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Impossible! My eyes could not believe what they were seeing. A whole theme park full of children with no adults supervising at all. All of the teachers and parents had simply disappeared.

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My eyes lit up as I thought the plan through. This was going to be my best idea ever! Mum just couldn't say no this time. I took a deep breath and began to draw a diagram.

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Crash! Bang! Smash! The sudden, February storm had just knocked over an ancient oak tree in front of our neighbour's house. This disastrous gale was going to destroy everything in its path. It was time for us to run.

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Reluctantly, I walked home from football practice early and opened the front door. Singing in the kitchen, Dad was cooking tonight's dinner. He would be so disappointed in me.

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Stepping through the crooked wooden doorway cautiously, I looked around the front hallway of the abandoned house. Cobwebs and dust covered every wall, banister and painting I could see. Carefully, I turned and screamed at what I saw.

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Dani couldn't help but stare at the intricate Anglo-Saxon brooch in the museum's display cabinet. Suddenly, the brooch flashed bright green and began to pulse.

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Alex trudged angrily through the woods, collecting small twigs and branches as he mumbled, "I didn't want to come on this silly, old camping trip anyway." Unexpectedly, Alex realised he didn't know how to get back. He was lost!

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Walking across the playground, Ali heard a harsh rustling in the thick bushes behind him. The small hairs on his arms stood up as he turned around to see what it was.

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Mo sat in the warm sand and curled his toes. It felt good to be on summer holidays.

"Help!" a voice cried from beyond the white-capped waves. Mo stood up quickly, shielded his eyes with his hand and peered out towards the churning sea.

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It was still following me! I didn't know how to get rid of it. I tried running and it just ran after me. If I hid, it had a knack for finding me. What was I going to do?

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"Your teacher, Mrs Mannion, is ill today so I will be taking this class for the foreseeable future," croaked the lanky, bald man who stood at the front of our classroom. I couldn't quite put my finger on it but there was something odd about him.

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A deafening noise woke us from our beds. It sounded like a roaring forest fire was right outside our door. I frantically ran to the window and looked out. A gleaming alien spaceship had just landed in the middle of our front garden.

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Nervously, we walked through the animal rescue centre. What if they didn't have a pet we liked? Turning a corner, I spotted my pet. It was perfect!

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The underground train's doors closed in my face sharply. I watched my class gather eagerly around my teacher as the train pulled away from the station and entered the dark tunnel. No one had realised that I hadn't been able to get off in time.

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It was not looking good. The rain had already flooded our road and was creeping up the pavement. Shortly, it would be through our front door. "What do we do, Mum?" I asked.

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As he entered his private tower, the wizard eyed me suspiciously. "What are you doing here?" he asked angrily. I searched around, looking for any excuse I could use. Finally, I decided the truth was the best thing to say.

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Sasha entered her new classroom silently. She hated being the new pupil in school. Why did her dad always have to move for work? Noticing her, the teacher looked up and smiled.

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After weeks of travelling through empty space, we finally arrived on the new and unusual planet my parents, who were research scientists, were supposed to study. It was like nothing I had ever seen.

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As fast as her feet could carry her, Keira ran home to tell her parents the brilliant news. Holding the paper tight in her hand, she burst through the door.

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One brilliant, sunny morning, I woke up to find a gigantic blue bird on my windowsill. Realising that I was awake, it turned to me and remarked haughtily, "Well, it's about time you woke up, sleepy head." In shock, I fell out of bed onto the hard, wooden floor.

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"We hope you like your birthday surprise,"
Mum said as she removed her hands from my eyes.
Dad smiled and pointed across the room.
I couldn't believe it! My dream had come true!

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Screaming, my mother dashed around the house like a hurricane. Looking up from my cereal, I asked, "What is wrong?" Mum replied, "We've won the lottery!"

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Mr Ryan walked into the classroom and spoke quietly to my teacher. Looking directly at me, he spoke my name and motioned for me to follow him. When we reached the front of the school, my parents were there.

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Robin carefully set down her purchases.
She placed the variety of small toys she had bought around the room, filled the food and water bowls and took a deep breath. Finally, she gently opened the box.

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Annoyed with himself for missing the goal, JJ sat down at the edge of the football pitch and looked into the river that ran beside it. Sparkling in the sun, something under the water caught JJ's eye.

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Casually strolling along the city streets, Detective Hattie Casey enjoyed her day off. A disastrous crash followed by angry shouts and screams immediately interrupted her peace.

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"Grandma, I have to write a report about our family's history. What can you tell me?" I asked, sitting closely beside her. "Oh, we have a few interesting stories," she responded as she smiled wickedly.

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Struggling with my homework, I wished desperately for something or someone to interrupt me. Without warning, the earth began to shake violently under my feet.

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Billie loved to fly. She dipped the wings of her red and white striped plane as she soared over the ocean below. Turning, she spotted an island in the distance.

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Happily, my puppy Lucy sprinted across the recreation ground, sniffing here and there. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw a squirrel with a bushy tail dart up a tree.

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Crashing through the burning building, I used my fire hose to put out blistering flames right and left. Barely audible through my firefighter helmet, I heard a voice shout, "Help me!"

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Having parents who are inventors is not always fun. Sure, they have created some marvellous new machines, many of which we use in our house. However, one time they created something awful.

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Through my bedroom window, I could see her flying on her gnarled broomstick. Her straw-like hair blew back from her olive-green complexion as she zigzagged into the clouds.

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Hearing hoof beats, I woke up from where I had been napping and scrambled behind a holly bush. Peering out anxiously, I saw what had made the noise. It was a knight!

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Over the last few weeks, Mum had begun to look extremely tired. I desperately wanted to do something to help her out so I thought up a plan while she was at work.

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"Who are you?" I asked as my voice cracked with fear. Bowing graciously, the grey lady answered, "I am Lady Aria and I have haunted this castle for 400 years."

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Grandad turned our small boat sharply to avoid the oncoming storm. It was too fast for us. "Brace yourself! We are in for a rough ride."

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What a huge mistake! One day after school, my friend Ashley and I decided to take a look at our neighbour's garage lab. The next thing I knew, we had been cloned!

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Our school trip to the local research lab turned out to be more exciting than I had planned. Walking through one of the testing rooms, I noticed a bright light from one of the machines shining in my face.

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Home from his latest expedition, Uncle Jack reached in his rucksack and pulled out an artifact for me. "Here, I thought you might like this. It's supposed to be magic."

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