

Spoonarkki

and the journey to Earth



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On a far distant planet in another GALAXY, there lives a tiny, green and friendly ALIEN called SPARKI.





Sparki lives there with his mummy, daddy
and a younger brother and sister.



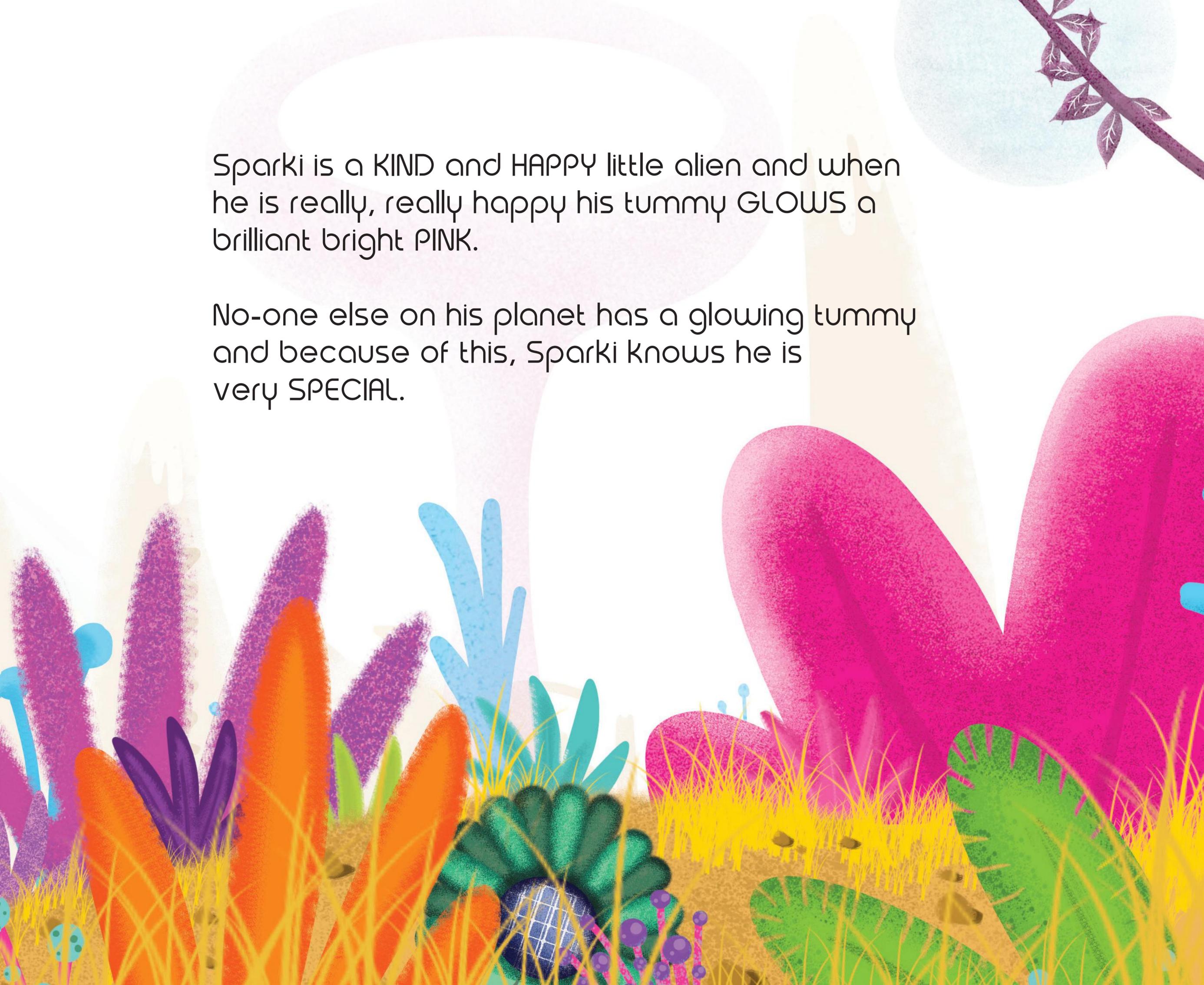
A whimsical illustration of a forest at night. The background is a deep purple and blue, filled with numerous small, glowing white and blue particles, resembling fireflies or magical dust. In the foreground, there are two large, glowing mushrooms. The one on the left is green with a yellow center, and the one on the right is purple with yellow spots. The trees are dark green with glowing outlines and some small lights on their branches. The overall atmosphere is magical and serene.

The planet on which he lives is fantastically beautiful with fairy-tale forests and wonderfully colourful life forms that magically brighten the landscape.

Everyone lives in perfect HARMONY and all is CALM and lovingly PEACEFUL.







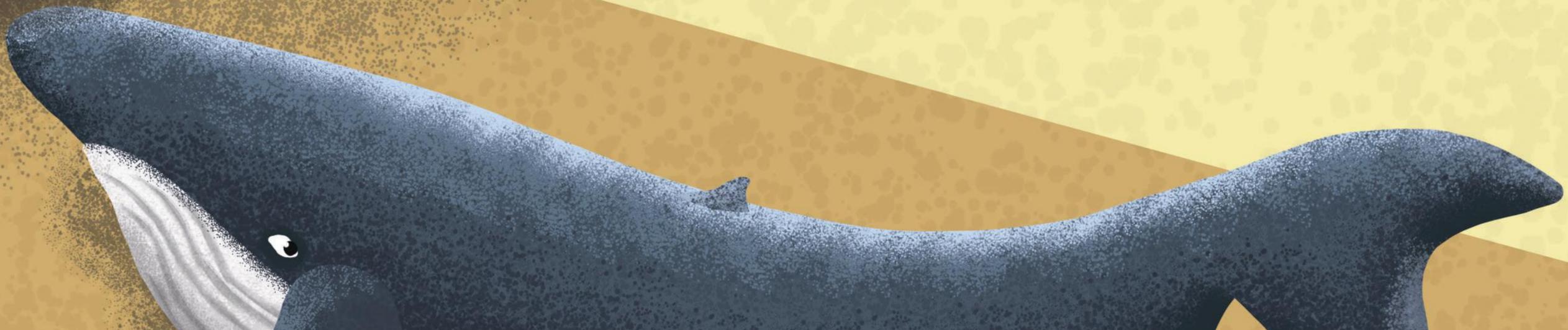
Sparki is a KIND and HAPPY little alien and when he is really, really happy his tummy GLOWS a brilliant bright PINK.

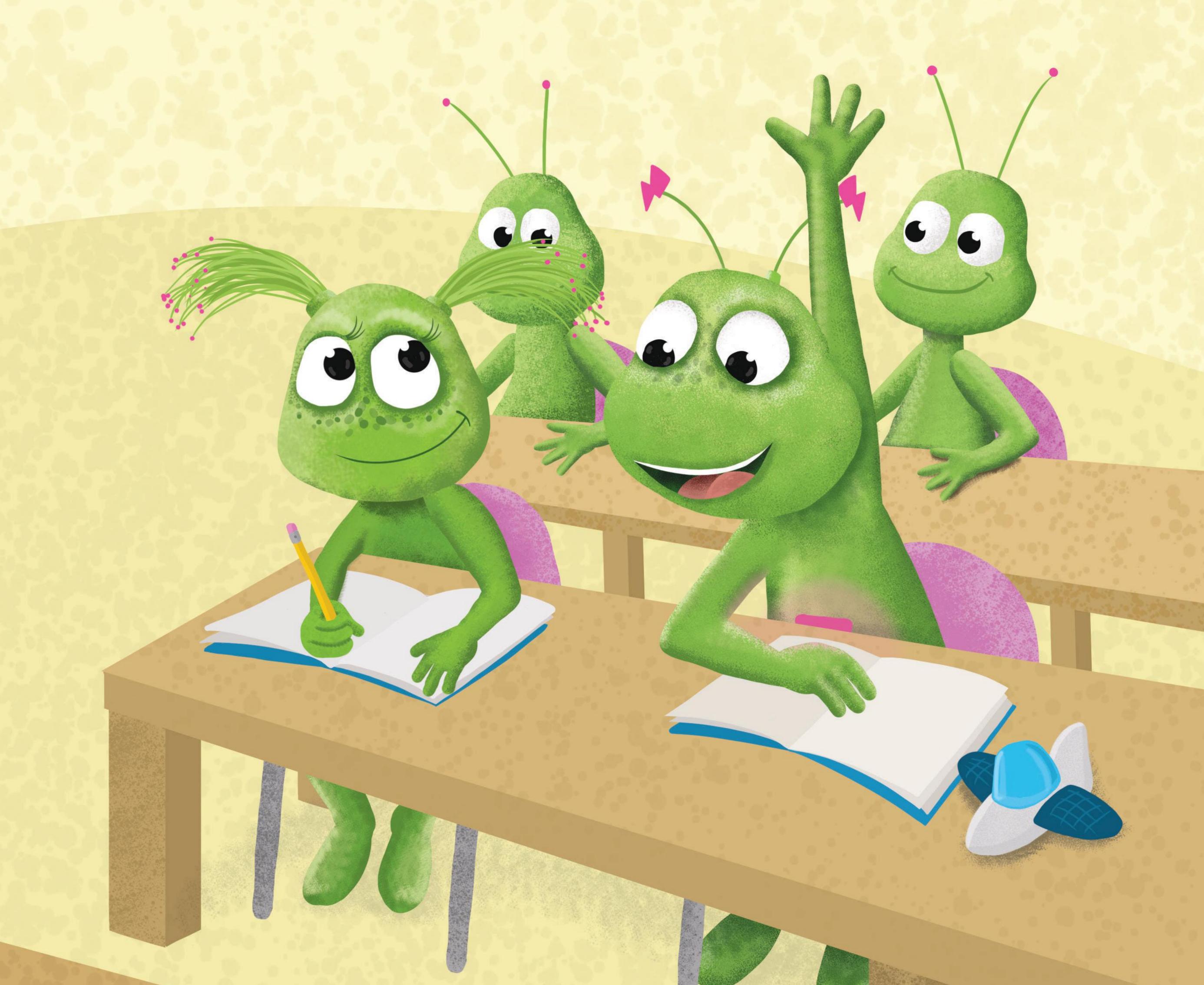
No-one else on his planet has a glowing tummy and because of this, Sparki knows he is very SPECIAL.

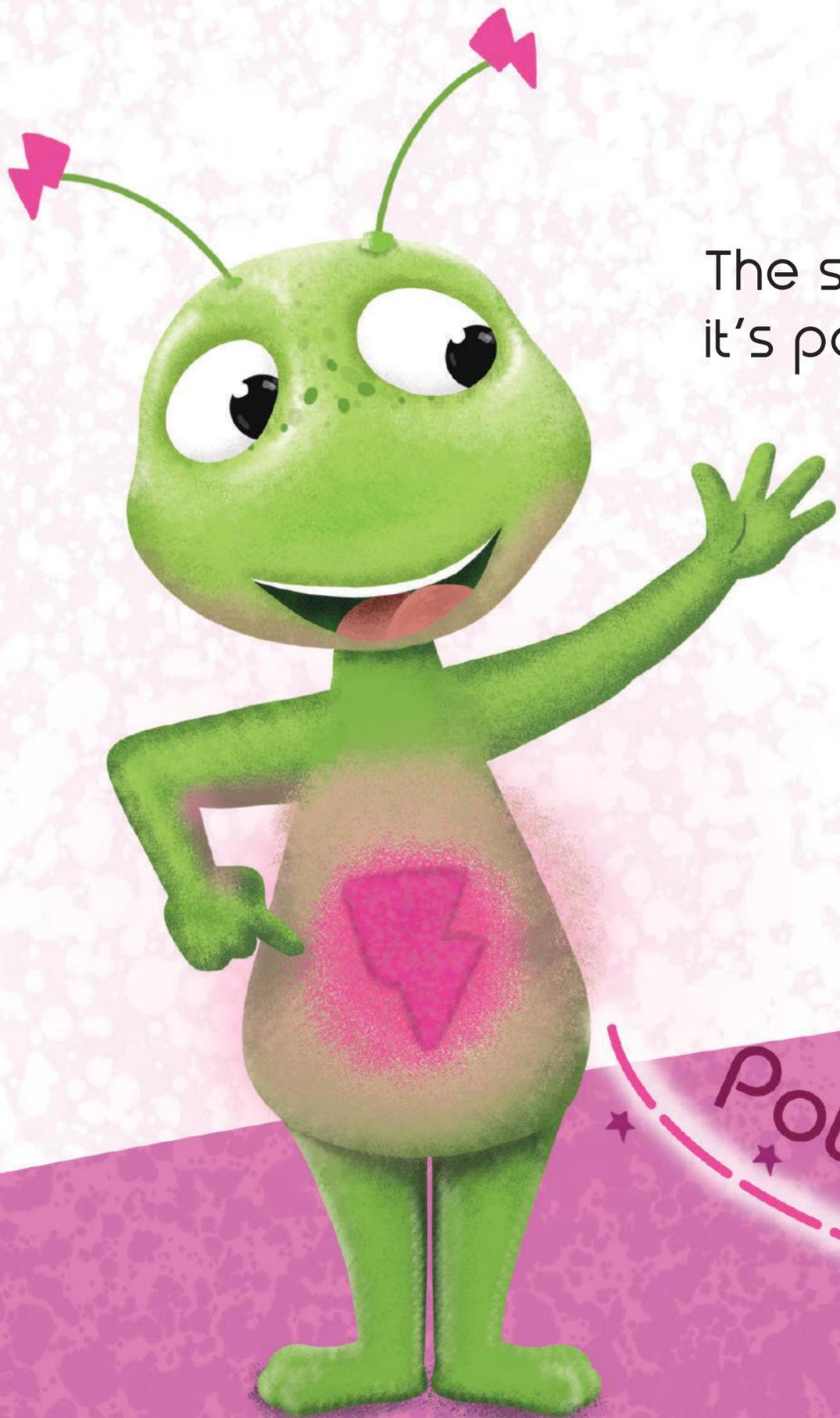


One thing that makes Sparki really happy is learning about his favourite other planet...EARTH This is where the HUMANS live (where you and I live).

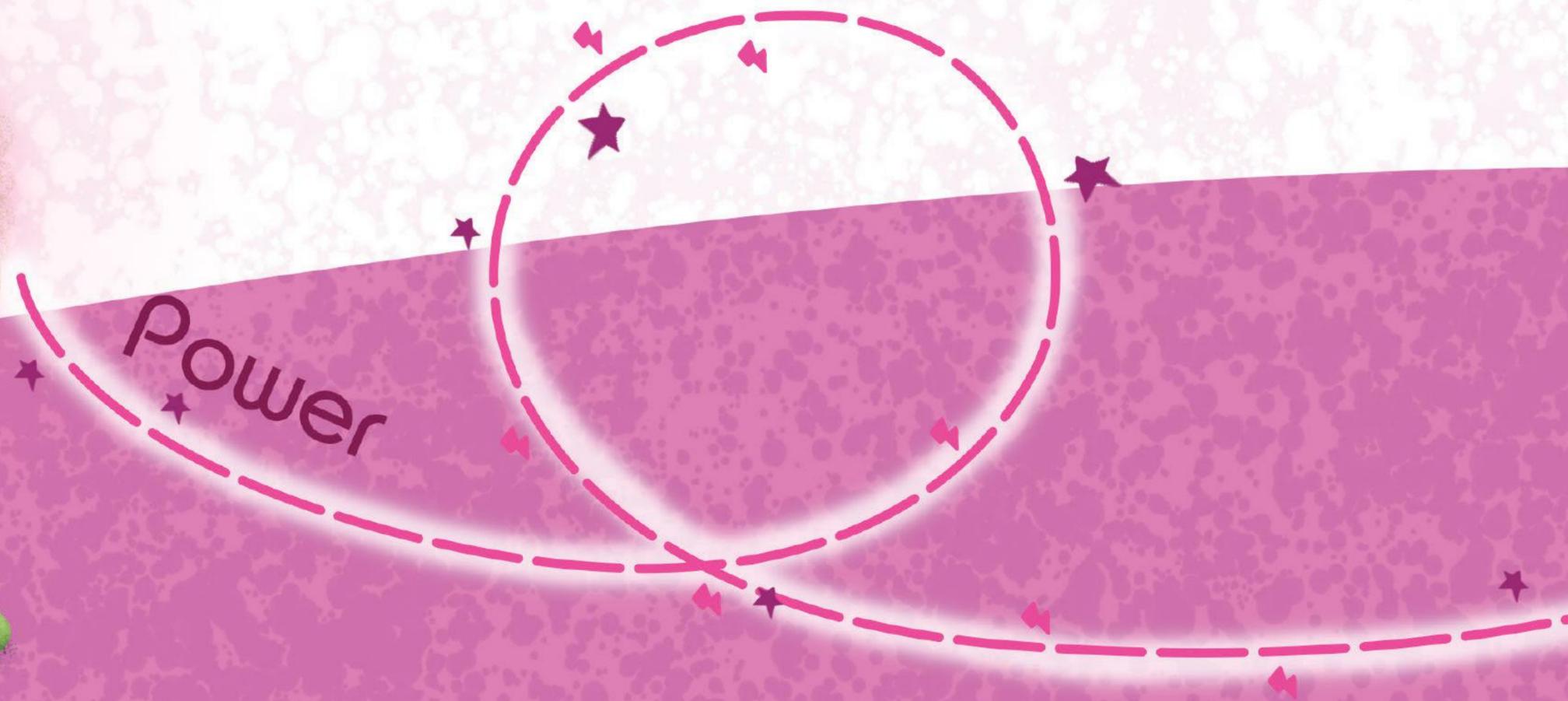
And for so long now, Sparki has been wanting to visit Earth. So much so, that he has been building a spectacular SPACESHIP with his parents.







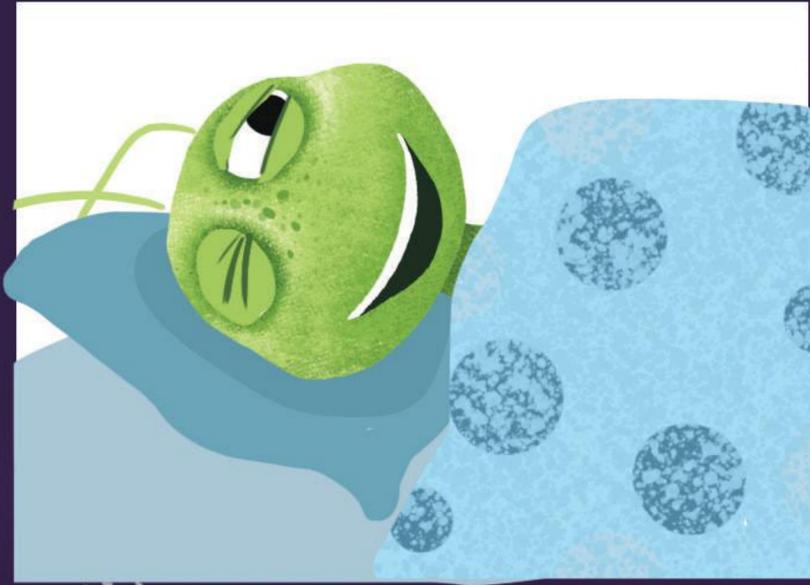
The spaceship is extremely special because it's powered by Sparki's glowing tummy...





...and today marks a very exciting day,
as the spaceship is finally complete!

Now Sparki can, at last, make the
ADVENTURE to Earth!



"Just one more sleep and I'll be on my way!" Sparki says to himself excitedly, as he tries desperately to close his eyes.

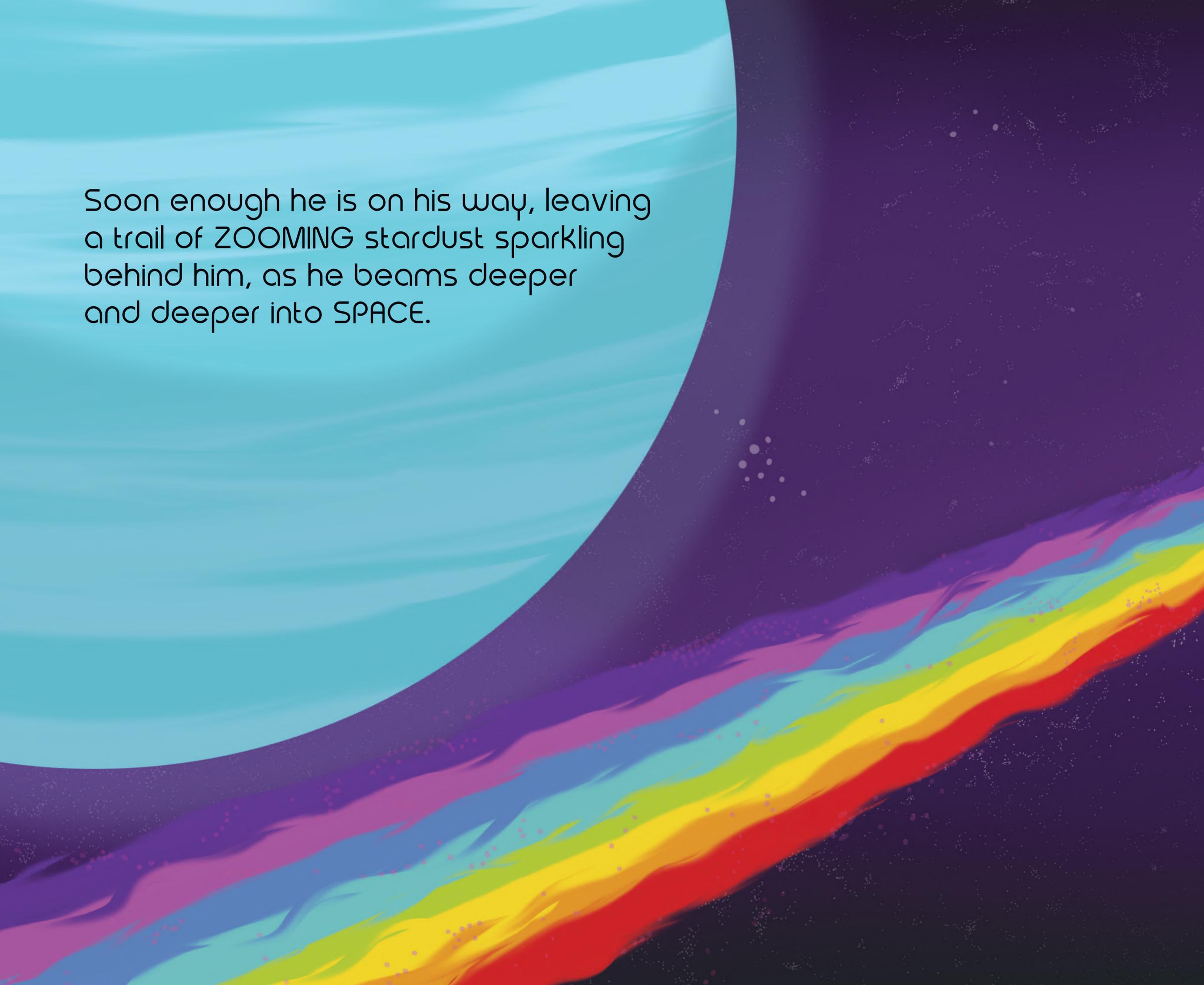


When morning finally does arrive, he doesn't want to waste a single second more. He gathers his things together, whilst his mummy and daddy makes sure he has everything he needs.

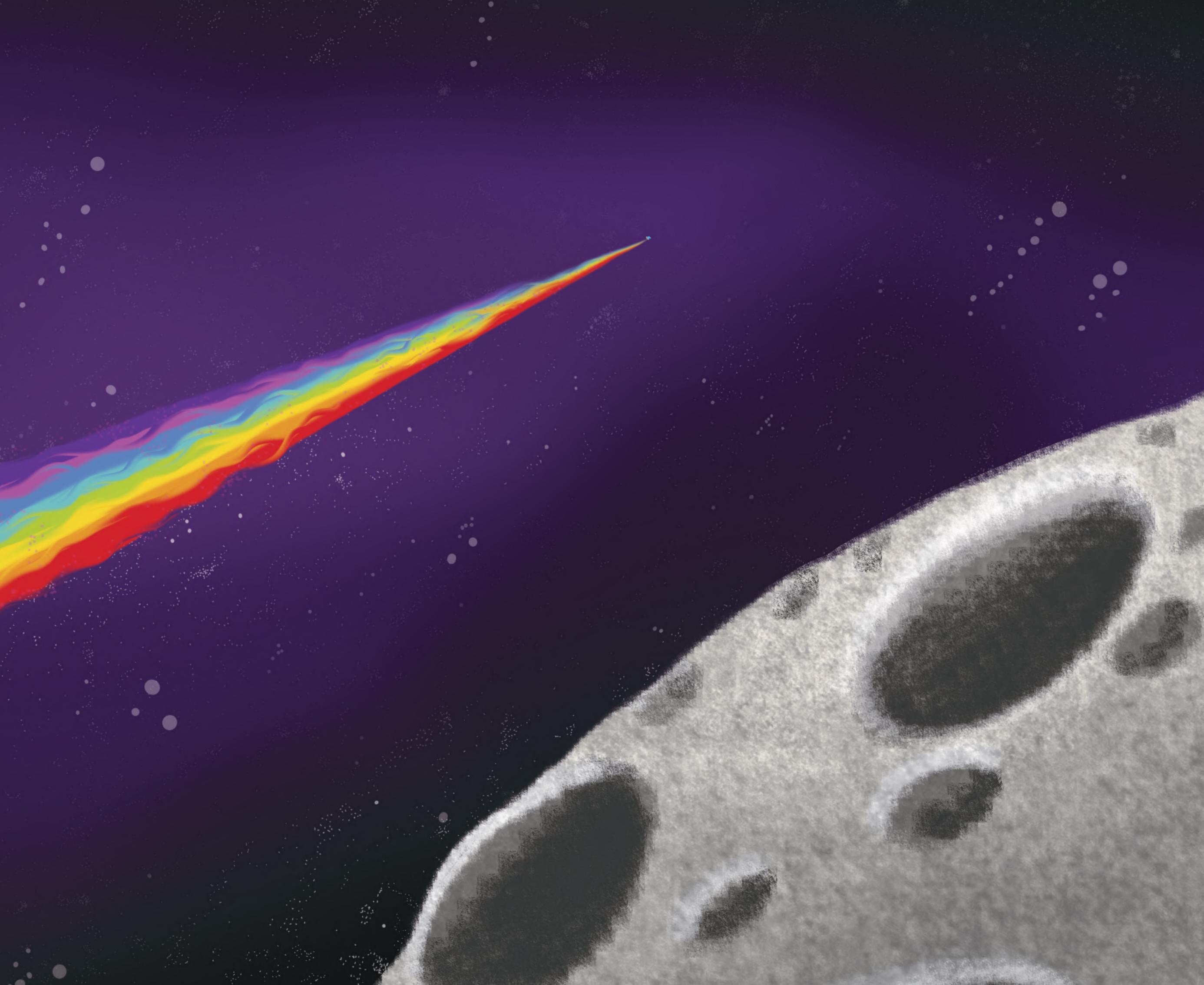


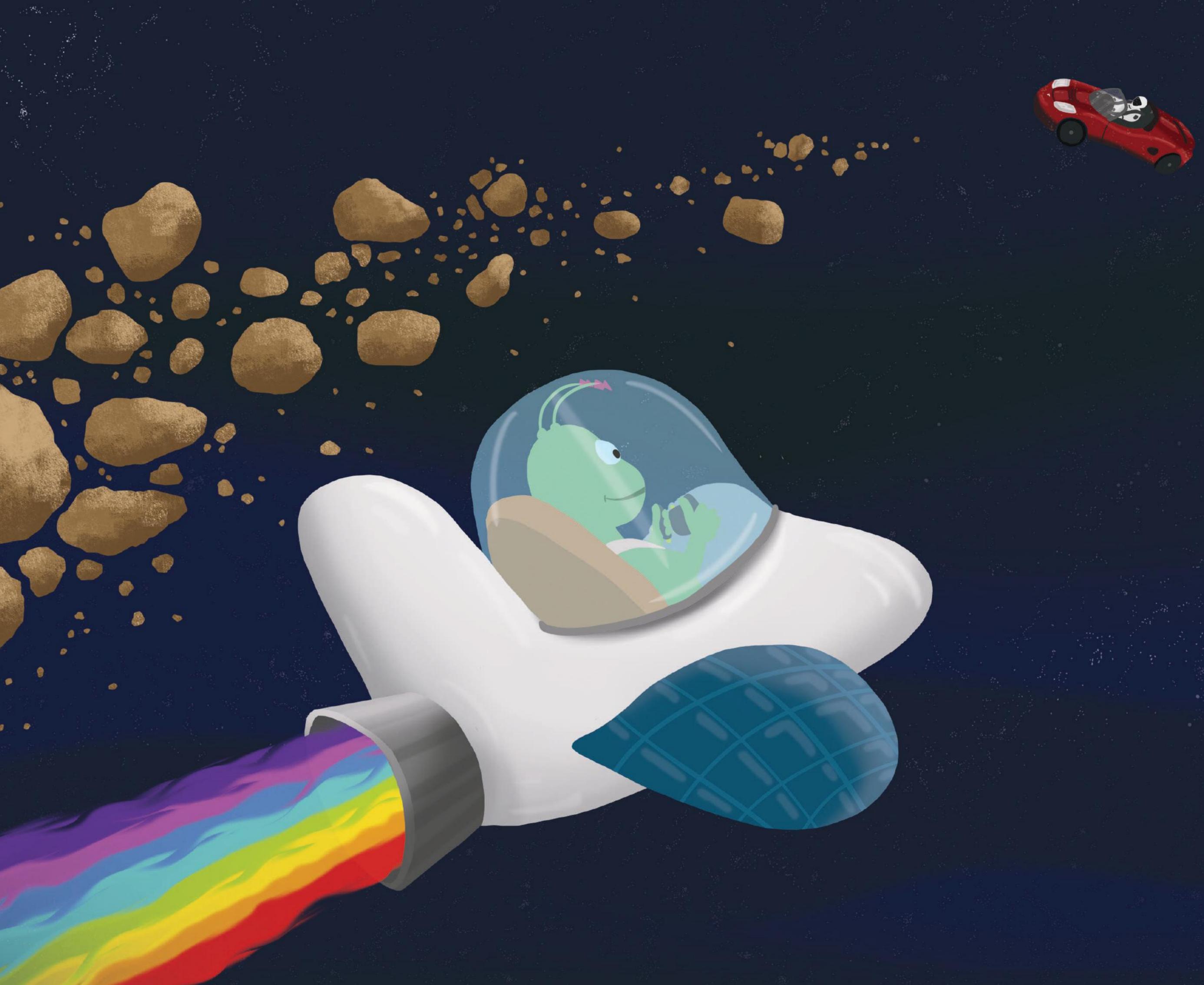
He kisses his family goodbye and jumps eagerly into his spaceship...

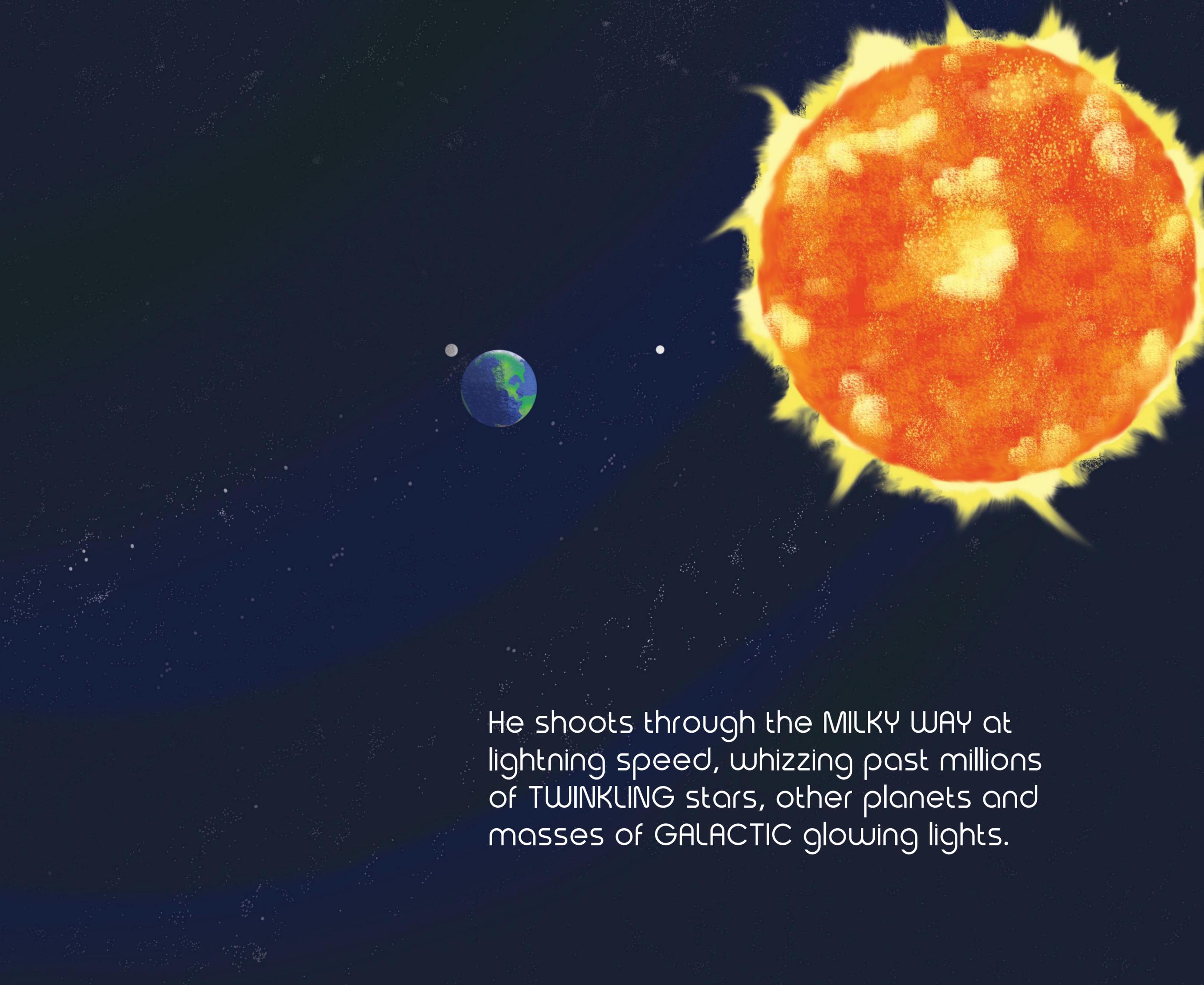




Soon enough he is on his way, leaving
a trail of ZOOMING stardust sparkling
behind him, as he beams deeper
and deeper into SPACE.







He shoots through the MILKY WAY at lightning speed, whizzing past millions of TWINKLING stars, other planets and masses of GALACTIC glowing lights.

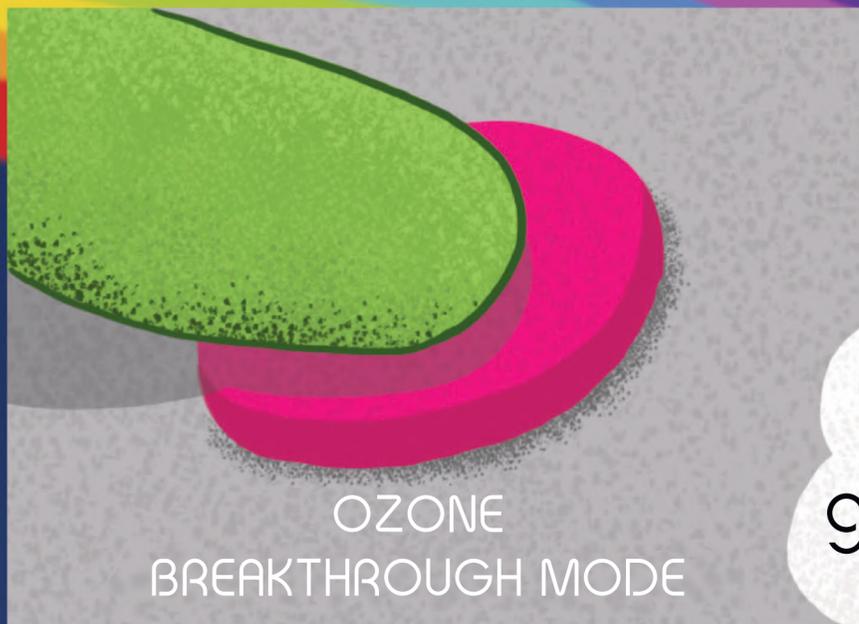


In no time at all he reaches the edge of the ATMOSPHERE with Planet Earth clearly now in sight.





Sparki braces himself as he sets his spaceship into ozone breakthrough mode.



"Oooohhh, this is going to be bumpy!"
He exclaims...



...but nothing happens.

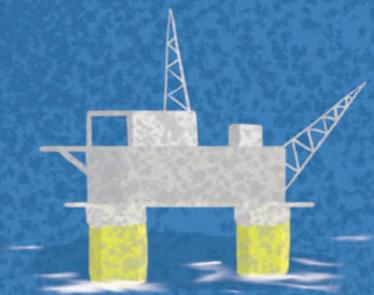


"That's strange."

Sparki wonders why he didn't need to use the ozone button?

He ponders for a few moments, but there is no obvious explanation and then, without warning, the FANTASTIC WONDERS of the Earth start to appear on the horizon...



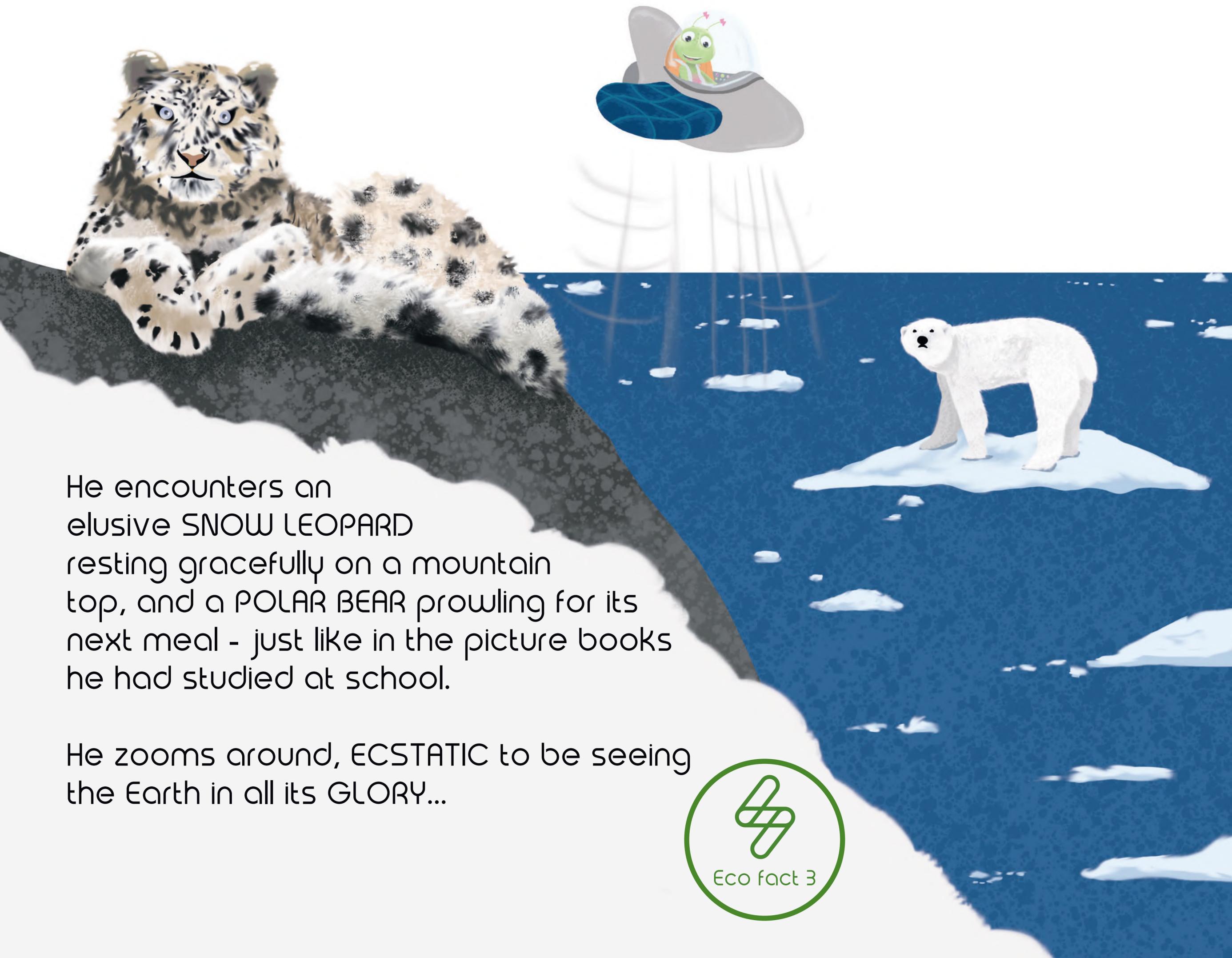


The vast blue OCEANS come into sight and they are even more beautiful than he ever imagined.

He sees the lusciously rich GREEN RAINFORESTS and then the SNOW-COVERED MOUNTAINS loom into view.



He sees DOLPHINS and WHALES that leap majestically out of the deep blue water...



He encounters an elusive SNOW LEOPARD resting gracefully on a mountain top, and a POLAR BEAR prowling for its next meal - just like in the picture books he had studied at school.

He zooms around, ECSTATIC to be seeing the Earth in all its GLORY...





As Sparki looks closer though, the reality becomes all the more clearer.

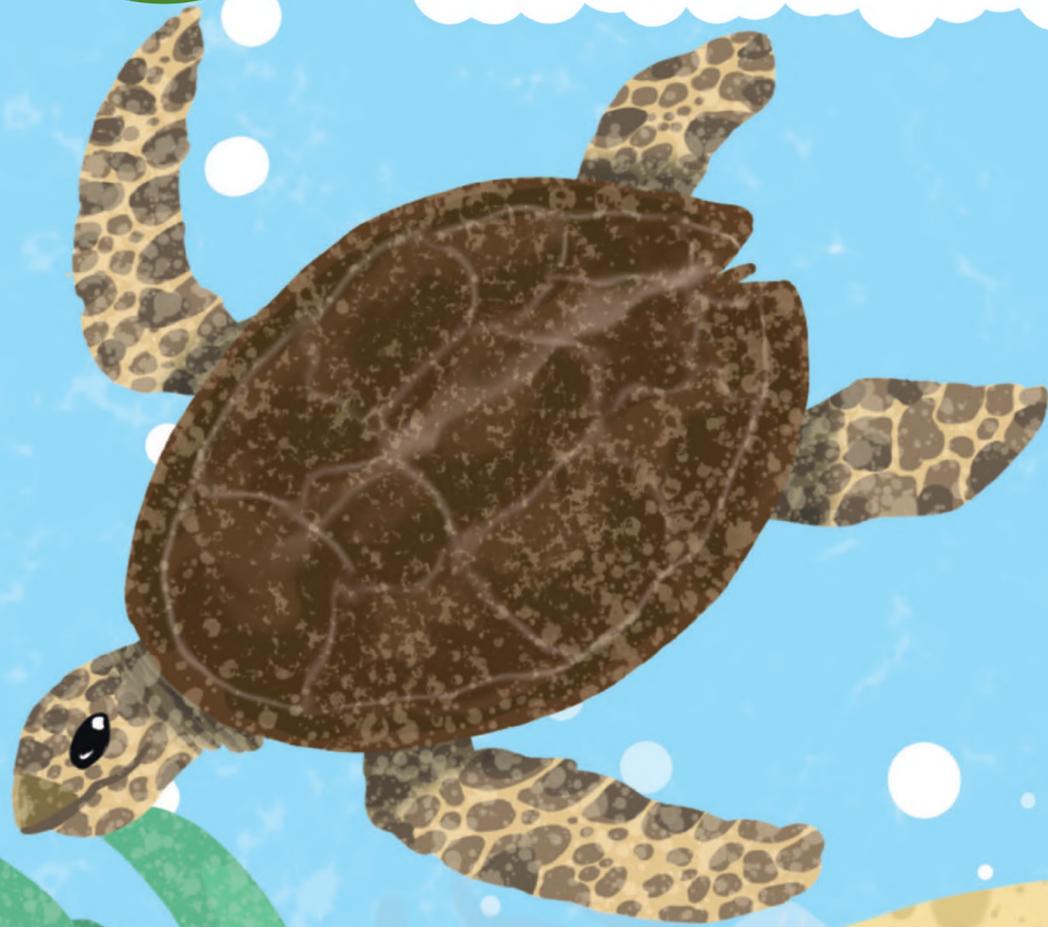
Through the beauty that is still standing, he notices TREES that have been CHOPPED DOWN - now replaced by brown stumps resembling huge stepping-stones.

Parts of the ocean where the once RICH CORAL flourished has now gone and rafts of PLASTIC WASTE floats there instead. He sees rivers and lakes covered in dark OILY substances.

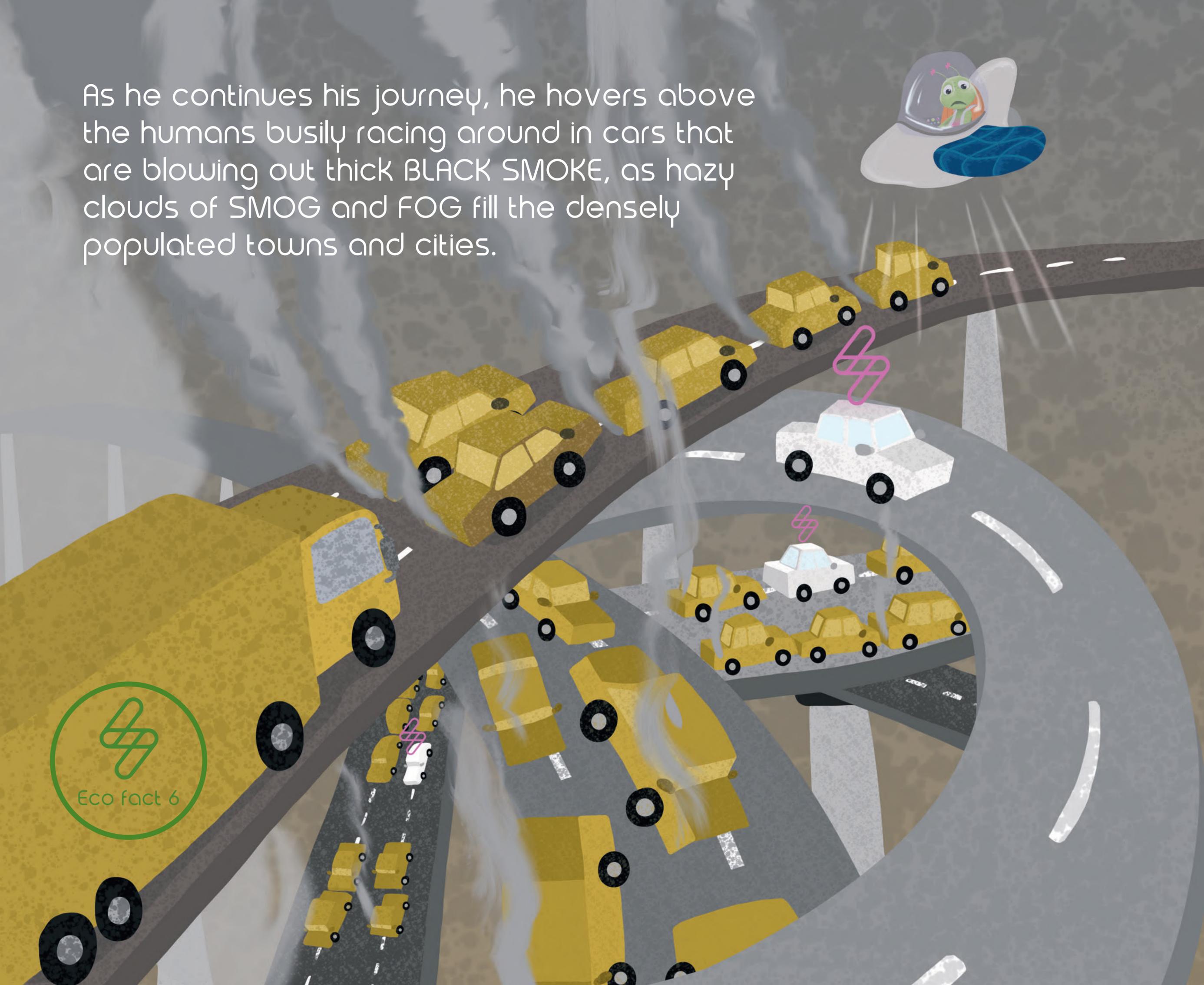




"Why is this happening?"
Sparki thinks to himself worryingly.



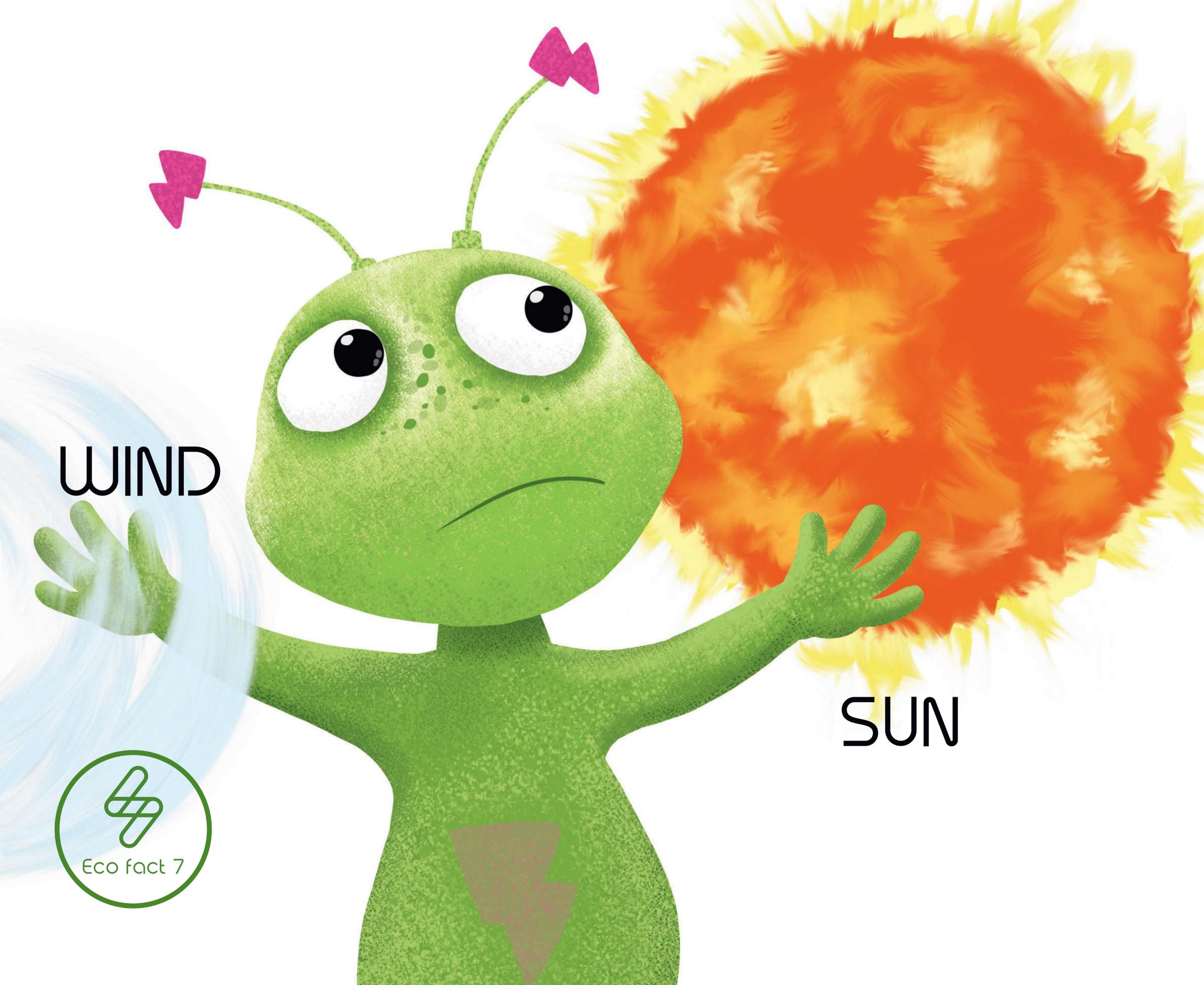
As he continues his journey, he hovers above the humans busily racing around in cars that are blowing out thick BLACK SMOKE, as hazy clouds of SMOG and FOG fill the densely populated towns and cities.





Sparki knew, before his journey, that Planet Earth wasn't as advanced as his planet but he never realised it was speedily SELF-DESTRUCTING.

He couldn't understand why free ENERGY from the SUN or from the WIND wasn't being used here - as it is on his home planet.



WIND

SUN





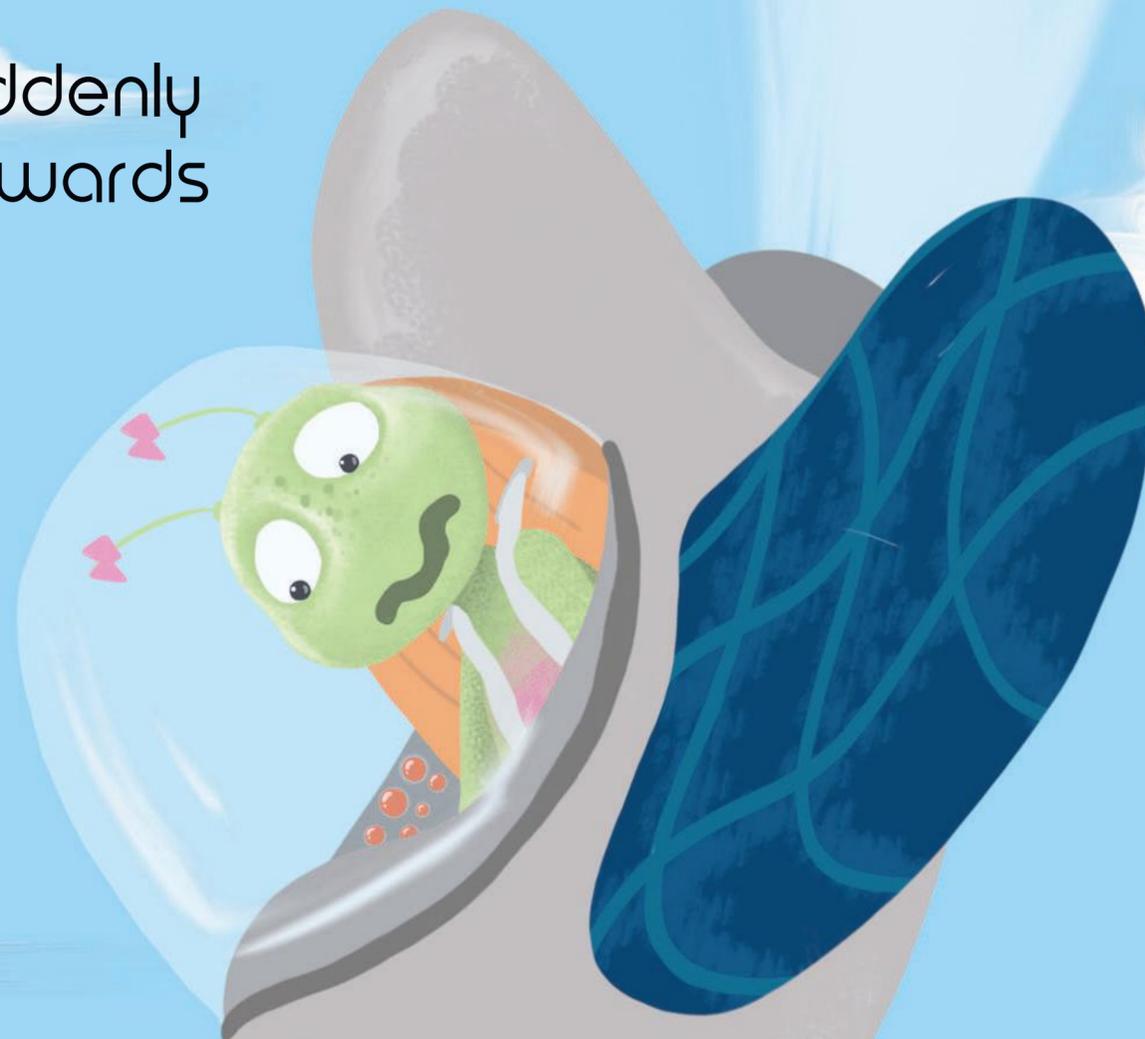
"I have to do something to rescue this once glorious planet before it's too late."
He decides.



He takes a deep breath and tries to zoom away in his spaceship to think about what to do next, but the spaceship won't move any higher.



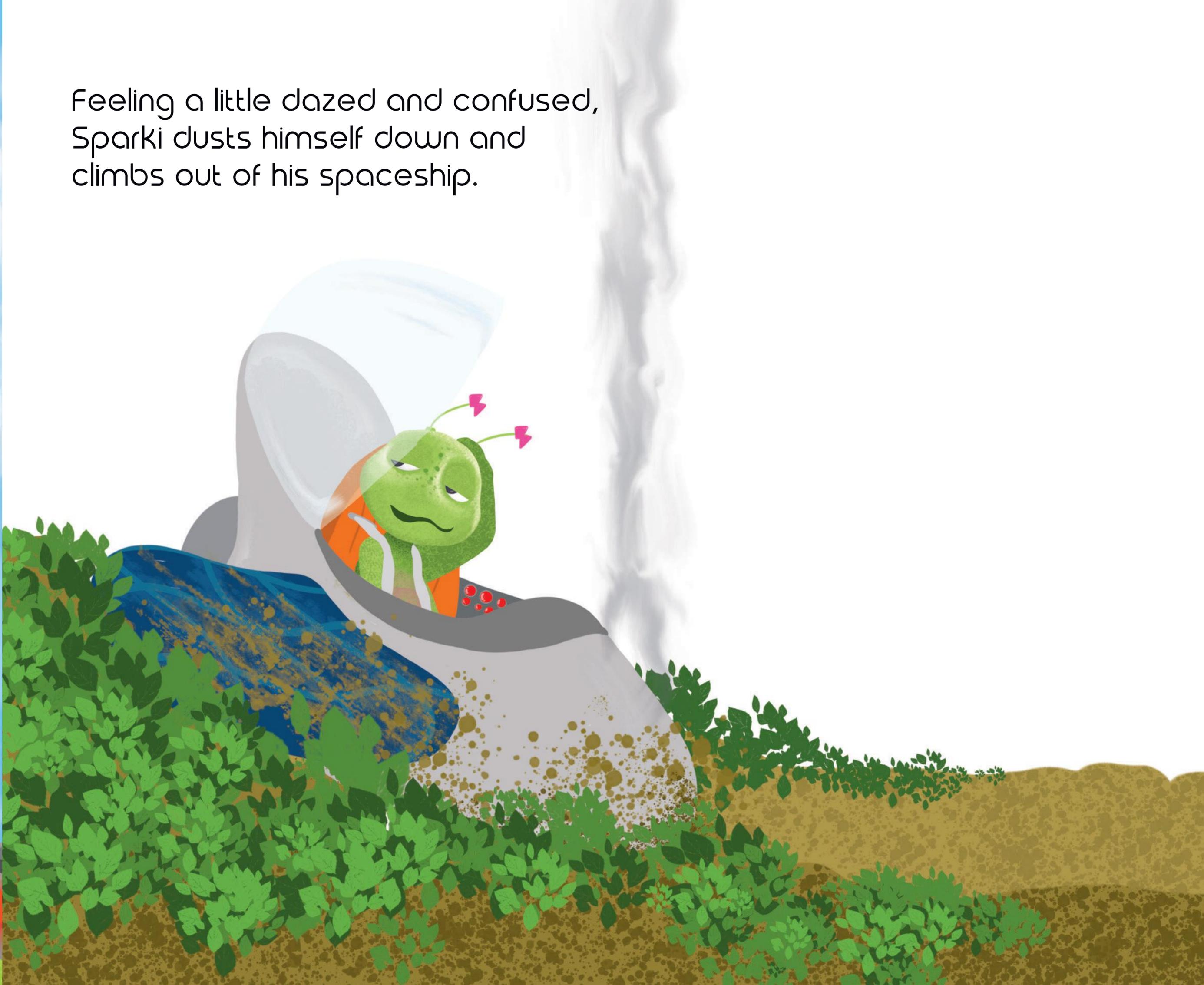
It's lost all POWER and suddenly comes tumbling down towards the ground...



"Woooooah!" Crassssshhhh!



Feeling a little dazed and confused,
Sparki dusts himself down and
climbs out of his spaceship.



As he looks up, there standing in front of him is a little raven-haired girl staring at him intently...



"Hello, my name's Mollie."
She says.

"Who are you and what
has happened?"

"I'm Sparki." He responds.

"I've come here to visit
your beautiful planet..."



No sooner than Sparki can get his words out, he notices a rather excited dog bounding quickly towards him!

"Ahhhhhh!"
Sparki cries.





"Oh, don't be scared.
That's my dog, Rocky
- he's really friendly."
Mollie says.

Rocky leaps on Sparki, nearly knocking him over and then excitedly begins to lick his face!





"Stop it, Rocky. Get down!"

"I'm sorry, he doesn't usually do that."
She says, giggling.

Sparki carries on explaining:



"It's okay."

"I came to see all the wonderful animals and plant life that I've seen in my picture books, but they're in trouble.

The humans are hurting the Earth by polluting it and not protecting nature - this isn't good for the planet.

It's made me feel so sad and now I can't power my spaceship."

Woof
Woof!

"Oh no."
Says Mollie.





"Yes, of course."
Responds Mollie.

"Let's RESCUE
THE PLANET!"

"I need to help
the planet!"
Sparki exclaims.

"Will you help
me?"

The end



Eco-facts

1. Rainforests produce oxygen and help to clean the atmosphere. They also help to maintain the world's water cycle.
2. As air temperatures rise, this means ocean temperatures rise and land ice also melts, both causing sea levels to rise. This means more flooding.
3. More than 26,500 species are threatened with extinction.
4. Rising temperatures put our ice caps at risk of melting. This puts polar animals, such as bears and certain seal species at risk.
5. Two types of sea turtles are amongst the most endangered species in the world: the Hawksbill Turtle and the Leatherback Turtle.
6. Human air pollution is largely caused by factories, power plants, cars and aeroplanes.

7. Energy comes from natural sources such as the sun, wind or water and all of these items can be used to generate heat or electricity - this is known as renewable energy.

At the moment, we rely on fossil fuels to produce energy. Fossil fuels are things like coal, oil and natural gasses - these are in danger of running out and these also pollute the planet.

What is the Ozone layer?

The Ozone layer serves as a shield to the Earth - protecting it from much of the harmful ultraviolet radiation that comes from the sun.





Read the next book in the series to follow the adventure of Mollie and Sparki, as they work together to help the planet and discover if Sparki can finally return home.

