

## The Pet Snatchers

They came to earth like thieves in the night. We should have listened and took note of the warning signs! There had been meteorite sightings and unusually violent thunderstorms but we made and found excuses for them. No excuses could be made for this. They were here and the animals were gone! Every single pet in the neighborhood...vanished! Looking out of the window, I could see the Frisbee-like saucers rotating and hovering above us. There must have been at least 15 of them in my view and that was just here. What were they here for? Where were the animals? My sister told me I should go to bed and get some sleep. Her eyes were red – Rover our dog had also been taken. Where? Who knows?

Creeeeek! I jolted awake! Shining brightly through my bedroom window was the glorious gibbous moon. Normally, the distant rock seemed far away but given the alien presence, it felt a lot closer tonight. Downstairs the front door slammed shoot – BANG! I dashed towards the window to see my sister scampering across the garden lawn. Where was she going? Throwing a hoodie on and some trainers, I scrambled out of the house just in time to see my sister disappear out of site at the end of the road.

“Hey! Hey! Where is my dog?” It was my sister’s voice - I could hear her in the distance! What on earth was she doing? Confronting the aliens? Was she mad? Suddenly, without warning, there was a flash of light! A great beam of white shot down towards the black tarmac, blinding me. As my eyes adjusted, I caught sight of her standing, gazing upwards in the center of the beam. There was a sudden hum of machine and then... she was gone! Vanished? Vaporized? Whatever they had done, they had done it to my Sister and I had to find her! I too had to get inside the craft!

Without thinking, I began to shout and scream! “Take me too!” I screamed at the top of my voice! As if on cue, the beam shot down, surrounding me. The haze of white overwhelmed me and blinded my sight. A wave of light headedness overcame me and I became weightless. Suddenly, all kind of horrors rushed through my mind. What if they were hostile? What if I would never see Earth again? Before, I could panic properly... I was inside!

Gazing around, there were all sorts of buttons and gadgets on the walls, buzzing and beeping. I travelled down corridor, after corridor but caught no sight of my sister or Rover until I heard a bark! Glancing through a laser beam window, I could see Rover peering through a metallic cage! Dashing inside, I was met with a warm welcome from my sister! She had been caught and placed in Rover’s cage with him. Without a second thought, I pressed the release button and the lasers zipped off. “Are you ok?” I gasped. But before she could reply, horror fell on her face. Spinning around, my eyes landed on what was stood at the entrance – a real life alien! It had a large, bulbous head with three cat-like eyes popping out from its front. It began to step forward on its three legs, I too was going to be put in a cage. Would I ever see Earth again? Without

any warning, Rover darted forward and bravely sunk his sharp, gnashing teeth into the alien's leg! Immediately the alien made a bubbly squeal, as though he was screaming under water. He stumbled backwards. All over his body, large, purple lumps and bubbles began to form! "What's happening to him?" shrieked my sister, shuddering. "I-I think he is allergic to pets!" I stammered.

With no time to lose, we dashed out back towards the exit. Aliens were now running away from us – they too were terrified of being bitten by Rover! As we reached the escape root, an alien stood beckoning us and pointing to the pod, whilst keeping his distance. After wanting to capture us, he now desperately wanted us to leave.

As we landed back down on Earth, we were greeted with an amazing sight: The pets had all been transported back to Earth. Barks, laughs and giggles could be heard from houses as families rediscovered their pets. After the allergic reaction the aliens must have decided not to take any pets. Not only that, they had decided to leave the planet for good. Looking up, there was a huge KABOOM as the space crafts powered up their engines. They had gone! We had won! I grabbed my sister and hugged her! Had I really saved the world from an alien invasion!?

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