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6 The elevator looked like something from an old black and white movie. But after a few seconds, its doors opened and Rose and Liam stepped out onto the top deck. And they gazed. There was a panoramic window in the ceiling. They stared in surprise at Saturn and its gleaming magical rings. Saturn is the sixth planet from the sun. The second-largest planet in the solar system. Its rings of rock and ice, first seen by Galileo Galilei in 1610, glittered above their heads.

They sat at a table under that amazing view and looked at the menu. Almost immediately, a waitress came up and asked, 'What would you like?'

Liam noticed that she had the same perfect good looks of the stewards. She was a bit shorter than Michael, that's all, and her hair was longer. Her eyes were bright and sparkling like stars. But Liam and Rose didn't have time to order. A loud male voice filled the air. It was calm, educated, powerful.

'This is an urgent message for all passengers...'

The waitress stopped what she was doing and listened.

'Will all passengers please go immediately to the Great Hall.'

Then, after a brief pause, it said more urgently, 'Please stop what you are doing and go immediately to the Great Hall.'

## GLOSSARY

- **deck:** floor; level
- **gleaming:** shining
- **glittered:** shone with light
- **urgent:** that needs immediate action; important



There were only a few other passengers in the restaurant. They were clearly surprised by the announcement. Obviously, this type of thing didn't happen every day. More waitresses appeared and went to the occupied tables.

Cathy – that was the name on her badge – took their menus away.

'I'm sorry for the inconvenience. Please go now.'

'What's happening?' asked Rose.

'There's going to be an important announcement. Please stop what you are doing and go immediately to the Great Hall.'

'OK,' said Rose. 'Come on, Liam. Let's go to the Great Hall.'

Rose stood up as Cathy went to another table. Liam looked up at Rose.

'Something's not right here,' he said.

'Well yeah, but maybe it's only a safety drill. I once went on a cruise with my parents and we had one then.'

'I don't mean that. I mean this spaceship, these people. It's weird...'

'Oh, come on, Liam. We're always worrying!'

Rose pulled Liam up from his chair.

'Stop looking for problems. Just try to enjoy yourself. We're in space!'

## GLOSSARY

- **announcement:** formal public statement of information
- **drill:** practice
- **inconvenience:** negative situation usually causing discomfort or delay
- **occupied:** being used by someone