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## The Zeplogrian School for Birds

### Meridian Creath

#### Prologue

I woke up suddenly as if somebody had slapped me in the face. I look up and see an owl flapping up above me. I can't believe my eyes. "Wake up. We're going to school." I faint. When I wake up, I see the owl again. So it wasn't a dream. I think. "Shoo" I say weakly. The owl says "Come on. We are going to be late. And by the way, my name is Artemis."

#### Chapter 1

##### The Zeplogrian School of Birds

We fly to a school. Well, Artemis says that my true nature is a bird, blah, blah, blah, and showers some dust over me so I turn into a bird. Ok, where was I? Oh yeah. We flew to a place called The Zeplogrian School of Birds. I see it but I don't want to go because, one, I wasn't a bird and two, because I had just finished school. But Artemis just says to "never mind the sign", and we swooped down to the school.

It was not like any school I had ever seen; there were birds everywhere, from tiny hummingbirds, to penguins, to a gigantic ostrich who was just walking. The school was odd. It seemed to have flying staircases, moving classrooms, and continuously changing landscapes outside the windows! Even though it seemed like the school would just collapse because of all the movement, Zeplogrian school of birds didn't seem to be that crowded.

I felt a rustle of wings behind me and started. I had almost forgotten about Artemis. She flapped her wings and clicked her beak irritably. "What?" I ask. Artemis nudges me over to a severe looking falcon perching on the highest beam on the ceiling. I flap up to him (I had gotten oddly comfortable with flying) and land on a perch close to him. "Another one, eh?" he asks. "Yes, Headwing." said Artemis.

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Gold Bone Lake  
Joanna Hu

### Chapter 1 - Horseplay

Charcoal jumped once—twice—and leapt onto the wall. She scanned the neighboring yard. Nothing. Cautiously, she hopped down and quickly bounded to the next wall. Three jumps this time, and onto the wall. A dog's barking rang in the air. It came again, and the dog came into sight. It was a golden retriever pup, growling at her. She waited for him to go away. He didn't. Now the owners of the house behind her were coming out, yelling something about football. Charcoal's tail swished impatiently, waiting for a chance to dart away. She glanced at a tree. No. She looked at it again, considering whether she should run or not. Crash! A ball slammed into the wall. She made up her mind and darted behind the tree, and dropped into the opposite yard. The dog barked, "You dare come back, I'll rip you to shreds!" And was silenced by an unseen human. Charcoal waited a moment before howling back, "As if a puppy can do that!" Charcoal drew her tongue over her forearm and strolled home. She shoved the translucent flap aside with her muzzle and strutted toward her food bowl. It was filled with brown pellets. Charcoal picked up a mouthful and swallowed it. She licked away a stray chunk and sauntered toward her bed. Charcoal rubbed her cheeks on the bed and settled down to sleep. She only just closed her eyes when it seemed that the whole house was racked by ferocious barking. She recognized Levy's voice and groaned. Grumpily she stomped to the cat flap. Charcoal ducked through, and made her way to the dog's house again. He howled and yapped, "Do you dare come?" Charcoal pretended to faint from the "ferocious wolf beast", pasted a bored look on her face, and dropped into the yard, sniffing at a flower bush nearby. The puppy eyed her suspiciously, and asked, "What's your name, anyway?" "Charcoal." He watched as she padded onto a rock, and replied slowly, "I'm Levy." The next thing Charcoal knew, she was being chased around the lawn by an angry puppy. She escaped onto the wall again. Levy yelled, "And don't come again, Charcoal." The next day, Charcoal ran off early in the morning to Levy's home. She rubbed her scent everywhere she dared, before hiding away behind the tree she had earlier used as an escape. Levy came out, and her scent hit his nose.

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Optimistic  
Arya Dev

OPTIMISTIC ALWAYS SEES THE BEST SIDE OF THINGS AND SHE  
ALWAYS OPENS UP TO NEW IDEAS

OPTIMISTIC IS VERY KIND AND HER FRIENDS ARE  
HAPPY,COURAGE,AND GRATEFUL

OPTIMISTIC IS NEVER GLOOMY OR HOPELESS

Blue  
Olivia Dlott

Blue is the color of the morning sky  
The color of a car that always drives by

Blue is the color of a great big ocean  
The color of something that is frozen

Blue is the smell of a summer breeze  
Blue is the feeling I get when I sneeze

Blue feels like fresh air  
Ocean water  
And Despair

Blue tastes like blueberries freshly picked

The color blue is perfect

The Best Part Of Me  
Trinn Lim

**The best part of me:**

My special rock

A rock from my dog's mouth , not just any rock, a rock with meaning. A lumpy grainy texture.

A circle-ish figure.

A half pound, jagged edged rock.

Do not underestimate my unique rock, it can play games like catch.

I bet no one has my rock.

***The best part of me***

The best part of me is my passionate heart.

Not only does it keep me living, but it is also enriched with my unique Asian culture, food and family. My heart helps me to do everything from jogging with my mom to sitting and playing a board game with my Dad and younger sister.

A wonderful thing about my heart is that it has a part for every little memory of my life

***The best part of me***

The best part of me are my eyes

for my eyes are the ones

that can help me do mostly everything.

My eyes can remember all the sweet and exciting memories of my young childhood life.

The best part of me are my eyes.

## **Nexus Corruption**

### **Book #1 Exploration**

Christopher Liu

June 17, 2025

Dr. Sallow was carefully studying a small black pointy rock that fell from space near the Houston Nasa Space station a few hours ago. Before the find, some tourists spotted a faint green light following what looked like a small star and reported the sighting to one of the police officers. Scientists found the falling object a couple hundred feet near the Space station and It was immediately sent to Dr. Sallows Planetary Geologist lab.

He had never seen anything like it and was utterly confused about where it came from and how It got on earth. At that moment he spotted a small grain of sand. He cautiously put the small discovery in a plastic bag and sent it to his friend, Wyatt Evans a scientist who studied different planets.

“Hmm.”, Wyatt thought “Looks like mars sand.”

“What! How did mars sand get here?”

Wyatt paused for a moment.

“That rock is probably from mars, but I can’t confirm.”

Dr. Sallow ran out of his friend’s lab and ran to the administrator to report the news.

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9600 Tricks of Video Games  
Tristan Jia

Prologue

It was a bright and early morning for Terrance, thinking that it was a Thursday, he thought nothing could go wrong, as today was his friend's birthday party.

When he got out of bed, he was astonished to see what his little brother Brian had done. Brian was sitting there, with a permanent marker in his right hand, drawing a mustache on Link's face on his Legend of Zelda autographed poster. Alas, Terrance had been a big fan of that game, and when he found his brother doing that, he exploded.

"AAAAAAHHHHRRRRGGGGG!" he screamed.

Then he deliberately kicked his brother out of his room. He remembered the fact he read once: You're likely to be in a bad mood on Thursdays. Man, facts never lie, he thought.

Terrance got out of bed and strutted out the open door, but slipped on his brother's toy, and fell to the ground. He picked up the toy, then threw it aside and exited the door.

"TERRANCE! COME DOWN THIS INSTANT!", Terrance's mom shouted.

Terrance forgot that in front of his door were the stairs downstairs.

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Princess to Prisoner to Peasant

Ariana Johnson

Once upon a time there was a girl named Elle. She had a happy life, but one year, on June 1st, 2019 her dad died! Her mom wasn't as sad as Elle. Queen Meredith, Elle's mother, decided to remarry... but one problem was that secretly, the stepdad was a criminal! He murdered, kidnapped, but most importantly, he hated Elle. He wanted to put her in jail and kill her... every time Elle would tell her mother, but her mother would never believe her.

Elle had two friends she could depend on, Emily and Jack. They helped her break out of prison. While breaking her out, Jack got distracted by the girl guard so Elle and Emily had to grab him and force him to keep walking. Once they got into town, they decided to get jobs because they were incredibly hungry. They got jobs as waiters at Yum Yum Ice Cream Shop, but were fired shortly after because they were too immature!? Elle was furious because the flyer said hiring child employees!

They eventually got through their disappointment. A few hours later, they saw a flyer for a lost dog. The flyer stated that whoever could find and return the dog to its owner would receive a prize! The prize was a million dollars so they searched for the dog. After looking all over, Elle had found the dog. The group went to the directions on the flyer but...

The house they found was her stepdads house!

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## Rexy's Story

Kavin P

Once upon a time when an asteroid hit Earth, the fossils of a t rex formed into a living dinosaur. Now meet Rexy, a young, small T. Rex that got teleported to the future.

When you're a T. Rex, things often go wrong. Like once I ran into a supermarket and was eating the meat in the big cold box when someone shoed me away. Oh well, no more meat for now I guess. However, I must say this place is very different from my old home. Back then, my world was covered with trees, now it's covered with giant blocks! I know it's nighttime, but I'm not sleepy! "What are you doing?" Ahh! I turn around to see a snowy owl. "I'm Snowy. Who are you?" the owl asks. "I'm Rexy," I say, starting to lose my fear of this new creature. Snowy glances at the sun, which is starting to rise. "I wish I could stay, but I must get going." Snowy says, still glancing every so often at the sun.

After my encounter with Snowy, I feel *exhausted*. I'm so tired I can't think, so, I just stumble into a building and fall asleep.

When I wake up it is night. I go back to where I found Snowy last night, but the owl wasn't there. *Oh, well.* I think. *Still need to find a way back home.* Day after, day after day, I sleep at the museum in the morning and eat at night. One day, I accidentally hit a button. Suddenly, the ground beneath my feet starts to shake! **BOOM!** I feel myself falling and falling as I fall back towards my home.

The Dark  
Savannah Lam

The dark is still  
quiet  
It's tranquil  
There's no riot  
I sometimes wonder,  
"Is this the place?"  
Where all people  
Find their fears  
They need to face  
Darkness always  
Finds its way  
To people  
In their beds  
Where they lay  
Among the shadows  
I fit in  
The line between  
Illusion and reality  
Is very thin  
In this place  
Monsters come to life  
Delusion eradicates existence  
With a  
Knife  
The dark is greedy  
The dark is cold  
What is there  
Left to  
Hold?

## A Dogs Choose Your Own Adventure

Alex Schmelz

You wake up one day thinking about an ancient myth of three mythical toys called the fun toys. The next day you notice that your owner is gone so you think this is the time to go!

If you go try to get some of your friends to come with you turn to page three.

If you choose to get the materials for the journey first go to page four.

you go try to find some allies for the journey and your in luck you find a turtle that wants adventure! You try to find more people for the job and you find a hamster and another dog! you then wonder if there are enough people for the job

If you choose to try and find more animals then go to page 5.

If you choose to gather supplies next go to page 7

you choose to gather supplies and then you wonder which one to go to. You decide on getting water and food first then you get the camping supplies and finally you go to get your little boots.

if you choose to find some allies choose page 6.

if you choose to just go on your journey choose page 8

you try to find some more allies but you can't find anybody else! Then you notice that your owner's car has been parked outside. you start making a plan!

if you choose to go through the window go to page 9

if you go through back door go to page 10

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## The Alien Wearing Blue Shoes

Saaya Saj

Once there was an alien who landed on earth. He was from saturn and his spaceship landed somewhere near the Golden Gate Bridge. This alien was bright yellow. He had an oval shaped body with three eyes sticking out of it. He also had eight legs. There were four men standing on the side of the road. All of them had been wearing blue shoes.

The alien adored their shoes and badly wanted to wear them but he didn't want to be rude and steal someone's shoes. After all, he wanted to make a good impression. He saw those same four men the next day. They were alone on the side of the boardwalk near his ship. On Saturn the main rule was to be kind so he offered the men to live in his spaceship.

The men were so grateful. They said that they'd give him their shoes. The alien was thrilled. Not because he got the blue shoes though, because he helped someone. From then on the alien vowed to help people but when he did it he'd always wear his blue shoes.

The Little Mermaid Reimagined  
Abbi Lombardi

Ariel yearns to be on land with Prince Eric. She collects so many things from land fascinated by everything. She has a little cave filled with everything she scavenges from land. At first the idea seems so simple. Unfortunately, Sebastian, King Triton's adviser is there to remind her every step of the way, her father hates humans. One day after Flounder got Ariel a statue of Prince Eric, her father finds out and destroys it. She is desperate for any help she can get, Flounder finds you to help her.

At the moment, you are sitting on a rock that looks to the land. Your parents are gone so there is no one to stop you from coming up to the surface. When Flounder finds you and informs you of the situation, you are honored. You eagerly swim down from the rock letting Flounder lead you to Ariel's hideout. When you get there you marvel at the sight of all these land trinkets. Flounder introduces you to Ariel, the two of you bond over your love for land. The princess asks if you have any ideas on where she could become human. With a princess counting on you, there is so much pressure. You know of one place, Ursula could help Princess Ariel but you aren't sure if you can trust the Sea Witch.

**Tell Ariel about Ursula, page 2**

**Pretend you don't know anything helpful, page 3**

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Trapped in an Ancient Book  
Suah Lee

"Hey guys we need to go to the library for our study project!" Sarah said. "Who cares about studying?" Aaron complained. "WE DO!" the rest of the group shouted. "Ugh, fine but if something bad happens the blames on you." Aaron replied. "Sure sure, when WE did nothing wrong!?" Sarah complained. "Guys stop fighting lets just get to the library before we get a bad grade." Freya said. "Fine..." Sarah and Aaron muttered. They went to the library and started gathering up books. "Um, does anyone know what this book is for?" Aaron asked. "I don't know, try opening it." said Freya. When Aaron turned to the first page they got sucked into the book. "What in the world!" Freya screamed. "I told you something bad would happen, now the blame is on you guys." said Aaron. "How are you so confident about this when we could be in great trouble!?" exclaimed Sarah. "Guys lets just split up and try to find a way out of here." Freya said.

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The Way it was Before  
Abigail Paugh

Chapter 1: The beginning of it all...

*Would my life ever be the same without them* I thought. Hello, my name is Jane Miller. This is a story of how I lost everything and everyone I knew and loved. It started at a school where we were taking a test and the siren blared off. We all ran outside to see the school on fire. I ran away from my class and ran right into a boy. He said Hello. I had no idea what to say back. He said Hello again. Can you hear me?!" "Oh sorry about that... What is your name??" I asked "Ethan" he answered. "Oh nice to meet you, Ethan," "Would you like to hang out with me and my other friend Jake sometime tonight maybe at a concert?" Ethan says "Sure, I'll bring my friend Ruth too" I added "Six O'clock, is that ok?" I asked, "Yes, that is perfect." "See you soon" "Ok bye, Ethan!" I quickly said. *Ok, now time to call Ruth.* "Hey," Ruth says "Hey I meet a boy named Ethan. He asked me if you and I would go to a concert at six O'clock, he's bringing his friend Jake. What do you think?" You wanna come, I'm going" I say. "Sure," she answers. "Meet you at

your house to get ready" "Ok bye," I say "Bye," she says back. 30 minutes later. "Hey," Ruth says "Hi!" I said, " I brought over some cute dresses to wear." Ruth adds "Ok cool!" I say back.

"Now you should get dressed!" Ruth said. ***After getting dressed.*** "Wow, we look beautiful!" I said proudly. "YES, WE DO!" Ruth also says proudly. ***\*Ding dong\****. "That must be them, let's go," Ruth says while leaving the room.  
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# Linderen and Her Scary Adventure

Kaitie Yoon

## Chapter 1 - The Portal

A girl named Linderen was playing with her friends, Lincy and Lucy. Then a portal appeared out of nowhere. They went in. They come to a place that was all sandy. It wasn't the beach though. They found a shovel. They left it there. They came to a village. The villagers started to attack! They ran to the bus. They were going to hide there. Then, the people in the bus started to attack too. Then, they noticed that everyone would attack them. They went back to where the portal was. But they didn't see the portal. Nor the shovel. "We should have picked the shovel up" cried Lincy. "Why did we leave it there. It said to take it" sobbed Lucy "There must be another way out." explained Linderen. "Let's build a little house so we can stay safe" "I wish we bought a tent." sighed Lincy. They gathered some woods and made a tent. They, then went to sleep.

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## My Pygmy Palm Tree

Nikhilan Niranjan

I was playing in the park when I found a pinecone. I hit it hard with a rock and it cracked. I didn't find what I usually find, I found something super small, black, and round. I found more of these things. I knew they were seeds, so I planted them. I "soon" discovered it needed hard dry soil, lots of heat, and less water. I grew it in a pot. It looked like a tiny palm tree. I added some water, but the soil didn't get wet. I set the mode on the hose to full, but the soil still didn't get wet. Suddenly the plant began to smell. I was thinking about how to water the plant to see what it produces, when I fell over onto the plant. I thought I crushed it, but I entered inside this area with birds and scorpions. I have arachnophobia, so I ran.

I noticed a lot of berries the birds and scorpions were eating. I had no idea that things could live here. I decided to eat one of the berries. They tasted very good so I kept eating. After a while my stomach hurt. I saw a bird that was sick, it ate a leaf, so I ate a leaf too. I felt better after that. I saw a small black rock so I picked it up. I saw another black rock form in the same spot. I took the black rock and put it in a hole in a giant tree. A giant wooden chunk slid out and it opened a hollow area, a house, to stay in. I wondered if my parents would be worried about me. Before I could leave I noticed the black rock turning to sand in a gear. I saw a book that teaches how to make magic stuff using the sand. But I needed to get out of the tree.

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Rats!

Nicholas Wittmann

## Chapter 1

Once, there was an intelligent rat and a 42 year old scrub. Every time, the rat outwits the man. Soon enough, the man was angry that he hadn't even beaten the rat once. No matter how much the man tried, he simply was not as intelligent as the rat.

The rat lived in a hole left of the TV in the 3rd living room. The scrub lived in his mother's 2nd attic. Oh and a quick FYI, the mom lived in a 8 million dollar mansion. The rat found a way to get to the attic to annoy the scrub. You're probably wondering, how did the rat get up to the attic?

Well I will give you the answer. I don't have the foggiest idea. Yes, I am the narrator, so that means I should know everything about the story. In this story, I don't know everything that is going on. The rat has his own secret way of getting to the attic.

Speaking of the intelligent and very smart rat, he has a long history of his life. When he was just 14 seconds old, his parents duped him. You're probably like, well, how did he survive on his own? That is an interesting question. Another question that I still do not know.

The man, well there isn't much to talk about him, but to make this story very interesting, I might as well add some stuff. The man was lazy and he never did his homework or his schoolwork during his childhood. His only friend was his invisible friend, Clive.

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