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When five young people in Berlin receive a strange invitation, they begin an adventure that takes them to Greenland, Rwanda, South Africa and South America. During their adventure, they make some important friends... and a few enemies. Will the five find a way to help the Earth? Will the world listen to the "Earthkeepers"?

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- A glossary of difficult words
- Comprehension activities including B1 Preliminary style exercises
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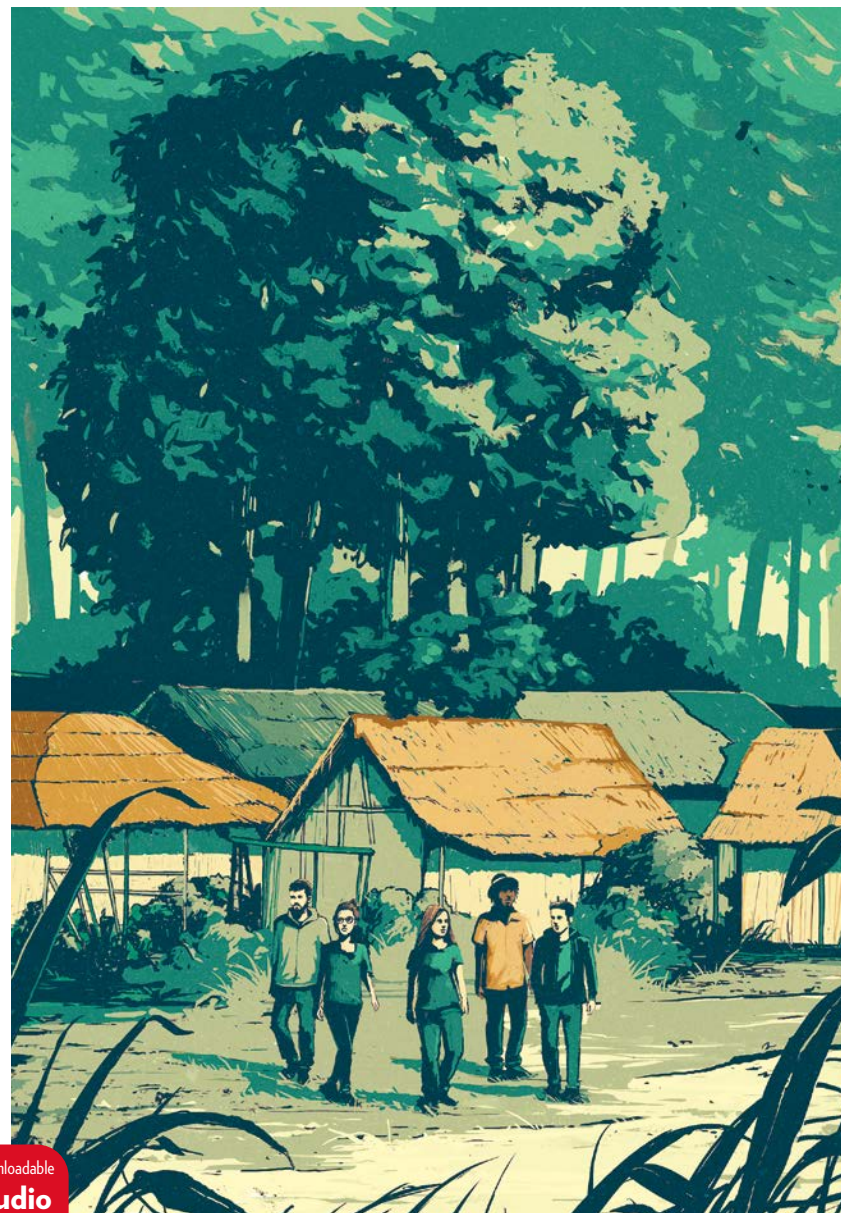
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Book brief

- 1 A story that shows us how we can all help to save our planet.
- 2 Set in different parts of the world, this adventure starts in Germany and ends up in Peru.
- 3 It tells the story of Claude and four other young people who meet for the first time in a German café. This is where their adventure to help the Earthkeepers starts.
- 4 They travel to different parts of the world and, through the internet, tell everyone what countries are trying to do to save our planet.
- 5 Main themes include working together, respecting nature, and modern communication techniques.

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He's from Germany and is good with computers.

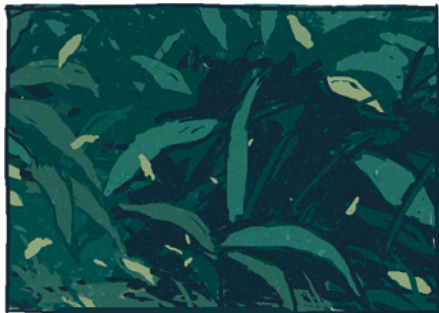
ARASH

Main Characters

She's a quiet girl from England.

NADIA





She's from Brazil and has a strong character.

JAKINDA



He's a musician from Rwanda and is friendly.

CLAUDE



He's from the USA and talks a lot.

AUSTIN



Before you Read

Vocabulary

- 1 **The Earthkeepers** is about five young people who have different jobs. Read the descriptions of the characters in this story, then choose the best job for them.

computer programmer • earth scientist •
website designer • musician • fashion writer

Name	Description	Country of Origin	Job
Claude	Friendly and smiles a lot; likes people to listen to him.	Rwanda	
Jakinda	Intelligent, has a strong character, cares a lot about the Earth.	Brazil	
Arash	Enjoys secrets; is good with computers.	Germany	
Austin	Likes clothes and looking good, talks a lot and can be loud.	America	
Nadia	Quiet and polite, good at art; often thinks about the bad things in life.	England	

- 2 **Cafés** are different around the world. What do people usually do in cafés? Choose from the list below.

- ☐ You ask for a coffee.
- ☐ You order a coffee or other hot drink.
- ☐ You make your own coffee.
- ☐ You ask the waiter or waitress for a coffee.
- ☐ You eat your own food there.
- ☐ You wait for a table to be free.



- 3 The person who tells this story plays the guitar and sings. Fill in the gaps with the correct word/s from the box.

band • musician • audience • radio station • record
pop • concert • songs • played

'Hi, do you like music? I love it! In fact music is my job, I'm a
1 My music is half traditional and half 2
I write all my own 3, which is such a great thing to do!
In my home country, I have four people in my 4, who play
with me. We recently did a 5 in our capital city.
We 6 well and the 7 danced all night.
I'm in Berlin now to 8 my new songs so I can sell them
to people all over the world. Last week, I got an email from a Berlin
9 – they want to play my music! When people hear my
music, they'll want to buy it, and I'll go home feeling very happy.'

Speaking and Writing

21st Century Skills

- 4 You've received an invitation, but you don't know who it's from.
Write some reasons to say yes or no to this invitation. Then discuss
your answers with a partner.

Do you want to travel the world? Meet new people? Become famous?

If your answer is yes, then go to the Sauers Café on the Rosa Luxemburg Strasse tomorrow at 3 p.m.

I don't think it's a good idea to say yes because...
I'll definitely go because...
I'd never say yes to this because...
I can wait in the café, and then...
I'd like to find out who...

- 1
2
3

The Strange Invitation

- ▶ 2 Hi! I'm Claude. I'm a musician and I'm in Berlin to record my new music. I'm pretty* happy with the songs, in fact one of them was played on a Berlin radio station last week, but that isn't the reason why I'm telling you this story. This story is about an adventure I never imagined I'd have, an adventure that changed my life.

Berlin has 760 radio stations that you can also listen to online.

It's the end of June. I'm early for an appointment at a café off Alexanderplatz in Berlin. I go in, order a coffee and sit in a corner. The café is cool, full of fashionable people. I'm waiting for someone... but I don't know who.

Last night, the German musicians and I played in a bar in the centre of Berlin. We had a great audience. At the end of the concert, the manager called me over. He had an envelope in his hand.

'Someone left this for you, Claude,' he said.

'Who?' I asked.

He shook his head. He didn't know.

I opened it. This is what I read.

Do you want to travel the world? Meet new people? Become famous?

If your answer is yes, then go to the Sauers Café on the Rosa Luxemburg Strasse tomorrow at 3 p.m.

Did they think I was crazy? Why would I go to a café to meet a

pretty (here) quite

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stranger? I started to tear the paper up, but then I saw something that made me stop.

On the other side was a picture. Ten people were looking out of a rainforest*. In front of them, at the bottom of a hill, a huge yellow machine was pushing over a tree. Behind the machine was a wide brown path without any plants. It seemed to go on forever.

Under the picture was written. "The Pachiu Tribe needs you!"

When I saw these rainforest people, and the damage to their forest, I became interested in my strange invitation. I decided to go to the café and wait and see who'd arrive. If I didn't like the look* of them, I thought, I could just leave.

It was three in the afternoon when a girl came into the café. She had long brown hair and light brown skin, and she was quite short. None of that was strange, of course, but she had a T-shirt with 'Eco Warrior*' written on it. That seemed important. She ordered a drink from the barista*, and sat at a table near me, but she kept looking at her watch. Had she left the envelope for me? It didn't seem likely. She looked shy and quiet.

I heard the door open again. I turned to see who was here. It was a guy, about my age, 22 or 23. He was very sure of himself. He walked straight to the bar.

'Hi, I'm Austin,' he said loudly, and in American English.

The barista was surprised. Austin didn't even try to speak German! 'Has anyone asked for me? I have to meet someone here at three,' he said.

So this was the person I was here to meet! I got up from my seat, and at the same time I saw the girl in the Eco Warrior T-shirt also get up, but a different girl reached Austin before us!

rainforest green forest in warm countries where it rains a lot

look appearance, how a person seems to you

eco warrior person who lives to save and protect life on Earth

barista person who makes your coffee in a café



‘Hi, I’m Nadia,’ she said to Austin. ‘I think you’re here to meet me.’

I took the strange invitation from my pocket and held it up. ‘Hi, I’m Claude. I think you’re meeting me, too!’ I laughed.

‘And I’m Jakinda,’ said the Eco Warrior girl, holding out her invitation.

‘Hey! Nadia, Claude, Jakinda! Good to meet you all! I’m Austin!’ said Austin, with that big smile. ‘So, why are we here?’

‘I think the answer is in here,’ someone said behind me. I turned round. This guy was wearing a hoodie*, so I couldn’t see his face. He was holding another envelope. ‘The barista gave it to me when I arrived.’

‘Who are you? And how did you know the envelope was here?’ I asked him.

‘I didn’t. I asked. I’m Arash,’ he said, pushing his hoodie back from his face with a smile. ‘I think we’re all going on an adventure. Shall we open this envelope and see what’s inside?’

I was surprised by Arash. I had watched everyone in the café, I’d seen Nadia, and the other girl but I hadn’t seen him. Later, I found out that Arash was good at hiding, especially in public! I didn’t know it then, but this was going to be a big help to us in the future.

Arash opened the envelope. Inside was a single piece of paper.

‘Thank you for agreeing to help the Pachiua tribe,’ Arash read. He gave us a look that said, ‘I’m not sure we’ve agreed yet!’ He was right, but this was fun.

‘Go on!’ I said, ‘What else does it say?’

Arash stopped. ‘Come on Nadia, Austin,’ he said, ‘at least come and read what it says. Then you can leave if you want.’

I was excited, but Nadia and Austin didn’t look happy.

Arash gave the paper to Nadia.

hoodie warm top that you wear, with a part you can put over your head



Greenland is the world's largest island, situated between the Arctic and Atlantic oceans.

'There's nothing on it,' said Nadia. Her voice told me she was English. She gave the paper to Austin.

'There are two words at the bottom. Look! Mekku and Qasapi,' he said. 'I wonder what they mean?'

He was becoming interested.

'They're names from Greenland,' Jakinda said, reading from her phone, 'Mekku is a girl's name and Qasapi is a boy's name.'

I was amazed. 'How do you know that?'

'I googled it!' she said, 'I'm an Earth scientist,' she added, 'it's my job to find things out.' She spoke good English but she didn't sound English. Maybe Spanish or Portuguese, I thought.

'And I'm a hacker*,' said Arash, 'it's my job to find things out too!'

'I think we need to know more about each other before we do anything else,' I said. 'I'm a musician and I'm from Rwanda. Jakinda you're a scientist...'

'... from Brazil.'

'I work with computers, and I'm from Berlin,' said Arash.

'I'm a designer, from London,' Nadia said. 'I work with magazines.'

We all looked at Austin. He looked good. He had smart, expensive clothes and his hair was perfect.

'I'm a fashion vlogger*, I make short films about fashion for the internet,' he said. 'I'm famous in the US, but no one knows me here!'

That seemed cool to me. I put my hand out, and we shook hands.

'OK, OK,' said Arash, 'Let's not waste any more time!' He took a small computer out of his pocket. 'My guess is we need to speak to these guys in Greenland.'

He wrote something with the computer.

hacker (here) someone who works a lot on computers and is good at finding hidden information

vlogger a person who films him/herself talking about a subject and shares the films on the internet

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‘Greenland is four hours behind us here in Berlin,’ said Jakinda, looking at her phone. ‘It’s three thirty here, which means it’s eleven thirty there.’

Jakinda was amazing. She laughed when she saw my face, and waved her phone at me.

‘I still don’t understand why we’re here,’ said Austin.

‘I agree,’ said Nadia, ‘Who are the Pachiuu? Why should we help them?’

Arash looked cross. I could see he wasn’t a patient person.

‘Look,’ I said, quickly, ‘why don’t we speak to these two people in Greenland? Maybe they can tell us something.’

Nadia and Austin looked at each other.

‘OK, why not?’ they said.

A table became free. We went over and ordered coffees and water from the waiter. Then we watched Arash. He worked fast. He wrote something on his computer, then stopped, waited, then wrote something else.

‘What are you doing?’ I asked.

‘Shh,’ Arash said. He sounded cross.

We waited in silence. Then Arash began to smile. He had a strange smile. It started at the corners of his mouth, but soon his whole face was smiling. I decided I liked him, even though he wasn’t at all patient.

He turned the computer screen round so that we could see it. Again, I was amazed. Two people wearing thick winter clothes were waving at us. They were standing on land, but behind them was the sea, and behind that was a huge wall of ice.

‘Hi, I’m Mekku,’ said the girl, ‘and this is Qasapi. Welcome to Greenland! We don’t have much time, so listen carefully!’

‘OK,’ I said, ‘we’re listening.’



Mekku started to speak, but I didn't hear what she said because at that moment there was a terrible noise. Mekku and Qasapi looked scared.

They turned the camera to show us the wall of ice. A dark line appeared in it, and then another. Then, with a noise like thunder, an enormous piece of ice dropped into the sea. Mekku and Qasapi shouted and ran. At least, they disappeared from the screen. All I could see was some grass and a pair of feet moving fast. Their breathing got louder and louder.

It was difficult to understand what was happening. After a couple of minutes, Mekku and Qasapi stopped. Then we saw why they were running. They turned their camera to show us. They were now on a hill. Below them, the sea was covering the land where they had stood only two minutes ago, and the piece of ice was getting closer.

'When the ice fell into the sea it made a huge wave,' explained Jakinda. 'We were lucky to get away!'

Mekku turned the camera away from the ice and we saw their faces again.

'That's why we don't have much time,' Qasapi said. He looked terrible, 'and that's why we want your help.'

'Are you the Pachia tribe?' Nadia asked.

Mekku shook her head. 'No, but when the Pachia asked for our help, we said yes. They're the Earthkeepers.'

'The what?' asked Austin,

'The Earthkeepers,' Mekku repeated, 'They told us the Earth is in danger, and we have to do something now before it's too late! Will you join us?'

Back in Berlin my new friends and I looked at each other. How could we say no?

'Yes,' I said, 'we'll do what we can.'





Reading B1 Preliminary

- 1 Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the text from Chapter 1.

When I saw these rainforest people, and the damage to their forest, I (1) interested in my strange invitation. I decided to go to the café and wait and see who'd arrive. If I didn't like the look of them, I thought, I could (2) leave. It was three in the afternoon when a girl came into the café. She had long brown hair and light brown skin, and she was (3) short. (4) of that was strange, of course, but she had a T-shirt with 'Eco Warrior' written on it. That seemed important. She ordered a drink from the barista, and sat at a table near me, but she kept looking (5) her watch. Had she left the envelope for me? It didn't seem (6) She looked shy and quiet.

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|---------------|------------|----------|------------|
| 1 A began | B had | C became | D were |
| 2 A only | B usually | C never | D just |
| 3 A quite | B enough | C such | D much |
| 4 A Something | B None | C Any | D Nothing |
| 5 A for | B forward | C down | D at |
| 6 A alike | B probably | C likely | D possibly |

Vocabulary

- 2 Complete the sentences from Chapter 1 with a word from the box.

back - over - off - on - up - in

- 1 The café was Alexanderplatz in Berlin.
- 2 Claude went and ordered a coffee.
- 3 The evening before, the bar manager had called Claude and had given him an envelope.
- 4 Claude started to tear the paper, but stopped suddenly.
- 5 The brown path in the picture seemed to go forever.
- 6 Arash pushed his hoodie from his face and smiled.

Grammar

3 Write questions for these answers. Use Chapter 1 to help you.

- 1
A Yes, I do. I love travelling and making new friends.
- 2
B No, no one's asked for you.
- 3
C I didn't know the envelope was here. The barista gave it to me.
- 4
D Yes, open it! I want to know what's inside!
- 5
E I googled it!
- 6
F Yes, let's speak to them. They might be able to tell us something.

Pre-Reading Activity • Chapter Two

Speaking and Writing

21st Century Skills

4 Read what Claude says, then write three things that could happen next, and discuss your answers with a partner.

'I got to bed very late, around half three in the morning. It was late when I woke up. I had to hurry to get to the Sauers Café on Rosa Luxemburg Strasse. I got to the door and stopped. What if none of the others were there? What if they'd decided not to join this strange adventure? What if I never saw them again?'

- 1 I think
- 2 I don't think
- 3 I wonder if