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# THE ASTEROID

The asteroid had travelled round the Sun for millions of years. Nothing had changed on its frozen surface – until now!

A second asteroid was on a collision course. Nearer and nearer it came. With enormous force, the two asteroids smashed together. One of them was broken into millions of tiny pieces of rock and ice. These pieces spread out into space in all directions. Some started to

orbit the Sun. Some hit Mars, and Jupiter.  
And some reached the Earth ...



The shower of shooting stars was seen all over the Earth. Most people didn't notice them. They didn't have time to stand and look at the sky. People who did see them soon forgot about it. Astronomers were excited for a short time. Then they forgot about it, too.

'Meteorites are always hitting the Earth. There's nothing special about them,' the astronomers said.



Some of the meteorites were burnt up completely before they reached the ground. Some came down in the sea. Some buried themselves in the Earth.

As these meteorites cooled, something strange started happening.

Cracks appeared on them. Tiny white shoots started to come from the cracks. The shoots buried themselves in the ground. Roots started to grow. When the roots found water, yellow shoots appeared and grew upwards towards the light.

Altogether, there were only about a hundred plants in the whole world, but they seemed to be able to grow anywhere. In deserts, on mountain tops and in muddy swamps, the plants grew, tall and strong.

At first, no one noticed them. They were just plants – and what harm can a plant do?



# BLOODSUCKERS

Old Joe Tyler had a small farm in West Virginia, U.S.A. He had no family. Sometimes, he didn't see anyone for days. He didn't mind. He liked it that way.

Joe was checking out one of his fields. He wanted to use it for some young horses. He wanted to check how well the grass was growing before he put the horses in.



The grass looked good. Joe was pleased. Then he saw something yellow near the far fence. He drove his tractor over.

It was a plant. Joe had never seen one like it before. It was tall, with drooping yellow leaves. On the very top of the plant there was a huge yellow flower.

He jumped down from the tractor to have a closer look.

As he got near, the plant seemed to bend towards him. A cloud of yellow dust shot into Joe's face. He felt dizzy and started to fall.

Soon he was lying on the ground. He could see and hear, and feel the ground underneath him.

But he couldn't move a muscle ...

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Will and Simon were brothers. They both loved walking in the hills and mountains of Wales.

They were heading down a mountain path when Will saw something unusual.

‘What’s that plant?’

Simon looked at it.

‘That looks pretty weird! Let’s get a bit closer.’

‘They climbed over rocks to reach the plant. Will got there first. Simon saw the plant bend over. A puff of something yellow came from the plant. He saw his brother fall down and lie still on the ground.’



Simon rushed over to try and help his brother.

Before he could get to Will, he breathed in some of the yellow dust. He felt dizzy. Soon he was on the ground as well.

Simon watched his brother in alarm. Something very odd was happening around the place where Will lay. White roots were coming up all around him. Soon they started to grow over him like a white net.

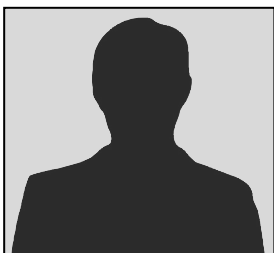
Gradually the roots changed colour, from white to dark red. The roots were growing into Will's body! The plant was drinking his blood!

Simon tried to scream, but he couldn't make a sound.

He tried to imagine what it was like for Will. The roots were digging into his body, sucking out every drop of blood.

Will couldn't move a muscle – but he could still feel everything!

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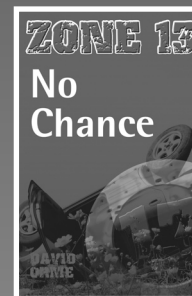
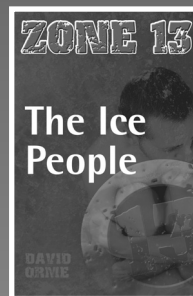
David Orme is an expert on strange, unexplained events. For his protection (and yours) we cannot show a photograph of him.

David created the Zone 13 files to record the cases he studied. Some of these files really do involve aliens, but many do not. Aliens are not everywhere. Just in most places.

These stories are all taken from the Zone 13 files. They will not be here for long. Read them while you can.

But don't close your eyes when you go to sleep at night. **They** will be watching you.

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