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## MY NEW LIFE ON MEDACALON

As soon as I arrived on Medacalon, I realized that it was a very strange planet! There weren't any cars and so, there was no pollution! It was a quiet, peaceful place.

I was immediately fascinated by the landscape: it was so strange, but I liked it... Medacalon was so different from the Earth!

I couldn't believe what I saw...there weren't ordinary houses! All the houses were very strange because they didn't have doors and windows! The entrance was on the roof! This was a problem for me because I don't like climbing!

The twins and their parents were very kind to me. They built an entrance on ground level and they helped me to get used to the daily life on Medacalon. I was very happy with them and they made me feel good!

The day after my arrival, I went out with the twins, sightseeing the city. Here, the atmosphere was very comfortable and I was amazed at all the types of plants and animals.

In Medacalon there were a lot of species of animals; the animals here were respected and they weren't mistreated! I was surprised to see that there were much more trees than on the Earth, and all of them had purple flowers.

Continuing the walk, the twins met some of their friends whom they introduced to me . The twins' friends were very nice, but very strange, too; they had got long, red hair and blue eyes. Their names were Mark and Paul and they could speak a lot of languages, like Alex G and Alex B. They were also very good at football. The national sport here is baseball, but most boys are very good at rugby, too.

On Medacalon they didn't listen to rock music; luckily, I had my electric guitar with me and I started playing some of my favourite songs to have my new friends appreciate this fantastic kind of music!

Besides playing songs, I spent my time looking at the sky with my telescope. One day I found out that there were a lot of stars which I had never seen before and there were also three Suns and two Moons!

However, it wasn't all plain sailing on Medacalon! In fact it was very hot in the afternoon because of these three Suns and I couldn't sleep at night because the two Moons were too bright.

So, even if the planet was wonderful and all the people were nice and friendly, I missed my parents and Mia!!! I often wondered how my life could have been on the Earth.

On Monday my mobile phone rang: there was a text message from Mia. She asked me how my life was on Medacalon and she confessed that she was very sad without me. I started crying because I didn't want Mia to be sad for me. It was then that I realized how much I loved her.

I decided to send her a text message to inform her about my life on the remote planet and I eventually confessed my love for her! Unluckily, I got no answer. I wanted to go back home!

The following day, the sky became suddenly yellow: red clouds appeared and purple balls began to fall from these clouds. I had never seen anything like that! I asked for explanations and Alex G told me not to worry because this phenomenon happened every year when one of the three Suns, the biggest, was covered by the Earth and only two of the Suns could be seen. I wanted to have a closer view, so I went home and observed the sky through my telescope.

It was then that my mobile rang. It was Mia who asked me if she could come to Medacalon. I was on cloud nine!

Mia arrived on Medacalon three days later, and she was very happy to see me. I wanted to tell her how much I loved her, but I couldn't say a word; so I decided to take her to a place where I could let her know about my feelings for her. I took her to see the three Suns and I began to speak: "I'm sorry for leaving you without telling you about my decision...but I was sure you wouldn't believe me! ". She listened carefully and then she kissed me.

Now a part of me wanted to stay but the other one wanted to go back home and start a new life with Mia. My adventure was about to end and I couldn't stand the idea of going back to school! I asked the twins for some advice, but they answered that the choice was mine. So, even if I was pretty determined to stay on that strange planet I realized that my family, Mia and my friends were more important.

The next day, I organized a farewell party to say good-bye to all my new friends.

Two days later, the twins' parents came back to the Earth because they had run off DAC-765 and they needed to get some more, so I travelled back home with them.

Thanks Medacalon for the beautiful experience!