



Clone Alone

J3264 is one of thousands of clones who are travelling through space looking for a new planet to invade... and Earth looks perfect! J3264 is chosen to lead the invasion only his ship crash lands, leaving him stranded. All alone, J3264 disguises himself and is taken in by two humans, Krish and Sanvi, under the new name 'Jay'. But Krish and Sanvi show Jay that humans might not be so bad after all...

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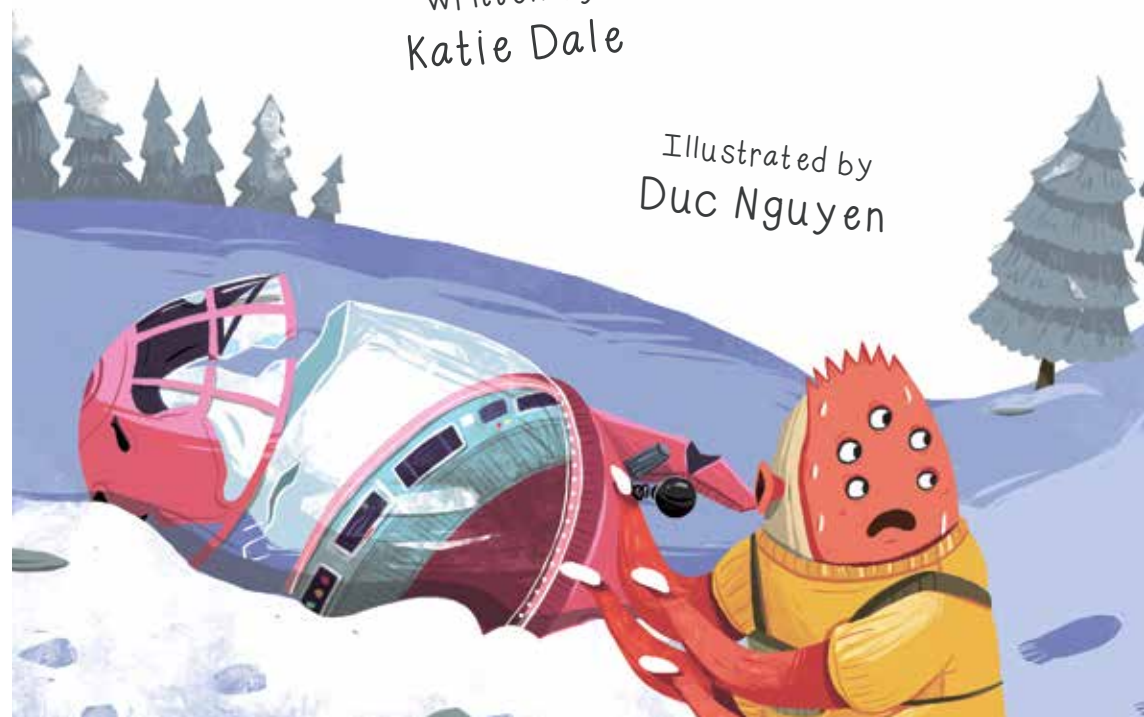
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Chapter 1

“We’re here!”

J3264 fizzed with excitement as he and his three hundred thousand clone brothers crammed against the windows of the Mother Ship.

“Let me see!” J3264 begged, struggling to see anything through the throng. Finally the crowds parted and he caught a glimpse of the planet below. His five eyes widened in wonder. For there was Earth: a swirling blue and green sphere, glowing in the darkness. He had never seen anything more beautiful.

“I can’t believe the humans are destroying such a perfect planet,” he sighed. “Don’t they know how lucky they are?”



“Not that lucky—we’re about to wipe them all out!”

H3876 commented, beside him.

“They’ll be wiped out anyway when they kill the Earth,” J3264 reasoned. “But at least we can save the planet and look after it properly. I can’t believe we’ve finally found a new home!” He beamed. “After seven thousand light years searching, I’d almost given up hope!”

H3876 grinned. “Never give up hope!”

“Attention!” the Commander yelled suddenly, and the clones fell silent. “It is time for the launch-first lottery!”

J3264 crossed his four red tentacles and twelve green toes. *Pick me! Pick me!* he wished silently. He loved his brothers, but living on a ship with three hundred thousand clones who all looked exactly the same, J3264 sometimes felt a bit... anonymous. He yearned to do something special with his life, to make a difference. Maybe today was his lucky day, the day he would finally be singled out for something important...

“The clone chosen to launch his space pod first is...”

J3264 held his breath.

“H3876!”

J3264 sighed heavily, then forced a smile for his brother. “Congratulations!”

H3876 grinned at him. “You want this more than me,” he said, quickly swapping their name badges. “You go instead. No one will ever know.”

J3264 stared at him in amazement. “Are you sure?”

“H3876, where are you?” the Commander yelled, gazing out at the three hundred thousand identical clones.

H3876 grinned and pushed J3264 forwards. “He’s here!”

The Commander’s frown relaxed. “Finally! Everyone take your positions!”

As everyone jumped into their space pods, J3264 hurried to the front. He flashed H3876 a grateful smile. For once, he was glad they all looked alike! Now he finally had a chance to do something important!

“Begin countdown! 5... 4...”

J3264’s tentacles tingled with nerves and excitement.

He couldn't believe he'd be the first to land on Earth!
How exciting!

"3, 2, 1... INVADE!"

J3264 zoomed towards the
Earth. The closer he got,
the more beautiful it
looked. Pinpricks of
light became cities,
then buildings, then

BANG!

There was a loud explosion!
BANG! BANG! BANG!

Hundreds of coloured sparks
filled the sky all around, shaking
the space pod with their loud noises.

**WHIRR! WHIZZ!
POP! BANG!**

J3264's four hearts beat fast. What was
going on?

"The humans are attacking!" the Commander's voice
crackled through J3264's headphones. "Retreat!"

His pulse racing, J3264 hurriedly turned his space
pod around to return to the Mother Ship.

But suddenly—

SMASH!

Blinding light filled his
vision and his space pod
lurched violently.

"Help!" he
called into his
communicator.
"My space pod's
been hit!"