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Form 2, 1st Prize

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My Parents' Secret Past

I thought my parents were just like everyone else's parents until I discovered their secret past.

One day, while I was cleaning out the attic, I found a box at the back with a label that said 'Keep Out' on the cover. At first, I decided to walk away and continue cleaning the attic, but after a while, my curiosity got the best of me and I went to see what was in the box.

Inside the box, I found two suits with Mom and Dad's names labeled inside. There were also a few gadgets inside too. I grabbed the suits and one or two of the gadgets and went down to the living room where Mom and Dad were relaxing and watching TV.

I said, 'Mom, Dad, can I ask you something?'

'Sure, what would you like to ask us?' they replied.

I held up the suits and gadgets and asked, 'What are these?!'

They both looked at each other knowingly and said, 'Claudia, it's time we told you about our past.'

Once, a long time ago, there was a fit young girl and boy with great athletic abilities. They were both masters of the ancient art of *shinjitsu*, so they were deeply in sync with one another's moves. One day, they were summoned to be hired as secret agents for a top secret government facility. For years, they solved mysteries for the government. They were the best agents in their department, until fourteen years ago when they resigned to have their kids. But hey kept their gear just in case.

And that's how I found out about my parent's secret past.