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Alien Invasion

by Lydia Lukidis

It's a cosmic catastrophe! Aliens from Planet Zabooboo have landed on Planet Earth, right in the middle of Woodland Elementary School. What's more, they plan to take over the planet! Can Fatima and Caleb save the day?



Characters (in order of appearance):

Narrator

Fatima

Caleb

Mrs. Buckethead

All students

Zorg

Zurp

Narrator:

The strange spacecraft zoomed through the air. It zoomed this way. It zoomed that way. Suddenly, it paused. Then it plopped down right in the middle of Woodland Elementary School.

All students:

BOOOOOM!!!

Fatima:

Did you hear that?

Caleb:

Yeah, it sounded like an explosion!

Mrs. Buckethead:

Shhhh! No chatting while we do our math exercises.

Fatima:

(whispering) Let's go check it out at lunch time. The bell is about to—

All students:

RIIIING!!!

Fatima:

Okay, let's go investigate!

Narrator:

Fatima and Caleb peeked in the art room. Nothing unusual.

They looked in the library. Nothing but books. They inspected the gym. Nothing strange there. Except for—



Fatima:

Holy cow! It's some kind of humongous alien spacecraft!

Caleb:

What's it doing in our gymnasium?

Fatima:

Beats me. But check it out, the door is opening!

Narrator:

Two peculiar aliens with 3 heads each and long tentacles emerged from the craft. The first one was holding a bizarre-looking object.

Fatima:

(whispering) Let's hide behind these bins of basketballs and see what the aliens are up to.

Narrator:

The two kids hid. The first alien sniffed the air then began to speak.

Zorg:

(He clicked a few buttons on his machine). My Zoltan-o-meter indicates we have landed on Planet "Earth." My data page says it is a planet inhabited by strange beings called... humans. Apparently, they only have one head. How bizarre is that?

Zurp:
Yes boss, that's pretty bizarre. Imagine only having one head? These beings must not be as advanced as us.

Zorg:
My Zoltan-o-meter says the planet is 70% covered by water and 30% covered by land. It has an atmosphere of mostly nitrogen and oxygen. And the average temperature is 58.3 degrees Fahrenheit.

Zurp:
Hey boss, that sounds perfect for our plans!

Zorg:
Indeed!

All students:
BOING! BOING! BOING!

Narrator:
Fatima accidentally knocked over the basketballs. They went tumbling down the floor.

Zorg:
Halt! Who goes there?

Narrator:
The kids froze in fear.

Zorg:
Identify yourself at once! If you do not, I will zap you with my laser blasters!

Narrator:
Fatima and Caleb slowly came forward.

Caleb:
We didn't mean to scare you.

Fatima:
But actually, you scared US! What do you guys want?

Zorg laughs an evil laugh. Then Zurp joins in. Then all the students join in. It lasts 10 seconds.

Zurp:
Boss, these Earthlings have no idea what's about to happen!

- Zorg:**
Indeed. Well, how shall I put this? We, aliens from the Planet Zabooboo, have come to INVADE Planet Earth!!
- Fatima:**
Invade?
- Zurp:**
Yup. That's what the boss said. And whatever the boss says, goes.
- Caleb:**
But if you take over the planet, what will happen to us?
- Zorg:**
Isn't it obvious? I will use my laser blasters to zap all humans to the moon!
MU-HA-HA!
- Fatima:**
But you can't do that! Why don't you take over another planet? What about Mercury?
- Zurp:**
The boss says it's too hot.
- Caleb:**
How about Neptune?
- Zurp:**
The boss says it's too far.
- Fatima:**
What about—
- Zorg:**
Silence! We are taking over Earth and that's that. Any last words?
- Caleb:**
I can't believe this is happening.
- Fatima:**
I have no last words. But if you're going to laser blast me to the moon, I would like to eat my dessert first.

Zorg:

I suppose that would be fine.

Narrator:

Fatima reached inside her lunch box. She brought out a bag of chips. She opened the bag and started munching.

All students:

CRUNCH! CRUNCH! CRUNCH!

Zurp:

What's that, boss? What is she eating?

Fatima:

You've never seen a chip before?

Zorg:

No, we do not have these "chips" on Planet Zabooboo. What do they taste like?



Caleb:

Chips are salty. Chips are crunchy. And chips are delicious!

Zorg:

Say... I would like to try one of these mystery chips.

Fatima:

Sure!

Narrator:

Fatima gave Zorg and Zurp a chip.

All students:

CRUNCH! CRUNCH! CRUNCH!

Zorg:

Zonkers! These chips are out of this galaxy!

Narrator:

Suddenly, Fatima got an amazing idea. It was so awesome that it might just save Planet Earth!

Fatima:

I can get you more. A lot more. In fact, I can get you a whole truckload. My dad works for a chip company.

Zurp:

Oh yummy yum! Can we get more chips, boss? Can we, can we?

Zorg:

Yes, yes. I think that would please me. Earthling, I command you to get me more chips.

Fatima:

It's going to cost you.

Zorg:

So you want to play hard ball, do you? Alright, name your price.

Fatima:

If we give you truckloads of chips, then you're not allowed to invade our planet.

Zurp:

Oh boss, let's take the yummy chips and go! We can invade another planet.

Zorg:

Hmm...interesting proposition.

Caleb:

We'll even give you different flavors like salt and vinegar, barbeque, and cheese!

Zorg:

Did you say cheese?! Alright, you've got yourself a deal!

Fatima:

I'll phone my dad right away. In fact, I can hop on to your spacecraft. We can pass by his work to get the chips.

Caleb:

But first, you'll have to get your spacecraft out of our gym. Plus you'll need to fix the roof you destroyed. If Principal Stricter sees it, she'll flip out.



Narrator:

And so Zorg, Zulp, and Fatima made their way into the spacecraft. They flew up and out of the gym. The aliens fixed the roof. Then they zoomed away.

All students:

SWOOSH!!

Caleb:

Whew! That was a close call!

Narrator:

Just then, the door opened. Mrs. Buckethead walked in.

Mrs. Buckethead:

Caleb! What are you doing in the gym? You're supposed to be having lunch!

Caleb:

Sorry Mrs. Buckethead, we had to save Planet Earth from the three headed aliens.

Mrs. Buckethead:

Three headed aliens? Wow, you kids certainly have a lot of imagination! Now run along and have your lunch.

Caleb:

Yes, Mrs. Buckethead. I suddenly got a craving for chips!

All students:

THE END.

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In the story, "Alien Invasion," Fatima and Caleb discover that their school has been invaded by aliens! Together they come up with a plan to save Woodland Elementary School—and Planet Earth!—from destruction!

What would you do if aliens invaded your school and announced their plans to take over the planet? Re-imagine Fatima and Caleb's dilemma and put yourself in their shoes. On the lines below, write about your own plan to save the planet from aliens.



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Caleb tells Zorg and Zurp that the chips come in different flavors, like salt and vinegar, barbeque, and cheese.

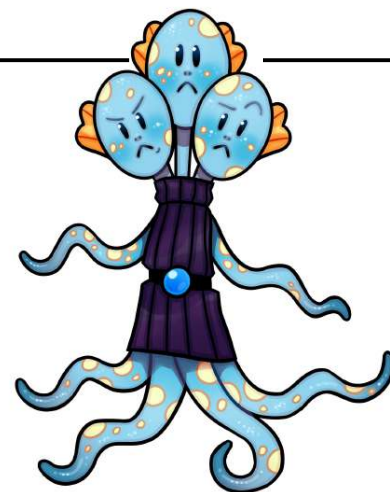
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Mrs. Buckethead tells Caleb he has a good imagination because she doesn't see any signs that aliens had landed there. Fatima isn't with him because she went with the aliens to her dad's chip company.

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