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The Darkest Dark

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To my children, Kyle, Evan and Kristin – together we find the way past our fears – C.H.
For Tristan and Chas., my favourite explorers – K.F.
For Tara, who lit the path – T.F. & E.F.



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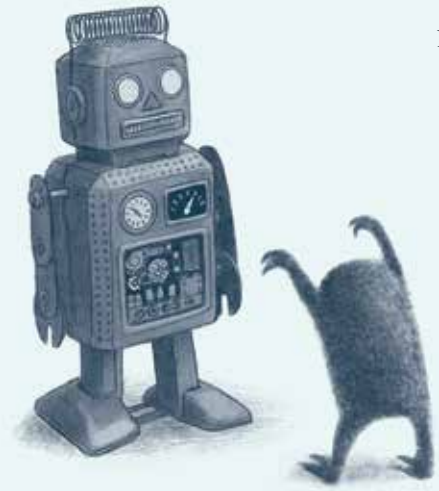
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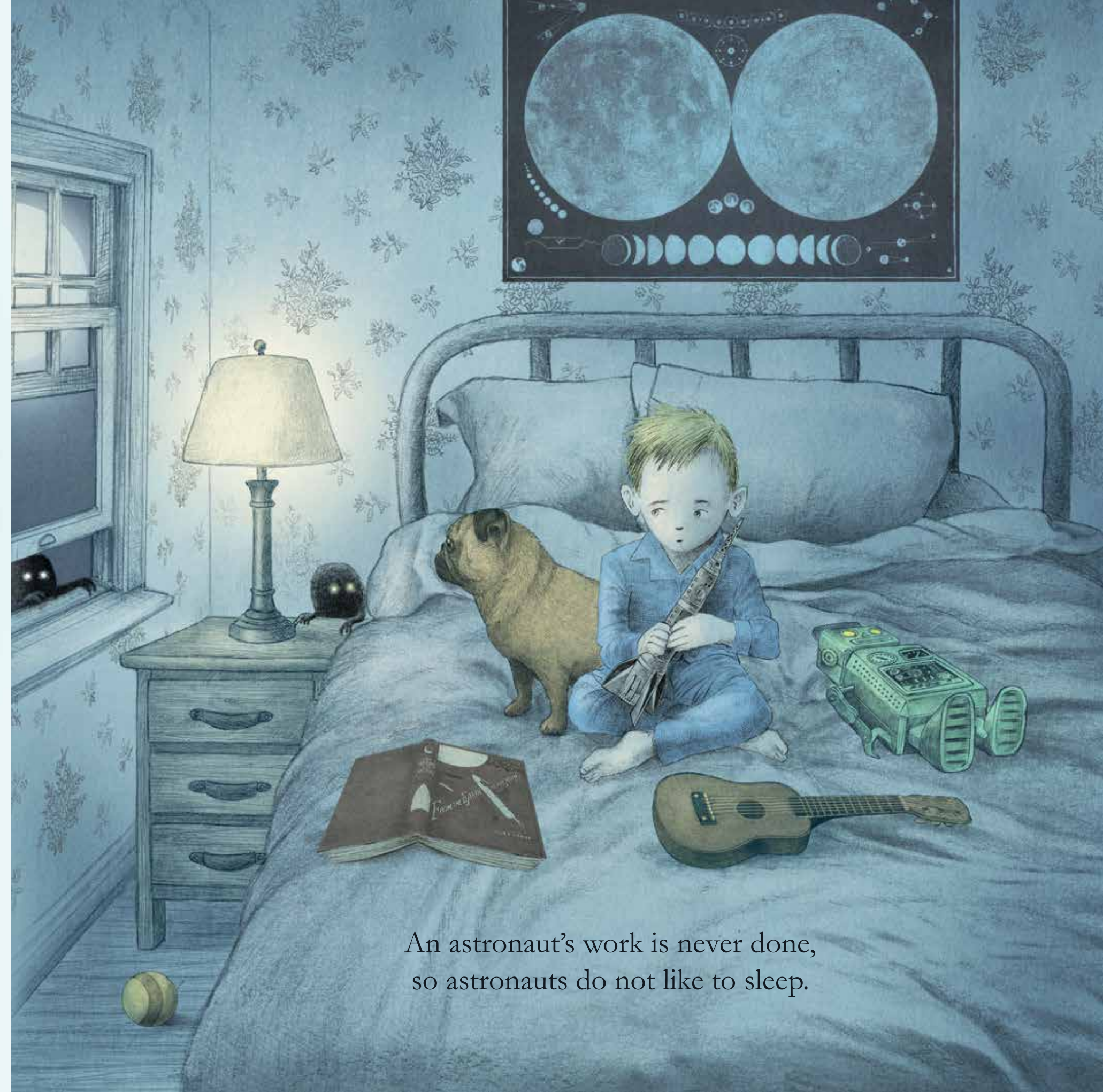
Chris was an astronaut. An important and very busy astronaut.



When it was time to take a bath, he told his mother,
“I’d love to, but I’m saving the planet from aliens.”



When it was time to get out of the bath and go to bed,
he told his father – politely, because astronauts are always polite –
“Sorry, no can do. I’m on my way to Mars.”



An astronaut’s work is never done,
so astronauts do not like to sleep.