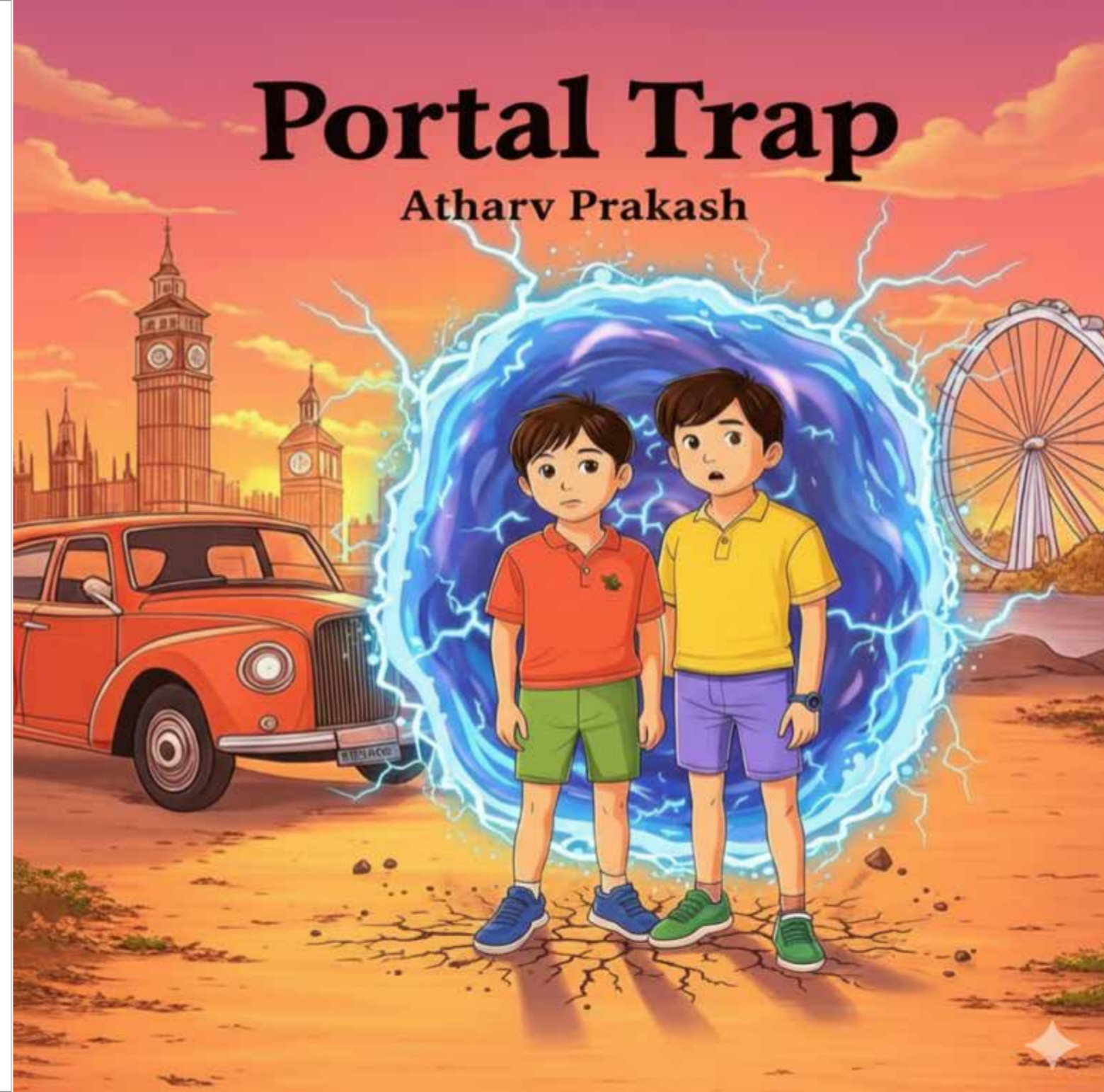


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## Chapter 1: The Journey to London

James and Pebblo's summer holidays had just begun, and they were already on their way to London in their vehicle. The two friends loved travelling together with both their families in one car.

"I'm really excited to go on the cable cars for the next five days," said Pebblo.

"But I want to go on the cruise for the next five days," argued James.

"What about this, kids? Currently, today is the first day, and we're coming by car. On the second day, we'll use the cableway, the third day we'll walk, the fourth day we'll sail on the cruise, and then on the



fifth day, we'll finally come back," agreed the adults.

They arrived in London by 10:00 pm, so it was too late to do anything. They just went straight to bed in their hotel, where they would be staying for the next five days. As the first night settled in, the group dreamed of the exciting days ahead, unaware of how their plans would blend into unexpected thrills along the way.

In the morning, Pebblo's uncle arrived as he was running a bit late. After that, they all had their toast together. The adults felt very thirsty and realised they had forgotten to bring water. So they asked if Pebblo and James were smart enough to go and get bottled water themselves. The hotel had a

small shop in it, right next to the gaming zone, so it wasn't hard to remember where it was.

Later on, after getting the water, Pebblo and James had nothing to do, so they asked if they could go for a walk. Pebblo, his mum, James, and his mum went for a walk next to the River Thames.

The Thames bank was so beautiful and large, it truly was going to be the best holiday ever with his best friend James and their parents.

"I'm a bit tired now. Can we go back to our hotel and play the games we brought with James?" asked Pebblo.



"Of course you can. You both can play while the adults cook dinner for tonight," replied Pebblo's mum.

"Thanks, Mum," answered Pebblo.

"Let's go, James."

They went back to their hotel and, as planned, Pebblo and James played the games they had brought while the adults cooked dinner. They had dinner not too late, so Pebblo and James continued their game while the adults had a good old chat.

After quite a while, the parents called Pebblo and James to go to bed. Around 30 minutes later, the adults also went to bed. It was their first night in London.

With the day's simple joys echoing in their minds, the friends drifted off to sleep, ready for the

landmarks and surprises that the next morning would bring, weaving their holiday into a tapestry of fun and discovery.

The next morning, everyone woke up super early, all ready and excited for their second day in London. They checked their bags and realised there was no more bread left over from yesterday. So, Pebblo, James, and Pebblo's dad went to get a packet of bread. After they got the bread, they all had delicious cheese sandwiches.

After breakfast, they went for a tour around the famous landmarks. They went on the London Eye, looked at Big Ben, and even walked around Buckingham Palace. It was ever so fun, going back and forth on the cable cars, as new ones had



been installed next to the famous landmarks. After that, they were super tired and hot, so they decided to recharge with some tasty ice cream. Then, they went back to their hotel to rest. At last, they ordered food from outside, ate dinner, and went straight to bed for a good night's sleep. As exhaustion gave way to restful dreams, the thrill of the city's icons lingered, setting the stage for a more relaxed third day by the river, where everyday wonders might overlap with something truly magical.

## Chapter 2: Discovery by the River Thames

On the third day, they had planned quite a fun activity. The plan was to spend the whole day beside the River Thames, which was right in front of their hotel. When James and Pebblo heard that, they were so excited and looked forward to it. They packed some camping chairs and set off.

It was long and stretchy, looking so clean. They even saw a couple of people surfing. It was satisfying to watch the cool tricks they did, and there were even some surfing suits that looked so cool. I bet they could even stick to your body if you wore them.

"Mum, can Pebblo and I go a bit further beside the River Thames?" questioned James.

"Only if you promise that you two will be safe and take care of each other," said James's mum.

"Promise we will be safe and take care of each other," replied James.

"Alright then, you both can go," said James's mum.

"Thanks, Mum," said James.

"Be safe and take care of each other," shouted James's mum as they were quite a distance away.

"We will," came the reply.

"Oh, look at that, James, that's a glowing beacon," said Pebblo.

"It looks so beautiful, but I can't reach it," said James.

"Neither can I," said Pebblo.

"Oh, look here, a fishing net has been left; we can use it to grab the beacon," said James.



So they grabbed the beacon and took it back to the adults.

"Look at this! We found this beacon floating on the River Thames," said Pebblo.

"It looks so beautiful," said Pebblo's mum. "Let's take it back to the hotel and see what it is."

So they took it back to the hotel. "It looks so beautiful," they all said at once.

With the mysterious beacon now in their possession, the ordinary riverside day began to bridge into an extraordinary twist, pulling the friends from the familiar waters of the Thames into uncharted realms beyond imagination.

### Chapter 3: Trapped in the Unknown

Suddenly, water started dripping from the ceiling.

As Pebblo came a bit closer, he tripped over and went through the beacon. Following his friend, James also jumped in through the beacon.

They spawned on the Milky Way! It was massive.

They moved up, down, left, and right but couldn't control themselves even a tiny bit. Then they finally landed on a planet neither Pebblo and James had ever studied before. They didn't have the tiniest idea where they had landed. There were no animals, no humans, no light, no sound, no life except themselves and what awaited them.

As soon as they landed, a cage dropped on top of them, trapping them. "Haha, you're trapped now! No one has ever escaped my amazing traps—all those

astronauts who have died because of me," boomed a Meteor Monster.

As he was distracted, Pebblo said, "Look, I brought this yellow rock. Maybe we can trick him into thinking it's gold, and then he might let us out."

"Are you sure he'll think it's gold?" questioned James.

"We can try," said Pebblo.

"Go ahead," said James.

"Oh Monster, look, I have some gold. If you get us out, we'll give it to you," teased Pebblo.

The Meteor Monster gave it a long thought and then finally made his decision.

"There you go, I got you out. Now give me that gold," demanded the Meteor Monster.



So Pebblo and James gave the Meteor Monster the yellow rock and came out of the cage. They let out a deep sigh.

From the deceptive glow of the beacon back on Earth to the dark void of this alien planet, the friends' clever ruse marked the start of their desperate escape, overlapping their holiday memories with pulses of cosmic peril.

## Chapter 4: The Great Escape

The Meteor Monster, admiring his newly given item, realised that the beacon was miles away, and it would take them years to get there. Taking a quick glance at the Meteor Monster, they noticed he had a huge spacecraft. A plan started to form in James's mind.

"Pebblo, what if we take the spacecraft? We can get there quicker," exclaimed James.

"But what if the Meteor Monster realises his spacecraft is gone? Plus, he can come after us through the beacon on planet Earth, and that would be a big problem," argued Pebblo.

"We'll leave the spacecraft a little before we arrive at the beacon," replied James.

"Are you sure he won't see the beacon?" asked Pebblo.

"We'll put the spacecraft in front of the beacon so he won't notice it probably," replied James.

So James and Pebblo sneaked behind the Meteor Monster and slipped into the spacecraft. It was massive. They had no idea where to go, but on top of one of the doors, it said 'Control Room.' As they entered that room, they found a robot called Eight.

He was the driver of the spacecraft. He was shocked to see them.

"Who are you?" questioned Eight.

"I'm Pebblo, and this is James," replied Pebblo.

"Why are you here?" asked Eight.

"We just escaped from your master. Can you please help us get back to the beacon?" pleaded James.

"I can't help you get to the beacon, but I can transform your items into whatever you want," said Eight.

"If you could do that, it would be a great help," said Pebblo.

"Okay then, Pebblo, what do you want your shoes to turn into?" asked Eight.

"Can you turn them into rocket shoes, please?" replied Pebblo.

"There you go," said Eight.

"Alright then, James, what do you want me to turn your watch into?" asked Eight.

"Can you please transform it into a time travel watch?" questioned James.

"There, it's ready," said Eight.

"Thanks a lot, it's a big help in letting us escape," acknowledged James.

"James, we can use your time travel watch to get to our time, and then we can use my jet boosters to get to our hotel safely," said Pebblo.

"Alright then, hold on to me and don't let go until our time has come," said James.

"Alright then, here goes nothing," whispered James. They started travelling in time.

"Hold there!" came a voice. It was the Meteor Monster.

"Did you really think you could get away with giving me a fake yellow rock to make me think it's gold?" it boomed.



He shot out his space beam. Pebblo and James ducked just in time as the beam whistled past their heads. Then suddenly, a star came crashing down on the Meteor Monster.

It was the most fearful time in their lives. Thinking of this, they hurried towards the beacon. They had never been so relieved to touch it.

Then, what felt like a million miles away from their parents, they spawned back next to them. Pebblo and James gave each other a sideways glance and smiled as a meteorite came crashing down far, far away from them.

"The Meteor Monster," Pebblo and James muttered under their breath.

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Join James and Pebblo in The Beacon Beyond the Thames for an amazing adventure! What begins as a regular summer in London turns into a wild journey with cable cars, river walks, and space trips.

They find a glowing beacon by the River Thames and are taken to distant galaxies, meeting strange creatures like the Meteor Monster. They use clever tricks and gadgets to face exciting dangers. This fun story mixes family holidays with space exploration and surprises!