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There could be no mistake
– it was the sound of



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There I was, pursued by
.....



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It was the narrowest
escape I ever had.

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There was no doubt about it – I was trapped!

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I was alone in the jungle when

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I was awoken in the early hours of the morning by the trumpeting of an elephant in the back garden.



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The sound of an eerie
cackle broke the silence.



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Suddenly, my hair stood
on end.



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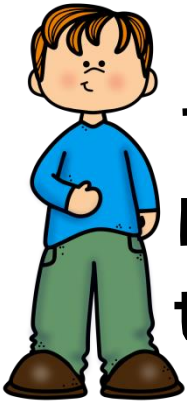
As I stared out the kitchen
window, a spacecraft landed in
the back garden.

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It was the strangest thing
I had ever seen.

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The old man cautiously
knocked on the door, knowing
that this could change his life.

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Suddenly, I was changed into
a sheep/frog/dog etc.



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In the dark lane, I heard footsteps break the silence.



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The loud crash was the last thing I remembered. When I awoke, I found myself lying



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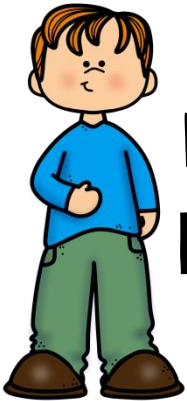
As I glanced behind, I could see that I was being followed by ...

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“Surely it couldn’t be?”, the timid girl thought to herself.

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It was now or never – I had a decision to make.

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As I walked towards the shop, I heard a car screech and the next thing I knew was that I was bungled into a car.



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She knew when she noticed the car parked awkwardly, that something was amiss.



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The ship's captain emerged from his cabin, followed by a man holding a gun to his back.



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The peasant tried desperately to get a fire started in order to ...

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As the darkness fell, the strangest sounds could be heard emanating from the graveyard.

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I took the balloon in my hand, but as I did, I found my feet rising off the ground.

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The sickly boy swallowed a spoonful of the horrible medicine, but within minutes, he



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The children's alert mother awoke to the smell of gas in the house.



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The shop assistant was having her usual morning snack of coffee and a doughnut when she saw



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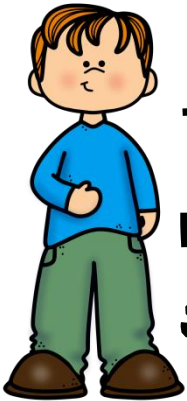
As the tired gardener dug deep into the soil, he heard the sound of the spade hitting against a steel object.

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As she was pulling the curtains before bedtime, she noticed her neighbour enter her house. But how could this be – her neighbour had died mysteriously six months previously.

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The explosion rocked the neighbourhood and dense smoke filled the air.

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As she lay chained to the wall, she knew that she only had one chance of escaping.



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The maid gently knocked and entered the hotel room. There, in front of her, was ...



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The ball zoomed wide of the post and over the wall. As Sue went to retrieve it, a hand grabbed her wrist.



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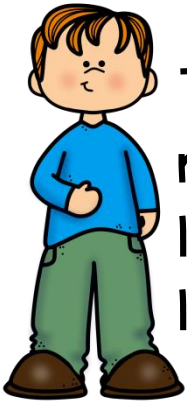
As Jim opened his latest library book, an old note fell out.

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The manager looked on from a distance as the shop assistant took money from the till and placed it into her handbag.

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The tour guide warned the family not to enter the forest alone, leaving Phil wondering what secret lay therein.

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As Mary jogged along the beach, she suddenly disappeared down a hole.



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On their first day in Berlin, Jo became separated from her family and found herself



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Thick purple smoke bellowed from the car boot, followed by a haunting voice saying



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As he gulped down the ink for a dare, he suddenly found himself back in a 1950s classroom.

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As she kicked the ball, it burst open and released a pungent, blue smoke.

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Tim knew that he was in trouble as Mr. Green marched towards his desk, his face a dangerous shade of red.

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“You tried to poison me!” roared the king as his official food tester protested his innocence.



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The ketchup bottle glanced over at the vinegar. "I'm bored", he said, "let's do something a bit more exciting".



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As the deep sea diver inspected the shipwreck, she thought she saw a face peering at her through a porthole.



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Disguised as a tourist, the gang leader cautiously entered ancient stone building.

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Searching for clues, the detective spotted something catching the sun by the side of the shed.

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As the hurricane swept across the city, John knew that he just had moments to escape.

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“He’s dead!” declared the rabbit.
“Who’s going to be the new forest leader now?”

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Left alone in the house, Mimi cowered behind the sofa as someone continued to ring the doorbell and call through the letterbox.

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Jane stroked her new bedroom rug, but as she did, it rose from the floor, taking her

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