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Chapter One

Many Moons ago in a galaxy far beyond the stars, the Blotches were getting ready to set off. Their planet, Planet Lingy, was now too small and too polluted for their growing population. Oh and how could I forget, they could no longer grow their most beloved delicacies - blue mangoes and purple cucumbers!

They all crammed into their cerulean blue spaceships ready to find a new home. The Blotches were led by Professor Blotchy who was small and pink skinned and covered in deep blue blotches. He had three big green eyes and a tiny little nose. He had a big pink upside down cone on the top of his head and a tiny wispy white beard growing out of his chin. He was the oldest and most wise of all the Blotches and he had decided that it was time to leave Lingy.



The Blotches were all rushing about with great excitement filling the spaceships with the things they needed for their extraordinary

journey. They were soon packed up and before they knew it, they were off!

They zipped through space at lightning speed until they came to a beautiful sapphire blue planet. They decided to call this planet "Jim". (We call this one Neptune!)

They quickly discovered that Jim was too cold to grow their mangoes and cucumbers. They were sad as they liked the look of Jim - he matched their spaceship!

They carried on and soon came to a stripy, blue-green planet and named it "Maggie". (We call this planet Uranus!) They really thought this would be the one, but soon found out that they wouldn't be able to breathe on Maggie and neither would their precious mango and cucumber trees! How disappointing!

They dragged themselves on and before long came to “Sally”, an orange and yellow marbled planet with rings. (Saturn to us.)

They flew too close and accidentally got sucked in, but luckily the Blotches had ropes with them and managed to hook onto the rings and pull themselves out. Phew! It looked like Sally wouldn’t work for them after all!



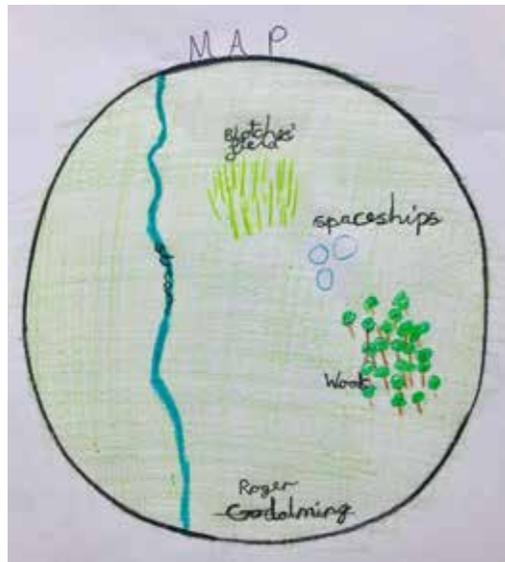
Next came “Big Bertie” (or Jupiter to us), a giant stripey planet with a big red spot but he was clearly much too windy and stormy for the Blotches.

They decided to travel on to “Little Mary”, a ruby red planet that they adored straight away. The only problem with her was that she was really too dry and dusty for them! Poor little Mary! (You might have guessed that this one was Mars!)

Off to the next planet they went and that one was our Earth but they called him “Bob” or “Bobberatonicalipti” for short. This one seemed to be just right! They landed in the countryside near a place called Godalming. What a strange name for a place! They liked “Roger” better as a name for this place. Professor Blotchy was delighted!

Chapter Two

The Blotches parked their spaceships in some beautiful green fields near a dark forest and a cool bubbling stream. They were soon settled in their new home. They slept in their spaceships at



night and worked in the fields and forest during the day. They planted their precious crops and spent their days caring for the plants. What a wonderful and relaxing place to live!

One day they were relaxing in the sun when suddenly they heard a

strange noise coming towards them. What could that be? Where could they hide? They ran.

They hid in the dark forest. Their hearts were beating quickly.

They were trembling with fright.

They peeped out from behind the trees. They saw some strange metal ships crawling slowly towards their spaceships. What could they be? Who was inside?

Without warning the ships opened and out came the most terrifying creatures! They walked towards where the Blotches were hiding. The Blotches, led by Professor Blotchy, ran deeper into the forest and kept running until they came to a small clearing with a little wooden cabin. Should they go in? Was there anyone inside? They looked through one of the dirty brown windows and decided it was safe to go in.

They all rushed inside and hid under a pile of blankets and cushions that were scattered around the cabin. They waited. They listened. Everything was quiet. Suddenly they heard the sound of running footsteps. The door flew open. The Blotches were frightened out of their lives. They froze.

They heard the door close with a bang. Someone moved around the cabin. A little sneeze echoed around the room.

The unknown creature moved towards where it had heard the sneeze and lifted up the blankets! The Blotches screamed. The creature shrieked. What would they do? They had been discovered!

“Quiet everyone!” yelled Professor Blotchy sternly.

“My name is Professor Blotchy and I am the leader of the Blotches. Who are you?” he said in a calmer voice.

“I am Jill Brown, I’m 9 years old and I am a human,” replied Jill. “Are you aliens? Are you from another planet?” she asked.

“We are from Planet Lingy which is too small and polluted for us to live on any longer and so we have come to look for a new home,” explained Professor Blotchy. “We come in peace to share your planet and to grow our crops.”

“Do you know about those other people who came running after us in the crawling ships?” asked the professor, “They frightened us and so we ran away and came to hide in this cabin.”

“Oh yes, those must be the Hunters! I heard that they were coming. My dad is their leader,” announced Jill.

“Will they hurt us?” asked Blotchy.

“Yes they’ll try because they think you mean us harm -I heard my dad saying so on the phone this morning,” said Jill.

“What should we do? We’ve visited lots of other planets on our journey and this is the only one we have found that we can live on!” said Blotchy, “Bob is perfect!”

“Who’s Bob?” asked Jill, confused.

“Who’s Bob?! This is Bob!” exclaimed the Professor, “This planet, of course!”

“Errr... okay... we call it Earth,” said Jill amused.

“That’s a strange name,” said the Professor, “We want to stay on Bob... or your Earth, we don’t want to leave. We will share our crops with you if you share your planet with us.”

Just then, they heard a rumbling sound and then the sound of car doors slamming closed outside. “What was that?” screamed the Blotches all together in a state of panic. They ran around in circles, eyes wide with fright. They heard distant voices outside, “Where have they gone? We MUST find them!”

“Where should we hide? What should we do?”, whispered the Blotches in terror.

“Stay calm everybody! That’s probably the Hunters but don’t worry, just hide back under the cushions and blankets and I’ll go out and speak to dad.”

The Blotches hid and Jill went out to find her dad. She found him outside, he was having a serious looking meeting with the other hunters.

“Dad! I need to talk to you!” exclaimed Jill.

“Jill, not now! I’m in the middle of a very important meeting!” replied dad sternly.

“But dad! This is even MORE important than your meeting!” said Jill desperately.

“Jill! What have I told you about interrupting my meetings! This had better be REALLY urgent!” replied dad seriously.

“It IS urgent dad, I promise. Please can you come. I need to speak to you privately.” said Jill.

“Alright, alright but don’t interrupt my meetings again, Jill.” warned dad.

Jill and dad went to the car together to talk.

Chapter Three

Jill explained all that had happened but she was careful not to mention where the Blotches were hiding. She waited to see how dad reacted to her story before she told him where to find them.

“Jill, are you sure they don’t mean us any harm? Aliens are always trying to attack us and take over the Earth!”, dad remarked.

“Dad, that’s just in the movies! These aliens don’t want to hurt us. They just want to share our planet with us. They haven’t got anywhere else to live,” replied Jill.

“Jill, are you sure about this?” asked dad.

“I’m positive!” assured Jill, “They’re very gentle AND they’re my favourite shade of pink!”

“Right well, I don’t think their colour is important here... Anyway, I would like to meet these Blotches just to be sure,” dad said, looking a little worried.

Jill took dad by the hand and led him to the cabin in the clearing. Dad couldn’t believe that Jill had found aliens inside her little play cabin! It’s not every day that actual aliens come to visit!

Jill and dad went inside and Jill lifted the covers off the little aliens and Professor Blotchy came forward.

“Hello dad, I’m Professor Blotchy and I’m the leader of the Blotches,” said the Professor.

Jill, Dad and Professor Blotchy talked for a long time. We will never know exactly what happened in the cabin (because I had to pop to the loo at this point!) but what we do know is that the three of them came out smiling with the rest of the Blotches behind them.



So the humans agreed to let the Blotches share Earth/ Bob and the Blotches agreed to share their crops in return. Purple cucumbers and blue mangoes have become much-loved treats for humans and can now be found in a supermarket near you!

If you're wondering whatever happened to the Blotches, well they still live among us. You might just spot them working away in the fields around the town of Roger in Surrey in England on Bob.



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The Blotches need to find a new home and travel across the galaxies until they discover the perfect planet to call home. The only problem is that the inhabitants of their chosen new home are not so happy to share their planet with aliens... Will they all learn to share?