For all the Leos of this world, and especially for my very own one – I.M.

For Ollie and Isla – C.N.



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The world was too bright for Leo. And too loud.

"I must be living on the wrong planet," he thought.

None of the other children understood Leo.
And he didn't understand them.

At home, Leo would hide inside his cardboard box to read.

Then he could **relax.**



Because life on the **wrong planet** was stressful.

And **tiring.**

And **lonely.**



Until the day Leo met Maya.

Maya was an octopus.

"She has eight arms, three hearts and a beak like a parrot," said Edgar, the octopus keeper.

"She looks like an **alien,**" Leo thought. "I *feel* like an alien. **We should get along.**"