

Archie's Homework

Archie groaned, though it was quiet, Mia could hear him mumble, "More science homework?"

"Come on, it's fun!" shouted Mia. She said it very loudly. Mia was very enthusiastic about everything. She was very, very, cheerful and even more friendly. When school was over, Archie dashed over to his friends, Norman, Lily, and of course, Mia! They were all headed to Norman's house. "We can use my mom's computer to research space!" said Norman. They walked over to Norman's house.

When they got there, Norman showed them to his mom's study. When Mia saw the computer, she immediately started frantically trying to type up the names of planets. But she ended up typing "fhaliseufkh" instead. Then Norman started typing. He typed the names of the planets Saturn, Jupiter, and Mars. While Norman was typing, Archie got so bored that he fell asleep with his head on his paper.

Archie suddenly felt himself falling through a tunnel that felt like it would never end. His eyes fluttered open. "Where am I?" he asked himself.

Back in Norman's mother's study, his friends looked up from the computer. "Where's Archie?" asked Lily. They looked at his paper.

"He hasn't written anything yet!" commented an annoyed Mia, as she picked up his paper. She felt her thumb drift through the paper. She put her other hand on the paper. Her other hand went through also. Then she examined the paper. A horrified look spread across her face. Lily and Norman stared at the paper. There was Archie, standing on one of Saturn's rings. Mia set the paper on the floor and jumped onto it, and felt herself falling through the paper. Then Lily jumped through, and Norman lowered himself down too. They all landed on the same ring of Saturn as Archie.

Norman's mom's computer had been bumped by Norman's elbow when he jumped into the hole, and it too, fell into the dark tunnel. Meanwhile, Archie and his friends were searching their pockets for useful items, like scraps of paper, or pens. But all they found was a couple thermometers from yesterday's science lesson. Archie and his friends saw a strange machine moving toward them. If Archie squinted hard enough he could see the driver. It was a six eyed alien with tentacles. When the alien

landed the vehicle, it handed them a sheet of paper covered with writing and then it flew away in its vehicle. Mia started to read aloud the first sentence on the paper to the rest of her friends "It says; "What is the hottest planet in the solar system?"

"The sun!" answered Lily.

"But that's not a planet!" Archie commented.

Mia smirked, "So you *were* listening!"

"Let me have that!" shouted Norman. "That does not *only* say the question, it has three choices." He started to read them aloud: "The sun, Saturn, or Venus." And, for the next few minutes, they were silent.

Finally, Lily spoke up. "I know the answer," she declared proudly, "It is the sun!"

"NO. Give me your thermometer." Mia carefully studied it quickly then threw it onto Saturn.

"What did you just do?" wailed Norman.

"I threw a thermometer, what does it look like I did?" Mia said in an annoyed way.

"Uh... um, something not worth doing?" Norman mumbled under his breath.

"No I am measuring the temperature of Saturn!" Mia responded in an unsatisfied way.

"Oh."

"Well, hand me your telescope Archie."

"What telescope??!!?"

"The one on your head!" Mia snatched the telescope from his head and looked through the telescope at the thermometer. She squinted hard so she could read it, she wrote the temperature on the *back* of the paper. Then she threw her thermometer onto Venus and wrote that temperature down, too. She read the results aloud. "Venus seems to be hotter," declared Mia as she wrote the temperature on the *front* this time. Then, Norman read the second question, "What is the sun?"

"A planet, a marshmallow, or a star," listed Archie.

"A star!" exclaimed Mia. She wrote it down before anyone else could say anything. Mia read the next question: "What is the closest planet to the Sun?" Lily lifted the telescope from *Norman's* head, and looked out towards the Sun. She saw a planet close to it and remembered the science lesson from that day where they saw pictures of planets. She recognized the planet they were looking at as Mercury. Suddenly, Archie heard someone yelling his name. "Archie! wake up!"

Archie's eyes opened. He found himself staring at his friends. The computer was in its place. His paper was on the table. He realized it was all a dream. "Are you ready to do more Science?" Mia asked. Archie just smiled.

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