

Help! My Spaceship Is Broken



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Chapter One



Discovery on Cranberry Street

It was a beautiful fall day in Brooklyn, New York, and Poppy was walking home from STEAM club. As she turned the corner onto Cranberry Street, where she lived, she stopped in her tracks. Right in front of her was a spaceship!

What was a spaceship doing on her street? Poppy was shocked. She was also really excited. She had always wanted to travel to space, and now a part of space had traveled to her! Poppy rushed over to the spaceship to investigate. It had a big round base and a window on top.



She nervously peeked inside the window. It looked empty. She wasn't sure how she would feel if she actually met an alien. As she rounded the spaceship, she couldn't stop her startled scream.



Standing in front of her was a little green alien. It let out an “Eep!” and ran behind the spaceship. Poppy was frozen in place, and couldn’t think of what to say. Then, she remembered her manners and introduced herself.





“Hello, my name is Poppy,” she said.

Slowly, the little alien crept around the spaceship. It pulled out a little device and pushed some buttons. The device beeped and glowed. Timidly, it said, “My name is Zop. Can you understand me?”

“Yes, I can,” said Poppy.

“My translation device works!” Zop was pleased.

“Nice to meet you, Zop,” said Poppy. “What brings you to Earth?”

“I was trying to get to my home, Planet Z, but I started having some trouble with my spaceship,” Zop said, sounding sad.

“Do you think you could help me fix it?” Zop asked.

“Of course I’ll help!” Poppy said excitedly.

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A spaceship is stranded in Brooklyn, New York. Can Poppy and her friends help get its owner back to Planet Z?

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