

A Tour of the Universe

("Hello, my name is The Narrator and this is a story about Cory Otisville and his peculiar evening".)

I was walking to the park as I do every morning, when I saw a very peculiar thing, a building I had never seen before was in what used to be an open spot near the bus stop. Although it is the year 3250, it still takes at least 3 days to build something this big! In the front of the building there was a sign that said "Tour the Universe with The Narrator". I found this very odd, and who in the world is The Narrator?

Inside the building there were at least 50 people and a giant ship "Hello", said a voice, "I would like to introduce myself, my name is Julia Farnworth and I welcome you to 'Tour the Universe', if you will kindly board the ship we will begin". Everyone except 3 people got on the ship; I, being very interested got on as well. Once everyone was boarded I felt myself get punched in the stomach or something: either way it pushed me back and I fell over. I landed on something pointy, heard a popping noise and a high pitched scream; I got up and looked down to see someone disappear. I figured I was just imagining things

"Our first stop will be planet pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanokoniosis said Julia.

("Ok let's stop for a second. You're probably thinking to yourself, 'wait a minute, that's not a real word'. Actually it is, and it's pronounced noo-muh-now-uhl-truh-mai-kruh-skaa-puhk-si-luh-kow-vaal-kei-now-kow-nee-ow-suhs. Now you try".)

After I heard that extremely long word, I thought to myself, they must be joking, but then I looked out the window and (yes there were windows) saw a dark green planet with grey splotches. A few seconds after that I found myself on the planet!

Have you ever wondered what a giant looks like? Well that's exactly what smmexlurp, the little grey alien thought the humans were when he saw us. "Oda uoya omeca nia eacepa?" he asked one of the giant humans (This in English means "do you come in peace?").

I heard a noise and turned around to see a little grey alien. I squatted down; he was no bigger than my finger. "Hello there," I said. He suddenly got extremely angry; he pulled out what looked to be a tiny dagger and jumped at me! I barely dodged out of the way when suddenly I was back on the ship! "What in the world is going on here?"

"Our next stop will be planet..."

"Stop! I'm not going anywhere with you until you tell me what is going on!"

("I think this next part is funny.")

"Who said that?" I suddenly felt myself get hit again, but this time, instead of falling over, I flipped over backwards and landed face first on a chair that wasn't there 5 seconds ago. My head ached. I got up and realized that I was on another planet. Around me there were creatures with legs

and a head but nothing else. Their legs were long and skinny, and their heads were too big; they had black and purple stripes down their legs, and they were about as tall as me. I heard a rumbling noise. Looking around I saw a bunch of the creatures running away from something, but what? I looked around again and saw someone looking at a rock, someone hanging from a tree, and someone pointing to a big cloud of dust coming straight towards us!

I woke up with a jerk, I was back in the ship, I remembered running, getting trampled and someone pulling me behind a rock. A bunch of people were crowded around me. They gave a sigh of relief when they saw that I was awake.

“What happened?” I asked.

“You were trampled” said someone in the crowd.

“Ok every one back up” said Julia. “Good, now let’s get on with the tour.”

I got up and ran to the closest thing I could hold on to which happened to be a counter where you could buy souvenirs. A few moments after I grabbed on, my feet flew up. It felt like something was pulling me towards the back of the ship. A bunch of alien plushies hit me in the face along with a very unhappy cat. We stopped moving and I fell to the ground. Getting up I wondered why there was a cat on the ship.

We all teleported to the planet.

“Welcome to planet XP49I1” said Julia. “Everything on this planet is edible, although I wouldn’t eat it on a daily basis.”

After people heard that they went every direction eating random stuff like trees and grass. I looked down and saw a rock, I picked it up and put it in my mouth. The rock tasted almost like rock candy except with less sugar and more rock! We were on the planet for about an hour before being beamed back up to the ship.

Our next stop was called “Phlanaid Quisquiliae” or something, but I wasn’t paying attention to the name. I was thinking about something else. All my life I was told that aliens weren’t real, had that all been a lie? Earth has ships, and we’ve been to space before, never finding a planet that any creature can live on. Was it all a lie?

We were all teleported down to a planet that looked like a barren wasteland full of trash. A few robots roamed around, they looked like they were picking up trash and bringing it to a building in the distance. One of the robots was close to us. Someone was walking towards it, but before he could get to it we all were teleported back up to the ship.

I went up to Julia and asked her why she did that.

“Because” said Julia, “If he had touched that robot it would have killed him, and we don’t want that do we? Now if you will sit down we will continue with the tour.”

I looked over to where she motioned with her hand and noticed a bunch of chairs attached to the floor, but before I could get to one we started moving, and I was pushed back and pinned to the back of the ship.

The next planet Julia just called, "The planet"

"What are those?" I asked Julia pointing towards what looked to be tiny moving balls of light.

"Those are Whos," said Julia, "the Whats are over there" she said pointing to a pack of tiny pink giraffes.

("Ok let's stop once again. You are probably confused, or you aren't, either way, the tiny pink giraffes are called Whats, and the tiny moving balls of light are called Whos, just so you know")

"I don't think you understand," I said, "I want to know what the tiny moving balls of light are."

"I do understand," said Julia, "those are Whos, and those are Whats" she said pointing to the tiny pink giraffes.

"I don't know what those are, but I wasn't asking you, I was asking what the tiny moving balls of light are!"

"An' I Don't Know? Oh there's one right there," she said pointing to a giant creature in the distance.

("This argument went on for half an hour before they were beamed back up to the ship.")

"Wait a minute, why am I back here?" For some reason I was back on the ship, but no one else was with me. Suddenly, everyone else was on the ship with me! "Ok what is going on here?"

"We are now heading back to earth. Thank you for joining us on Tour the Universe."

("What happened next was, they all went back home and lived happily ever after. The end.")

"What do you mean the end? And who said that?"

("Oh, did I say that out loud?")

"Who is there?"

("Hello Cory, I would like to introduce myself, my name is The Narrator.")

"The Narrator of what?"

("The Narrator of this story, of course.")

"What story?"

("Breaking news you aren't real! You are a character in a fictional book that I wrote in order to join a writing contest.")

"What do you mean I'm not real? I'm as real as anyone else."

("Ok, let me ask you this, how old are you?")

"That's easy why I'm... I'm... I... I don't know."

("Shocker. Now if you will excuse me, I need to bring this story to an end.")

“Wait, if I’m not real than how am I talking to you?”

(“You’re not. After those last words Cory began to fade away as the story came to an end. As the world disappeared Cory’s last thoughts were ‘Why?’ The End.”)