

In the beginning there was Baxter Brown. Baxter was the leading smart person in one of those smart industries. You know, the ones where they wear white coats. He was conducting research into parallel universes; working on ways he could teleport from one reality to another.



Then one day he solved the equation. Unfortunately, it was casual Friday and he'd left his calculator in his work pants. Entering the numbers into the smart computer he forgot to carry over the one. So instead of being transported to a parallel dimension, he was teleported into his son's bedroom where his DNA intermixed with his son's kite. He walked and flew the streets that night alone and confused. What kind of life would he have being part-man, part-kite? At one point he walked past an odd-looking man dressed as a mime, but this is unimportant to the story and you should probably forget I mentioned it.

As Baxter turned for home, he heard a scream. It had come from the upstairs window of his house!

Looking through the window, he saw his wife and child being kidnapped! He was helpless to prevent it. Everyone knows you can't fly a kite indoors.

That night he erased the name Baxter Brown from his mind and gave himself a new name: Kiteman - after Kiteman Street, the street where his family had been abducted. By taking that name, he knew he'd forever be reminded to fight evil and search for his family. (Historical footnote: The street his family lived on was actually called Kitmain Street. Kiteman needs glasses.) So now Kiteman walks/flies the streets, protecting the innocent. Always hoping that one day, somehow, he'll find

the people who took his family. And, also hoping that people don't run with scissors.

To be continued in Kiteman 2: Dark skies.



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'That's it,' thought Kiteman. His wife never drank cola! But, sure enough, there in one of

In the weeks that followed, no one could tell just seemed to magically appear on shelves.

Kiteman was being watched! Sensing this, Kiteman caught a high wind and let his head get a bird's eye view of the neighbourhood. As his head soared high above, he spotted an odd-looking creature that conveniently looked just like the drawing to the right.

The creature's name was Exposition Brown. Or Expo to friends. Expo was a HappyLandian! In a cheerful, singsong voice, Expo told Kiteman, 'Our king kidnapped your family. We are the only world with teleporting technology, which he uses to secretly sell HappyLand Cola to unsuspecting worlds.'

'Why was my family taken?' demanded Kiteman.

'He detected a teleporting experiment and traced it to your house. Naturally he assumed your family had discovered the technology he wanted kept secret. But I know it was you who cracked the code. You must save our world from our evil king. Help us Kiteman, you're our only hope. Well, you and perhaps Yo-Yo-Boy. But you're our main hope,' said Expo in the same happy voice.

'Wow, how can you say all that with a smile?' asked Kiteman.

Being sad is illegal in HappyLand, duh,' replied Expo.



the photos was a bottle of HappyLand Cola.

him where HappyLand Cola came from. It Even stranger, he had an odd feeling he was being watched. Actually, it wasn't that strange a feeling, as in the next paragraph you'll find out he really was being watched.

In the six months since the kidnapping of his family, Kiteman had been so down in the dumps that people coined the phrase, 'As low as a kite'. Sitting at an empty bar, he scanned the crime scene photos.

CHAPTER II

Surely there was something he had missed. He searched the photos like a writer searching for an appropriate metaphor. Then, into the bar walked a mime. It's important to note here that this mime was not the unimportant mime that Kiteman bumped into on the night of the kidnapping. This was a different mime. A very important one. You see, this mime was drinking cola.

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Missed Kiteman 1 and 2? After accidentally teleporting into his son's kite, Baxter Brown was transformed into Kiteman – just in time to see his family kidnapped!

Thanks to his new friend Expo, Kiteman finally knew who had kidnapped his family. Now there was only one thing to do: get them back! But to do that, he would need to travel to a parallel world; a world where danger lurked; a world where evil ruled; a world called HappyLand.



So, together with Expo, Kiteman went about recreating the code that would teleport him to HappyLand, making sure that this time he carried over the one. Before they used the latest code, they agreed it would be best to teleport Kiteman's pet dog to be sure it worked properly. They put him into the machine and with a special effect more impressive than the ones in Stargate, the dog was teleported to HappyLand. Then, with a special effect as impressive as all the ones in Sliders, the dog was teleported back, unharmed. Finally, they teleported him into a kite, because hell, who wouldn't want a Kitedog.

Putting in the final code, Kiteman opened the portal and stepped into another world. After they arrived in HappyLand, the legend of Kiteman spread faster than gossip at a high school – a high school onboard a spaceship travelling at the speed of light. Unfortunately, this meant the king was prepared and had planted forests everywhere in an attempt to capture Kiteman in a green, leafy trap of doom. However, it wasn't all bad news. In what was a small bit of luck, Kiteman discovered that scissors hadn't yet been invented in HappyLand. Finally, after many exciting and hilarious adventures in HappyLand, the trio arrived at the castle gates. Little did they know then that one of them would not live to see the following day. But which one?

To be continued in Kiteman 4: Death of Kiteman.

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CHAPTER IV DEATH OF KITEMAN

Missed Kiteman 1-3? Kiteman has travelled to a parallel world, HappyLand, to confront an evil king and rescue his kidnapped family!

Kiteman, Kitedog and Expo finally arrived at the evil king's castle. 'We need a plan to get into the castle,' said Expo. Eventually they decided to catch the king off guard by walking in the front door without knocking. However, as soon as they entered, the king shut the castle's giant windows. Without a breeze, Kiteman and Kitedog were powerless, unable to lift their heads off the ground.

'Well, well, well. So you're the half-man, half-kite. More like half-fool, half-idiot,' the king mwhahaha-ed.

Actually I'm three quarters man, one quarter kite and wait a minute! You're the unimportant mime from chapter 1!' shouted Kiteman in disbelief.

'Yes, that was my brilliant disguise. It was so good, it even fooled the narrator,' the king boasted.

It's true; it was a very good disguise.

'Well you're still going to go down cola king, light and refreshingly,' said Kiteman to the ground. 'Brave words, my non-HappyLandian friend. But in HappyLand there are no preservatives and no D-grade superheroes. Oh yes, we might not have worked out how to invent scissors, but I'm afraid we invented the scissor gun centuries ago.' And with that the king pulled out something that could only be described as a scissor gun. Taking aim at Kiteman's string neck, he fired the gun.

> The scissor bullets narrowly missed Kiteman and hit the giant windows behind him, releasing a gust of wind into the castle.

'It seems your aim is as inaccurate as the title of this chapter,' said Kiteman as he rose to his feet. Flying upwards, he wound himself around and around the king, trapping him. Then, over the

course of a montage, the king was trialled, found guilty of guiltiness and put in prison.

> 'Finally we're free of the king - free

to express whatever emotion we feel,' shouted Expo. 'And yet I'm so happy I still don't know what it's like to be sad,' he continued.

And with that, Expo frowned. And then he smiled, as he'd experienced his first frown. And all the HappyLandians lived however-they-felt-like-living ever after.

Meanwhile, Kiteman was also smiling, having been finally reunited with his family. Of course, little did he know then that he'd just made his deadliest enemy. 'I should be the hero of this story, not you Kiteman. But you had to save the day before I could even make a cameo

appearance. You will pay. Oh yes, you will pay,' said Yo-Yo-Boy angrily to himself.

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