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Zarkle believes that humans must be real, but no one on her planet has ever met one. Can she prove to her class that there is a possibility that humans exist?

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Chapter 1

No one on Planet Blobb thought humans existed. Well, no one except Zarkle. She was sure they did. After all, Planet Blobb couldn't be the only planet in the universe with life, could it?

Zarkle loved reading stories about humans. She loved the stories so much she would read three at once, one with each eye. The stories were called things like *The Day the*

Humans Came and Planet of the Humans.

No one seemed to know what a human might look like. Zarkle thought they might have two arms and maybe two eyes. That would be very strange.

If only she could meet a real human and find out!





Sometimes Zarkle just couldn't stop talking about humans. Her dad didn't mind, but her little brother made fun of her.

"You're silly! Humans aren't real!" Flon laughed.

"But you believe in Blobberfairies, Flon," said Zarkle. "If you can believe in those, surely I can believe in humans!"

On World Dream Day, the children all went to school dressed up as something from their dreams.

Zarkle made some hair out of strands of poppleweed. She drew hands and feet and stuck them on her tentacles. Then she covered up one of her eyes. She looked just like a human from her dreams!

It was fun seeing the other children's costumes.

“I’m Superblobber!” shouted Pryax.

“I’m a blobbercorn!” said Smig.

“I play floaty ball for Blobbers United!” lots of the children yelled.

Zarkle was the only one dressed as a human. At least, she thought she was...

Suddenly a strange upright creature with two legs walked towards her across the playground. Zarkle’s tentacles shook with excitement. A real human!

“I come in peace. Take me to your leader!” said a funny voice.

