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One day, my Dad and I decided to go for a \_\_\_\_\_ Noun ride. "It will be \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective" said Dad. "I always wanted to ride my bike on the \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective trail." I wasn't so sure. I thought it might be too bumpy and dangerous. But, I trusted Dad.

It all started out okay, but then my legs got sore. I complained to Dad. And then I noticed--he didn't have legs at all! All sorts of tentacles shot out of his body, even his armpits. The tentacles were doing all the work for him. "So," I thought to myself, "that's why Dad can just sit around all day when he feels like it." But I couldn't help yelling "Dad, Dad, what's going on?" Dad looked at me. "Busted," he said. He explained that he was really an alien from Planet Woebegone. Would I like to ride to it in a spaceship? We could be back before dinner.

I was completely freaked out, but said "Um, sure." And Dad made this strange cooing noise and suddenly, overhead: a spaceship! I couldn't believe it. Dad actually said "Beam me up, Scotty," which I thought was not a real line.

But then there we were, in this spaceship full of tentacle-covered creatures speaking some language that I couldn't understand until dad gave me a device to put on my ear; then I could understand everything. It turns out that Dad is actually named xO7%^\*phl, and he is a scientist studying earth. He's trying to understand the biological reasons for war, since it does not exist on his planet.

We got to his planet in just minutes! I was amazed. It had a pink sky and waterfalls everywhere. Dad showed me his lab, where he was very well respected. The other scientists told me all about how he had once solved the problem of hunger on another planet by showing them how to make grilled cheese sandwiches. I thought that was weird. Then Dad said "well, it's time we got home."

I asked if Mum and Anya knew about his alien stuff. He said Mum did, but didn't like to focus on it because it didn't really matter to her. Anya wasn't old enough yet. He said when I grew up, I could decide which body I wanted to have, and which planet I wanted to live on.

What a day! To think I had just been worried about leg cramps and falling off my bike! Now I had whole new worlds to contemplate.