

MAJURY **the** **MARTIAN**

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POLLY PERIWINKLE PICKS A HAT

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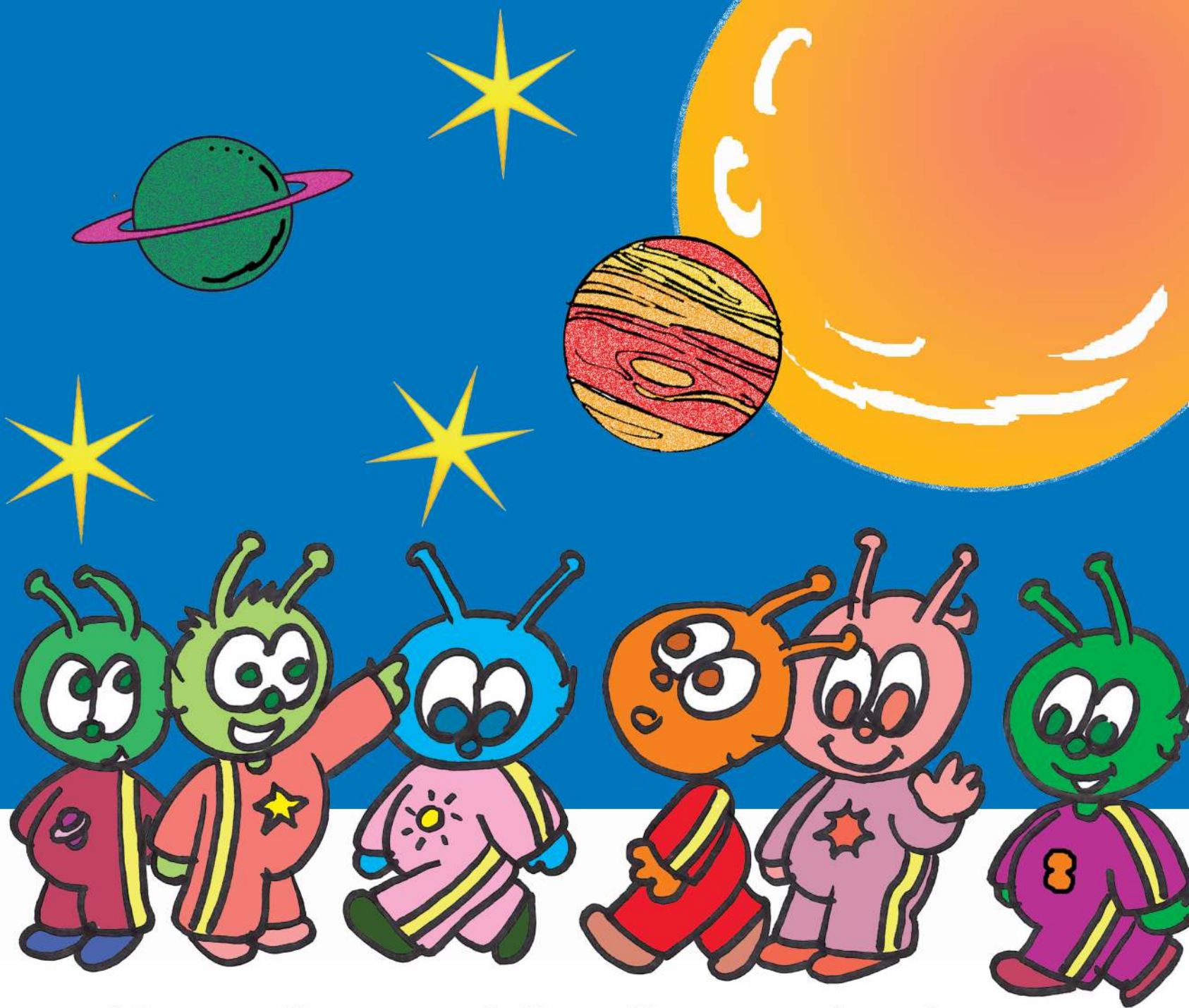
*Dedicated to Jason,
who knows the joys
of being tall.*



**Maury the Martian was the grumpiest grouch.
His mood was the worst when he sat on the couch.
You'd think he'd be happy to be resting his toes,
But even relaxing would add to his woes.**



**See Maury was tall as the Martian folk go,
Where all others Martians were round and quite low.**



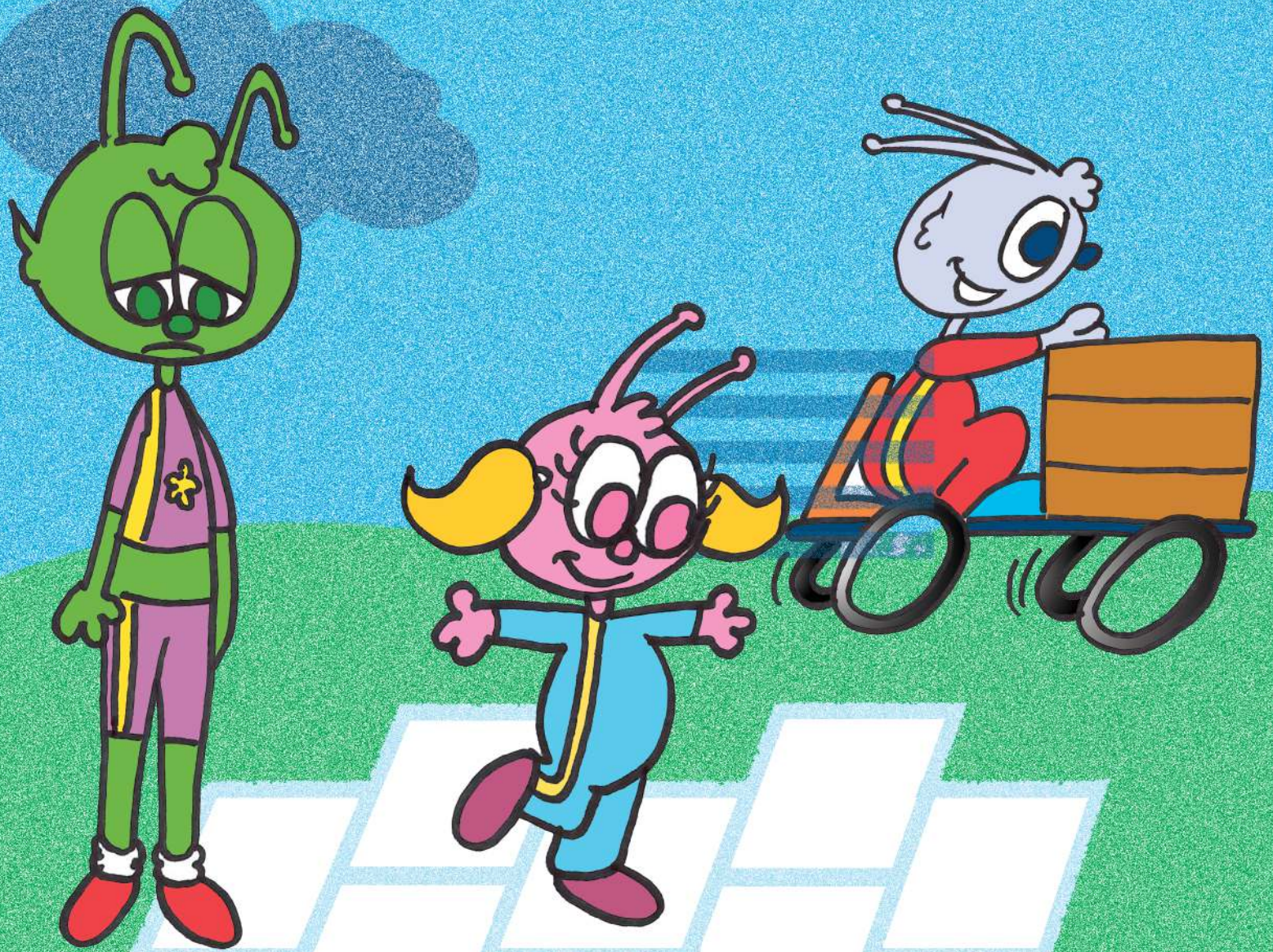
**All wore the same clothes, the same sizes too.
So quite early on, his suit he outgrew.**



**And since no clothes were made for the tall,
His tiny space suit was incredibly small.**




**With no other choices he just went along,
But inside his heart he sang a sad song.**



He couldn't play games as the other kids do,
Hopscotch like Mary or go carts like Lou.
So he watched from the sidelines
and wished he was small,
And thought to himself, "I don't fit in at all."



Till one day he spied a kite high up a tree,
While Chester and Lester and Ester, all three,
Were down at the bottom and calling for help.
"Please get our kite down!" they cried with a yelp.

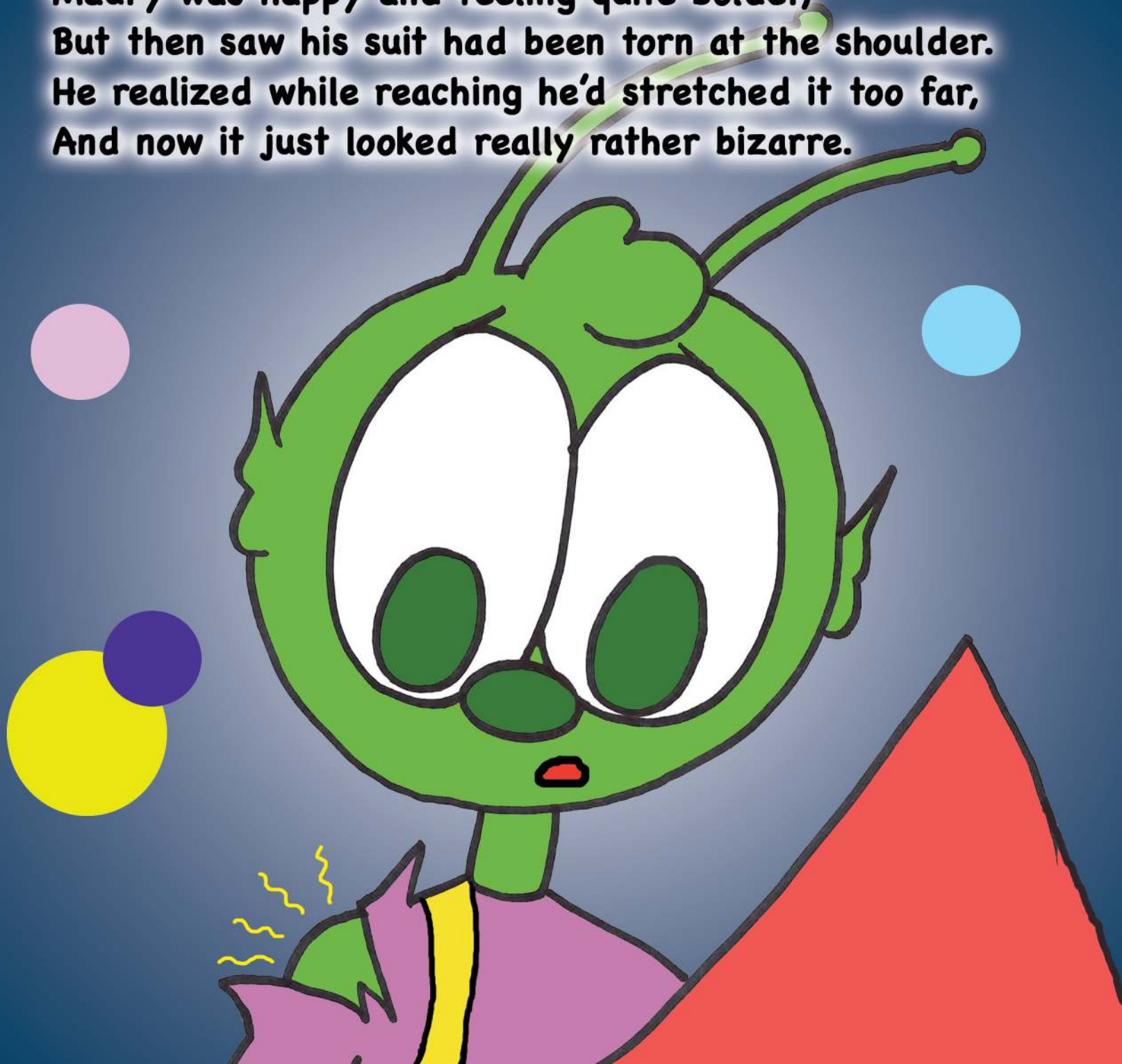


So Maury strode over and
with a sweep of his hand,
Pulled the kite by its tail and
down it did land.

"Being tall is so cool!"

Chester shouted with glee,
"Because of your height my kite
is now free!"

**Maury was happy and feeling quite bolder,
But then saw his suit had been torn at the shoulder.
He realized while reaching he'd stretched it too far,
And now it just looked really rather bizarre.**

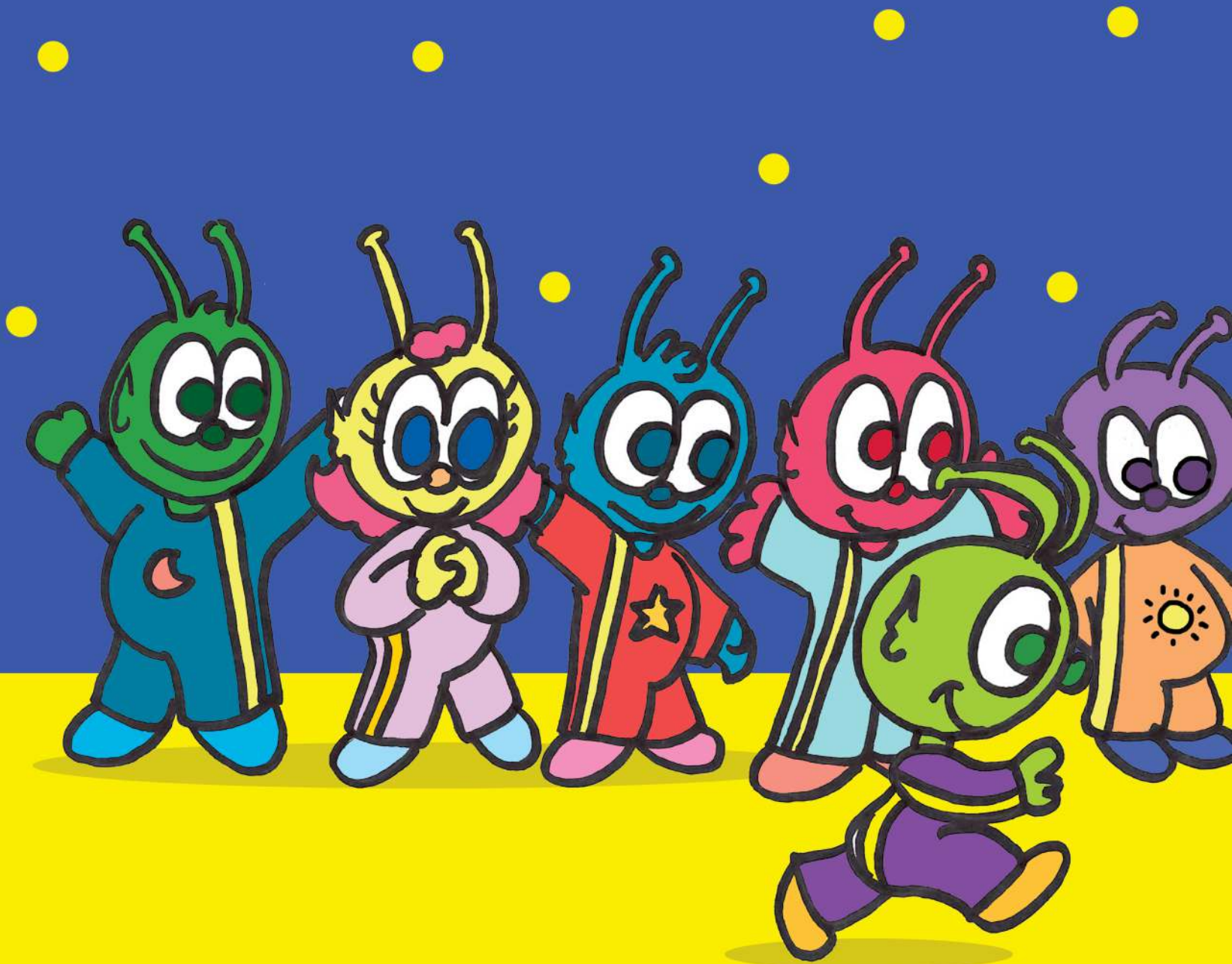




**But word spread like lightening to Martian headquarter,
And for his good deed a new suit they did order.**



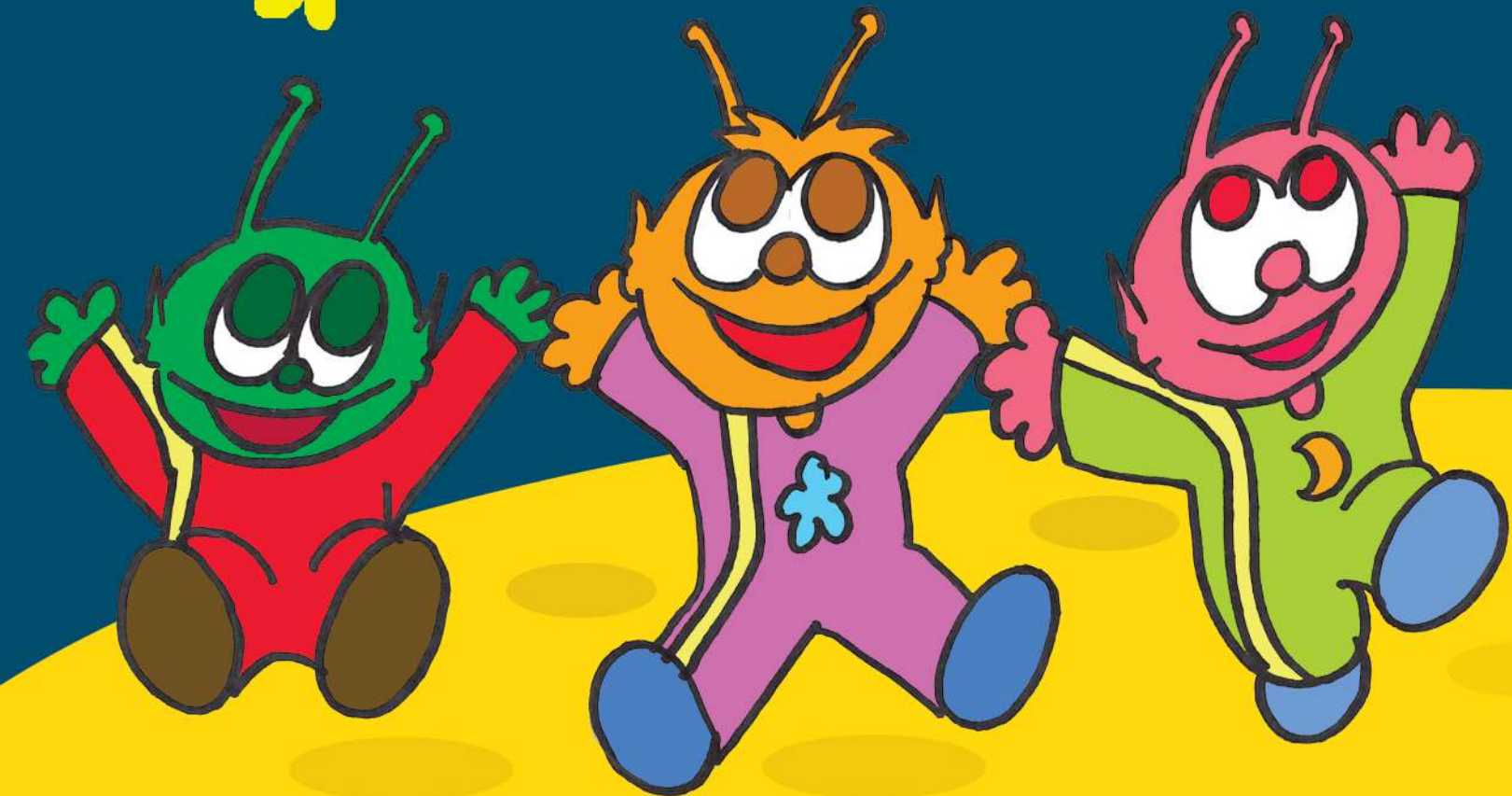
**But this one was made to fit him just right,
And he never again wore a suit that's too tight!**



**Maury now can play and join in the fun,
Even racing his friends of which he'd outrun.**



**"I love being tall!" he yelled out really loud,
As he heard happy cheers echoed back from the crowd!**



**So if you are tall like our Martian friend Maury,
Thinking you don't fit in, just remember his story.**



**Be it short, tall or round you can reach for a star,
You are totally awesome just as you are!**

About the Author



After growing up in Central California, Rose McFarland moved to the Pacific Northwest and lives with her 3 children, a dachshund named Daisy and a black cat called Spooky. Her interests range from science and geology to writing children's stories. Treasure hunting for cool rocks and minerals is one of her favorite pastimes as well as stargazing on a clear summer's night.

Remembering great stories from her childhood has inspired Rose to want to create her own fun and exciting adventures that can entertain young readers and encourage the joy of reading that she experienced in her youth.

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