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# Chapter 1

## New Boy In Town

### Aliyan

Aliyan sighed, "Finally, I'm here. Meeting my grandparents after two whole years!" He arrived at his grandparents' house, brimming with excitement at the idea that his Grandma had cooked him an enormous feast of all of his favourite foods.

He exited the airport and started searching for his Grandpa with a big smile on his face. Finding

him, he jumped into his Grandpa's arms giving him a big hug. When they reached home, Aliyan's Grandpa started unloading his suitcase.

Meanwhile, Aliyan went inside the house and gave his Grandma a big hug. His Grandma was a retired doctor in her late 60's, but still very active and cheerful.

He was busy eating when suddenly there was a knock at the door. Grandma told Aliyan "It's probably Mekaeel... he has been eagerly waiting for you to come."

Memories of last summer's holiday adventures flooded his brain and Aliyan looked eagerly toward his friend. Meekaeel had grown two feet taller since they last met and he was also

jumping with excitement to see Aliyan. His eyes gleamed with mischief and he smiled his lopsided grin.

Mekaeel exclaimed, "Long time no see!"

Aliyan agreed, "Yes! It has been too long! But who is this?"

Meekaeel had brought another boy along, he was tall and had the same mischievous grin as Meekaeel.

Mekaeel whispered, "I would like you to meet a friend of mine -" Huzaifa."

"Hello!" said Huzaifa.

# Chapter 2

## The Science Prodigy

### Huzaifa

Huzaifa had moved to the town with his father and his elder sister, Ayesha.

His dad worked as a mechanic here and his sister worked in a science lab. Huzaifa was a smart boy who was excellent at science. He loved inventing and engineering and had even won a highly competitive annual science fair by

making a telescope that had night vision. But he had a dark secret- his mum-who was a special agent, had disappeared under mysterious circumstances.

While Huzaifa was a genius when it came to inventions and thinking outside the box - he was also paranoid. He had created walkie-talkies that worked on different frequencies as well as an acidic rifle; he didn't yet trust his new friends enough to tell them what had happened to his mother.

Whenever someone tried to talk to him about what happened to his mother or whether he had any contact with her, he would become nervous. His eyes would start darting about and he would try to change the subject. But he had settled well in America and quickly made new friends,

especially Mekaeel. Huziafa in the start was hesitant to make new friends; however, Mekaeel had changed his perception about friendship and trust, so Huziafa was excited to meet Mekaeel's other friend too.

## Chapter 3

### The Boy Who Sees

#### Aliyan

Aliyan's parents had highly stressful jobs and were always working- which meant Aliyan was lonely most of the time.

He lived in a big house in the woods, and he would often slip by the servants to explore the area around it - the woods, the marsh and an abandoned storage site, which was once a nuclear plant.

While some may think, having fancy toys, servants and a big mansion guaranteed

happiness, it wasn't the case with Aliyan. He was haunted by his past and relived the horrible incident which had torn his family apart every day.

He was six, when he was in a car crash- it was a dark rainy night, their driver was taking the children back home and suddenly the car skidded and crashed into a tree and his sister, who was three, got stuck in the car seat.

Tragically, the driver died on impact. Aliyan tried to rescue his sister, but she died in his arms. He was left alone in the cold, dark night, injured, in pain and crying with shock until he was rescued by the highway police. The event impacted him badly, causing vivid dreams. It also made him see unusual things a normal person could not or even should not see.

## Chapter 4

### The Boy Next Door

#### Mekaeel

Mekaeel had two brothers; he was the middle child, a kind-hearted soul, trustworthy and reliable who took care of his younger brother and helped his parents with household chores.

He was glad to have Huzaifa and Aliyan as his friends and looked forward to their adventures together; even though he was a regular kid, he had a flair for adventure.

While on one of their adventures to explore the city, Huzafa and Mekael discovered an old shabby lab that had been abandoned by the scientists who worked there. Rumours had it that the scientists had discovered something so big, it could tear the Earth apart, but were then threatened by the Government and forced to shut the project down.

In this lab, they discovered scribbled on notebooks, strange machines and chemicals and beakers filled with mysterious substances.

Huzafa's enthusiasm had rubbed off on Mekael and he had started to take great interest in their science projects; he wanted Huzafa and Aliyan to meet so they could have a good summer together.

The only other person to know about the lab besides the trio was Huzafa's sister. She had helped them set up the lab, as she was a scientist.



## Chapter 5

### The Adventure Begins

Aliyan thought it would just be a normal day, discovering new places ; but this time the friends were in for a surprise!

Aliyan had met up with Mekaeel at the playground to play some cricket when suddenly, he heard an unusual noise. He thought Meekaeel was messing with him and asked him to cut it out.

Meekaeel was confused, "I am not doing anything!"

"Yes you are! You are making this creepy humming voice!" Aliyan insisted, now angry.

"I am not." Meekaeel said defiantly.

The boys started to argue when Aliyan heard the scary voice again; he listened intently.

"Come to the Lab..." the voice hissed.

Aliyan told Mekaeel about this and Mekaeel rushed to Huzaifa's house and woke him up while leaving Aliyan at the playground. Huzaifa was surprised about this encounter, so both of them went to the playground to see Aliyan.

Mekaeel asked Aliyan, "Where did you think the voice was coming from?"

Aliyan said "From the lab..?"

Huzaifa replied "How do you know about th--"

Mekaeel puts his hand on Huzaifa's mouth.

Huzaifa whispered to Mekaeel, "How does he know about the lab?"

Mekaeel replied, "I told you he is a bit of a psychic. That's why I was thrilled for you to meet him. He might be able to help us."

Mekaeel asked, "Should we take him there?"

Huzaifa nodded, "Let's take him there - it looks like it's time to reveal the secret."

## Chapter 6

### The Abandoned Lab

The three boys arrived at the lab.

Aliyan asked, "What is this?"

Mekaeel and Huzaifa looked at each other.

Mekaeel and Huzaifa both said in unison, "Welcome to the lab."

Aliyan whispered, "Are you sure about this Mekaeel?"

Mekaeel stated, "This is a secret lab and we are trying to open an interdimensional gate. We could hear odd signals, but never a clear voice."

Huzaifa said, "Since you're new, they want to communicate through you, and that way you can help us in opening the gate."

Aliyan looked horrified and asked, "Is this safe?"

Both boys grinned, "Do you think?"

Aliyan commented, jokingly, "Let's try it anyway."

Mekaeel told Aliyan to stand in a specific spot near the arch (which looked like a gateway from the movie Back to the Future, wires all around it with some odd looking lights).

Aliyan asked nervously, "What's this, is it a time travelling machine?"

Mekaeel yelled, "Aliyan, it's fine you are new to this experience! Don't worry you will know soon, it didn't work on us but you should try it too."

Huzaifa clicked a red button which made a control panel appear.

Huzaifa announced through the mic: "Wear the gas mask on your right and get ready to enter a new world!"

Suddenly flashing lights appeared, which made Aliyan dizzy.

Aliyan replied, "I'm trusting you on this one friends, don't kill me!"

Huzaifa commented, "Aliyan, don't be a scaredy-cat!"

Aliyan shouted, "Am not!"

A blue light started flashing and sharp sirens started ringing, a shrill voice yelled "Save me,

save me, take me out", in Aliyan's ears till he passed out.

## Chapter 7

### The New World

Aliyan woke up in the same lab but there was no one there.

"Guys!" he screamed.

He looked around and saw dust particles, the air seemed different, very toxic; it was difficult to breathe. He had to take out the gas mask to wear it.

He felt an eerie silence as his voice echoed.

Suddenly, he heard Huzaiifa's voice, "You there, mate?"

Aliyan found a walkie-talkie which Huzaifa's voice was coming from, Aliyan replied "Mhm? Where are you guys? Where am I? What's happening?"

Huzaifa answered, "We tried to get in the portal but we couldn't. But you are different, you got through."

Aliyan asked, "Why am I here?"

Huzaifa replied, "You have to rescue someone who got lost there a few years ago."

Aliyan commented, "Who do I have to rescue? And why do I have to?"

Huzaifa said in a sad voice, "My mum..."

Aliyan was finding all these new developments difficult to comprehend, he stuttered, "Buttttt how did I get roped into this?"

Huzaifa continued, "Because you have witnessed the death of someone you had loved dearly, and were able to see their soul depart from their body and enter into the multiverse, Mekaeel and I haven't so we couldn't enter the Land of the Undead."

"The **WHAT?**" Aliyan choked on his own words.

What had he gotten himself into?

"It's a portal my mother opened to meet her mother who died in a burglary, but she couldn't come out. She is stuck inside with the undead. - the people who died when it wasn't their time. We couldn't go in to bring her out. But you are

special. You can bring her back. Please help me. I want my mum back. Only you can do it, my friend.”

Aliyan was just trying to absorb all this information when he felt a sharp scratch on his leg.

“Huh, something scratched my leg but I can't see!” Aliyan yelled.

Huzaifa whispered, “Take out the telescope - it will help you see through the gas mask, they must be around.”

Aliyan asked, “What must be around?”

“The un....kcchhhhhh...kchhhh..kchhhh....”

The walkie-talkie went silent, Aliyan sighed, “Guess I'm on my own now,”

Aliyan looked around with the telescope and to his horror there were big vampire bats perching on the walls. They looked menacing and ready to drink his blood with their fangs.

He knew he had to be steady and silent, almost as someone who was dead. Maybe they can't see me like I can't see them, he thought. He walked stealthily, careful not to even cause the slightest noise which might awaken the bats.

# Chapter 8

## The Mission

Aliyan observed that the bats had no eyes, they could only feel the vibrations in the air if he moved anything. So he sat behind a crate, silent and still, hoping his observation was correct. The bats were coming closer and closer, flying over the crate. They could sense his presence but couldn't see him.

He saw a trap door under the crates. He opened it slowly and carefully and went down. At the bottom, he found a cloud of vampire bats; behind it there was a woman trapped in a cell full of cobwebs.

She had dark hair just like Huzaifa and a long sharp nose but more petite and looked very frail and ill.

Aliyan used the acidic rifle that Huzaifa had made him to protect himself against the bats. He shot acid on the cloud of bats which screeched as they were burnt alive; the woman was unconscious,

Aliyan tapped on her shoulder to confirm that she was alive, and to his relief, she was breathing very slowly and was alive, but barely.

Aliyan whispered into the walkie talkie, "It's her, I found her." Not sure if the boys on the other side heard him, he wanted to move fast. He propped the woman over his shoulders, but she was heavy. He tried waking her up but she was too

weak to walk. Suddenly the ground started to split. He had to do something fast or they would both be buried alive.

He racked his brain and remembered his friend arguing over an invention they had made. They had made an umbrella which could lift a man and make him fly! They had given the invention to Aliyan for testing and it was still stashed in his jacket. He came up with a plan to escape this portal and started praying it would work.

He pressed on the walkie-talkie button, "Please work..." he murmured. Meekaeel was on the other end of the line, Aliyan immediately instructed him to open the portal in ten seconds.

Aliyan woke the woman up, held her hand firmly and pressed the button to open the umbrella. Suddenly they were whizzing through the sky!

"Open the portal!" he yelled into his walkie-talkie.

Suddenly the portal opened and he could see flashing lights. His plan had worked! He had rescued Huzaiifa's mother and completed the mission!



# Chapter 9

## Another Realm

Mekaeel and Huzaifa were getting faint signals from the other world.

"I found her," he heard faintly.

Huzaifa frantically pressed all the buttons to open the portal.

Mekaeel shouted, "Slow down! you will fry the control panel!"

The portal opened and Huzaifa's mum fell out followed by some dazed vampire bats. They broke the control panel and the door closed

leaving Aliyan behind. Mekaeel shouted, "No! This can't be happening!"

Aliyan was still inside.....

Mekaeel shouted, "Let him out ,let him out, he will get stuck"

Huzaifa shook his head, "He's lost! We have to let him go!"

Mekaeel argued, "How can you say that? We have to find him! He went inside for **you!**"

Huzaifa ignored Mikaeel and hurried towards his mother. We have to take her to the hospital otherwise she will die.

But what about Aliyan?

On the other side Aliyan felt himself falling and falling and hearing sirens till he found ground under his feet.

Aliyan whispered to himself, "This looks like Earth.."

Scared, he ran from the clearing to hide from the bats. He could hear Mekaeel arguing with Huziafa over in a different dimension. He could hear weak signals over the walkie-talkie which he was clutching hard in his shaking hands.

Aliyan was surprised that he could hear them and followed the voices till he reached an old house. A house in the midst of ancient woods.

Aliyan looked around the house - it was in ruins. But oddly familiar - "It's my house. I'm home!" he realised. It seemed like a century had passed

but it was definitely his house just covered in the odd dust and it felt like it was in another realm.

He opened the door of his house and saw something extremely fascinating... he just couldn't take his eyes off it... he moved towards it as if in a trance.

# Chapter 10

## Lost Forever

He couldn't believe his eyes. It was his sister, Airaah. His sister, who he had lost so many years ago and earned to see everyday. His beloved sister who he saw in his dream every single night.

He reached out to touch her, afraid she was a figment of his imagination but she was real and she held his hand lovingly and hugged him.

"I thought I lost you...we will be together forever now, nothing can separate us." Aliyan said. She smiled and looked up as the sun rays filtered through the clouds and the darkness was gone.

Aliyan smiled at her and they walked through the doors into their house. The angry growls faded behind them. They were at last at peace and together, forever.

In the real universe, Huzaifa and Mikael were listless. Aliyan had sacrificed his life to save Huzaifa's mum and they couldn't help their friend.

They were determined to get him back to this universe, where he truly belonged. They started going over their plans and ideas to rescue Aliyan.

Huzaifa blamed himself. His mother was doing well in the hospital, getting stronger every day. He felt he had betrayed his friendship and he owed his mother's life to Aliyan.

“I will get you back Aliyan, I promise! I will get you back from the undead...”

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