Journey to Planet Twist

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It was a wild, dark, stormy night in May 2020. The moon was full. Not a sound could be heard on Belvedere Park, Belfast. The only movement was from a cat on the street and a man Scorcher was walking home from work.

Scorcher was 27 year old, he was tall and slim and had green eyes and brown hair. He was a Scientist. He was clever and good at solving problems.

All of a sudden a bright, shining, purple portal appeared in front of him and in the blink of an eye he was on a different planet.

It was a huge, hot, strange planet with lots of palm trees. The beeches has green sand and the water wasn’t blue, it was purple and the sky was black with no clouds and no stars. It was very different planet to earth.

Scorcher overheard two people talking. “I can’t believe they made 1million people come together on this planet at the same time” they said.

“Where am I?” said Scorcher. “You are on Planet Twist and people are arriving here from earth through portals and now there’s 1million people on this planet.”

“WHY?” asked Scorcher.

“King Sorswell, Master of the Planet, found diamonds and emeralds in the ground while mining. He has captured lots of people and brought them here to dig to find more treasure to make him rich.”

A man called Mattious joined them and said “How are we all going to get back home?” The king has a machine that is making portals to capture people to bring them here. The portal scans your DNA to decide if they want to capture you so the portal knows where we came from but there’s no way get home.” Mattious was so sad and felt helpless.

Scorcher felt calm and collected, which was strange as he had just arrived on another planet, but the reason he felt calm was that he had an idea of how to get everyone home.

His idea was that if people jumped into the purple portal that appeared on this planet it would scan their DNA and take them back home.

Scorcher volunteered to test his plan out. He just had to wait for a portal to arrive.

Mattious was worried and said “you are very brave Scorcher because this could go terribly wrong.”

“I know,” said Scorcher “but we have to try it, otherwise we might be stuck here forever and never see our families again.”

All of a sudden a portal appeared but it was 100 metres away and Scorcher had to run as fast as he ever could. He took a huge leap into the portal and just about made it.

Everything went black, he was spinning through space. He felt so happy that he had reached the portal on time but also nervous because his plan might not work. He was spinning so fast that he felt sick. It took a few minutes but he landed with a thud in his garden outside his home.

Scorcher was so happy. He jumped with joy because his plan had worked. He pulled out his phone to ring his family but by magic he had Mattious’s phone number on his screen. He rang the number and Mattious answered. “The plan has worked and I am home!” Mattious said “ This is great news. I’ll spread the word and we’ll all do what you did to get home.”

A few weeks later Scorcher’s phone rang and it was Mattious. He had great news that everyone who was captured was now home and he told Scorcher that he was coming to visit him in Belfast. Scorcher was delighted that Mattious was coming to see him.

Mattious arrived in Belfast airport and gave Scorcher a high five and a huge hug. “ You did it! You saved us from King Sorswell and I have something to show you.” Mattious gave Scorcher a bag.

Scorcher opened it and couldn’t believe what was inside. There were hundreds of diamonds and emeralds. “Everyone on the planet that was captured had emeralds and diamonds they had mined for King Sorswell in their pockets and they wanted you to have these to say thank you for saving us.”

Scorcher and his family couldn’t believe it. They were richer that he ever could have imagined!