



Adventure



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One day Ari was walking home from school. While he was walking through the forest, he heard a strange noise. It sounded like the noise of an engine. That was strange because there was no traffic near there, and there were no boats, either.

He followed the noise and got a big surprise when he saw a huge aircraft coming down amongst the trees.



He had never seen anything like it before. It was very big and round. It had windows all around and there was a door at the bottom of the aircraft. Ari watched in amazement as it slowly approached the ground.



He was so excited that he ran back to his village and called all the villagers.

'Come quickly!' he shouted. 'There's something in the forest!' 'What is it?' asked his father.

'I'm not sure,' said Ari, 'but it looked like a space-ship!'



'A space-ship?' said the village headman. 'You must be dreaming. There's no such thing!'

'Well we had better go and see what it is anyway,' said Ari's father. 'Who knows what it might be!'

So the villagers decided to follow Ari to the place where he had seen this 'space-ship'.



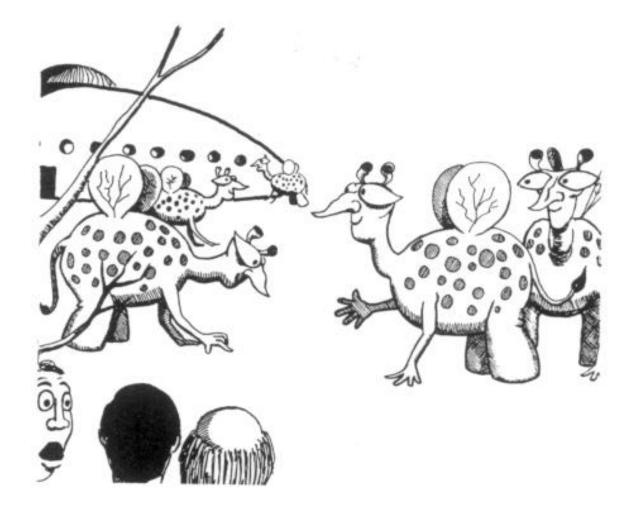
As they walked through the forest, all the villagers (except the headman, who didn't believe in space-ships) imagined what the creatures from the space-ship might look like. The villagers also carried weapons, just in case the creatures were dangerous.

Then suddenly Ari saw it.

'Look!' he said excitedly. 'There it is.'





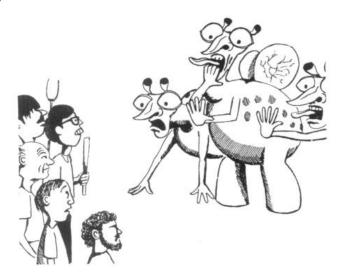


There, in front of them, stood a huge space-ship. The villagers were amazed! They were even more amazed when they saw the creatures come out from the space-ship. Nobody had ever seen anything like them before. They were large and spotty and walked on all-fours. They had antennae and wings, too. Very strange!



Then, suddenly, the creatures saw the villagers. They were so shocked. They had never seen anything so strange in all their life.

'Aaarh!' they screamed. 'Look at those horrible creatures!'



And before anyone could say anything, the creatures turned and ran away to the safety of their space-ship. The spaceship took off as quickly as possible and disappeared from sight. Ari was so upset!

'I want to go with them!' he cried. But he couldn't, and the creatures never returned to the village.

