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Long ago in a Parallel Land, King Pieberry and his lovely wife Queen Rhombia, were overlooking there small but beautiful land. They were just getting ready for their morning tea and toast when CRASH! They heard glass break downstairs.

“Gunther,” King Pieberry called, “Please go find out what happened”

So as an obedient butler, Gunther slowly walked downstairs mumbling, "Gunther do this, Gunther do that Blah Blah Blah" When he finally reached the lower level, he was shocked. The national emblem of Parallel Land, the royal bird Poly was gone. He then sprinted upstairs to report his finding to the king and queen.

"Your majesty, your majesty, Poly's gone! Poly's gone!"

"WHAT" boomed the king? "Go and fetch the guards."



When the guards reached the balcony, they explained what happened, "We were standing in front of the

door when a man named Ray ran up reporting a fight outside the castle. So as a watchman to you I ran over to see what was happening. When I returned, I found guard number 2 on the ground and the glass broken. When I got inside I found Poly was missing. I then ran around the castle searching for her, and all I found was this riddle.”

“I see,” commented the king. “Well, here’s what we’ll do. We’ll hold a contest to see who is the smartest and most cunning in the entire kingdom.”

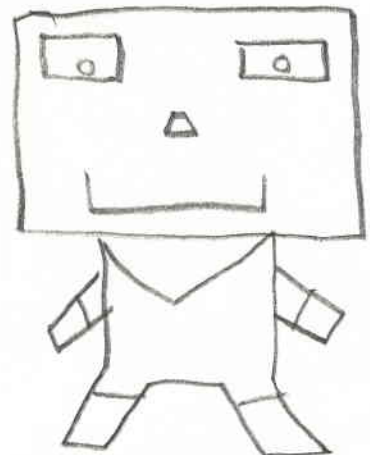
So the very next day the king had the servants post fliers all about the kingdom posting about the contest. It was told to be held on the 5th day of the week.

When the 5th day of the week rolled around, everyone in the kingdom was here to see the event. All the boys and men were ready to compete.

“Welcome!” boomed the king. “We are here today to find out who is the strongest and smartest of all of you. Our beloved Poly has been captured by 2 evil people. The first one to complete a series of brain and strength challenging tasks will be the winner.”

When the event began, it was a thriller all the contestants were off and running. Finally, the horn sounded.

“The event is finished,” the king said. “And the winner is,” to his dismay was a young boy named Quadrum. “Quadrum Rilateral.”



Everyone cheered. Nobody thought that a mere boy would win. Then Quadrum went up to the king and took the riddle from him and it said, "To find the bird you must know the figure with 4 congruent sides but not a square. Then you will find the next clue."

"A figure, not a square, with 4 congruent sides, what could it be." Quadrum thought on and on. He then remembered what he had learned in class. Their kingdom was located next to the Rhombi Mountains. He also remembered from math class that a rhombus was a figure with 4 congruent sides. So Quadrum mounted his horse and rode off for the mountains.



When he got to the mountains he found a note latched in the gate. It was the second clue to the riddle. It read “Well done young one you have figured out the first task, now can you handle the 2nd? If you need the bird she’s in a cage. A round cage with a circular base. If you know the way to figure

out the space then you can find the cage.”



“The space?” questioned Quadrum. “What’s the space” He had learned in class that a space of a figure is the total area it covers. Area? That’s it! The space of the cage is its area. But what do we have that is area?”

This stumped Quadrum, but he soon figured out if you take Pie times the Radius, half the length across the center

of the circle, and multiply the radius by itself then you get the area.

“Well we have the Piefore Forest and the Radial Kingdom. Where should I start? The riddle said, that if I could figure out the space, well to get the space, you most definitely need the radius. So I’ll go to the Radial Kingdom.”

When he reached the Radial Kingdom to no surprise most houses were shaped like circles. He then found the final note.



“You have done well. The final task is this. To get the bird you need to walk the distance across the town. There you’ll find the royal bird and everyone gathered around.”

“Well Quadrum thought. The town is circular, but what is the distance across a circle.” So Quadrum walked up to

many people asking what the distance across the circle was called. He got answers like, "Circum, Frence ," and many other answers. So Quadrum thought and thought. But he couldn't come up with anything. He kept going over and over Circum and Frence.

"Circum Frence" he kept repeating.

"Wait I got it!" he exclaimed. "The answer is Circumference. And in Radial Kingdom, they have a meeting area called Circumference Square. "

So he ran to the square as fast as he can. When he reached the square, he found Poly and quickly got her down. With it he found a note saying that the birdnappers were two men by the name of Ray and Seg. That if he got the bird he could find them outside the castle in a spot with great guard.

“A spot with great guard!” Quadrum exclaimed.

“The birdnappers are the palace guards.”

When Quadrum returned he told the king everything and the guards were punished by having to clean the whole castle for the rest of their lives. As for Quadrum, he was named a town hero and a day call Piday was placed in honor of him on the 14th day of the 3rd month. Why was it called Piday because $\pi = 3.14$ and the 14th day of the 3rd month reversed equals 3-14 or 3.14.



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