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# CHAPTER 1

## What Jody Saw

The last week in March was clear and cool. As Jody Martin **headed for** Quincy Park after school, she thought, "I'm glad I have soccer today, so I can warm up."

After 20 minutes of **warm-ups**, Coach Williams called, "We have just enough time for a practice game."





For the first half of the game, Jody, who was a goalie, **blocked** every kick. But as the afternoon light faded, she found it harder to see the ball. Finally, one ball flew over Jody's head and over the goal. It rolled toward the trees at the edge of the field.

"I'll get it!" Jody **yelled** to her teammates. She **chased** after the moving ball.

The ball rolled under a group of small fir trees. Jody bent down as she ran. She was looking under the low branches for any sign of the ball.

Suddenly, she saw something white through the trees. It was too big to be the ball, though. It also seemed to be **glowing**.

Jody stopped and peered through the branches. The white thing looked like a tall dome. "What can it be?" she thought.

Suddenly, a light **flashed**. It was so bright it hurt Jody's eyes. She covered her eyes, then **peered** through her fingers.





Two shapes appeared in front of the dome and started to walk toward her. They looked like people, but they walked stiffly. As they came closer, Jody saw that the **shapes** were shiny silver and had big round heads.



“What’s happening?” Jody asked herself. She quickly looked around. She didn’t see any other people or equipment.

The only other thing she could think of was an impossible idea. “Maybe it’s from space,” she thought. “It’s an **unidentified flying object**. What’s a UFO doing in Quincy Park?”

Suddenly, the light flashed again. Jody covered her eyes. Then a great whoosh of wind blew past her, and the light went out.

Without looking, Jody **whirled** around. As she ran, she thought, “The other girls are never going to believe me.”



## CHAPTER 2

### Comparing Notes

Jody was right. No one on the team believed her. Instead they **teased** her for being afraid to go into the dark trees to find the ball. Coach Williams was kind and said that probably the dim light under the trees had played tricks on Jody's eyes.

Jody was angry. She was not the kind of person who was easily scared or who **made** things **up**.





The next morning, Jody picked up the newspaper while she was eating breakfast. She was **amazed** at what she read on the front page. The headline read, “UFO Seen in Quincy Park.”

“Mom, Dad, did you see this story in the newspaper?” she asked.

“Yes,” her dad answered. “Isn’t it silly? People see something unusual, and everybody thinks it’s a UFO.”

“Well, it is unidentified,” Jody’s mother said. “But everybody always thinks that ‘unidentified’ means an **alien** spacecraft.”

“It says in the article that lots of people saw the UFO and called the police. Is that true, Mom?” Jody asked.

“Yes, it was crazy around the station **for a while** last night,” her mom replied. Mrs. Martin was an officer on the Quincy police force. “The newspaper seems to know more than we do,” she added.

When Jody got to school, she found out that her soccer teammates seemed to have told the whole school that Jody Martin said she saw a UFO in the park. She was hit with questions as soon as she came in the door. Jody felt a little angry at her teammates. They hadn’t believed her yesterday.





Jody's friends Brad Ming, Tina Perez, and Ben Stubbs rescued her from the crowd.

"We all saw it, too!" Ben said excitedly.

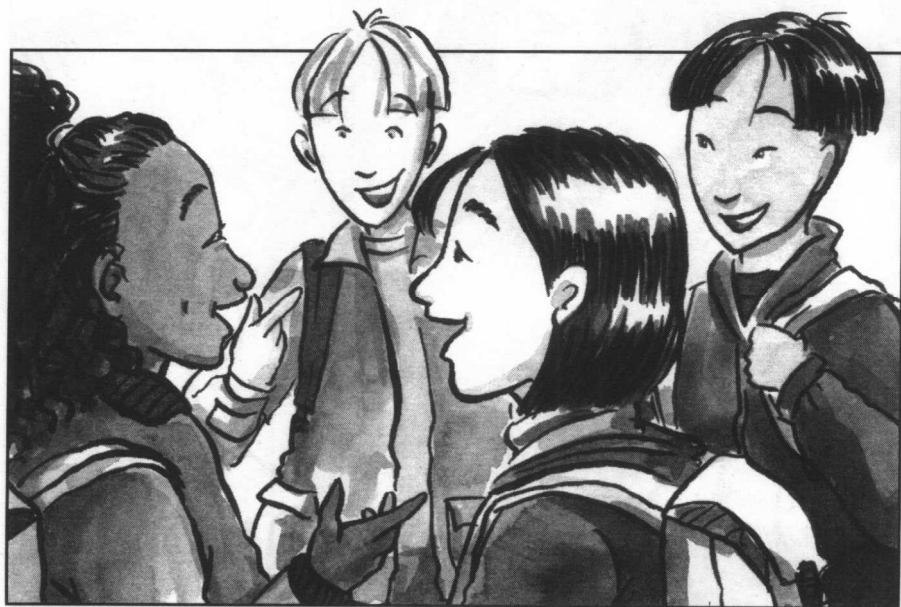
"You saw the UFO?" Jody asked.

"Yes, I was walking the dog," Ben said.

"I was coming home from the store with some milk for my mom," Tina said.

"I was on my way to a Boy Scout meeting at school," Brad said. "I think it was just a UO. It wasn't flying. It was on the ground," he added.

"Let's talk about this after school," Jody said. She smiled for the first time that day.







After school the four friends hurried to Jody's house. They each told what they had seen in the park. They all agreed there had been a bright light. Ben had seen the silvery shapes too, but from farther away. Only Jody had felt and heard the great rush of wind.

"This is a real **mystery**!" Ben said.

"I bet we can solve it," Brad said.

"We were all in the park when it happened," Tina added. "So, we've already got some **clues**."

"What do you think, Mom?" Jody asked. Her mom was getting ready for work.





“If you kids are going to look into this mystery, you’ve got to be careful,” Mrs. Martin said. “I’ll see what I can find out at the station house.”

“Thanks, Mrs. Martin,” Tina said.

“It’s very unlikely that this thing will **turn out** to be an alien spacecraft,” Mrs. Martin added. “Most of these kinds of events **end up** having simple explanations.”

“We know,” Ben said. Then he turned back to the group. “Just think,” he said, “what if it turns out to be a real UFO?” He loved mysteries and odd events.

Do you think the thing they saw is a real UFO?