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With Stella and Riley



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GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY, LOS ANGELES, CA. THE OBSERVATORY WAS BUILT IN 1935 BY GRIFFITH J. GRIFFITH SO THAT EVERYONE COULD HAVE THE CHANCE TO SEE THE STARS.

IT IS HERE, DURING THE FOUCAULT ELEMENTARY 4TH GRADE SLEEPOVER, THAT OUR STELLA STORY BEGINS...

1, 2, 3!
EYES ON ME! NOW!
CALEB, PUT THAT DOWN!

**WHO THREW THAT
AT THE BIRDS?**

DON'T MAKE ME
CALL YOUR MOTHER!

I KNOW IT'S LATE AND
YOU ARE TIRED, BUT...

YOU DON'T WANT
TO MISS THIS!

TOLD YOU THEY
WEREN'T THAT FAST.

I'LL GIVE YOU THE
WHOLE PACK FOR \$2.
FOR AN EXTRA \$0.50
I'LL THROW IN THE
PIXIE STICKS!

THAT'S PRETTY
STEEP FOR A
MIDNIGHT SNACK!

OK ALL, LINE UP.
WE GOT TO SEE
THE SUN THROUGH
THE COELOSTAT
AND NOW THAT IT'S
DARK WE CAN SEE
THE STARS.



I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE SATURN. I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF THIS, AND WE HAVE THE WHOLE NIGHT!

EVERYONE LINE UP HERE, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME!

WHAT WAS THAT??? WHY IS HE ALWAYS DOING THINGS LIKE THAT TO ME? RILEY!!!!

THIS IS THE FAMOUS ZEISS TELESCOPE. MORE PEOPLE HAVE LOOKED THROUGH THIS TELESCOPE THAN ANY OTHER ON EARTH. IT IS PRECISELY ALIGNED WITH THE EARTH'S AXIS, SO WE CAN ALWAYS SEE WHAT WE WANT FOR AS LONG AS WE WANT.

AND BECAUSE OF THE RIGHT WEIGHTS AND THE LAWS OF PHYSICS, I CAN EVEN MOVE THIS 9,000 LB TELESCOPE WITH ONE HAND.

'SCUSE ME, I'LL JUST SLIP IN RIGHT HERE. WOULDN'T WANT TO MISS THIS. NICE RUBBER BAND IN YOUR HAIR, STELLAR. OH, BY THE WAY, YOU KNOW YOU'RE LAST IN LINE, RIGHT?

RILEY!!! IF I MISS SEEING SATURN IT IS ALL YOUR FAULT! YOU DON'T EVEN LIKE THIS STUFF!!!

YOU ALL READY? TONIGHT WE ARE GOING TO SEE THE RINGS OF SATURN, ONE OF ONLY 5 PLANETS VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE. WE HAD TO WAIT TILL VERY CLOSE UNTIL YOUR BED TIME SO IT IS DARK ENOUGH TO SEE THIS PLANET. WE ONLY HAVE A SHORT TIME TO LOOK BEFORE YOU ALL NEED TO BE IN BED.

20 MINUTES
LATER

THANK YOU SO MUCH
FOR LETTING US
LOOK, DAVE. NOW
TIME TO GET YOU
SETTLED IN FOR THE
NIGHT, KIDS.

MISS JAAX, MISS
JAAX!!! I DIDN'T HAVE
A CHANCE TO LOOK! I
HAVE TO LOOK,
SATURN IS MY
FAVORITE PLANET!

STELLA, DEAR, I'M
SO SORRY, BUT WE
DON'T HAVE ANYMORE
TIME TONIGHT. DAVE
NEEDS TO HEAD
HOME AND YOU NEED
TO HEAD TO BED.

BUT— BUT— BUT
I WANT TO STAY UP
TO LEARN. ISN'T
THAT A GOOD
THING?

IT CERTAINLY IS
A GOOD THING
AND I'LL MAKE
SURE YOU ARE
FIRST IN LINE
NEXT TIME.

BUT I WANT
TO SEE
SATURN!!!

IN BED,
NOW!

BURRRRRP

SNOOOORR

I'M IN SCHOOL;
SHOULDN'T I BE
ALLOWED TO
LEARN???
STUPID RILEY.

RILEY DOESN'T
EVEN LIKE
SCIENCE AND HE
GOT A TURN.

EVERYONE'S
ASLEEP. HUH... I
WONDER IF I
COULD GET AWAY
WITH IT?



STELLAR! I KNEW YOU WERE A NERD,
BUT DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THIS
MUCH OF ONE.

WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE?
WHY CAN'T YOU
JUST LEAVE ME
ALONE?

I WAS JUST LOOKING
FOR THE BATHROOM, BUT
THIS LOOKS COOL, TOO.
MOVE OUT OF THE WAY!
LET ME HAVE A LOOK.

GET OUT OF THE WAY!
THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO
BE MY TIME ON THE
TELESCOPE. DON'T BE A
TELESCOPE HOG.

IT'S MY
TURN!

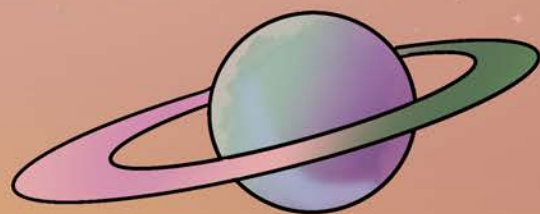
I COULD LOOK AT
THIS ALL NIGHT!

NO WAY!
I JUST
STARTED.

YOU DIDN'T EVEN
MEAN TO BE HERE.
I WANT TO LOOK!!
MOVE!

AND
HERE
WE GO.

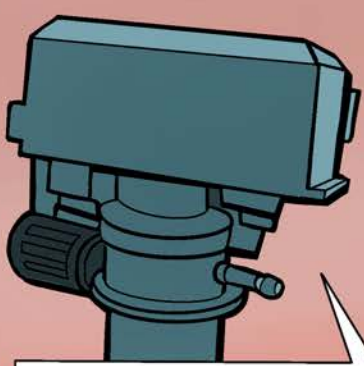
Destination
VENUS
⌚ **MARS**
TRANSMIT



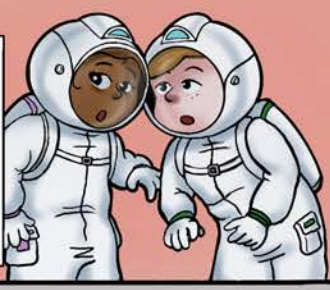
YOU NEED TO
GO BACK TO
BED, RILEY!

SO DO
YOU!





HELLO AGAIN, YOUNG PEOPLE. AS YOU HAVE CORRECTLY SURMISED, YOU HAVE INDEED ARRIVED ON MARS, FOURTH PLANET FROM THE SUN, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "RED PLANET".

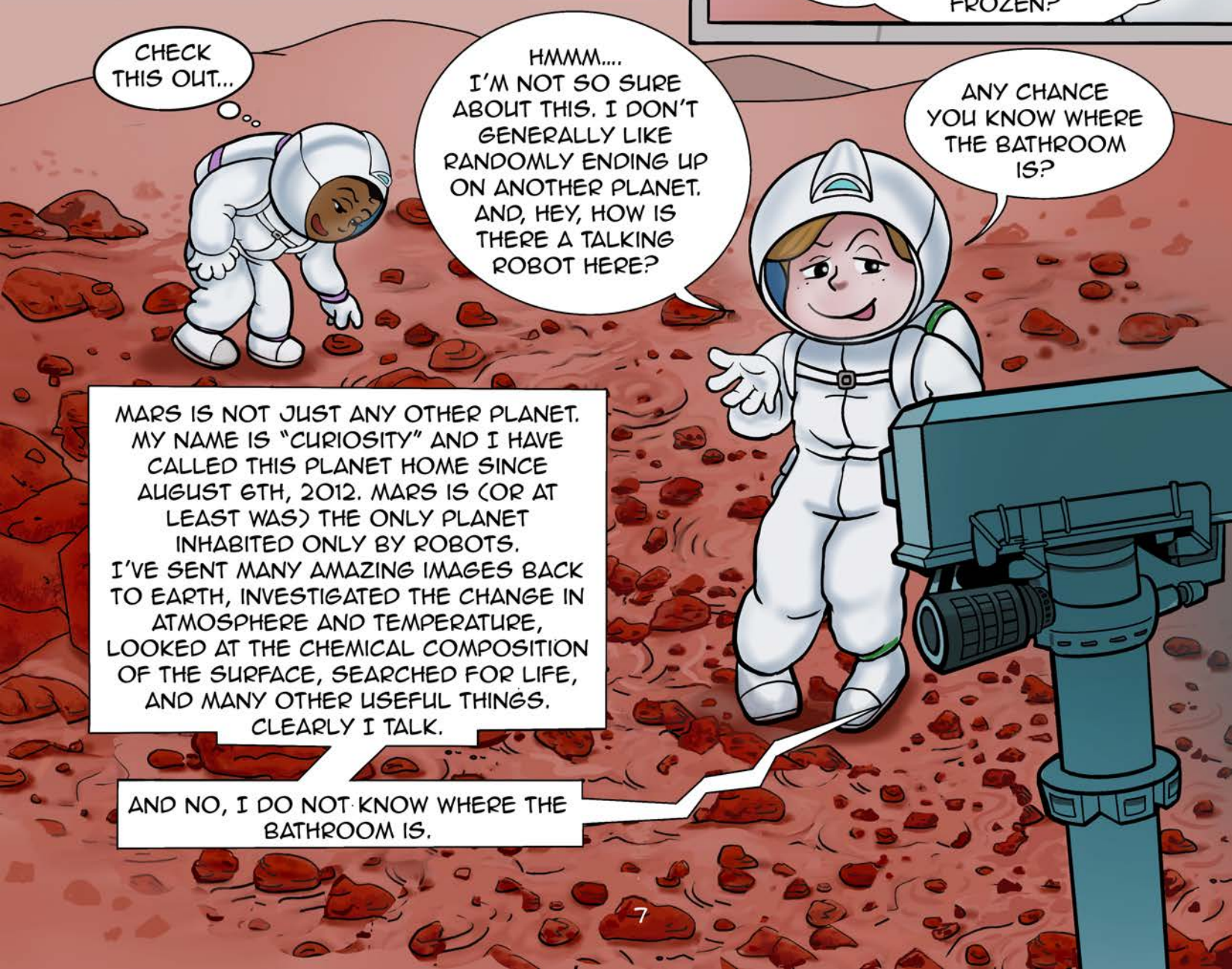


HOW DID WE GET HERE?

HOW ARE WE BREATHING?

WHY ARE WE NOT FLOATING, SINCE THE GRAVITY IS ONLY 62% OF THAT ON EARTH?

WHY ARE WE HERE? WHY ARE WE NOT FROZEN?



MARS IS NOT JUST ANY OTHER PLANET. MY NAME IS "CURIOSITY" AND I HAVE CALLED THIS PLANET HOME SINCE AUGUST 6TH, 2012. MARS IS (OR AT LEAST WAS) THE ONLY PLANET INHABITED ONLY BY ROBOTS. I'VE SENT MANY AMAZING IMAGES BACK TO EARTH, INVESTIGATED THE CHANGE IN ATMOSPHERE AND TEMPERATURE, LOOKED AT THE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF THE SURFACE, SEARCHED FOR LIFE, AND MANY OTHER USEFUL THINGS. CLEARLY I TALK.

AND NO, I DO NOT KNOW WHERE THE BATHROOM IS.

ARE YOU ENJOYING YOUR TIME ON MY PLANET?

AS FOR WHY YOU ARE HERE, YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK MR. HALLEY.

LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO ASK HIM RIGHT NOW. BYE, YOUNG PEOPLE!

WELL, IT'S WEIRD, BUT YES. I'VE READ ABOUT ALL THESE THINGS BUT IT'S WAY BETTER TO EXPERIENCE THEM.

WHO'S MR. HALLEY?!?!?

THEY CERTAINLY WERE AN ENJOYABLE COUPLE OF CHILDREN. WELL, THE GIRL WAS. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE BOY. I HOPE MR. HALLEY DOESN'T PUT THEM THROUGH TOO MUCH!

THWP

THE GIRL SEEMS EAGER, THE BOY... WILL NEED GOOD WORK, MR. HALLEY

AHH!

THAT WAS PRETTY GREAT!

WHERE DID THAT ROBOT GO?

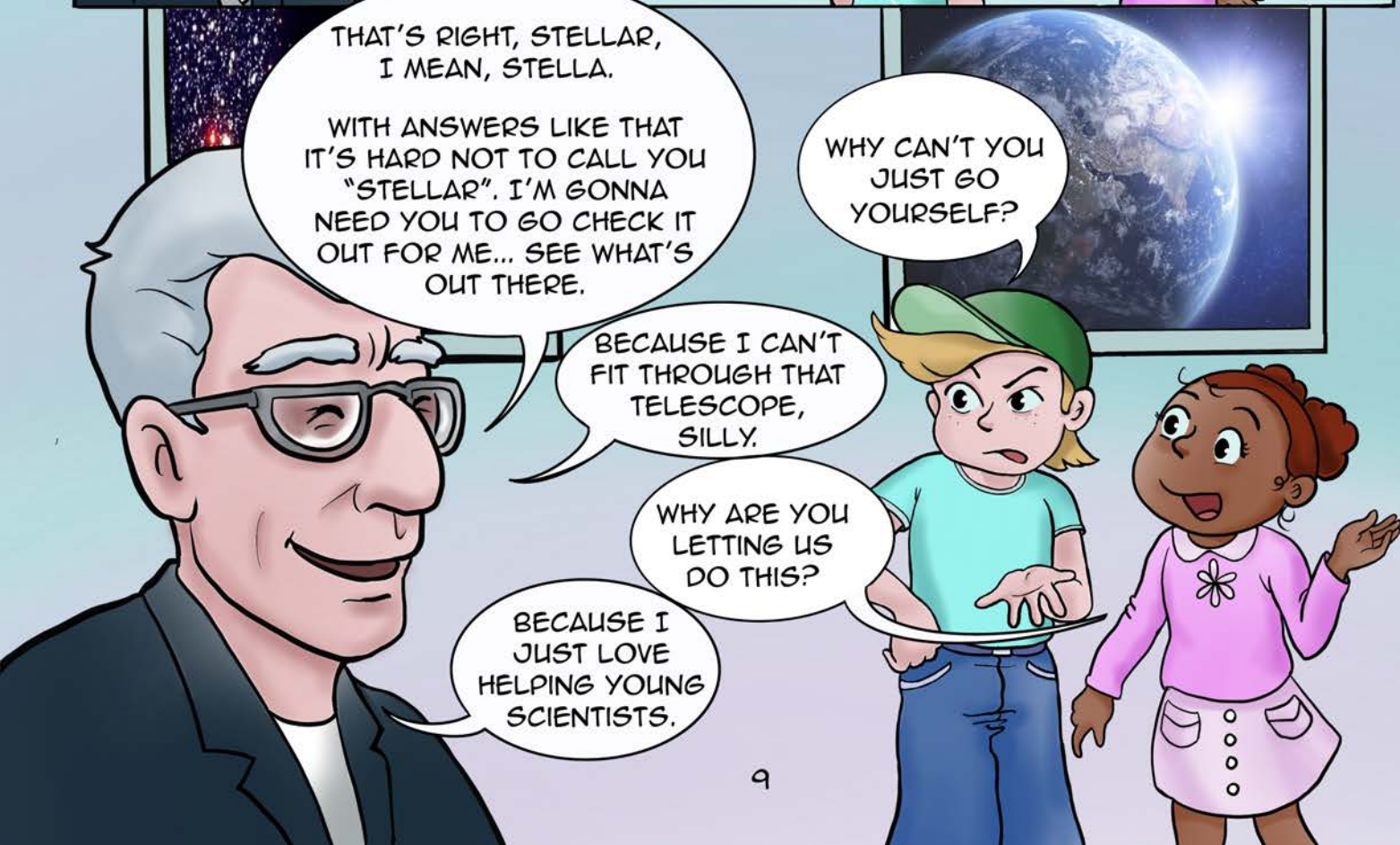
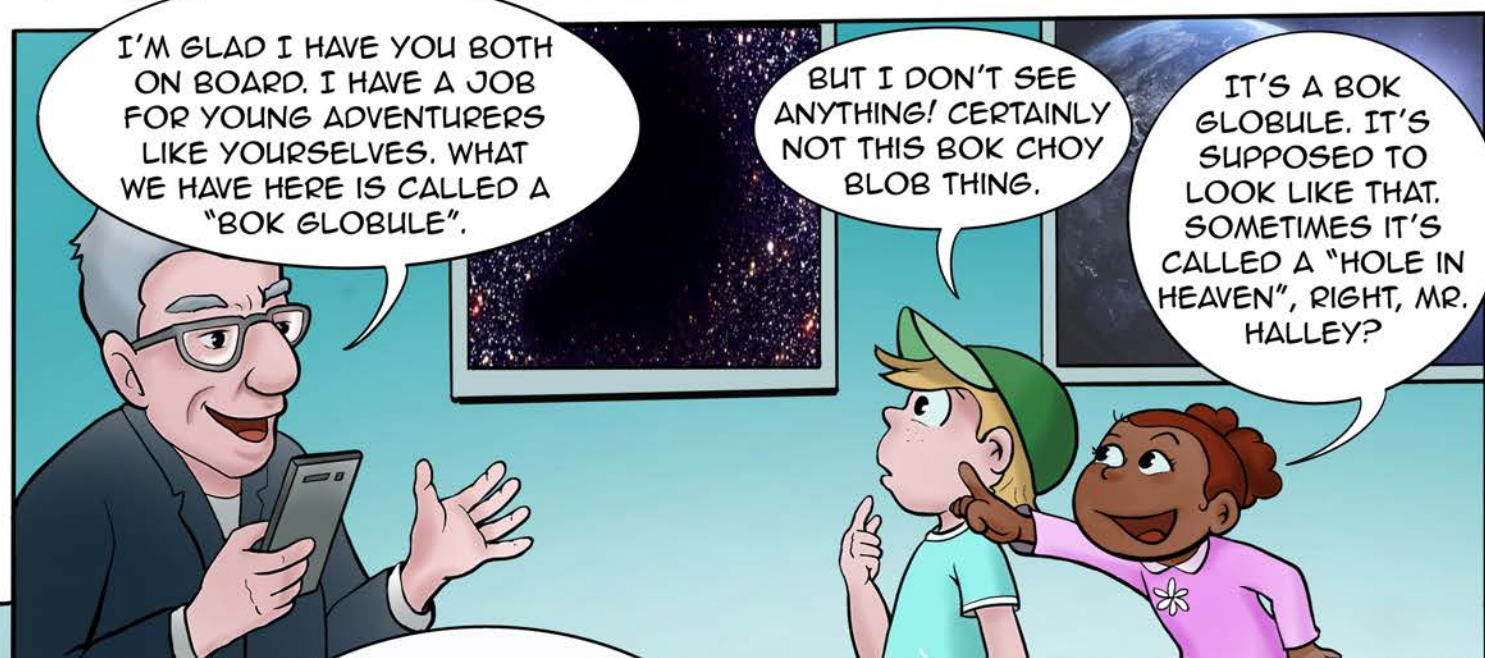
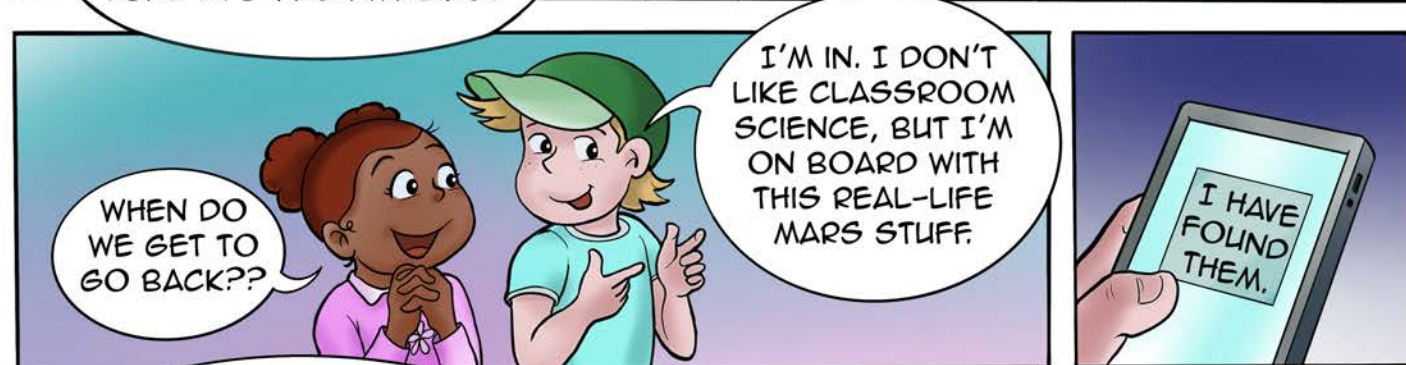
WELCOME BACK YOU TWO. WHAT DID YOU THINK?

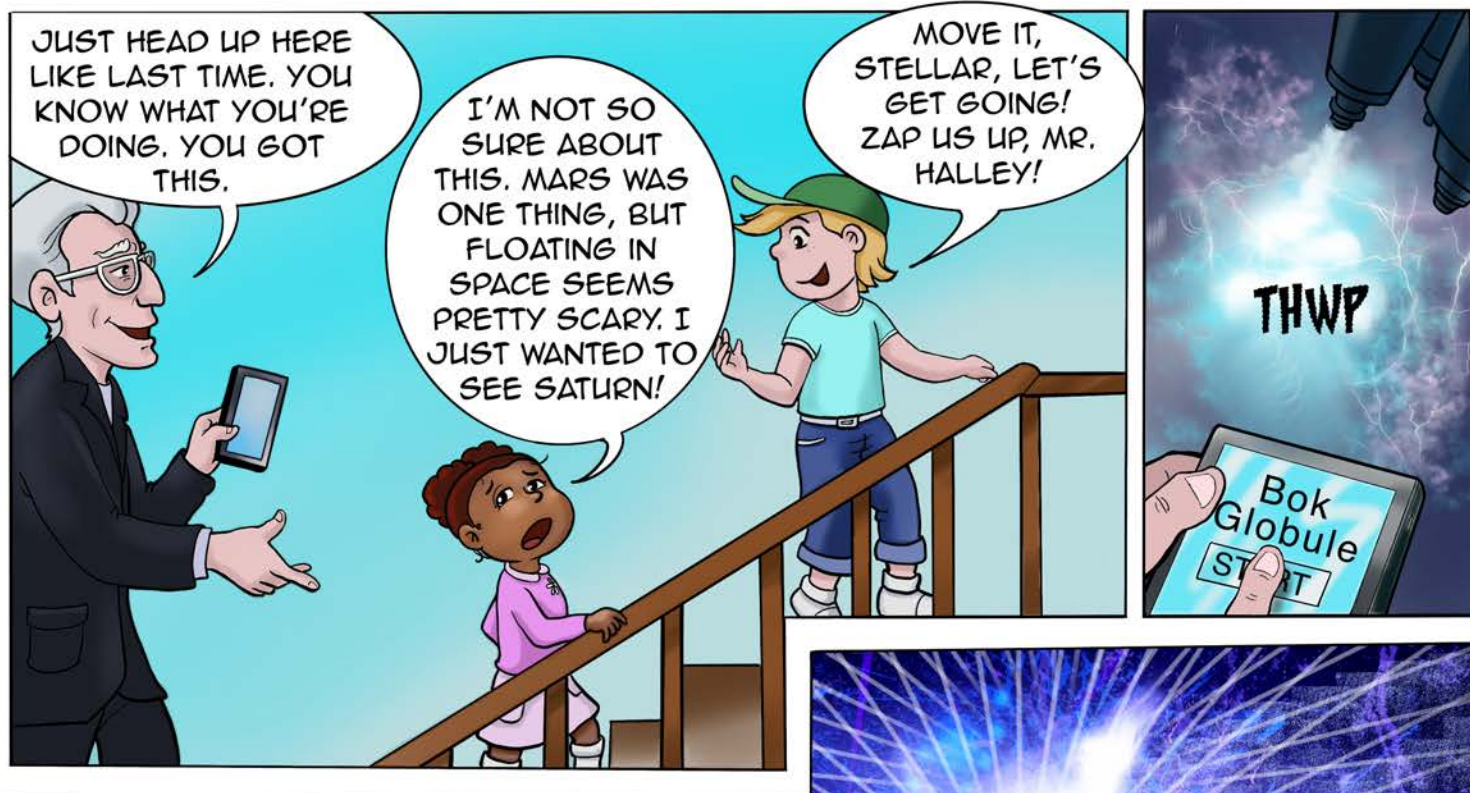
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT WAS THAT?

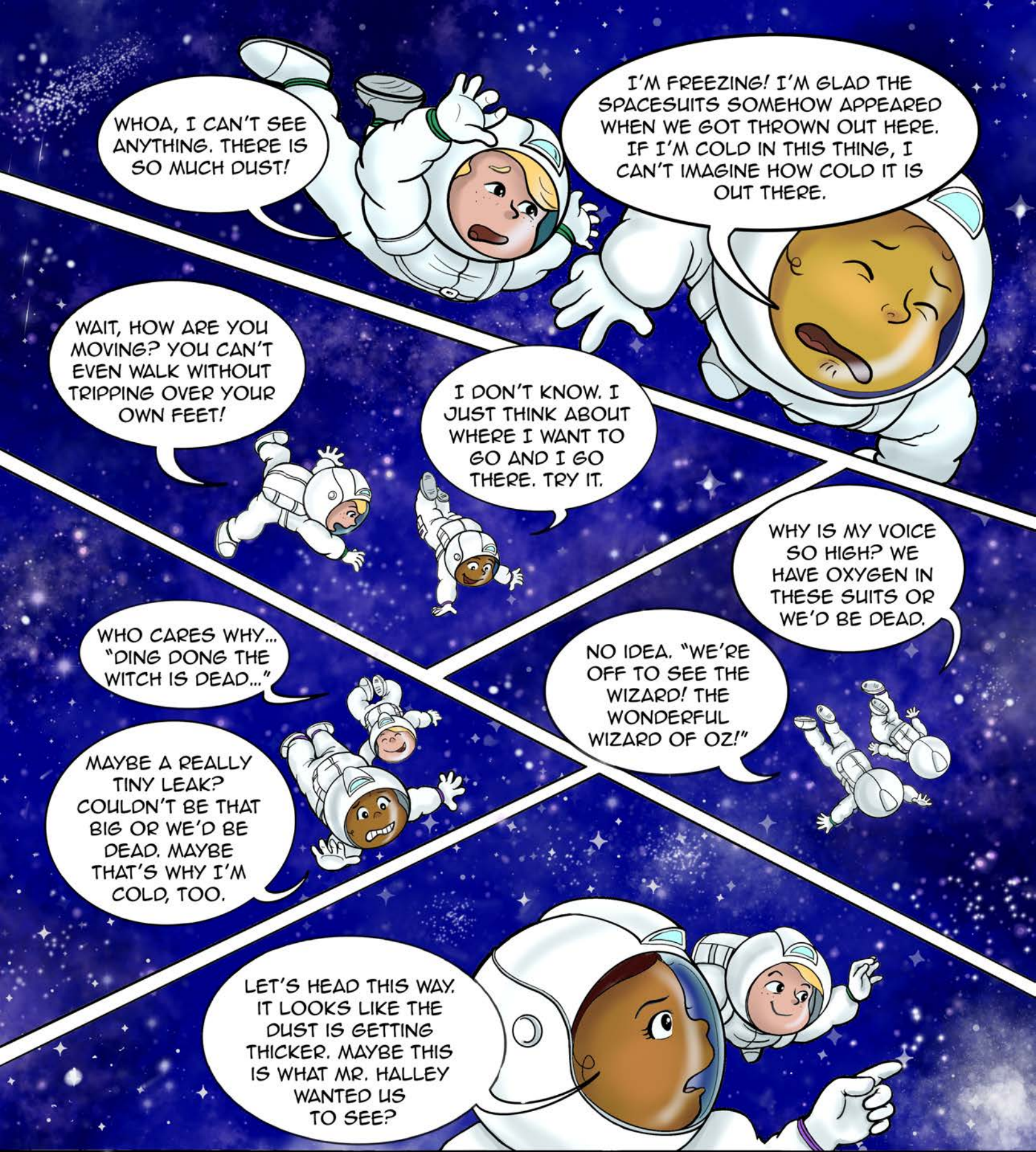
WHY DID YOU DO THAT TO US?! I DON'T LIKE LEAVING EARTH WITHOUT BEING ASKED FIRST! AND WHERE IS THE BATHROOM? I REALLY NEED IT!

DON'T BE MAD. I JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU SCIENCE FANS A FUN LITTLE TRIP. DID YOU HAVE FUN? I'M MR. HALLEY. I GUESS YOU COULD CALL ME AN INTERGALACTIC TOUR GUIDE OF SORTS. I WANTED TO SHOW YOU WHAT I CAN DO AND SEE IF YOU WERE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE.

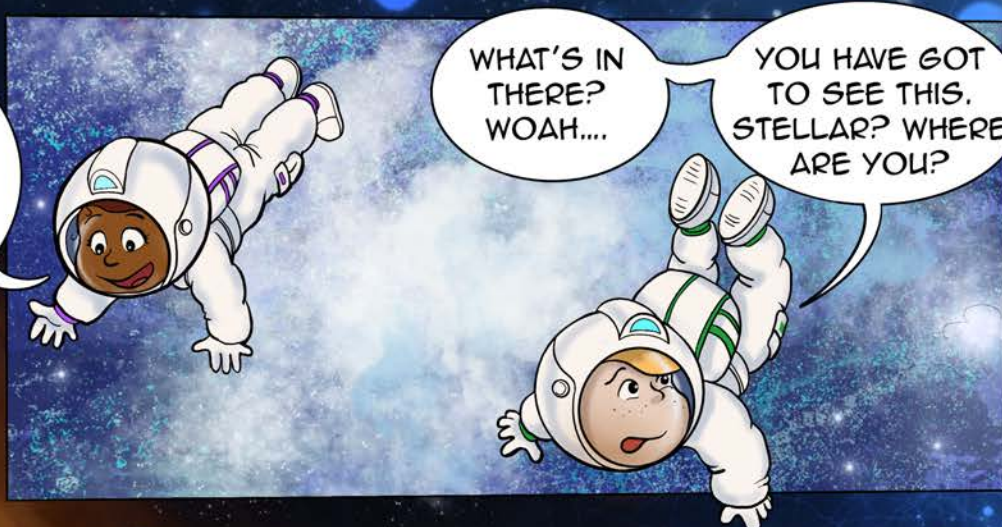
BATHROOM IS OUT THAT DOOR TO THE LEFT, KID.







THAT'S AMAZING!
IT'S LIKE A HUGE
SHELL OF DUST. IF A
CHICKEN COMES OUT
OF AN EGG SHELL,
WHAT COMES OUT OF
A DUST SHELL?



WHAT'S IN
THERE?
WOAH....

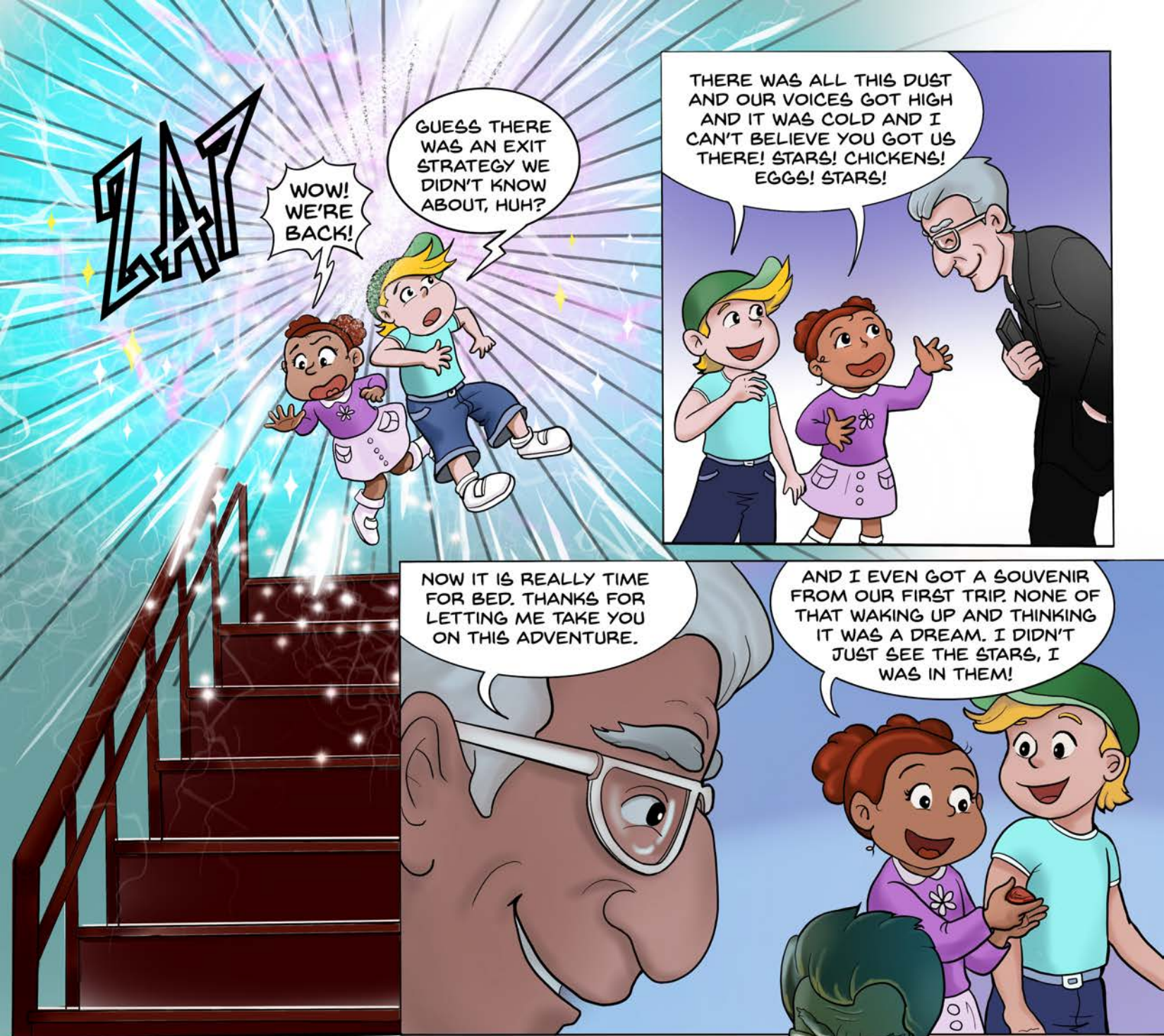
YOU HAVE GOT
TO SEE THIS.
STELLAR? WHERE
ARE YOU?

AHHHH! I'M GETTING
SUCKED INTO THE
SHELL! I HOPE IT'S NOT
GROWING DRAGONS OR
SOMETHING.

STARS! IT'S
GROWING STARS! IT'S
A STAR NURSERY. THIS
IS INCREDIBLE! A STAR
IS BORN HERE!

UM, THAT'S AWESOME,
BUT HOW ARE WE GOING
TO GET OUT OF HERE?
BETTER YET, HOW ARE WE
GOING TO GET HOME?!?!





GUESS THERE WAS AN EXIT STRATEGY WE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT, HUH?

WOW! WE'RE BACK!

THERE WAS ALL THIS DUST AND OUR VOICES GOT HIGH AND IT WAS COLD AND I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GOT US THERE! STARS! CHICKENS! EGGS! STARS!

NOW IT IS REALLY TIME FOR BED. THANKS FOR LETTING ME TAKE YOU ON THIS ADVENTURE.

AND I EVEN GOT A SOUVENIR FROM OUR FIRST TRIP. NONE OF THAT WAKING UP AND THINKING IT WAS A DREAM. I DIDN'T JUST SEE THE STARS, I WAS IN THEM!



BREAKING RULES DOESN'T COUNT IF YOU'RE LEARNING. I'M NOT SURE MS. JAAX WOULD SEE IT THAT WAY, THOUGH. AND DON'T CALL ME "STELLAR".

YA KNOW, STELLAR, YOU AREN'T SO BAD. BREAKING RULES WORKS FOR YOU.

NAH, YOU'LL ALWAYS BE "STELLAR" TO ME.

I'VE LEARNED MORE ABOUT WHAT'S HIDDEN IN THE DARKNESS. WE ARE GETTING CLOSER. THEY ARE THE ONES WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR.



SEVERAL WEEKS LATER, STELLA AND RILEY ARE AT THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND WHEN MR. HALLEY SUDDENLY APPEARS. HE EXPLAINS THAT THE UNIVERSE CONTAINS A LOT OF HIDDEN DARK MATTER THAT HE NEEDS THEM TO INVESTIGATE.

EQUIPPED WITH X-RAY SCANNERS, STELLA AND RILEY TRAVEL TO THE BULLET CLUSTER BUT HOW WILL THEY ESCAPE THE GRAVITATIONAL PULL OF DARK MATTER?

CONTINUED IN VOLUME 2...

