“Tara and the Letters”

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 “Tara, you have let us down. We were counting on you, and you failed.” Tara woke up. She had been having this dream for weeks now but it still always terrified her. Tara was definitely prepared when she found sweat now covered her from head to toe. She took a long cold shower. After that she headed to the kitchen to check the time. To her delight, she had slept in. It was now a little after 6:30am, but it felt quiet. A little too quiet. Her little sister, Lex, was not awake and normally she would have been awake by now. And mom was normally awake as well. Maybe they drove to the store? No, that couldn’t be it. Mom would usually write a note, but there was none. She felt a weird tingle and then there was a bright flash of light and then she was in the middle of a forest. She was not alone. Someone was sitting right there in the middle of a huge rock. Finally, the mysterious person said, “I’ve been expecting you.” “Who are you?” asked Tara. “None of your concern” she snapped. “Then how did you do that?” Tara asked. She did not answer. Then out of nowhere another figure appeared. “What is going on?” he blurted. He turned to Tara, “Where are we and who are YOU?” “I’m Tara, and I have no clue where we are.” she replied. Then the girl on the rock turned to them. “Tara, tell me everything about tessergem.” she demanded. “I don’t know what that is!” noted Tara. “I thought you would,” she remarked, “but since you don’t, you’re completely useless, which means I have to get rid of you.” “WHAT?!?” Tara screamed. Petrified, she looked up as a colossal bolder fell from the sky. “This is the end of me,” she thought in panic. She waited. Nothing happened. She cautiously peered from her protective stance and saw a huge glowing forcefield around her. “Did I do that?” Tara exclaimed. “Interesting,” muttered the girl on the rock. “Maybe I CAN use you.” “NO!” Tara yelled. Then out of the corner of her eye, she saw the boy suddenly disappeared. And her. Then, she was in her house. “OK, who are YOU?” asked Tara. “Oh right, my name is Cole,” replied the boy. “How did you do that?” added Tara. “I actually don’t know,” answered Cole. “But how did you do that?” “What?” questioned Tara. “The forcefield thingy,” he announced. Before she could respond, a letter with her name on it loudly slipped through the mail slot in the door and landed om the floor. She opened it, but the only thing that was written on it were the words “Meet me at the park at 2 o’clock sharp.” She thought about what to do. She decided that they would walk and spy on that mysterious letter writer. So, at 1:50pm they headed to the park. When they got there, someone was already waiting. “I knew you would come early,” he bragged, “I am Dave, of the ABX.” “What does that mean?” jested Cole. “Umm, nothing, it just sounds cool,” proclaimed Dave. “Why do you want us?” demanded Tara. “Because you have very rare abilities. Sit. I’ll explain,” he replied. He explained that the ABX trained powers and how they could be used for good and asked if they wanted to start training. Tara was not so sure about it. “Maybe when we can trust you?” After a long time of him desperately trying to convince them, they were still not persuaded, so Tara and Cole headed back to the house. When they got there, Tara asked where Cole lived so she could help him get home. He said he lived in Granite, but the only problem was she lived in Boulder; and without a car, it would be several days walk. So, they started looking for answers about the tessergem, which the creepy girl had talked about. But then she remembered. Where were Lex and Mom? She searched the whole house and found nothing but another letter which read, “If you want your family to be safe, turn yourself in. I will be waiting for you. When you say you are ready, we will come and get you.” “Well, that’s creepy,” exhaled Cole, “and terrifying!”. “But I HAVE to go, Cole! It’s for my family!” shouted Tara. “Maybe we can save them, we have to try!” said Cole. “I’M READY” Tara declared. Then out of nowhere, two people grabbed Tara and vanished. When she reappeared, she was in a fortress and that creepy girl sat on a throne. In a cage, not too far away, were Lex and Mom. “Tara!” they cried. Then the girl on the throne spoke, “Thank you for coming so soon. We will have to chat later, but for now, guards, take her away.” “Tara, I thought you came to save us!” bellowed Lex, “You let us down, and we were counting on you. You failed!” Tara’s brain spun. Her dream came true! But confidently she declared, “No, I didn’t”. Then, from her pocket she pulled a sparkly blue white gem and pointed it at the girl on the throne. “What? The tessergem? NO!!!” she screeched. Suddenly the creepy girl was sucked into the sparkling gem and disappeared with the tessergem itself. Tara broke into the cage that held Mom and Lex. “We are going home!” she cried with happy tears. Suddenly, they teleported home. When they got there, Cole was gone. “Cole must have done that somehow,” thought Tara. After, she explained everything to Lex and Mom. “Well, we are happy you are safe,” said Mom. “I’m happy you are ok!” Tara said. “Well, I’m HUNGRY!” wined Lex. “I’m sure you are!” Tara laughed. But before they could celebrate, Tara found another letter was waiting, signed ABX.