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It was a Friday morning in space. Bob, the Man on the Moon, and his best-ever friend Barry were hard at work giving the dark side of the Moon a tip-top tidy up. And that's when they noticed it – a strange beany-seedy thing glowing near crater 1973.

Bob was puzzled. Despite being the world's most brainy Moon expert, he had never seen anything like it before. He knelt down to get a closer look. Suddenly, the beany-seedy thing sprang up and briskly bounced away. Bob and Barry looked at each other in astonishment.

Whatever could it be?



Wasting no time, Bob and Barry set off – the chase was on! All afternoon they huffed and puffed until finally the beany-seedy thing jumped deep, deep down into the darkness of crater 483.

By now it was 6.45 p.m., so Bob and Barry had to blast back home quick-sharp or risk missing the big match on TV. Bob wasn't too worried though. After all, what could happen to a beany-seedy thing in just one night?





Back on Earth, Bob couldn't stop thinking about their peculiar discovery. What was the beany-seedy thing doing on the Moon? How did it get there? Some people might have suggested it was the work of aliens, but Bob knew that was just nonsense.

He was still worrying about it the next morning as they rocketed moonwards. All of a sudden, his thoughts were interrupted by an almighty shuddering, shaking crunch! The Moon's surface was still a mile below them.

"We've crashed!" gasped Bob.
"But into WHAT?"

