

Dear friends, I wrote this one a year ago, but sorry I didn't get to send it until now. -- Peggy

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"heroes"



In which our ordinary family discovers supernatural powers enabling us to save the city of Santa Cruz from certain doom.

Kitty Miao-Miao: *Super-acute hearing detecting* cans of tuna being opened, tin foil balls being thrown and atomic bombs being detonated.



Bruin: *Ability to hypnotize* with piano music subdues even the strongest-minded amongst us to do his bidding. He also surfs Cowell's, bridged up from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts, and played

awesome midfielder with his "Howler Monkeys" soccer team.

Luke: *Ability to withstand freezing temperatures* walking every morning to Santa Cruz High School *without any jacket!* Though only a sophomore he is cracking math codes to disarm atomic bombs, honing his warfare skills vs. international adversaries on internet gaming websites, and practicing hand-to-hand combat with brothers at home.



Nelson: *Bends brainwaves* by transforming any subject matter into inane joke. This psychological power renders everyone else in the building insane. His ingenious mathematical prowess deciphers coordinates of secret computer sciences training camps (code names UC__), and infiltrate said camps posing as freshman. Backup plan: stealth spying in Marine Biology surfing Steamer Lane daily.

Bob: His amazing *regenerational abilities* has already astounded thousands of patients, reviving them from suspicious outbreaks of cuts, broken bones, workmen's comp injuries and the common cold. Cleverly disguised as a physician at Pinnacle Urgent Care clinic in Los Banos, he also can use his power on himself, his eyes, shoulder, and various wounds from occasional bike crashes in the Santa Cruz mountains. His power also extends to household appliances such as the heater thermostat, car engines and kitchen floors.

Peggy: *Ability to foresee and determine the future of the world.* She steers her own family's destiny as Bruin's Cub Scout Packmaster, soccer coach, and refilling dressers with clean laundry each week. Her *ability to transform* ordinary cupboard ingredients into daily gourmet and nutritious meals. Using lightening-fast typing she is reshaping destiny of life on earth through ISI global leaders.

Stay tuned for the next exciting developments in which our Heroes uncover a nefarious plot for their earth's doom, learn to maximize their powers through teamwork and save the fate of mankind.

May you, as well, use your supernatural powers for God's mysterious and excellent purposes.



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The Graduates



Frances & Jason, Hugo and Jeovanni graduated to a 3-son family.



Baby Jason Caleb Jr. graduated October 4 from womb to our world.

Bruin, after 5 years of hard piano playing, graduated to his first-love: guitar—first acoustic, now electric. “Stairway to Heaven” echoes through the house daily.



Luke graduated from sharing a room with Bruin to getting his OWN room since Nelson moved out. “Now I can go to bed whenever I want,” he says. He also advanced from underclassman to Junior at Santa Cruz High.



Nelson graduated from Santa Cruz High School into the working world for the summer with a job at Dave’s Computers. He’s now attending University of California Santa Barbara, majoring in Computer Engineering.



Bob graduated from Pinnacle Urgent Care clinic back to Emergency Room Physician at Palo Alto VA (Veterans Admin) Hospital “I was taking care of lots of people with colds, who don’t want to hear that they’re not that sick. Now I’m taking care of patients who are really sick.” But the best part of last year “was spending time with my family...twice as much time as most other doctors I know” and his 90 mile bike ride with brother-in-law Nelson Ahlstrom from Carmel to Hearst Castle.

Peggy graduated from Bruin’s Cub Scout leader/soccer coach to non-ranking Troop parent. and graduating gradually from part-time to full-time International Students. Inc. ministry,

Kitty Miao-Miao graduated from ... uh... hey cat What DID you do this year?... Nevermind.

HAPPY NEW YEAR in whatever you are graduating to!

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