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Lost

It all happened last summer. I was staying at my cousin’s house in the mountains and I was bored. I really wanted something exciting to happen so I decided to go for a walk alone.

At first, it was sunny, the mountains were beautiful and I felt happy. But time passed quickly and soon it was getting dark. I realised that I was a long way from my cousin’s house and I was completely lost!

Suddenly, I heard a strange noise and saw a large dog. He was barking and he seemed to be asking me to go with him. So I decided to follow him. After a while, he took me to my cousin’s house. He ran off into the night and I never saw him again.

What I Learned in Astronomy 101

It was the first day of class. I got up early, threw on a pair of jeans, a sweatshirt, and a ball cap and hurried off to my eight A.M. class, *Introduction to Astronomy*. I have always been interested in astronomy, so I took a seat in the front row. But the lesson I learned that day was not on the syllabus. I discovered how quickly a mean-spirited professor could dampen my desire to learn.

When Dr. Laster walked in, the classroom was filled, and several students were standing along the walls. The professor looked around the room until his eyes stopped on me. He did not look pleased. “Young man,” he said, “where are your manners?” I looked around and saw female students standing as I sat. Embarrassed, I rose and gestured for one of them to take my seat. “Sit down,” snapped the professor. “I’m sure these ladies can stand for a few more minutes. Do you and these other gentlemen always wear your hats indoors?”

I felt a flush creeping slowly up my neck, and as I whipped my cap from my head, I saw stealthy movements as others quickly removed theirs. During the rest of the class, I hid my embarrassment by pretending to read the syllabus and take notes.

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1. LOST	I decided to go for a walk alone and I got lost	A large dog appeared and I followed him. He took me to my cousin's house	I, a dog	last summer, at my cousin's house/ in the mountains
2. What I learned in Astronomy 101	I went to class and the first day professor Dr. Laster embarrassed me/told me off/ reprimanded me by asking me if I and the other boys wore our hats indoors	My classmates and I removed our hats / took our caps off. I felt embarrassed.	I, professor Dr. Larter (other students)	The first day of class, in a classroom