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“Zurrg, The Martian Child”

Written By YOU.

This book was created during Heater's Heroes, an annual charitable gathering, pays tribute to the memory of Robert "Heater" Lavelle, a compassionate individual who devoted his life to assisting disadvantaged children in the community. Mike Strange, a close companion of Heater and a beneficiary of his guidance, established Heater's Heroes in 2011 to carry forward Heater's inspiring legacy. The primary objective of Heater's Heroes is to extend immediate aid, support, and generosity to local children in need (referred to as "The Heroes") by leveraging the collective strength of the community and local businesses. We created something special and hope you enjoy.



The hours flew by as Zurgg and George reveled in an afternoon filled with joyous escapades, momentarily freeing Zurgg from the weight of his concerns about returning home. Their adventures brought them to a quaint lemonade stand, manned by an unusually large turtle. Curiously, George inquired if the turtle had any grapes, to which the turtle replied with a jovial affirmative, promptly producing a delectable bunch of succulent green grapes. The newfound trio settled down in the forest for a delightful picnic, and to Zurgg's delight, the amiable turtle eagerly decided to join them on their thrilling expedition.

Guided by the turtle's sagely wisdom, they were regaled with tales of a hidden ship concealed deep within the forest, possibly capable of aiding Zurgg's journey back to his Martian abode. Determined, they embarked on a quest to locate the elusive vessel, racing through the woodland in a gleeful frenzy. Suddenly, the frog screeched to a halt in front of a floating board adorned with fiery designs, emitting an enchanting hum. Zurgg suspected that this hoverboard held the key to his interplanetary return, but it stubbornly refused to budge from its position. Unexpectedly, a mysterious woman emerged from the trees, clutching a bundle of vibrant red beans. She proposed a trade, offering the beans in exchange for the hoverboard and an exhilarating ride on the magical frog.

Eager to continue their adventure, the frog wholeheartedly agreed to carry the woman, and after a whirlwind of loops and spins, she alighted from her lofty perch, presenting them with the coveted beans. Instructing them to consume the beans, she assured them that the hoverboard would heed their call after a few hours. Zurgg wasted no time devouring the magical legumes, and while they awaited the transformative effects, he took it upon himself to teach his newfound companions the intricacies of his language.

When the beans infused Zurgg with enough extraordinary power, he leaped into the air, and the hoverboard gradually soared aloft. As the majestic board ascended higher and higher, Zurgg turned back, bidding his newfound friends a heartfelt farewell, promising to revisit them the following year if fate allowed. Before departing, Zurgg composed this note to convey that the day he met George, the turtle, and the magical frog at Heater's Heroes in Oakes Park was undeniably the most extraordinary and exhilarating experience of his young life.

Investigator: Well, well, young George, that was quite a tale you just shared with me. Zurgg sounds like quite the adventurous Martian! I must say, I'm impressed with your imagination and storytelling skills.

George: Thank you, Mr. Investigator! It was amazing, I swear! Zurgg was real, and we had so much fun together.

Investigator: Oh, I have no doubt that you had a wonderful time. But you know, sometimes our imaginations can take us on incredible journeys, even if they're not entirely real. It's what makes storytelling so magical.

George: But it was real, I promise! Zurgg left a note and everything! And the doctor said I created a Martian language!

Investigator: (playfully) Oh, a Martian language? That's quite impressive, young linguist! But you see, sometimes our brains can do amazing things, like creating languages or believing in something so strongly that it feels real to us. It doesn't mean it actually happened, but it does show how creative and imaginative you are.

George: (a bit disappointed) So, you don't believe me?

Investigator: Well, young George, I believe in your imagination and your creativity. And who knows, maybe Zurg and his adventures were real to you. But as an investigator, I have to consider all possibilities. It's my job to talk to your parents and make sure everything is okay. They might have some questions too.

George: (perking up) Can they come talk to you?

Investigator: Of course! I'd love to have a chat with your parents and hear their perspective. We can all have a good laugh together and celebrate your vivid imagination.

[Later, the investigator talks to the boy's parents.]

Investigator: So, it seems our young George has quite the active imagination, doesn't he?

Parents: (laughing) Oh, yes! He's always coming up with the most incredible stories. We've never seen him so excited before.

Investigator: Well, I must say, he certainly knows how to captivate an audience. And it's not every day we encounter a child who creates a whole language, even if it's Martian!

Parents: (chuckling) He's quite the little genius, isn't he? We're so proud of him.

Investigator: Absolutely! Speaking of which, the doctor also mentioned how smart he is to create such a realistic Martian language. It's truly remarkable.

Parents: That's our George, always surprising us! We're so grateful for his imagination and the joy it brings him.

Investigator: Well, I think it would be wonderful to embrace his creativity and let him share his story with a larger group of people. It could be a special event, where he gets to showcase his storytelling skills and make others happy too. What do you think?

Parents: That sounds amazing! We're sure he'll love it. It might even inspire him for more adventures and stories in the future.

Investigator: That's the spirit! Let's set up a date for next week, and we'll invite everyone who wants to hear George's extraordinary tale. I have a feeling it's going to be quite the event!

[They all laugh and look forward to the upcoming gathering, setting the stage for a possible future series of adventures.]

Investigator: George, you truly have a remarkable imagination. Keep exploring, keep dreaming, and who knows where your imagination will take you next?