JASPER SPACE DOG!

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CHAPTER 1

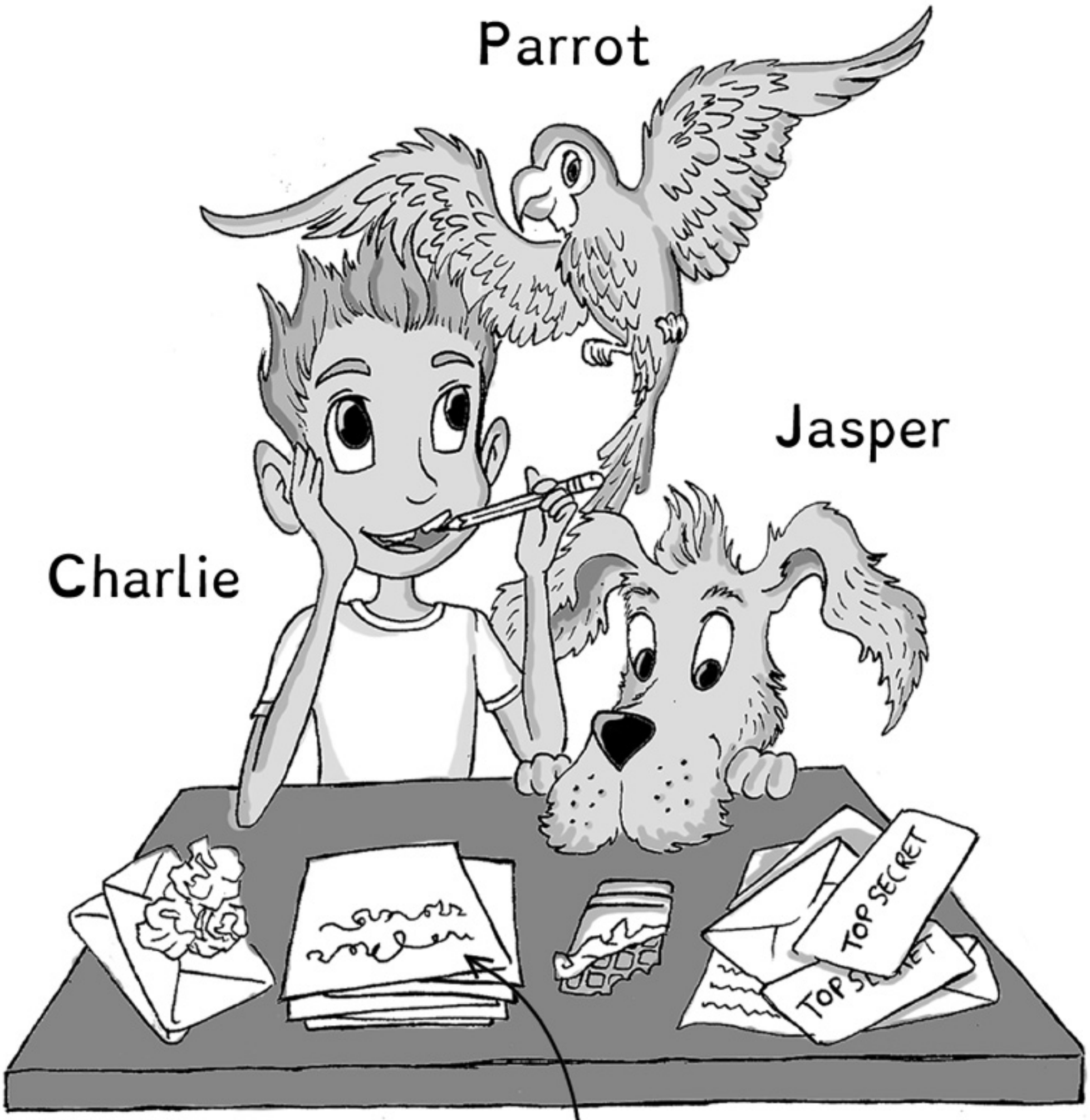
Cheesy Moon

The following pages are

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


Parrot
Jasper
Charlie
TOP SECRET
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.

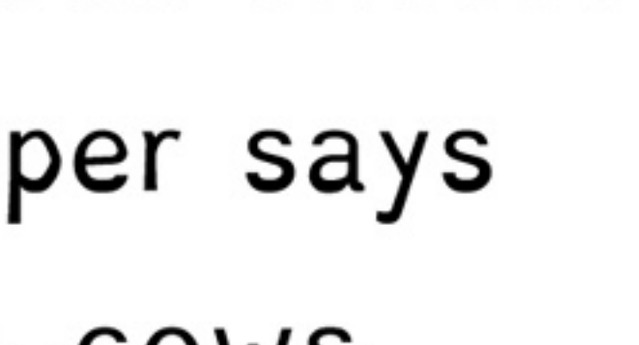
Jasper is thinking about the idea of becoming a space dog.

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.