

## Chapter 1

### Brazil

Wow. This place is so cool. Look. Brazil once had zombie ants. There was a virus that could take over an ant's brain. Do you ever take your head out of guidebooks? My sister asked. I mean is this a vacation or a book report. Hey, aren't guidebooks interesting? Probably in bookland, my sister replied. Okay look I'm not one of those kids with dyslexia. But my sister is like the absolute enemy of books. Oof! I rammed into someone. He started murmuring something in a language I didn't understand. Probably portuguese. Come on! My sister urged we can't miss our plane to the Amazon rainforest.

Now boarding first class. Let's go. We're like the Kabras from the 39 clues. On first class every plane. We got on the plane. We got on the plane. A boy about my age said hi. I'm Tony, my sister Victoria, and my little brother Phil. So he has an annoying big sister too. Prepare for landing. Well that was fast. Ring! Ring! My phone rang. It was my dad. How's vacation going? So far so good. So far.

## Chapter 2

### The Virus

Let's explore, said Tony. Whoa! What are these? Green ants? Everybody panic! Zombie ants! This is why you need someone who reads books. The virus that can take over an ant's brain can't take over a human brain. Phew! Tony sighed. Watch it. The slope's muddy. Don't slide. Whoa! Oh no! Aaah! Oof! Is this a cave? Looks like one to me. Let's go in. Phil started crying. I'm thirsty! Tony get your water bottle out right now! Victoria shrieked. His crying is getting annoying. Water! Water! Me want water! Phil, my water bottle fell. I don't know where it is. We've got to find our way out of here. The slope's too slippery to climb. Me see water bottle! Strange, why would there be a water bottle in a cave? Phil no!

## Chapter 3

### The Ranger Station

Thud! Thud! Thud! Thud! My footsteps echoed as I ran to get Phil. Tony was running beside me. Phil wait! But Phil was already gulping down whatever was in that water bottle. It tasted like soda, Phil exclaimed. Look guys light up here, Victoria shrieked with joy. Hello! Anybody up there?! Huh? We heard someone. Hey, we're in here! I screamed at the top of my lungs. Oh. What ya doin' in there kiddo? A muscly teenager asked. Phil was walking with Tony towards us. There's more of you? Yeah. I fell in here with my friends, and who are you? I'm a forest ranger. Okay, let's get ya kiddos up here. One by one. Hang on to this rope.

What's your name? I asked as we got on the jeep. Michael. Yours? Nathan, my sister Isabella, and my friends Tony, Victoria, and Phil. You guys can rest once we're at the ranger station.

### Chapter 3

#### The Ranger Station continued

Me have sunburn! Me have sunburn! Cried Phil. Phil's been acting weird lately. Phil never gets sunburns. Plus he had his sunblock on. Phil's alright Tony. Stop stressing yourself. We heard something in Phil's room. Let's go. Creak! We went into Phil's room. Oh my god! This can't be true! There was Phil. Green skin, rotten teeth, long crusty fingernails. He looked just like a zombie.

### Chapter 4

#### Infected

Run! Tony cried, but I was frozen with fear. Tony pulled me out the door. I unfroze. Now close the door, Tony cried. We locked the door. Phil can't reach doorknobs. So he won't come out. But on the other side of the door was Phil, climbing out the window. We better catch a plane and get out of here.

### Chapter 5

#### Safety... Probably

Come on guys. We gotta leave. Why? Where's Phil? No time to explain. Let's go. By Michael. Where ya kiddos goin'? Home. Who's driving you? Umm, probably you. Okay. Let's go. Vroom!

Thanks Michael. Now boarding first class. We were almost late. Hey we're like the only kids on this plane. More like the only kids on Earth. Cause in the cargo compartment of this very plane were Phil and some others he bit waiting to take over the world.

Suddenly I had a bad feeling. What if Phil climbed out the window and he kept infecting others and he's traveling on this very plane right now. Uh oh.