

"It's very beautiful," exclaimed Artemis ecstatically. Her father had just given her a pendant for her twelfth birthday. Artemis ran to her room, closed the door, and sat on her futon. When she reopened the box it seemed to her it glowed. Artemis thought, "I must be seeing things."

Artemis wore it and ran downstairs. Her mother was in the kitchen. Her father was in his office. Her brother was playing with his Legos on the kitchen floor. Her sister was in her room. Everything was normal.

Artemis ran back to her room and began her homework. At 6:00 PM exactly, it was time for dinner. All that thinking made Artemis hungry. At dinner her sister was texting to her friend Jessie. Artemis was on her iPod; her mother and father were talking to each other, and her brother Austin was playing with a mini-Spiderman toy. When dinner was finished, Artemis helped her mother clean up.

Artemis went upstairs, and then noticed she heard voices. When she went to look. She finally found out that is the birds. Then she thought, "Wait, say what? I understand birds talking?"

Artemis opened the window and said, "You know I can understand you."

The first bird said, "I know, you are wearing the Amulet of Valda. By the way, my name is Mia and this bird here is named Chloe."

Artemis was confused. Then she asked, "What are you talking about?"

Then Mia said, "Legend tells of a king who loved his kingdom so much that he asked his magician to make something to protect his kingdom. So his magician made this Amulet. So every good deed done by you is granted with power."

"Wow," said Artemis.

"But wait. Why did he choose an amulet? Why did he make it every good deed done you get power?" wondered Artemis.

Chloe said, "Calm down! We will answer your questions later. Right now we must come in so we can explain what to do. You must never tell anyone, not even your best friend."

"OK." Said Artemis. Then her mother yelled from downstairs. "Artemis, Artemis it is time for bed." Artemis said goodbye to the birds and prepared for bed.

The next morning, Artemis got ready for her archery class. On her return, she found her best friend Amber. Artemis and Amber had a project to work on together. Artemis went to Amber's room and they started to work on the project. After finishing, Amber went home and Artemis opened the window and shouted, "Mia, Chloe!" with her loudest voice. Mia and Chloe flew as quickly as they could to Artemis's window ledge. Mia asked, "What happened? Are they back? I told you, Chloe, we were going to have to tell her."

Artemis said, "Tell me what? Who's back? Are you guys' hungry? Come inside." Mia and Chloe came inside and waited for Artemis to come back. Meanwhile, Amber was talking to her mom about her and Artemis's work.

Amber said "and Artemis has a very nice new amulet."

Then Amber's mom said, "She has a what? Does the amulet seem to glow sometimes? Amber, answer all my questions. Don't leave out anything." Amber knew that she shouldn't answer any of the questions. Neta, Amber's mom, was always a little strange. She hated going out of the house; she ate raw things, and never ever cooked. She has green and blue hair, never wore shoes, and never talked to her daughter unless it was to scold her. Amber ran up to her room, locked the door, and sat inside crying.

At Artemis's house, Artemis was telling her sister to move out the way. Neta, Amber's mom, was running to Artemis's house and was shouting, "I know she has it! I didn't kill my family for nothing, and I didn't drink that spell to live forever for nothing! THAT AMULET IS MINE!"

Then there was a loud knock at Artemis's front door. Artemis ran downstairs only to find her father and her sister Jessie frozen; her mother and her little brother dead. Artemis had to do something.

Artemis discovered she had new power. She could send anything into a deep freeze. While she was fighting Neta, Artemis said, "By the way, why did you kill my mom and my brother and freeze my father and my sister? SPEAK NOW."

Neta replied, "Your great great great great grandfather, King Kingston, wanted to protect his kingdom. His court magician, however, wanted to take over the kingdom. He had one hope, me, his daughter. He gave me a potion that has made me live forever. Instead of taking the kingdom, I destroyed it, and then I ran away. Now give me what belongs to me!"

The two scuffled over the amulet. Neta shot Artemis in the eye, and Artemis responded by freezing Neta completely. She then called the cops.

Several emergency vehicles arrived on the scene. Artemis was able to save her frozen family members, as well as the world. The emergency team helped to patch her eye. Then when the cops left, Artemis thought, "No one is watching. I can go to the basement." Artemis had never ever been to the basement because her father never allowed it. She twisted the basement doorknob, only to find it was locked. Anyway there was probably a reason her father didn't let her go down there. Then she called Amber and told her what happened.

Amber then asked, "Why don't you come over until the police can take care of everything?"

Artemis agreed, "Okay." Artemis packed her bag, then sat next to her mother and said, "I hope you rest in peace. I will miss you and never forget you and Austin." Artemis started to drop tears. Then the amulet started to glow, Artemis knew it meant she obtained a new power.

She saw a vision. She saw herself at the police station speaking to the chief. Artemis realized, "I have the power of seeing." She shouted, "AWESOME!" She tried to concentrate and she saw herself in the doctor's office getting her eye fixed. Then she concentrated again and saw the past. This time she saw her first day of school. Artemis thought, "So, I see the future and the past."

Artemis opened the door and departed for Amber's house. On her way Amber called Artemis's iPhone (it was really her mother's iPhone). Amber shouted, "My father is home, he finally came!"

Artemis said, "Great! I'm on my way." Artemis was happy for Amber. She had been waiting a desperately long time for him to come home.