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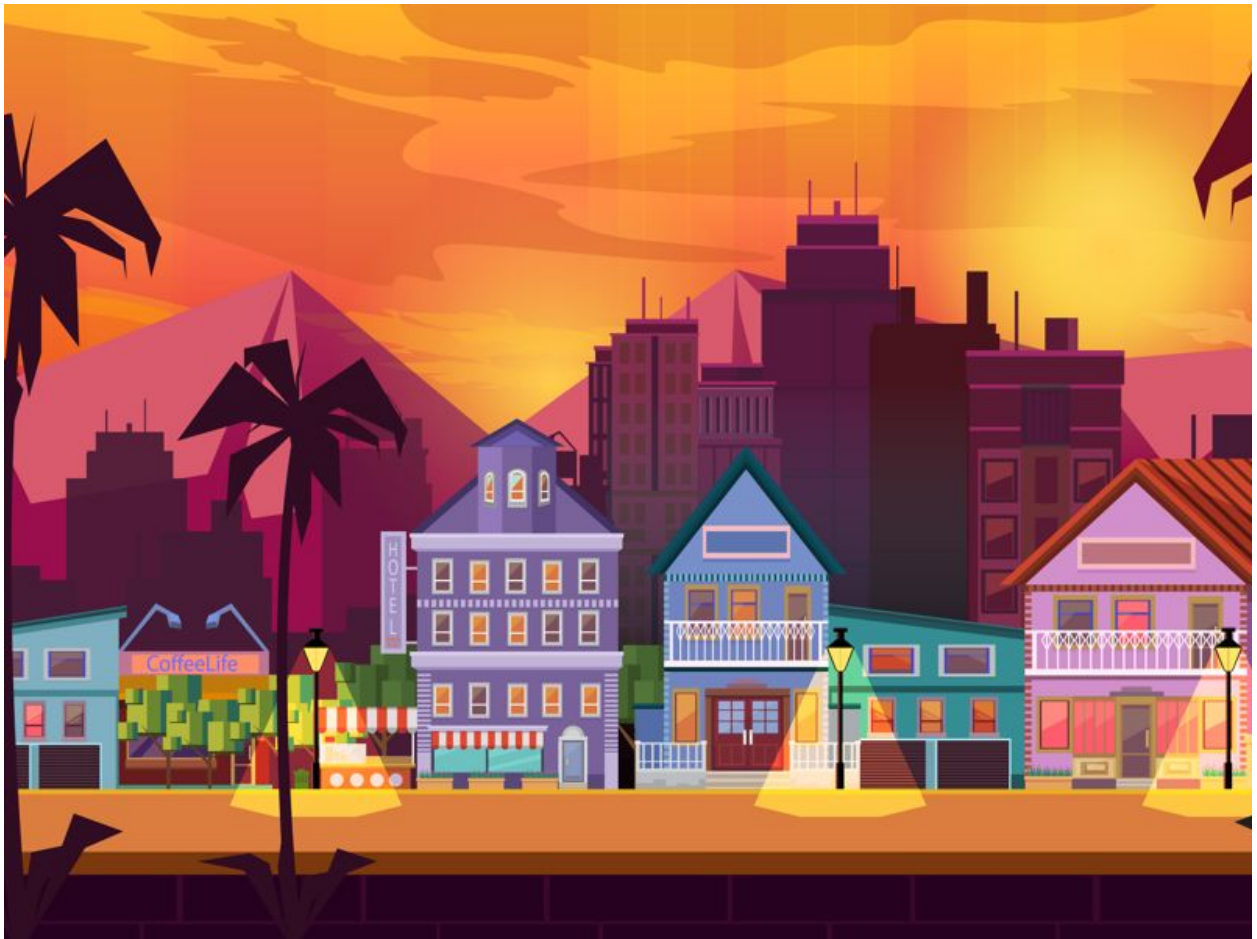
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STARSHINE WAS A YOUNG ALIEN ON PLANET ZARDON. ZARDON ALIENS HAD LIGHT PURPLE SKIN AND BIG HEADS. SHE LOVED ADVENTURES AND NEVER FEARED THE UNKNOWN. SHE WAS A UNIQUE ALIEN BECAUSE SHE HAD MAGIC, AND NO ONE ELSE ON HER PLANET COULD USE MAGIC. HOWEVER, THE OTHER ALIENS WERE CONSTANTLY MAKING FUN OF HER FOR BEING A MAGICAL ALIEN.

SHE WAS SICK OF HER PLANET NOT ACCEPTING HER, BUT SHE THOUGHT THAT IF SHE WENT TO EARTH SHE COULD FIND A FRIEND. SHE HAD READ ABOUT HUMANS GOING TO MAGIC SHOWS, AND HOW A LOT OF HUMANS ALSO HAD MAGICAL POWERS. KNOWING THIS, SHE FIGURED THEY MIGHT LIKE HER.

PLANET ZARDON GAVE EVERY ADULT A SPACESHIP FOR TRAVEL, SO STARSHINE STOLE HER PARENTS' SHIP AND SET OUT FOR EARTH. SHE HAD BEEN STUDYING THE LANGUAGE CALLED "ENGLISH", SO SHE DECIDED TO LAND IN AMERICA.

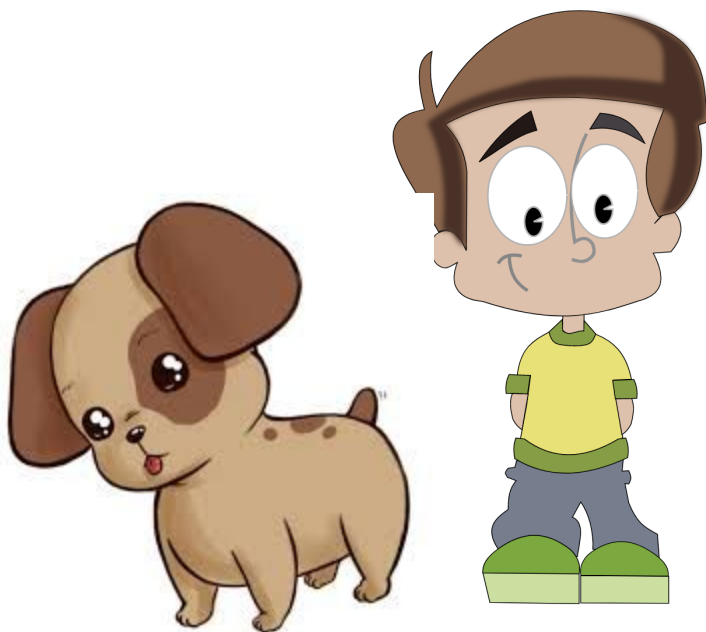
ONCE ON EARTH, SHE LANDED IN A PLACE THAT HUMANS CALL CALIFORNIA. TO STARSHINE, THIS PLACE WAS AMAZING. THEY HAD TALL BUILDINGS, SUNSHINE, WEIRD PLANTS WITH BRIGHT COLORS ON THEM, AND MUCH MORE.



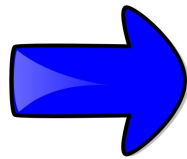
SOON AFTER, A YOUNG HUMAN GIRL WITH BROWN HAIR AND A PINK SHIRT CAME UP TO HER WHEN SHE STEPPED OUT OF HER SHIP. SHE SAID HER NAME WAS GRACIE AND ASKED STARSHINE WHAT HERS WAS. STARSHINE INSTANTLY KNEW SHE WANTED THIS GIRL TO LIKE HER.



GRACIE BROUGHT STARSHINE TO HER ROOM AND INTRODUCED HER TO HER BROTHER TIM. TIM WAS FASCINATED BY STARSHINE. AFTER ALL, SHE DID LOOK PRETTY STRANGE TO THEM. NEXT, STARSHINE MET THEIR DOG, BINGO, AND SHE THOUGHT HE WAS SO ADORABLE AND LOVED HIS BROWN SPOTS. THEY ALSO DIDN'T HAVE PETS BACK ON ZARDON; SHE WAS AMAZED THAT THEY LIVED WITH SOMEONE THAT LOOKED COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THAN THEY DID.



STARSHINE WANTED TO SHOW THEM HER MAGICAL POWERS SO THEY COULD SEE HOW MUCH FUN SHE COULD BE. SHE COULD TURN ANY OBJECT INTO WHATEVER SHE WANTED IT TO BE. GRACIE ASKED HER TO TURN A LEAF INTO A PLATE OF SPAGHETTI, SO SHE MADE THEM A SPAGHETTI DINNER OUT OF A PILE OF LEAVES.



MEANWHILE, DR. SNYDE WAS IN HIS EVIL TOWER WATCHING OUT FOR ALIENS. HE HAD A MACHINE THAT COULD DETECT MAGIC AND SHOW HIM WHERE IT WAS COMING FROM. OF COURSE, WHEN STARSHINE USED HER MAGIC, HE SAW AND IMMEDIATELY RUSHED OUT THE DOOR.



HE CONFRONTED STARSHINE AND HER NEW FRIENDS
IN THEIR BACKYARD. WHEN HE FIRST SAW
STARSHINE, HE SAID, “I KNEW IT! I KNEW YOU
WERE REAL! NOW I CAN STUDY YOU AND YOUR
MAGICAL POWERS IN MY SCIENCE LAB.” DR. SNYDE
TRIED TO SHOOT STARSHINE WITH A TRANQUILIZER,
BUT BEFORE THE DART COULD HIT HER, SHE TURNED
IT INTO A BUNNY. “YOU’RE NO MATCH FOR MY
MAGIC! WHO ARE YOU?”

“WHY, I’M DR. SNYDE, OF
COURSE, AND I’VE BEEN
STUDYING YOUR PLANET,
ZARDON, FOR YEARS.”



IN THIS MOMENT, STARSHINE REALIZED IT WASN'T SAFE FOR HER OR HER PLANET HERE ON EARTH. SHE FRANTICALLY SAID GOODBYE TO HER FRIENDS AND PROMISED SHE WOULD WRITE TO THEM FROM ZARDON. THEN, SHE USED HER MAGIC TO MAKE DR. SNYDE RUN SLOWLY WHILE SHE RAN AS FAST AS SHE COULD TO HER SPACESHIP. STARSHINE WAS POWERING UP HER SHIP WHEN SHE SAW DR. SNYDE IN A CAR COMING TOWARDS HER. BEFORE HE COULD REACH HER, SHE WAS RISING INTO THE SKY AND SHOOTING OFF TOWARDS HOME.

WHEN SHE ARRIVED BACK ON HER PLANET, HER PARENTS WERE WAITING FOR HER AT HER HOUSE. STARSHINE'S PARENTS HUGGED HER CRYING AND TOLD HER NEVER TO RUN AWAY AGAIN. SHE SAID, "I'M SO SORRY, I SHOULD HAVE NEVER DONE SUCH A SELFISH THING, AND I REALIZE NOW THE IMPORTANCE OF MY MAGIC."

STARSHINE KNEW NOW THIS IS WHERE SHE BELONGED NO MATTER WHAT, BUT SHE WOULD NEVER FORGET THE FRIENDS SHE MADE ON EARTH. SHE ALSO KNEW THIS PLACE SHE LOVED WAS IN GREAT DANGER.

“WE HAVE TO WARN THE PLANET. THERE IS AN EVIL SCIENTIST ON EARTH THAT KNOWS ABOUT US,” SHE SAID SERIOUSLY TO HER PARENTS. ONCE SHE EXPLAINED WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM, THEY STARTED RUNNING AROUND ZARDON WARNING ALL THE ALIENS. BEFORE THEY WERE DONE WITH THIS, THEY SAW THAT A STRANGE LOOKING SPACECRAFT WAS LANDING ON THEIR PLANET.



WHEN HE STEPPED OFF THE SHIP, STARSHINE
RECOGNIZED HIM IMMEDIATELY AS DR. SNYDE,
AND SHE SCREAMED, "EVERYONE RUN! HE'S EVIL!"
ALL THE ALIENS RAN AND HID IN THEIR HOMES,
AND SHE WAS LEFT TO CONFRONT HIM HERSELF. AT
THAT MOMENT, SHE DREW UP ALL THE COURAGE
AND MAGICAL POWER SHE HAD, AND SHE BLASTED
DR. SNYDE OFF PLANET ZARDON INTO THE
UNIVERSE, NEVER TO RETURN.



AFTER STARSHINE SAVED HER PLANET, THE OTHER ALIENS STARTED TO ACCEPT HER STRANGE POWERS. THEY LOOKED UP TO HER NOW, AND SHE FULLY ACCEPTED HERSELF. SHE EVEN STARTED HER OWN MAGIC SHOW SO THAT ZARDON COULD SEE HER AMAZING ABILITIES.



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