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One evening in the year 2466 when it was misty and gloomy, Sita, Nicki, Joe and Ashleigh were out walking up a steep hill. They were wandering but not going anywhere special.

Suddenly, all the lights went out and everywhere was pitch black. A strong wind whooshed past the children which made them all shiver. "What was that?" said Joe in a shaky voice. Before anyone had chance to reply, the wind disappeared in a flash of lightening.

All of a sudden a light came on in an old house at the top of the hill. All the children were scared, all except Sita who marched off up the hill determined to explore. The children waited and waited but she didn't come back.

"We must go and find her," said Ashleigh. They knew she was right and climbed the hill towards the spooky house. When they got closer they heard a strange gurgling noise coming from the open window.

The children peeped in the window and were shocked at what they saw. A quivering, slimy green monster with sticky tentacles sat on a chair in the corner of the room. Its three bulging eyes glowed brightly and lit up the room like torches.

The children's eyes popped out of their heads when they saw the alien monster. Then they noticed an even more frightening sight! Sita was stuck to the table with the aliens green sticky slime. She wasn't able to move at all. "Oh no. It looks as if she's going to be the aliens next dinner", whispered Ashleigh.

Suddenly, there were some strange lights in the sky. Nicki whispered to the others what she saw, but when they looked there was nothing there.

When the children looked again through the window into the house, two more slimy aliens had appeared in the room with Sita, but these were even bigger. "Come in children, come in" so slowly and steadily they went in through the small creaky doorway. The door disappeared behind them. Once they were inside, the house turned into a big red space ship.

The biggest slimiest alien stood in front of them staring. Its long purple tongue was hanging out of its sticky mouth. Sita was still stuck to the table and she whispered, "Help me", but they just looked. The smallest alien ran to the table in a wobbly sort of way and pointed at Sita with a small fat finger. He then rubbed his tummy three times and said in a gurgly voice, "Mummy, mummy that looks yummy." "Stop being naughty, we don't eat earthlings" said the mummy alien. "Sorry mummy" said the baby alien. The mummy alien walked over to Sita and put her hand on her.

In a puff of green smoke she was free. The daddy alien stepped forward and he said, "Sorry if we scared you, we only came to take our baby home. One of the children had some sweets in their pocket and it was Nicky who gave them to the baby alien.

The baby alien said, "Thank you" in a shy voice. The baby alien gave them each a small ball of light which was blue. When it touched them it turned to rock. A big bubble shaped around them, it popped and then they were back on earth. The house was gone and all that was left was a patch of grass.

The children looked up at the sky and saw a moving twinkling star which left a trace of green light. "That must be the alien spaceship going home" said Ashleigh. Then the light was gone.

The children's stones started to get warm and one by one a picture appeared of the baby alien waving. They all smiled. They each turned and said, "Bye, bye" and then they started to run back home. They were really excited about their adventure and couldn't wait to tell their parents, but they knew they wouldn't believe them. They thought their parents would be really puzzled!