

A Special Space Arrival





YVAN DEMUY Author

Yvan DeMuy has worked as a special educator for children with learning disabilities for over 20 years.

He began writing in 1997. After completing several young adult novels, Yvan turned his creative talent to television writing as well. He's been a screenwriter for the young adult web series *Juliette en direct* (Juliet Live) — a triple-Gemini award winner — as well as for the *Yamaska* and *Dis-mois tout* (Tell Me Everything) web capsules.

In 2013, in addition to his screenwriting projects, the author began collaborating with Jean Morin on the illustrated fiction series *Les soucis d'un Sansoucy* (The Burdens of a Lightheart). No burdens weigh Yvan down, however, now that success is inevitable: the series is currently available in France and Bulgaria, and will soon be published in Turkey.

JEAN MORIN Author, Illustrator

In 1987, Jean Morin was part of the circle of collaborators behind the launch of *Safarir* magazine. He drew illustrations for the magazine for nearly 10 years. He has since worked as an illustrator for educational and young adult publishers as well as for advertising agencies. He loves his work, which allows him to explore different facets of his art, from humour and short story illustrations to advertising-style infographics, in both black-and-white and colour, for comic books and graphic novels. A lifelong creative, Jean is always brimming with ideas for new projects. In 2013, he partnered with Yvan DeMuy to produce the humour series *Les soucis d'un Sansoucy* (The Burdens of a Lightheart), which is currently being translated and adapted in three other countries.

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The thunder rumbles and the wind wails over the little village of Saint-Zinephore. This doesn't keep Julian Painchaud from sleeping soundly however. In fact, all the inhabitants are fast asleep. Well, almost everyone, because Napoleon the dog makes sure to keep one eye open. Just in case.







"Where's the prowler?" asks Cat, his faithful sidekick.

Although no suspicious-looking individual has ever been seen in the vicinity, our two valiant guards stay alert.





During this time, hundreds and hundreds of kilometres away, if not thousands or millions... well, very, very far above the clouds, miniscule creatures called The Gingers, are wide awake and busy attending to their usual tasks aboard their special spacecraft.









Still lying under his balcony, Napoleon sniffs out that something is off and opens a second eye.



At the same time, aboard the special spacecraft, Gingersnap is about to put her plan into action.

Gingerly crosses his fingers and closes his eyes, because he knows very well that his friend's experiments rarely end as expected.











Thousands or even millions of kilometres up in the heavens, miniscule **CREATURES** busy themselves with their daily tasks on board their special space ship.

Suddenly, **THUNDER** cracks and flashes of lightning zip across the Saint-Zinephore sky. The ship begins to zigzag. Gingerly, Gingerball, Gingerbread, Gingersnap, and Ginger... well, they're in trouble.





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