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Strange New Planet 5: Drawn into Trouble

by: @fluffys fun adventures

Fluffy: "I'm here in Santiago de Chile to visit my dear friend @pinkflango! Ah, it's so nice to have a warm spring vacation when in Germany we had snow just two weeks ago!"

Flango: "Welcome, Fluffy! Although it is warm here, it is acually fall here because we are in the Southern hemisphere. This means the seasons are switched: When you have summer, we have winter."

Fluffy: 😮 "If the seasons are switched, do you have Christmas in summer and Santa wears a bikini?"

Flango: "Santa doesn't wear a bikini but I have seen him wearing speedos and I don't blame him! Summer is really hot in here and Christmas is always sunny and with the high temperatures I am always tempted to drink a cold Diet Coca Cola or a strawberry smoothie, my favourite."

Fluffy: "Diet?! 🔐 Fruit?! 🔐 Can we go get something unhealthy instead? I'm allergic to healthy food, you know?"

Flango: "Let's go to my favourite ice cream café!" It is called "El Taller" ("The Workshop" or something like that... I am a frequent visitor, you know, I go to El Taller every time I feel like having a huge ice cream cone, like right now) I am sure you will love it. There are tons of different flavours and we can have them all. I recommend you to get one big cone with "dulce de leche", which is caramel sauce and it is really unique and extremely sweet. Brains flavour is not an option... just saying...c'mon, buddy!"

[ice cream gets delivered]

[Fluffy just stares at it]

Flango: "Is something wrong? Do you not like your ice cream?"

Fluffy: "If we are on the southern hemisphere, why isn't everything upside down? Why is my ice cream not falling out of its cone?"

Flango: "We are on the southern hemisphere and things aren't upside down, it is crazy, isn't it? I guess it is due to the marvels of living on a round planet and things go round and move all the time.

It is a never ending cycle and I love it.

That means that things are never the same,

so everything changes and moving forward is an opportunity,

like this very exact moment with all of our families gathered together enjoying these wonderful ice cream cone, you see?"





Fluffy: "Totally! Is there an opportunity for dessert?"

Flango: "We are just having dessert!"

Fluffy: "We've only eaten ice cream, so that's the main course, so we need a dessert now!"

Flango: "I'm kinda full... How about just enjoying the opportunity for us and our humans to get together in Santiago? Your visiting Chile is an opportunity to celebrate friendship and enjoy delish food together as part of our lovely plushie community. I have always wanted to participate in a plushie meeting. This is exciting for me and especially for Rosa who is this pretty little flamingo girl who would go and live with you from now on. Your human agreed to adopt her. Here you are. This is her adoption certificate."

Fluffy: "Awesome! Welcome to the family, Rosa! What was that about the opportunity again to celebrate with good food?"

Flango (to Papaya): "Is he always that hungry?"

Papaya: "You haven't seen him hungry! There's still a table and chairs left."

Flango: "Uhm... Fluffy, I have a brilliant idea! A great way to see this city is to go and visit San Cristóbal hill. I have already asked humans to take us there and they agreed. What do you thnk, buddy? We can get on the cable cars!!! That is so much fun!"

Fluffy: "I don't know..."

Flango: "There's plenty of snacks up on the hill."

Fluffy: "What are you waiting for?"

[whoosh, Fluffy disappears]

Papaya: <a>2 "Let's just get into the cable car, he'll find us there eventually."

[an orange flash rushes by, up the hill]

Flango: "Was that Fluffy?"

Papaya: "Yeah... he developed super powers to not have to share his food."





The Big Banana Experiment!

by gasbricki



On the Internet, we saw a video in which a person successfully did grow a banana plant from a banana.

We wanted to know it, and we're trying.

What we need:

- Bananas
- Cola
- Water
- Wooden sticks
- Glass

















- 1. Cut banana at the stem.
- 2. Mix water & cola in a glass.
- 3. Pierce banana with wooden sticks.
- 4. Place the banana with the cut stalk in the cola/water mixture.
- 5. Wait..., 14 days.

Then supposedly a new plant should start to grow
If we are successful, we will tell you in a post.



Chilling with Thrillers!

by: @spymatmissions

If the summer heat is too much for you this year, why not try to cool down with a chilling thriller! These three thrillers are equally mysterious and sometimes a bit scary, but they are real page turners and you will definitely want to know how they end!

The Naturals by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (2013)

Cassie is 17 years old and her life so far has provided her with a special skill. She has a gift for reading people, knowing things about them just by observing how they behave, talk, look and move. She hasn't thought much about it, until she is contacted by the FBI. The FBI has a program for gifted young people with different special skills like Cassie's, and she is brought to the program for education. The group of teenagers, called "The Naturals", work together to crack cold cases, but when an active serial killer suddenly catches their attention, things start to get serious.

This is the first book of four in a series and it gives a good introduction to the characters and the setting in which they work. It's like the tv series Criminal Minds, but in a book and with teenagers in the leading roles. You might not particularly like the characters, but the book is written in a way that makes you really want to know how everything is connected, and, of course, who the serial killer is.

Alias Emma by Ava Glass (2022)

Nothing about Emma is what it seems. Emma isn't even her real name. She has gone through extensive training to work as a special secret agent, and now she's finally been called back from a boring routine job to work a real case. The son of a former Soviet dissident, now living in the UK, has to be brought to safety because it is believed that Russian agents have found out about his parents' current whereabouts are now looking for revenge. At a scary pace, the enemies come closer and Emma has to lead the man through London, in the middle of the night, without being caught by the Russian agents. They also have to stay out of reach of all security cameras, because they have been hacked and facial recognition will give their location away instantly. This sets Emma and the man off on a nighttime race through the city, with unexpected dangers waiting behind every corner.

The book is fast-paced and will take you to parts of London you didn't know existed. Alternating the present time chase with throwbacks to Emma's previous work in the military and her training, the book brings the characters to life very well. Not only will you want to know if they make it to safety, and how, but you will also want to know what comes Emma's way in the upcoming books.





Local Woman Missing by Mary Kubica (2021)

Eleven years ago, two women from the same neighbourhood went missing within just a few weeks. One of their daughters went missing too, and nobody knows what happened to her. Until she suddenly comes back. The people close to the women are once again thrown into a whirlwind of grief, unanswered questions and secrets. In the book we meet the spouses, neighbours, friends, coworkers, and siblings of the missing women, and the story is told by switching between their perspectives. Chapters about the present, when the missing girl comes home, are alternated with chapters about back then, when the women went missing eleven years ago. One of the women tells the story about what happened just before she disappeared, and a neighbor does most of the telling of what happened after she disappeared.

The story isn't messy or hard to follow despite the shifts in perspective and time lines. It just adds to the feeling of uncertainty, and gives a good view into how something like this affects all the people in a neigbourhood, albeit in different ways. The big questions, why and how, stay with you throughout the book and you can't wait for the mysteries to be solved.



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A little anecdote about the good in the world

by Miu @ausruheulen

Saturday Online Flea Market

Miu:

Hi Flippie! I'm Miu and would like the t-shirt you're selling. Which payment method is better? The payment system of the online flea market or PayPal Friends?

Flippie:

Hey Miu! Thank you, yes, that would be great. I'd prefer PayPal Friends, please.

Miu:

Thank you, Flippie! I'll transfer the money to you via PayPal Friends.

Flippie:

Okidoki, got it already. I'll send it to you this week.

Miu:

Perfect! Thank you! All the best and have a nice weekend!

Flippie:

Thank you! I wish you the same!

1.5 Weeks later

Miu:

Hi Flippie! I wanted to ask you if and when you sent the shipment, because unfortunately it hasn't arrived yet.

Flippie:

What? I sent the parcel last week on Wednesday. Let's wait a few more days. If the parcel hasn't arrived after 2 weeks, please contact me.

Miu:

OK, no problem. Let's wait and see. I'll let you know either way. Wings and flippers crossed!

2 weeks later

Flippie:

Hey, Miu! Has the package arrived?

Miu:

Hi Flippie! Unfortunately, not yet, but, I remain hopeful.

Flippie:

Well, if the parcel doesn't arrive tomorrow, I'll send you the money back via PayPal. If the parcel does arrive at some point, you simply send me the money back!

24 hours later:

Miu:

Hi Flippie! First of all, a million thanks for your idea. I didn't reply straight away because I wanted to think about it first. The parcel didn't arrive today. I really appreciate your offer to send me the money back and yet I have the feeling that it's not right. It's not your fault that the parcel got lost in the post. I knew that I would not have customer protection if I didn't buy through the online flea market payment system and I knew that the goods are uninsured if you send them as a parcel and not as a package. You made it clear at the beginning what conditions you were selling under and I said "yes" to all of them. I decided to take the risk three times. I think it's really sweet that you want to send me the money back, but it's not fair if you now bear the consequences for the risk I chose. Who knows, maybe the parcel will travel around the country a bit and turn up one day. I'll let you know then. Thanks for your thoughts!

Flippie:

I think that's totally sweet of you! I really do! The reason I had this idea is because I've been in your situation many times myself at this online flea market. I've paid for the goods and then never heard from the seller again. Your attitude is great.

Thank you, but still, I want to give you the money back because I know how frustrating it feels, especially for that amount! I just feel so sorry for you. I know how much you look forward to the things you've bought! People should be able to trust each other here, so I sent you the money back!

Miu:

Dear Flippie! Thank you very much for sending the money back and I can feel that it's important to you because you've obviously been in my situation many times before, but I've actually already sent the money back to you. Think of it as a little greeting from the universe that wants to tell you: even if you have had bad experiences at the online flea market, don't lose faith in the fact that the world is still good. Most people have good intentions. Always expect good things to happen to you. I absolutely did not come away empty-handed with this purchase. I have no loss! Quite the opposite: I received something from you that is worth much more than a black shirt from the B! for 17 euros.





Miu continued:

My life themes are fear and the lack of trust that the world is a good and safe place. I am currently in the process of transforming this fear into trust. This experience has made it a little easier for me to grow into trust again. And I have also learned that if you ask the universe/God/the good power or the quantum field that surrounds us all (whatever term feels right for each individual) for something, you may not always get what you asked for, but you will get something that is much more valuable and beautiful and that you can use much better. I realised that the encounter with you and the purchase was not about the shirt, but about something much bigger.

You helped me restore my faith that you can always expect the good. Thank you! I don't know how to leave you a review, but I would prefer to write: exceptionally dear contact with a big heart for the seller! Goods received with thanks from the heart and are infinitely more beautiful than expected!

Flippie:

Thank you for the money and I find it incredibly valuable that I was able to have such a lovely experience with a buyer. I believe that people who communicate like we do always find their way and come across other nice people and this time it was here at the online flea market. I would also like to thank you for this rare and valuable experience and wish you all the best from the bottom of my heart!

Miu:

Yes, I totally agree with you. If you experience too often that people don't have good intentions, then there is a risk that your heart will become bitter. But if we still try to keep a soft and open heart and as you say - keep communicating as we both have done, we will always attract the good. I also wish you the very best that this world and this universe has to offer and that you are always protected and accompanied by good companions. Thank you for this valuable and beautiful experience and all the best, Miu

Flippie:

Thank you Miu, I also wish you all the love and goodness in the world from the bottom of my heart and, like you, I am grateful for it. With best regards, Flippie.

