

A Siamese cat with green eyes is standing on a city street at night. The cat is looking directly at the camera. In the background, there are tall buildings with lit windows and streetlights. The scene is illuminated by the warm glow of the city lights.

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Chapter One - The One Left Behind

Animals were shooting down to Earth in every direction. Meanwhile Milo and Andromeda were heading back to their home planet.

“No, oh no, they forgot me!” a cat yelled. On his collar there was a purple gemstone which said Mex. “They left to go to Earth already.”

He rushed to the end of the planet. No more animals were leaving...

He ran to the castle, but it was locked. Everyone was on Earth. *He* couldn't go down, as a barrier was now put up.

It was no use; he couldn't get to Earth...



Mex went back to his house to use the map. Once he reached it, he clicked a button and a map appeared on the screen. It had loads of red dots on Earth. It also had a big green circle around the planet *he* was on.

He tapped the purple gemstone that was on his collar. On the screen it said there was two hours left. He went to the kitchen and got out a tub of mint chocolate ice cream. An hour later, the barrier had disappeared from the map – very unusual!

“Wow, that was early.” He got ready and went outside to parachute down to Earth.

Now blue dots were surrounding the planet! What was happening?

“Oh no, it's a raid! A hyena raid!” Mex ran to check outside; all the hyenas were now on the planet. He ran back in. They were probably looking for some lunch as they love to eat cats. At least they didn't know about all the animals that were on Earth.

He had to find a way around them. He got his green parachute out and put it in his bag. Then Mex ran in the other direction from his house to the castle. It was still locked. That was good, as the hyenas couldn't get in, but bad for Mex. He walked round the back of the castle and began to climb it. He was halfway there.

“Look, there is a cat up there,” a hyena exclaimed. Mex climbed as fast as he could. The hyenas ran towards him, just as Mex was by an open window in the castle.

He jumped through it. The hyenas crashed open the castle door and headed up the stairs to find Mex. He was now on the roof as he got out his parachute. The hyenas were almost at the top too! Mex tried to jump off the building; he pulled the string of his parachute, but it didn't work. He was stuck...

“Ha, ha, ha, now we can have our lunch,” cackled a hungry hyena.

Poor Mex struggled to get free from the hyena's grip. He tore off his parachute and jumped from the building without it!

“Bad luck, I have a spare parachute,” Mex laughed. He was now gliding down to Earth. “I'd better warn them about the hyenas.” Mex was gliding down and spotted a planet that was blue with white swirls on it.

“That must be Earth”, he thought. An hour later he landed on a rock-solid floor with a plethora of buildings. There were clusters of animals being parachuted down. The last animal was a cat. Strangely, it was blue. Mex walked up to the blue cat.

“Hi I'm Mex. Who are you?” he asked.

“I'm Aurora,” she said as she began to turn pink. Mex looked confused.

“How did you... what did you do?”

“I can change colour depending on my mood.”

“WOW!” Mex looked in the other direction and saw loads of blood-thirsty hyenas parachuting down to Earth!

“OH NO!” He began to run in the opposite direction.

“Where are you going?” Mex ran back to Aurora and grabbed her hand.

“Come on! We must go! The hyenas are coming! They followed me here.” Mex ran as fast as he could with Aurora.

“Hey, look where you're going!” said a black cat. He carried on running. He passed buildings, crossed roads, ran past shops and ran across fields.

“Let's go in here.”



Chapter Two - The Warning

There was a massive, colourful shop called Petal Powder.

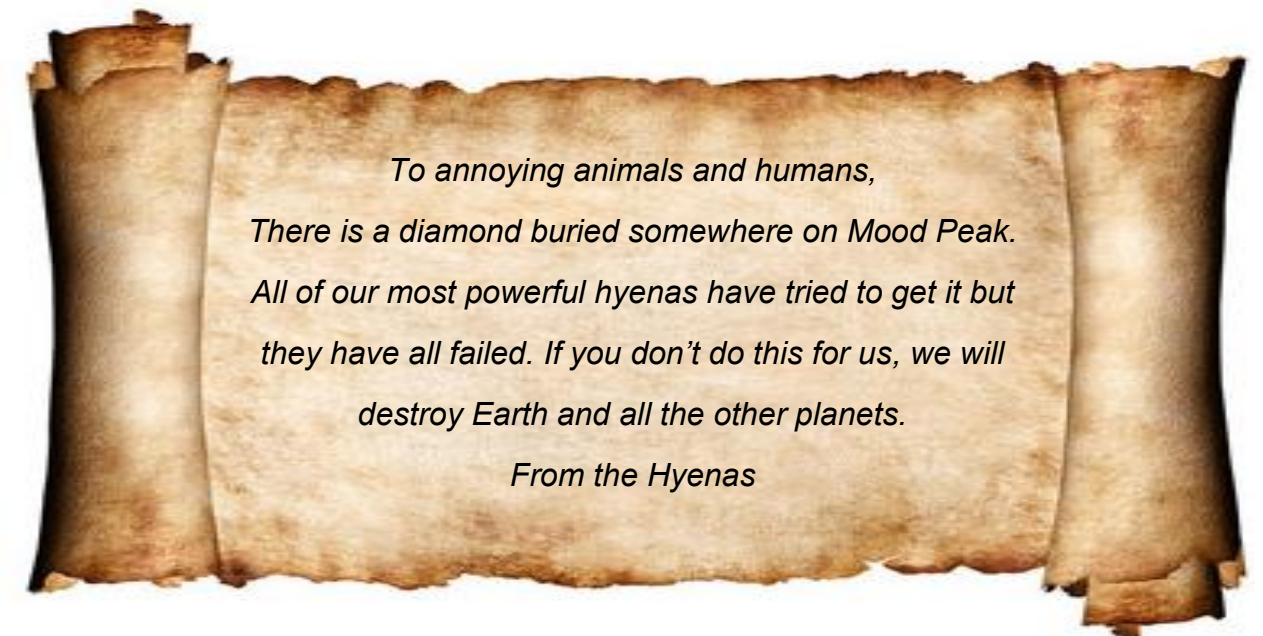
“Hey, watch out!” yelled Andromeda.

“Oh, hi Aurora.”

“Hi Andromeda.”

“Come on, we need to tell everyone about the hyenas.” They ran across every street and told everyone about the threat but when they arrived at Aurora’s home the hyenas were already there. The cats sneaked inside and then looked out of the window. The hyenas were everywhere, looking in every house for food.

Aurora glared at a hyena and it scowled right back at her. She dragged Mex back. “One of them saw me,” she quivered. Mex looked out of the window again. Every hyena had vanished. Mex ran outside and saw a note. He grabbed it and ran back inside.



He read it twice and then gave it to Aurora.

“Wait, they want the Diamond of Mood. It belongs to my ancestors. It helps us change colour depending on our moods,” she meowed angrily. She began to alter from blue to red. “They will not have that diamond; it belongs to my ancestors.” She hissed in anger. Mex thought for a moment.

“Well, we have to give the diamond to him, but he just said diamond, not the Diamond of Mood.”

“But what diamond would be on Mood Peak that isn’t the Mood Diamond?” Mex smiled.

“We will get them a diamond. Not the Mood Diamond though.” They both smiled. Mex ran to the map.

Suddenly, there was a knock at the door.

“I’ll get it,” Aurora said happily, as she became an emerald green. At the door there was a ginger cat with crystal blue eyes and a black and white cat with golden fur.

It was Milo and Andromeda.

“Hi Aurora, we saw this at our house and we didn’t know what it was. We thought you would know.”

Andromeda passed an old note to her. It looked exactly like the note from the hyenas but instead of wanting the diamond they wanted the Emerald of Luck, which can be found on a feather-shaped cloud. It is called the lucky feather, as the cloud and the emerald are in the shape of feathers.

This time another two cats came to the door; there was a coal-dark cat with a chestnut cat. “My cousin is called Luck,” Thor said.

“Do you mean *our* cousin,” Andromeda corrected him.

“Yeah, so *our* cousin is called Luck - the emerald belongs to his ancestors.”

Mex walked to the door.... “You can come in.” Andromeda, Milo, Thor and Hazel walked into the room. “Come on, sit down on the sofa.”

They all sat down on the sofa including Aurora.

“So, as we have to find the diamond and you have to find the emerald, we should split up into teams to find them.”

“But we don’t want to give them the real emerald and diamond,” Hazel interrupted.

“Yes, but for every treasure they always have a fake one there, so we can give them that one instead.”

“It sounds like a wonderful plan!” Milo meowed with delight.



Chapter Three - Supplies

“So first let’s get into teams. There are six of us. *Purrfect*, an even number. OK, here are the teams:

Team Diamond



Mex
Aurora
Hazel

Team Emerald



Milo
Andromeda
Thor

They got into the teams that Mex made. “So, now we need supplies as we can’t climb a mountain or a cloud with our bare paws. Team Diamond will go to Mountain Paw and Team Emerald will go to Flying Tails.”

“Wait, but are those shops on Earth now, as I thought they were on our planet?”

“Oh yeah, I forgot about that.”

“No worries,” Milo said. Milo tapped his big sapphire on his necklace. In seconds, they arrived at their home planet.

“OK, let’s get into our teams and head for the shops and once we’ve finished, we’ll meet back here by the fountain.

Team Diamond ran into Mountain Paw.

“Wait, first we have to get matching purple mittens,” Hazel said.

“Fine,” Mex growled. They got purple mittens.

“I love these,” Aurora said as she turned purple. They bought all types of mountain gear.

“I got these maps from the Furry Maps shop,” Mex said. He handed a map to Milo and kept one for himself. “Wait, where do we meet each other after we get the Emerald and the Diamond?” Milo asked.

“We can meet back here again and then after that, we will go to the hyena castle. By the way, we can give them the fake ones there.”

They began to set off on their journeys.

“Wow, there are a lot of mountains on our map!”

“I think we have to go to each mountain and see which mountain has the diamond,” Aurora suggested. Mex looked carefully at the map.

“Can we go to that mountain first? It looks the best,” Hazel meowed. She was pointing to a pink mountain.

“Also, I forgot to say, but every mountain has a different mood. For example, the pink mountain is peace, relaxation and calmness. If a mood cat like me is on the mountain that is what I would feel.”

They headed towards the pink mountain. They passed fields and other mountains and an hour later, they arrived at the pink mountain. Their paws were immersed in the cold pink snow.

“Aurora, do you know where it would be?” Mex asked. “Aurora?”

She changed her colour to pink just like she said she would.

“Just relax Mex, we’ll find it in no time.”

“Oh no, she’s too relaxed to even focus on the reason why we are even here!” Hazel’s paws turned pink.

“How are you turning pink?” Mex worried. He looked at the pink mountain on the map. He tapped the pink mountain.

It said:

*You have half an hour to solve this problem,
If you don't you will turn into the colour of blossom.
If you find a diamond ring,
Then you'll hear a great big ring.*

"I know," Hazel said. She took the map from Mex. "We have to find a diamond and in the riddle it says a diamond ring. This is the right mountain."

"But it might be a trick, also look at what this sign says:

*On every mountain there are clues,
Some of them will be right,
Or some of them will be wrong."*

"Let's search the mountain and see what we can find." Mex went back down the mountain and checked all the snow. Hazel went even higher up the mountain and looked there. "It's no use, I don't think we'll ever find it.

"But as you said some might be tricks."

"LOOK!" Mex was pointing to Aurora.

"What?"

"Look what's on her tail." Aurora was sitting playing with the snow. On her pink tail there was a diamond ring. They both ran towards her. Mex reached out to grab the ring. But the ring disappeared with a poof of smoke.

"Hahaha," someone chuckled.

"Who's there!" Mex yelled.

"My name is Chester, and I live in all of the mountains." His voice echoed across the mountains. "Where are you?"

"Oh, you cannot see me, but I might be in your heads."

Worried, Mex and Hazel looked at each other.



Chapter Four - Chester

"Wait, so this mountain is a trick?"

"Maybe, maybe not."

"It said on the sign a trick, or not a trick. I think it is a trick."

Mex grabbed Aurora and they slid down the mountain. "Wait, wait, don't go," Chester echoed. Hazel slid straight after them. She was now her usual colour. Aurora began to change to orange. They were now off the mountain.

"I think he's gone." Mex got out the map.

"Can we go to the red mountain?" Aurora asked.

"Sure," Mex said. "Wait, that's the furthest mountain."

"Don't worry," Hazel said. She got a remote from her bag. There were two buttons, a red one and a green one. She clicked the green button. A pink scooter with a side cart appeared right next to her. "Hop in." Mex and Aurora sat in the side cart whilst Hazel was driving.

"So, we're going to the red mountain next?" Mex nodded.

"Ok," Hazel meowed. Mex gave the map to her and put it on her scooter. She tapped the red mountain. "This is a quicker way to get there. She tapped the red



button. They stopped moving and then she tapped the green button. They teleported to the red mountain and began to climb...

"Oh, hello again," cackled Chester.

"How are you here?" Mex asked.

"Well, I can go on all of the mountains." Aurora began to change red. Suddenly Chester appeared. He looked like a colourful ghost. Aurora was leaping as fast as she could up the mountain. "Oh, hello Aurora." Aurora looked at him angrily. She pounced on him. She got out her claws and was scratching him.

"Please help me. Get off me, you annoying cat! Help! Help me!"

"Well at least he's now gone for the moment. Now let's look for the diamond."

"Wait Mex, look," Hazel said. There was a blue light flashing under the red snow. "I think it might be the real diamond!" There was another blue light next to it, but it wasn't flashing. Mex reached his paws into the snow and got to the diamond. The flashing one was the real one. Aurora's paws began to turn red. Mex gave the flashing one to Hazel and he kept the fake one.

"When we head back, I'll give the fake one to the hyenas. Aurora slid down the mountain and Mex and Aurora did the same. Hazel changed back to her usual colour whilst Aurora turned blue. "No, no, they are my diamonds," Chester hissed. They all went in the scooter and began to drive so they could meet all the others.



Chapter Five - Team Emerald

"Let's look at the map." It had one small cloud on it that was shaped like a feather.

"That must be it," Andromeda said. They put on their gear and put on their helicopter hats. "Let's fly up to the cloud now," Milo suggested. They clicked the buttons on their hats.

"Wait, why isn't it working?" Thor hissed angrily.

"Wait." Andromeda took off her hat. "I think I know why. Because of the instructions - they say you need a special gem to make them work."

"Where do we find the gem?"

"Well, they are on a cloud close to the feather-shaped cloud where the emerald is. Lucky for us there are three gems on the cloud. So, let's go there first."

They walked across fields and finally found it. "Let's go," Andromeda said. She began to walk off the cliff. Milo looked confused. She carried on walking, and it looked like she was walking on thin air. She was now on top of the cloud.

"How did you do that?"

"I learned it on the map. Turn it over." Milo turned over the map. It said he could walk to the cloud as there are invisible steps there. Milo walked up the stairs and Thor followed.

"Look."

There was a green chest in the middle of the cloud. Milo opened it and found three emeralds inside. He tried to pick them up, but they disappeared.

“Did you think it would be that easy?” a voice echoed. He looked like a ghost and there were loads of scratch marks all over him.

“I’m Chester and I rule the mountains and the clouds.”

“Wait, so you saw our friends.”

“Of course, how do you think I got all of these scratch marks?”

“That teaches me a lesson for going on the red mountain.”

“So, what do we have to do to get the emeralds?” Thor asked. Chester looked up in delight. “Well, you have to pass my cloud test. You must jump on these clouds to get to the finish line.”

Milo jumped first. “Wow, this is easy.”

“Don’t get your hopes up, Milo,” Andromeda said.

“Why not?” He faced the other way.

“Milo, look out!” Thor yelled. Milo turned around and a cloud blew him off.

“MILO!”

“Don’t worry, you all have 9 lives!”

Suddenly Milo reappeared. He ran back to the clouds and began jumping. Andromeda and Thor followed him. They all made it to the finish line. “Milo, you have 8 lives, Andromeda you still have 9 and Thor you have 6.”

“6! WHY 6!”

“As you hit me with a ball.”

Thor threw a ball at him.

“Thor, you now have 5 lives. Now for level 2. You have to go through the maze without being hit by cookies.”

“Why cookies?”

“Because I said so. Let’s begin.”

Milo went right with Andromeda and Thor went left. Cookies headed for Thor’s direction but instead of dodging them, he ate them. A minute later they dodged them all and went out.

“I can’t do the next round. I’m so full.”

“Did you eat the cookies, Thor?”

He nodded.



“Well, you are now on 4 lives, Milo on 7 and Andromeda still on 9. You guys have completed the cloud test. You are now cloud-worthy, and you can have these back.”

He handed them all an emerald. Now you can go to the cloud. Also, for Thor I made this. It is a flying sofa.”

He took the emerald from Thor and put it on the sofa. Milo and Andromeda put the emerald in their helicopter hats. They clicked the green buttons and began to fly to the cloud.

“Thanks for everything,” they said.

“This is fun,” Thor said. They arrived at the cloud. It was shaped like a feather.

“So, the emerald must be here somewhere.”

“I found it!” Milo said. He picked up a feather-shaped emerald that was flashing, while the other one wasn’t. He handed the real one to Andromeda and kept the fake one. Andromeda clicked a button on her helmet and they all teleported to the fountain.



Chapter Six - The Castle of the Hyenas

“Have you got the emeralds?” Mex asked. Milo nodded.

“Have you got the diamonds?” Milo asked. Mex nodded.

Hazel clicked a button on her scooter and they teleported to the castle. There was a big wooden door. Mex walked up to it and knocked twice. It looked very unusual. The door opened and they walked inside...

It was very cold and the floor was very smooth. They walked along the red carpet that led them to the King of the hyenas. All the hyenas were watching them as they walked step by step up to the King to give them the fake ones. The hyenas looked at the emerald and the diamond Mex and Milo were holding. Unbeknown to them, they were holding the fake ones.

They stood in front of the hyena King. Aurora was now a green colour. Mex handed him the diamond and Milo handed him the emerald.

“Good,” he said.

“Um sir?”

“Yes?”

“As we got you the diamond and the emerald, can we make you a deal?” Mex asked. The king looked at the crowd of hyenas and nodded.

“Anything.”

“We want you to move the hyena planet to another galaxy and never visit any of the other planets again.” The King looked around the room.

“Deal.”

Mex and the hyena King shook paws. They all turned around and followed the red carpet out of the castle.

After, they teleported back to the fountain.

“I know what we can do now.” They followed Mex to his house and they celebrated with mint ice cream. Thor and Andromeda called their cousin over to collect the real emerald and Aurora kept the real diamond.

“What if the hyenas find out?”

“Well, they’re going to another galaxy.”

Mex looked at the map and the red planet was not to be seen. “We can make all of our planets invisible so they don’t show on the map and so you can’t see them unless you are on the planet.”

They all smiled and sat on the sofa whilst they finished their mint ice creams.

“Wait, do you have cookie flavour ice cream?” Thor asked.

They all laughed and enjoyed the rest of their delicious ice cream.



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