

Spirit-Girl!



ABOUT SPIRIT-GIRL

- *Legal Name:* Aaliyah Laframboise
- *Age:* 19
- *Occupation:* LaFramboise family farmhand and student of veterinary medicine
- *Marital status:* single
- *Family:* Aaliyah lives with her parents (Jean-Luc and Sophie), her paternal grandparents (Eudore and Marie-Anne) and her little brother (Joseph, 17) on their family farm.
- *Base of operations:* Spirit-Girl lives on the LaFramboise family farm right here in Hairy Bear in the scenic Bear Valley. The farm is well-known for their excellent peaches and Peach Liqueur now sold across Northland.
- *Favourite song:* My Town by Glass Tiger

HISTORY

The first LaFramboise family farm was established in 1912. It has been there ever since. Aaliyah's father (Jean-Luc) and mother (Sophia) are the current inheritors of the Laframboise farm. Contrary to what their family name might suggest, the farm's main commercial crop is peaches. These are mainly sold to redistributors. Recently the Laframboise farm developed a peach liqueur which is sold at many stores across Northland. They keep a vegetable garden, cattle and chickens for sustenance.

Aaliyah is especially skilled at the care of animals and has started veterinary school. In an interview with *Hairy Bear Weekly* Jean-Luc (father) speculated Aaliyah got scared off farm life due to her involvement in a farm equipment accident which resulted in her little brother (13 at the time) losing his left arm. Joseph survived the traumatic injury has adapted well to his prosthetic and hasn't let it affect his work ethic. His keen interest in technology has been key to the farm's local and now national success.

POWERS, SKILLS & ABILITIES

Laframboise discovered she has extraordinary powers last year and has tirelessly used them to help wherever she can across Bear Valley. She uses her power of flight to regularly patrol the valley, even in the remote areas. She is in contact with fire prevention crews and volunteers in search and rescue operations. Spirit-Girl's flight speed has been clocked at 140 kph! So when you are around the valley, look up! You may see our hero zipping around up there!

Aaliyah also possesses super-strength. She has demonstrated the ability to lift 800 lbs but the upper limit of her flight speed and strength have not been formally tested. Perhaps we can convince her to enter the strongman competition this year.

Spirit-Girl can also sense the presence of animals in close proximity and can mimic their abilities. However, she states that she has not mastered this power and is unsure how it works. It seems that in some cases the mimicry causes the animal to be weakened. Spirit-Girl is therefore reluctant to use this power.

Our reporters and others have asked Spirit-Girl how she got her powers. So far she has only given a vague explanation: "They are a gift." Of course, the existence of a young woman with such exciting powers has brought some attention on the LaFramboise family which has granted them a marketing boost. Their peach liqueur has labels featuring Spirit-Girl with the slogan "Taste the Spirit of Northland!"

In the last few weeks during her regular patrols, Spirit-Girl has noticed some wild animal carcasses that appear to have been mauled by a creature or possibly several creatures with extraordinary strength. *Hairy Bear Weekly* will follow this story as it develops and report on it.

If you have questions for Spirit-Girl you can send them in to *Hairy Bear Weekly* at:

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SPECIAL RECIPE BEAR VALLEY FOR BERRY LIQUEUR

The Laframboise Peach Liqueur recipe is a closely guarded secret. However, many people in the valley make their own home-made liqueur using berries they forage. Here is how you can make your own!

Start with berries you have foraged and cleaned (approximately one quart). Add the berries to a stone or glass bowl. With the back of a wooden spoon, bruise the berries. Using a juicer or a cloth, ring out the juice and strain

it through cheese cloth. Add one cup of sugar to the juice, cover the bowl and let ferment at room temperature for 3 days.

Mix the fermented juice with an equal amount of white wine, brandy or vodka and bottle it. Store in

a cool area away from direct sunlight. As the liqueur ferments further, open the bottle once a day until the fermentation is stable.

Leave for at least three months before savoring. Enjoy!