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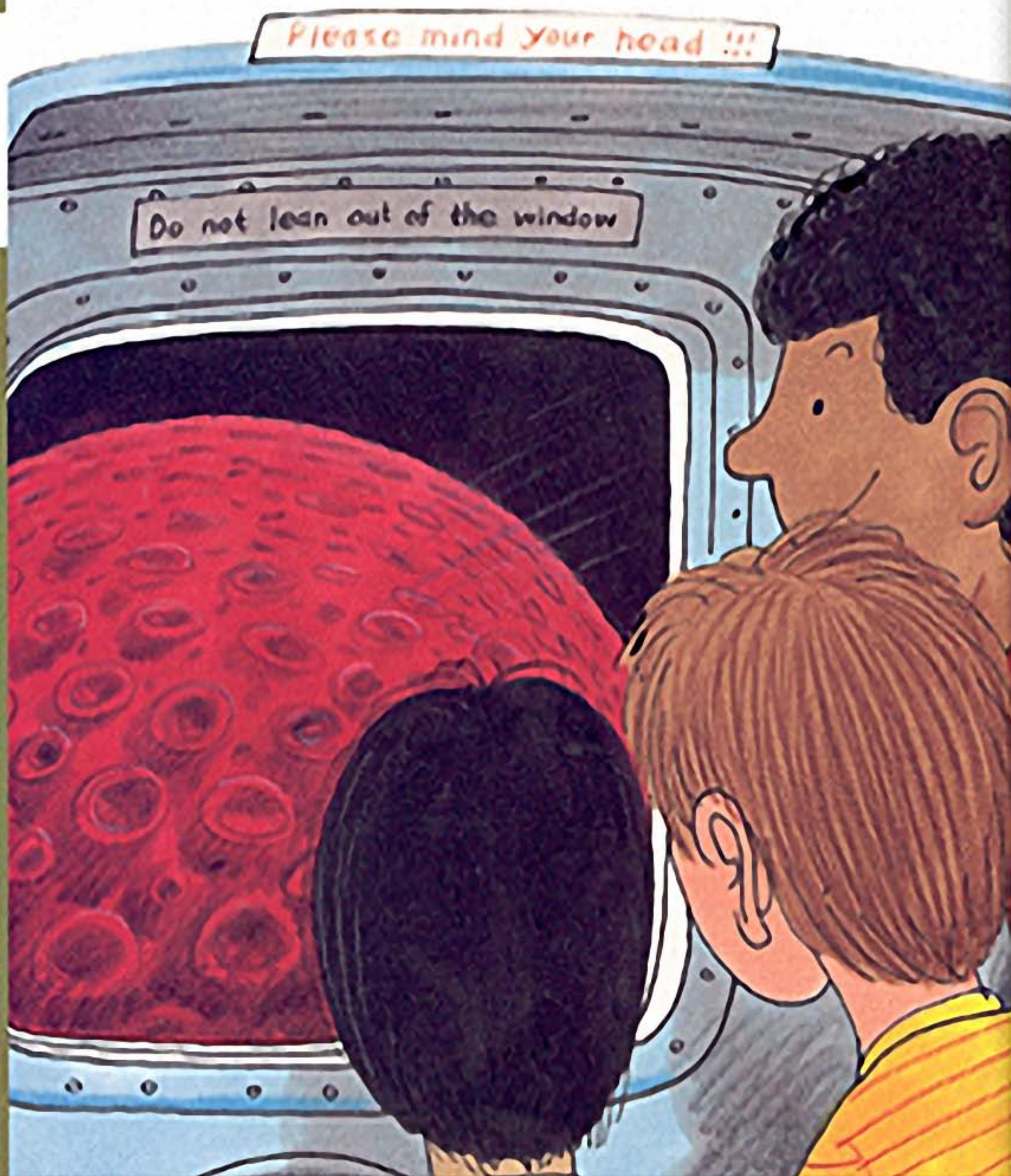


Owls

# Red Planet

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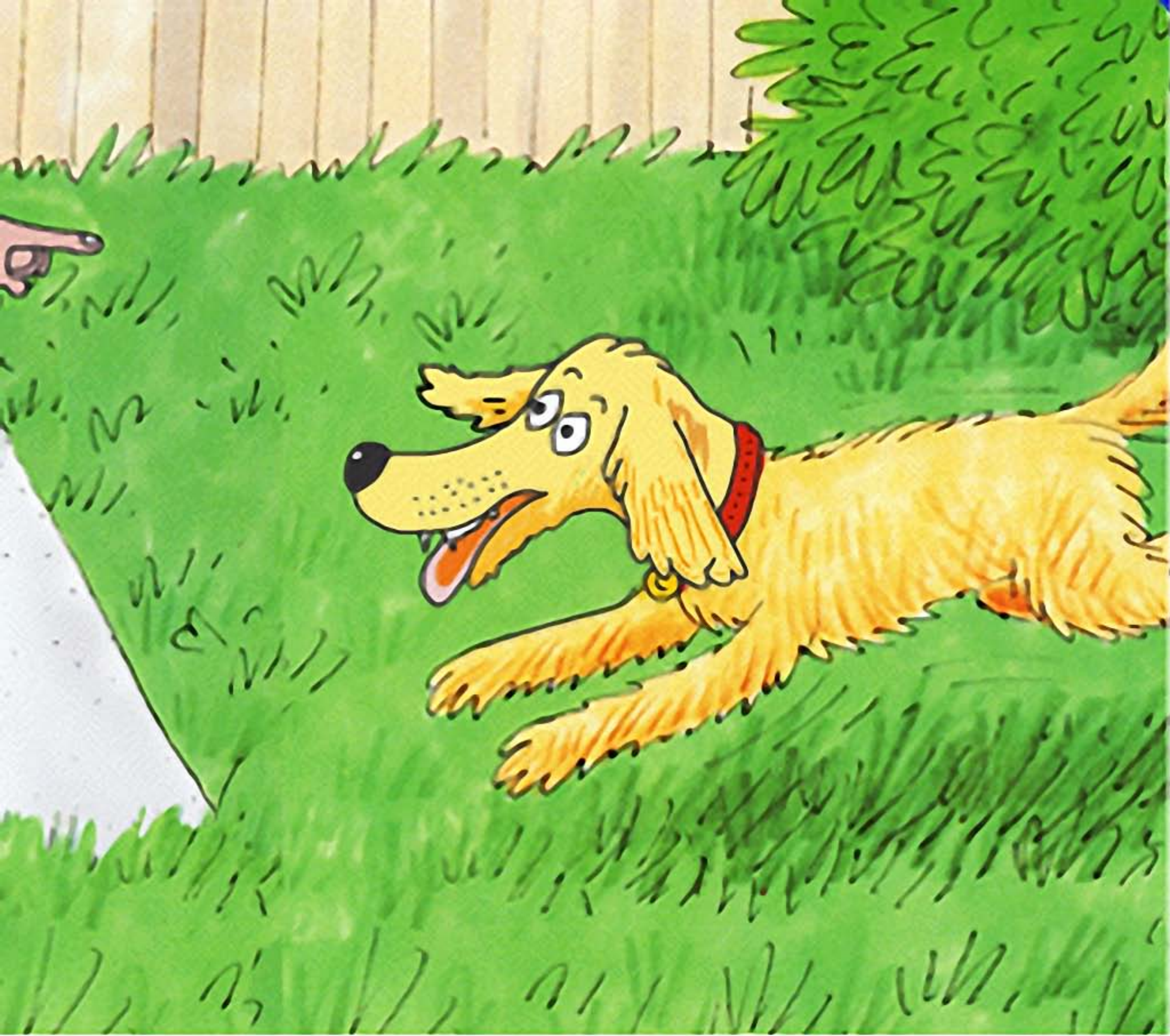
Wilf came to play with Chip.  
They made a rocket ship out of bits and  
pieces.  
The rocket ship looked quite good.





Wilf and Chip played in the rocket ship.  
They pretended to be spacemen.  
'The rocket is going to take off,' said  
Wilf. 'Five. . . four. . . three. . . two. . .'





Floppy ran up.

He wanted to get in the rocket ship with Wilf and Chip.

‘Go away, Floppy,’ called Chip.

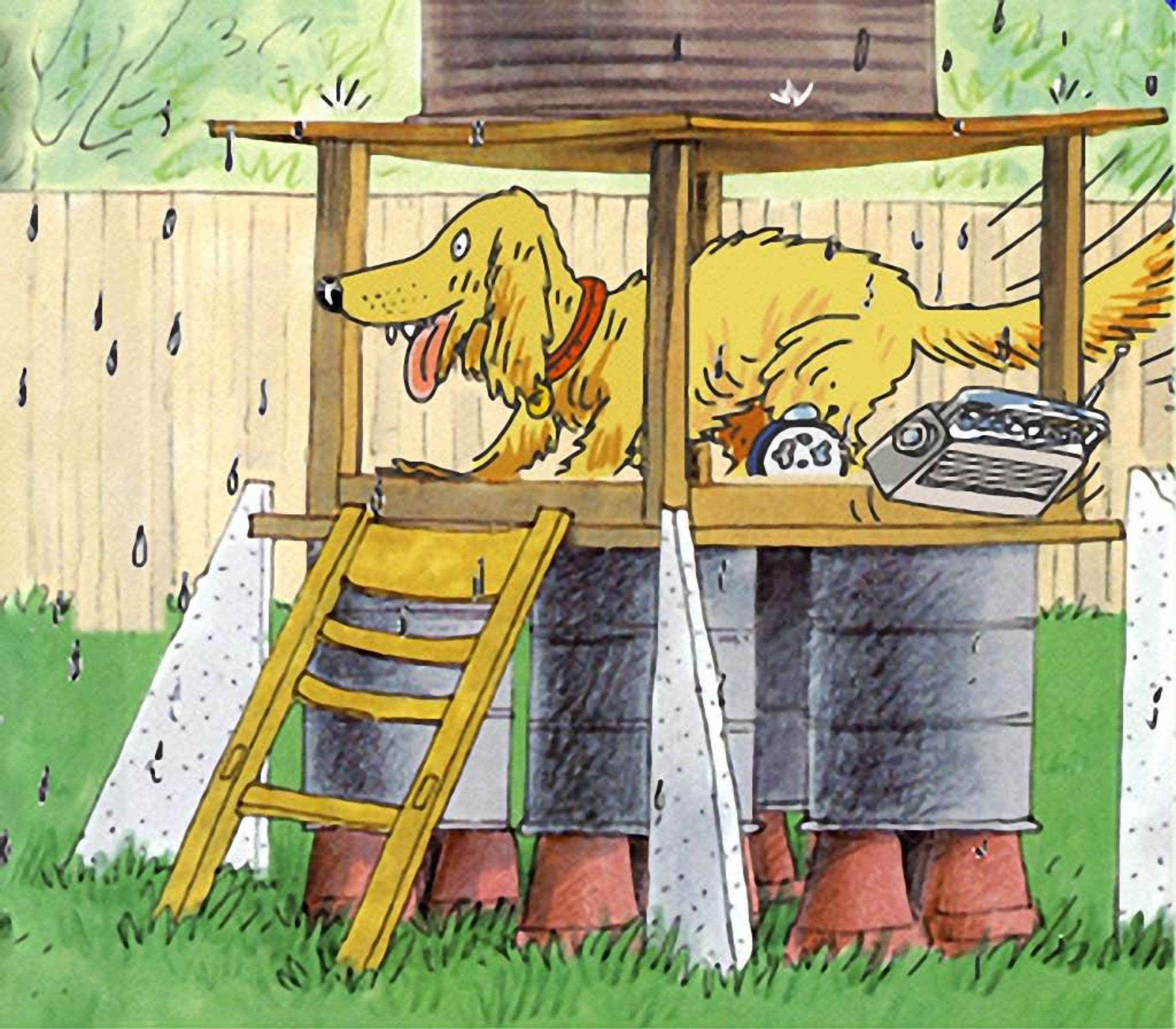
‘The rocket is going to take off!’





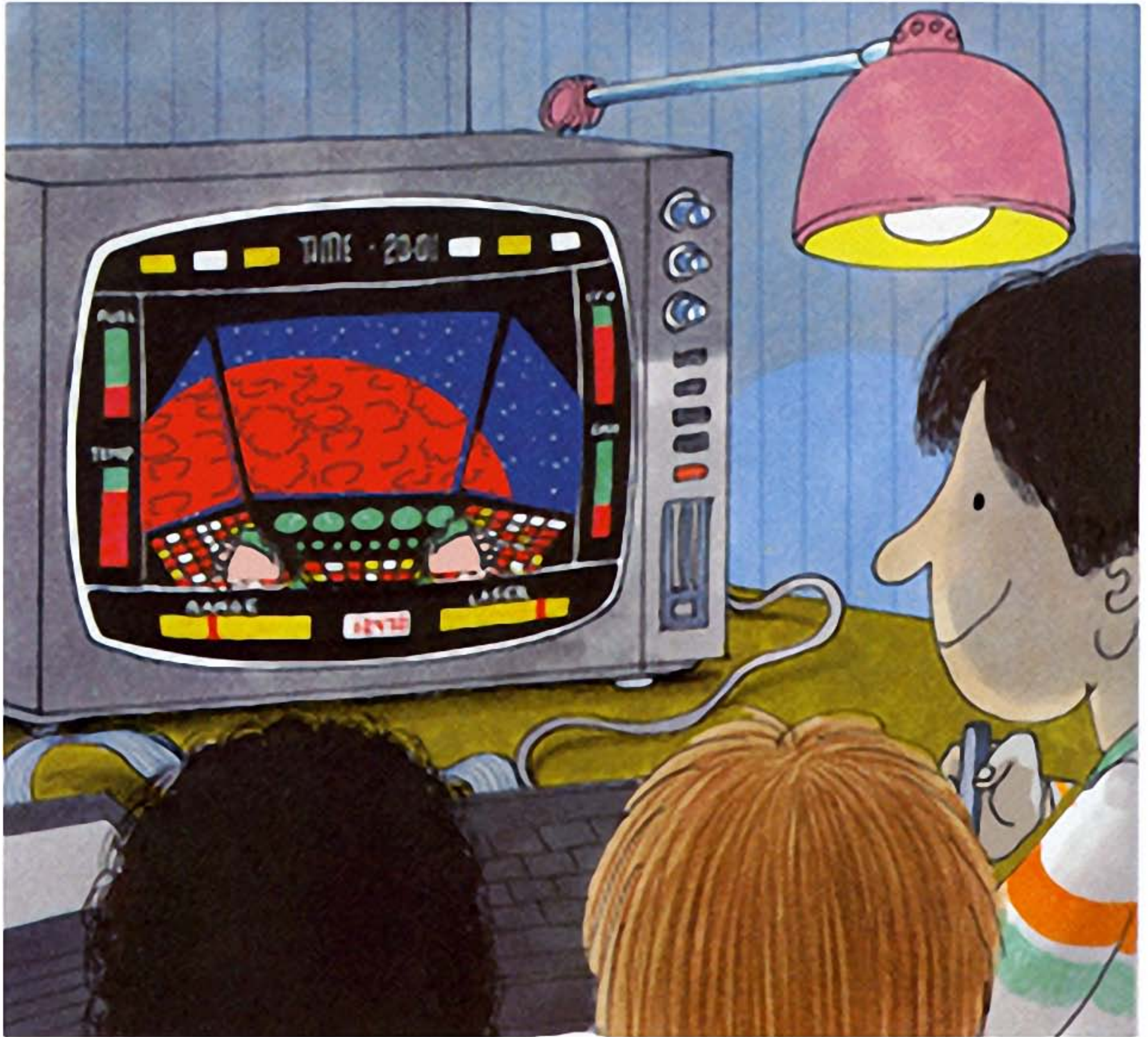
Nadim came to play.  
He had his computer with him, but he  
liked the look of the rocket ship.  
He wanted to play in it too.





Just then, it began to rain.  
'There's not room for all of us,' said Chip.  
'Let's go inside and play with Nadim's  
computer.'





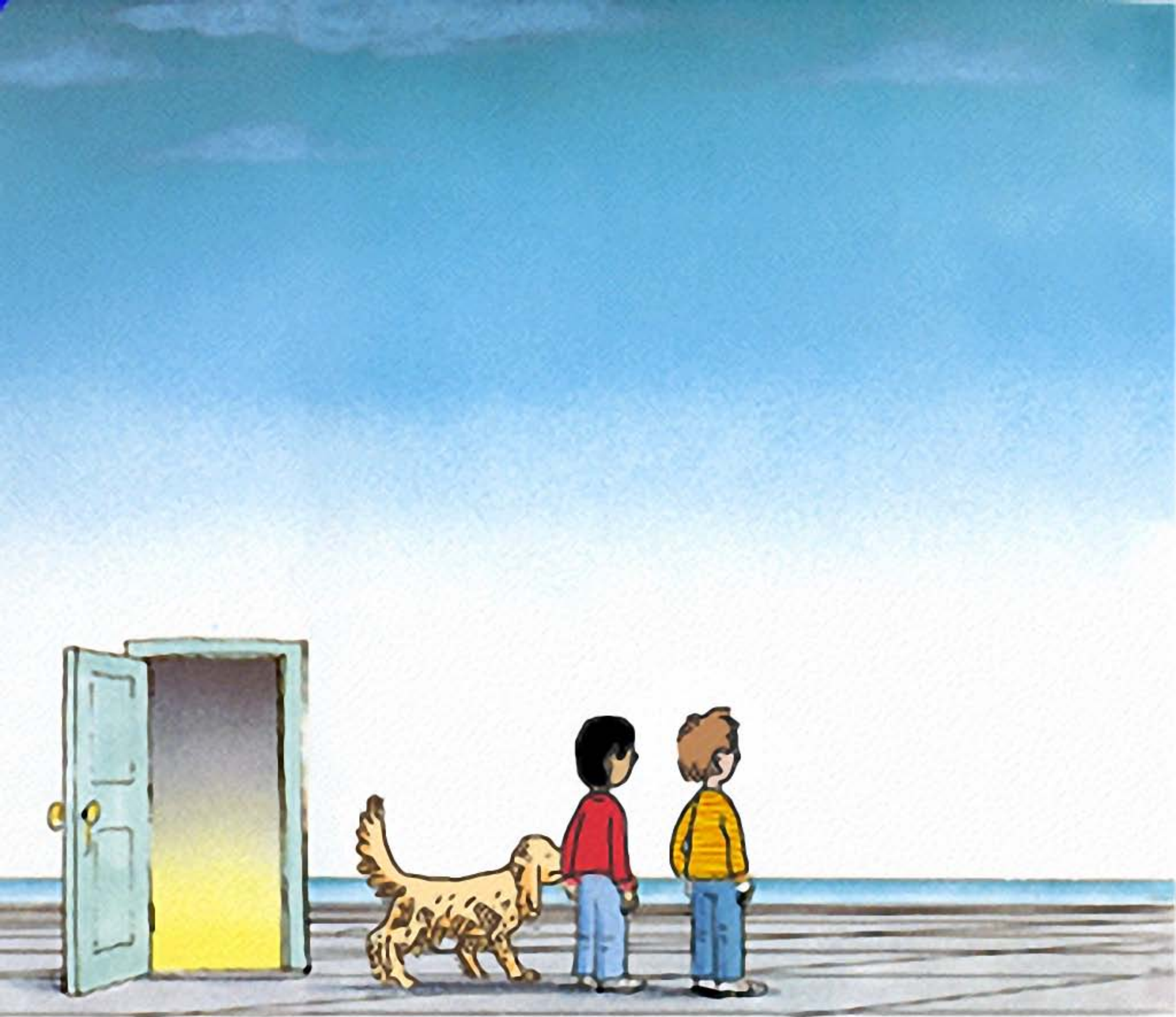
They played a game on the computer.  
It was called Red Planet.  
They had to land a rocket on the planet.  
Wilf and Chip crashed the rocket.  
Nadim didn't. He was good at the game.





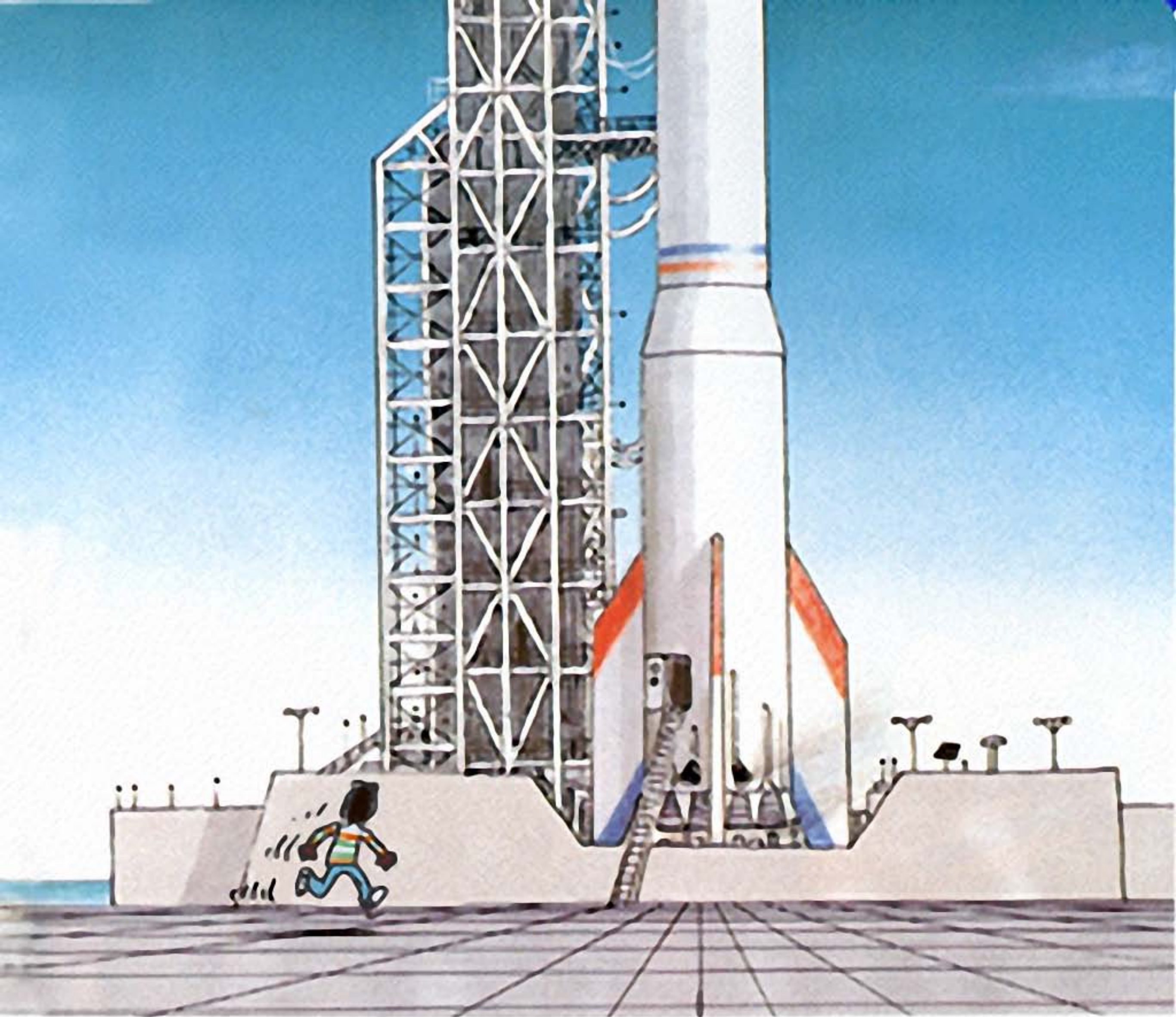
Suddenly, the magic key began to glow. Chip and Wilf pulled Nadim away from the computer and ran into Biff's room. 'Come on,' called Chip. 'It's time for an adventure.'





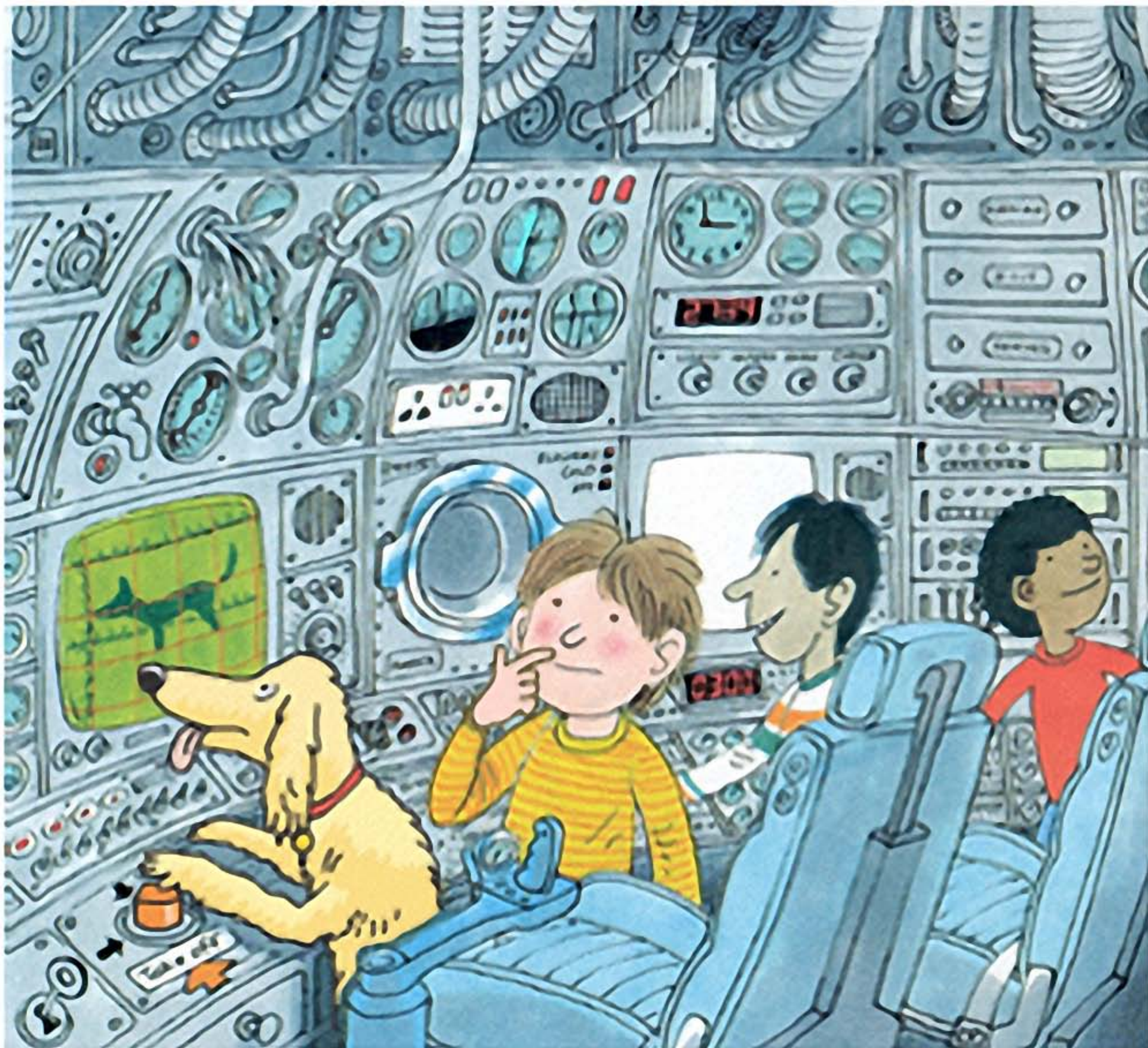
The magic took them to a rocket ship.  
It took Floppy too.  
The rocket looked as if it was about to  
take off, but the door was open.  
Nadim wanted to look inside the rocket.





‘Come on,’ he called.  
Chip didn’t want to go inside. ‘It may  
not be safe,’ he said.  
‘Why not?’ said Nadim. ‘This is a magic  
adventure.’





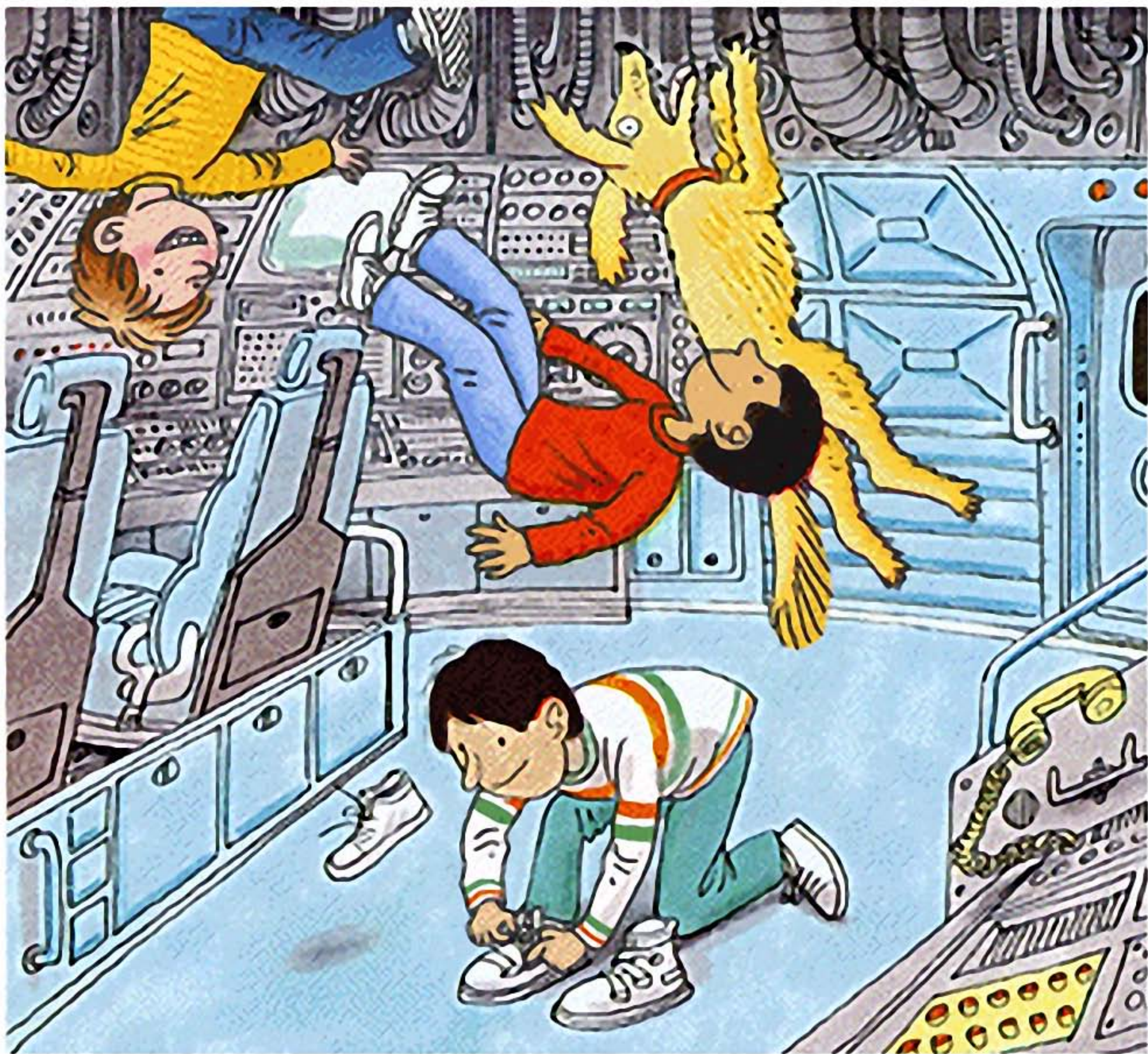
They went inside the rocket.  
There was nobody there.  
'Look at this computer,' said Nadim.  
Floppy jumped up and put his paw on  
a button.





Five. . . four. . . three. . . two. . . one.  
The rocket began to take off.  
Up it went and out into space.  
'Oh no!' said Chip. 'I don't know where  
we're going.'





They began to float about inside the rocket.

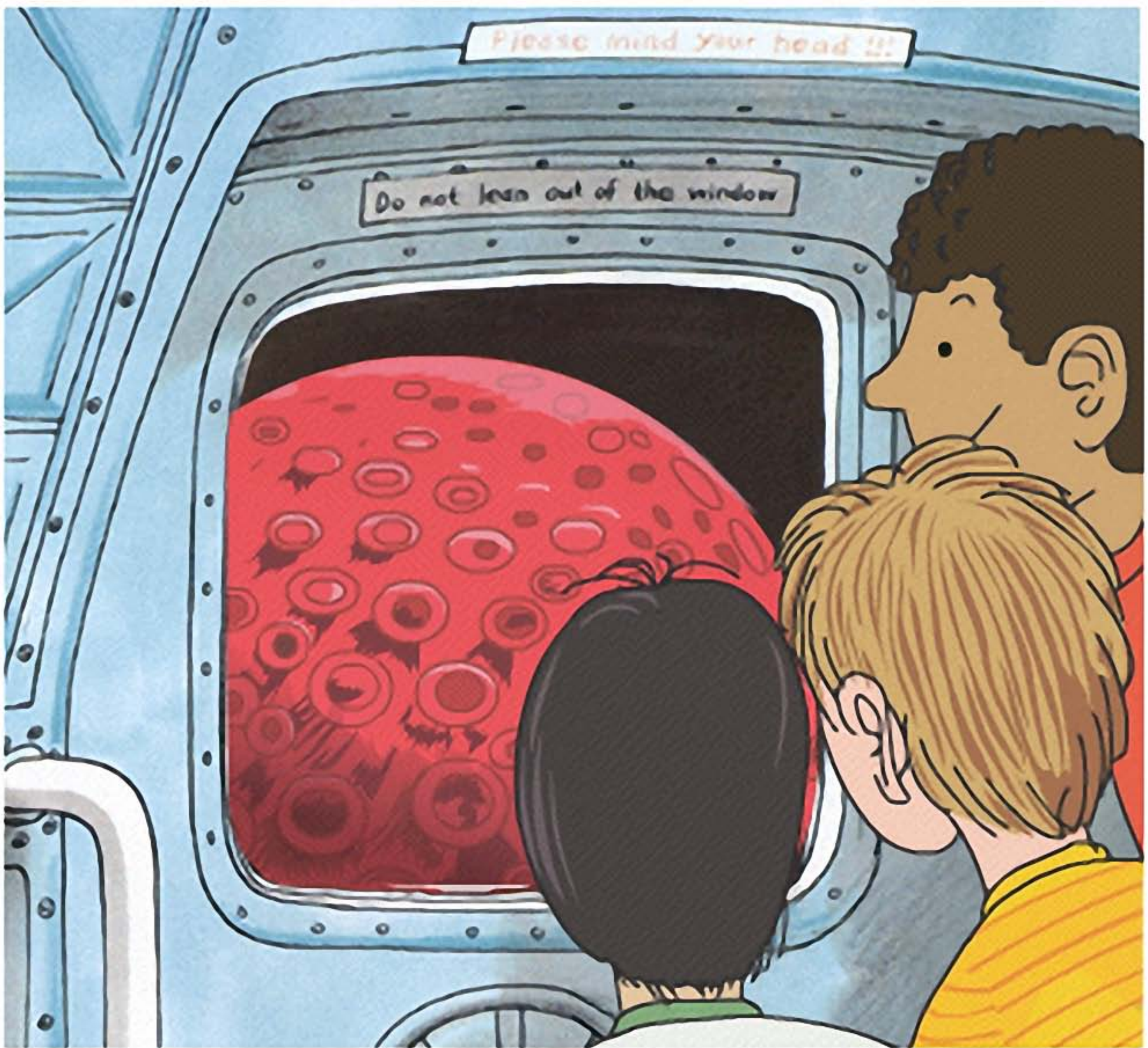
Nadim found some boots.

He put them on.

‘We must put these boots on,’ he said.

‘They will keep us down on the floor.’





They went to the window and looked out.  
They saw a big red planet.  
'We are going to land on that planet,'  
said  
Nadim. 'We will soon be there.'





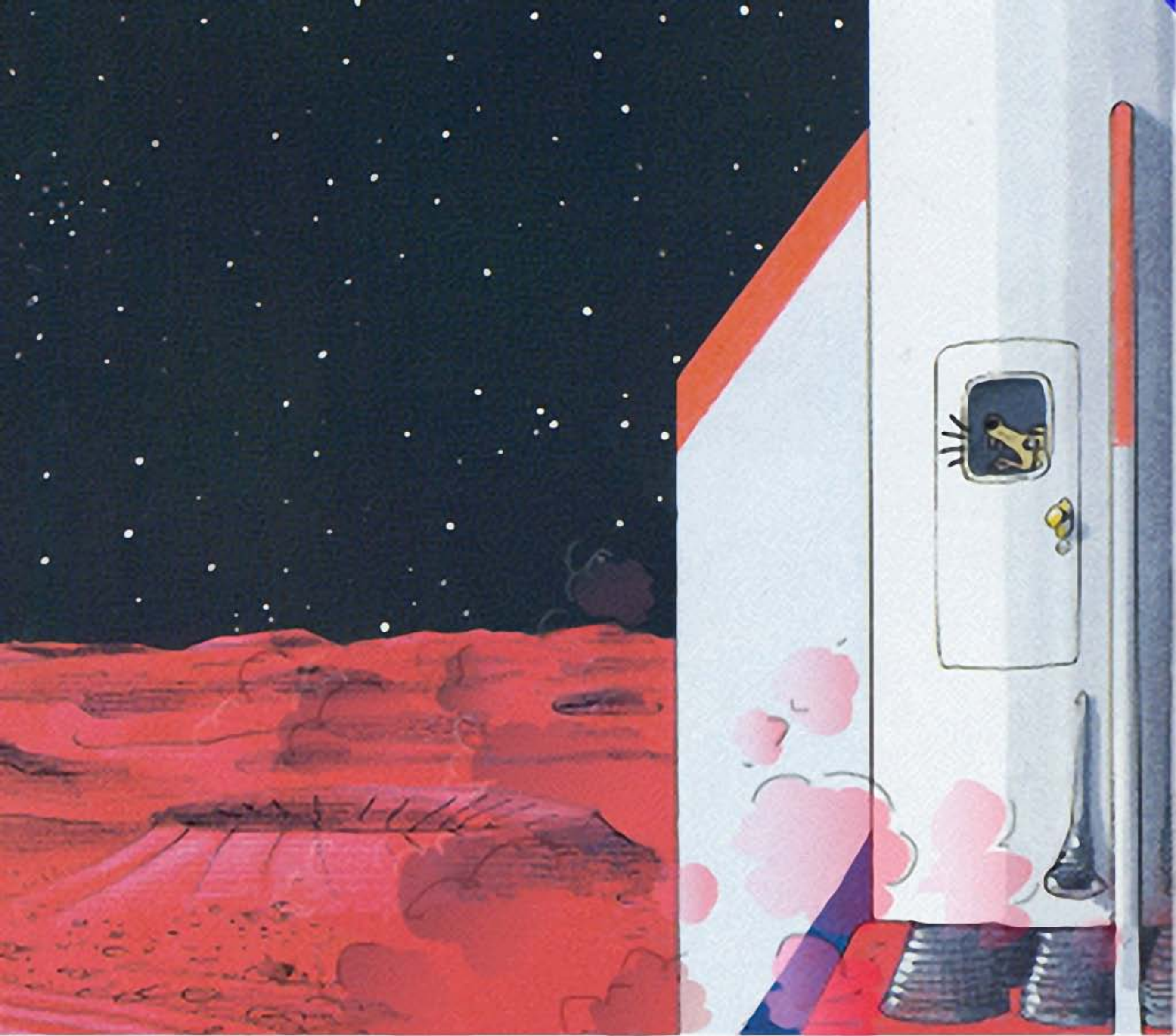
Nadim made the rocket land.

‘I wouldn’t like to do that again,’ he said.

‘It’s a good job Nadim knows about computers,’ thought Wilf.

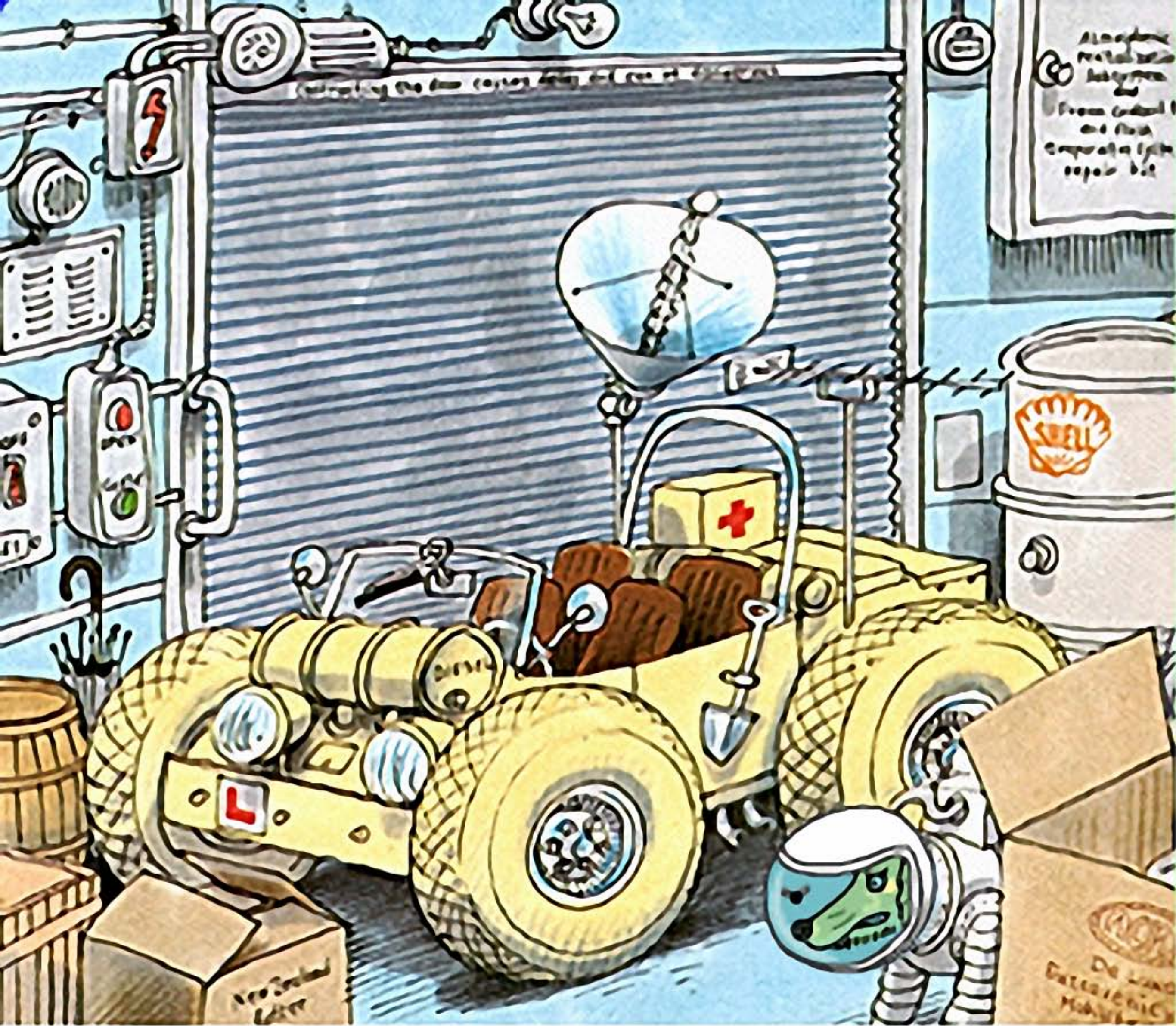
‘I wouldn’t like to crash here.’





There was red dust all over the planet.  
There were red rocks and red mountains.  
Floppy didn't like the look of it.  
He began to bark and bark.  
'There are no trees,' he thought.



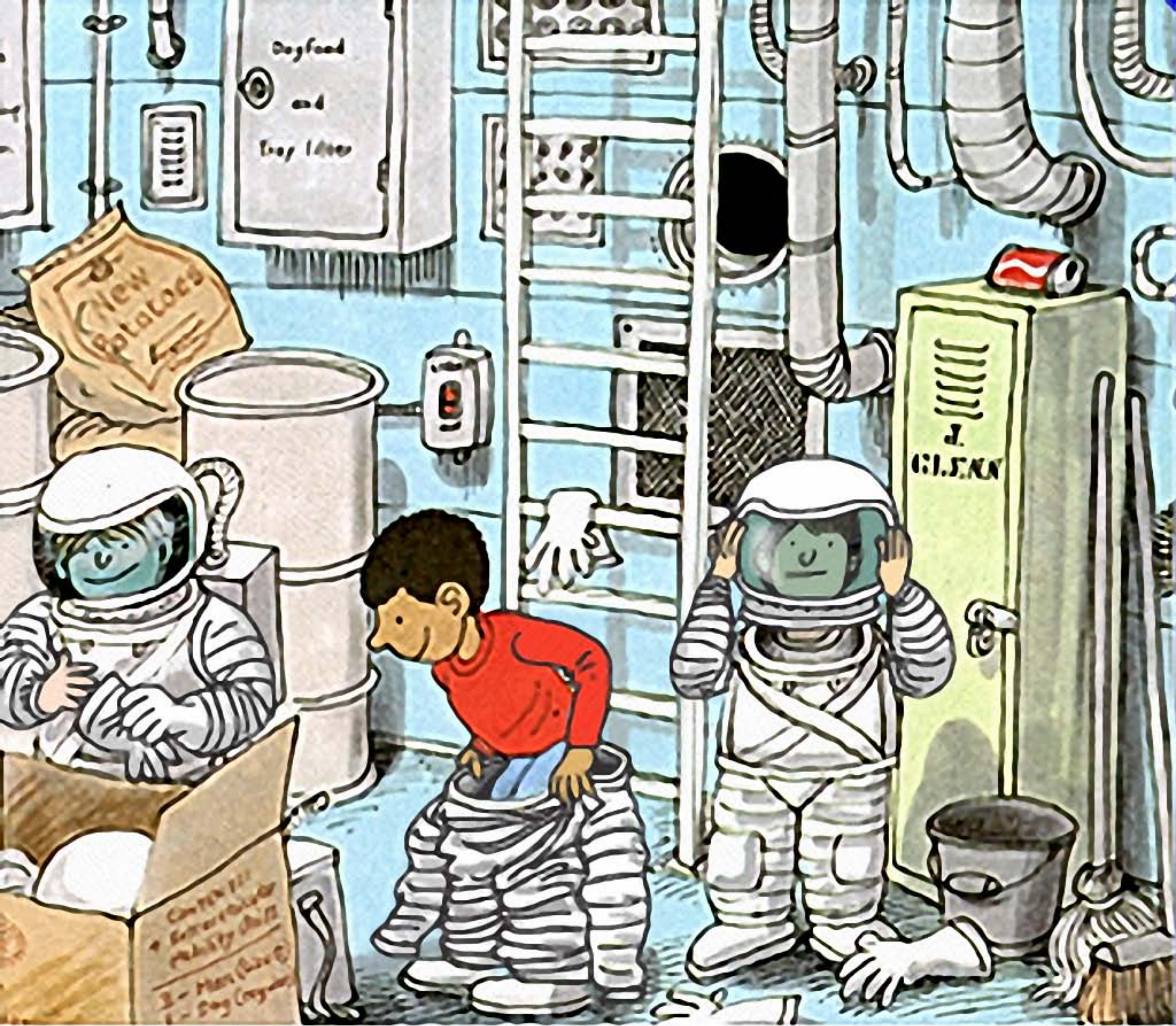


They wanted to go outside and look at the planet.

They found a space buggy.

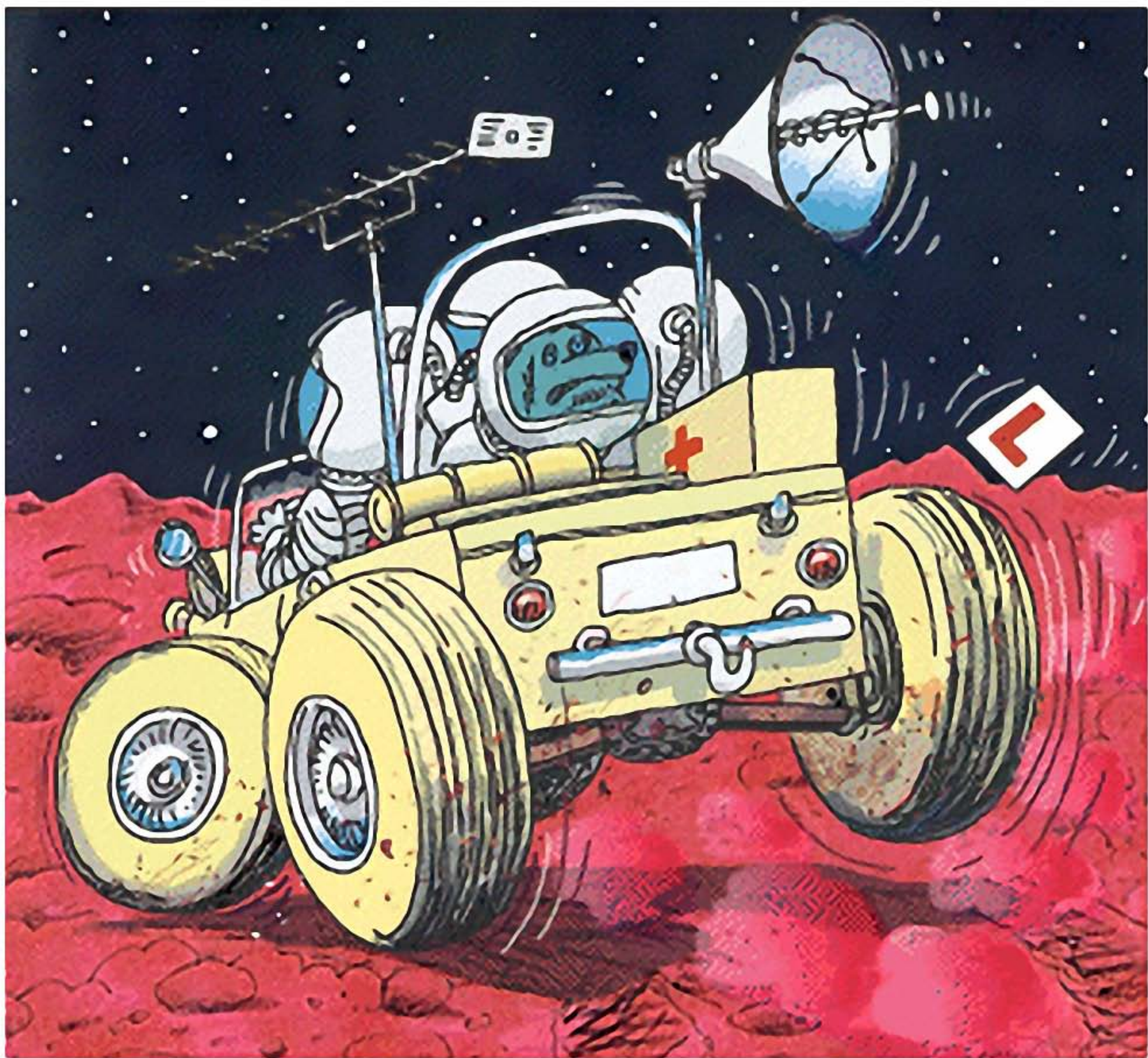
They looked in the space buggy and found some spacesuits.





‘Let’s put these spacesuits on,’ said Wilf. ‘Then we can go outside.’  
‘Do you think it will be safe outside?’ asked Chip.  
‘I don’t know,’ said Wilf.

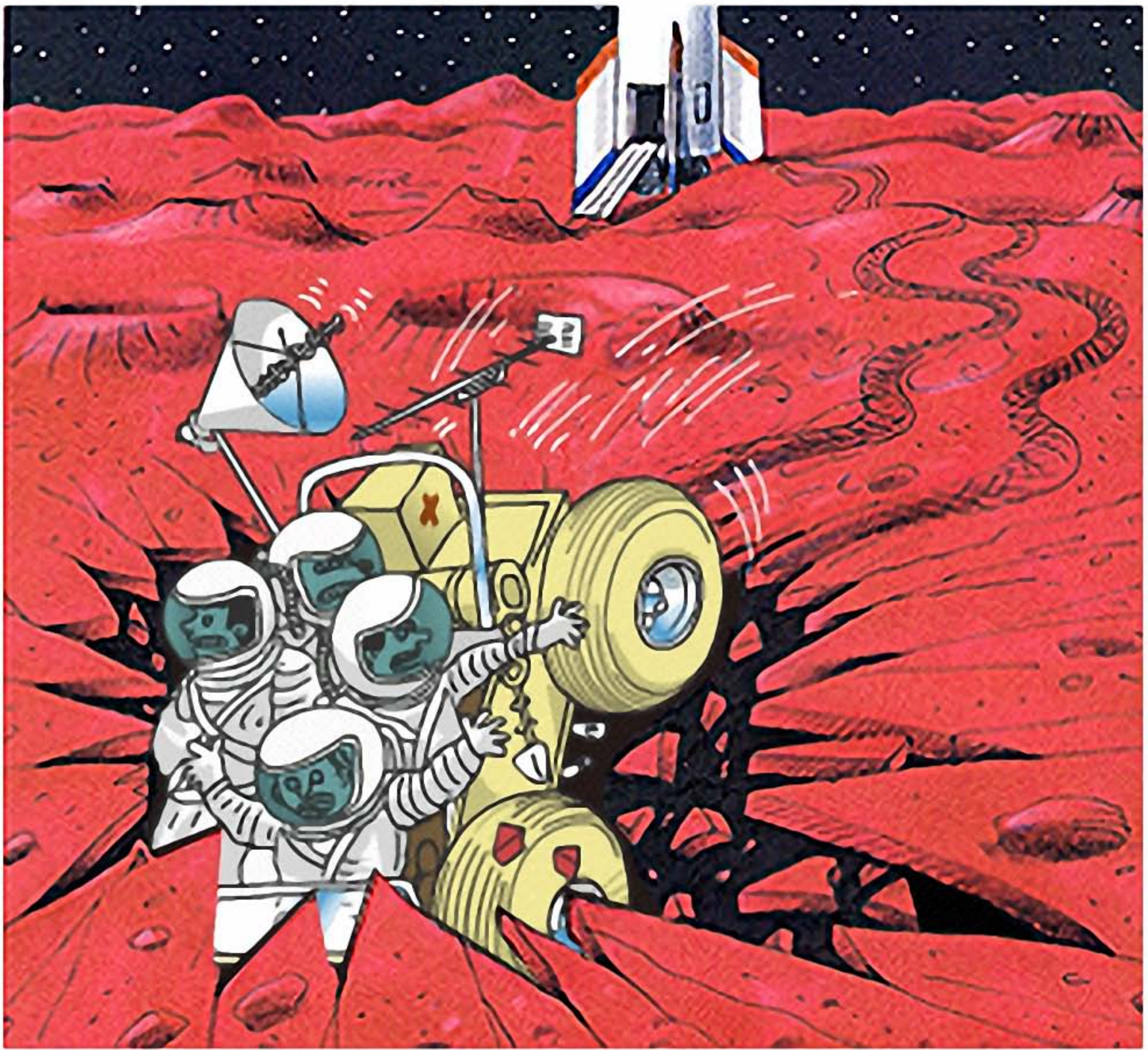




They went out on the planet in the buggy.  
The buggy bumped over the rocks and  
the red dust flew up.

‘I don’t like this,’ thought Floppy.  
‘I’m not made for space adventures.’





Suddenly the ground cracked and a big hole opened up.  
'Oh help,' said Chip, Wilf and Nadim as the buggy fell into the hole.



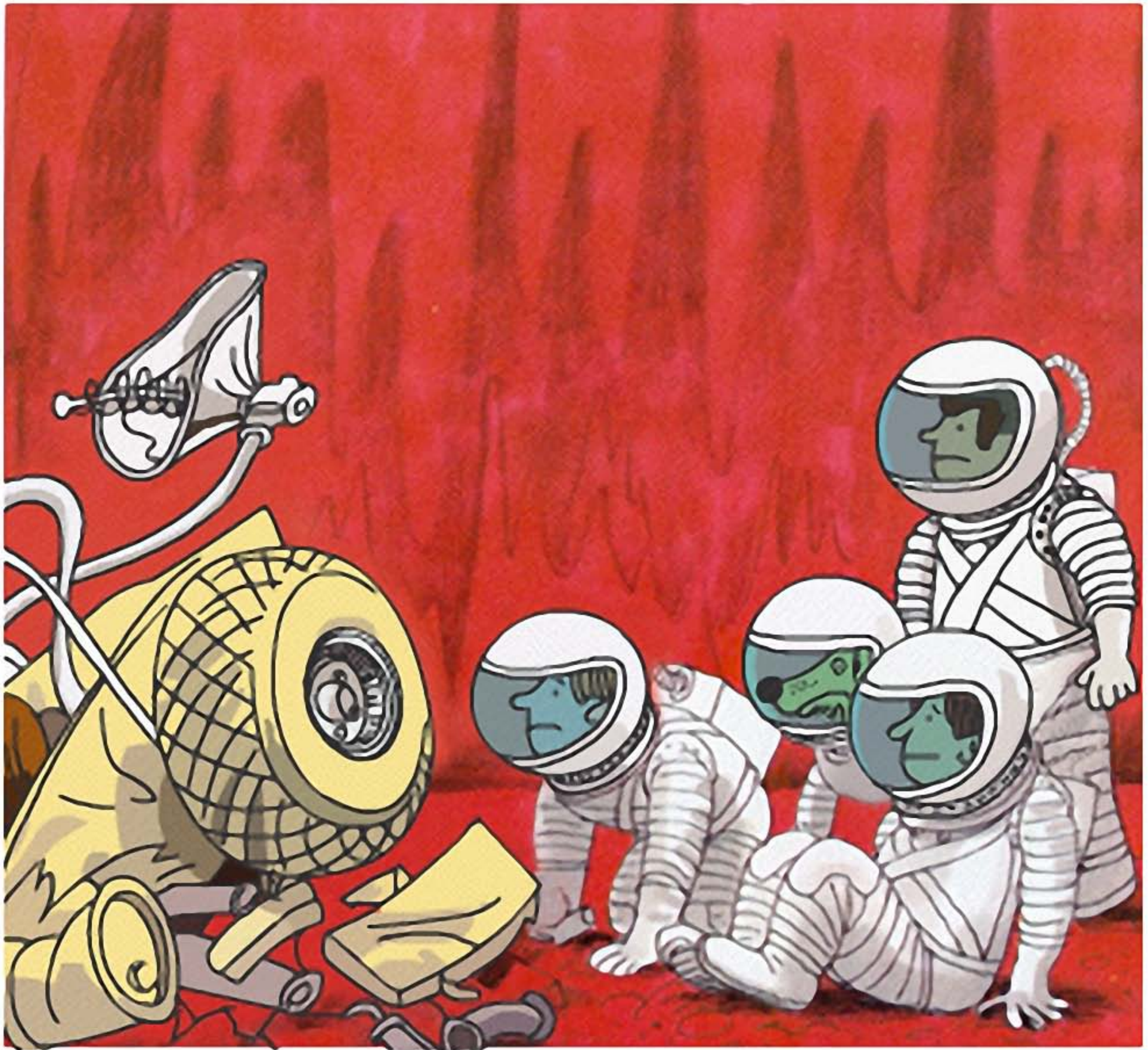


They fell down and down inside the planet.

‘I don’t like this,’ thought Floppy.

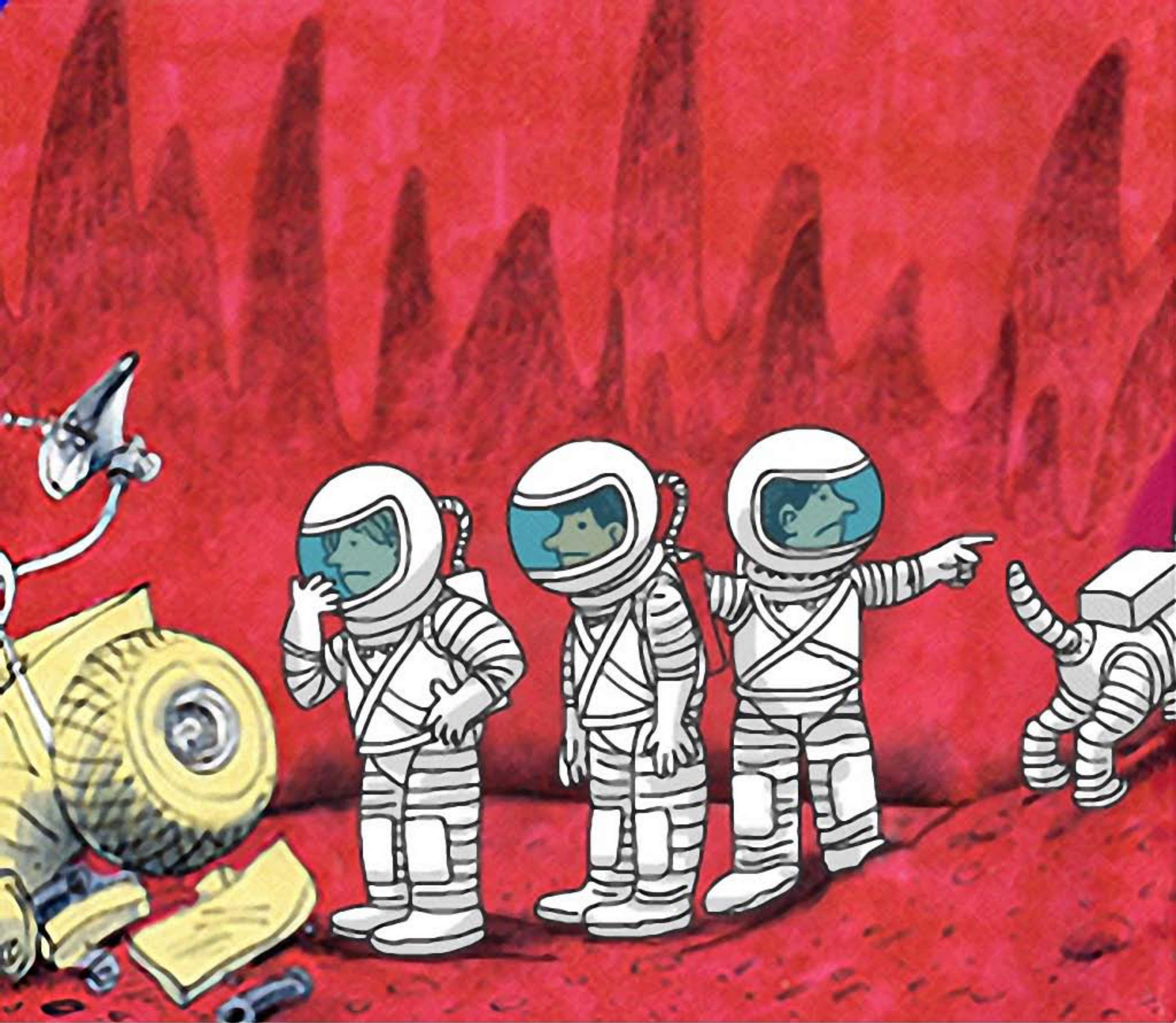
‘I want to go home.’





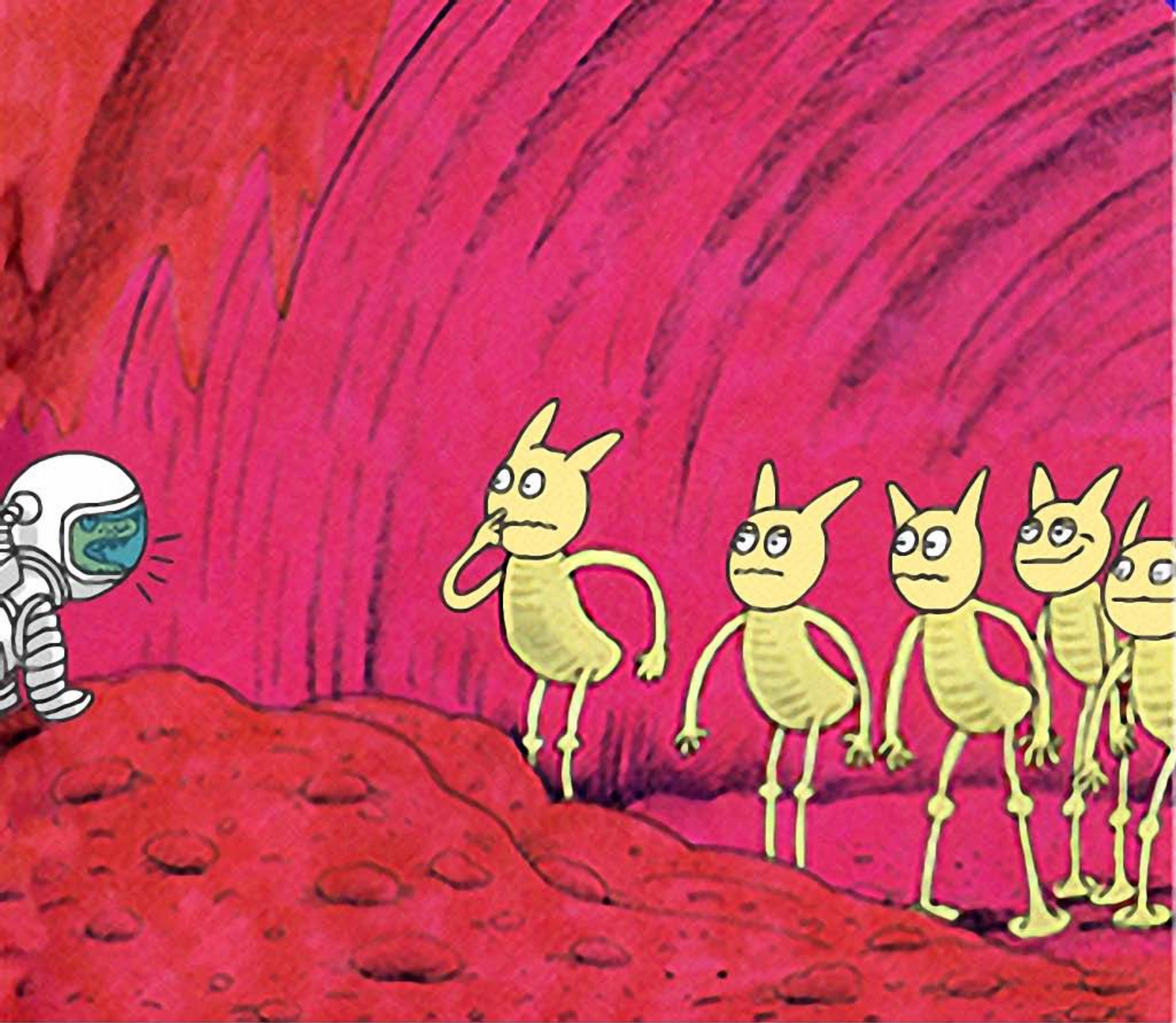
They all landed with a bump.  
The buggy landed with a crash and  
broke in two.  
They were inside a big cave.





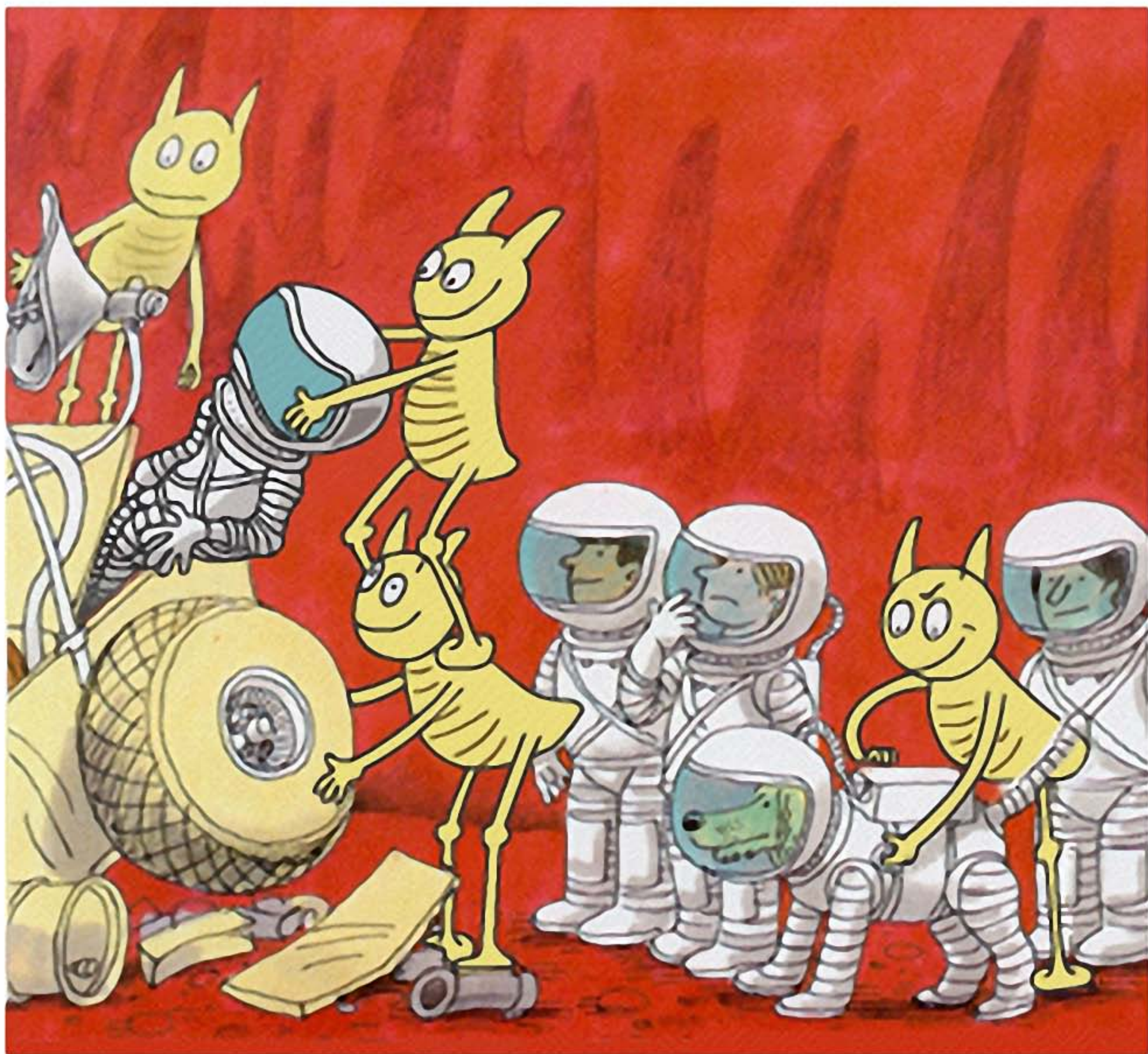
‘What a place!’ said Wilf. ‘Look at it.’  
Chip looked at the buggy.  
‘It’s broken,’ he said. ‘It’s had it!’  
‘How will we get back to the rocket?’





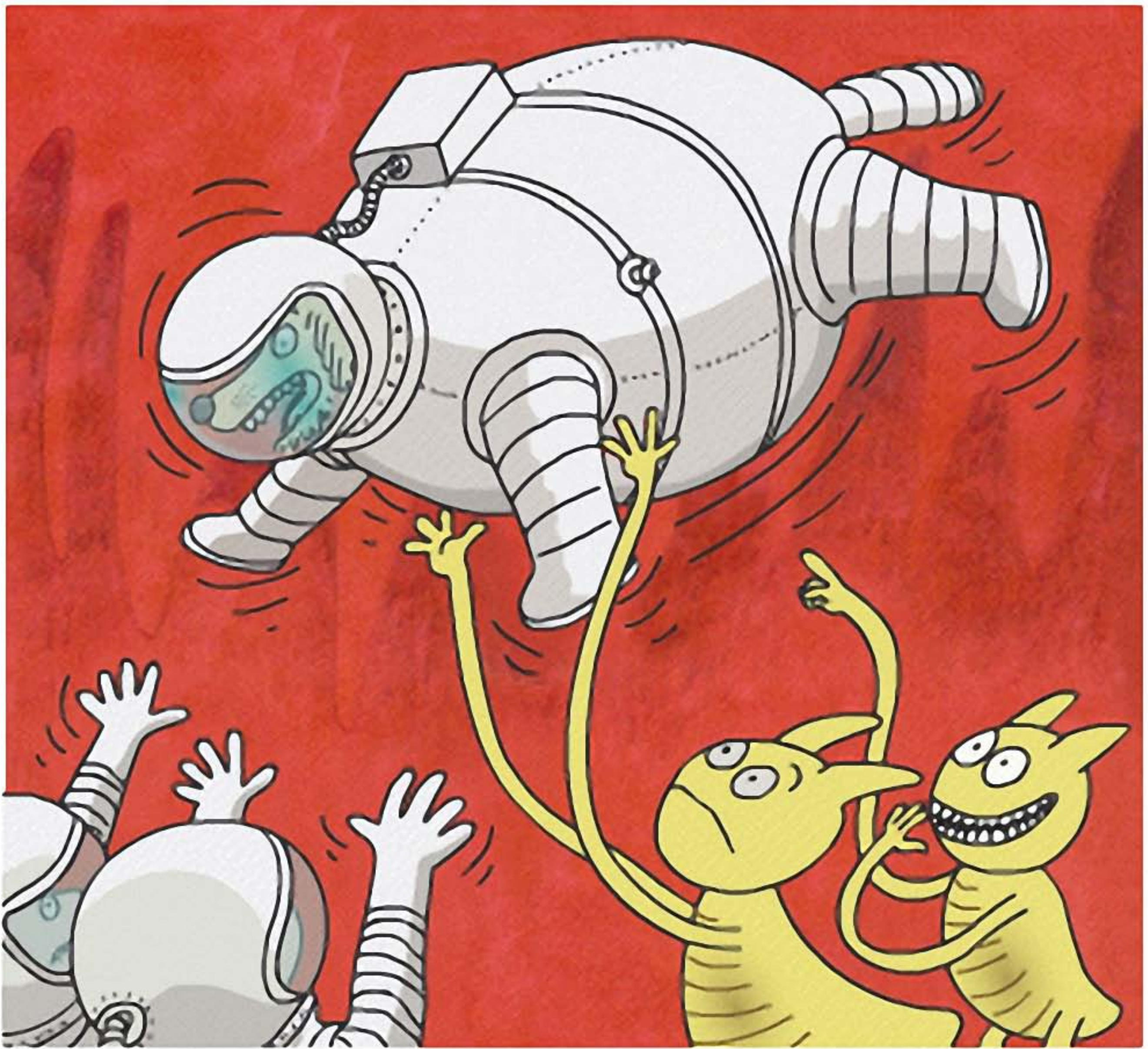
Floppy began to bark.  
There were some creatures in the cave.  
They looked like funny little people.  
'Oh no!' said Nadim. 'Look at them!  
I hope they like us.'





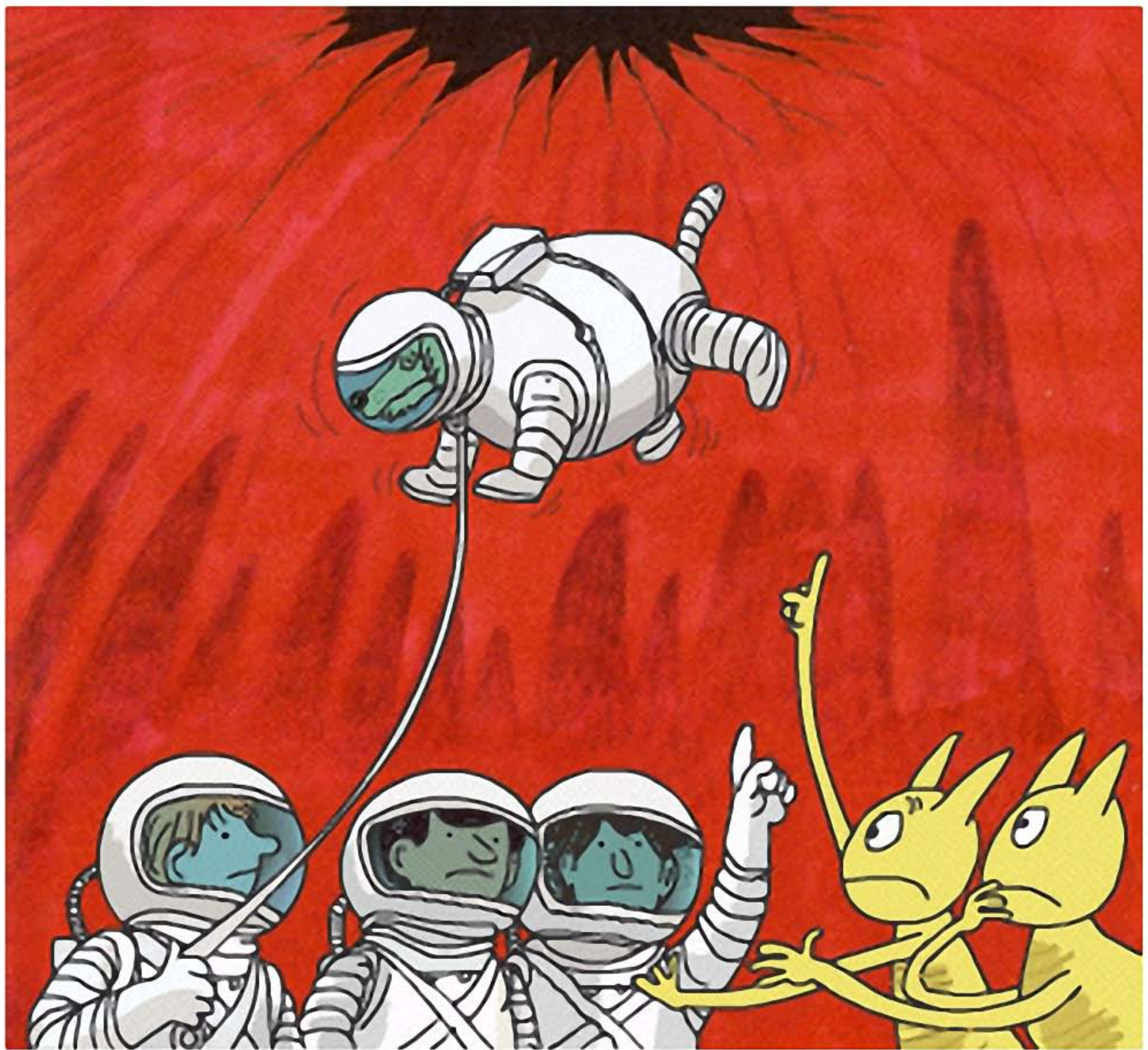
The creatures looked at the boys.  
They climbed on the broken buggy and  
pulled out a spacesuit.  
One of them turned a tap on Floppy's  
spacesuit.





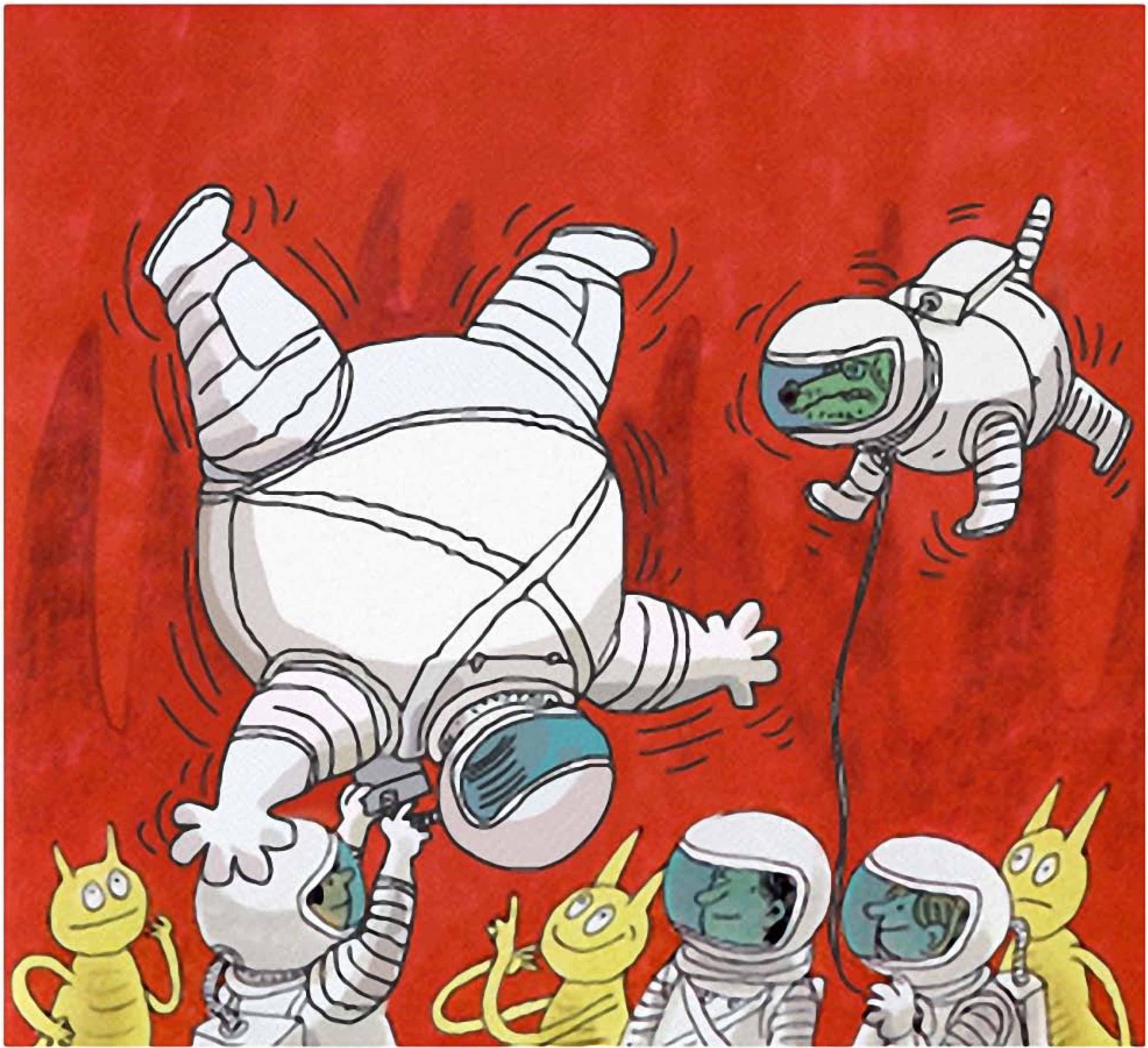
Floppy's spacesuit began to fill with air. It got bigger and bigger. Then Floppy began to float. 'Get Floppy!' yelled Chip. 'Don't let him float away!'





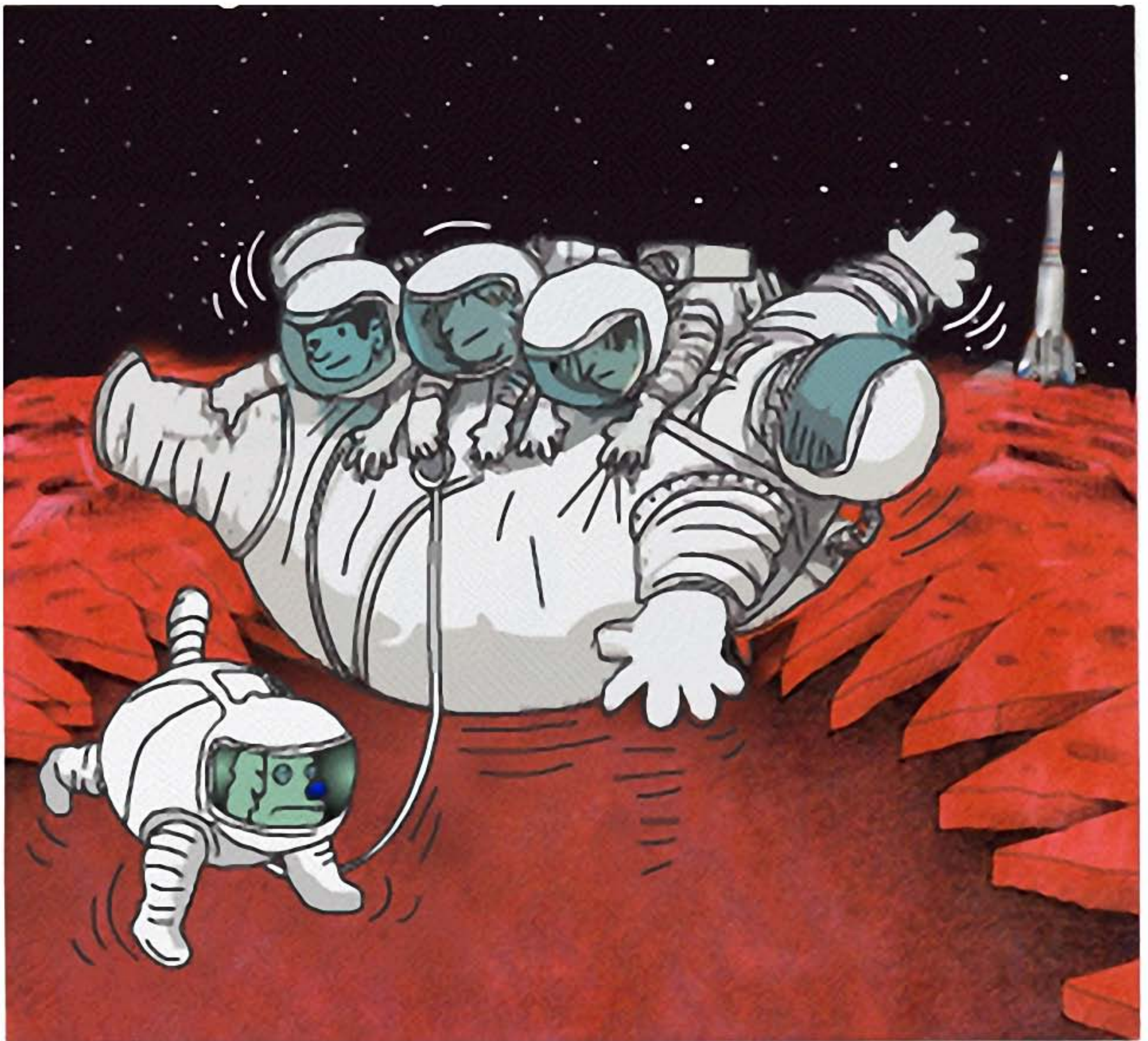
Wilf asked the creatures how to get out of the cave. They told him that there was no way out. They said that they had never been outside.





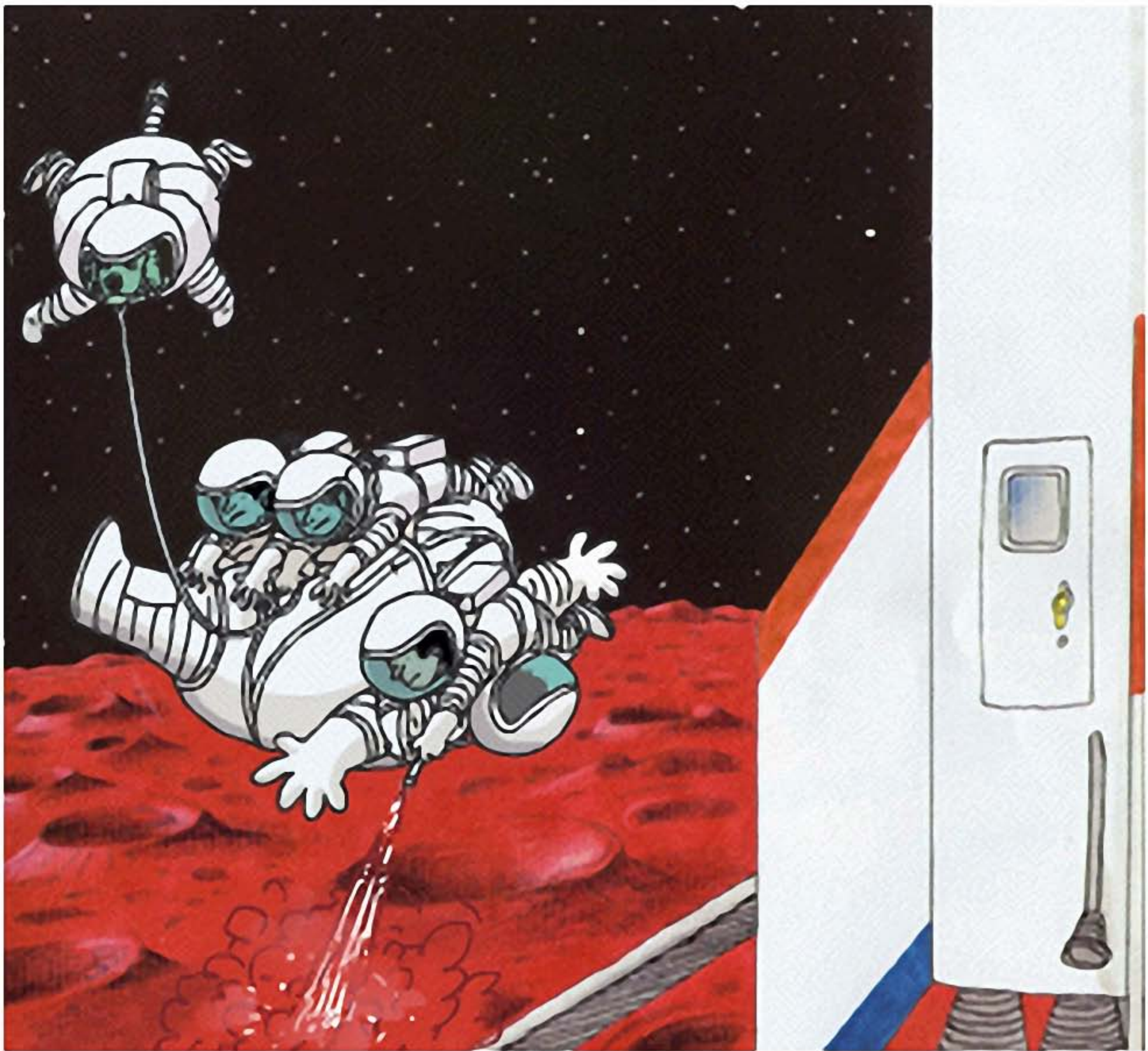
Wilf had a good idea.  
He took a spacesuit out and he  
filled it with air.  
The spacesuit got bigger and bigger.  
It began to float up and up.





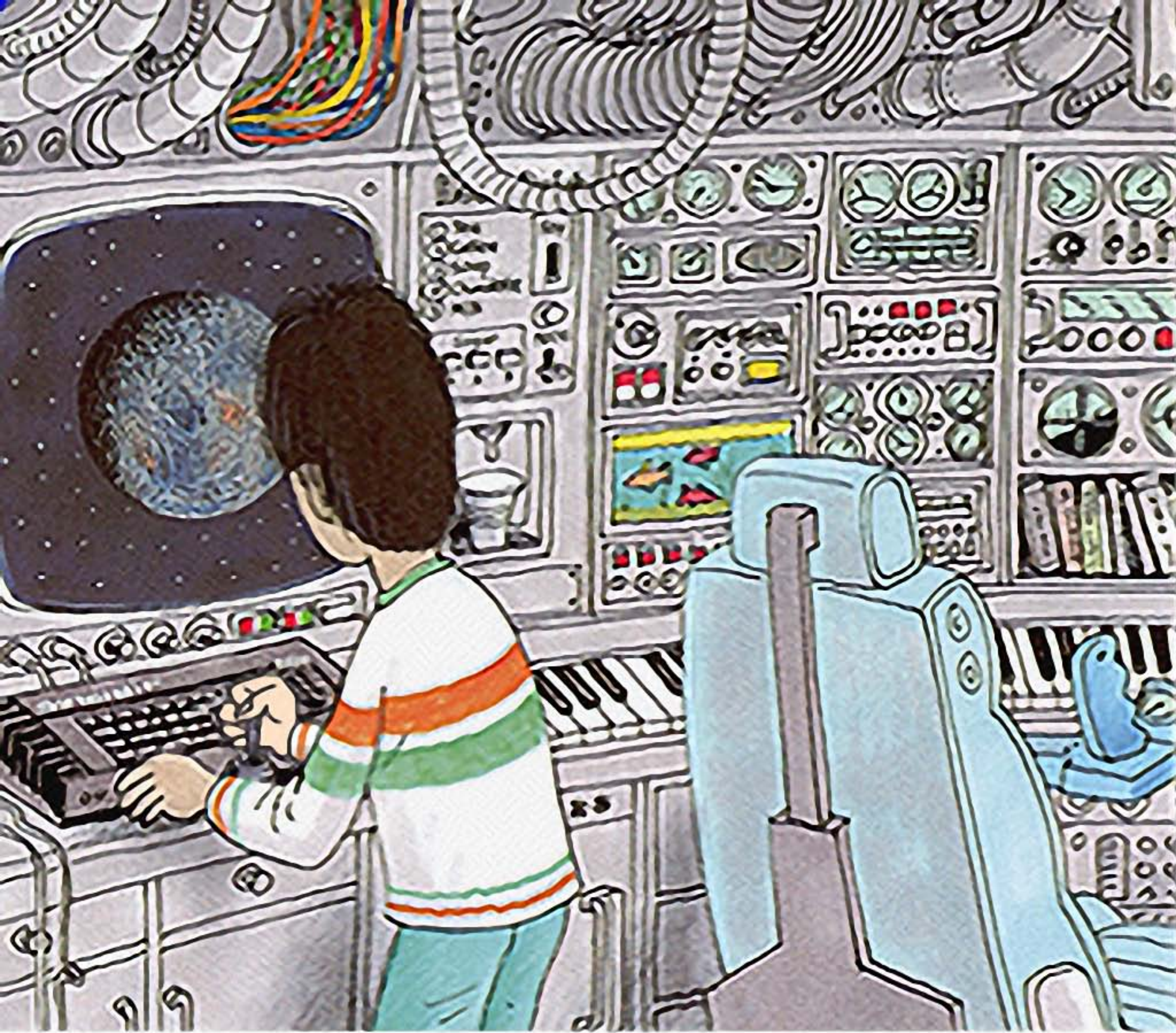
‘Hold on,’ called Wilf, ‘and don’t let go!’  
The spacesuit floated up out of the cave.  
‘We can float back to the rocket,’  
said Chip. ‘What a good idea!’  
‘I hope it won’t go pop,’ thought Floppy.





They floated back to the rocket.  
Wilf let the air out of the spacesuit and  
it came down to the ground.  
'Good old Wilf!' said Nadim.  
'I don't like floating,' thought Floppy.





They went inside the rocket and it took off.

Nadim turned on the computer and looked at the screen.

‘We’ll soon be home,’ he said.





Just then the magic key began to glow.  
'That's good,' thought Floppy. 'They  
won't have to land the rocket.'  
'Dogs don't like space adventures.'





The magic took them back home.  
'I liked that adventure,' said Wilf.  
He looked at the little spacesuit.  
'So did I,' said Nadim, 'but I'm glad  
I didn't have to land that rocket again.'