

Opening extract from  
**Zioc Saves His  
Planet**

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# Introduction

*Zioc, the alien, retells some of his previous adventures on planet Earth.*

I was transported to Planet Earth by The Hand. This giant hand whisked me to places whilst I slept in it's palm. My task was to find a mystical stone that was needed to repair a hole in the wall of the castle of King Regulat, which was back on my Planet Frogrondal. When I first arrived on Planet Earth, I found myself in a cat sanctuary because I had been given the shape of a cat. Later I was to find out that it was humans and not cats which were the most intelligent race on Planet Earth. Anyway, so there I was, stuck in a cat sanctuary, with loads of other cats who were really unfriendly and who hissed and spat at me.

To my delight, I was rescued by some human children who took me home with them. The oldest girl, called Charlotte, made a big fuss of me and was able to help me to change into human form, which was really useful in my quest to find the Calling Stone. Charlotte's older brother Ian, took a long time to realise what was happening. To start with, he was only interested in a weird game called football and even stranger things called computers. Esme was Ian and Charlotte's little sister and seemed to be too young to know what was going on.

We had some funny adventures trying to find the Calling Stone, and I had to go with Charlotte to a strange place called School, disguised as a human child. School was really odd. It seemed to be a place where many human children gathered around tables for

most of the day talking. There were some fully grown humans there too and you had to be polite to them, otherwise they got a bit cross. I was told that these humans were called teachers and they seemed to be people who could order young humans about and tell them what to do.

Anyway, back to the mission to find the Calling Stone. Time went very fast on Planet Earth and I had almost given up hope of ever finding the stone. It began to get close to the moment when The Hand was due to collect me and return me to my planet, Frogrondal. By good fortune, there were two very interesting people who seemed anxious to help us. Mr. Wilkins, a teacher, and his sister, Cheryl, who had some strange powers. I thought at times that she might have been more of a Frogron than a human being. She certainly didn't allow the full extent of her powers to be seen. . .

Unfortunately, just before the end of my stay on Earth, I was attacked by a savage cat and had to stay in a place called an animal hospital. That was a dreadful experience, with humans in white coats prodding you and doing unspeakable things to your cat body. Luckily I got out of that place just in time, and by some good chance I managed to find the Calling Stone and get it back to Frogrondal.

*Leaving Zioc and his memories we go now to the main story to discover what happened next.*