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Professor Plano, Zed and Zee are hot on Lord Myopic's trail! They have arrived in Lord Myopic's dreamworld, a place where everything is run by robots and people talk to each other only on their devices. Until . . . the machines go on strike — devices need a break too! The people are lost, and Prof Plano and the boys have to figure out how to help them get out of this tangle.



Myopia (short-sightedness), device dependency and lack of outdoor activity are public health concerns worldwide.

Stories from **the plano adventures** are based on years of scientific research, written specially to empower young readers to tackle these adverse effects of excessive device use.



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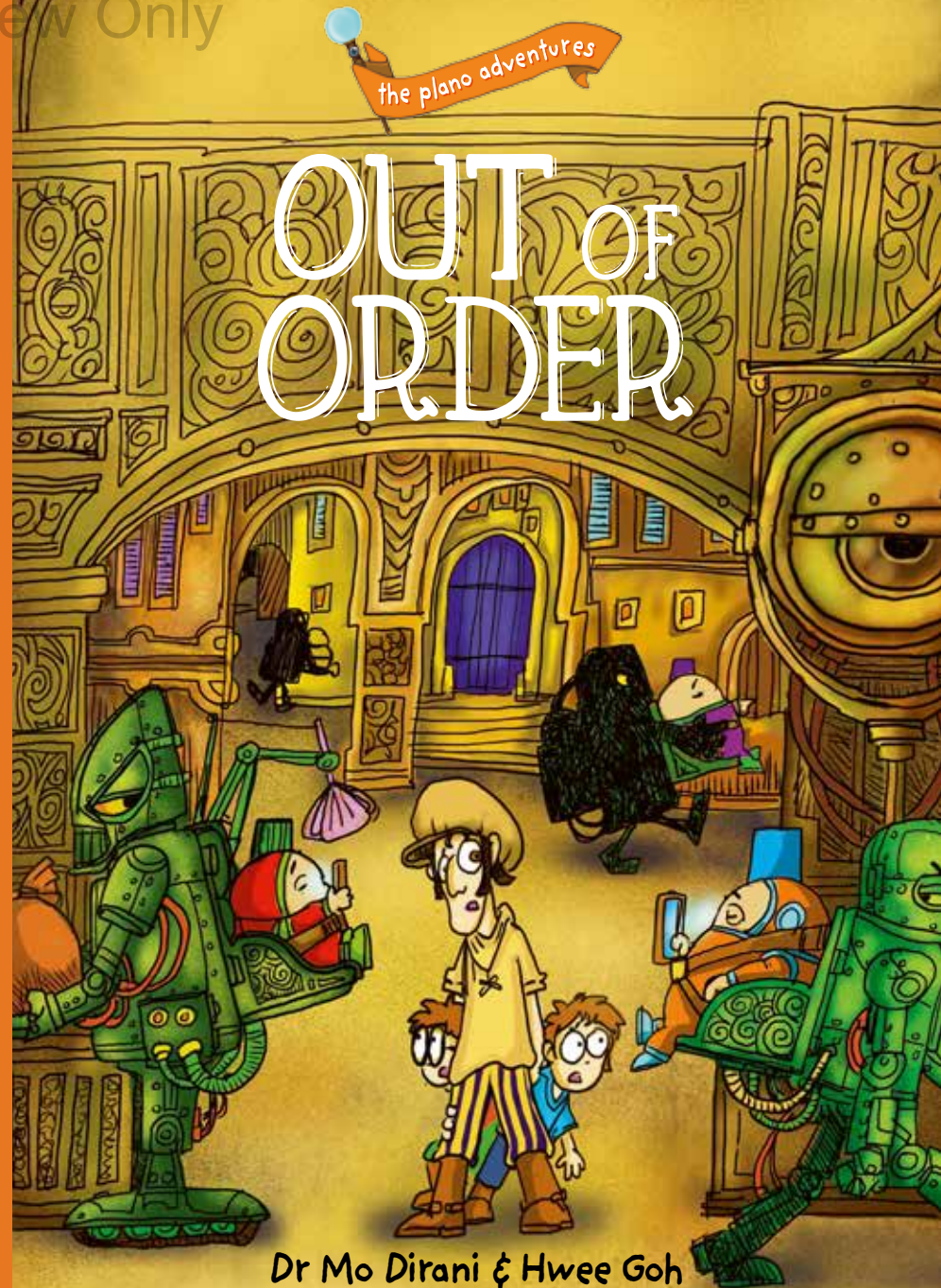


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Chapter 1

A Strange Message



Hello there! My name is Professor Plano. You can call me Prof Plano.

I've just received an SOS call on my Bottle-Bottle screen, but the line got cut off!

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“SOS? Oh, I know! That means Sink Or Swim, like my cheese toast in hot chocolate!”

That’s Zed, the older twin who loves running outdoors (and mixing up his words).

“Wait, maybe it means Save Our Sausages! That’s more like it!”



Zee, our tech whiz, manages to roll his eyes at his brother while checking up SOS on his Bottle-Bottle screen.

“SOS is a distress signal. It has been in use for more than a hundred years. It’s a call for help!”



**Professor Plano's
Clear Vision Recipe**



Scoops of Good Distance

Hold your device or book
at least 30 cm from your eyes.

Dashes of Eye Breaks

Take a break after 30 minutes
on your device or book.

Heaps of Time Outdoors

Make sure you spend at least
2 hours outside every day!

MyPower

Be in control and do what is right.

Zed and Zee practise my
Clear Vision Recipe every day.

They make sure to add MyPower,
which makes my Orb very strong
in my fight against Lord Myopic.

Lord Myopic wants to keep
everyone foggy from using their
Bottle-Bottle screens all the time!

Luckily, this Clear Vision Power
also makes my Orb turn red around
anything that causes foggy vision.



PING!

There's the SOS call again.

Somebody called 80GAN is trying to BB-chat me.

"Ouch!" Zed and Zee and I bump our heads rushing to connect the call!

TAP! TAP! TAP!

Zee succeeds in putting the call through.



"Hello."

It's a robot on the other end!

"Professor Plano?
I am Hogan."

Hogan looks like he's seen better days. His metallic armour is rusted and his lights have dimmed.

"We need help..."

He speaks slowly, like he's very tired.



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“WHERE IS MY WOCKET TOY?”

A muffled voice says off-screen.

Hogan turns around in alarm.

“Y es M aster M yopic!
R ight a way , S ir!” he says
with great effort.

I am surprised to hear
Lord Myopic’s name.



Without turning to look at us,
Hogan secretly pastes a piece
of paper on his screen.



“Wait!” I say, puzzled. “What’s going on?”

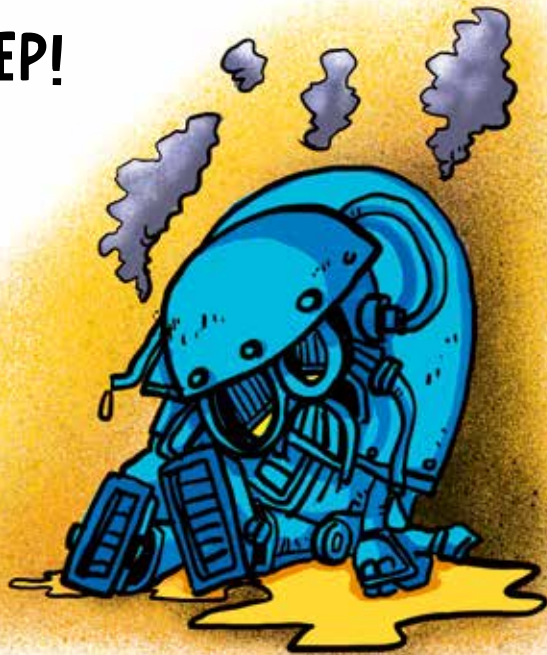
TWANG!!! FIZZLE!

We look in horror as smoke comes out of Hogan’s ears. His lights flash red, and then go out.

Hogan crashes onto the screen.

BEEEEEEEEEP!

The line goes dead.



Chapter 2

Machiville

“Hurry! If Lord Myopic is involved, we’ve got to go!” I say to Zed, who’s bent over a huge map.

“I can’t find Machiville!” he says anxiously.

“Wait, maybe Hogan meant Merryville?” Zed points to a spot on the map.

Facts Are Fun!



The real Professor Plano is Dr Mohamed (Mo) Dirani, a world leading expert on myopia, or short-sightedness.

Some of you might have noticed that the Clear Vision Recipe does not just address myopia, but it also refers to a clarity we all need to have towards a device-filled future.

By 2020, there will be more than 24 billion internet-connected devices used around the world. In Singapore

alone for example, there are more than three smart devices per person.

This rapid adoption of technology has been linked to an increase in social disconnection. Children and teenagers are losing their ability to form relations, or to respond to non-verbal emotional cues. Studies have shown that increased smart device use could significantly shorten quality family time, and even lead to conflict.

Parents can play an important role, by paying close attention to their children's behaviour on devices, leading by example and seeking help from professionals when needed.

One habit that has been picking up within homes, is to “Bin Your Devices”. That is to have everyone put their devices in a ‘bin’ once they get home, or at meal times.

The Plano Adventures team aims to help every child enter this wild woolly digital world with eyes wide open.

For every book, Mo outlines the key messages. David Liew then doodles characters, gadgets and places on his iPad. Hwee Goh then has lots of fun writing the story.

She also gets young readers and their Mums and Dads to test-read every book.



Hwee is a former TV journalist whose real love is reading and writing. The mother to two boys and identical twin girls, has also written non-fiction for kids.



David is a former history teacher and now a prolific and award-winning illustrator who has created many memorable book characters.

My Complete Plano Adventure

Trouble in Murktown

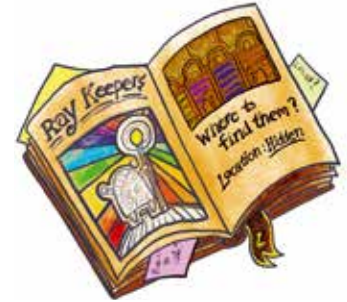
Prof Plano discovers that Zed and Zee have _____ Power.

In order to activate this power against Lord _____, he needs the boys to practise:

1. _____,
2. _____ and
3. _____.



The Ray Keepers



On their way to Rainbow's Edge, Prof Plano, Zed and Zee meet the _____.

They discover that Lord Myopic is putting _____ into their Bottle-Bottle screens. The three of them seek out the _____ and bring back

Violet Light, which can also be found _____.



The Never-ending Game



The Nettown children are stuck in the _____ Game. While trying to save the children, _____ gets sucked into the Game, pulling _____ and _____ with him. They solve some clues to get to the end to fight the Game Master who is actually _____.



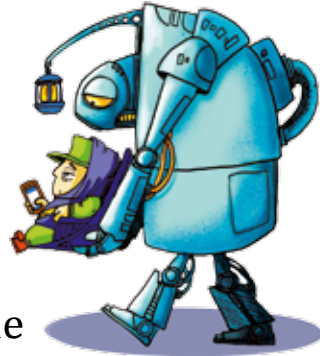
Prof Plano discovers the 4th ingredient called _____.

Attack of the Cybugs



Cybugs are attacking the Wood Wide Web for practising the _____ Recipe! _____ devises a plan to trick the cybugs. When they face the cybugs, Zed, Zee and the children realise that _____ do not hurt them. As long as they are in control and do what is _____, they will always have _____.





Out of Order

Merryville has become _____ . The town is run by _____ and nobody talks to anybody in real life, only on their _____ screens. The _____ Resistance shuts all the machines down. Prof Plano gets Zed and Zee to help Nico Roboto to install the _____ Recipe into the system upgrade, so robots and machines get a _____ too!

My name is _____

I am now ready to face
the digital world!

(Please sign here)

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Join Professor Plano, Zed and Zee in more exciting tales in
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