



photo taken by high school student, Crystal Ji

Lost and Found

a story by Jenna, seventh grade writer



Suddenly, the eggs began to rattle. One was big and blue, the other one small and speckled with light grey spots. At first they seemed so different, but they had a lot in common. They both were placed in the Lost and Found.

This was not an ordinary Lost and Found for lonely gloves and jackets, but a home for bird eggs abandoned by their mothers. Now, two eggs began to hatch: Big Blue and Greyson.

"Where am I?" asked Big Blue. "And where is my mother?"

"I do not know where my mother is either," replied Greyson.

Out of nowhere, a gigantic, black bird swooped out of the sky and landed on the edge of the nest that Big Blue and Greyson were sitting in.

"Welcome to the world, little ones; I am The Raven," the humungous bird said.

"Where are we?" asked the newborn birds in unison.

"Why, the Lost and Found of course! It is the place for all birds without mothers. While here, you will learn the best flying and bug-catching techniques. The most experienced birds will teach you until you are ready to go off on your own," Raven explained.

For the next couple of weeks, Big Blue and Greyson trained alongside the other Lost and Found birds. Mr. Robin taught them how to catch worms and Ellen Eagle trained them to soar with ease. The day before Big Blue and Greyson were supposed to leave the nest, something unexpected happened; they got a visit from their long lost mothers.

Bonnie Bluebird, Big Blue's mother, and Carla Cowbird, Greyson's mother, emotionally explained how their eggs were separated during a violent spring storm. They also told their sons how grateful they were that The Raven had found them and taken the young birds under his wing.

The next day, Bonnie and Carla thanked The Raven personally before they flew off with their sons.

What do you like about Jenna's writing style? Which writing trait(s) does she excel with?

What story or poem might you write inspired by this photograph?