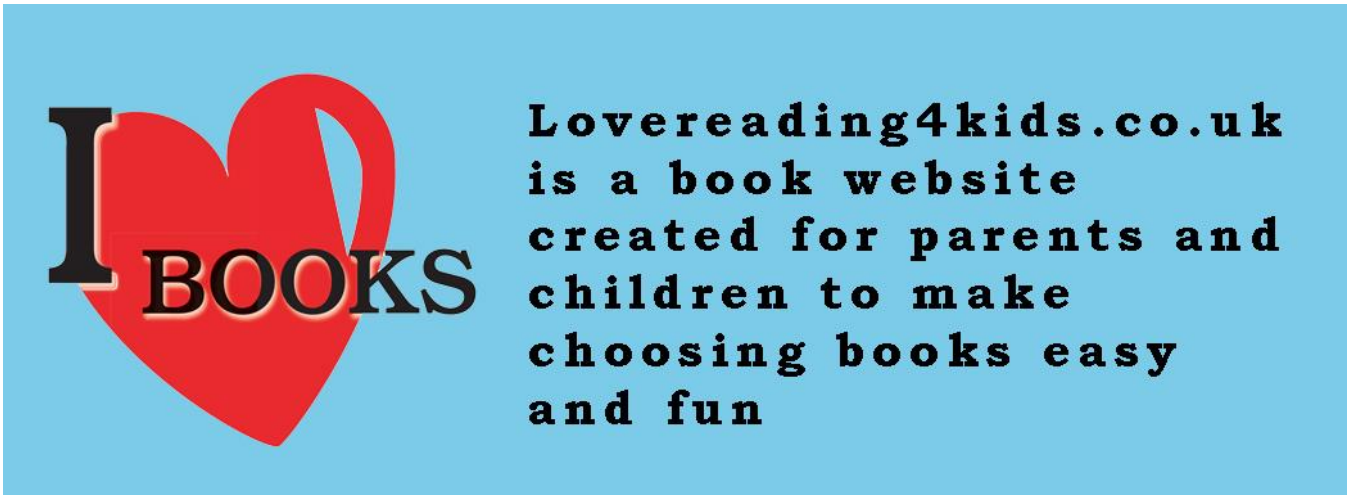



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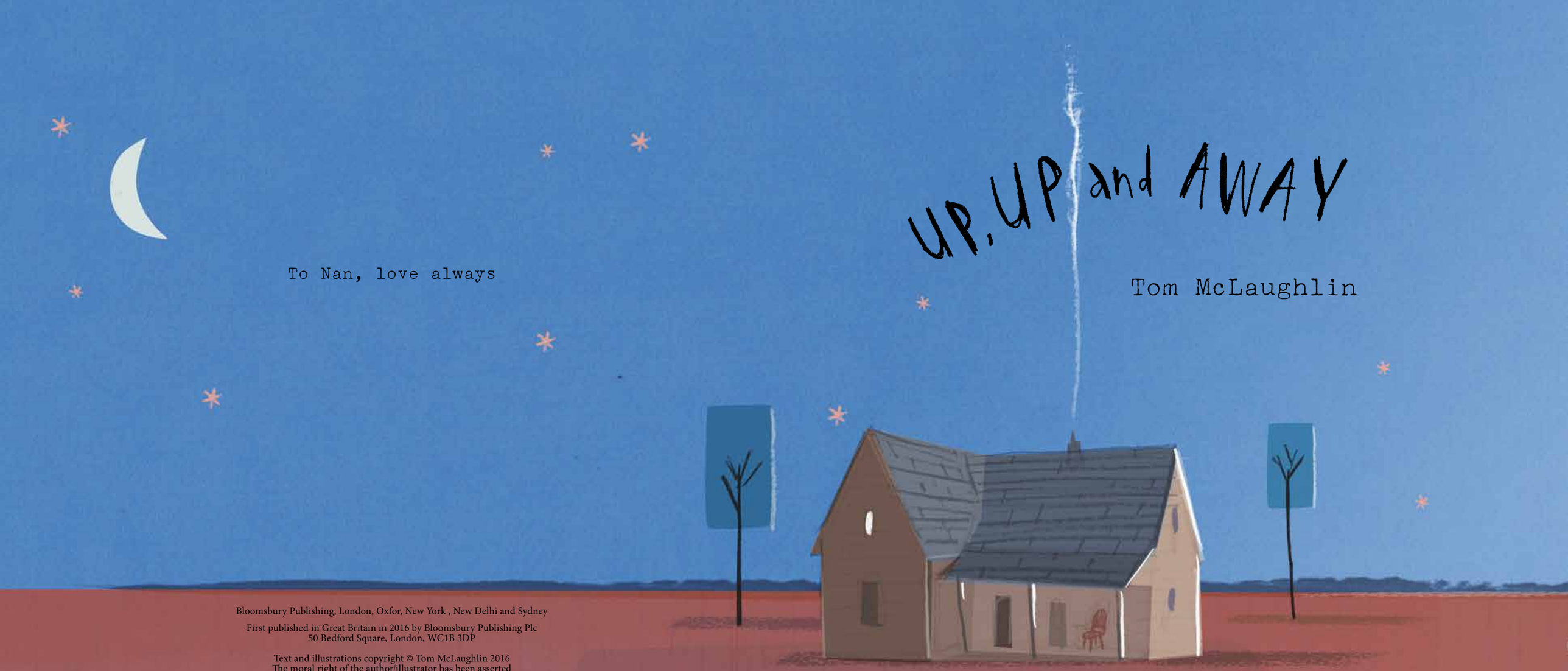
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Orson was the kind of boy
who loved to make things.





And today he was going to make something extraordinary.




BANG!

It would be his greatest challenge yet!

A PLANET!

Orson, being an organised fellow,
first gathered together everything
he was going to need:



- a cup full of rocks

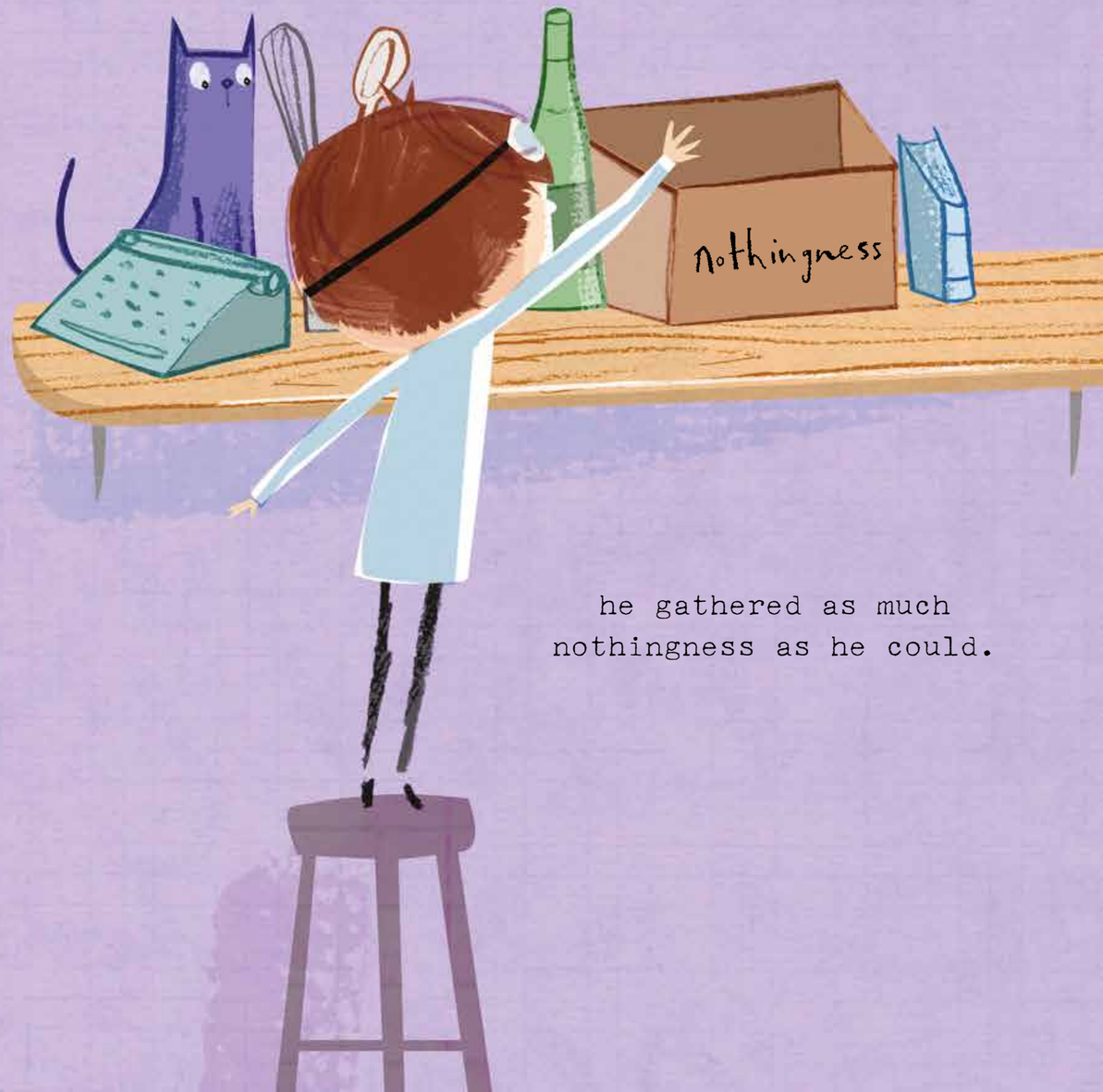


- a splosh of water



- a few chunks of metal . . .

and, since everyone knows that you need
lots of empty space for a planet,




he gathered as much
nothingness as he could.