It's My Turn

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Chapter 1 School

"AUSTIN!!! DOMINIC!!!" My mom screamed. My annoying 8-year old identical twin brothers are always getting into trouble. "GET READY FOR SCHOOL! STOP MESSING AROUND OR I WILL GROUND YOU BOTH!!" Hi my name is Avery and this is usually how my morning goes:

- I wake up to my brothers driving my mom crazy
- I eat breakfast (If my brothers didn't put fake spiders in the cereal)
- I get changed (If my brothers didn't put itching powder in my clothes)
- Then I brush my teeth (Hoping my brothers didn't put something in my toothpaste...)

"AUST-" My mother is interrupted by my friend Jessica knocking at the door. "Hey Avery!" Jessie (I call her Jam because she always spills jam all over her while eating sandwiches) says as I open the door. " Finally you're here!!!" I shout out of annoyance "You should have been here... 2 minutes and 26 seconds ago!"

"Your brothers are that bad, hey?" Jessie is from Australia, her family moved here when she was 4 years old to Moncton, New Brunswick. We met at daycare when we were 5 and the rest is history but let's speed things up a bit to what this story is really all about.

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else because I do it all the time. Now JAM on the other hand... I'm not going to- "OWWWWWW" -be rude.

"Jessie you good?"

"WHY ... ARE ... CARTWHEELS ... SO HARD?!"

"They just take practice." Then I do a cartwheel to show her but ... I may or may not have done an aerial instead and then landed in the splits! "AMAZING JOB Avery!" Coach Billy exclaimed so everybody heard. I am not the kind of person who likes attention but when it comes to gymnastics I don't mind. Anyways, let's get back to the real story.

After school, like usual, I said bye to JAM and headed toward gymnastics, since it is right beside the school but that's when it happened.

The Plutarians came to earth.

Chapter 2 Why This Planet?

"WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?!" JAM shrieked. I could hear her from the other end of the street! I looked up and I saw some big metal-looking cloud. At the time I had no clue what it might have been but it was the Plutarians' mothership.

It landed right in front of the school and some eerie unearthly creatures came out. They had skin so white it almost looked translucent and had red eyes with little black specs. They wore white robes with a rose gold trim. One of them had a crown made of pure gold and had white-frosted rubies "I am Commander Glacia. Chief of the Plutairians." She announced.

"Sorry what?" Ashley the school bully and most spoiled rich girl in town commented.

"I SAID THAT I AM-"

"Yeah yeah yeah Commander Glacia whatever but your outfit is HORRIBLE!!! Wear do you get your clothes, Walmart?" she snickered.

"ASHLEY!!! GET OUT OF THE WAY!!!" Coach Billy shouted and shoved her to the sidelines right before Commander Glacia threw a bullet of ice! Ok this is getting FREAKY!

"HOW DARE YOU DISRESPECT ME! GUARDS!" Commander Glacia roared. 6 more colossal Plutairians appeared by her side. 3 on her right and 3 on her left. They had severely sharp spears strapped against their body. They marched up to Ashley and picked her up by her collar! "HELP ME!" Ashley yelped as they brought her into their enormous mothership.

Everybody ran. Everyone but me. I was paralyzed in fear. Jessie took my arm and dragged me until I started running.

And running,

and running,

and running.

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My dad, mom and my brothers were trembling. "What do we do now?" I questioned. "We hide. I built an underground secret bunker with my dad when I was 5. It has enough resources to last us at least umm... 65 years" My dad said.

"WHAT? No. We can't hide, we gotta do something. They won't just go away like a scrape on your knee! They're more like a scar from surgery, here to stay." I declared.

"No. We are hiding and that is final."

"B-b-but"

"NO Avery! I am your father and you are hiding with us!" Her dad shouted.

Silence filled the room. At that moment in time all I could do was stand there. my dad had never yelled at me before. The closest thing to yelling would be calling me upstairs (Since my bedroom is the basement the biggest room in the house which is why I called it before my brothers saw it)

When we got in the car they didn't start to drive, instead our driveway started to sink into the ground.

Chapter 3 The Bunker

As their driveway somehow went underground Avery started to question a lot of things,

- Has anyone else ever been down here?
- Did Mum ever come down here?
- Is the reason Dad never gets stronger when he goes to the gym because he comes down here instead?

I didn't know what was happening but I got my answers eventually.

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"WHOAAAAAA" The twins said but I couldn't blame them. It *was* pretty awesome. There was yellow walls with blue and white furniture. We walked down the hallway and saw 5 rooms. 1 for me, 1 for Austin, 1 for Dominic, 1 for Mom and Dad but I had no clue what the other one was for. "The last one has all the resources we need to survive" Dad said as if he knew what I was thinking but then I realized all the rooms said what they are except the one with resources. I guess Dad had been down here before since he wouldn't have known what his future family's names are but why did he come down here anyway? It's not like he knew the plutarians were coming... right?

A little bit later someone knocked at my door.

"Who is it? If it's you Dominic I promise that you will be SOOO grounded!" I didn't want to be here when I could do something. I'm breaking out.

"It's just me Avery!" Hey... I recognize that voice anywhere!

"JESSIE! What? How?" How did she get in?

"I know you are probably wondering what I'm doing here but your family let me in." she whispered "I'm staying in here with you, my mom is in Austin's room, my dad is in Dominic's room and the twins are in your parents room."

"Well you have the whole bed to yourself." I said. "I'm going to stop these stupid alien-like creatures invading my home."

"AVERY HATHOR JONES WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?" Jessie yelled quietly. I knew what I was thinking.

"I'm THINKING that I'm not going to hide when my home is being destroyed!"

"Fine." Jessie said "I know when you have your mind set on something I can't change your mind"I nodded my head in agreement "*BUT* you can't change my mind either" What is she talking- "NO Jessie no."

"Too late! I am coming and you can't change my mind!" I knew I couldn't do anything about it.

"Okay' fine' get your bag, we're going to save the world."

Chapter 4 The Escape

As we packed our bags we decided to put locks on the doors and then jam them so our parents can't unlock the doors. That way they can't come after us when they realize we aren't just dreaming about saving the world, we *ARE* saving the world.

"All that matters is that we're doing this together" Jessie said

"And we don't get killed," I replied.

We laughed until we realized this is going to be harder than it seems.

"Jessie, let's go save the world."

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We walked and walked until we were probably 11 miles away.

"Here. We should set up here." I decided. We were surrounded by a circle of blueberry bushes and water. A tree grew in the middle of the circle and its branches were covering us so the plutarians wouldn't see us.

"YES!!!!! Finally we stopped walking" Jessie said "Did I say that out loud?"

I laughed. "Yes you did. Most of it we had a rail cart, you know?" Apparently Grandpa Gary was a miner in the old days and there was a system for getting around. "I WANT IT!" we heard someone say "NO, I SHOULD GET IT!"

"NO, ME!"

"NO, ME!"

"NO, ME!"

"NO, ME!"

"WHO'S THERE?" I shouted, but then they rolled out of the bushes.

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?"

Of course my brothers had followed me.

Chapter 5 Change of plans

"So.. let me get this straight, you snuck out, played on the railroads and then followed us, eavesdropped but *still* followed us after you heard what we were doing?" I half yelled. "Yep" "Pretty much" they agreed, both stuffing their faces with blueberries. "Avery, can I talk to you for a second?" Jessie quietly asked. "What's up?" I said still glaring at my annoying twin brothers. "What do we do now?" she asked.

"We can't go back."

"I know Jessie, I know but they got themselves into this mess and they can't get out."

"Avery no, just no. It's already too dangerous with just us they can't come to."

"Well we could walk all the way back, tell our parents they followed us, explain why they followed us and then get grounded for life and we'll have no chance of stopping the plutarians. Which do you want?" I said and it was obvious what she picked.

"Fine. Boys, you're coming with us." she announced.

"LETS GO!!!" Austin and Dominic said at the same time. "Avery?"

"Yeah Jessie?"

"Do you hear that?"

"Yeah, yeah I do." I whisper " SHOW YOURSELF!" I shouted. Then just out of the blue a plutarian showed up. "AH!" I shrieked. I was really good with my yoyo and I had one in my backpack. I grabbed it without thinking and then it hit her but she didn't care. "Calm down, I'm not here to hurt you! I just want to help."

"Why?"

"Because Commander Glacia is horrible. I've been trying to find someone who is brave enough to stand against her. I watched you guys for a while and decided you should have the power." "What?" I said, so confused what the 'power' is.

"All plutarians can give certain people power. I chose you four."

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After a little while we decided she wasn't lying. Apparently Commander Glacia *was* very mean. So we took her offer. "I'm so glad you said yes!" Petunia (Which is what she said her name is) squealed. "Ok, all I have to do is hold your hands and say some words." she told us. She started with Austin, then Dominic, then Jessie and then finally me. "Okay, get ready." she said.

"I am." I replied but halfway through the chant I blacked out.

Chapter 6 Commander Glacia

"Where am I?" I said, my eyes half open. "On my mothership" I heard a voice say. I knew where I was and who that was right away. "Commander Glacia!" I yelped. I stood up and I was behind bars. I could see everyone except Petunia. "Where's Petunia?" I demanded. "That's me" Commander Glacia said "You see, I tricked you into thinking I was someone else so you would trust me and I made you pass out. I scared your friends into thinking you're dead so they would surrender to me." Her laugh was so evil that she could have been a witch. "Why are you doing this?" I asked "Doing what?" she said as if she didn't know. "Why are you hurting us?"

"Isn't it obvious? Our planet is getting no attention so we have no water, food or anything to survive. You humans took everythings for yourselves and kicked us to Pluto. Your Granddad was the head of it! SO now he must suffer."

"What do you mean? My Grandpa was a miner!"

"That was so he could build the operation to get rid of us! He made it underground so we didn't know what was happening." she said tearfully. "So now I have my revenge! Enjoy prison." she said and then laughed so much I got shivers down my spine. "Jessie!" I said "Is it true? What she said?"

"Sadly, yes" she said. It seemed like it was over but it wasn't. I knew what I had to do. I grabbed my yo-yo and made a plan.

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I waited for everyone to fall asleep, then I picked the lock on the door with a bobby pin I got from my hair. As soon as it opened I looked around and any guard I saw suddenly dropped to the ground.

Chapter 7 I did it.

What the heck? Maybe Commander Glacia *did* give me powers. Maybe by accident. So I just looked around until I found her. "I can't believe she fell for my trap" I heard her say "I'm 1 step away from being ruler of the universe!"

"Hold it right there Glacia" I said loudly.

"AVERY!" She looked very surprised.

"I won't let you do this! We can figure something out, but if you can't do that, then you're leaving." I said.

"No, you're leaving." She said with no emotion whatsoever. We broke into a fight. She punched while I kicked. She shot ice and I shot my yo-yo but then I did something super surprising, I froze her.

"Now, we're doing this now or never." I said feeling in charge. "Fine." she said. "We can share Earth, but we need to make some changes." I told her.

"Like what?" she said.

"Well for example, don't trick people then trap them." I said "And don't try to become 'ruler of the universe oh and while we're at it PLEASE stop doing that laugh!"

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I did it. I saved Earth. I have my family and friends. I've always been the shy girl who isn't important and now I'm the most popular person everywhere I go! I love my new life and even better, Commander Glacia. "So we're good?" she asked me, right before we told everyone the news. "We're good," I said. For once I didn't feel like the shy girl. I saved the world.I am Avery Hathor Jones and this time, It's My Turn.

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