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Crystal Allen reading contest.  
Hope you enjoy it! :D

## The Move.

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### Chapter 1: Moving

I groaned and set the 3 heavy boxes in the car. I didn't want to move to a new town, let alone a big city. My mom kept saying there would be more opportunities, but all I could think about was leaving my friends. I hopped in the car and prepared for the drive to the airport. My mom said, "You don't have to look so down. I guarantee that you will make friends really fast." I pulled out my red and blue Nintendo Switch and started to play. As I felt the car pull out of the driveway, I looked back at my home and was filled with sorrow. I didn't want to move.

### Chapter 2: The New House

When we arrived I hopped out of the car and looked at our new house. It was ginormous! I grinned and ran inside, the grin disappeared though as I saw it. The water was leaking out from the ice melting in the fridge. There was trash in the garage from the former owners. That seemed strange. When I headed down to the basement I heard a scratching and chewing noise. It was on my left and I saw something scuffle into the storage room. I heard my parents talking upstairs. "The house has been vacant for at least a year. I didn't expect it to be perfectly clean." I walked into the storage room and gasped.

### Chapter 3: The Alien

Sitting on the floor was a creature about as tall as my dad! (My dad is 5'8!) It had red eyes and black all the way down. Giant claws glinted in the light and it was chewing on something. I saw it had a rabbit from the

backyard and was eating it! It emitted a low growl. It's giant teeth bared and it lunged at me! I ran upstairs and screamed! "MOM! SOMETHING IS CHASING ME!" She looked down and saw it! She grabbed her phone and dialed what I think was 911. I heard a voice on the phone and it said, "Aliens aren't real. We can't take this so-called emergency. Sorry." Then I heard him hang up. We had to do something to protect the city from this alien. I formulated a plan and ran to tell my family. My mom agreed since this was serious and we started to set up the trap.

#### Chapter 4: The Alien Trap

I ran into the closet and grabbed a bear trap. We used to live in Wyoming and bears were common to end up in our backyard since we lived in a forest. I set a giant chunk of frozen chicken and set it in the bear trap at the top of the stairs. I also grabbed some tape and put it in my pocket for later. My mom had her phone ready for video evidence. We had figured out a police officer lived in our neighborhood. My dad ran downstairs and into the storage room. He had a piece of turkey with him and the alien started chasing him up the carpet stairs. My dad dove over the bear trap. The alien was not so smart. He saw the meat in the trap and took the bait! His head got stuck in it! He didn't get hurt much. His skin must have been like steel! I grabbed the tape and wrapped it around his arms and legs. He wasn't strong enough to break gorilla tape! My mom snapped a photo and sent it to the police officer close to us. Sure enough, in a few minutes the SWAT team showed up with some police officers.

#### Chapter 5: The End

The SWAT members tackled the alien and stunned it with their tasers. It screeched and tried to break free from the tape, but it wasn't strong enough. They grabbed the alien and took it outside to their van. It was taken to the military for tests. We got an award from the Mayor for defending the house and taking care of the alien while waiting for the government. After that we moved back to Wyoming because we would gladly take bears over this.

