THE WATER PORTAL

“Eamonn, Eamonn! Come on wake up we have to go.” called Dad

“Waa its six o clock” whispered Eamonn.

“Actually its eight fifteen, we have to go get a new washing machine, the old one broke down. If you get out of bed now you can pick the washing machine” bribed dad.

Eamonn struggled out of bed and put on an old shirt and some jeans. He ate his breakfast of sausages swiftly and got in his dads old battered banger of a car .After a while they came to a second hand washing machine store. They went in the store only to find three washing machines all in a row. Dads said “go on Eamonn you can pick”. Eamonn took a step forward to have a better look one was called the Ultimate Washer the other was named Super Wash. The last one caught Eamonn’s eye it had a red stripe on the top and a blue stripe on the bottom of the washing machine, this one was called the Water Portal . Eamonn continued to gaze at this weird and wonderful machine until an old lady came around from a counter which Eamonn did not notice, he was too invested in this washing machine. The old women said “Ah I see you're interested in the Water Portal... a lovely machine if I do say so myself An old chap dropped it in last night said he had no use for it” laughed the old women “And it’s only fifty euro’s”. “Is this the one you choose Eamonn?” asked Dad. "Yes I find this one just amazing “chirped Eamonn . “Well son I am happy to hear it, I have an eye for it too”. So we loaded it on to the car and brought it home. Before Dad left for work the next morning he asked Eamonn to stick on a wash in the new washer .When Dad left for work Eamonn put in the clothes in closed the washing machine door and tuned the twisty knob to three and clicked go. Suddenly the clothes disappeared Eamonn was shocked, he opened the machine door but there was nothing! "...but...but" Eamonn mumbled to himself. He had an idea, he got an old jumper and this time turned the knob to four and clicked go .The same thing happened! To make sure he was not dreaming he pinched himself but he felt it so it was not a dream ... maybe it was an an illusion that filled his head with thoughts .So he went next door to his best friend Alex .Alex opened the door when he saw Eamonn coming ."Hi Eamonn" said Alex Eamonn did not have time to talk to Alex he simply just signalled for Alex to follow him to run to his house. Alex followed without question. Eamonn never did this before thought Alex .Soon enough they reached the washing machine Eamonn said," It is magical!”" Yea right" laughed Alex.

"No look" said Eamonn. Eamonn went to the kitchen and got a sock, ran back out to the machine, put the sock in the machine turned it on and it disappeared as usual." WOW" remarked Alex . Eamonn told Alex everything about the washing machine. "There must be some trick here” commented Alex. “Look for yourself!” Said Eamonn .So the two of them put their head in the machine .But Eamonn had made a terrible mistake he had left the front door open when he called for Alex. And the machine was still on but it was not spinning because the washing machine door was open. Suddenly a dog came running at the washing machine and before the boys could do anything the dog had pushed the door closed with them in it. They were gone. To Eamonn and Alex it felt like they were being sucked up by a vacuum. When the world stopped spinning they found themselves in a place where the sky was not blue but PINK! The ground was blue and when they looked down the stuff they had sent through the machine was there but there was no time to look at that! This world was amazing, the trees were red with stripes. There was no sun in the sky it was like the planet was bright enough. There was only one problem they had no way of getting back....

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