

Reading Homework 02.10.26-09.10.26

The Silver Feather

In the quiet village of Bramblewood, a young girl named Lila found a silver feather glimmering beneath an old oak tree. It shimmered as though moonlight lived inside it. When she picked it up, a soft voice whispered, "*Set me free.*"

Startled, Lila looked around, but no one was there. The voice came again, gentle but urgent. "I am trapped in the storm beyond the hills."

Lila tucked the feather into her satchel and followed the whisper through fields of gold and into the dark forest. As the wind howled, the feather began to glow brighter, guiding her steps. At last, she reached a clearing where a huge falcon of pure silver lay tangled in vines.

Without hesitation, Lila used the feather to slice through the vines. The moment the last strand snapped, the falcon rose into the air, wings shining like stars. "You have freed me," it said. "Take this gift."

The bird dropped a small silver pendant into Lila's hand before soaring into the clouds. From that day on, whenever she wore it, courage filled her heart.

Questions

1. Why do you think Lila decided to help the silver falcon?
2. What did the falcon give Lila as a gift?
3. What does the word 'glimmering' mean in the first paragraph?