

Aliens

Chapter 1

How it all started.

The sun slipped behind the distant hills, painting the mountains red and black. Shadows lengthened, deepening the darkness while wind whispered through the grass.

Tom and Jez wearily picked up their fishing gear. It was late and they knew that they would be in trouble. Holidays only came once a year and they were just a mile from the small, wooden cottage where they were staying. "Come on," mumbled Jez, picking up his flimsy, red fishing rod and turning to go.

Chapter 2

The moment they arrived.

At that moment, the boys froze. From somewhere overhead they heard a low whirring sound before a mile away a glowing light appeared. It streaked towards the forest and then hovered, casting beams of brilliant, white light down into the tall, dark trees. The boys turned to stare at each other. They were both thinking the same thing...aliens! Tugging them deeper and deeper into the forest, the strange lights shone down like silvery ropes. Without warning, there was a rush of roaring, wild wind that tore at the trees. Lights began to flicker in a mesmerising pattern high above them.

Chapter 3

The ship.

Tom and Jez staggered through the thicket, drawn towards the light. They could see that it was an enormous spaceship as they drew closer. Crouching behind a bush, hearts thumping, they waited and watched. The silver, circular ship was larger than a bus. It hovered just above the ground. Lights shimmered and a door opened. Out of the dark interior, a shadow began to move...

Chapter 4

It was twenty-four hours later that Tom woke with a start although at that point he didn't realise how much time had passed. He was cold and at first couldn't remember where he was or what had happened. Jez lay curled up beside him fast asleep with his thumb stuck in his mouth. Tom stared around him. They were still in the forest yet the bushes and grass had been flattened down. Trees were scorched. Of course, the spaceship!

Chapter 5

No one believed them and what was worse they couldn't remember what had happened after the ship's door had opened. The doctor said that it was amnesia brought on by shock. They both knew that the space ship had landed and an alien had begun to appear but after that, the next 24 hours were a complete blank. The police went away muttering about time wasters in the end so left them to get on with the rest of their holiday.

Chapter 6

It was only when he went to bed that night that Tom found it. In his pocket there was a jet black pebble. It was shiny and comforting to hold. He rubbed the smooth surface and as he did so, it began to warm and then it glowed. Weirdly, Jez had also found a stone in his pocket. A present perhaps - a present from another world. But what were the stones for? Tom wasn't too sure if he wanted to know.

ALIEN LANDING	THE UNDERLYING PATTERN
Two boys pack up their fishing gear and set off for home as it is getting dark.	The main characters are out at night.
They hear a sound and see lights. They go to explore, thinking it might be a flying saucer.	They hear and see something unusual and go to see what it is.
They hide nearby and see the space ship. The door opens and an alien begins to appear.	They get closer to find it is an alien landing.
24 hours later they wake up to find themselves still in the forest.	24 hours later they wake up.
They cannot remember what happened once the space ship door had opened. The doctor says they have amnesia.	They cannot recall what has happened.
But - they both have a memento – a black pebble that glows.	But – they have a memento that can only have come from another world.