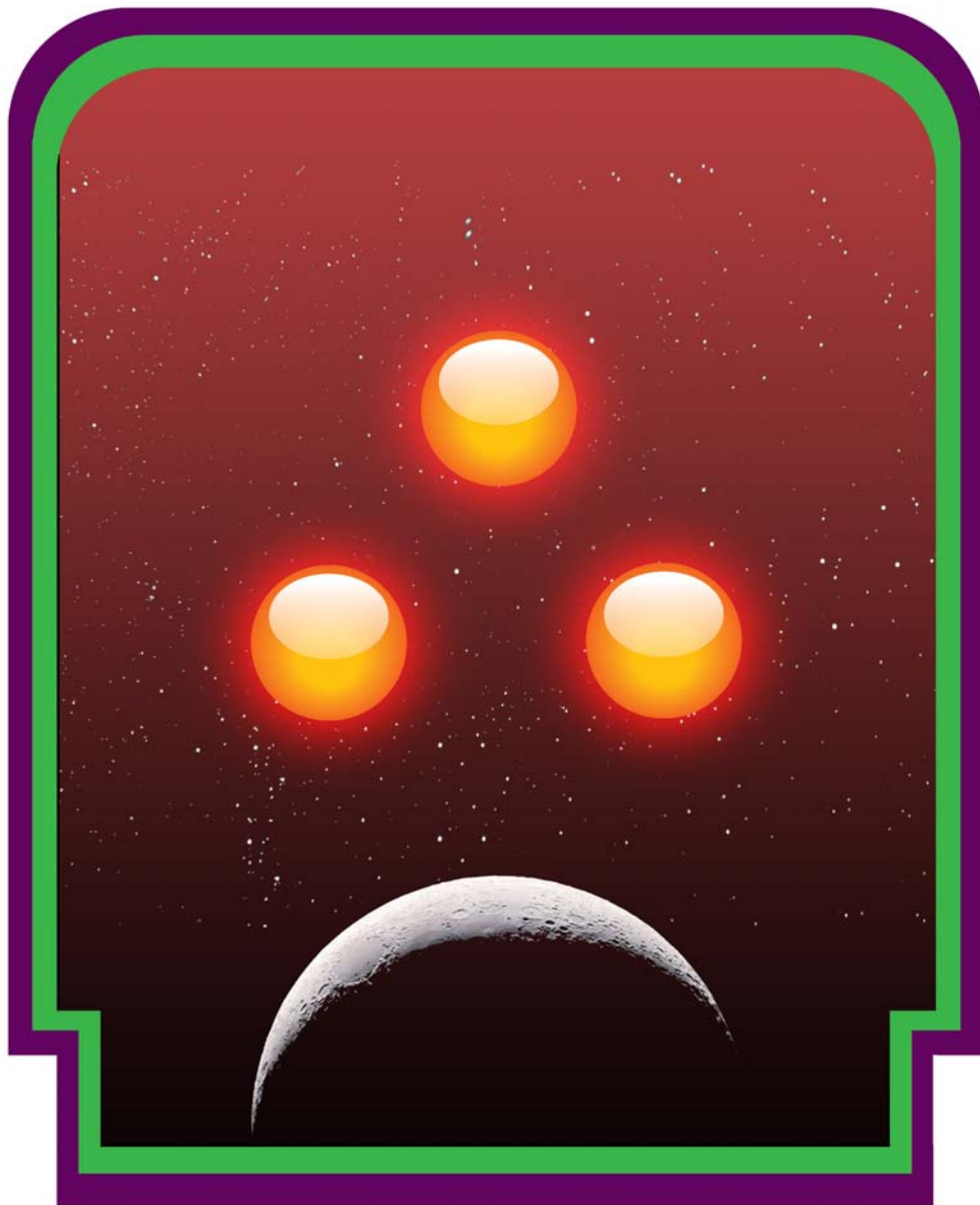


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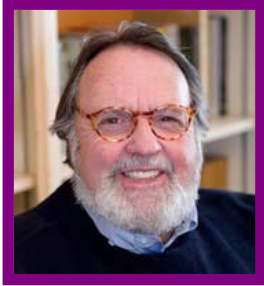
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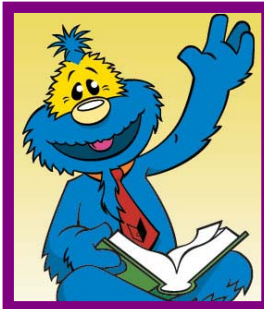


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You don't want to risk making the robots angry, so you agree to continue your space travels with them.

“Since you are our guest, we will allow you to select our next destination,” says Voltex. “Allow me to recommend two planets. Saturn is a fascinating place, but its gaseous rings make it difficult to enter and exit its atmosphere. And what can you say about Jupiter? It is, after all, your galaxy's largest planet. The choice is yours.”

The robot who is navigating the space craft is waiting for your decision.

If you go to Saturn, turn to page 3.

If you go to Jupiter, turn to page 6.

The trip to Saturn takes very little time. “Space travel is very easy for a species such as ours,” Voltex, the robot leader, informs you. “Earthlings are a far inferior species.”

You are quickly transported to Saturn’s surface. Suddenly Voltex receives a radio transmission in a language that you can’t understand.

“My presence is required in another part of the galaxy. I will return for you shortly.”

“Why can’t I go with you? I can’t stay here alone!” you say in an alarmed way.

“You are in no position to make any demands,” and with that, Voltex and the spaceship disappear. With nothing left to do, you begin to walk. Your stomach turns over as you see skeletons of creatures you have never seen before across the terrain. You move away from the skeletons and suddenly you feel very hungry. When will Voltex return?

You’re not sure how much time has gone by, but one thing is certain, Voltex is not coming back. Why did the robots take you from Earth? As your weakened body falls to the ground, you realize that you will never know.

The End

“I’d rather stay here on Earth with my parents,” you tell the robots. Amazingly, without a word, all the robots simply disappear. As time goes by, your feeling of fear does not leave you. What if the robots are watching you? What if they think you called the authorities so the robots can be attacked?

One morning, your worst fears are confirmed. As you open your eyes after a restless night, you see the robots in your room. “We’ve secretly been watching you. It has been decided that it is too risky to leave you here. We have many plans for Earth that must still remain a secret.”

You are transported into a spaceship that immediately leaves Earth. Inside the ship, a huge argument rages on. Five of the robots seem to think that you have seen too much and that you should be disposed of before you jeopardize their mission. Three robots, however, think that you could be useful for their plans.

The argument turns into a fight, and unfortunately for you, the five robots that are against you overpower the other three. You are seized and thrown out onto space. Without gravity, the feeling of floating in space is incredible! You don’t enjoy the feeling for a long time because within a minute you run out of oxygen.

The End

You decide that it's best to ask the robots to speak English. "Yes, I can do that. My name is Voltex, and my crew and I would like you to come with us to our planet."

You're shocked by what you're hearing. "What about my family," you ask. "I live on Earth!"

"We are giving you an opportunity that other Earthling's can only dream of. You can learn a lot from our people and we can learn a lot from you. We want you to come willingly. We're not here to force you. The choice is yours."

If you decide to go with the robots, turn to page 2.
If you decide to stay with your parents, turn to page 4.

You and the robots land on Jupiter. As you explore the planet, the robots explain their plans for colonization. “We see great potential in this, the largest planet of your solar system,” says Voltex.

Suddenly, an alien being appears in front of you. “I was unaware that this planet was inhabited,” whispers Voltex in your ear. “I’m not sure if this species is friendly. Should we approach it and offer friendship or get away while we have a chance?”

If you approach the alien, turn to page 13.

If you try to get away, turn to page 14.

Why not take the space vehicle for a little spin? When are you ever going to get a chance like this again? As you approach it, you observe its gadgets, buttons, and blinking lights. You've always been pretty good about figuring out how to work computers and electronics, this should be no problem.

As you reach out to open the hatch of the space vehicle, you see some kind of being out of the corner of your eye. It's asking you to go to it. Who or what is this being? Is it friend or foe? Maybe you should just jump inside the space vehicle while you have the chance.

If you go to the strange being, turn to page 16.

If you jump into the vehicle and try to drive away, turn to page 12.

“I’ll trust you Jingale,” you say. “I’ll go with you.”

“You will not regret it, my friend,” Jingale answers. You follow Jingale for what seems like hours across desert-like terrain.

Finally, you see his spaceship. “This will take us back to Earth,” Jingale announces. Just when it appears that you will finally get back home, a wild looking beast appears between you and the spaceship. It is like nothing you have ever seen before. It has five sharp horns on its head, three yellow eyes, and a buffalo-like body.

“What’s that th—“ you start to ask Jingale, but he is no longer next to you. The beast seems to be waiting for you to make your next move. You have two options. You can try to run past it and get aboard the spaceship. With any luck, Jingale will be there and you can blast off.

The beast may be protecting the spaceship, if you run back into the desert-like terrain the beast may leave you alone. This will give you time to come up with a plan. If it follows you, though, there will be no place to hide. The beast is tired of waiting. You have to act—now!

If you try to run past the beast, turn to page 17.

If you run back to the desert, turn to page 18.

“I think it would be best if I stayed here, Jingale. The robots promised they’d be back for me.”

Without another word, Jingale disappears. Suddenly, you feel exhausted. You curl up next to a boulder and fall into a deep sleep.

After waking up, you decide to do some exploring. The terrain surrounding you is similar to a desert. The soil is like sand and there is no vegetation to speak of. Suddenly, a loud noise comes from the place where you last saw the robots. It makes you hurry back.

Sure enough, the robots have returned. “Where would you like to go?” Voltex asks. “To a different planet, or back home?”

If you go to a different planet, turn to page 19.
If you decide to go back home, turn to page 21.

Cautiously, you remove the transmitter from your pocket. The robots stare intently at you while you press the translation button. “What is that?” one of them asks.

It worked! “It’s a transmitter that will allow us to communicate with each other. Who are you and what am I doing here?” you demand.

“My name is Voltex,” the leader answers. “I understand that you have many questions, but I cannot answer them at this time. Now at this time—”

“I really need to use the restroom,” you interrupt. “It’s an Earthling necessity.” “Yes, very well,” Voltex replies.

You dash through an opening that you believe to be the restroom and close the door. You take out your transmitter and press an amplifier button that lets you hear what the robots are saying as they whisper in the next room. “This isn’t going to work, he asks too many questions.” “No, he’s seen too much already. We must go forward with the mission.” Casually, you reenter the room.

Voltex speaks to you, “While I cannot answer many of your questions, I can offer you a choice. Will you like to join us on a trip to Jupiter or Mars?

If you go to Jupiter, turn to page 15.

If you go to Mars, turn to page 11.

“I’ve always wondered if Martians really exist,” you answer. Within minutes, the robot spaceship arrives. You follow Voltex out of the craft and step out onto the soil of Mars. You can’t believe this is happening to you! You turn to ask Voltex if Martians are friendly only to discover that he has disappeared.

Not knowing what else to do, you decide to explore your surroundings. You come to a vehicle that resembles an Earth car. It is a shiny silver color and you discover that the interior is just like a car! What’s more, keys are in the ignition.

Your sense of adventure overwhelms you. You could be the first human being to drive a car in Mars! The car will also help you explore your surroundings very quickly. On the other hand, is it a coincidence that you found this car with its keys in the ignition? Where is its owner?

If you take the car for a ride, turn to page 7.

If you leave the car alone, turn to page 20.

You've had enough of aliens and robots! You hop into the space vehicle and press a button that you hope will start it. It works! You drive the vehicle for an hour at an incredibly fast speed that you've never experienced before.

It feels exciting, but it also has gotten you lost. You reach out and press a rainbow colored button. Everything goes black. Slowly you open your eyes. You're lying on the grass in your backyard with a baseball and a bat at your side.

"Where am I?" you say out loud. "What happened?" Did you hit your head and imagine everything, or did the rainbow button return you to Earth? You don't know, and you don't care. What matters is that you're safely home.

The End

“Let’s approach it,” you say. “It doesn’t seem to be threatening us.”

You reach out, in a sign of peace, to shake the alien’s hand. As soon as you make contact with it you lose consciousness.

When you next open your eyes, you find yourself back on Earth. You are in your bedroom staring at yourself in a mirror.

“What happened?” you say out loud. “I transported you back home,” a voice responds. “Your gesture of peace and friendship toward me will be rewarded.”

“What are you talking about?” you ask.

“You have passed the test, my friend. The universe needs courageous leaders like you who will unite all the beings of your galaxy in peace and harmony. Many great things await you.”

The End

You and Voltex make a sudden move so as to run away, but the alien is quicker than you expected. He glares at the two of you as it blocks your escape route.

Voltex and the alien engage each other in an awesome battle. You can't help but think that you are watching a space show on television, all that you are missing is the popcorn. The alien jumps on Voltex, and he responds with a blast from his laser beam. The alien falls to the ground in agony and then he stops moving.

"That was easy enough," says Voltex. You suddenly catch a glimpse of something strange in Voltex's metal armor. Could it be? You quickly grab hold of the rectangular piece of metal and pull down. It was a zipper!

"Dad?" you say in disbelief. "What are you doing wearing a costume? What's going on—"

"Wake up!" your Dad shouts. "You're late for school. That must have been some dream you were having!"

The End

“Jupiter it is for you, human,” says Voltex. “You will travel in this small space craft.”

“Wait! I’m going by myself?” Your question goes unanswered as you are shoved into the space craft. Before you know it, you are speeding away from the robot spaceship. To your surprise, you arrive to Jupiter in a mere five minutes.

A voice comes over the space craft’s radio, “We will return for you in 50 human hours.”

You feel a tingle in your stomach that tells you that danger is near. Nevertheless, you get off the craft and are immediately approached by an alien being. “My name is Jingale,” it informs you with a smile. “Would you like to return to your home planet?”

“Are you a mind reader? Of course I want to return to Earth!” you answer.

“I can do this for you, if you help me complete a mission that I have. I must warn you, there are many dangers in Jupiter. Carnivorous creatures roam this planet.”

If you go with Jingale, turn to page 8.

If you wait for the robots to return, turn to page 9.

You cautiously approach the alien. “Greetings, Earthling. My name is Chester,” it says. “What is troubling you?”

“I need to get home,” you respond. “I have no idea what I’m doing here or what is happening.”

“A very sad story. Unfortunately, I have no time to hear all of it. I suddenly feel hungry and tired,” Chester announces.

“No! You can’t leave me here, please help me!”

“I might be convinced to help you, but first I must eat and rest.”

If you follow Chester, turn to page 25.

If you continue to explore on your own, turn to page 26.

You need to get to that spaceship. Summoning all the courage that you have, you take a deep breath and run for it. The beast, however, is quick to block your path. Its face is hideous, unlike anything you've ever seen. Drool falls from its mouth, scars cover its face, and its breath is something that you can't take.

Instinctively you close your eyes and bump into this horrible beast. You both fall to the ground. You're not feeling too confident as you stare at each other. Can you really make it to the spaceship?

Just then you notice the beast's lips curl up in a smile. Are you crazy, or does it seem that the smile is a friendly one? This could be a trick. It would be very risky to stand your ground and leave yourself at the mercy of this beast. Should you make another run for the ship, or wait and see what the beast's next move is?

The beast has started to rise. You only have seconds to decide. Think fast.

If you try to reach the ship again, turn to page 23.

If you hold your ground and see what happens, turn to page 24.

Running as fast as you can, you head toward the desert. It is only when you are about to collapse from exhaustion that you look back. The wild beast is nowhere to be seen.

It takes you a few minutes to recover and when you do, Jingale is once again at your side. “Where did you go?” you scream.

“I’m sorry my friend,” he answers. “I knew that wild beast wouldn’t chase you. It was me he was after. We have a long-running feud.”

“Where does that leave us? Is there some place we can go? I really don’t want to stay in this desert forever.”

“We’ll still go to the spaceship. Simply grab hold of my hand and we will be instantly transported aboard.” You grab Jingale’s hand, close your eyes, and hope for the best.

Go on to page 22.

“I want to go home, eventually, but when will I ever get this chance again?”

“Your reply pleases us,” answers Voltex. “Join us aboard our ship.” You are escorted aboard and shown into a white room. It is so bright that you have to shield your eyes. It is completely bare except for what appears to be an examining table and a hose coming down from the ceiling directly above it.

“What is this?” you ask, alarm creeping into your voice. “Do not worry my friend. Space travel is hard on your Earthling body. You need to recover.”

Suddenly, a pair of robots pick you up and lay you down on the table. Before you know it, the hose is placed over your mouth and nose. Almost immediately you black out.

You slowly regain consciousness. You can vaguely hear Voltex’s voice speaking to the other robots. “Those beasts that we captured need meat to keep them strong. The Earthling’s body should be enough meat for them until we arrive at our next destination. Prepare the body.”

That’s the last thing you ever hear.

The End

It's too much of a coincidence that you stumbled onto a car with the keys in the ignition. You really don't know what's going on and aren't willing to risk falling into any traps.

You continue your exploration of the planet. Minutes turn into hours. Hours become days. You know that the robots are not coming back. Hungry and thirsty, you fall to the ground and die.

The End

“I miss my home. I would like to return.”

“Very well, Earthling. We have no use for you.” Without warning, the robot ship comes under attack by another space craft.

“It’s those dreaded Martians again! We’ll live to fight another day,” says Voltex. With a sudden burst of speed, the robot ship blasts off into space. The speed is too much for your human body to take, and you feel yourself losing consciousness.

When you open your eyes, you find yourself dressed in your pajamas and laying on your bed. You can’t help but wonder, “Did this really happen?”

The End

When you open your eyes, you are inside the spaceship and Jingale is standing next to you.

“We must blast off quickly,” Jingale tells you. “Strap yourself into the co-pilot’s seat while I make final preparations.

As you sit down you hear a terrible scream. You turn around and see the beast devouring Jingale. A minute later, you are alone with the beast and it doesn’t seem as if his hunger has been satisfied.

The End

With a sudden burst of energy, you run towards the spaceship again. You are surprised that the beast is no longer following you. You're going to make it! As you reach the hatch of the spaceship, you feel heat all around you. What's happening?

Little did you know that the beast was a fire-breathing creature. The ship is soon burned to ashes, and so are you. Nobody ever knows what happened to you.

The End

You and the beast simply stare at each other, as if you're both in a trance. "Let's go!" calls Jingale from inside the spaceship. You are brought back to your senses and run to the spaceship while the beast stays in the trance. You soon blast off and are on your way back to Earth. Suddenly, the robot spaceship appears in front of you, its blasters aimed at you.

"Hold on!" screams Jingale. "I'm activating the force field!" Your ship starts to glow seconds before the robot ship attacks. You see their ray hit your force field, bounce back, and destroy the robot ship. To your great relief, you make it back to Earth.

"How can I ever repay you, Jingale?"

"Will you have much use of that voice transmitter on Earth?" he asks.

"It's yours," you answer. You've had enough of space adventures. You just want to be a normal human being again.

The End

You have nothing to lose, you think, as you follow Chester. You watch as Chester looks for food by digging holes in the ground.

“This soil is too dry to have any acceptable food. It’s a good thing you came with me.”

Suddenly, a force overpowers you and binds your hands to your back. Soon, all that is left of you are bones.

The End

You don't have a good feeling about Chester, so you continue to explore on your own. Soon you find yourself in front of the space vehicle again. Not knowing what else to do, you jump in and turn the key. The engine roars to life! You press a green button and the car moves forward. This is great!

Suddenly, the car's computer speaks to you, "Threat approaching from rear, collision in 10 seconds. Hyper speed recommended."

You turn around and see a wild looking monster charging the vehicle and gaining on you—fast! It must have been the monster's car and it doesn't appear happy that you're in it. You quickly look at the buttons in front of you. There is one labeled 'HS.' You press it and hope for the best.

Suddenly, wings appear from the side of the space vehicle and you blast off. That was close! "What is your destination?" the computer asks. "Earth!" you shout. "Course is set. Enjoy the ride."

You can't wait to get home and show off your new car.

The End