

Lionel and Friends

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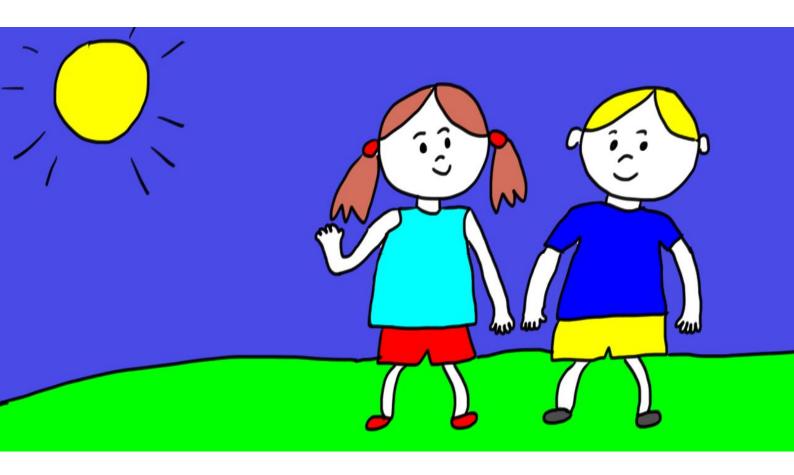
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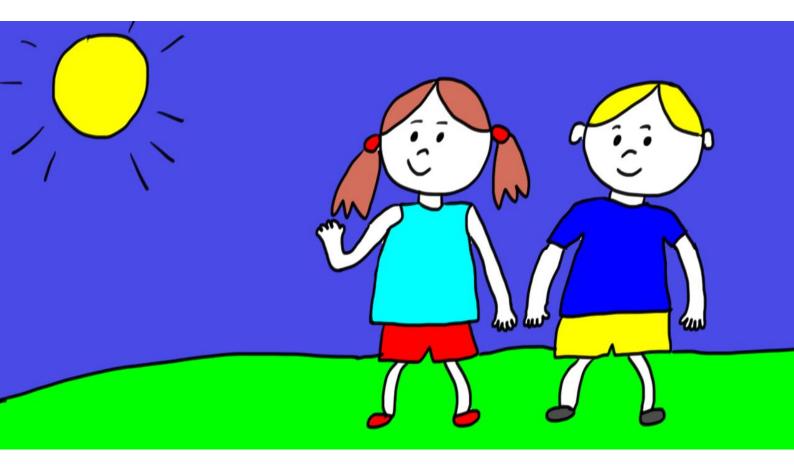
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Chapter One Jade and Doug

Doug and Jade couldn't believe they were finally on their summer holidays!

For the past ten weeks, they had been, in a very hot classroom. It was the last place, that either of them, wanted to be.

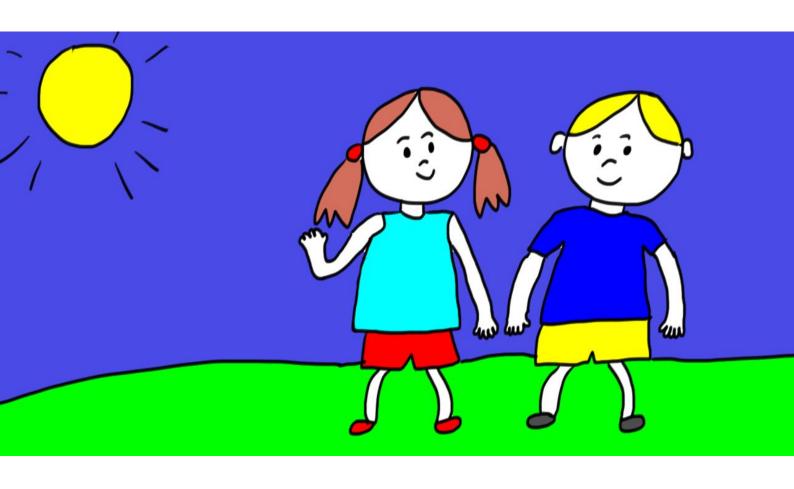


Luckily, the first day of their holidays, couldn't have been better! The sun was shining and there wasn't a cloud in the sky.

"Do you have any ideas, on what we can do for our first day?" Doug asked his cousin, Jade.

"Why don't we go and play a game of tennis?" suggested Jade.
After passing the tennis courts, every day on the way to school, Jade was

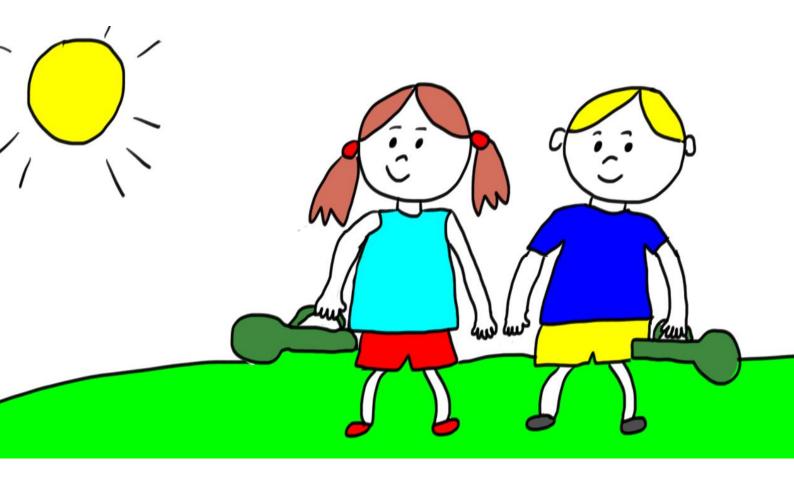
desperate to play!



"No worries," said Doug,
"but I bet we will have to
wait for a while to play.
On a day like this, I think
everyone will want to play."

"It'll be okay," said Jade.
"There is a nice shady
place to wait, under the
big tree. We can sit and
chat, and plan the rest of
our holidays, if we have
to wait."

Jade and Doug grabbed their tennis racquets and headed to the courts.



As they got near the tennis courts, they could see no one was playing!

"Maybe it is too hot to play," said Doug.

"You'll be right, Doug, or are you scared I'll beat you?" Jade teased.

"Of course not," said Doug,
"I have beaten you,
a number of times!"



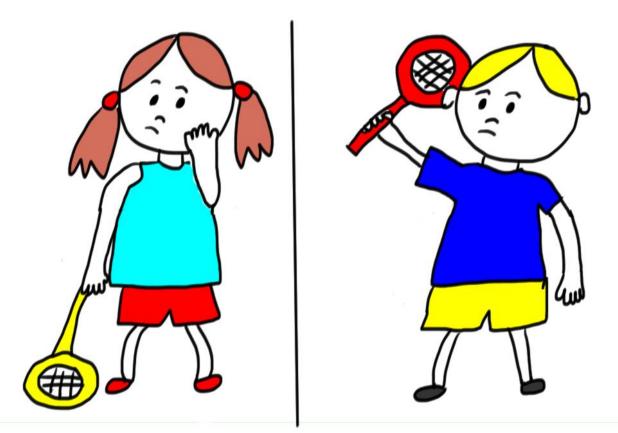
Jade had the first hit of the ball, and smashed it over the net. It just touched the base line.

"Great hit!" yelled Doug, as the ball went whizzing past him. "Okay, get ready for my turn!"

When it was Doug's turn, he hit the ball so hard, it went soaring over the fence, past the flower beds, and fell under a large tree.

Next, there was a loud cry, "Ouch! That hurt!"

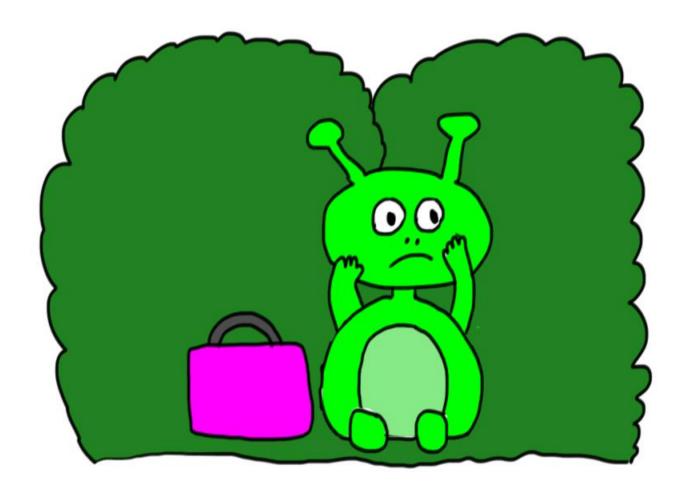
Both Jade and Doug looked towards the tree.



"Did you hear that too, Jade?" asked Doug.

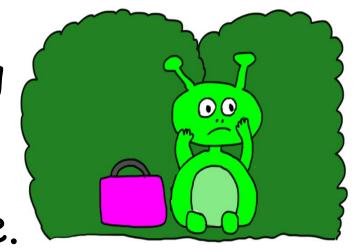
"Yes," said Jade, "but I thought I had imagined it, until I saw you look.

Let's go and check it out."



Chapter Two Meeting Lionel

Jade and Doug ran towards the large tree.



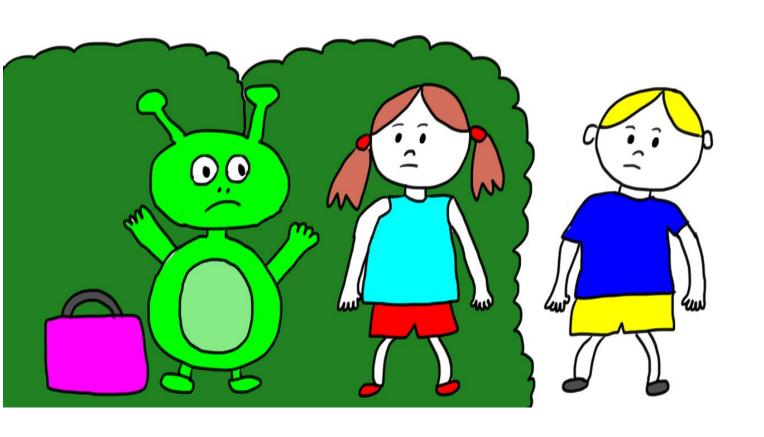
They were amazed at what they found!

There, hiding in the bushes, just behind the tree, was a strange creature. It was sitting on the ground, rubbing his head.

"Please don't hurt me again," the creature cried.

"Hey! That was an accident," said Doug.

"Don't worry, we won't hurt you, again," said Jade, glaring at Doug.
"What is wrong?"



"It's a total disaster!"
cried the creature.
"I was flying home
to meet my parents, and all
of a sudden,
I hit a space rock!"

"I knew it!" cried Doug.

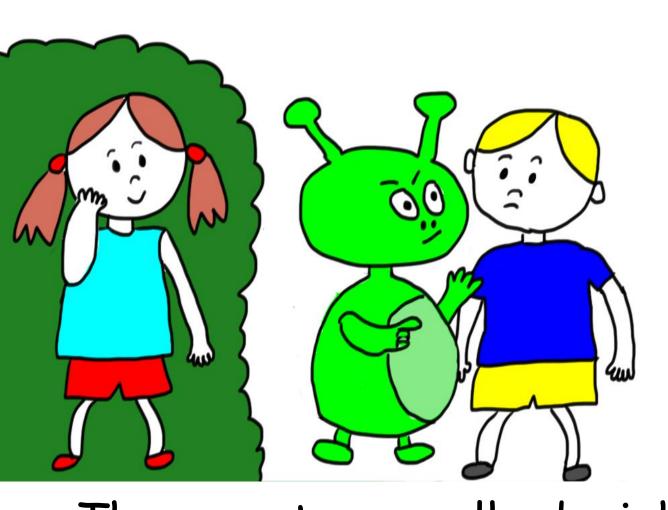
"Knew what?" snapped the creature, frowning at Doug.

"That you were from outer space!" cried Doug excitedly. "You're an alien!"

The creature looked as though he would explode!

"An alien?" spat the creature. "Did you say, I was an alien?"

Doug quickly said,
"No, no! I just thought
you might have been
an alien, but now I can
see, I'm quite wrong."



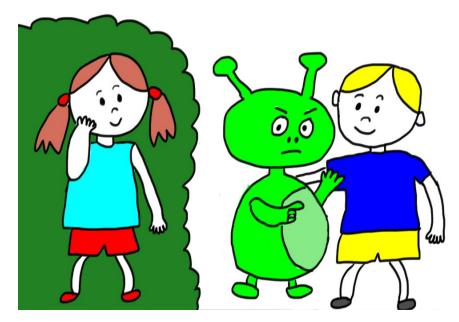
The creature walked right up to Doug's face.
"I am not an alien, I am a Lionel," it said.

Jade started laughing, she just couldn't help it.

"Do you mean your name is Lionel?" she asked.

"That's just what I said," said the creature, frowning.
"I am a Lionel."

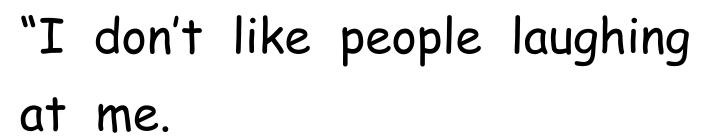
"Okay," said Jade, grinning.
"Well I am a Jade, and this is a Doug."



"Anyway," interrupted Doug, who was also trying very hard not to laugh, "you haven't finished your story."

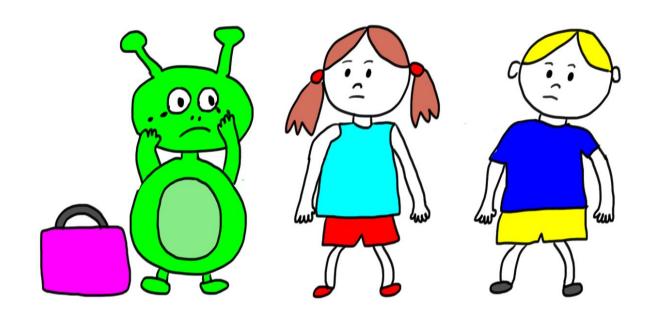
Lionel looked at Jade and Doug, who were both still howling with laughter.

"I'm **not** telling you now," said Lionel angrily.



I don't think I like Jades or Dougs, especially ones that hurt me."

Lionel sniffed loudly, and he turned to walk away!



Chapter Three

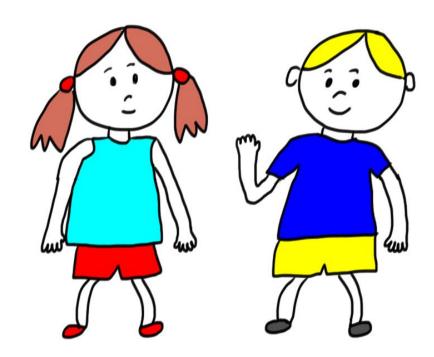
Jade and Doug are Sorry

As Jade and Doug watched Lionel walk away, Jade said, "We can't let him go. He is upset. I am sure we could help him."

"Or, we could just let him go," replied Doug.

"Something tells me, that

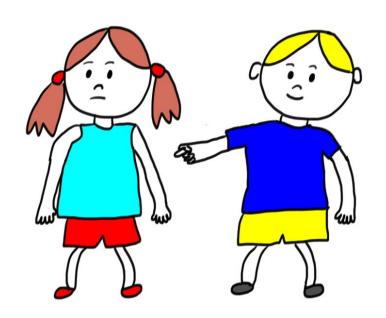
Lionels are a lot of work!"



"It will be okay," said Jade.

"If you say so," said Doug.
"I just hope this doesn't
turn out to be a bad idea,
like a number of yours
from the past."

"It won't," said Jade.



"Okay then," said Doug.

"We had better get moving. Lionel is just about to go past that line of trees. If he does,

I'm not sure we'll find him again."

"Lionel! Lionel!" called Jade.
"Wait! We are sorry for laughing. Come back!"

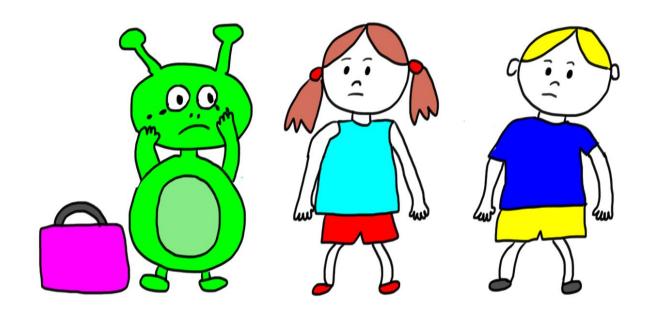
Lionel turned around slowly and looked at Jade and Doug.

"Fine," said Lionel,
"but there will be no more laughing at me again.
You have to promise."

"We promise," said Doug and Jade together.

"Well, as I was saying," said Lionel, "I was on my way home, when I was hit by a space rock. It destroyed my spaceship. Now I can't go home, until I find all the pieces of my spaceship!"

Lionel started to howl.

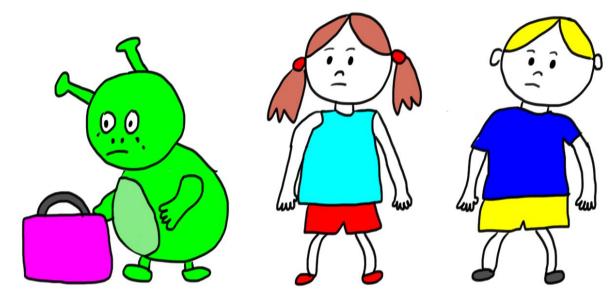


Then Lionel continued, "All the pieces are in different countries!"

"Lionel," said Doug.

"Listen, we can help you.

Just tell us where we need to go!"

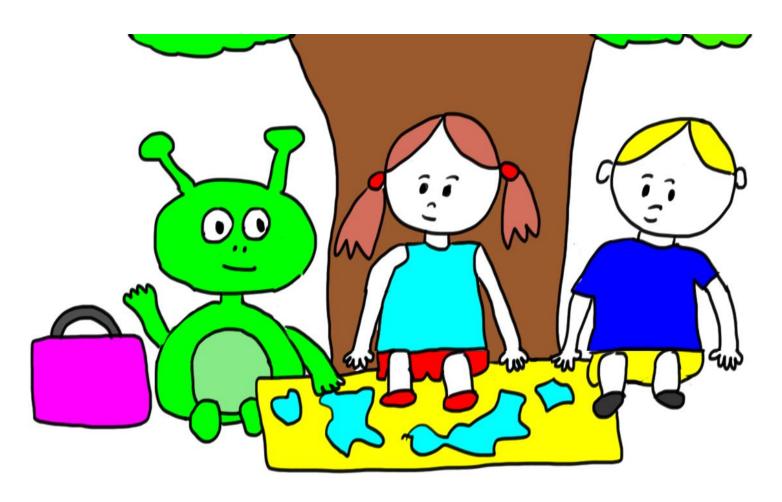


Lionel stopped sniffing, and pulled a large world map, out of his bag.

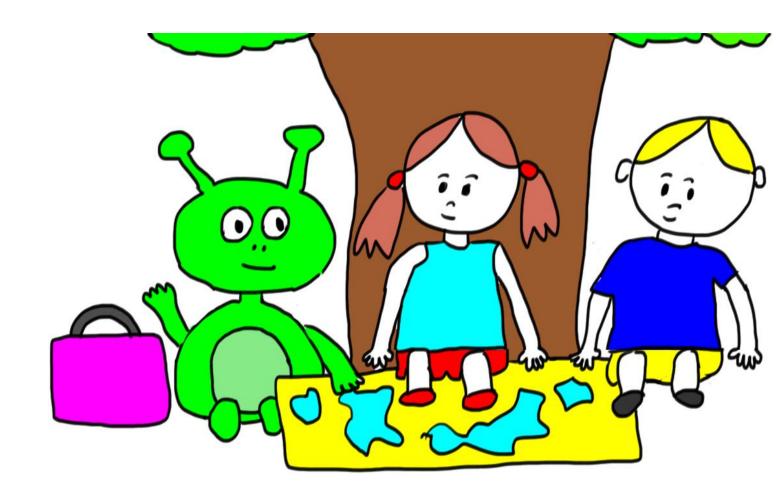
"Let's go and sit under that big tree," said Jade. "Then you can spread that map out on the ground."

When they were settled, Lionel said, "I think the first piece landed in this place, near this mountain." Lionel was pointing to the coldest country in the world!

"I guess we will have to get out our winter gear," said Doug.



"I don't care about winter gear," said Jade, although she was feeling quite hot at the thought of it.
"I want to know, how will we get there?"



Chapter Four Travelling



"Oh, that's easy,"
said Lionel proudly.
"We can just transport
there. I have a transporter
machine

in my bag. It can take us anywhere! The machine will also give you the right clothes to wear too."

"If it is so easy," said Doug, "why don't you just transport yourself back into space, and back to your parents' place?"

Lionel started to cry again.
"I can only transport to
different places on Earth.
I can't go back into space."

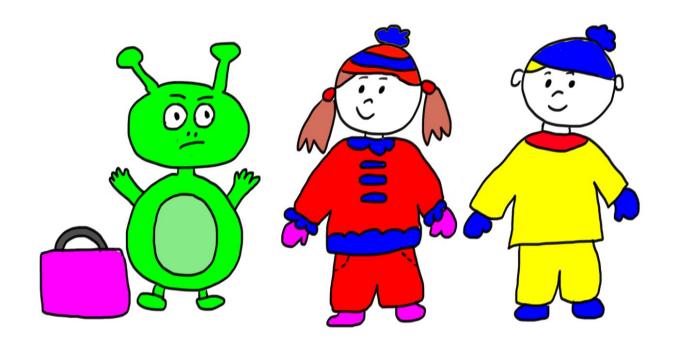


"It's okay," Jade said.
"We said we would help, so let's get going!"

Lionel stopped crying, grabbed the transporter, and pushed some buttons.

There was a bright flash, and when Doug opened his eyes, he could see he had been transported to the coldest place in the world!

Jade opened her eyes too. "Oh my goodness! Look at what I'm wearing! Look at all of this snow, Doug! We really are here!"



"Alright, alright," snapped Lionel. "Yes here we are and yes, great outfit Jade. Now hurry up! The tracker is saying that the first piece is in that cave, on top of that mountain!"



When they reached the cave, they all gasped!
There was the first piece of Lionel's spaceship - being used as a pillow by a polar bear!

"How can we possibly get that piece away from the bear?" Lionel yelled.

Jade thought about it for a moment.

"Maybe we could give the polar bear something else to use as a pillow?"



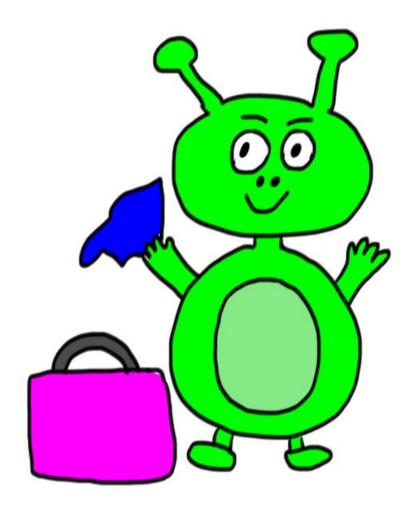
"Brilliant idea," said Doug.
"Let's build a big snow
pillow for him instead."

After a few minutes, the snow pillow was done.

Jade crept slowly towards the polar bear.

In the middle of a big snore,
Jade grabbed the spaceship piece and pushed the snow pillow, under the bear's head.

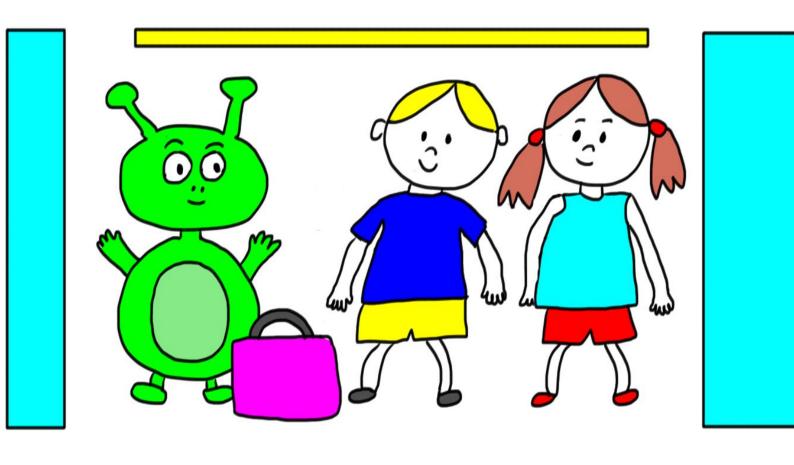
The polar bear stirred and then, thankfully, went back to sleep, on his brand new pillow!



"Yay!" cheered Lionel.

"One piece down, four more to go!

You'll never guess, where we have to go next!"



Chapter Five The Second Piece

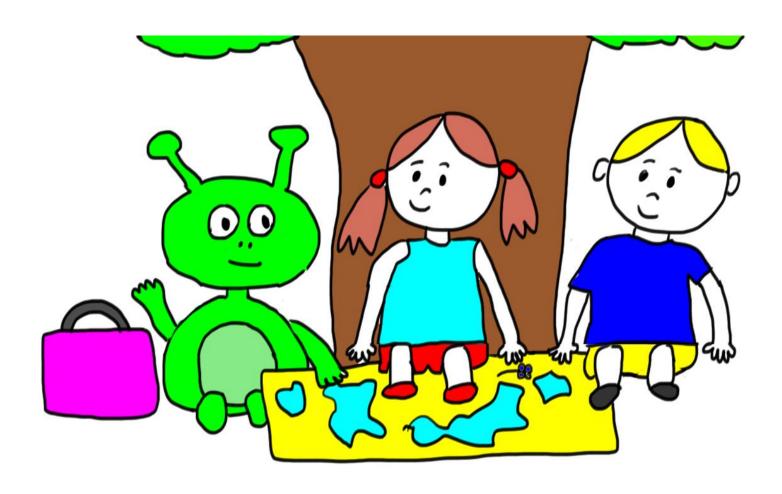
Jade and Doug were feeling very pleased with themselves. They had found the first piece of Lionel's spaceship in a cave, on top of a mountain.

They were now back to where they had first met Lionel. They were sitting on the ground, studying Lionel's large world map.



"Have you ever heard of this strange place?" asked Lionel, pointing to a small dot on the map.

Jade dropped the flower that she was playing with, and took a closer look.



"Of course we have,"
said Jade. "That is the
Silver Lakes Shopping
Centre. From here, we just
have to go past a small
number of streets, and
we'll be there!"

"So there is no need to use the transporter then?" Lionel asked, sounding a little disappointed.

"Not really," said Doug, and then he saw Lionel's face about to crumble, so he quickly added, "but if you don't feel like walking that far, I suppose you could use it."



This made Lionel smile.

"Good one,"
Jade whispered to Doug.
"I don't think I can take
too much more of Lionel's
howling today!"

"I know." Doug whispered back. "I feel the same way. I couldn't believe he was about to cry all over again, just because he couldn't use the transporter. I did warn you that I thought Lionels would be hard work!"

Jade and Doug laughed.

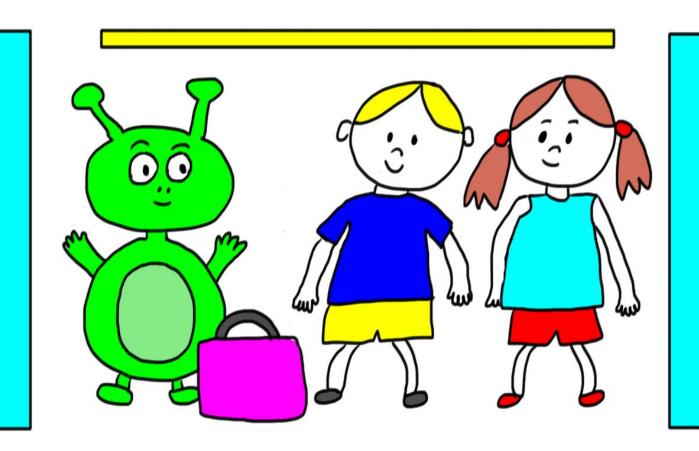
"Come on," said Lionel,
"Let's get going."

In a flash, Jade, Doug and Lionel were transported to the shopping centre.

"Okay," said Lionel,

"we have to focus. The
second piece is somewhere
in this shopping centre.

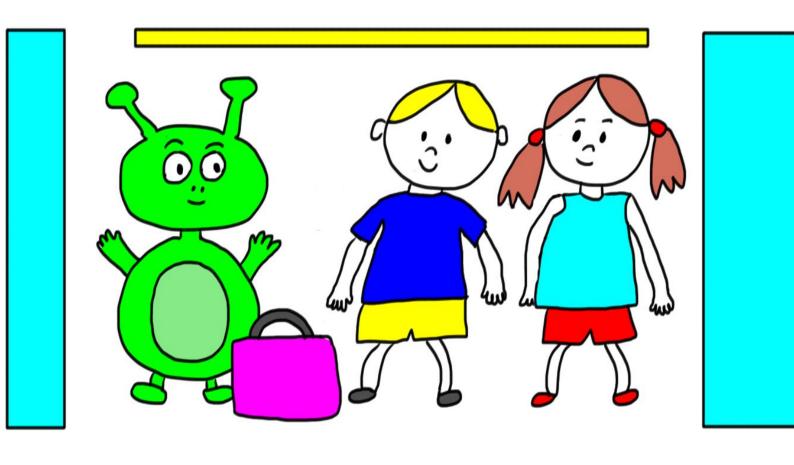
Let's get inside."



After counting the number of shops that they had just past, Lionel said, "I think we should split up."

"How about you search through the grocery shops, Lionel," suggested Doug. "Jade can search through the clothing shops, and I'll search through the book shops. We can meet back here, in an hour."

They each split up and went to their different shops.



Chapter Six Where is this Piece?



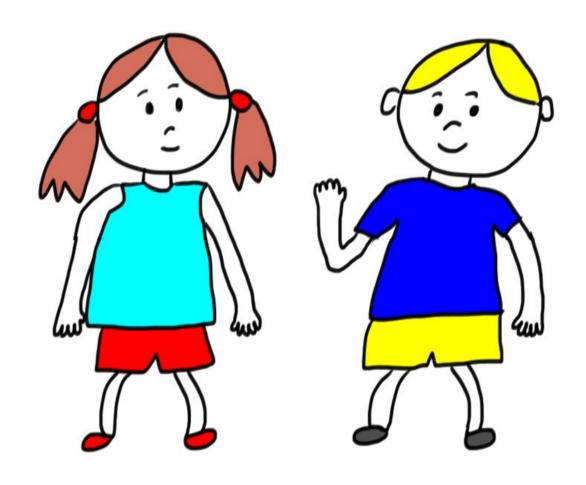
"I don't even know what I am looking for," Jade mumbled to herself.
"All I can see in here are

"All I can see in here, are clothes covered in flowers!"

Doug reached a book shop and started searching.
Unfortunately, just like
Jade, he couldn't find any sign of the missing piece.

He was just about to give up, when Jade appeared at his side.

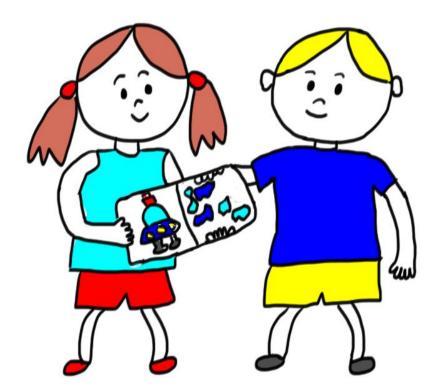
"What are you doing here?" Doug asked.



"I have a suggestion," said Jade. "How about we look through a space book, to find what the spaceship pieces look like?"

"Great idea!" said Doug.
"I just walked past the space books, over there."

Doug and Jade flipped through all of the space books. Just as they were about to give up, they finally found what they were looking for.



"Look!" cried Doug.

"This spaceship
is the same colour,
as the first piece
we found on the mountain."

"You're right!" exclaimed Jade.



"And even better,"
said Doug, "it shows you all
the pieces that would
break off, if it is ever hit
by a space rock!"

"This is awesome!" said Jade.
"I love this book."

Before Jade closed the book, Doug pointed to the page and shouted, "I've seen this piece and I know where it is!"

Doug and Jade rushed out of the book store, and found Lionel.

"Follow me!" cried Doug.

Jade and Lionel followed Doug, as he sprinted towards a claw machine.

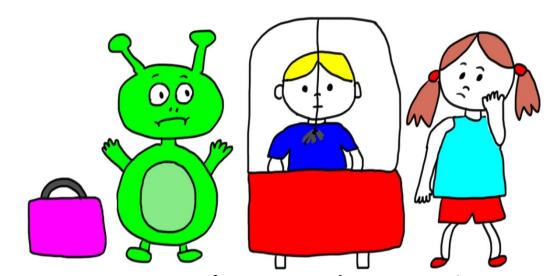
"See!" yelled Doug, pointing excitedly at the machine.

"There it is - the second piece!"

Lionel reached for his bag, grabbed his only coin and stepped up to the machine.

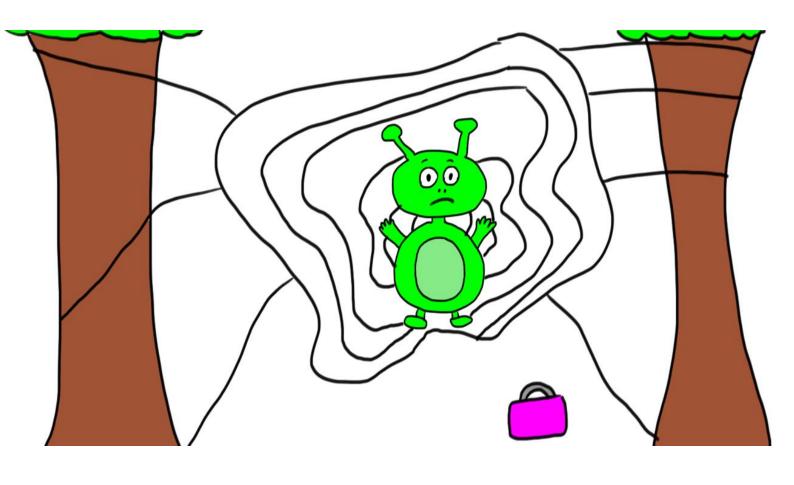
"No Lionel," said Jade.
"Let Doug do it.
He is an **expert** at the claw machines."

"Fine," said Lionel, grumpily.
"Just make sure you get it.
This is my last coin."



Doug took a deep breath. He was ready for his only shot, at grabbing the second piece.

Doug pressed the button. Everyone held their breath, as the claw dropped slowly towards, the second piece.



Chapter Seven
Where Are We?

Slowly, ever so slowly, the claw made its way to the second piece of Lionel's spaceship.

Jade and Lionel looked on.

Doug steadied his hand,

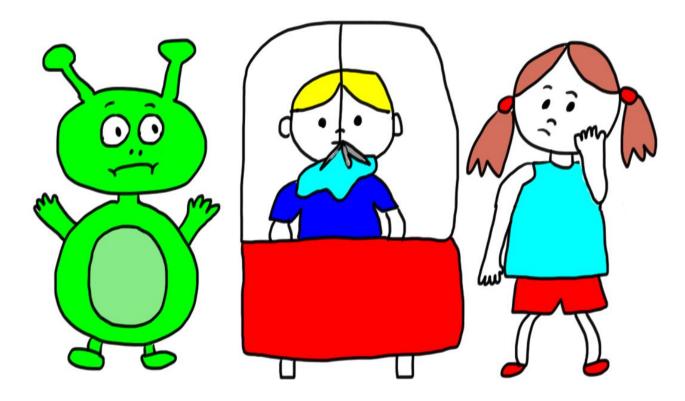
willing the claw to grab

onto the piece. Finally, the

claw caught the piece and

Doug let out a huge sigh

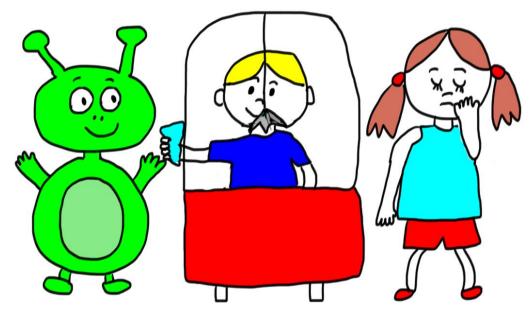
of relief.



But it was not over yet! The claw lifted the piece up and moved it towards the drop zone. At any moment, the claw could release the piece, before returning to home.

Jade couldn't take anymore. She shut her eyes tightly. She had had enough of watching the claw dangerously swinging the piece, from side to side.

Then suddenly, there was a triumphant scream! The piece landed into the drop zone. Doug reached in and grabbed it quickly.



"Got it!" shouted Doug.
"Look Lionel! Here it is!"
In his excitement, Doughugged Lionel.

Moments later, Jade, Doug and Lionel were in an entirely different place!

"What happened?" asked Doug. "Where are we?"

"Thanks to you,"
said Lionel rather crossly,
"we have been transported
to the next place."

"What do you mean, thanks to me?" asked Doug.



"When you hugged me," said Lionel, "you activated the transporter. From now on, there will be no more hugging of Lionels. Who knows where we will end up? And could you please make that dreadful screeching noise stop?"

It wasn't until Lionel mentioned the screeching noise, that Jade and Doug took a look around at the new place.

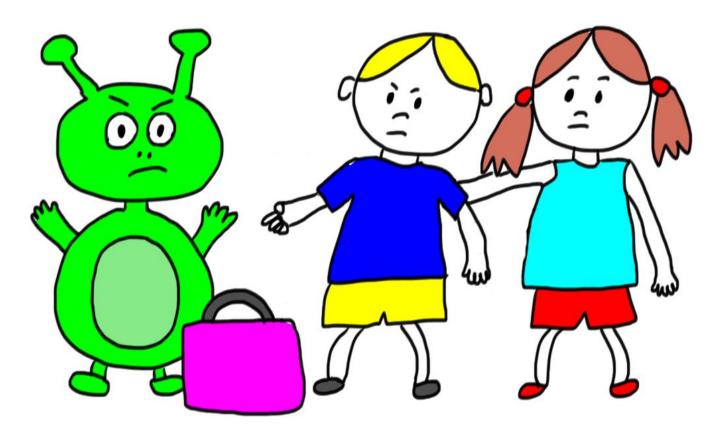
They noticed huge leafy trees, and large beds of flowers, covering the ground. Then they saw a large number of birds, up in the trees.



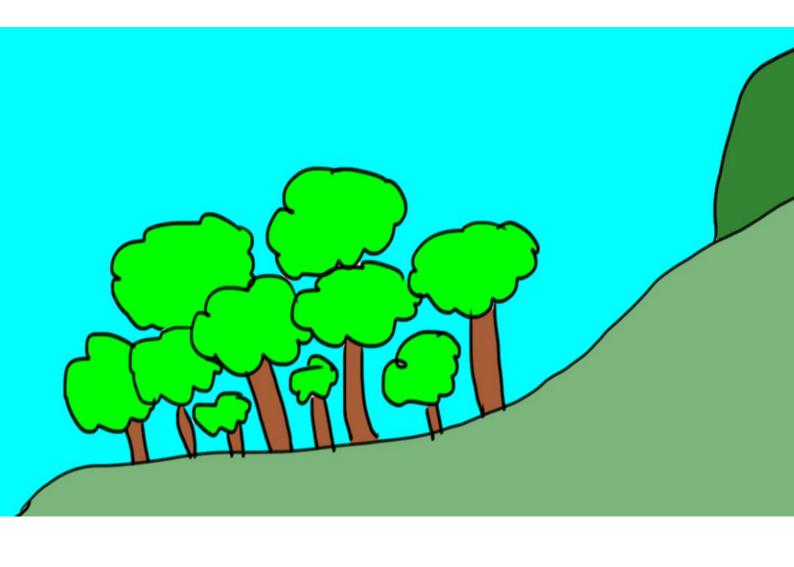
"There's where the screeching is coming from, Lionel," said Jade, pointing to the birds in the trees. "We must be in some sort of jungle!"

"Good one, Doug," said Lionel. "At no stage are we supposed to be in a jungle! There are no missing pieces in a jungle!"

"Sorry Lionel," said Doug, who was also getting cross. "Just remember, it wasn't me that crashed the spaceship in the first place!"



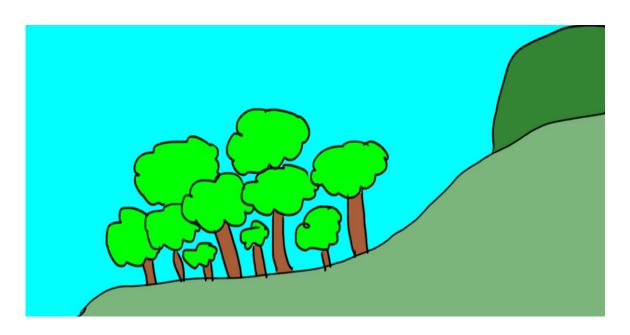
"Okay, okay," said Jade.
"This is not the time for fighting. Lionel, what should we do now? That dreadful screeching noise is starting to drive me crazy too!"



Chapter Eight Lionel Gets Caught!

"For my transporter to work again," said Lionel, "we have to move from under the cover of these trees. We need to move further up that mountain, over there.

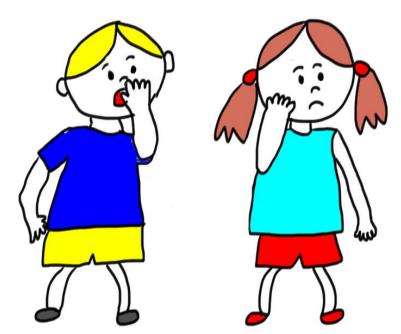
The reception should be better there."



Jade and Doug looked towards the mountain. It was quite a long way away. "Just great," mumbled Doug. "The only time I want that transporter to work, is the only time it doesn't. This is going to take forever!"

"It will if you just stand there complaining," said Lionel, as he rushed past Jade and Doug. "I'm heading towards that line of trees. I'm pretty sure, that is the edge of the forest. The mountain is just beyond that line."

Lionel took off and disappeared into the trees.



"Lionel!" shouted Doug.
"We have to stick
together!"

Suddenly, from deep within the trees, there came a terrifying scream!

It was Lionel!

The cousins sprinted towards the sound. They came to an abrupt halt, as they saw Lionel, tangled up in a spider's web!

Although they knew they had to free Lionel, they couldn't help but laugh. Lionel was twisting and turning, struggling to get free!

"Stop that laughing!"

exploded Lionel.

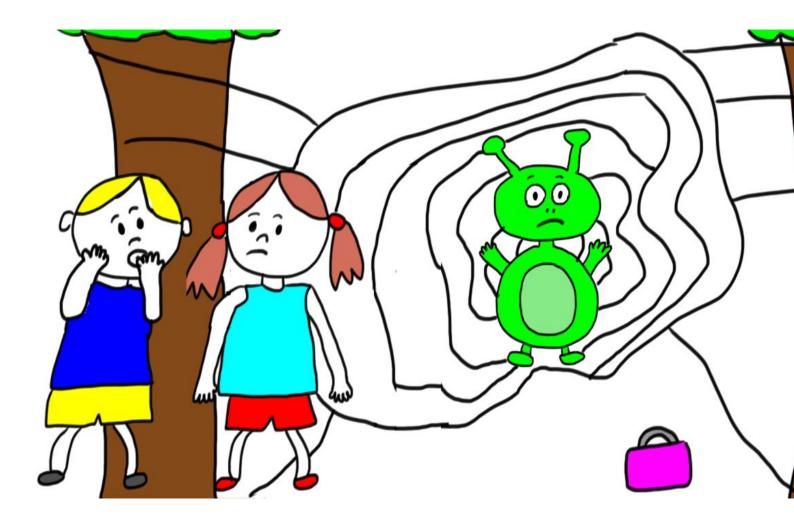
"You have to help me."

"What's the magic word?" asked Jade.

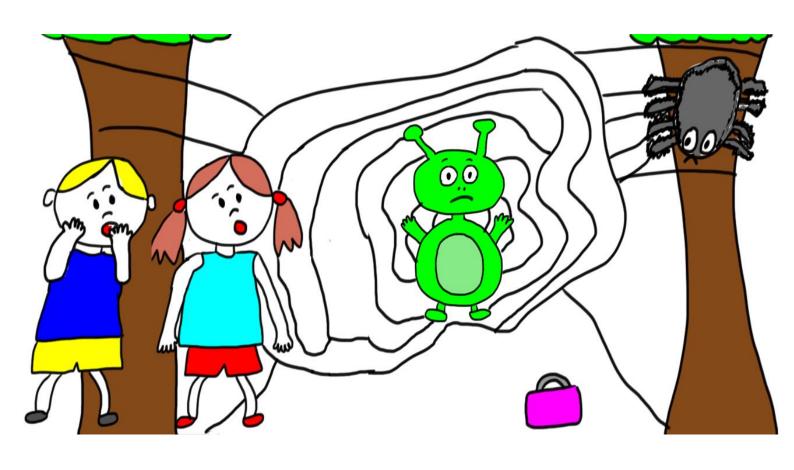
"Stop teasing me,"
yelled Lionel,
"and get me out of here!"

"I don't know, what do you think, Doug?" questioned Jade.

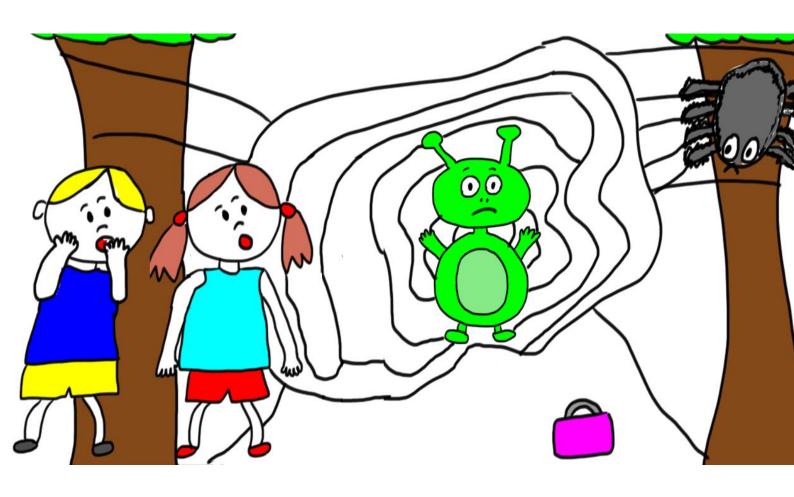
She was enjoying this. Lionel was always in control and always so bossy. It was great to see, that he wasn't in charge this time!



When Doug didn't answer, she turned to look at her cousin. Suddenly, Jade saw the reason why!



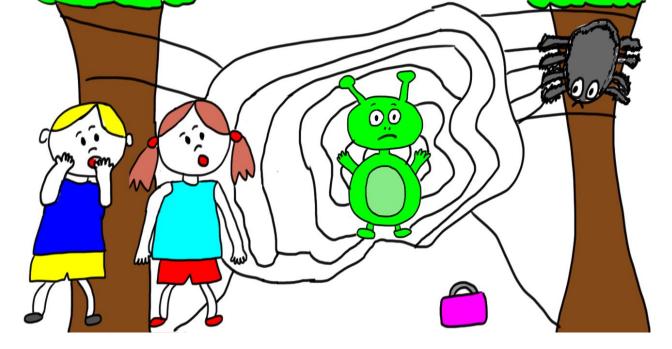
Crawling down the tree, was the biggest spider she had ever seen, and it seemed to want Lionel for dinner!



Chapter Nine Spider Attack!

Lionel glared at Jade and Doug. "Well don't just stand there staring, get me out of here."

When Jade and Doug still didn't move, Lionel looked up, and suddenly realised that he was in great danger! Lionel screamed and then he started to howl.



"Come on," cried Lionel.

"I'm too young to die!

And I really, really don't like spiders!"

At that moment, the spider started to crawl further down the tree, nearer to Lionel.

"Do something!" Lionel screamed.

But both Doug and Jade had no idea of how they could help Lionel.

Doug looked up towards the top of the tree, and all over the ground, for anything that could help him rescue Lionel.



Suddenly, Jade had an idea. "Doug! Remember that story we read at school, about spiders?"

Doug shook his head.

He never paid much attention in class.

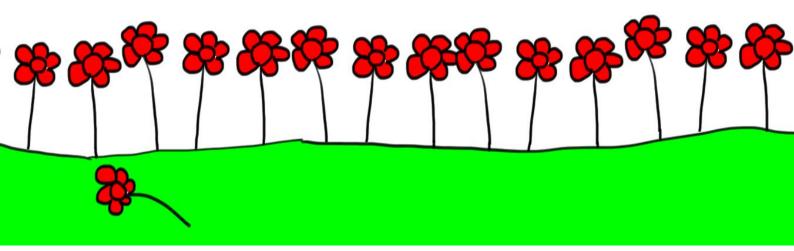


"Well, I remember reading in that book, that spiders are terrified of a certain type of flower," said Jade.

"Scared of flowers? As if spiders would be scared of flowers!" exclaimed Doug. "Have you seen that big boy up there? The one about to eat Lionel? I don't think flowers would bother him!"

"No, it's **true**," said Jade. Doug just grinned. "Look Doug, there is a certain type of red flower that scares spiders. This red flower is poisonous to spiders. I'm sure that it grows in the jungle too!"

"If you say so, Jade," said Doug. He could see that Lionel was getting pretty desperate, hanging in the web. "Let's get searching!"



Frantically, Jade and Doug searched the area near to them. Then Doug shouted, "Over there! I can see a red flower on the ground. Look! There are a large number of them, all in a line!"

Jade looked towards where Doug was pointing.

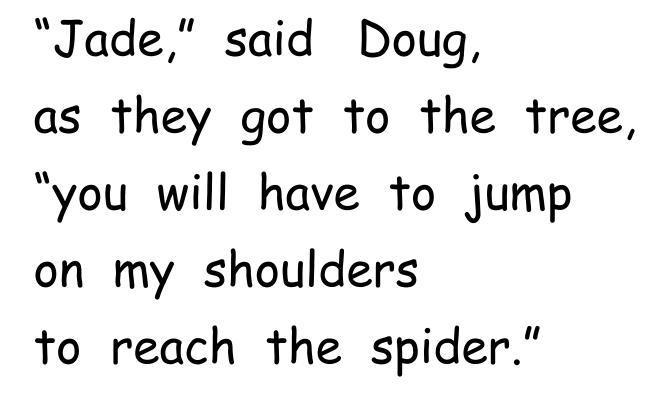
She sprinted towards the line of flowers, and ripped one, straight from the ground.

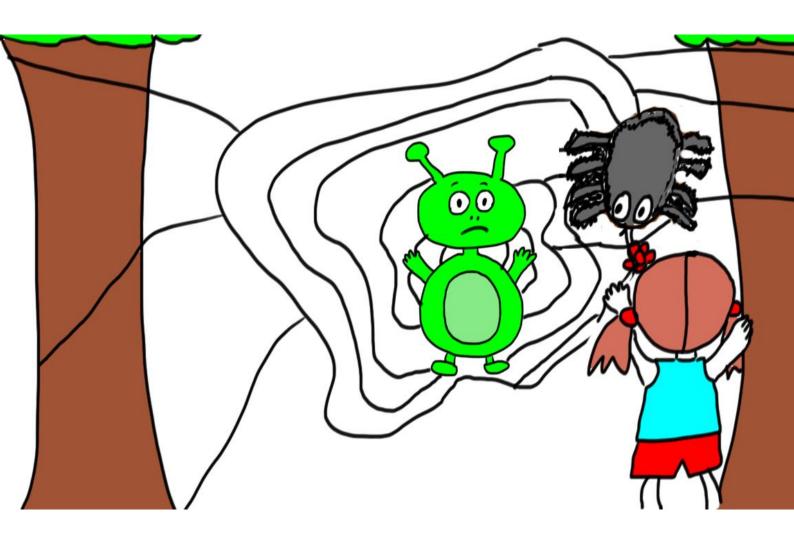
"Good spotting, Doug," she called. "Lionel hang in there, I'm on the way!"

"Hurry!"

Lionel screamed.

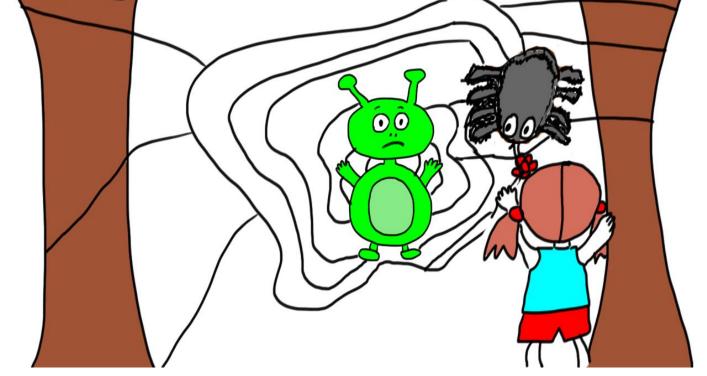
"It's getting closer!"





Chapter Ten

Jade to the Rescue!



Jade scrambled on top of Doug's shoulders, using a nearby branch for support.

By the time Jade got on top of Doug's shoulders, Lionel was just about to have a total melt down!

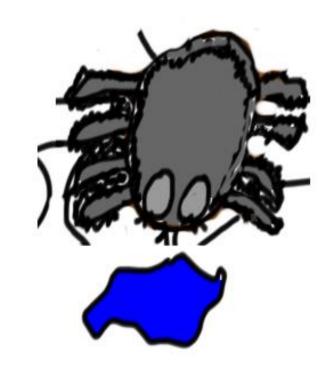
"Do something," Lionel sobbed. "The spider is so close, I can feel its disgusting breath on my shoulder."

Lionel closed his eyes, and waited for the spider to eat him. But just as the spider opened its mouth to attack, Jade swung the red flower, into its face!

Suddenly there was a loud gasping sound, as instead of biting into Lionel, the spider bit into the flower.

With a screech, the spider fell down from the tree, and slammed into the ground.

The cousins stared in amazement!



As the spider hit the ground, something flew out of its mouth. It was a piece that looked very much like one from Lionel's spaceship.

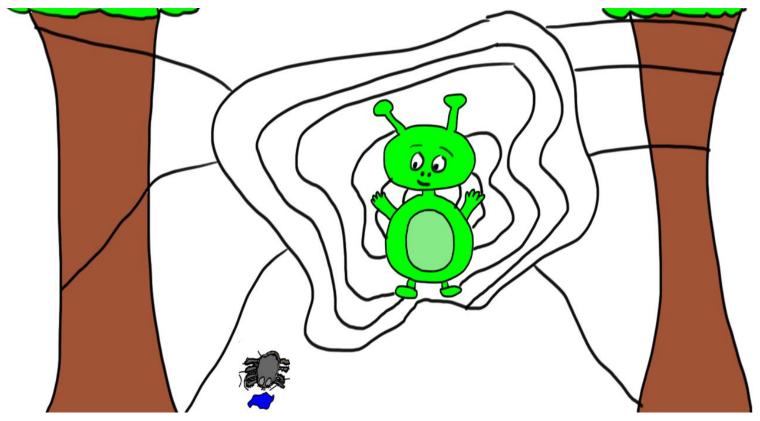
"Lionel," said Jade.

"You need to open your eyes. You have got to see, what was in that spider's mouth!"

Lionel slowly opened his eyes and looked down.

Jade was right - he did need to see this.

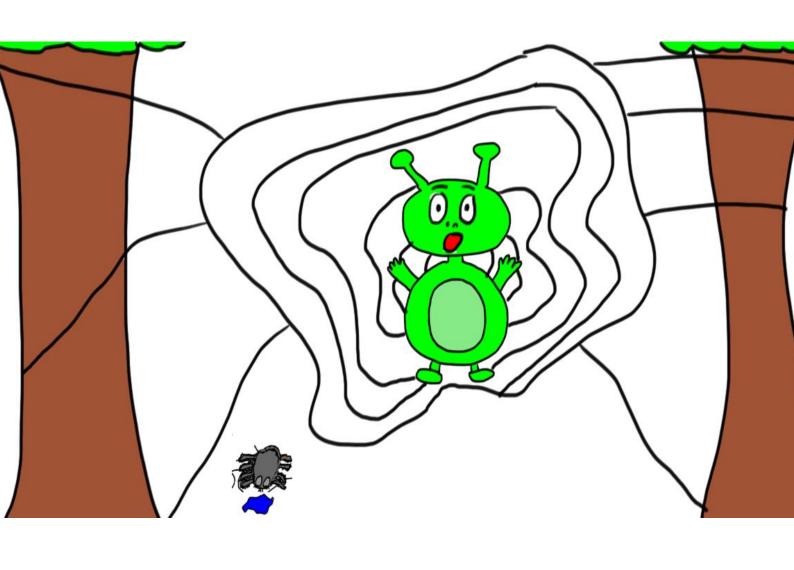
"That's from my spaceship," he yelled.



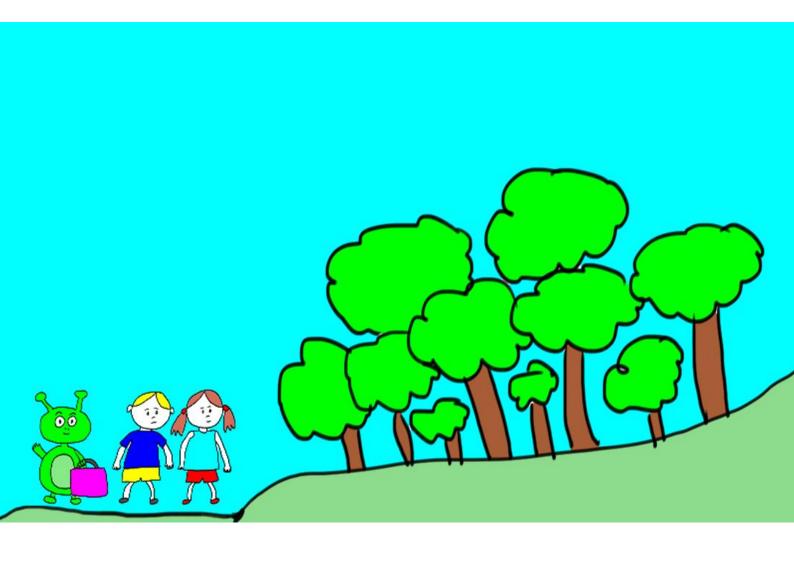
"Really?" said Doug.

"I thought you said, that there weren't any pieces of your spaceship in a jungle. Just as well I did hug you, Lionel. Maybe I should take control of the transporter!"

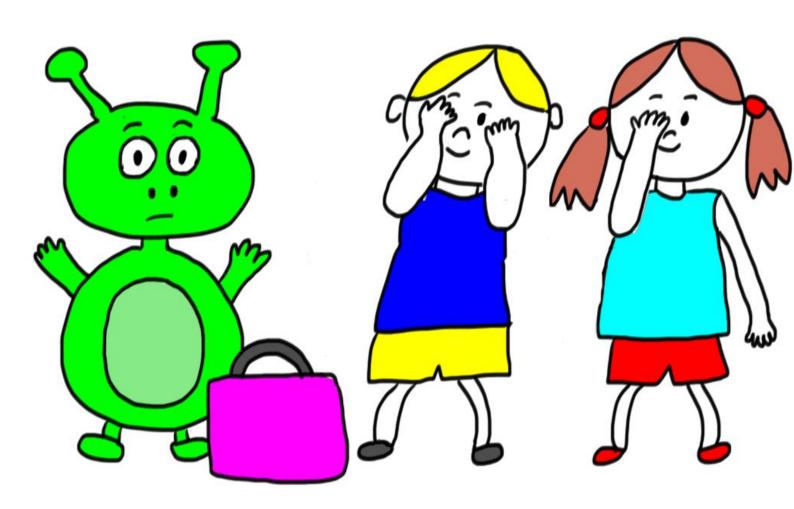
"Very funny, Doug," snapped Lionel. "There is no way, you are getting your hands on my transporter, or on me, for that matter. Now, it seems you both have forgotten a rather urgent matter...



... GET ME DOWN!"



In no time at all, Jade and Doug rescued Lionel, and they set off towards the mountain. But this time, they stayed together!



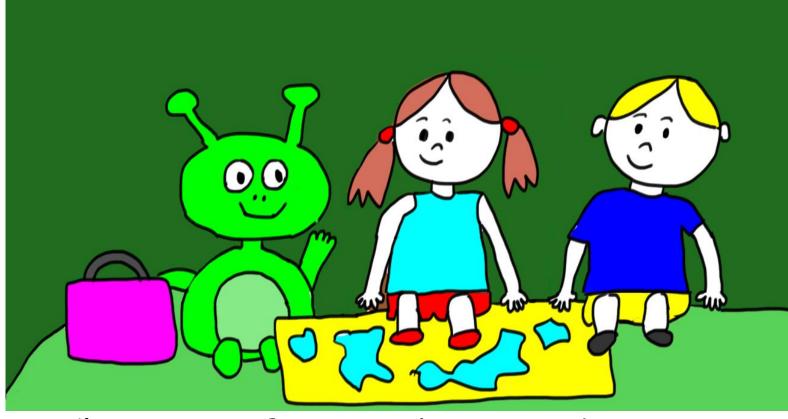
Chapter Eleven
Piece Number Four

Doug, Jade and Lionel, sat down at the bottom of the mountain, to catch their breath.

"Okay," said Lionel.

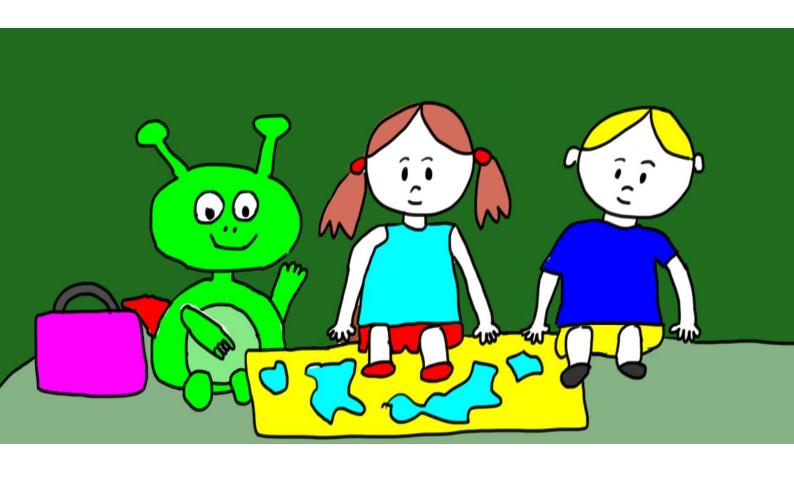
"We now have the third piece of my spaceship, so that means there are only two more to find!"

"Excellent!" said Doug.



"Apart from the spider, this has been a lot of fun," said Jade.

"I can't believe how quickly we are finding the pieces too. Where is the next one, Lionel?"



"According to my map, the next piece appears to be on top of a snow mountain," replied Lionel. "Do you know of any place, where this mountain might be?"

The cousins giggled.

"We know where a snow mountain is," said Jade, "but it might not be what you are expecting!"

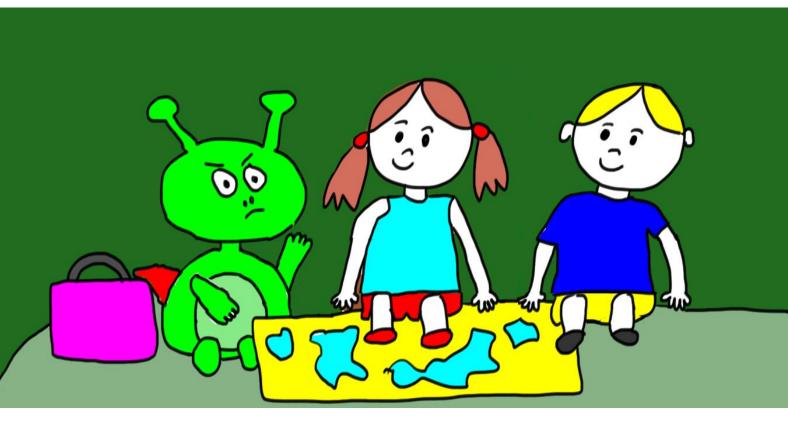
"Whatever do you mean?" questioned Lionel.

"The snow mountain we know, isn't actually a mountain," said Doug.

"So what is it?" said Lionel, looking confused.

"It is the tallest roller coaster in the world!" said Jade.

"Well that's just great," mumbled Lionel. He was very frightened of heights, and did not like roller coasters either.

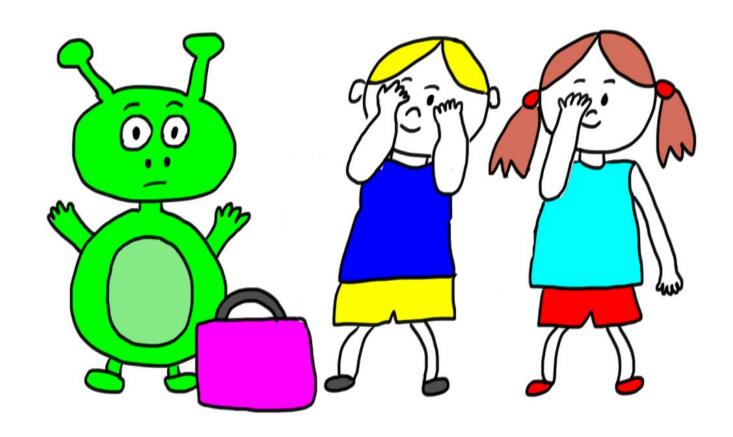


"Alright then," said Lionel.
"I am not happy about roller coasters, but I am willing to do whatever it takes to find the next spaceship piece.
Are you ready to roll?"

Jade and Doug both nodded, as Lionel pressed the button on the transporter.

Soon the three of them, were whisked off to their next adventure.

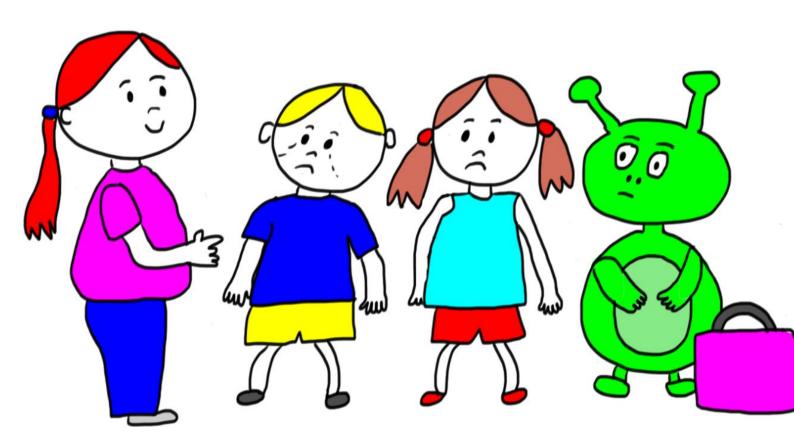
When they arrived at their new place, they rubbed their eyes and took a look around.



They had arrived at 'Fun Time Theme Park'. In the distance, past a line of other rides, they could see the famous 'Snow Mountain Roller Coaster'.

Lionel gulped. It looked even more terrifying, than he had imagined! Doug and Jade had no such fear. They couldn't wait to ride the roller coaster.

"Let's go, Lionel!" shouted Jade. "It is time to find the fourth piece. I'll race you to the roller coaster."



Chapter Twelve Lionel is Scared



As the cousins and Lionel got nearer to the roller coaster, they immediately saw a problem.

The line for the ride was enormous!

"Oh no!" cried Jade, looking at a clock.

"What is it now?"
asked Lionel. He was
feeling quite sick in
stomach, looking at the
roller coaster. He didn't
need another problem!

"The theme park shuts in an hour, and there is no way, we will reach the front of the line in that time!" said Jade.



"I have an idea," Doug said, and then all of a sudden, he burst into tears.

Lionel and Jade were quite shocked. They had no idea why Doug was suddenly crying!

Doug continued to howl out loud. "I want my mum! Where is my mum?" he cried.

A nice lady standing near them, asked Doug where he thought his mother might be.

"She was at the front of the line," sobbed Doug.
"We had to go to the toilet. We tried to hurry."

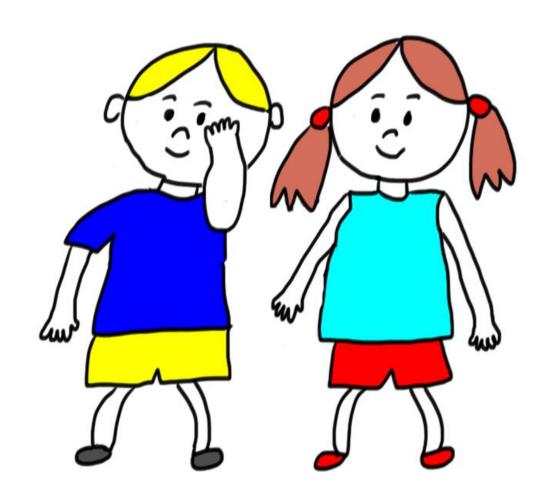
"You three must cut past this long line, and go straight to the front to find her, before she gets on the roller coaster."

"Thank you," sniffed Doug, as he wiped the fake tears from his eyes.

The cousins and Lionel scurried to the front of the line. The 'Snow Mountain Roller Coaster' loomed in front of them.

"Wow!" shouted Doug.

"This is awesome!"



"I know," replied Jade.

"I can't believe we are here! I have been dreaming about this roller coaster ever since you told me about it."

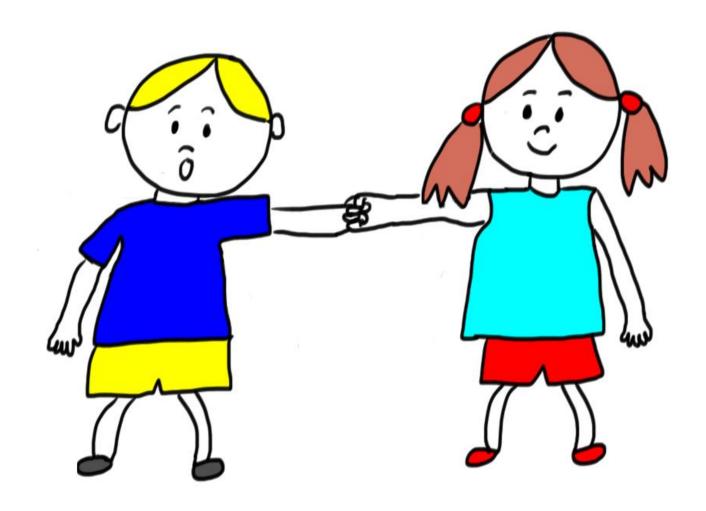
"It is better than I ever imagined," said Doug.
"What do you think, Lionel?
Are you ready to find piece number four?"

When there was no reply, Doug turned around. It was then that he saw Lionel lying on the ground, with a large bump on his head.

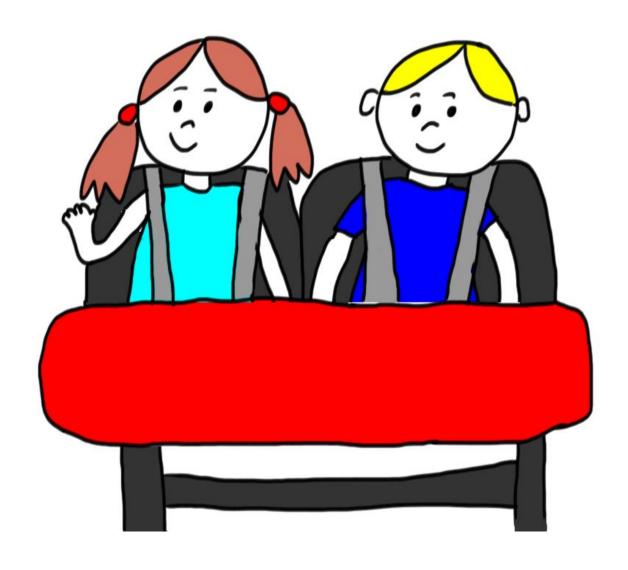
"Jade! Jade!" shouted Doug. "I think Lionel has fainted!"

And right at the very moment, the ride operator called, "Next!"

"Jade! What are we going to do?" asked Doug.



"Exactly what Lionel would want us to do," said Jade, and she moved towards the roller coaster, dragging Doug with her!



Chapter Thirteen

The Roller Coaster



"Are you sure we have done the right thing?"

Doug asked Jade.

"I didn't like leaving Lionel there. Did you see that large bump, that he had on his head?"

"He'll be alright,"
said Jade. "I saw someone
fussing around him, just as
we got on. Besides, Lionel
wants all of his spaceship
pieces, no matter what."

"I guess you're right," said Doug. "He probably fainted on purpose, just to get out of the ride."



"Probably," laughed Jade.

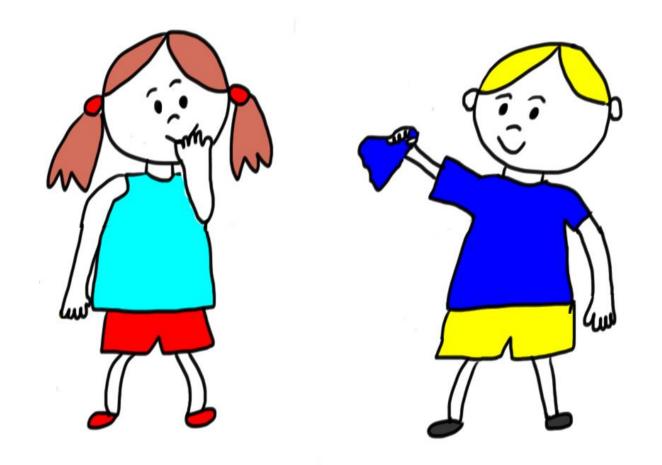
For the next few minutes, Doug and Jade forgot all about Lionel. The roller coaster was in full swing, and they were being whipped around.

They were having such an amazing time, they completely forgot to look for the fourth piece.

"Oh no!" said Jade, as the ride came to a stop.
"We didn't look for Lionel's spaceship piece."

Doug felt bad too.

However, as he hopped out of the ride, something caught his eye! There, wedged under his seat, was one of Lionel's spaceship pieces!



"Jade! I found it!"

Doug shouted, as he reached under the seat.

"Well done, Doug!" said Jade.

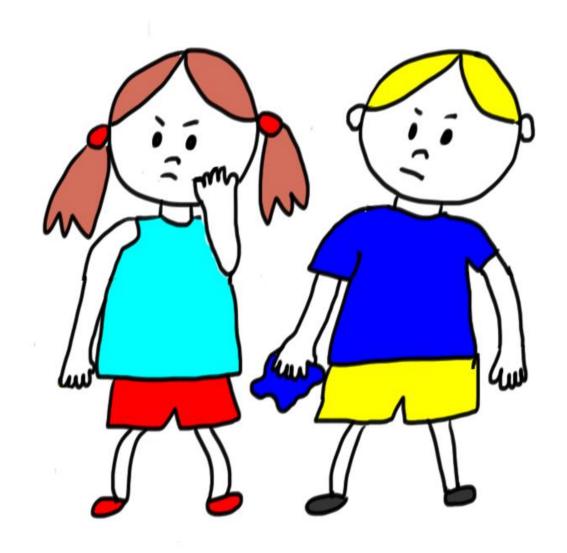
"Let's go and find Lionel."

The cousins began to walk towards the last spot that they had seen Lionel. But as they got nearer, they could see that he was no longer on the ground.

"Doug!" yelled Jade.

"Where could Lionel

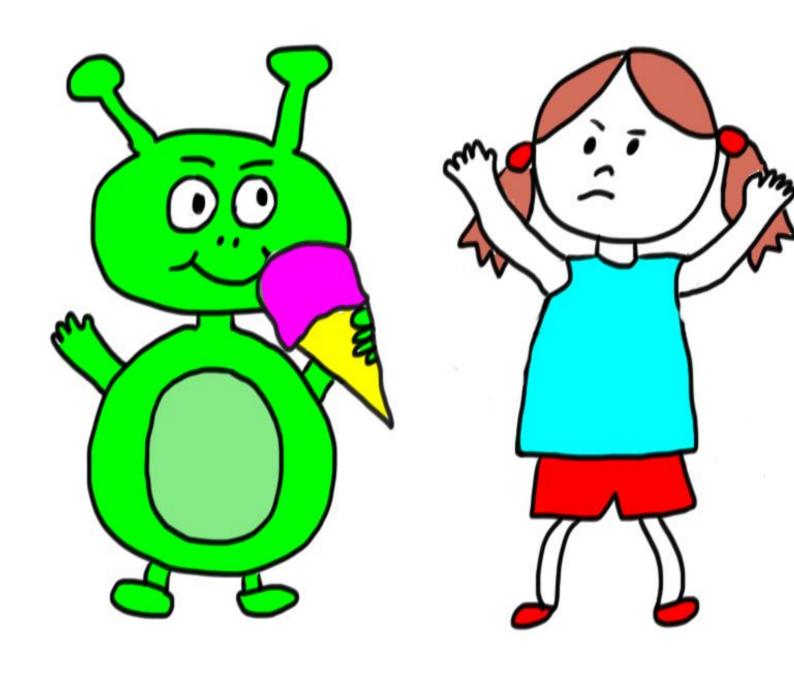
possibly be? Maybe we shouldn't have left him!"



Doug looked around the theme park for Lionel. He was beginning to think, that someone had kidnapped Lionel!

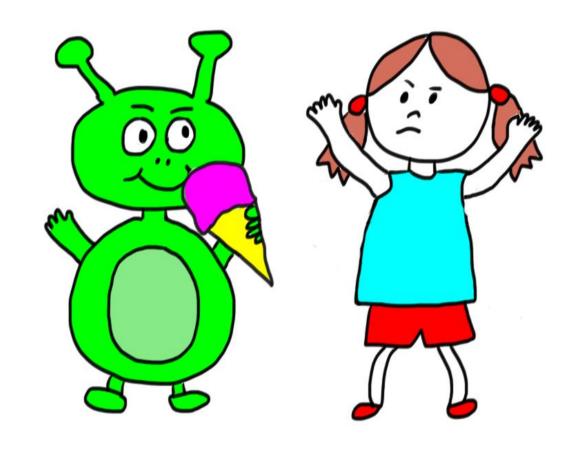
As Jade and Doug continued to look, they were distracted by the largest ice cream, they had ever seen. They were even more shocked, when Lionel appeared from behind the ice cream!

Lionel was wearing the biggest grin, they had ever seen.



Chapter Fourteen

Jade is Cross



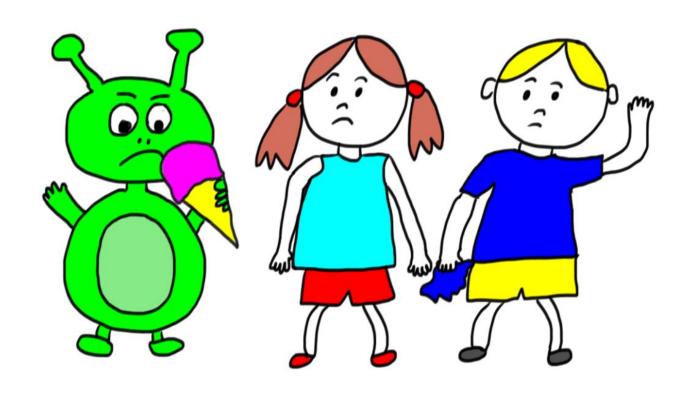
"Lionel!" shouted Jade.

"How could you be getting around, eating ice cream?

We have been worried sick.

We thought you must have been kidnapped!"

Lionel looked rather guilty. "I am sorry, Jade," he said. "I was just really nervous about going on snow mountain, so I had to think of a way, to get out of it. Fainting was the only idea I could think of."

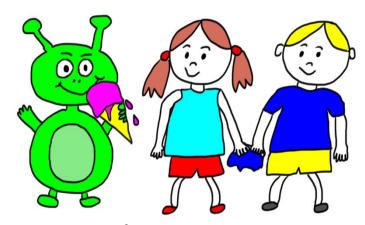


"You could have just told us, that you didn't want to go on the roller coaster.

Jade and I were more than happy, to go on by ourselves."

"I know," sighed Lionel, looking very sad.

"Well," said Jade, "even though I am angry with you for worrying me, I forgive you. Here, I have a present for you." Jade grabbed the second last piece of the spaceship from Doug. She presented it to Lionel.



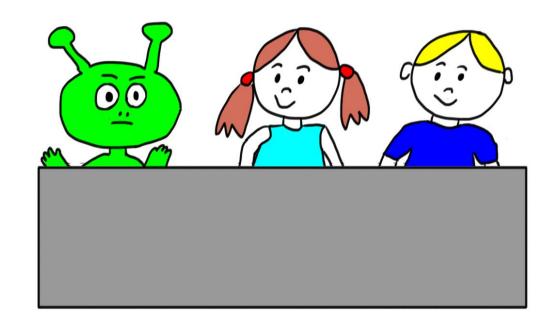
Lionel's smile was even larger than his ice cream, as he took the piece from Jade.

"To say thank you for all of your help so far, I thought we could spend the rest of the day, at the theme park," he said.

"Great idea," Jade shouted.
"I really want to try that fishing game, near the entrance to the park, under the tree."

"Okay," Lionel replied, "but I have no idea of how to play."

"It's easy," said Jade.
"Come on, I'll show you."

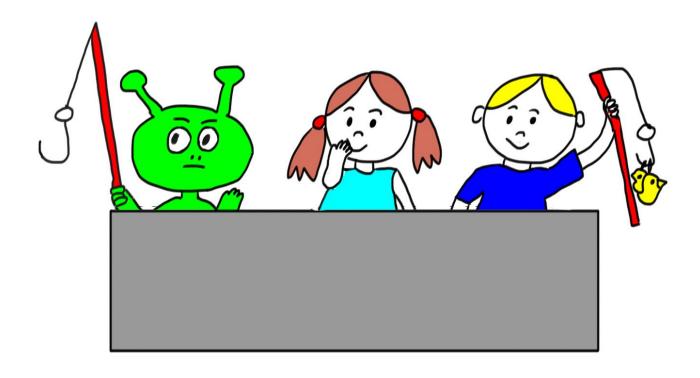


When Jade, Doug and Lionel got to the fishing game, Jade began to explain the rules to Lionel.

"All you need to do, is grab a fishing line, and try to hook a duck," she said.

"Each of ducks have a different number of points on them," interrupted Doug. "The bigger the number, the greater the prize you win."

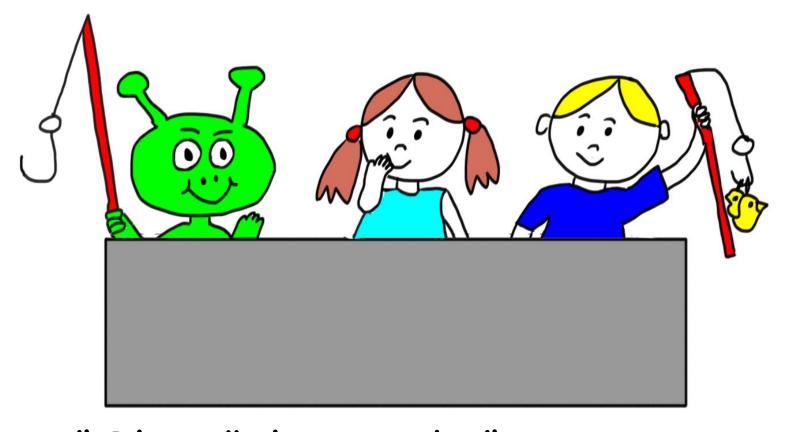
"I can't wait to play!" Lionel exclaimed, as the three of them grabbed a fishing line.



Lionel was terrible at the game! Lionel could not even fish out one duck!

Jade could barely breathe, she was laughing so hard!

And for once, Lionel laughed too.



"Okay," he said, "time to go. I hope you both like water, because that is where the last piece is." And in a flash, they were on their way, to the next place.



Chapter Fifteen Time for a Break

Jade and Doug picked themselves up off the ground, and looked around. The final spaceship piece appeared to be on an island.

"This place is amazing," Jade said to Doug.



Doug totally agreed!
"This would have to be my favourite place so far,"
said Doug.

Jade laughed and said, "It sure beats the place with the killer spider!"

"Let's take a little break," said Lionel, "and relax."

The cousins sighed with relief. They were both exhausted and just wanted to play for a change.



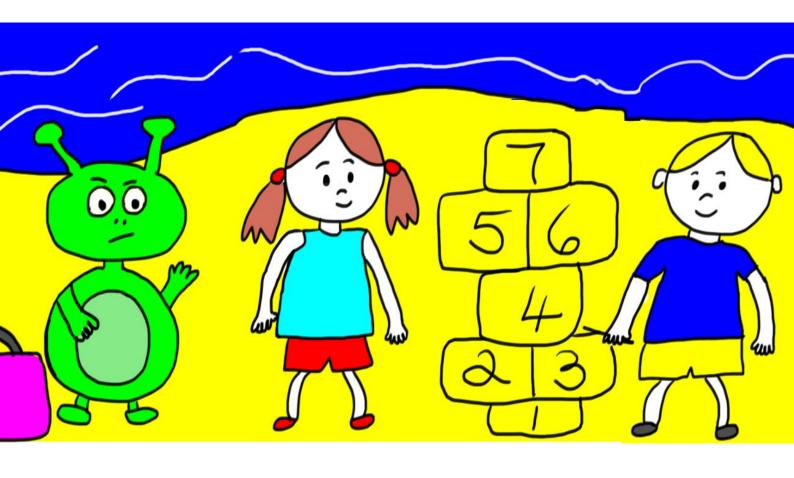
"Why don't we teach Lionel how to play hopscotch?" suggested Jade.

"What a great idea," said Doug.

But Lionel wasn't so sure. "I hope it is not as hard as that last game," said Lionel frowning.

"You'll be alright," said Doug. "I think you will be good at this game."

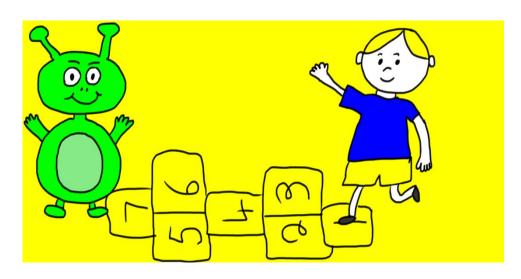
Doug started to draw some lines in the sand.



Lionel watched with interest, as Jade filled in each box with numbers from 1 to 7.

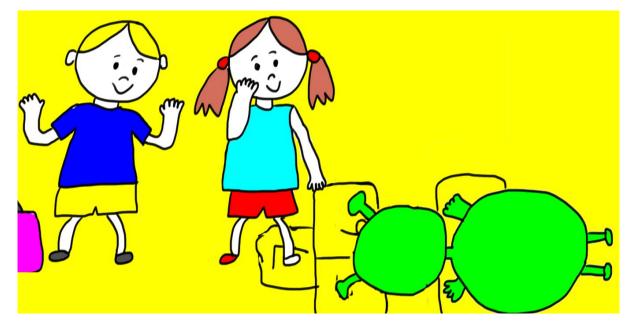
"Okay Lionel," said Jade,
"what you have to do, is
jump in each of the boxes.
If there is only one box,
you hop. If there are two
boxes side by side,
you jump with two feet."

"Watch, Lionel," said Doug, "I'll show you."



Lionel watched Doug and then said, "Okay, step aside Doug, and watch the master."

Unfortunately Lionel had a bit of trouble. As soon as he had to hop on one foot, he fell flat on his face!



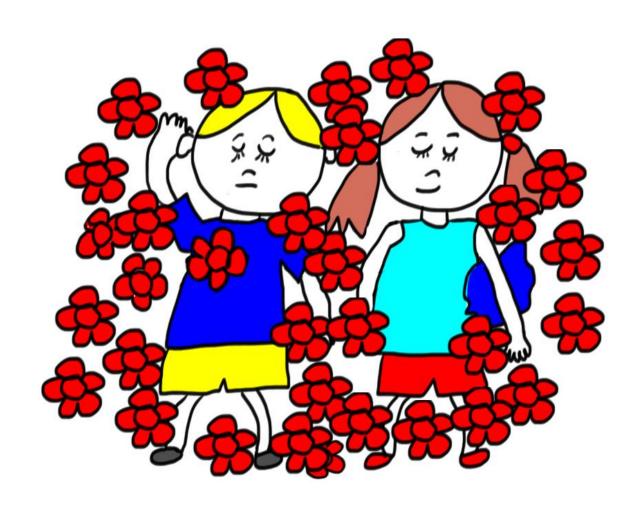
The children howled with laughter, at the look on Lionel's face, as he fell.

"Oh Lionel, that was the funniest thing I think I have ever seen!" said Doug. "You couldn't even get past the first box!"

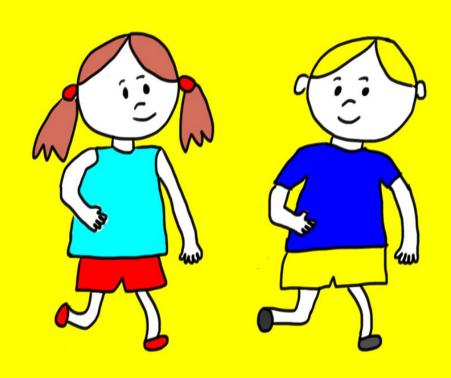
Lionel picked himself up off the ground and dusted off the sand.

"Well we have clearly done enough messing around," he said in a hurt voice. "Let's just find this last spaceship piece."

Jade and Doug stopped laughing and got ready to help.



Chapter Sixteen The Last Piece



Lionel looked at his tracker. "The piece appears to be in amongst those flowers over there, in that large flower bed."

"Race you there,"
Doug called, as he ran off.

Lionel tried to keep up as the children ran past him. The children were much faster than Lionel this time. By the time he was near the flowers. the children were nowhere to be seen.

"Doug! Jade!" shouted Lionel. "This isn't funny. Stop hiding from me!"



But there was no response. The only thing Lionel could hear, was the wind whipping through the trees.

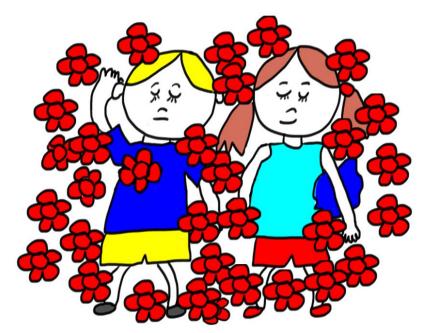
"I'm really getting tired of your games," Lionel shouted angrily; but again, there was no response!

Just as he was beginning to panic, Lionel's foot touched something on the ground. He looked down and was alarmed to find Doug and Jade, fast asleep!

Lionel tried to wake the children, but they would not stir.

They were surrounded by the most beautiful, red flowers. It was then that Lionel remembered the name of the flowers - they were called dozing flowers! They caused humans to fall asleep, as soon as they smelt them!

He needed to find out, how to wake them!



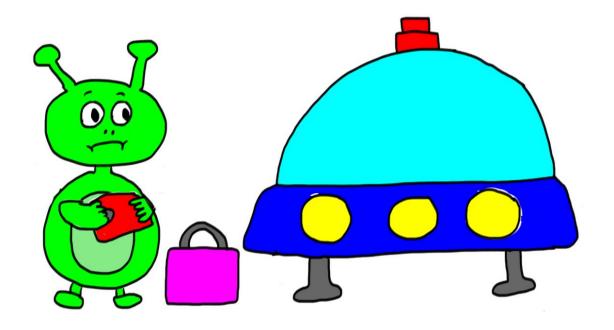
Lionel searched for the answer on his tracking device.

"Oh no!" gasped Lionel.

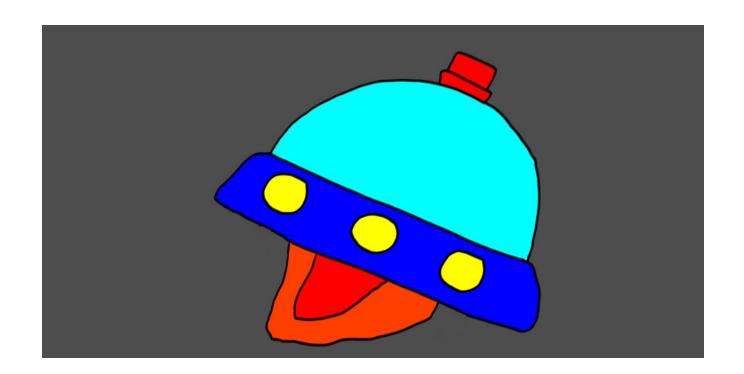
"The only way to wake them is to give them a special potion. It is only available from my planet!"

Lionel was just about to turn into a howling mess, when suddenly a shiny object, under Jade's arm, caught his attention.

"The final piece!"
Lionel shouted with joy. He put the piece with the others, and clicked a button on his device.



Lionel watched as the five pieces floated out of his bag and magically joined together. Once they were joined, the spaceship grew in size. Lionel was ready to go back home, with some extra guests!



"I just hope mum won't be mad, when she sees my visitors," said Lionel.

Lionel turned the key, and the three of them were instantly transported, to planet Alpha.

