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A STORYBIRD BOOK

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This book is dedicated to the students and teachers who worked together at this e-twinning project.

What's Next? is an e-Twinning Project

ABOUT "WHAT'S NEXT?"

This project aims to encourage students to write in English . Partner countries from Spain, Turkey, Latvia and Azerbaijan will complete each others' stories. Students will also add pictures according to theme in the stories. The power of art will be included into language learning. Our more general aim is to promote intercultural awareness of students mainly, teachers and local communities of participating countries through stories and to develop the values of active European citizenship based on understanding, mutual respect and tolerance for other nations. When the students complete the other students' stories, they will be very aware of the cultural and social attitudes of partner countries. Both a hard copy and a digital e-book will be published as final products. Students reading, understanding and writing skills will be assessed at the end of the project.

AIMS OF "WHAT'S NEXT?"

To encourage reading and writing pleasure through a variety of creative activities and crafts.

To encourage students to develop their language learning abilities.

To teach about some literature genres through eTwinning.

To encourage students to become active users of English language through stories.

To encourage students to be productive.

To encourage students to use web2.0 tools to add visual materials for the stories.

To create intercultural awareness.

To help our students realize the European dimension of eTwinning - To use technology in a creative way.

EXPECTED RESULTS OF "WHAT'S NEXT?"

-Practicing writing and reading skills in English.

Writing and publishing a digital short story book illustrated by students.

Having positive attitude towards intercultural differences.

Practicing communication skills in English.

SPANISH-TURKISH COLLABORATION

EIGHT GHOSTS



A family in Madrid had decided to move to Paris, due to work reasons. The next day the family visited their future house. Anabel said that the house was too mysterious. Anabel is the little sister. She's just 4 years old. Her parents weren't paying much attention to her as they continued with the visit until they found a bedroom that had 5 mirrors. Anabel fell in love with this and she said that she would like to sleep there, so it was decided: That would be Anabel's bedroom. Her older sister said that she liked the bedroom too, but when she went to the bathroom, she

saw a bedroom with 3 doors in front of her and she loved it more than Anabel's bedroom.

The first day the parents spent the night out, so the two girls stayed for the first time at their bedrooms. (a Spanish student)

Anabel woke up crying in the middle of night. When she woke up she saw a ghost in the mirror. She looked at the mirror on her right and left. But she saw different ghost. Then she screamed. When Elizabeth heard it she wanted go to sister's bedroom. But the door didn't open. She tried to open the other doors. Finally one of them opened. She ran to Anabel's bedroom. But Anabel was sleeping. She thought she might heard wrong. She went back to her bedroom. She tried to sleep. When she woke up she tried to open the doors again. The doors didn't open. She told this event to her family. Her father came and he tried to open the doors. But the doors opened. (a Turkish student)

LOVE IS IN THE HOUSE



It's been already one year since Amber's parents got divorced. Everything has been different since then. Now she lives with her father, Jake, and her brother in the house of the new girlfriend of her father, her name is Sophia, and she has a son, Mike. Amber is not very happy with this situation. Lately Amber and Mike have started to argue too much and this is not very good for the family. They don't have anything in common. Both of them have the same age, there are 16. The rest of the family think that this is normal and they don't pay too much attention to them.

The thing is that in only a few months the situation had totally changed. They started going out together, making plans to go to many places... Jake and Sophia got surprise when they saw them making all of these things, but they preferred that they got on well... (a Spanish student)

One day,they gone camping on the forest, Jake and Sophia making the tent and camp area. Amber gone alone around at the forest and time was too late.Mike worried about she. He was looking for she. She was injured her leg. (a Turkish student)

DRS. MR. AND MRS. SMITHS



Florida, 1997. The world has been destroyed by solar radiation. No one survived not even plants or animals. Only two young scientists escaped to the moon in their spaceship, they brought food and water to survive only for 20 years. Both of them managed to get there but their spaceship broke while landing. Since then, they've fought to survive.

The Moon, 2016. Only 2 months are left, Drs Mr. and Mrs. Smith are looking for a way to return back to planet Earth. They only have enough food to survive two months and they don't have their spaceship repaired. In these almost 20 years Jack and Taylor have made many scientific discoveries, all of them related

to their health. Now they must begin building the spaceship to return to Earth. (a Spanish student)

While they were repairing the spaceship,they noticed a bright stone shinming.They tok the stone to their spaceship to excimine it.They discovered that stone is powerful enough to run the spaceship.They went back the place,they found the stone and searched around.They found the more Stones and an old spaceship.They took the nerssary parts from their spaceship and repaired theirs.Now they are ready to go back.It took one month to go back to the World.However,the World won't the same place when they left.Ever thing was upside down and people were very strange.They weren't ever people anymore.They have two arms,two legs,one head but they look very strange...(a Turkish student)

BURGLAR



My name is Maddie. Let me tell you about my last three weeks. I saw things that I never expected to endure, so get comfortable and keep reading.

Three weeks ago, I started to go to the gym with my friends. One of these days I saw my neighbour in my dancing classes watching us. When we finished, he got close to me and asked me if we could go together to our house. We really became very good friends and I started to spend a lot of time with him.

Such good friends we had become, that my mum invited him to a family's barbeque. My family and friends were dancing and having a good time when he appeared with a cake for my little brother and a lot of presents. My mum welcomed him like a son. However, two days later my brother went to the hospital since he was really sick. From then on everything changed.

(a Spanish student)

One day ago from his birthday, Tom (our neighbour son) stayed at our house to help us. Tom was planning on stealing the jewels in our safecase. He already found the safecase's place. That night, John (my little brother) saw the basement door open. He wondered and came to the door. Tom was talking to his friend on the phone to decode the safecase. At that time, John knocked his arm to the door and Tom looked at where the sound came. He quickly escaped to his parents and Tom could not capture him. John told his family that he had just had a bad dream because he was unsure of his fear and whether those had been the truth. Tom didn't want to leave any evidence behind him. He replaced what he had stolen and returned quietly to his room so that no one

would notice. He didn't sleep all night because he didn't know what to do. His new plan was to kill John. In the morning, he acted like nothing happened. It's worked out that John's cake and the drinks weren't set. He said he could have them. He put poison in John's drink. This poison may only look like food poisoning, but it would kill him if he couldn't get it on time. John drank his drink unaware of the poison. The venom effect was late, and two days later, John was hospitalized for vomiting blood. All the organs were damaged, though not too late. He was unconscious. It wasn't known if he'd wake up. All the organs were damaged, though not too late. He was unconscious. It wasn't known if he'd wake up. Tom was waiting for John's death to himself is on the safe side. A week later, Tom woke up. Maddie heard him sing the truth. Maddie... (a Turkish student)

EMMA



Once upon a time in a house of a village lived Emma, a blonde woman with brown eyes and her daughter Blair, who had brown curly hair and green eyes. They had a little brown dog called Charlie. The village was a bit scary because their inhabitants were so strange. They didn't talk to any one and they used to stay always in their houses. One day, Blair was walking on the street with Charlie, when they found a strange girl walking the same way.

She had an unhealthily bad looking colour of skin and she wasn't walking correctly. Blair and Charlie started to run away. (a Spanish student)

Blair and Charlie were running to forest. The forest names Dark Forest. They began to rest in the shade of a tree. A burned hand touched Blair's shoulder. Blair turned his head and he faced with horror. The girl who followed them was behind them. The started to again to the dip of the forest. They had moved away from home. The darkness of the night fell on the forest. Emma had a lot of fear. Her daughter and dog were still not around. Her mother came out and started search for them. She stepped across Emma, her face wrinkled, That horrible girl showed from dark forest looking at Emma's face. Emma ran into the woods with fear. (a Turkish student)

FEARS



Imagine you woke up one day and suddenly your whole world was upside-down Everything you believed in suddenly doesn't make any sense. You feel alone and helpless. That's how I feel right now, in this tiny room locked up by some strange men. You probably don't know what I'm talking about so I guess I'll have to start from the beginning.

It all started a couple weeks ago. I woke up late, like I did most Saturdays, but when I left my room I found the house empty. There was no sign of my parents or siblings. I checked everywhere, even the backyard. I tried calling, but I couldn't reach them. I was starting to get worried. I ate breakfast and got dressed quickly. I was leaving my house to go to the police station, when a black van stopped in front of my house. Three men stepped out of the van wearing black suits and sunglasses and grabbed me, forcing me into the van with men. I tried to fight

them but they were too strong for me. They gagged me and blindfolded me.

I'm not sure how long we drove for, but it felt like ages to me. Finally, we arrived at our destination. They took off the blindfold so I could walk. I was standing in a sort of clearing in the middle of nowhere in front of a huge glass building. Without saying anything they pushed me inside and took me down some hallways to the room I find myself in right now.

(a Spanish student)

I am looking around. Everywhere is white and so cold. There are too many lamps. The room is empty. I can't understand what's happening. I'm so scared. I'm walking to corner. Now, I'm sitting and my head between my legs. I'm thinking why I'm here? What happened to my family? What will be to me?

Suddenly, the lamps closed down. I startled! There is no light. I closed my eyes. When I heard some vibrations, I opened my eyes. Now, I'm in a kind of pool. Thanks to God, there is no water, because there is glass lid on the pool.

Now, I'm feeling water under my feet. Damn it! I'm looking around. Where is source? Where this water coming from? It started rise. I can't breathe despite the water is on my shoulder length. I'm so scaring. What should I do? My biggest fear is happening to me and I'll die drowning!

I don't know who are this bad men but they know my fears.

(a Turkish student)

MIDNIGHT FOREST



I know they have told me a lot of times that I shouldn't come to the forest after midnight, but everyone wanted to go to Lydia's party at the lake house, which was just at the other side of the forest.

My parents always told about the monsters that live there, but I knew they just didn't want me to be there and there aren't any beasts who go human-hunting after midnight

It was half past eleven and I was crossing the forest to go to Lydia's party. I was near but I didn't hear any music, any voices...till a bird flock appeared from nowhere...

Giant shadows, screams, animals running in opposite directions.... and then I saw it...They were real... (a Spanish student)

I started to run but I lost my direction . The monsters were around me they multiplied and began to attack me .I started to lose my consciousness then I woke up I saw a fairy in front of me

I was shocked .The fairy talked to me but I don't understand.After the fairy touched,me something happened to me.I started to understand her.I felt powerfull and magical.I noticed that I have some special powers.I flew up to the sky.I was very happy .I saw the lights the party house.I heard the people's whispers .I can fly see the for hear the whispers from a long distance what happened to me I don't how I am very happy . (a Turkish student)

I CAN DO IT TOO



My name is Caroline, my life has always been a mess . I had a brother called Adam , and two sisters called Alex and Sam , they were older than me .

My mum Sabrina was the most supportive person in this world: she was kind , lovely , intelligent ...

But my father Fred was completely the opposite , he was angry all the time, he was very aggressive , he never showed us love (a Spanish student)

One day,while I was repairing my bicycle . My dad

-You are clumsy,Caroline

I was sorry.He always behaved badly.But mom didn't behave like that . It was night.

Suddenly , I heard a voice . I got up. My mom and dad were fighting. I went to the bedroom. My dad said;

-Caroline isn't my child.

-I know that,Fred.

Really? That can't no true. I am sorry . Suddenly ,I went out. I want to cry.Who am I? What is my name? While I was thinking this. I found myself in the park. I stood. I looked around crying . How is that possible?

(a Turkish student)

ENDLESS



I felt it. I don't know what it was, but I felt it. I was at the bus stop last night. Probably, I was too alone to be there. A worker of the station told me that the next bus would be the last one of the night, because the streetlights didn't work as well as they had expected and bus drivers couldn't see the road. I wasn't scared of that; I have always considered myself brave. Besides, there has never been any accident in this town, so I felt calm. Fifteen minutes later, the bus arrived. As usual, I paid 2.50\$ and I sat on the first row of seats. But when the bus started, every single thing was different for me. Everything was darker; a lot of strange sounds were playing in my head while I was seeing some terrify faces in the window. Despite this fact, I didn't feel scared until I saw the face of the bus driver. My head kept repeating just one thing: Why are you here? (a Spanish student)

The driver was getting fast. I was getting scared. I had to keep my temper. Because I knew if I didn't stay calm so I can't

escape here. My only purpose was getting out of here. While I was thinking about these, suddenly the bus stopped. The driver wasn't moving. When I looked out of the window, I realized this place was a graveyard. The driver stood up and he started to walk up to me. I was really afraid. Somehow, I had to get out from this bus I broke for the door but the door was locked. As soon as I and the driver came eye to eye, I got scared stiff and I passed out. When I opened my eyes, I saw the driver in a pit, digging a grave. He hadn't noticed me. There was another shovel near the grave. I grabbed the shovel and hit his head. He was unconscious. He was laying motionless in the grave. I buried him. I had done it. Now I had to go home. I was walking towards home. It was really dark and I was hearing creepy noises. I'd never seen Baker Street as scary as this before. While I was looking for where the noise coming from, I saw the same faces that I from the bus window. I was panicked. Just as I thought this nightmare was over, I realized it hadn't even started yet. I started to run towards my house. When I got to door, they were right behind me. Now my mother was going to open the door and this nightmare was going to end soon. I rang the doorbell. But the one who opened the door wasn't my mother, it was the bus driver that I buried. What was I going to do now?

(a Turkish student)

TURKISH-LATVIAN COLLABORATION

JESSY



Jessy is from Arjantin. She lives in a small flat in San Juan with her mother. Jessy's mother is Rosa .Rosa is Jessy's stepmother .

Tomorrow is a big day for Jessy. She is going to the airport ,she is flying to London.She will stay at the academy .Jessy plays volleyball very well. Academy gives very good volleyball education . Jessy is exciting but Rosa is sad because Rosa loves her stepdaughter very much .

(a Turkish student)

She doesn't stand on her way. She sends her there to reach her goals. She becomes the number one. Rosa makes the companies build schools for her step-mom after she dies.

(a Latvian student)

MY BABYSITTER



Maria went to Yorkshire to look after her sick mother and she would come back two days later. George (Maria's husband) was looking forward to see her. Because she had twins who knew no boundaries. They were three years old and their names were Alexis and Nadya. It was 21.50. As usual, it was a warm summer night. George had put the twins to sleep. He was so tired, he fell asleep on the couch in the nursery. He would probably start with low back pain new day. Actually they had a strange babysitter to help them but that night she . . . (a Turkish student)

SCARY MIXTURE



The Professor was working on an experiment. It was late. He was making mixture with his assistant. Nearly 2 weeks ago, he got an assistant for help. Assistant was learning chemistry from professor.

Professor's mixture was very strong. He should add the last substance. He wanted help from his assistant. But assistant gave wrong substance. The mixture erupted and splashed to professor's hand. His hand damaged badly. They immediately called 911 and they went to hospital.

(a Turkish student)

CLAUDIA



Claudia was walking on the bridge while the bitter wind cut her face. This winter had been passing colder than previous winters. She was crossing to the bridge to go work at the downtown hospital. It would be a tiring night shift. When she arrived to the middle of the bridge, her thoughts faded out with the shiny blast over the city . There was a huge light circle next to the Big Lebowski Skyscraper She could not take her eyes form that circle and started to run to the city. (a Turkish student)

MYSTERIOUS MYSTERY



In the province of Ontario, Canada, there was a hospital from 1925 to stay. According to stories there were strange events in the hospital. The mystery of this hospital has not yet been resolved. A student at the University of Ottawa, Elise, wanted to investigate the mystery of this hospital. But a few her friends said the hospital could be dangerous. Elise didn't give up. Elise prepared the next day and set off. She first met with the head physician at the hospital. The head physician said that what is told is not true. Elise received permission from the head physician to visit the hospital. Elise went upstairs first and visited patients. Some of the patients were doing strange movements. It was like they were scared of something. Then Elise went to the morgue with the doctor. The blue bracelet in the arms of the people who died in the morgue attracted Elise's attention. Elise asked to doctor: Why they wore blue bracelets? Doctor said, those who die are brought to the morgue and these bracelets are attached to

their arms. These indicate that the patient is dead. Elise was surprised. Then she came out of the morgue. There was no mystery as they said. Now it was time to go home. She got on the tenth floor elevator. There was one patient next to her. The elevator stopped on the fifth floor and the door opened. There was a little boy waiting outside the door. Boy, is it moving down? he asked. After Elise looked at the boy for a while, she said, “No, it’s moving up”. She pressed the button and the elevator’s door closed. Patient, why didn’t you let the boy take the elevator with us? he asked. Elise said : (a Turkish student)

WHITE MERCEDES



He had spent his a year and half for perfect murder plan and there was plan even more perfect he was ready to take revenge of five year he took his shower wore his gloves and his black plain coat went down the stairs with sure steps he opened the doors of the White Mercedes car and just as he was about to get in the car

he got a message he started to after reading the message he frowned he started to sweat his heart began to beat quickly. He started to look around .then he got another message he began to stare at the houses around the message says: (a Turkish student)

DEBBIE



One day, Debbie was walking. She is beautiful, tall and thin. She saw a dog. Her dog name is Dave. The dog is terrible. It had black string. The dog started to talk. It said “Where are you

going? “. Debbie was surprised. “What’s happening?” she said herself. She didn’t understand what happened. The dog repeated: Where are you going? Debbie replied: I’m going my home. The dog said “ Can I come with you?”. Debbie said “ Yes, you can come. The dog was happy. Debbie and the dog were walking. Suddenly, they saw a cat. The cat’s name is Molly. Molly is so cute. (a Turkish student)

She also spoke. Debbie got surprised but she enjoyed, too. She went on walking and talkin to these two strange animals. They said they came from a universe where no people live. Debbie wanted to visit that universe. Cat and Dog told her to close her eyes and count to 10. When she opened her eyes, it was interesting, she was in her own bed.

-Why? How? she asked herself.

Truth is that was another hallucination of a kid with a terrible illness.

(a Latvian student)

Some stories weren’t completed at all. We wanted the readers also to use their imagination to complete the stories as they want.

LATVIAN-SPANISH-TURKISH COLLABORATION

WHAT HAVE HAPPENED

Smell's like petrol, WHAT HAVE HAPPEND, where am I? Oh, is that an airplane? Such a beautiful mountains, trees, but oh no, a lot of them just burned down. How am I supposed to survive? Is there anyone still alive? Ohhh nooo I think NO... So what now, maybe I'll just calm down... OK now let's move on, by just calming down and thinking of the best solution. OH WAIT IS THAT A CAR... (a Latvian student)



GERMAN BOY



A long, long time ago.... roughly at the beginning of the 20th century... in a faraway, mythical land... called Germany there lived a young German boy who dreamt of becoming a great and renown artist. Little did he know that the art schools would reject him and he'd have to pursue a different path in life. His dream was further crushed by an unforeseen and horrific event - the first world war. Even as he was conscripted into the army, he dreamed of one day at least working on his other passion - politics. (a Latvian student) His name was Adolf, the best dictator of the past... His father wanted him to be an officer, but he didn't have that dream. He wanted to be a painter. He was the most famous artist of his time... ..That's why they were interrupted. A few years have passed. Adolf was 18. When he was this old, he lost both his mother and his father. In fact, the father had a disability for his dream, and no one could stand in front of him. Who would have known that everyone would know him in the

future... In the hope of becoming a painter, he applied for an Academy exam and couldn't get the result he expected, but he became more determined. Immediately after his fate will affect 1. He volunteered for the Bavarian army during World War II. After the defeat of the Germans, Adolf founded the German Labor Party with seven friends. And recently, he ran the party. In a short time, the party has reached a large audience. He named his fans "Nazi." He called himself and his fans "führer". In a short time, the party became stronger by addressing large segments of the population. He attempted a coup against the state, but failed. He was sentenced to 10 months in prison. He wrote a book in 10 months: Mein Kampf . The book was removed because it caused riots in the country. None of them could put out Adolf's determination. On the contrary, this book has led to new initiatives. Although his party failed in the early elections, he was elected in the other elections. His first job was to change the Constitution. Did it... He banned all other parties in the country. In order to prepare for war in Germany, unemployment has created a large field of work. 2. The European Union (EU) was founded in 1951 (Treaty of Paris), by France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands to Pool Power. It was inevitable that he lost the war. Adolf committed suicide with his wife in despair. He printed his name over and over again in history. Adolf Hitler, the greatest dictator of the twentieth century... (a Turkish student)



3. BIRTHDAY



It's the day before your birthday. You're scrolling through the pictures on your phone. You notice a new one: it's taken by somebody else. In the picture you're just sleeping in your bed, your room is pitch dark and there's someone laying next to you. It's a little girl, but she isn't sleeping. She's looking directly at the camera and smiling very creepy. The little girl is holding a sign- Happy birthday. The photo is taken at midnight. You immediately get scared. (a Latvian student)

You were trembling with fear. You're surprised at what you've been through .Who is this little girl ?Why did she do such a thing?The face of the girl was not clear because the environment was pitch dark .You are looking at the photos for hours.You have a lot of questions .you think for hours and don't understand how time passes.It had been morning .Your birthday.You are sleepless.you just feel fear .the time is moving on .You are about to be late for work .You're getting ready

immediately. You arrived at work .Work place was quite calm. Time had gone too fast .It was evening .You're going home .You are very uneasy when you enter the apartment .

The moment you enter the house you are happy birthday the sounds of your loved ones. An unfamiliar face among the people you love .but a familiar face. Your mother, father co-workers, siblings, boss, husband and little girl .Thşs girl was the husband's ex-wife's child. (a Turkish student)

EMPTY OF HUMANS



The streets were empty of any humans. Only the looming shadows dared to be outside at night. Moon was shining so horribly bright but the light didn't seem to reach the ground.

The deathly quiet night was disturbed by a door slamming. A figure darted out on the street. It ran as fast as it could. The figure had a visible limp to their step. Blood trailed behind them.

There was a sudden bright light which startled the figure. The light illuminated the pale boy's face. His greenish- yellow eyes were wide with terror and his mouth was agape revealing his abnormally sharp teeth.

He was cradling his bleeding arm and if you looked closer, you could see the watercolor bruises peeking out from under his dirtied white gown.

There was shouting and the alarms started blaring.

That seemed to startle the boy as he quickly ran into an alleyway. He kept running until he spotted a dumpster.

He scrambled to hide behind it.

He held his breath and waited.

And waited.

When he couldn't hear the shouts he finally allowed himself to relax. His head hung limply. Silent tears ran down his face leaving streaks on his bloody skin.

He was so tired.

So tired of this corrupted city. The city where people went to have a better life but ended up discarded by the government. This place is built on bodies. This year, 2130, was the worst. Nowadays, only the rich had a chance to survive. Quite literally.

He was one of those people. But now he had so many regrets of coming here.

He didn't even remember his name.

He let out a bitter laugh at this thought.

How cruel of this city to take away his own name.

He sighed and stood up. His legs were aching and he could barely feel his wounded arm. He had to keep going. He had no choice. (a Latvian student)

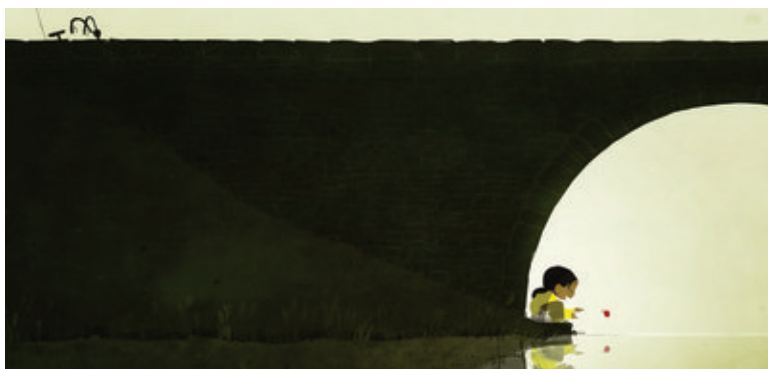
He had to look for shelter before the cold became unbearable, even though with all the adrenaline pumping through his blood he didn't feel it yet. He knew he needed to take care of his wounded arm, even if he did heal faster than humans it could still get infected.

He had just escaped the "rehabilitation centre" for his kind, where he had been kept for a few days now.

He laughed bitterly at that thought. Everybody knew that they didn't rehabilitate anyone, they just conducted experiments on them to get who knows what, but it was just easier to turn a blind eye.

He'd been lucky, and he knew that, not many were as lucky as him, they'd barely touched him, at least that he could remember, since they drugged him constantly. They hadn't had enough time to do anything to bad to him yet. But he wasn't stupid, he heard the screams through the walls of pure agony and the begging, until they could barely even pronounce words anymore. He had one chance to get away while they were distracted and didn't think twice before running for his escape. He only took one bullet to the arm that he knew he'd survive. (a Spanish student)

PROJECT 7



In the year of 1998, at Gran Telescopio Canarias scientists discovered a huge meteorite making his way towards the planet earth.

It was moving with the speed of 11km/sec and it was located near the Saturn.

The scientists calculated the space between the earth and Saturn and it was approximately 1.2 billion kilometers.

They used those numbers to calculate the time when the meteor will strike the earth, so they took 1.2 and divided it with 11, then they kept dividing it two times with 60 and at the end divided the outcoming number one last time with 24.

In result they finally came up to conclusion that the meteor will strike earth after 1 262 days, but the question is, what will happen next, and how will scientists solve this problem? (a Latvian student)

Scientists have done a lot of work to prevent the meteor. Time passed like water. Two days before the meteor hit the Earth. But they still haven't developed an effective defense mechanism.

James close, one of the former programmers, suggested to launch Project "Project 7". But this project was sent to space a long time ago, so it needed to be updated. And it wasn't even known if it was working. Because it was forbidden by the government to activate it. Everyone was a guarantor.

James and his friend Katty started working on Project 7. First, they found a hacker and broke the security net. Over time, some information has been deleted, so they have reinstalled them. When everything was ready for the update, it was five hours before the meteor hit. They were supposed to go to the space base immediately for the update. And of course, they had to run away from the cops who wanted to catch them because they broke the security net. When they arrived at the space station, Katty got himself caught so James could get in and drew attention to himself. James came in and ran the system with his friend Bill's card and completed the updates. In the last three seconds, the project destroyed seven meteors.

They did not accept the fate they were given and fought. They were no longer a criminal, but a hero of the world. (a Turkish student)

TOBY



Toby was just an average sixteen years old boy. He was living in San Francisco, California. Toby was really close with his dad because his mother died when he was a baby.

It was a beautiful day and Toby just went out with his friends. They walked past a television store and they saw news. The reporter said that Toby's dad was the most wanted criminal in America. (a Latvian student)

Toby was terrified. He should have asked his father. He had not believed because his father was a good man. After many years the truth broke out. He wasn't the real criminal. Actually he was the innocent one. But it was too late, he was already dead. (a Turkish student)

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JINGWANG



It's year 2020 and Jinwang has just graduated Tsinghua university and he still is in shock of how his graduation day ended. He didn't even have a chance to say goodbye to the person that meant most to him.

While he was walking through the park a few squares from his apartment in Beijing, warm summer wind blew in his brown eyes that had filled with still, cold tears.

For the last few hours he was trying to get himself together because he didn't want to seem vulnerable and weak next to his roommates, but he wasn't able to calm down. (a Latvian student)

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ATROX

Oh, it's that dream again.



Atrox , was clearly aware that he was within a dream.

Were the dreams where you could clearly tell that “this is a dream and you can control it” called lucid dreams? While thinking so, Atrox always saw this recurring dream.

The dream was set in a basement somewhere. It wasn't very large. It was about the size of a school classroom. And, in the dark room, a single woman was on her knees wholeheartedly offering her prayers.

The surroundings, from the walls, to the floor, and to the ceiling, were made entirely out of stone. That appearance was what lead Atrox to guess that the place was a basement.

The only sources of light were some candles, whose flame was gently burning.

The woman's age seemed to be under twenty. He couldn't think why she was praying, and in the next moment he woke up... (a Latvian student)

...a few days have passed after the dream and now Antrox is going on a fieldtrip with his school. They're going to the militar base in California and he's so excited about it. He's on the bus while he's thinking about his dream. They all arrived and Antrax feel something strange in the man who was guidin their. The man looked like an old person with a lot of scares in his face, long white hair and very shining blue eyes.

They become with the tour and the man with a strange appearance say that in the building is found a secret basement. Antrox remember the dream and now he has to know all about that basement. (a Spanish student)

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SCREAMS



The moon was bright that night. The night when the air was filled with the scent of lavender, so sweet yet suffocating. The crimson petals of the fallen mixed with the lavender hues of the

flowery field creating an image that can't be forgotten. The screams of anguish followed by chants of "Do it for the king! We serve the king! Do as he pleases! ", broke the silence of the night. All of this bloodshed for a lone crystal atop a hill, rumored to end any and all suffering that the people of the kingdom may face. And among all the fallen, a body can be seen barely alive. The grass mixed with the flowers form a soft padding under him, luring him into the darkness that awaits him. One wrong movement was all it took to bring him down, the slash of a sword against his abdomen. The feeling in his fingers and toes long gone, numbness taking its place. In the corner of his eyes he could see darkness, yet he wasn't afraid, all he could think about was the clear sky that was filled with bright, scattered lights, just like his thoughts. Just before he lost consciousness a woman appeared above him with concern written all over her face, but the only thought, that crossed his mind was: "An angel?", and that's when he gave up and slipped into unconsciousness. (a Latvian student)



10.MIX OF EVERYTHING



The year is 1931. The second commercial flight between Baku and Ankara. There are only three passengers on the plane- a Latvian, an Azeri and a Turk. The plane lifts off without any hiccups. The sky is empty, no planes, no birds, no clouds and no wind. Suddenly the plane is hit with strong turbulence. The pilot calmly announces that the plane is overloaded and will crash if it does not lose weight in the next 3 minutes. (a Latvian student)

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YASUO



Once upon a time, there was a young teenager called Yasuo, who lived in sewers. He was only 15 and he had no family, so he learned to survive in the streets. What happened to his parents, nobody knew. But he became very strong, because living in the streets was not easy and he still needed to eat, drink and sleep. So he became a very good thief. He mostly lived his life by stealing from markets and not getting caught, because he was very fast and knew the best escape paths. But one time he got caught...

(a Latvian student)

He was convicted of continued theft and entry into California jail, one of the most dangerous in the United States. When he arrived he was assigned a cell with a partner who did not seem very aggressive. He asked him why he was there and told him some of his problems and gave him advice so he would not get involved in a lot of trouble. His name was Fred and he was 40 years old.

At dinner time a boy who looked quite young was being beaten by a lot of people and Yasuo decided to defend him. In that same moment everyone calmed down. Someone full of tattoos who seemed to be the boss approached to him and asked him if he was new, so Yasuo nodded. The man told him that he should move away or he would have problems. (a Spanish student)

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RAPHAEL



It was the 15th of July when he first saw him. Those brown eyes and dark brown hair. And from the first moment their eyes met, he knew he was gonna be the one.

Raphael has been acting his whole life but he's never been this nervous and anxious before. This is The audition that will determine his whole career.

He was sitting in a room full of wannabe actors who are all hoping to get this part. It was really hot summer day and Raphael was extremely stressed. And then it happened. He walked by and instantly Raphael knew. It was love from the first sight.

He was thirteen at the time when he started to realize he might be attracted to boys. He and his family are religious, so being gay was never an option. It took him 6 years to finally be okay with himself and sexuality.

Raphael was far too nervous to go up to him, so he just sat there, and wondered. What would happen if he walked up to him. What would happen? It was only seconds before the guy came up to Raphael. He was this tall, European guy, who was far too charming to be real. But he was, and the second Raphael felt his heart go of, he heard this one simple word:

“Hey!” (a Latvian student)

He was really handsome, probably the most attractive person that he has ever seen. And he never stopped smiling, knowing that he could melt the heart of everyone who looked at him. Raphael was absolutely shocked. He started smiling to the handsome boy too.

-Umm... Ehhh... Hi!

-How is it going? I've been looking at your script papers.
They are so nice.

Ehhh... Thank you...

I hope you get a great audition!

-Thank...

Long before Raphael could thank him for his kindness, he was already talking with a girl on the other side of the room. He could not imagine that the handsome boy has talked with him. He could not even imagine that he has looked at him! He was so excited, probably it could help so much for the audition. He felt more proud of himself, more motivated. He was expecting that the handsome boy to talk with him again, but while he was immersed in his thoughts, a deep voice burst into the room:

-Raphael?

-Yes, I am.

-You are the next one, be ready. Due to time issues, you have to do the audition at the same time as another person. However, you must be focussed on your script.

-Okay, no problem.

But... Yes. It was a problem, and he noticed when he saw his partner. He could not pay attention if the most handsome boy that everyone could imagine was sitting there, by his side. (a Spanish student)

OLD OAK



There was an old owl that lived in an oak. Oak in which he lived was much older than the owl. It was a really long and huge oak. Everyday he saw incidents happening around him. One day he saw a boy trying to steal a bag from an old man. Today he saw a girl shouting at her mother. The more he saw the less he spoke.
(a Latvian student)

One day came an old girl owl to his oak, at the start the old owl he feels strange to see that after so many years, somebody made him a company, so with the passage time him start talk and her discovery that the owl was stutterer and although it cost him, he explain her him problem.

(a Spanish student)

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