Quest for the Arts

There are three 9-year-olds, Yorgos from Greece, Egert from Estonia and Gabaja from Lithuania. The three children are staying with their Polish friend Amelia and her family for the summer.When Amelia fights with her younger sister the night before a group trip to Paris, her mother makes all four children sleep in the attic. The next morning Amelia’s family mistakenly leave for the airport without the four children who awaken to an empty house and assume their wish to have no family has come true.

Egert: Ha,ha, our wish has come true.

Gabaja: Yeees! We are all alone and we have the house to ourselves!

But their excitement sours when they hear on the news that two con men have escaped from prison and, according to the police, they are somewhere in the area close to the children's house.

Yorgos (looking and sounding scared): Ooops

So they decide to protect the house from the two con men who are planning to break into Amelia’s house. The children know they should brave and protect the family home by completing successfully four adventures that require knowledge but also their ability to solve problems and be creative.

That night the children heard the con men break into the basement through the wooden door. The kids were watching them while the conmen were trying to open the chest of drawers where Amelia’s father kept his precious collection of cds from Greece, Estonia, Lithuania and Poland. The minute they managed to open the drawer, a deep male voice was heard.(mp3) The con men got scared and started running. Amelia and Yorgos were actually playing a YouTube video of a fierce-looking and -sounding man from an American movie. The conmen were running down the stairs when Egert and Gabaija threw books at them but they missed them.

The next morning the four children are in the garage when the two conmen break into the garage and try to get hold of the expensive postcards Amelia’s mother had collected from her trips across Europe. They managed to snatch a photo of the Parthenon from Athens, Greece but fortunately the children were smart enough to manage to save the postcards featuring The “Wieliczka” Salt Mine from Poland, Vytautas the Great from Lithuania, the War of Independence Victory Column (Vabadussõja Võidusammas) from Estonia). The kids had filled with water four Super Soaker water guns, each holding four liters of water in its reservoir. The conmen got soaked to the bone before running out of the house.

In the evening the four children are in the living room when the conmen break in through the window and start unhanging the European paintings Amelia’s grandfather has collected over the years. Αmong the paintings, one could see Truu Valvur from Estonia, Masquerade from Poland, Fairytale from Lithuania and Fisherman from Greece. The conmen failed to take the paintings. The children had attached a string to each painting. At the other end of the string they had attached a bucket full of liquid glue. They had placed the buckets on the decorative wooden shelf above the paintings.  When the bandits tried to take the painting from the wall with an abrupt movement, they actually pulled the buckets whose content was emptied on their heads!

At night the four children are in the attic. The thieves are trying to steal the kids’ invaluable DVDs of European movies such as “The Pianist” from Poland, **“**Supilinna Salaseltsi**”** from Estonia**,** “Alice in the Navy” from Greece and “Breathing into marble” from Lithuania. They have searched the whole house but they haven’t found them yet. The children have set a trap. They have made a hole on the floor right after the attic door. They have used a carpet to cover the hole so that the con men enter and fall right into the living room where Gabaja and Amelia are waiting with tazers and rope.

##### Egert and Yorgos stand outside the attic door and …

Egert: “Hey, you” (make faces) “come and get us if you dare”. The thieves follow the boys and step right into the trap. Gabaja and Amelia tie them down and call the police while Yorgos and Egert guard the thieves.