

Then with a click the window beside me flung open. I tripped with my hands and face falling towards the ground, but through my outstretched fingers I could see it. The beacon of hope I had been dreaming of is now reality. As I pull myself up to stand, Cavor and I experienced a small moment of disbelief. This had been the thing we travelled half a galaxy to find. A true glint of hope for all humanity. We could see an array of silver sun beams stretching out across the sapphire-blue ocean. Cavor had a view of a vast sea being thoroughly absorbed by the darkness of ash-grey clouds. I could see more of these chrome colour clouds and hear them sing as they whistled. Cavor and I had a short, thankful sigh of relief as we watched in awe. This was it. A planet for the future of our generation, a place for life itself to live and grow freely. All of that was right in our grasp but this time we will be sure to hold on as tight as we could. We had finally reached an achievement nobody could ever imagine of achieving and we would no longer be staring out into a dark abyss that never ends. We had found a new home.

Our home.

How can I describe the thing I saw? It had many stripy stretched stems with pink patterned petals. But I also saw straight away that this *thing* was dangerous. The petals were also prickled and pointy with a few long lime leaves curling along its spiked stem. We could also see some of its ravaging roots with revolting red root hairs on the end. The *thing* was dangerous, yet Cavor and I had seen a key feature that had now solved all of our problems. Something had popped out onto the ground. "It is a seed," said Cavor. Then I heard him whisper, very softly "Life".

"Life!" and I gazed out of the window to my left. The curved glass made the landscape look distorted. Outside it was hot and dry, an arid, barren wasteland with no sign of any... The ground. The ground was moving. Why? What was below?

Suddenly, both my questions were answered. A collection of small, brown seed pods started to roll down a large slope. Then I caught another group of the same seed pods rolling down the same hill at the same speed. Then another and another and another and another and... They were rolling towards us.

"Quickly!" I shouted and Cavor followed