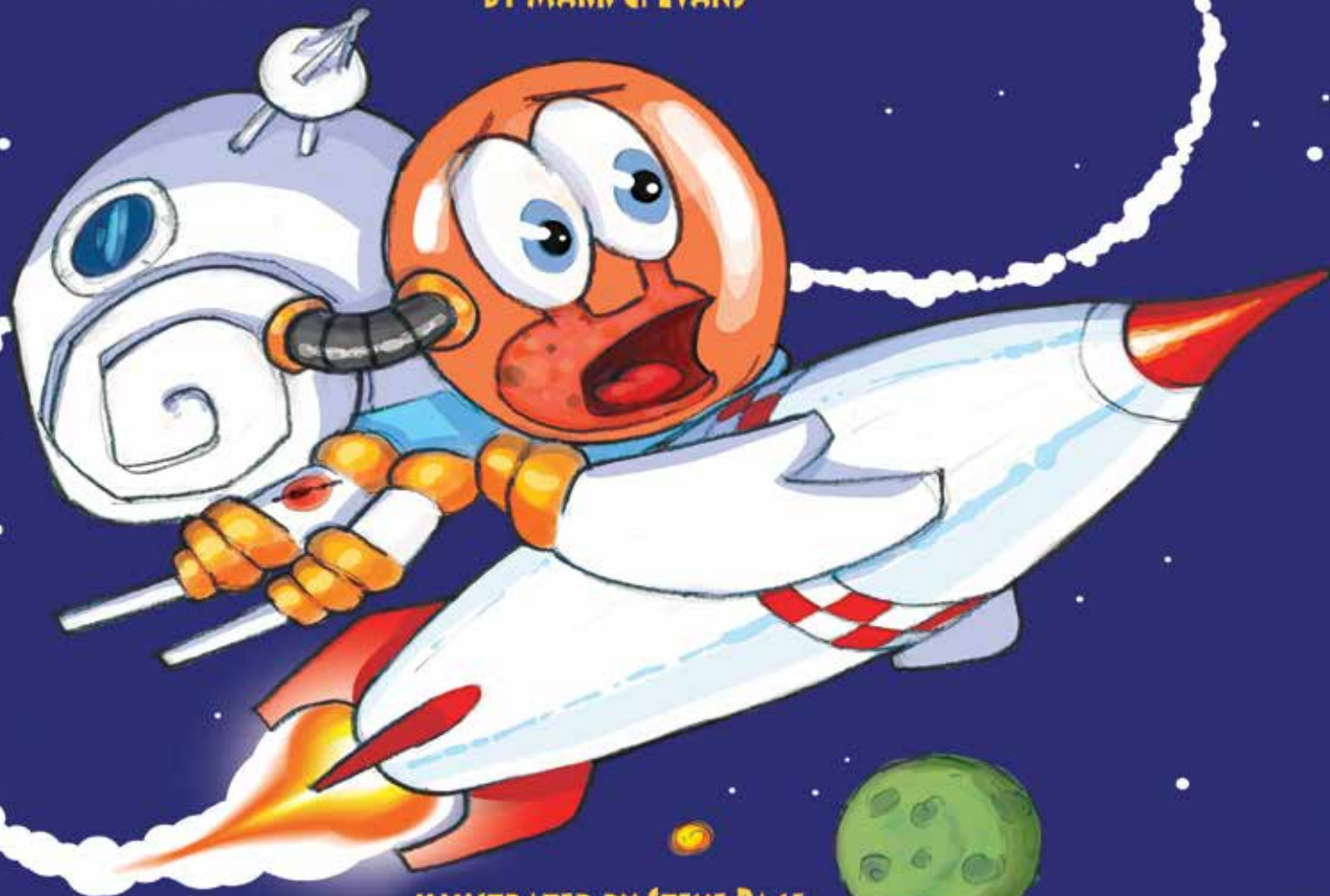


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For my crazy crabs Paige & Oliver.
Dream big and let your stars
shine bright on the world.

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To my two little nippers,
love you both.

- S.P.

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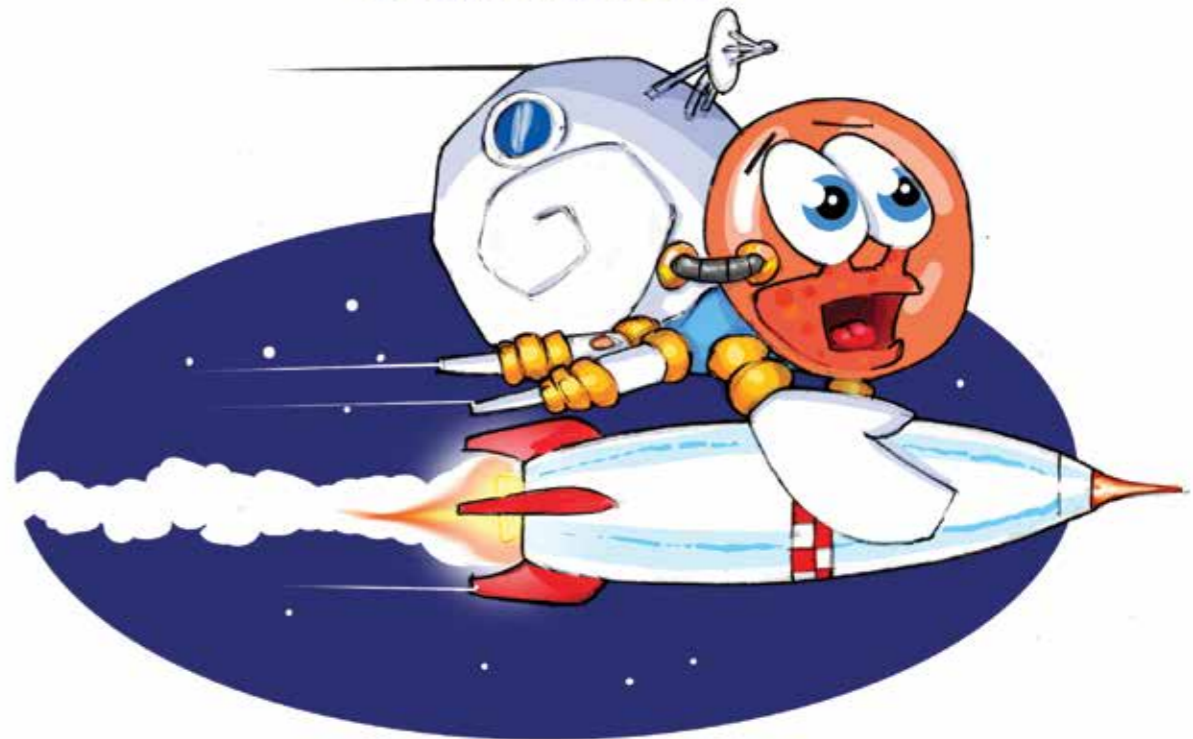
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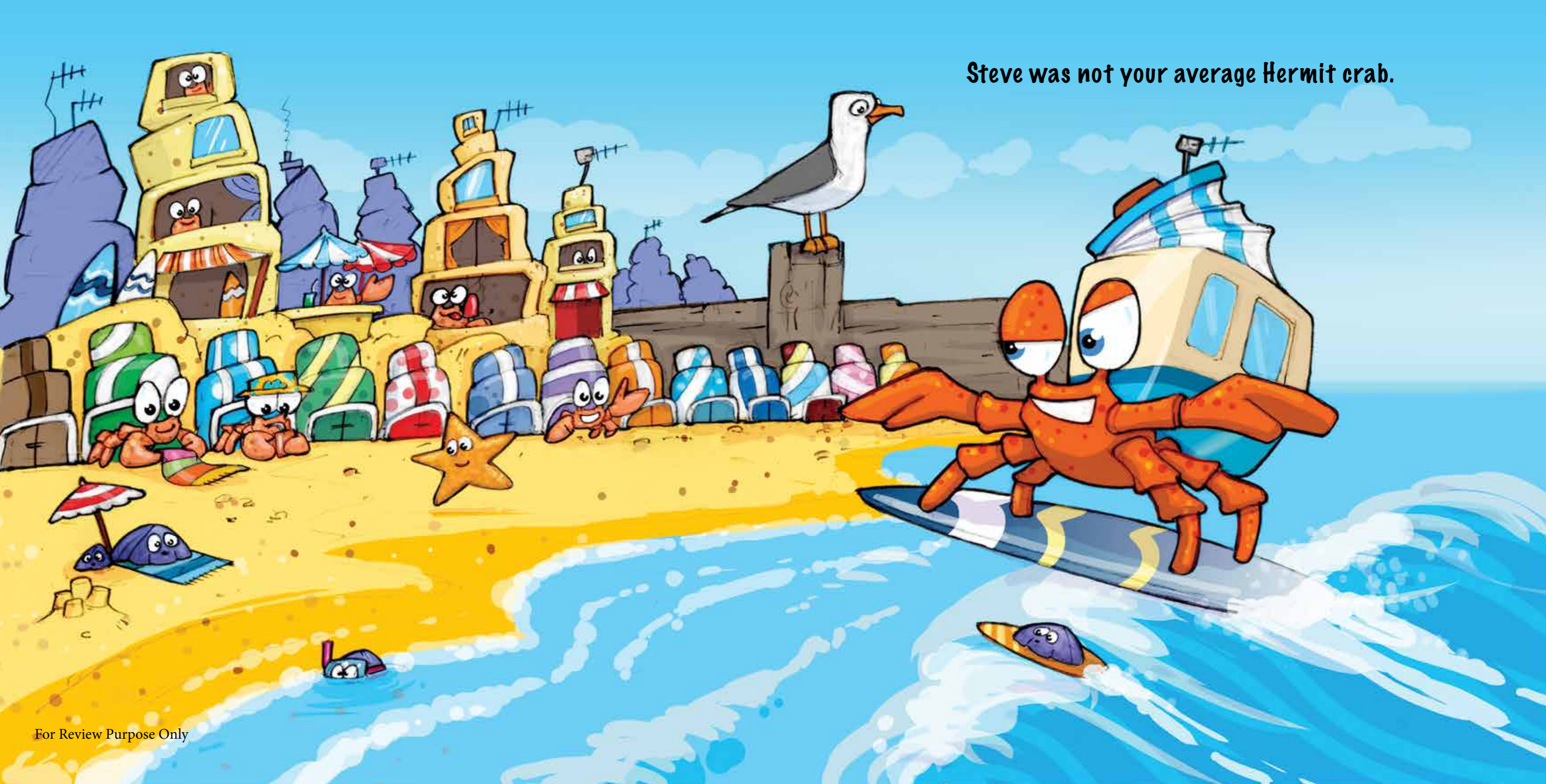
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Steve was not your average Hermit crab.



He was number one in sales of sea shells by the sea shore.

If your little nippers had left home and you were looking to downsize,

Steve was your crab.



If you felt like you were a sardine living in a can,
Steve was your crab.



If you lived next to a noisy rock lobster that played
loud music until the early morning tide,
Steve was your crab.

Steve could sell fried calamari to a squid.



Or a pearl to an oyster, he was that good at his job.



Even though Steve earned a lot of clams, he still struggled to pop out of his shell every morning.





“Steve had looked up into the night sky with stars in his eyes.”

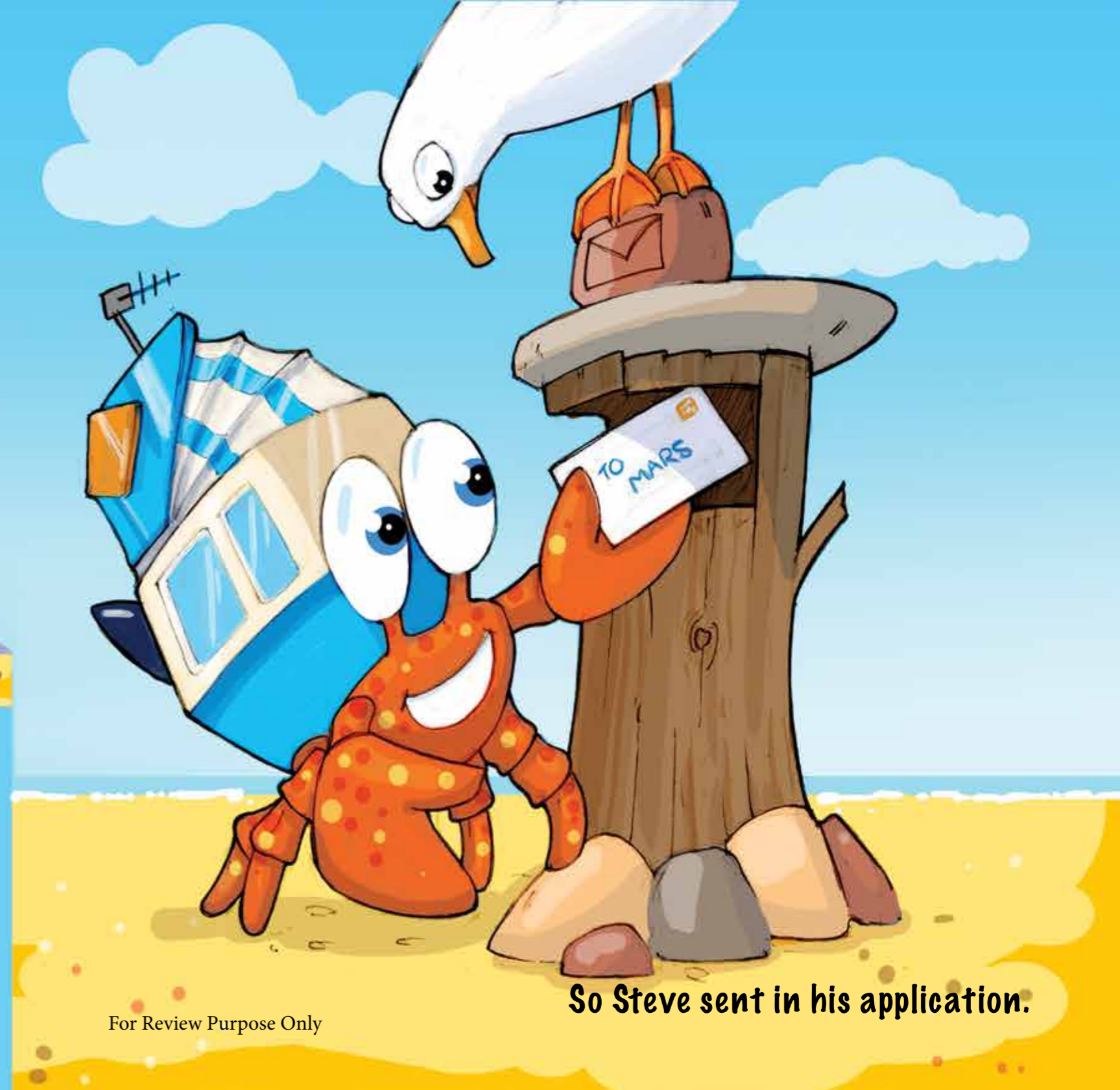
Friends and family laughed at his dreams.
“Don’t be a crazy crab.
You can’t be an astronaut”.



But he never gave up looking out into space.



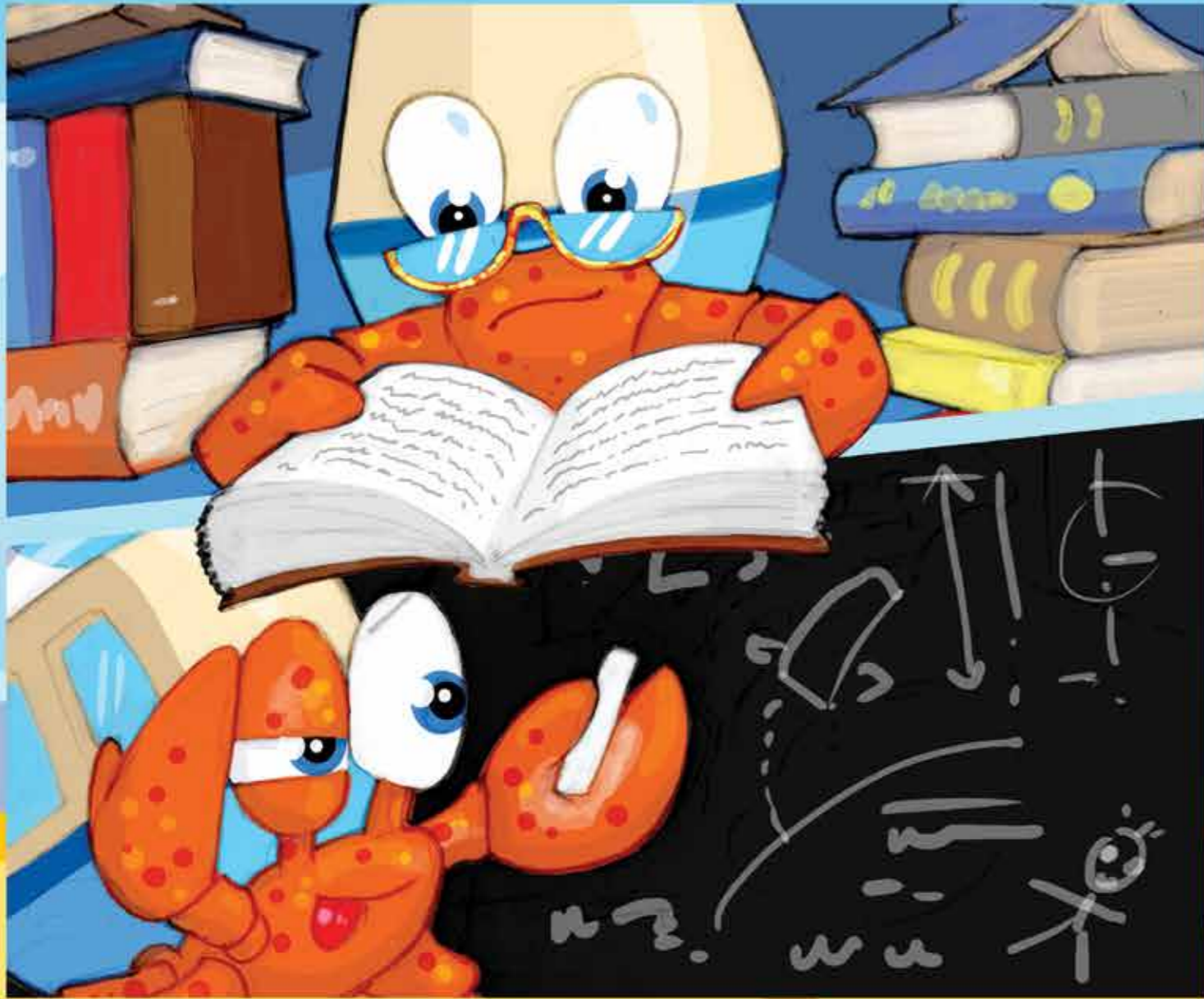
Then one day a message arrived in a bottle.
A mission to Mars, a volunteer was needed.



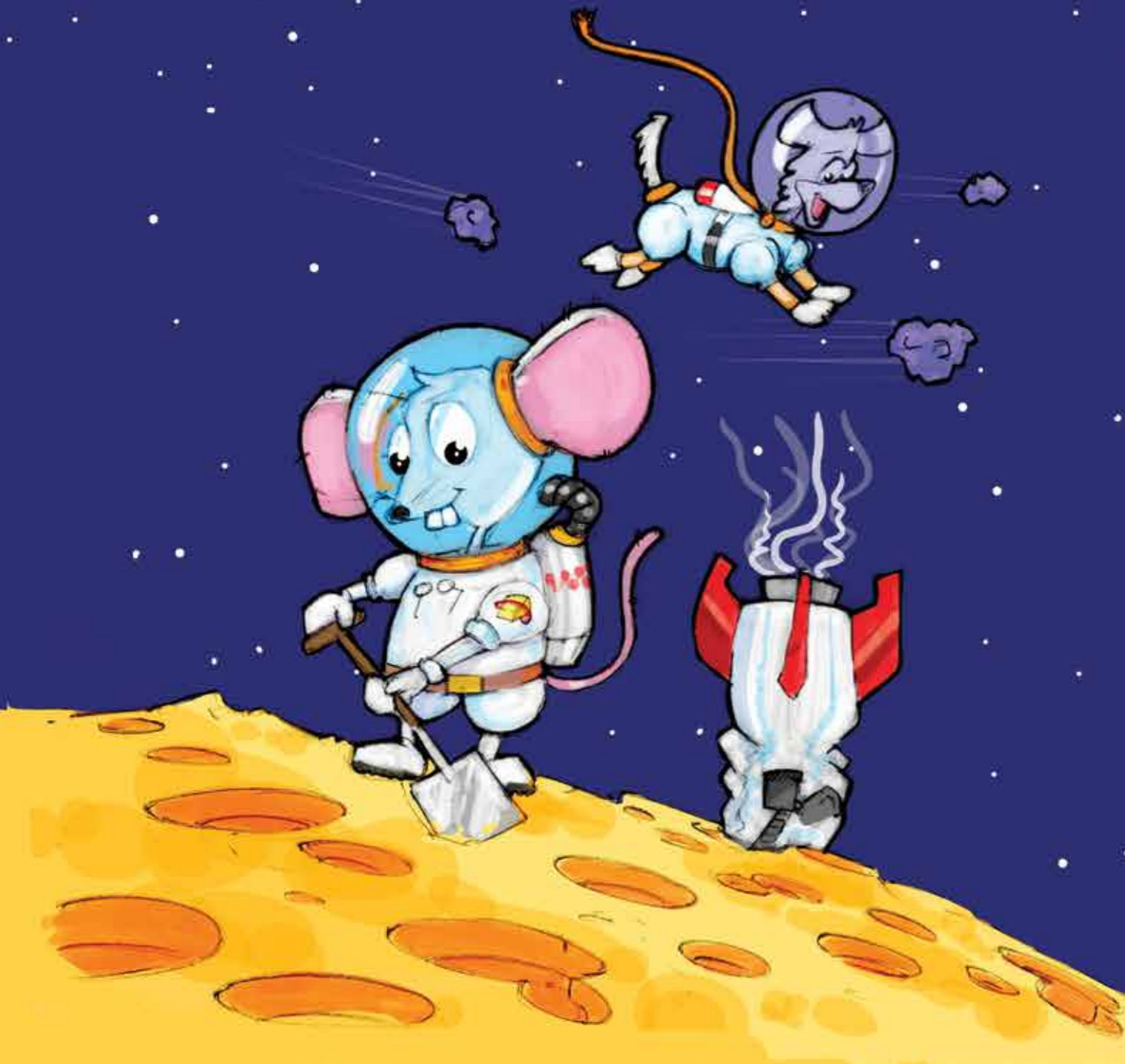
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So Steve sent in his application.

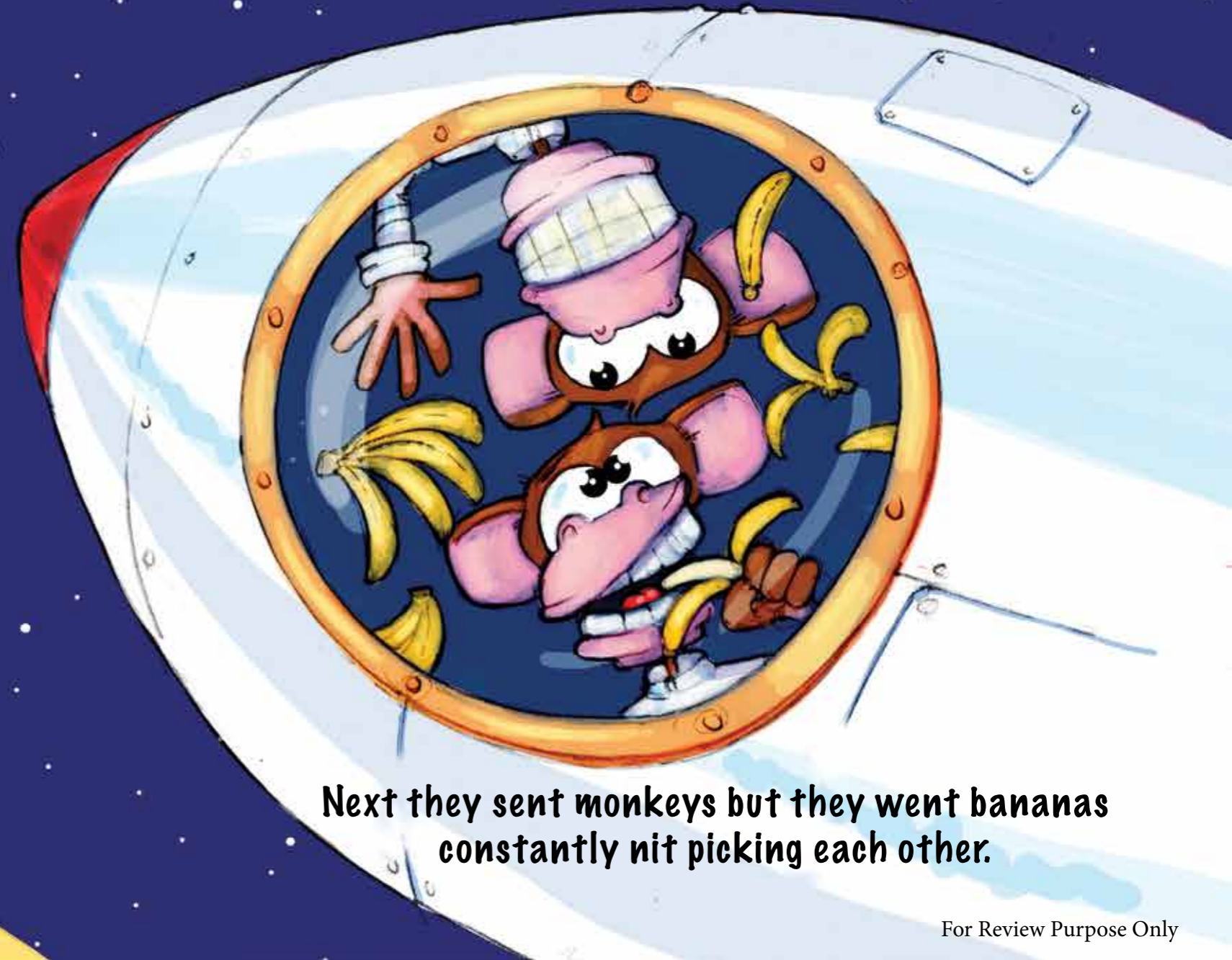
Everyone told him they would never send a hermit crab into space, they always send mice.
But Steve didn't listen.
He trained and studied as hard as he could.



Mice were sent but they hijacked the controls and flew the rocket to the moon in search of cheese.



They sent a dog but on a routine spacewalk he got off his lead and started chasing meteors.



Next they sent monkeys but they went bananas constantly nit picking each other.

In the end, it was Steve's thick shell and his determination that allowed him to claw his way to the top.



And go where no crab had gone before.
Taking his first sideways step on Mars.



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Mark C. Evans was born in Perth, Australia and studied Theatre and Film and Drama Teaching at university. He has spent most of his career as a professional actor performing on TV, film and stage. As an actor he toured schools during Book Week performing as characters from children's literature and it was during these tours he discovered the wonderful influence that a great story can have on children.

He has been a writer and director of many short comedy films and loves to spread laughter through his words and cheeky, off the wall sense of humor. He lives with his family in Perth and has a serious addiction for finding new picture books at his locally library so he can read them to his children and be inspired by other great writers.

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He's an animated movie fan and hopes that maybe one day one of his characters will play a leading role.

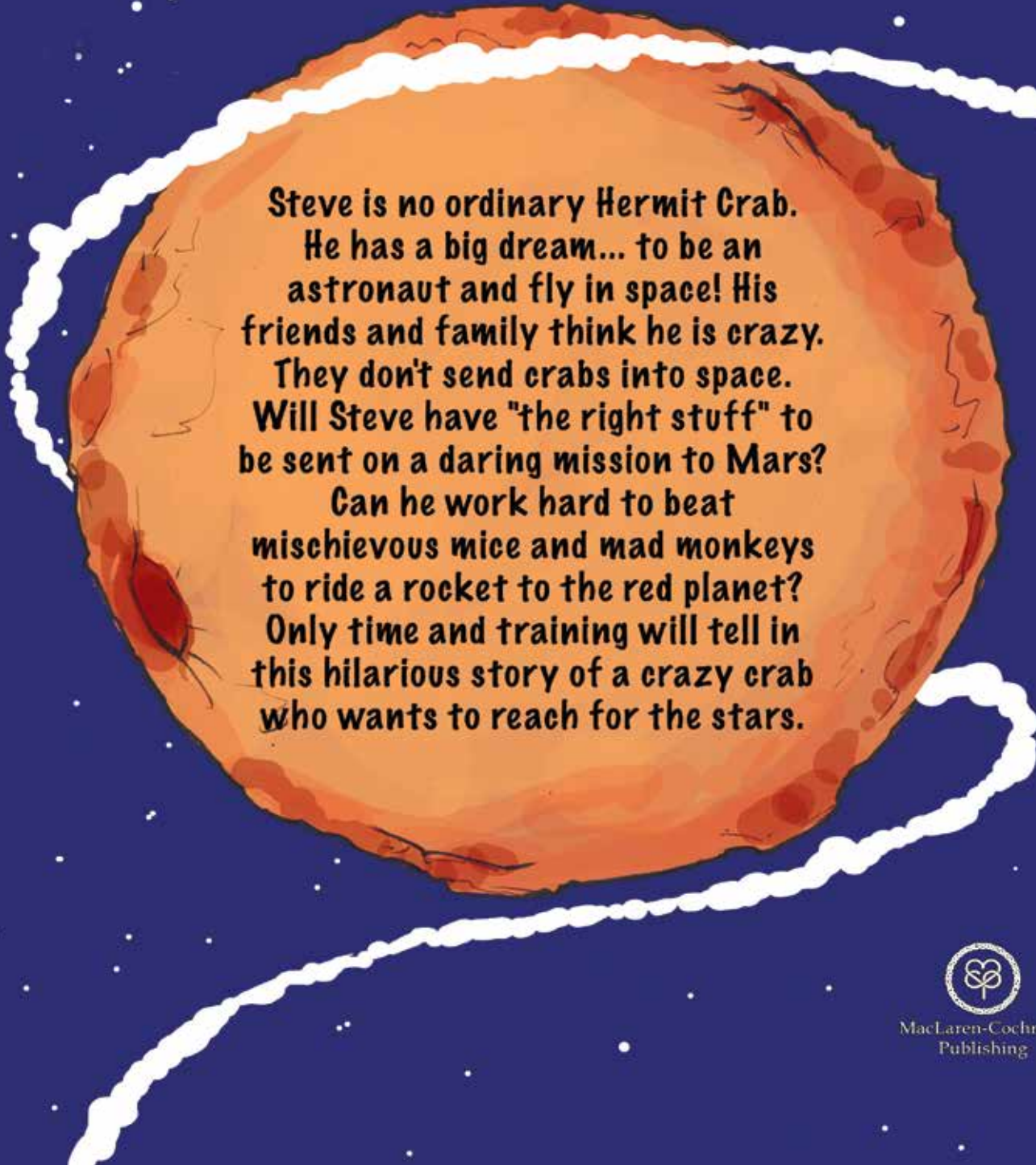
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to ride a rocket to the red planet?
Only time and training will tell in
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