

BY: ALEXA COSTELLO

SUPERPOWER

Nine randomly selected teachers were chosen to be asked the question, "If you could have any superpower in a classroom environment, what would it be?"

Mr. Felici, the Italian teacher, chose the power "empathy amplifier," or the ability to feel exactly what students feel. This would help him understand students more, so he always knows how to reach them and how to help if needed.

Mr. Zengewald, a math teacher, would have the power that all his students get the answers right to the math questions. He wants his students to get good grades and understand what he teaches them; this power would really help his students.

Mr. Dowd, a 7th-grade social studies teacher, chose to have the power to teleport. This is because it would help him keep his students doing the right thing during class. It would also make it easier for him to see what students are doing.

Ms. Brennan, a seventh-grade science teacher, wants the power to understand slang so she knows what her students are talking about when they say random things like "rizz" or "six-seven." This will also help her relate to students when they talk about things she doesn't understand. When she doesn't understand, students may call her "unc," which she would understand with that power.

Ms. Ethe, a randomly selected teacher, said



that she would give her students the power to believe in themselves. Ms. Ethe believes that if students believe in themselves, they are more likely to succeed and thrive in school and social environments.

Mrs. Keigwin, another randomly selected teacher, wants to have clones with her in the classroom to help her out. Handling students may be hard as just one person, but having a direct copy of yourself to help out would make teaching a whole lot easier.

Mrs. DeMatteo, the STEM teacher, chose to have the power of flying. Flying would make getting around her classroom to aid students much easier and would allow her to make sure students are doing their work quicker.

Mrs. Escobar, an ELA teacher, said she would want invisibility in the classroom. Invisibility means she could disappear and reappear behind a student to check that they're doing what they're supposed to be. Invisibility would

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also be really fun to use in the classroom; going invisible in front of your students would be a really funny classroom trick.

Mrs. Villalobos, one of the art teachers, chose

the power to give all of her students an endless amount of creativity. This would help students think outside the box and to come up with endless possibilities.

BY: MANFOA MCKEEVER

Secrets - Continuation

"Eloise..."

"Who are you?!" Eloise screamed.

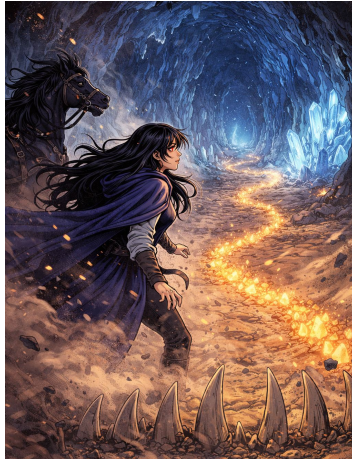
"If you want the truth you seek," whispered the voice, "come find me in the Waterwell Chasms."



"How? I don't know that place!"

"You will. Follow the trail of sunstone in the Dune of Victon."

Eloise awoke in a lifeless desert. "This must be the place..." She wandered endlessly, lost.



Heat burned her skin. Hunger clawed at her stomach.

Thirst dried her throat. Fog rolled in. A ringing sound exploded in her ears. Her vision blurred. Before her appeared a shimmering lake full of fruit trees. The horse rushed toward it joyfully.

But Eloise saw bones beneath the sand elephant, bison, and camel. It was a trap. A circle of razor-teeth emerged from the ground. Eloise stabbed the horse with a

cactus spine to wake it from the illusion. It panicked and ran, escaping just before the circle snapped shut.

The heavenly oasis turned back into sand. Then the ringing returned louder. Eloise saw visions: yelling, crying, fire, arrows, and war. It didn't burn. It didn't stain. It didn't even mark her cloak. Fire burst from her hands again uncontrolled. Fireballs shot everywhere until the flames stopped on their own. The Chimera became distracted.



"This is my chance!" She leaped onto her horse and followed the glowing sunstone trail to a sparkling cave.

"This must be the Waterwell Chasms," she whispered.

Inside, crystals glimmered like stars. Shelves of astronomy books lined the walls. On a rusted chair sat a journal. When she touched it, chills ran down her spine.

Property of Adeline Wilson.

"Wilson? That's my last name..."



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The final page read:

"In the end, I could not escape it. I hurt the ones I loved. Whoever finds this journal stop this from happening again. Do not let anyone stop you. Especially them."

Eloise stared at the page.

"What happened? Who are 'they'? What was she trying to stop?"

That night, Eloise tried to get another vision but nothing came. Frustrated, she looked at the stars, something her family once loved.

"Why me?" she asked the sky. "Why these eyes? These powers? These mysteries?"

Her nightmares continued visions of war, death, and a monstrous winged figure with black eyes

and red pupils. She woke screaming, crying, terrified blood appearing one moment and vanishing the next. Days passed. The dread grew.

"Why does this keep happening to me? I can't control my powers, my dreams torture me, and people want to kill me!"

She took a deep breath.

"But I have to keep moving forward."

After hours of travel she finally left the dunes. Then she heard the familiar voice again, guiding her to a cave covered in obsidian shards and crystal. Inside, she drank from a stream cautious as always. She continued deeper, feeling something watching her from the shadows.

And the journey continued...

BY: JAMES ANDERSON

World Conflicts

Have you ever thought about the fact that, at this very moment, there are people fighting all over the world? One major conflict is the Ukraine and Russia war. You have probably heard about this war and know a little bit about it from social media. The war began as a conflict in 2014 and then escalated into a full-scale invasion by Russia in 2022.

Ukraine is much smaller than Russia. Russia has thousands of aircraft while Ukraine has only a few hundred. However, Ukraine has continued to fight back with military aid from NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) and many other countries around the world.

Thousands of civilians and soldiers have died or have been injured. The exact numbers are very hard to confirm because the war is still ongoing.

The United States alone has sent more than \$66 billion to help Ukraine. The U.S. and other countries have also sent anti-tank rounds, missiles, artillery, and other equipment. Troops and support from America, Australia, England, France, Colombia, and Canada have also helped Ukraine.

In this war, not just soldiers are being hurt and killed, but so are civilians. They are being affected too. These attacks have damaged towns, neighborhoods, schools, and homes. Thousands of civilians have died and have been misplaced.

Imagine being a kid in Ukraine. You are asleep, and suddenly you hear loud explosions outside your apartment building. It is terrifying, and you and your family rush to safety. All these events have changed the lives of many children forever.

BY: DAYANA CALDERON, TAYLOR POWELL, & MADISON ILLADGE

GETTING TO KNOW MR. FELICI

For those of you who haven't had Italian yet or have not had the opportunity to meet Mr. Felici, now is the time. We interviewed Mr. Felici, the Italian teacher.

Where did you go to school and what did you major in?

"New York College, accounting."

What do you like best about your job?

"Making connections with my students and having them be comfortable enough to come to me."

What do you like least about your job?

"Administrative part/lesson planning."

If you had to pick another profession other than teaching, what would it be?

"Play baseball for the Yankees or counselor/social work."

What do you like to do out of school?

"Building different things/carpentry/drawing, anything creative."

Do you have a hobby?

"Carpentry."



Do you speak another language?

"Italian and a little bit of Spanish."



What is your favorite book?

"The Kite."

What's your favorite movie/TV show?

"Godfather, Stranger Things, and The Diplomat."



What is your favorite food?

"Italian food."

BY: MYO BALINES

Out of the 50 students I surveyed, 44 said that "67" isn't funny.

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