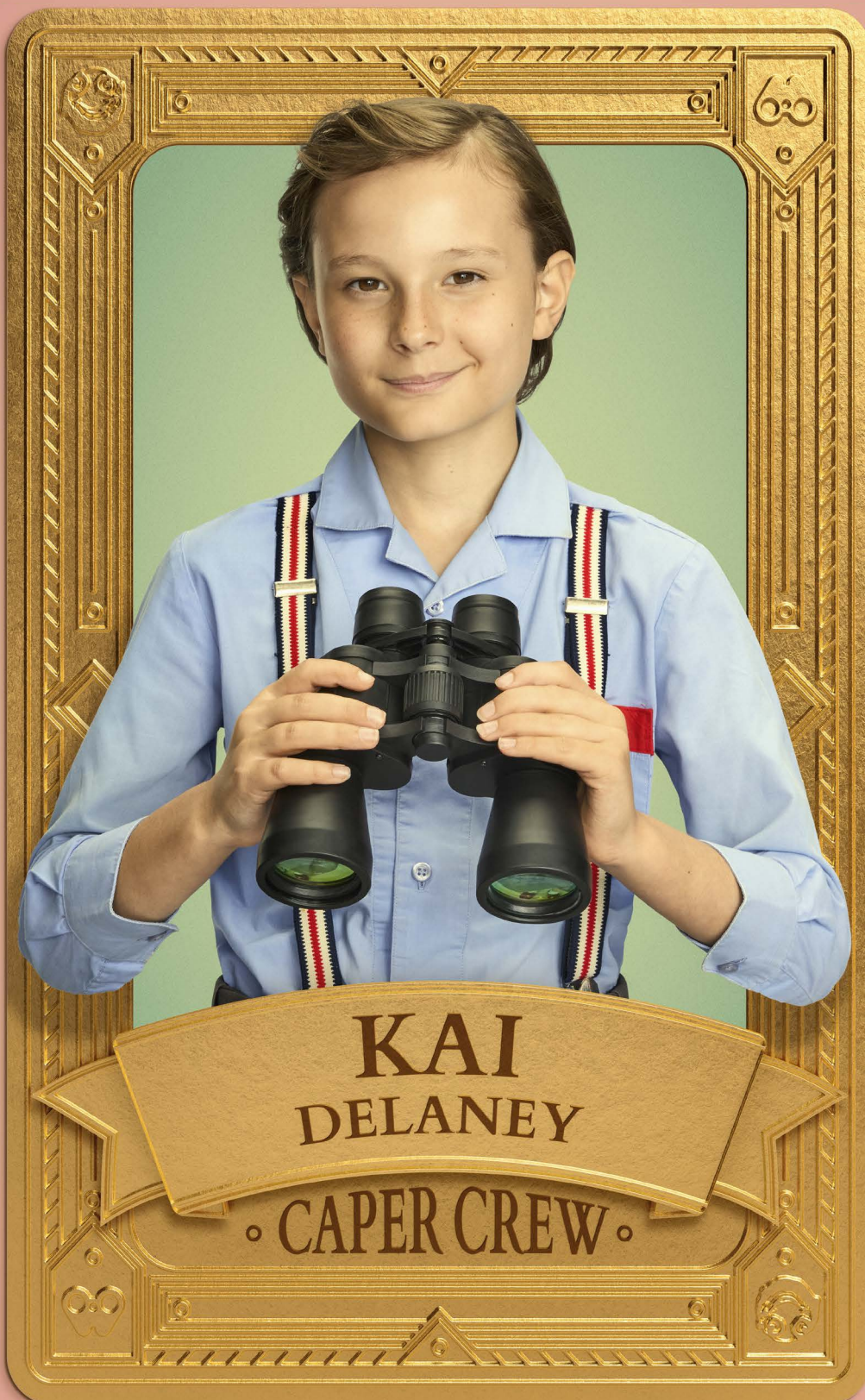




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Kai Delaney, 9

The Brains

Amelia's younger brother Kai is a brainiac prodigy. The kind of kid who thinks algebra is fun and who reads HSC half-yearly exams as bedtime stories.

Much to Amelia's chagrin, Kai is being accelerated two grades into Year 6 (and yep, that means he'll be in his sister's class). Despite his hope that the move would place him among intellectual equals – Kai still feels out of place. As desperate as he is to befriend his sister and her peers, no one seems to get his adult conversational tone and dead-pan sense of humour. That is until he meets new kid and gentle soul Ophelbert Smee. Finally! There's someone who appreciates his witty repartee!

A creature of habit and routine, Kai is always on the lookout for order from the world around him. With their mum Emma away on extended work duties counting emperor penguins in Antarctica, Kai's missing her like crazy. Her weekly postcards aren't quite the same as a good cuddle and a bedtime story. But in the meantime, the postcards will have to do. She is saving the penguins, after all.

Queenie's return wasn't scheduled in the diary, but it turns out she's the solution Kai needed. Kai needs the security of a plan to follow and boy does Queenie have plans. Along the way, Queenie will teach Kai to be spontaneous, to be open to surprise and joy, to take risks and embrace failure – all through the chaos and exhilaration of the con. And as for his sister, when they're opposed, they're at each other's throats – but when they work together, they're a combination that's hard to beat.