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THE LAST FALLEN STAR

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GETTING READY TO CELEBRATE *THE LAST FALLEN STAR*

DECOR

To prepare for your event celebrating the arrival of *The Last Fallen Star*, introduce the atmosphere of the lush and diverse California landscape into your space. Backdrops of the night sky over the ocean or a landscape scene of the rugged peaks of the San Gabriel or Santa Monica Mountains will get attendees into the spirit of *The Last Fallen Star*. Use butcher paper to create your backdrops; add to the scene the magical Pacific Ocean and a field of stars, perfect for a night of stargazing or incantations, as celebrated by the Gifted Clans series. Don't forget to include a bit of the LA skylines to your scenes, as it's home to an entire society of Korean witches with a deep connection to the Godrealm.



FOODS

No party is complete without snacks! Your event attendees will be hungry after completing their own star-studded journey, so be sure to have yummy refreshments on hand to entice your partygoers with these Riley-approved and -inspired refreshments.

*Sweet and savory snacks inspired by the world of **The Last Fallen Star**:*

- Tornado fries
- Korean fried chicken bites
- Bulgogi tacos
- Miniature doughnuts
- Choco-Pies
- Honey Butter Chips
- White cookie Pepero sticks
- Shrimp crackers
- Korean melon Popsicles
- Star-shaped cookies
- Fruits, veggies, and cheese cut into space shapes like stars



THIS MAGIC MOMENT! ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS TO GET THE PARTY STARTED

Get your magical event started right by using the following activities and crafts to get those witchy readers into the spirit of the Gifted Clans series!

MEET, MINGLE, MAGIC, AND MISLEAD

Because of her seeming inability to cast spells as a saram, Riley and her sister do some fibbing to their family in hopes of using a promising incantation from their family’s old spellbook to allow Hattie to share her Gom clan magic with Riley.

For a party icebreaker, have event attendees write out three non-magical statements about themselves on large cards. Two of the statements should be facts about themselves (for example, *I like to eat broccoli* or *Purple is my favorite color*) with one statement that is false (for example, *I have gone surfing before*), but all three statements need to be plausible. After everyone has had a chance to write their three statements, have attendees walk around the room and introduce themselves to each other. After the instruction, ask them to read each other’s statements and try to guess which one is the lie. Give each player stickers they can offer the other player if that player guesses the correct “mislead” statement. At the end of the round, the player who discovered the most fibs wins a prize of your choosing.

DON'T STOP: IT'S K-POP! (MUSICAL CHAIRS)

Throughout the Gifted Clans series, readers discover the wonderful ways Korean pop culture and music have become beloved throughout the world. For readers, it's likely impossible for them to think of Korea without also recognizing the influence of karaoke, K-dramas, and K-pop sound and music have on young people everywhere. For this activity, organize a standard game of musical chairs but utilize the talents of K-pop artists to move the game along. Play tracks from groups such as BTS, Blackpink, EXO, Twice, NCT, BIG BANG, Red Velvet, and GOT7. For added fun, offer K-pop-inspired prizes or Korean candies for the winner.

IT'S A SHOOTING-STAR SPEED RACE!

To save her sister, Riley Oh must complete the seemingly impossible task of finding the mysterious fallen star. Have your attendees work together to get their stars back where they belong. Begin by dividing event participants into relay teams. Using small inflatable stars available online for purchase, provide each team with a star. Next, if the event is indoors, have attendees stretch themselves out on the ground in a line where the star can be passed from hands to feet to hands to feet as the inflatable star is moved from teammate to teammate, being sure not to let the star fall again (if the inflatable is dropped, the team must start from the beginning). Once it gets to the end, have the final person pass it back to the beginning. The first team to return their fallen star to their home sky wins!

GETTING CRAFTY

To get readers excited about *The Last Fallen Star* and their introduction to the epically magical adventures of the Gifted Clans series, consider the following craft projects or stations for your event.





DESIGNED TO SHINE: BUILD A STAR

One of the most fun elements of reading the Gifted Clans series is getting to tag along with Riley Oh and Emmett in their great misadventures as they search for the true fallen star.

After putting readers in small groups, provide time for a brief discussion on why stars are so meaningful and important symbols to many. Next, as a whole group, share photographic images of stars and star “facts,” and finally, make time to for attendees to design and create their own stars. Be sure to set up a craft station that includes a wide variety of supplies, including colorful papers, paints, beads, and wire, and let the star-studded building begin!

SHINE ON: MAKING PAPER-FOLDING ALL STARS

Paper-folding creation activities are beloved by readers everywhere; in Korea, *jong-i jeobgi* (the Korean word for paper-folding) and other paper crafts and folding are important components of Korean culture and are taught in schools to support levels in science, history, math, and art. Search to determine if your community has a Korean outreach center or church, and if possible, connect with them to see if they offer paper-crafting tutorials to help get readers in the *Last Fallen Star* spirit. Alternatively, using online resources and tips, set up your own origami station with supplies; be sure to provide participants step-by-step instructions and consider playing instructional videos for attendees to follow.

BUILD THAT MAGICAL SWEET RIDE

In *The Last Fallen Star*, Riley Oh and Emmett are gifted a magical dragon scooter that helps scoot them around quickly along their adventures. Along the way, they also wake a *cheollima*, a small winged stallion, known to be the goddesses’ preferred mode of transport around the Godrealm. Ask readers to consider the following: *If you had the chance, would you want some kind of magical transportation of your own? What would be the coolest thing about having it handy?* Next, give each participant a variety of supplies to design and decorate their own magical ride—include paper, markers, pens, and pencils, but also offer fast-hardening clay and have them sculpt their dream ride with their own hands. After drying, provide a craft station with paint, glue, feather, beads, and other decorative options to enhance their “transportation.” For the final step, offer participants the chance to share and showcase their creations.

LET'S MAKE A LITTLE MAGIC: COLLABORATIVE WRITING EXERCISE

The Gifted Clans series by Graci Kim offers a fresh take of blending Korean mythology and creative storytelling into a modern world that masterfully ties an entire Korean society of witches to the Godrealm. Have readers work independently or team up in pairs or small groups to create an original magical short tale inspired by Riley Oh and the gifted clans. To get them writing, share the following instructions.

Begin by brainstorming and using or creating a SWBST chart (Somebody/Wanted/But/So/Then) to guide your story's creation (consider offering an example from a well-known story). After the short stories are complete, decide how to share the tales with the groups and let the storytelling begin!

SWBST chart (Somebody/Wanted/But/So/Then)
Somebody
Wanted
But
So
Then

ARE THESE STATEMENTS ABOUT LOS ANGELES FACT OR FICTION?

Test for your knowledge of LA facts by completing these trivia questions inspired by The Last Fallen Star.

1. In 1892, oil was discovered under the area of where Dodger Stadium now sits.

6. Ever since the zoot suit riot in 1943, the baggy suits have been prohibited in LA.

2. The LA coroner's office has a gift shop.

7. The famous Hollywood sign originally read "Hollywoodland."

3. The film industry ended up in Los Angeles as a way to get away from Albert Einstein.

8. It is illegal to drive more than 2,000 sheep down Hollywood Boulevard in LA.

4. Beverly Hills began as a lettuce farm.

9. Rainfall in Los Angeles can cause schools to close.

5. Los Angeles is known as the City of Lights.

10. Los Angeles is the only city in North America to have hosted the Summer Olympics three times.

1. FACT, 2. FACT, 3. FICTION (Answer: Filmmakers were trying to get away from Thomas Edison in New Jersey, as he held most of the film patents in the United States and laws in California offered more flexibility), 4. FICTION (Answer: Beverly Hills was a modest lima-bean-growing ranch), 5. FICTION (Answer: Los Angeles loosely translates to the City of Angels), 6. FACT, 7. FACT, 8. FACT, 9. FACT, 10. FICTION (ANSWER: It is the only US city to host it twice.)