

Tell Me The Name

EXCERPT

It was only after she had tucked into her second chicken wing that Mao looked up at the man and asked, "Uuummm... sir, can I ask who you are? What are you? Again the man laughed, "I could ask you the same thing. Don't meet so many talking cats anymore."

"You can call me Horbo," he continued. "I'm a distant cousin of Naga, and I live not far from here. I could tell you were all right because of the mark on her hand. The mark of one who passed the first test," he said, nodding at Min Rui.

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"What does Horbo mean?" asked Mao.

The man with the horns smiled. "You are a quick one, I see. Horbo is my name, but it is also what I am. I am both a man... and a water buffalo. Horbos are strong and stubborn. We like to live near rivers and lakes. We like to cook and we are sworn to help those in need. Is that enough for you, little cat?"



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LET'S DISCUSS

- What attributes do you look for in a friend?
- Think of one of your good friends. What was your first impression of them?



CHALLENGE 1: SPIN THE WHEEL

Horbo is not the only half-human, half-animal character; there are many such creatures featured in myth and legends. Try guessing what one of these creatures might be by assembling this decoder wheel.

Crack the code by following the steps given below.

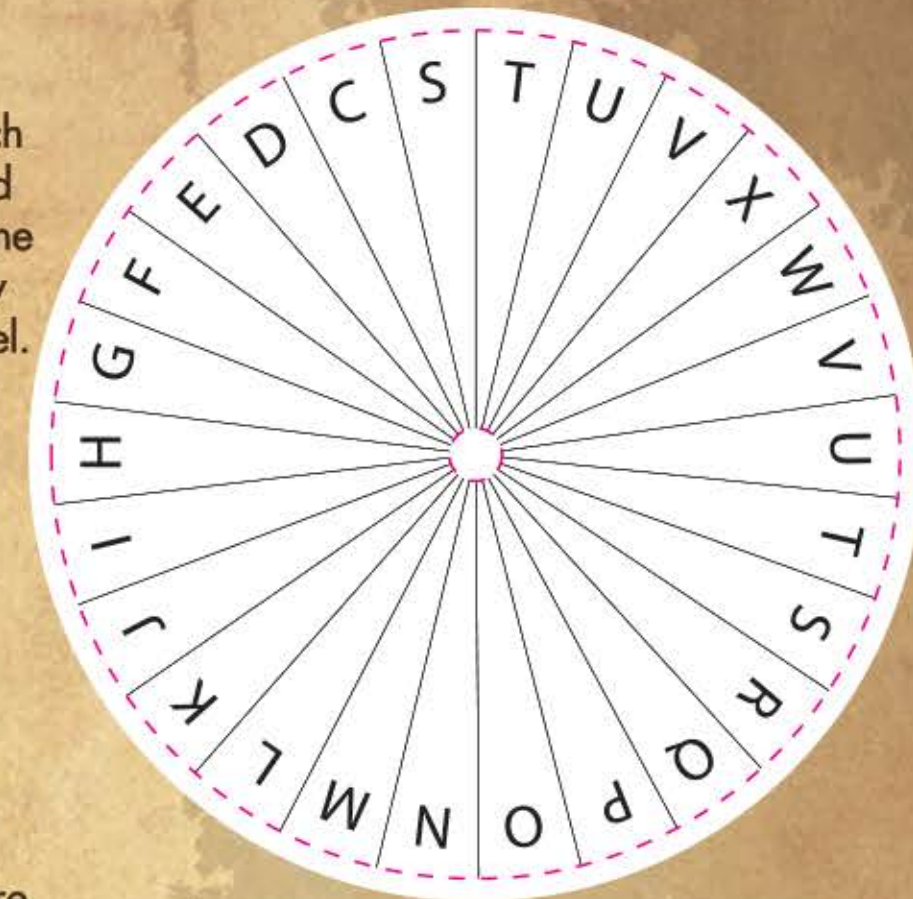
Good luck!

STEPS:

1. Pop out the two wheels.
2. Make sure both wheels are facing up.
3. Place the small wheel in front of the big wheel.
4. Poke through the middle of both wheels using a pencil to fasten them together.
5. Use the key to decode the name of this half-human, half-animal hybrid.

Code: **HRIVM**

Key: **Q13**



Answer: Siren



CHALLENGE 2: FIND MY BOOK!

Match the following quotes to the correct books.

It was strange to think that one day I might have my own stack of yellowed photos to show skeptical grandchildren — and my own fantastic stories to share.

I wish every day could be Halloween. We could all wear masks all the time.

It's no use going back to yesterday, because I was a different person then.

But you see, Meg, just because we don't understand doesn't mean that the explanation doesn't exist.

Humans waste words. They toss them like banana peels and leave them to rot. Everyone knows the peels are the best part.

If you dare nothing, then when the day is over, nothing is all you will have gained.

As long as you can find yourself, you'll never starve.

Wilbur didn't want food, he wanted love. He wanted a friend—someone who would play with him.

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs

Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate