## The Aliens

Once upon a time there was a porcupine named Spike. On a warm sunny day, Spike was happily walking along the sidewalk. Suddenly, he saw a flying spaceship! Spike was curious, so he scrambled over as fast as he could towards the spaceship. When Spike finally got close to it, he saw two aliens step out. Much to his surprise the aliens had only one eye! They also had a tail. The first alien was very short and stubby. The second alien was tall and very lean. The aliens took a step closer to Spike. Spike was getting very nervous, he wondered what the aliens would do to him. But it turned out that the aliens were friendly!

The first alien said, "ggdhgey Fletchup!" and the second alien said, "ggdhgey Blechup!" Spike thought, "What does that mean?" Then he realized that they were talking in a different language. "Your names must be Fletchup and Bletchup!" he exclaimed. Spike tried to teach the aliens how to speak in English! Surprisingly, the aliens were quickly able to learn the language. Soon they were talking to Spike in English. The aliens even told Spike that their language was called "Pepi!" The aliens taught Spike how to say "Hello" and "Good Morning" in Pepi. Spike and the aliens were having such a great time together. They saw the beautiful sunset, and then Spike knew it was time for him to go home.

Spike wanted to take the two aliens home but did not know how his mother would react. He decided that he would sneak the aliens inside his house. Spike told the aliens to come home with him. The aliens said, "Okay." So, Spike led them down the road towards his home. Spike's house was more like a cottage that was on the side of a little pond with frogs, lily pads and fish. When they reached, Spike's mother was making fish with a side of bark and stems for dinner. "Hello, Spike" she said, "you are just in time for dinner. Where have you been all this time?" Spike replied, "I went to the park to play." "That sounds fun," Spike's mother replied.

As Spike's mother went back to cooking, he told the aliens to creep upstairs and suggested that they hide under the covers or behind the bed. The aliens went upstairs as they were told. Spike followed them, after checking that his mother was still busy preparing dinner. When they reached Spike's bedroom the aliens said, "What is this place?" "It's my bedroom." Spike replied. "It's nothing like our bedroom!" exclaimed Fletchup and Bletchup, as they eagerly looked around for a few minutes. Spike was curious to know what their bedroom looked like, so he asked them. "The cave where we live is underground" Fletchup replied. "Our beds are in a hole on the floor with comfortable kindowe and yogogo, the underwear closet is upside down on the cave wall, and our lamp is on the ceiling!" Spike didn't understand what were kindowe and yogogo. The aliens sometimes mixed up their language with English. "You mean a blanket and a pillow?" Spike asked, gesturing to his blanket. "Yes, that's what we call them." Bletchup replied.

At that very moment Spike's mother called him for dinner. He told the aliens to stay in his bedroom while he was away. After Spike ate dinner, he brought some food (fish with a side of bark and stems) upstairs for the aliens. When he entered his room, it was a MESS! The pillows were under the bed, and the blanket was on the floor. All his books had fallen off the bookshelf, some were now on the floor and the rest were scattered on his bed! He told the aliens that they would have to clean up the mess. Now, Spike was expecting that the aliens would complain and say, "Noooo!" Instead they said, "No problem" and with a snap of a finger all the stuff was back in place. You could tell that Spike was amazed. He exclaimed, "Wow, how did you do that?" On the other hand, the aliens looked very confused. They said, "You don't do magic?" Now, it was Spike's turn to look confused. "Magic?" he said, "Of course not, magic is not real." The aliens just sat there looking at Spike as if he were crazy. Then, Spike said, "Where do you come from anyway?" The aliens replied, "We come from outer space. Have you ever been beyond the sun, the planets, comets, stars, asteroids and all of that?" Spike could just manage to say, "Oh!"

It was getting dark and close to Spike's bedtime. He told the aliens to go hide behind the bed for the night. He gave them a blanket and a couple of pillows to make their hideout comfortable. Even before his mother came to his bedroom to tuck him in, Spike was fast asleep. In the morning the aliens were still sleeping when Spike woke up. Spike checked the clock in his room, it was ten o'clock! They had all slept for a very long time. Spike jumped out of the bed and woke up the aliens. Just then he heard his mother coming upstairs. He panicked, and rushed the aliens to quickly hide behind the bed again. As his mother entered the room, there was a loud ringing noise. Spike thought that it sounded like a phone ringing. His guess was good, and it was coming from behind the bed, where the aliens were. Maybe Fletchup and Blechup's mother is calling them and telling them to rush back home, thought Spike. The aliens bolted out of their hiding place. Spike's mother gasped. "What are those things?" she asked, puzzled. Spike replied, "Mom, meet Fletchup and Bletchup, they are aliens." His mother looked even more puzzled now. "Aliens?" she exclaimed. Without giving her time to ask any more questions, Spike and the aliens bolted out of the door and set off towards the park where the spaceship was parked. The aliens needed to get into the spaceship quickly and go back home to their family. They were sad to say goodbye to Spike. And, Spike was close to tears. So, the aliens gave him a special phone with which he could call and talk to them in outer space. Spike was so sad as he saw the spaceship fly away. He knew that he would miss his two friends a lot, but he was happy that he could call anytime to talk to them.

Three hundred years later, a panda, named Bamboo, was happily walking along the sidewalk. Suddenly, Bamboo saw a flying spaceship! Bamboo was curious, so he ran over to the spaceship. When Bamboo got to the spaceship three aliens

stepped out. Much to Bamboo's surprise the aliens only had one eye! They also had a tail. The first alien said, "ggdhgey Fletchup!" and the second alien said, "ggdhgey Blechup!" The third alien said, "ggdhgey Spike!" ..........

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