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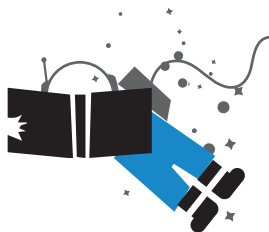
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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Students of Class 4-420 jumped into their imaginary spaceships and soared to other galaxies with Molly Brooks, the author and illustrator of *Sanity & Tallulah* - Books 1 & 2.

She shared her fanciful inspirations with the class — out-of-date technologies, her favorite colors, and cats! Students helped her create and draw a new character by considering aspects of the character's personality, their way of dressing, and hobbies. They began thinking about the original space stories they would want to tell.

Behind the Book teaching artist Candice Humphries led the class through an art project in which they drew their main characters and traced them on a space-themed background of their design. Molly returned for a second visit and showed the class how she drafted and revised her graphic novels. They were amazed at the intricacy of the process. She then drew a second character with the students' help and they brainstormed an inventive story for their two characters.

To tie up their projects, students learned to fold and bind their very own books with the needles and yarn that Molly supplied.

The class was now prepared and eager to visit the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, an extensive science and history museum aboard an actual aircraft carrier. Once there, they conducted gravity experiments in a special laboratory and explored other technologies that move people through the air and water. They experienced the thrill of high-speed flight on a Navy F/A-18 Hornet jet through the Museum's simulator.

Full of new knowledge about space and flight, the class worked with Behind the Book writing coaches to bring their own space stories to life. Put on your space suits and get ready for an interplanetary journey of the imagination!

Los estudiantes de la clase 4-420 saltaron a sus astronaves imaginarias y se dispararon a otras galaxias con Molly Brooks, la autora e ilustradora de *Sanity & Tallulah* - Libros 1 y 2.

Ella compartió sus inspiraciones fantásticas con la clase: tecnologías desactualizadas, sus colores favoritos y los gatos. Los estudiantes la ayudaron a crear y dibujar un nuevo personaje en considerar aspectos de la personalidad del personaje, su forma de vestirse y sus pasatiempos. Comenzaron a pensar en las historias originales que les gustaría contar.

La artista docente de Behind the Book, Candice Humphries, dirigió la clase en un proyecto de arte en que dibujaron a sus personajes principales en un fondo de diseño espacial. Molly regresó para una segunda visita y mostró a la clase cómo redactó y revisó sus novelas gráficas. Se sorprendieron de la complejidad del proceso. Después Molly dibujó un segundo personaje con la ayuda de los estudiantes y ellos pensaron de diferentes ideas

para una historia ingeniosa para sus dos personajes.

Para terminar sus proyectos, los estudiantes aprendieron a doblar y atar sus propios libros con las agujas y el hilo que Molly suministró.

La clase ahora estaba preparada y ansiosa por visitar el museo Intrepid del mar, aire y espacio, un museo de ciencia hecho en un aeronave. En llegar allí, hicieron experimentos de gravedad en un laboratorio especial y exploraron otras tecnologías que mueven a las personas por el aire y el agua. Entendieron la emoción de montarse en un vuelo de alta velocidad en un avión Navy F / A-18 Hornet en el simulador del museo.

Llena de nuevos conocimientos sobre el espacio y el vuelo, la clase trabajó con voluntarios de Behind the Book para dar vida a sus propias historias espaciales. ¡Ponte tus trajes espaciales y prepárate por un viaje interplanetario de la imaginación!

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## SAMIRA Emily's Adventure

There was a girl name Amy and her sister Emily. They were at class, when class was over, They went home. Soon they got home, Emily explained "mom I'm going out to the big rocket ship because I'm going to study the moon." Mom replied "yes sweetie, don't forget to take Amy with you" Emily grunted. Emily and Amy went out. Emily explained "stay with me amy" amy cried "But why" Emily didn't responded. While Emily was busy studying the moon, amy walk quietly somewhere else. when she step on a noisy rocket ship. Amy immediately ran away fast as she can. Emily ingered her. Emily call her name so much time. She noticed she was not there. Emily look for her every

were. But, she wasn't! nowhere! She wait for a another day. Mom ask "where is amy?" Emily lied "she is waiting outside because we are in vacation time" Mom said "ook, have a nice vacation" "Bye sweetie" Emily replied so fast "bye mom see you!" So when Emily got out but she said in her head "amy likes to be in the galaxy world." So she traveled so much. But, then that, she saw her self with a alien. Emily was not sure. When she notice it was the friends of amy. she ask to the alien "do you know where's my sister?" she tell her how she look's like. The alien pointed on a hole. She went on that hole. She found her, and hugged her.





## RONI Doraemon en el Espacio

Doraemon y su eterno amigo Nobita fueron una vez más al espacio para hacer algo divertido.

Doraemon aparato quiero visitar un nuevo planeta." - Nobita

"Yo se Nobita, es que me siento mal creo que algo malo va a pasar." - Doraemon

Al parecer Doraemon por sus presentimientos que se haría se descompuso. Nobita que es muy nervioso empezó a gritar

ya idorare. Doraemon no sabía que hacer, parecía que se iban quedar atrapados toda la vida, en el espacio. Pasaron unas horas

y a Doraemon se le ocurrió salir por el espacio y pedir ayuda.

Así fue, los hermanos obtuvieron la ayuda gracias a otros aventureros. Finalmente, Doraemon y

Nobita pudieron regresar a casa.



## SANAI Gas Plant Volcano

One day there were two girls Sanai and Carolyn. They are sisters. They never had a fight. They always had fun. They were planning to go Jupiter. They want to go to Jupiter but it is a gas planet, so it is very dangerous. So they will need to get a lot of courage and determination to stay safe. Then, the girls got to Jupiter. They were super happy to be on the planet. There was a problem, an eruption. They didn't know what to do to stop the eruption. They needed to go back to Pluto so they can make a plan to stop the eruption from happening. Sanai thought that they can get big stuff and stuff it inside of it. Carolyn thought that they could make a machine to stop it. Then, they made the big machine and save themselves. Now they know not to go to a gas planet ever again.



## NASHLIE Jenna's Adventure

One day Jenna went on a trip to mars. It took her a long time to get there. when she got there she reported "I will search for rocks." After four days, she went to the moon to find moon rocks. She found alot. The next day, was the day, she was living. But, on her way she got stuck in the space ship. she couldn't move the space ship she was panicking. She didn't know what to do so she called the space station. She reported "I'm in a serious problem I am stuck in the middle of nowhere." They reported "sorry we can't help be all our space ships are occupied." she couldn't believe it that she was stuck. At

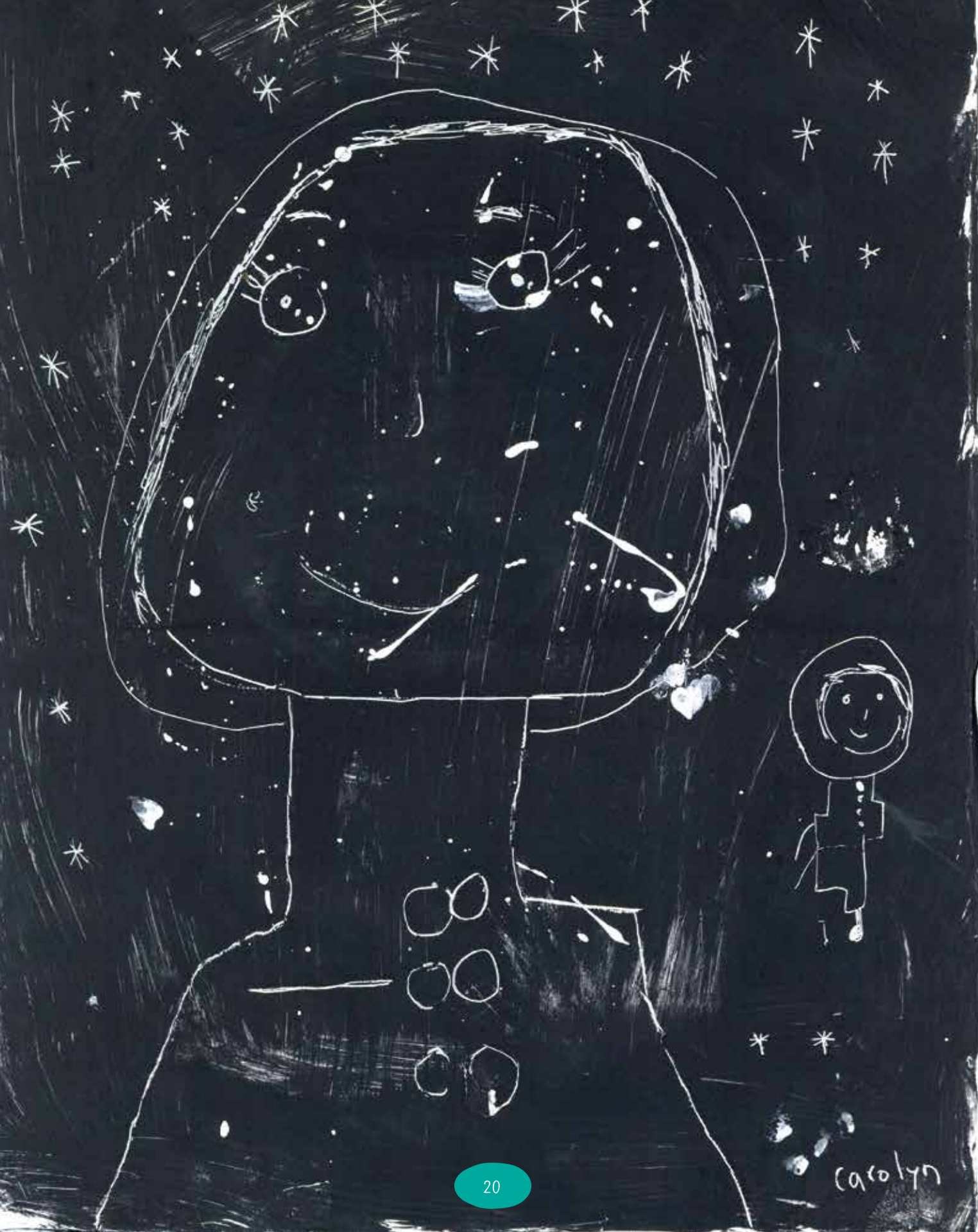
Least she had some food. A few hours passed and she was scared and hungry because she had no more food. what she did do was report "I need help! I need help!" The people from the space station had forgot about her. when they heard that they were shock they reported back "we will be there in a minute." They came and told her to put on her space suit. She tried to put it on because she was starving. They went to another space ship and she flew back to earth.

Then, so she told every one about her adventure in space.

From,

Jenna chipchip





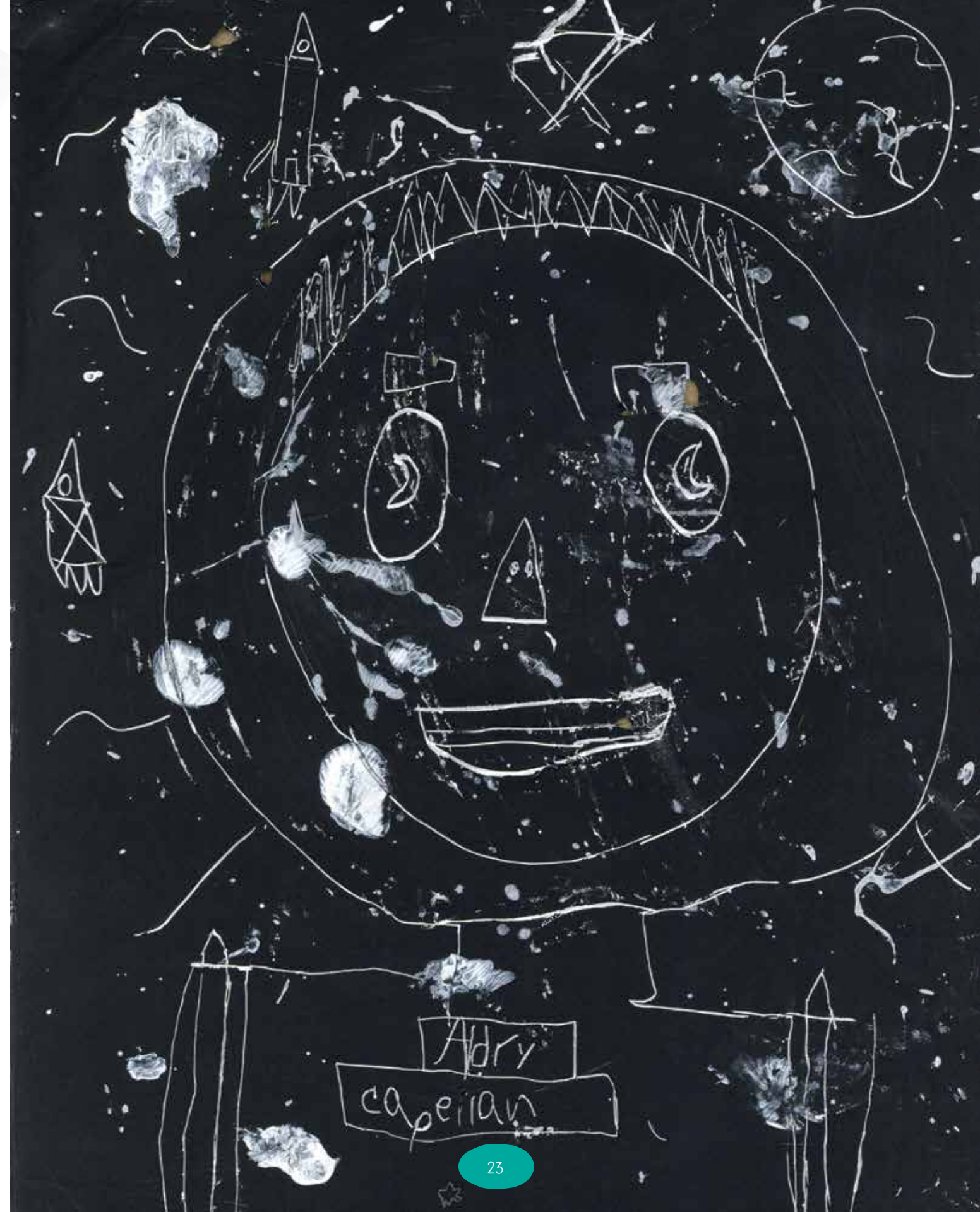
## CAROLYN The Two Sisters

"Katerin let's go!" - Sally, I'm coming Katerin". "Where are we going?" asked Katerin. "We are going to the outer space to find treasures!" The two sisters went to an adventure. The two sisters were having so much fun until... Suddenly, the unexpected occurred the two sisters were trapped in a black hole. "Help me" said Sally and Katerine screamed. "I can't I'm also trapped. Days passed and the sisters were tired. Their emergency food was about to finish. "Katherine look, I see diamonds a lot." - Sally I know I hope someone come and help us" - Katherine. The two girls were so lucky that their parents came to their rescue. The family were able to get all the diamonds and return safe to their home in th space.

## ALDRY Aventura en el Espacio



Un día en el planeta Marte, Jack le dijo a su hermano Max estos averido, "Max le dijo podemos irnos de aventura por unas semanas" Jack respondió "si, pero como" Max dijo "simple construiremos una nave espacial." Los dos hermanos se pusieron a trabajar, en una semana la nave estaba terminada Jack dijo "ya para mañana estaremos listos pero necesitamos tripulación". Jack dijo "yo invitare a Maya. Max dijo y yo a Eva." Horas después era hora de dormir, para los dos hermanos. Al día siguiente ellos se juntaron a la nave y se fueron del planeta Marte. Ellos duraron como diez meses, la cosa fue fantástica para los dos hermanos. Fue aventura increíble y tuvieron muchas experiencias.



## CARLOS Donato y Yaio

Era el año 3028 y un día los muy buenos amigos Donato y Yair cumplieron su meta. su meta era ser astronautas. Ellos se conocieron en el colegio y desde ahí no se separaron nunca. Después de un tiempo la NASA los llamo porque tenían un trabajo muy importante para los dos. El jefe dijo "Estimados astronautas su momento más esperado a llegado y tendrán que ir a marte, ya que nuestros aliados los marcianos están en peligro". Los amigos muy entusiasmados gritaron "indiquemos la nave" como pudieron. Imaginar el viaje fue largo, pero llegando a Marte había una sorpresa. Donato dijo "Marte a la vista" y Yair aterrizo. cuando llegaron no encontraron a nadie parecía que todo estuviera muerto. Entonces decidieron separarse y de esa manera encontrar con mas rapidez a los marcianos. Después de días se estaban quedando sin comida y no sabían donde estaban.

Donato había encontrado a los habitantes de Marte en una cueva y les estaba dirigiendo a la nave donde estaban los recursos que envió la tierra. Sin embargo, Yahir se había perdido. Yahir gritaba "Auxilio, ayuda, ayuda!"

Después de una búsqueda ayotudora dieron con Yahir y era que el había quedado atrapado en una cueva. Finalmente, los buenos amigos se dieron su abrazo y después de unos días volvieron felices a la tierra a contar su experiencia.

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## KARLA Sofia y Emilia van al Espacio por Primera Vez

Hace muchos años habia una niña que su nombre era Sofia. Sofia tenia un sueño de ir a la luna o a Marte. En conclusión Sofia queria ir con su familia. Tambien, Emilia queria ir al espacio. Sofia entro al cohete con sus padres. Ademas, Emilia entro en otra nave. Cuando casi estaban llegando Sofia pregunto "¿mama que es eso gigante?" su madre respondió, "eso es el planeta Marte". Sofia se quedo viendo un poco. cuando ya ellas se bajaron Sofia se quedo mirando su alrededor por 30 minutos. La familia de Sofia se alegraron mucho de Sofia, cuando Sofia se dio cuenta que su familia se habia alejado de Sofia se preocupo mucho.

En cambio, Emilia encontro una piedra muy linda y brillante. Despues pasaron 60 minutos sin respuestas. Finalmente Sofia y Emilia se encontraron, Sofia pregunto "¿Sabes donde estan mis padres?" Pero Emilia contesto "no yo no" e visto a tus padres por aqui, los siento. Sofia estaba muy triste. Emilia le dijo "no estes triste" Te voy ayudar a encontrar a tus padres. Sofia esta un poco aliviada, paso una hora, Finalmente Sofia encontro a sus padres. Sofia dijo muchas gracias Emilia por ayudarme encontrar a mis padres.



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## DARIEL Alvaro y Delfin en una Aventura

Un día Alvaro llegó a una nave espacial abandonada. Alvaro entra a la nave espacial y dentro de la nave había una persona con un golpe en su rodilla. Alvaro le preguntó ¿estas bien? El le contestó "sí estoy bien". Alvaro le exclamó "¿cual es tu nombre?". El le contestó "mi nombre es 'Delfin' pero hazme decir astronauta". Alvaro le dijo "También, podríamos tener una aventura y tesoro escondido en la luna. Dos días después Alvaro le dijo vamos a empezar la búsqueda del tesoro. Quiero saber de que se trata este 'tesoro escondido'. Entonces vamos que estamos esperando para iniciar la búsqueda del tesoro. Los dos estaban —

de acuerdo con la busqueda.  
Empezaron a buscar el tesoro escondido por todos los lados de la luna. Alberto y astronauta lo encontraron al mismo tiempo y hasta que se murieron. Estaban felices para siempre.

## FIDEL The Space Volcano

Wooo! "ok kids chill" Exclaimed dad.  
"I totally tired" Yo wh'd dad.  
After all the crying, they went to sleep  
and when it was morning the kids told  
their dad their village was collapsing  
then their dad carried them to the kids  
space pod and their dad said his last goodbye.  
The kids were in space for months until  
one day the kids crashed on a volcano.  
but when the kids woke up they  
didn't know that they were in a  
space volcano. but as the kids grow  
up they had a lot of adventures on  
the volcano. Will one day the  
boys got the laser guns because  
they saw some aliens on the  
space ships the boys shoot'd but  
their space ships had some magnets  
that protected their ships but the

aliens didn't wanted them they  
wanted the volcano they wanted  
the volcano because they get energy  
from there and from that energy  
they get bigger and stronger then  
the aliens teleported their leader inside  
the volcano the leader was so little  
so he asked the help of the  
volcano and got super big and strong  
strong but the boys found a  
great sword his brother said I can't  
'carry it myself' exclaimed Frank but  
jake exclaimed "but together we can"  
so then they went buying getting  
the sword and the boys jumped and  
cut'd the boss in half. The End

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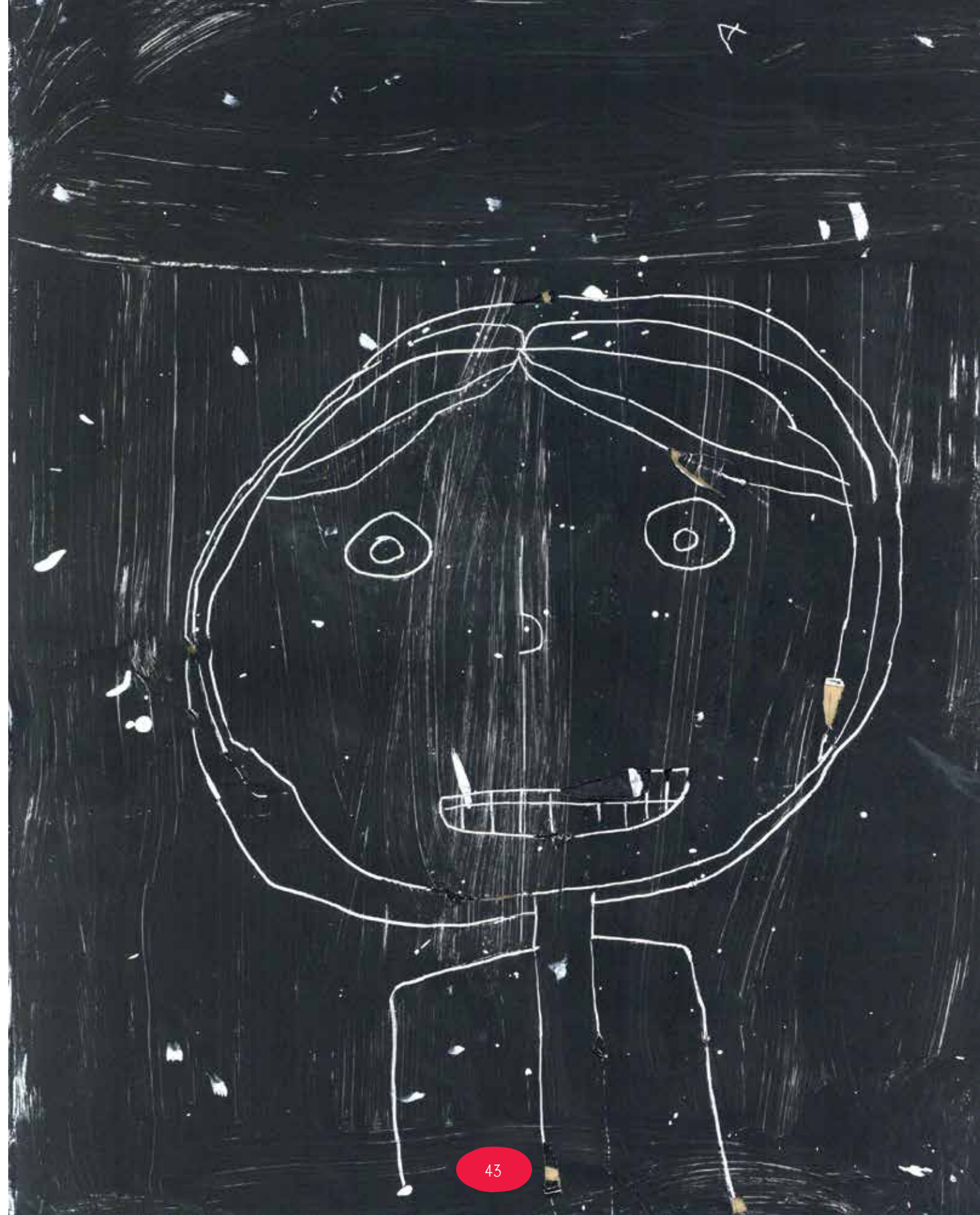
## ANAHI Anita y Nayeli

Anita y su mejor amiga Nayeli estaban listas para una aventura en donde iban a salvar a los marcianos de la invasión en Marte. Anita es valiente, inteligente, mientras Nayeli es desorganizada y curiosa. En su aventura a Marte Nayeli se perdía ya que se distrajo con unas piedras preciosas y se le olvidó que su Anita estaba preocupada por su mejor amiga. Ella si estaba buscando y Nayeli había perdido el conocimiento. Anita buscó ayuda en Marte y, después de rescatar algunos marcianos y así empezaron a buscar a Nayeli. Gracias a los marcianos Anita encontró a Nayeli que estaba perdida en una cueva de su planeta y regresaron contentas a su planeta y prometieron no separarse nunca.

## AMERICA The Aliens

One day kids were in third grade. Then, there was this two girls called Tiffany and Lily, they go to the same bus together. They have been seeing each other a lot. So Tiffany said "Hi my name is Tiffany, what's yours?" "my name is Lily." Tiffany said "nice to meet you Lily." And Lily said "nice meeting you." They started to get along and talked a lot. They grew up and had superpowers that they didn't know. "AHHH" Tiffany came "what happened?" Lily scared. "I have superpowers." The boss called, called them and "The aliens are taking over." They had a big mission. So, they went to a secret place and turned superheroes with helmets. "wait and my superpowers" Lily asked. "Don't worry I also have." Tiffany answered. They were going inside boat ship, and flew to the space to see if the aliens were really taking over. "What are we gonna do now?" Lily asked. "Don't worry, we will destroy them with our

superpowers." Tiffany answered. They saw the aliens preparing to take over the world. The aliens were talking but Tiffany and Lily didn't know what they were saying "when a little close to the world, and then we gonna be fighting them." Tiffany said. "OK" Lily said afraid. The aliens got a plan but we didn't know. But when they saw the aliens plan they what was it. It was them being invisible. "What are we gonna do, they are invisible." Lily being afraid. "Our helmets have glasses that can see invisible." Tiffany said happy. "wow that should sound good." Also said Lily. So the invisible glasses on and they could the aliens moving. "oh yosh lets fight them." said Lily

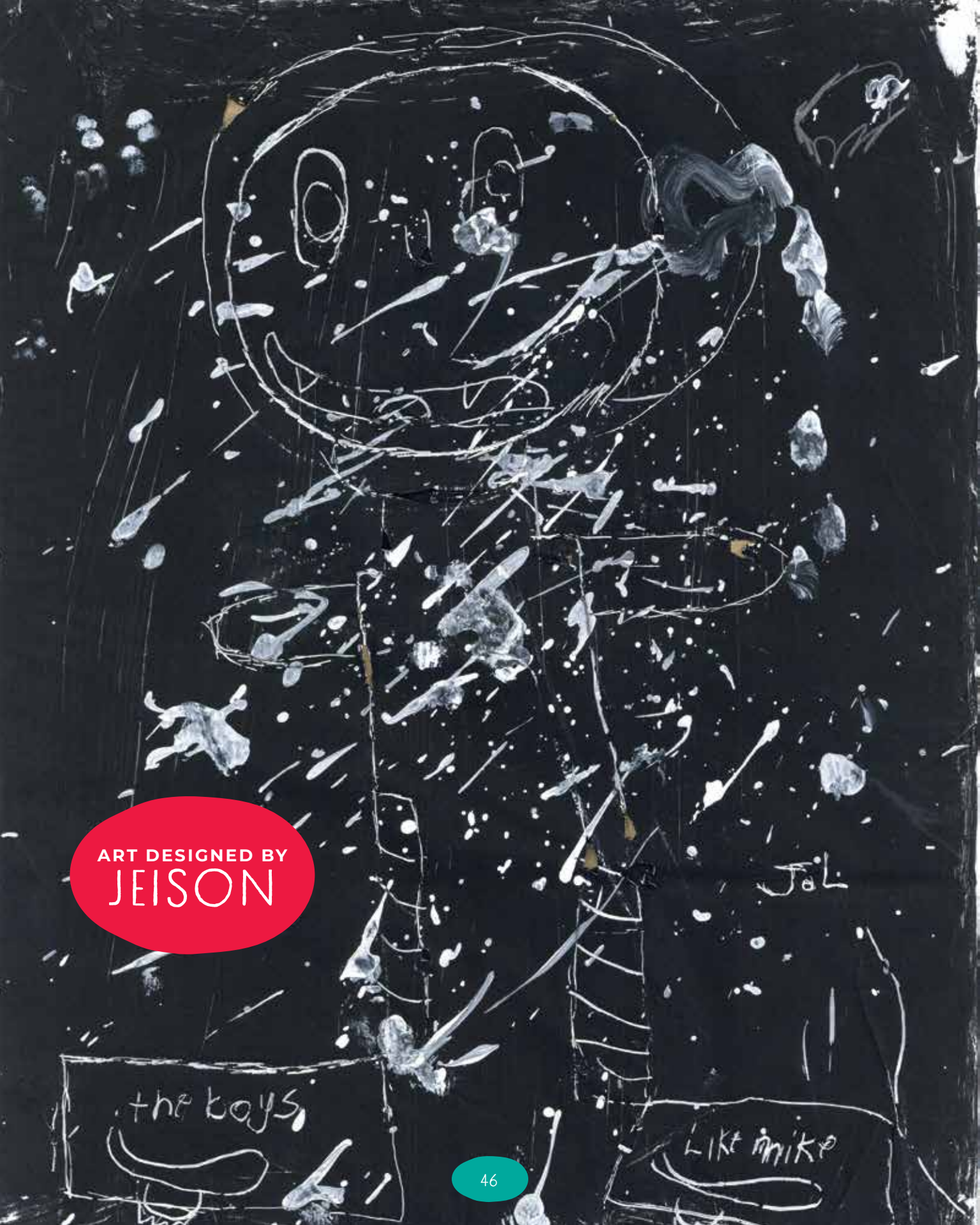


## JEISON Pandora

In 2034 there was a man called Mike. His brother Jacob had died, so the army decided to make a deal with Mike because they had the same blood. They said that Mike could use the avatar. A few months later, Mike was getting ready to enter a satellite with a few more soldiers that would go to the unknown. Pandora's is the name of the very natural planet. It took Mike 4 months to get there. Mike told the crew, "Everybody welcome to Pandora." "Remember it's not like Earth, you cannot breathe without the mask." Pandora was a planet they discovered by a mistake. Mike had a big responsibility which was to take over Pandora. "Everybody pay attention, I need you to work

together as a team". "Of course" - said a soldier. "We need to go back to Earth as soon as possible." Mike and the 242 soldiers fought everyday until one day Pandora was their planet. Mike said "Now we can go back to our planet and tell them that Pandora is officially ours". "My brother would feel so proud of me and I know he is smiling." Mike's team returned to their galaxy and the army gave them prizes and a lot of treasures. Now, Pandora is a planet that it's not dangerous and the people are moving to. Pandora is full of life and now a lot of people live there.





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the boys

Like mike



## JORGE The Hunt for Gold

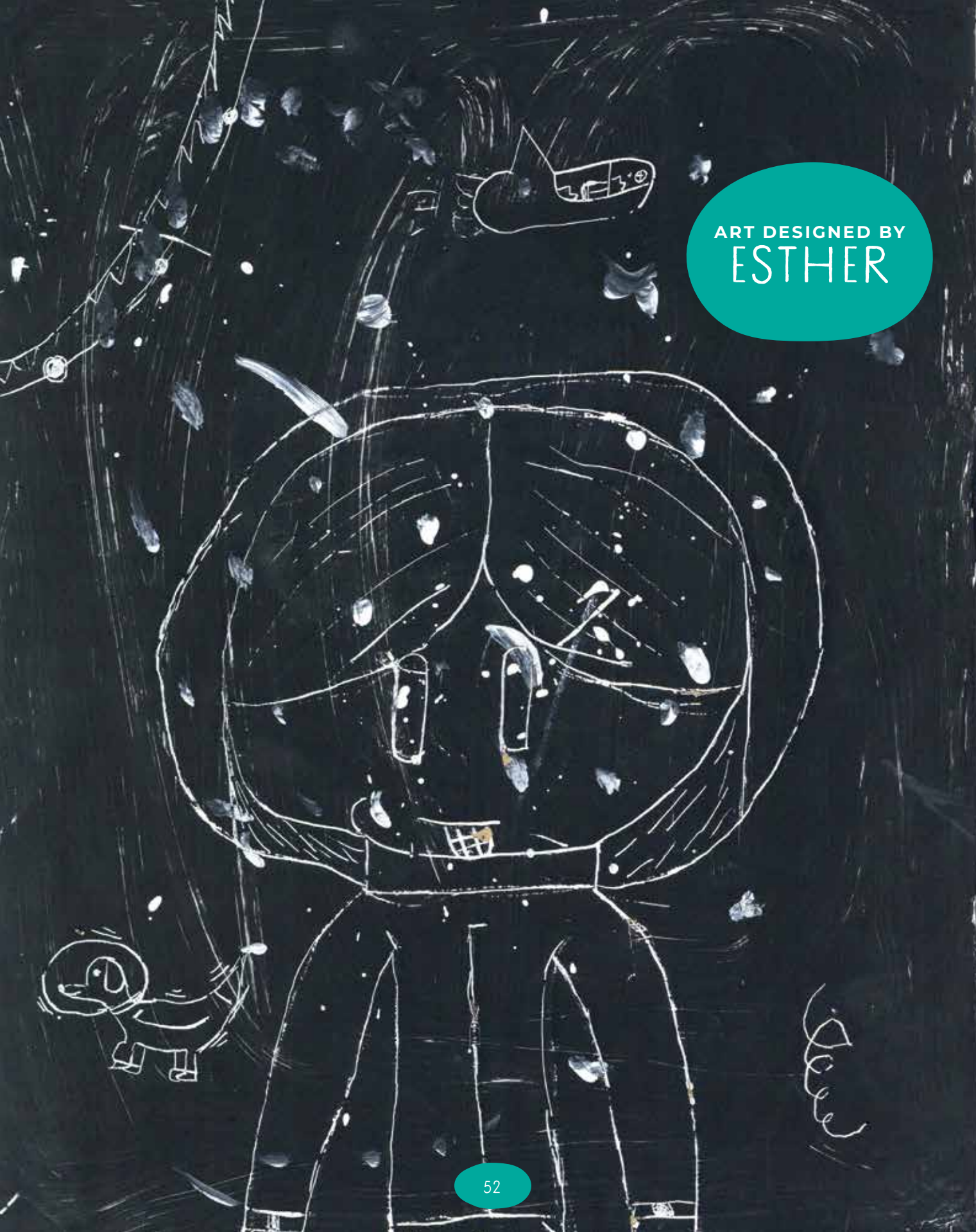
One morning in a studio a dog called M&M was ready for his show. Suddenly, he heard in a hall, that it was being canceled. He knew this will be bad, "This is all I have I have..." "oh no" He sadly walked to the main stage well then he grabbed his red and white top hat he pretend to be happy after the show they said that the show was canceled. Every actor was sad but M&M had a blind face on him. He walked out the studio. In the forest he found a turkey "What's your name?" asked M&M "gobble gobble" responded "oh you know ~ someone put gold on mars" "really?" responded M&M jumping "Yeah!" "let's go." M&M said. The hunt had started.

Once they got on a ship they "put helmets on." "let's launch this baby" "brrrr" the ship made when it's going in the air. Once they were in space they started to look for mars for the gold when they found mars they started the gold. "I'm starting to think the guy was lying" said gobble gobble. M&M saw a shiny thing he walked there it was the "gold" "gold! gold!" he grabbed it but another grabbed it what a man was there "give it now!" "No!" "we found it". Gobble gobble threw a rock at him "darn" "No gravity" he grabbed a book from the ship "bam!" man was on the floor they jump in the ship, they got back to Earth. Suddenly the man opened his eye.

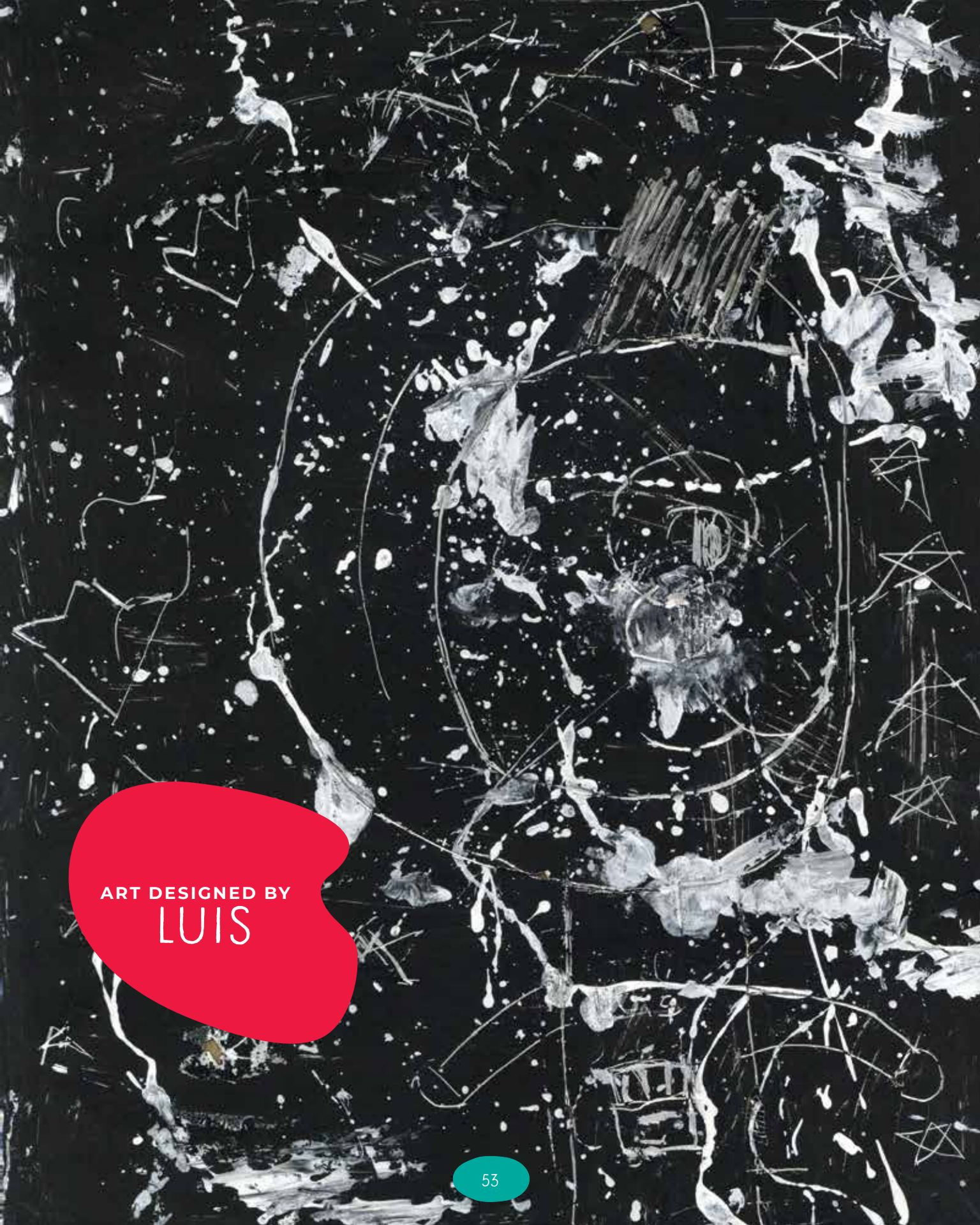
## ESTHER The Gum Adventure

Sunset: Awake, Maria: fall down from bed.  
Sunset: What happened! Maria: Nothing! Sunset: whatever. The next day, At recess. Maria: la, la, la, laaaa... look kid if your playing with me, you need to do what I say. Vega: you two stop! Sunset: Whatever! Mr. chip chip: recess over? sunset: Hey Maria want to be friends? Maria: Me, I well love to. (Maria fall down) Sunset: What would I do with her? (At home) Ding Dong! lizabeth: coming... Just wait. Sunset: hey man. to sleep with me. Maria: wait! ~ Ding Dong ~ lizabeth: Hello... Vega: I'm here to talk to sunset. Mr. chip chip: ya that's right. (the next day) Sunset: hey Maria let's go to space. Maria: Ok, bye Lizbeth. Sunset: Wow let's go there, so it's a galaxy. Maria: Why it's all pink? O... gum. Sunset: look you see that. Let's go talk to the king gum. king gum: bla, bla, bla, bla, bla. Sunset: What?

Maria: O... I know what he said, he said dont touch the pink gum coin. (10 hour later).  
Maria: Run! Sunset: How many coin's do you have.  
Maria: 1, 2, 3, 4... Sunset: count 10 by 10! Gum: bla, bla, bla. Maria: Never! sunset: What? ~ She Ran ~ Sunset: No Gum: bla, bla. Sunset: wait... hey google what bla, bla means. Google: the word bla, bla mean give it! So he want the the... the coins and take them away. Sunset: No! Good thing I have 30. Maria: I'll take that. O no hide! go in so I can look for more coins. Sunset: Ok I well. Hell gum, I'll get this... ~ win, wiu, wiu ~ Sunset: Maria: grave it... Maria: Why do we need things! Sunset: So we can prank them, new traw it in the window! Maria: yes, they went there! Next step to earth, 20 hour later! Sunset: Mom I'm back. Lizbeth: Ok go to sleep now! (So it all a dream of Maria) Maria: Good morning Sunshine, (gucrolag plants (callin sunset)) Sunset: What now... Maria: do you remember when we were at space... Sunset: What? Space... I think your dreaming. Maria: O... good bye, I can't cant believe it! What time is it? O no I'm late! (At school) Mr. chip chip: today we are going to a tripeee and it's space! But wait... so we need to... so we are going to live there. Mr. chip chip: yep. Maria: My dream came true! Mr. chip chip: you know what



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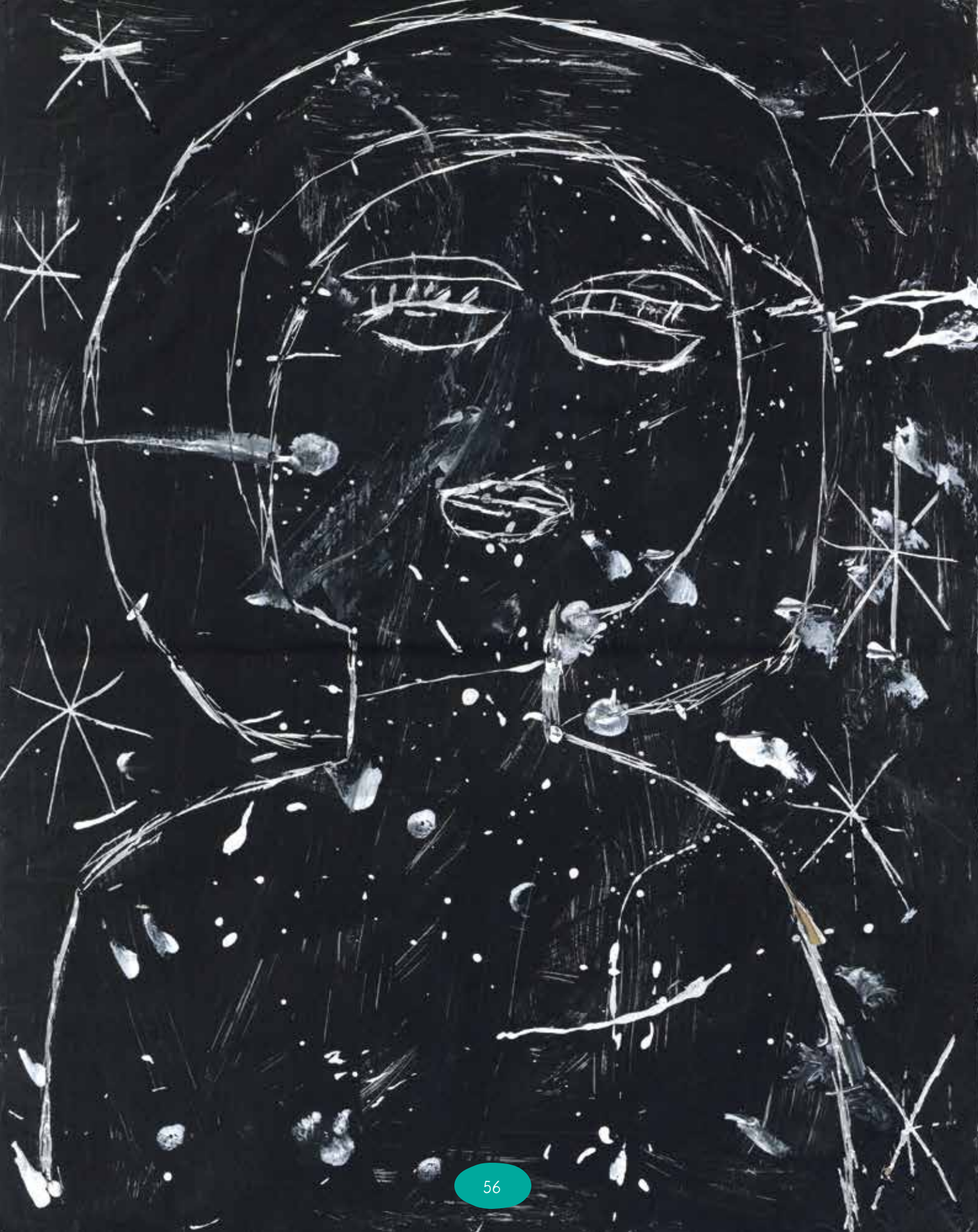


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## LUIS Angel Perdido en el Espacio

Ángel estaba aburrido porque sus primos se habían ido de vacaciones a la Luna pero como que el no se había portado bien sus padres no le dejaron ir. De repente Ángel le dice a su perro Tobi "a las 3am nos vamos a escapar para ir a la luna". Tobi le ladró y Ángel sonrió. pasaron las horas y muy callado Ángel se puso un uniforme espacial incluyendo su casco. Ángel salió por la ventana junto a Tobi. En realidad Ángel no sabía a donde ir y cómo era muy travieso no se dio cuenta que se estaba alejando de la zona. Más adelante, Ángel se encontró con otros niños que tenían dos cabezas. Ángel pregunta asustado "¿Dónde estoy? Tally le contesta "Estás en el planeta doble". Ángel le comenta

lo sucedido y le pide "Ayúdame a regresar a mi casa, mis padres deben estar preocupados por mí". Los niños no querían que Ángel se fuera ya que llegaron a apreciarlo pero arreglaron la nave de Ángel y después de 6 meses el pudo volver. cuando regreso se dio cuenta que sus padres aún seguían dormidos y se metió por la misma ventana y se quedó pensando en todo lo que había visto.



## BRAYHAN Junior y Dariliano

Era un día tranquilo y Junior y Dariliano se estaban preparando para otra misión.

Junior siempre tan valiente entablista para salvar animales, Dariliano, siempre tan tímido estaba listo para otra aventura.

Entonces, con su traje espacial se fueron a una aventura. Ellos estaban buscando rocas de la luna para analizarlas. Sin embargo, se encontraron con una sorpresa, habían marcianos. Ellos pelearon mucho pero al final salieron todos vivos ganadores. Lo más importante es que Junior pudo rescatar a todos los animales que estaban atrapados.

## JEREMY The Crazy Avenger

It was such a crazy night and Craft was in his spaceship. Craft was wearing his green suit and was ready for his mission. Craft is powerful funny but occasionally silly. Craft didn't believe in friendship and he thought that he should trust everybody. It took almost a year for Craft to get to Mars. When he got to Mars he felt accomplished but the feeling didn't last so long. Craft was lost and since he didn't trust everybody he wasn't asking for help. However, one day

he was so tired that he fell asleep near a volcano. So, Mine who was a friendly citizen of Mars got help and took Craft to his air craft. Mine took care of Craft and when Craft woke up he felt scared. However Mine helped him remember what happened. Craft gave him a hug. Craft learned that is very important to trust people especially those that care about you. Craft learned that friends like Mine are a treasure hidden in space. Together they build a new planet in space which is now called Minecraft.



## ABOUT THE VISITING AUTHOR

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Make connections between the text of a story or drama and a visual or oral presentation of the text, identifying where each version reflects specific descriptions and directions in the text.

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