

# The Creatures of the Light

It started with a boy named Lucas. He lived in Honolulu, Hawaii. Lucas was an insecure person due to his weird dreams and things that he saw. When he told people he saw creatures with long legs and thin arms, they'd say he was crazy. When Lucas was walking home, he saw creatures peeking over the top of trees and looking at him with their multicolored eyes. Whenever he looked at them and they saw him, they would disappear in a flash of light. He was scared of them but they didn't seem to want to hurt him. Lucas couldn't see what was happening to the creature in the light, because it was really bright. He wanted to know where they were going. Lucas was a 13 year old boy who had a normal life with his parents and his older sister Clara, but one day, he stepped into the light...

One day he followed a creature until he was so close he could touch it, he was surprised it didn't turn yet. Lucas looked at the creature's skin, a peach colour like Lucas's, but bumpy. He decided to name the creature's specie a Desigual (pronunciation: des-egull) which meant uneven in Spanish, uneven like its skin. He stepped forwards as the Desigual looked towards him. Then Lucas was getting pulled towards the creature.

Lucas got pulled in by the Desigual invisible force! Lucas closed his eyes because everything around him was so bright, he didn't dare open his eyes. Before he knew it he was falling, he could hear the wind whistling in his ears. A moment later he blacked out due to the heat energy. Before he was completely out, he crumpled into a soft bed of something he did not know.

They arrived at a land that had so many more Desigual's. The Desigual took Lucas to a tree known to the creature's as a Hermollo tree. It was named after the two Greek Gods Apollo the God of medicine, healing, sickness and the Sun, and Hermes the God of travel. The tree could heal anything. It had multicolored feathers instead of leaves. The feathers were soft so if you put some on a wound, they wouldn't hurt you.

Lucas was asleep, and he didn't know anything else at the moment. The Desigual was taking Lucas to the Hermollo tree to wake him up. The Desigual's didn't want to hurt humans. The Desigual set Lucas down on the ground. Then it put some feathers from the tree on Lucas's body. After a while Lucas slowly sat up, he didn't know where he was and he was pretty scared. He decided to count to three before he opened his eyes. He counted out loud, and the Desigual heard him and it could understand what he was saying. The Desigual didn't want Lucas to get sucked up by the force again so the monster turned invisible when Lucas opened his eyes. When the creature turned invisible, Lucas felt a warm breeze. He looked at the field in front of him. The field was not grass, though a series of perfectly lined strings that looked like they were made out of pearls and marshmallows, he leaned over and touched it, it was as soft as Chinchilla's fur! He looked at the Hermollo tree, he was amazed by the feathers on the tree! He wondered if he could tell the police so they could come and see it. He didn't know if he was in the real world, or a different magical land. He wondered if the creature's were calm beings, or harmful ones... He would have to find out.

Lucas still didn't know how he woke up so fast. He stood up and stretched. He wondered how he wasn't hurt, though he remembered falling pretty hard on the

marshmallow pearl string grass, and he knew there was an bottom to it. He walked over to the marshmallow grass and lightly pushed it down so he could see the ground. It was all gold colored, it felt like glitter but the pieces were as big as a thumb nail. It was amazing! He loved all the things in the world, but he didn't know what was yet to come...

He was still dreaming of how wonderful the place was, but he had forgotten how he had came to land anyway! The Desigual... and the breeze, he felt no other wind when there was the breeze, and it seemed that the breeze happened only where Lucas was standing because the tree didn't sway. Now he was starting to feel suspicious, and a bit scared, even though that wasn't a very manly thing to do. His sister Clara always told him that even though she was older and it was her job to take care of him sometimes. Lucas starting thinking about the way the Desigual's looked at him, it was like they could see right through him. Their eyes were beautiful, they looked like an explosion of rainbow colored spray paint. He never thought about it but the Desigual's were a lot taller than him, because they could reach the tops of trees, they were about 20 feet tall! Lucas's whole body was taken over in a sweep of fear, then a chill ran down his back like someone was watching every step Lucas took in his life, they were watching like they were waiting for something to happen...

Lucas was so scared he sprinted straight through the grass. He ran until his lungs were trying to crawl out his throat for air. He collapsed on the soft grass and laid there until he could breath clearly. He got up and looked at his surroundings. He saw the grass around him, he saw a village! Suddenly he heard something, possibly a man's voice...

" Hello" said a voice.

"Ah!" Lucas screamed as he spun around.

A Desigual was standing behind him! Was it the Desigual who spoke? It sounded human...

"What are you!" Lucas screeched!

"I am what you call me, a Desigual and I cause no harm, don't be afraid" said the creature.

"you have been watching me" Lucas said.

"I have" the Desigual admitted.

"Why?" Lucas inquired.

"Because we want to be accepted by people who will accept us. If you told people, we would be known. You started telling people. You described us like we were scary, so we tried hiding because we didn't want to be known as scary."

Lucas told the creature that if he could return him to his home, he would tell people about them. The Desigual said that he could only return Lucas at 3:00 o'clock when he came. He didn't like the idea because his mom would call the police, but the Desigual said that he could shapeshift and he could tell one of his mates to be Lucas until he returned.

The Desigual said his name was Meleager. Lucas followed Meleager to a Desigual village. Lucas spent the rest of the day being with Meagler. At dinner he ate food which was human food, steak and salad. He got new clothes which looked like the ones he came with, jeans and a red shirt, and green high tops to go with that. He slept in a comfortable bed, with blankets made out of pearl grass. The next day he ate breakfast, and said goodbye to the other Desigual's. Before he knew it, it was time to leave. Meleager opened a portal, and they both stepped through. Before Lucas could close his eyes, he was at the same place he was twelve hours ago.

Lucas walked in the door and told Meleager to follow. When he saw his mom, he made her promise not to be scared. He told Meleager to introduce himself. Lucas told his story of how he went to a different land, and how he named the creatures a Desigual. He told her about their shape shifting so it looked like Lucas was home, and he told her that he needed to show Meleager to the outside world. His mom promised to go to the police department the next day.

Soon the word spread about the discovery of the specie. Lucas was proud of the amazing discovery, and he got awarded \$100,000. Meleager was happy and he invited the police to look at his land. Meleager brought Hermollo tree feathers to Hawaii. Some people disagreed with welcoming the Desiguals, but most people thought it was okay. Lucas and his family lived happy for a long time until...

## Three years Later...

Meleager moved in. He slept in a room Lucas's family had built. One day Lucas woke up and looked outside, he didn't see any Desiguals! Lucas checked on Meleager. He found him cleaning his room, Meleager never cleaned up! Lucas knew something was wrong.

"What is this?" Lucas asked referring to the room and the dark sky.

"All the Desigual's have disappeared..." Meleager explained.