!"

We dove toward the minions, fighting them off easily. We pushed to the back of the minions. Then we heard Wolfman's voice, "Stop them!" We turned toward him. And then we all used our super powers on him at the same time. He was knocked out and we wasted no time, flying out of there as fast as we could.

Conclusion

As I was leaving the building, I saw little brown furry men. “Aww,” I screamed as I saw them. “You’re so cute!” What wasn’t cute about them was when they ran after me screaming out a word I didn’t understand.

“Mwarr,” It shouted.

“Yaaarrrr,” most of them screamed.

“What’s your problem?!” I screamed terrified by the monster. I used my telekinesis and moved them out of my way while running with my fast flying. I was screaming like a maniac. Then I saw an exit but it was locked.

“Yaaarrrr! Get her!” the leader shouted trying to lose grip.

“Shimmer, where are you?” Superman asked

“We have to help her” Rocky screamed
“AHHH!!!!” a scream was heard.

“That must be her... She is trapped in the building.”

BOOM!!! Soon enough there was a unicorn flying in top speed. C'mon guys. Soon Shimmer raced them back to G.U.U.T.S. "Well I guess this means good bye," Shimmer whispered

"You know you could always....," He started

"Work for us," Rocky finished

"Yes I'd love to," Shimmer said and that's how I met Superman and saved his dog, Rocky.

