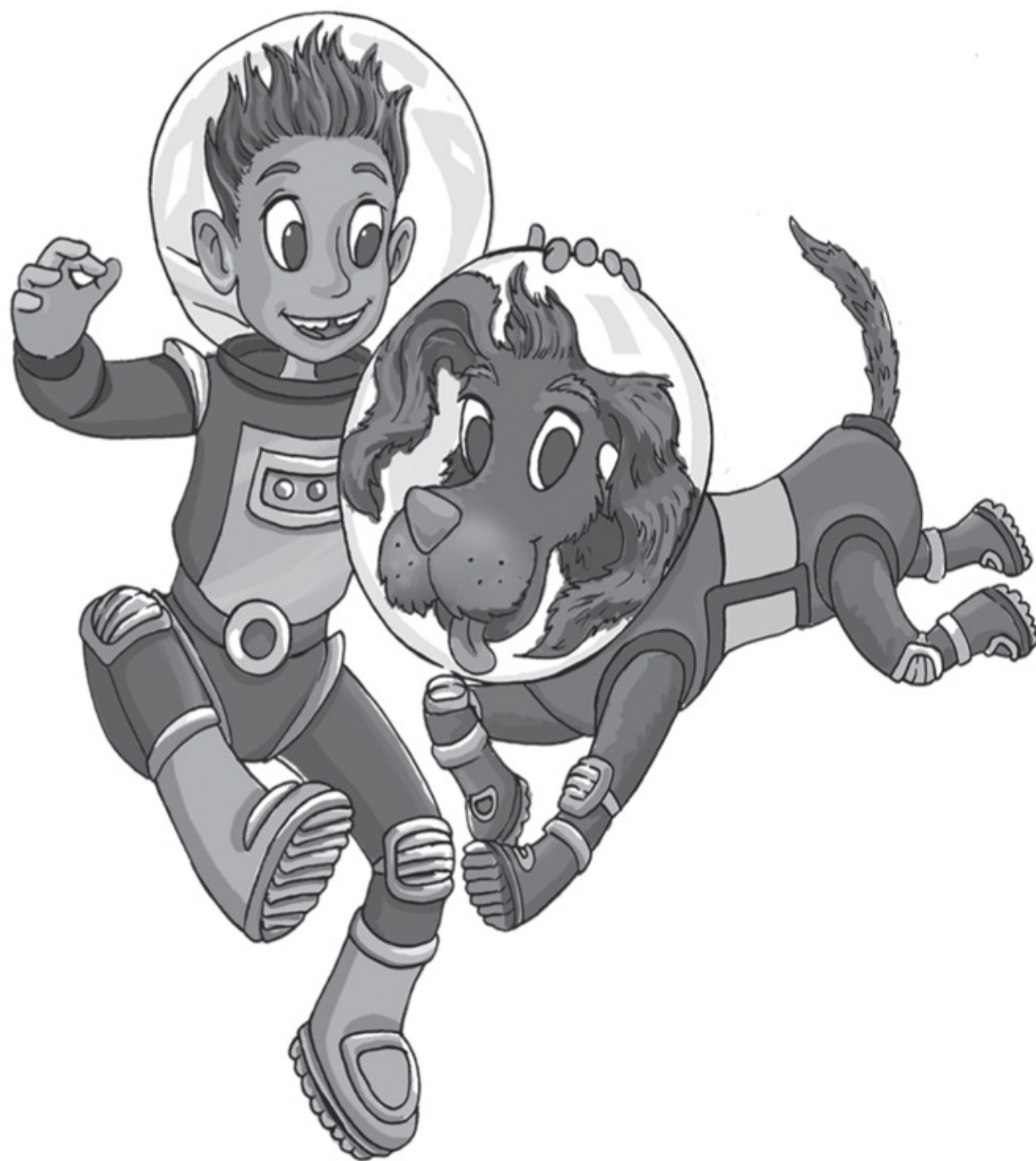


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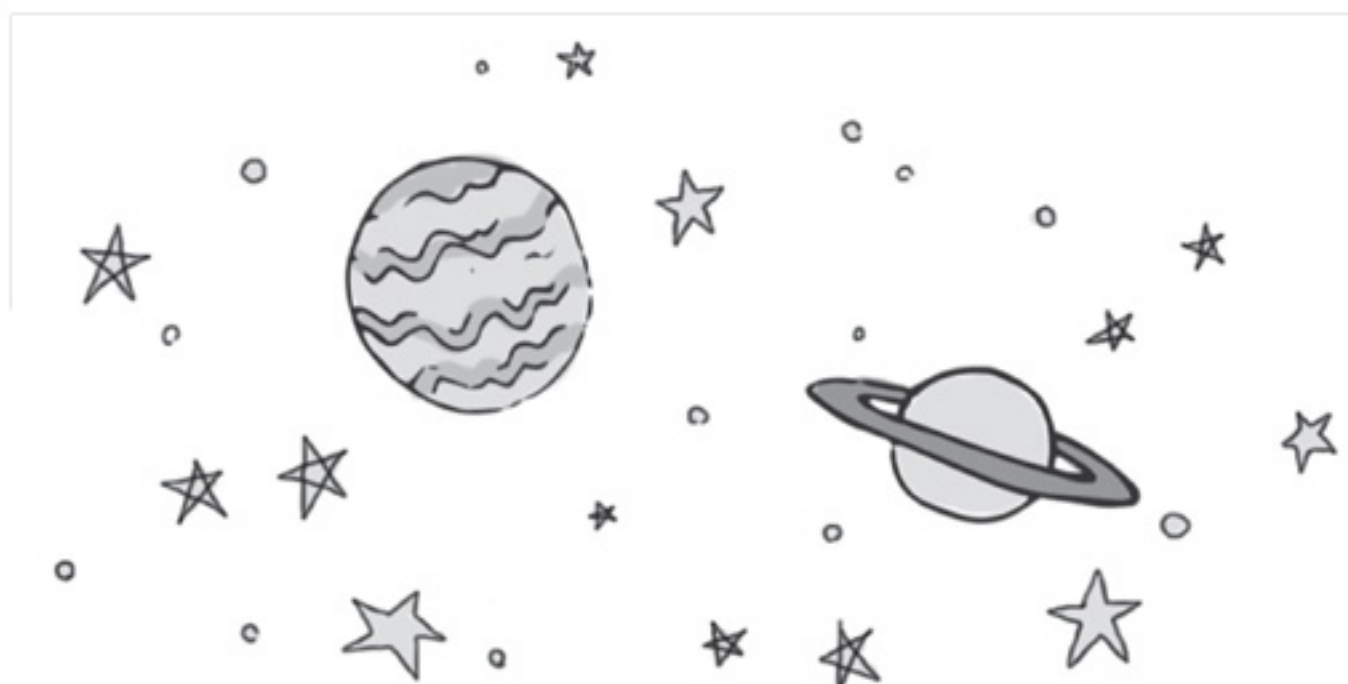
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# CHAPTER 1

## Cheesy Moon

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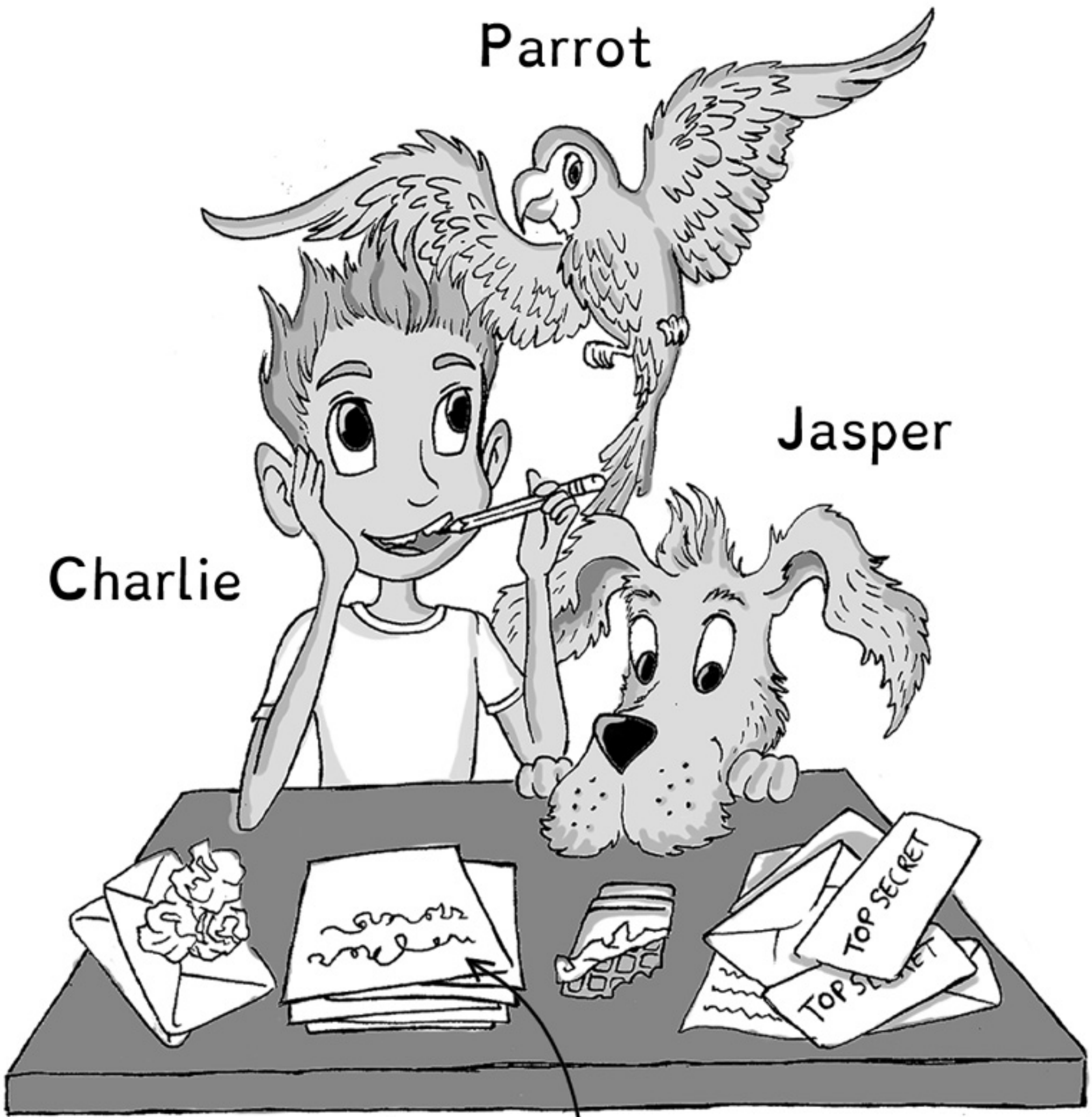
**TOP SECRET!**

They are private letters  
between Charlie Tanner,  
Jasper and a rocket scientist.

Please do not share with  
anyone except your dog, cat,  
rabbit, hamster or ostrich.

Signed: Charlie Tanner  
and Jasper





Secret letters!

Dr Isabella Starr  
Rocket Scientist  
Explore Space, UK

Dear Dr Starr,

My name is Charlie Tanner.  
My dog, Jasper, and I would  
like to ask you a few things  
about the space mission,  
Apollo 11, and the first moon  
landing in July 1969.

We have a few questions  
about the three astronauts  
who made history too.

Jasper is thinking about the idea of becoming a space dog.

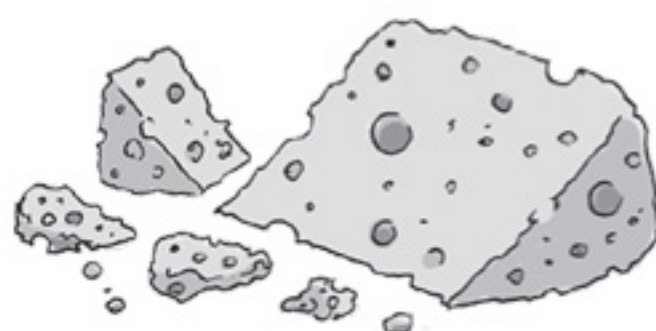


Our parrot, who is called Parrot, thinks it's all a big joke. Jasper is not put off by what Parrot thinks. Jasper has got some space boots which he wears in Bogna Park.

Lots of people have said – and Jasper says he has heard this too from other dogs in Bogna Park – that

**the moon is made  
of cheese.**

If the moon is made of cheese, do you know if the first astronauts to walk on the moon brought any moon cheese back with them? Jasper says there might be moon-cows on it because cheese is made from milk.



We would like to know this because I'd like to grate moon cheese on my pasta. Jasper would like to try a bit too (even though he's not a cheese fan). If they found the moon was made of cheese, then what type of cheese was it?

Did the astronauts give it a name such as Cheddar Moon and was it blue?

Jasper thinks a good name for moon cheese would be Lunar Blue.



We think that if the moon is made of blue cheese then it must be a type of cheese which doesn't go mouldy. No one has ever seen a mouldy moon.

We would know this because  
mouldy bits of blue cheese  
would be pouring down on  
Earth like rain. Mouldy blue  
rain!



Jasper thought the rain  
might smell like old socks too.



From **Charlie Tanner**, age 8  
and a half, and **Jasper**, age 2  
and a bit, but we're not sure  
because he came from a rescue  
centre and they didn't know.

