The Way Back Home
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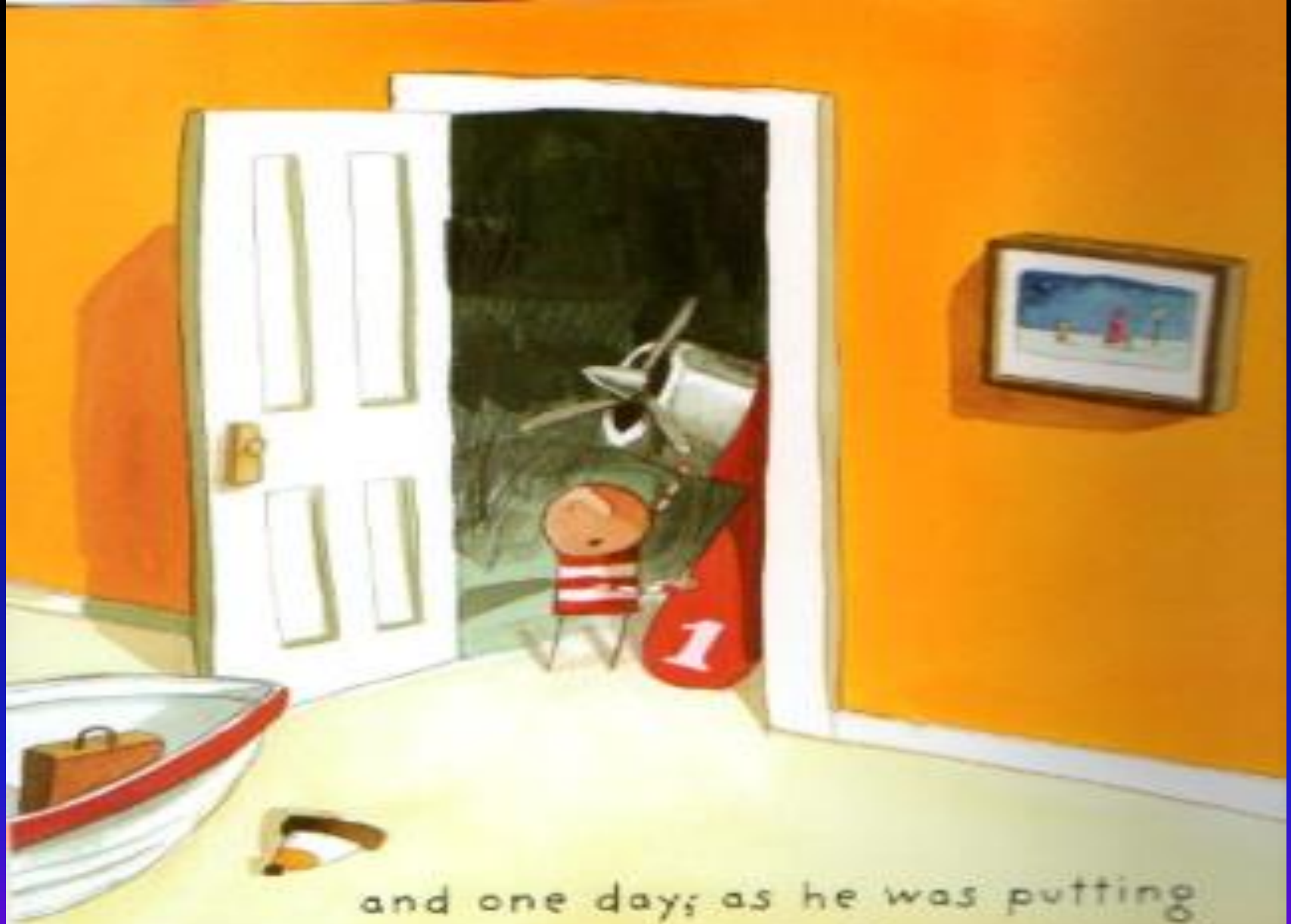
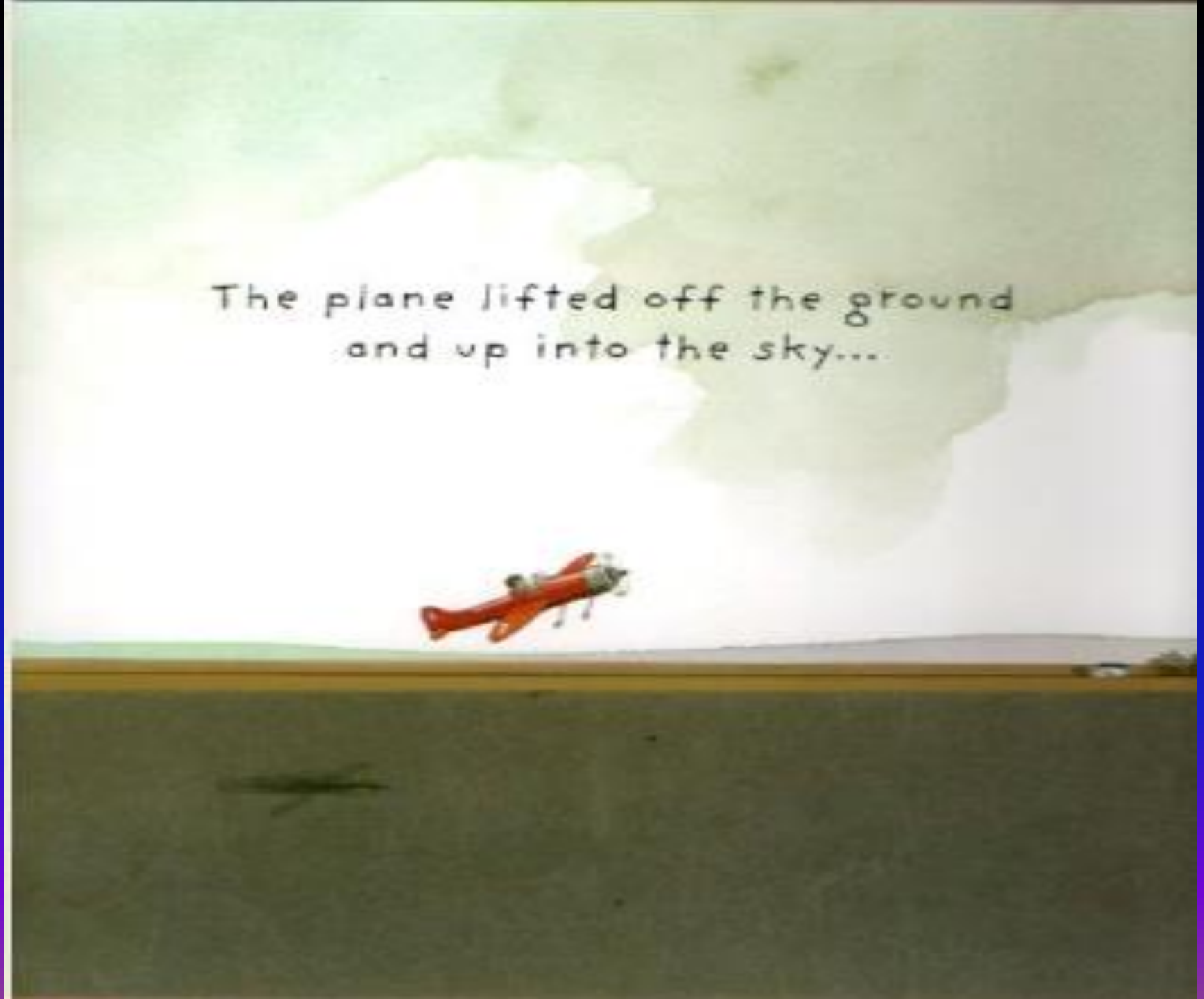
Once there was a boy,



and one day; as he was putting
his things back in the cupboard,
he found an aeroplane.

He didn't remember leaving it in there but
e thought he'd take it out for a go right away.


The plane lifted off the ground
and up into the sky...

higher and higher and higher.

Suddenly the plane spluttered...

it had run out of petrol.

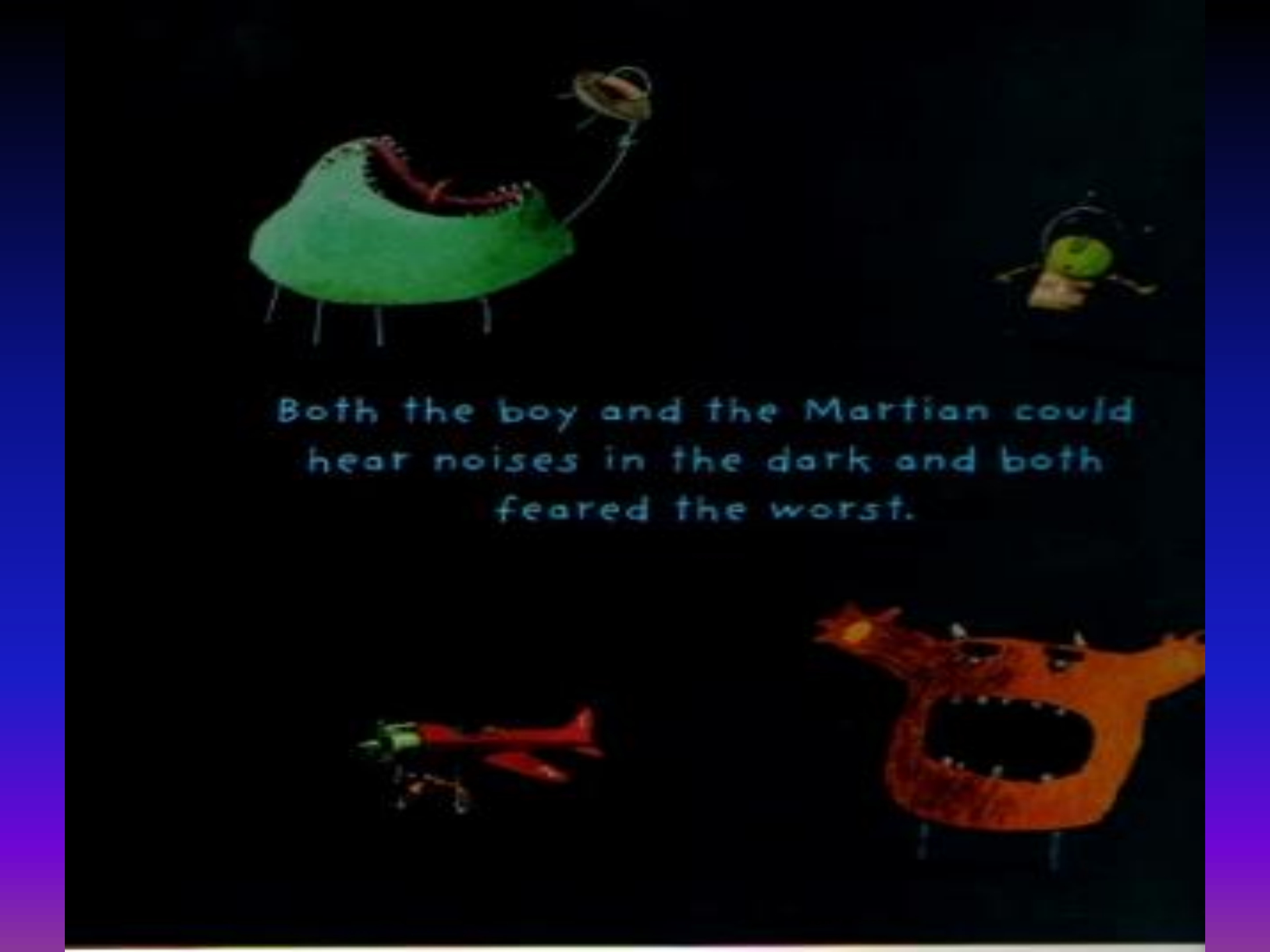
Now the boy was stuck on the moon.
What was he to do?

He was all alone and afraid
and soon his torch began to go out.

Up in space someone
else was in trouble too.

His engine had
broken down...

and steering the ship
towards a flicker of light,
he landed on the moon
with a bump.


Both the boy and the Martian could
hear noises in the dark and both
feared the worst.

But as their eyes got used to the dark, they both realised they'd met someone else in trouble.

They weren't alone any more.

The boy showed the Martian his empty petrol tank and the Martian showed the boy his broken engine.

Together they thought of ways to fix their chines and how to get them both back home.

The boy jumped down to earth to get the things they would need...
right down into the sea...

and swam towards home.

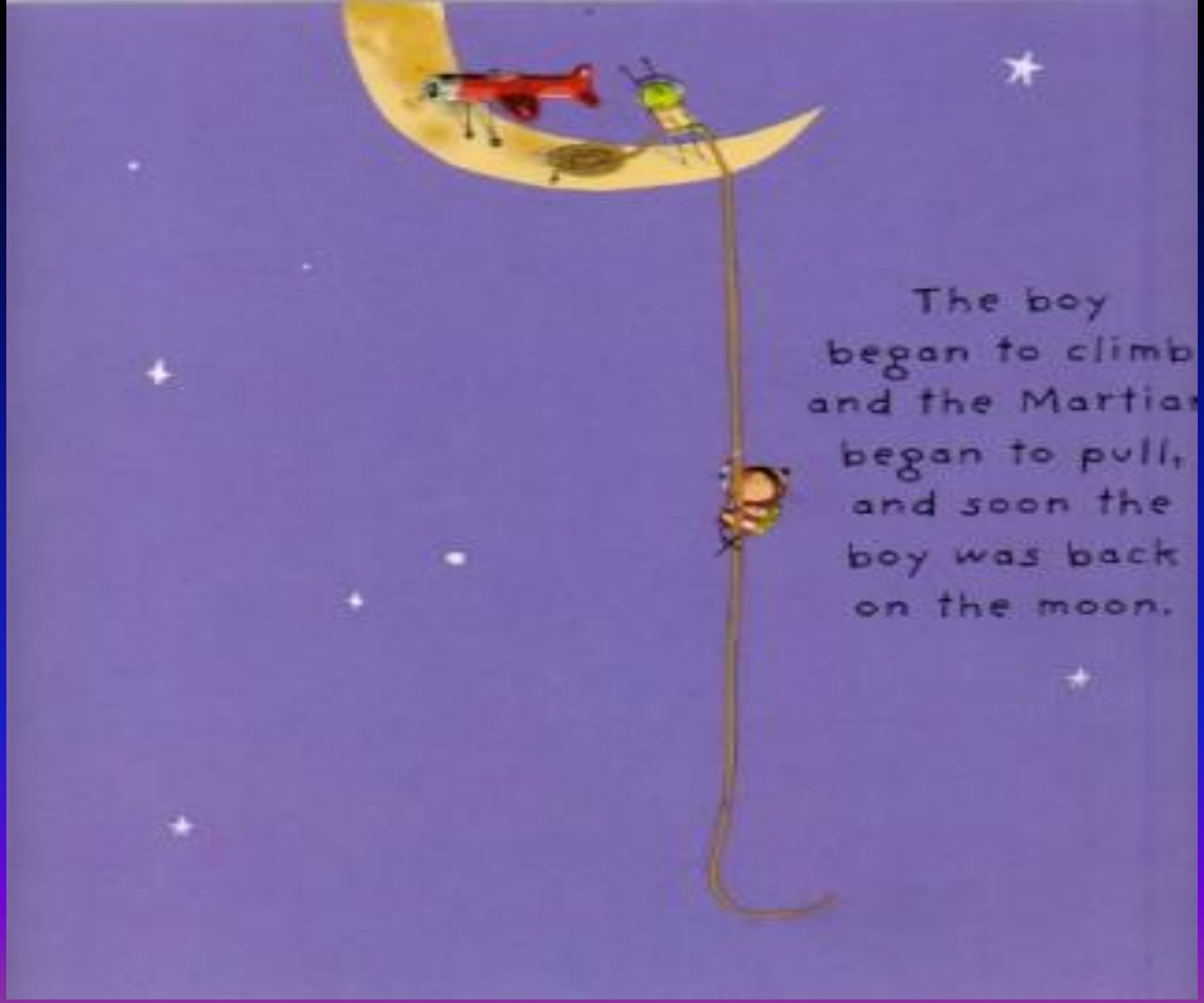
But by the time he got there, the boy was tired out so he sat in his favourite chair, just to catch his breath.

His favourite programme was just starting and he settled down to watch.

Suddenly he remembered what he should be doing and rushe off to the cupboard to get what he needed. He ran outside and shouted. But there was no reply, he couldn't be heard.

The boy
climbed to
higher ground,
called again,
and waited.

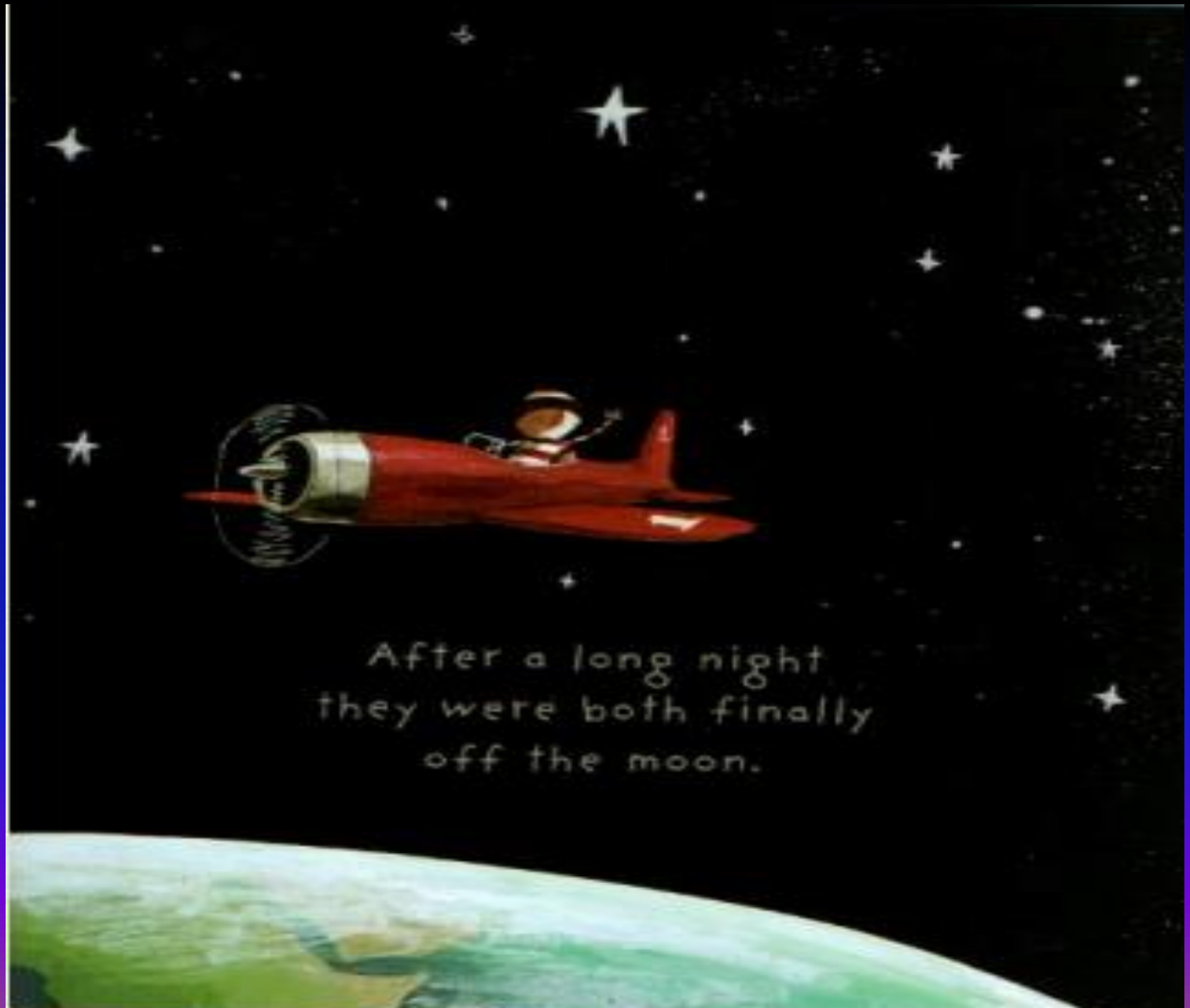
This time,
a rope
was lowered.


The boy
began to climb
and the Martian
began to pull,
and soon the
boy was back
on the moon.

The boy fixed up the Martian's engine with the right spanner and the Martian filled the boy's petrol tank.

They said goodbye and thanked each other for their help.

They wondered if they'd ever meet again.


After a long night
they were both finally
off the moon.

The boy went one way and the Martian went another, both on their way back home.

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