



ACTIVITY FOUR

YOUR LIFE IS IN YOUR WINGS

The Guardian Herd: Starfire by Jennifer Lynn Alvarez

Once every hundred years, a black foal is born in Anok. It is said that this foal will either unite or destroy five herds of flying horses. He is fated to become the most powerful pegasus in all the land. Star is this black foal. Even though Star is unable to fly, the leaders of each herd fear him and want to kill Star before his first birthday. With the help of his friends, Star must escape the clutches of the powerful leaders.

PART 1 When he was born, Star's mother whispered secrets to him that he would carry with him well after his first birthday, when he would receive the starfire that would give him his powers—if he lives that long. Use your experience to decide whether you agree with these secrets or not.

Secret	Agree/Disagree	Your Experience
Don't fight each other; heal each other.	_____	_____ _____
Trust the goodness in yourself, and you will succeed.	_____	_____ _____
Peace is a choice.	_____	_____ _____
Each of us can be a destroyer or a healer.	_____	_____ _____
Sometimes you have to fail in order to learn how to succeed.	_____	_____ _____

PART 2 You are about to go into a council of the over-stallions of each of the five herds, where you will decide Star's fate. Star could bring all the herds together, or he could destroy them. Do you believe that Star has a choice about whether he will heal the herds or destroy them? Use your own experience and what you have decided about each of the secrets and decide what to do about Star. Will you have him executed or will you let him live? Why?



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