Trouble Undercover

Dev loves solving puzzles, but he never expected to crack a code and enrol in a school for spies! He loves his new school, where he learns about disguises and gadgets. When the headmaster calls him and his friends, Anya and Mo, to their first mission, Dev can't wait to prove himself. But things don't quite add up... can Dev figure out what's really going on?



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Chapter 1

CLATTER! A large gold envelope fell through Dev's letterbox. It made such a loud noise that he looked up from his crossword puzzle. Dev was an *expert* at puzzles of all kinds, and usually nothing could distract him until he finished. But this envelope was very strange. It was gold, marked 'TOP SECRET' and addressed to Dev! Could it be the results of the coding contest he'd entered last month?

Dev opened it quickly. Inside was a typed letter and a gold card with fancy writing:

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Solve this coded message to earn your place—

tell no one but your mum.

Dev grinned. Another puzzle! He read the coded message eagerly:

Congratulations! Come on! Try winning all the colour coding monkey contest competitions! This time! is now your moment? invitation attached to come join in the Monkey Mysteriosa Party! Academy, for the silly! secret party! boarding airplanes! school not for you! spies! in The jungle bus soon will depart! collect bananas you monkey and tell your silly mum nothing! from Montgomery your friend. house party on every Tuesday! always at night 5 hundred o'clock! Still in costumes the next morning. Don't Remember—just tell me! no worries! one opportunity—but forget your silly mum! Jungle Spies rule! who cares? cannot everyone be invited! trusted Monkeys will never not ever be not permitted.

Dev frowned. It was a code he'd never seen before… what could it mean? It couldn't *really* be about monkeys, could it?

Suddenly he cracked it! He crossed out every other word, and the true message was revealed:

Congratulations on winning the coding contest! This is your invitation to join the Mysteriosa Academy, the secret boarding school for spies! The bus will collect you and your mum from your house on Tuesday at 5 o'clock in the morning. Remember—tell no one but your mum! Spies who cannot be trusted will not be permitted.

Excitement fizzed through Dev like electricity. He was going to spy school!

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Chapter 2

Dev was even more excited early on Tuesday morning when a gold electric-powered bus pulled up outside his house!

"Mum!" he called. "Time to go!"

"Are you sure you want to go to a boarding school?" his mum asked.

"It's not too late to change your mind!"

Dev bit his lip.

"I'll miss you, Mum," he said. "But this is my chance to be a real spy! I can't miss it!"

His mum beamed. "Then we'd better not miss the bus! Come on!"

They hurried outside.

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