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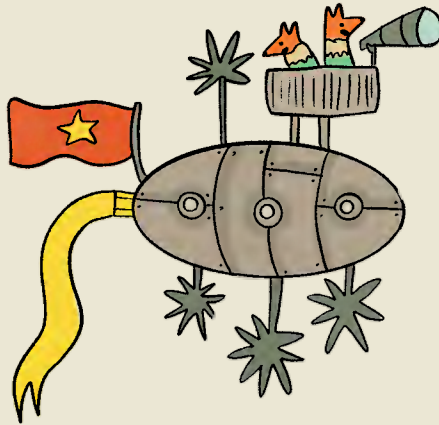


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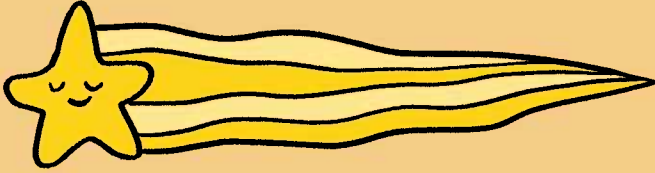
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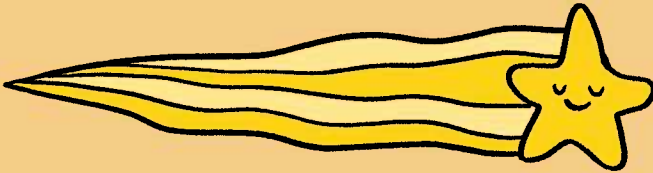
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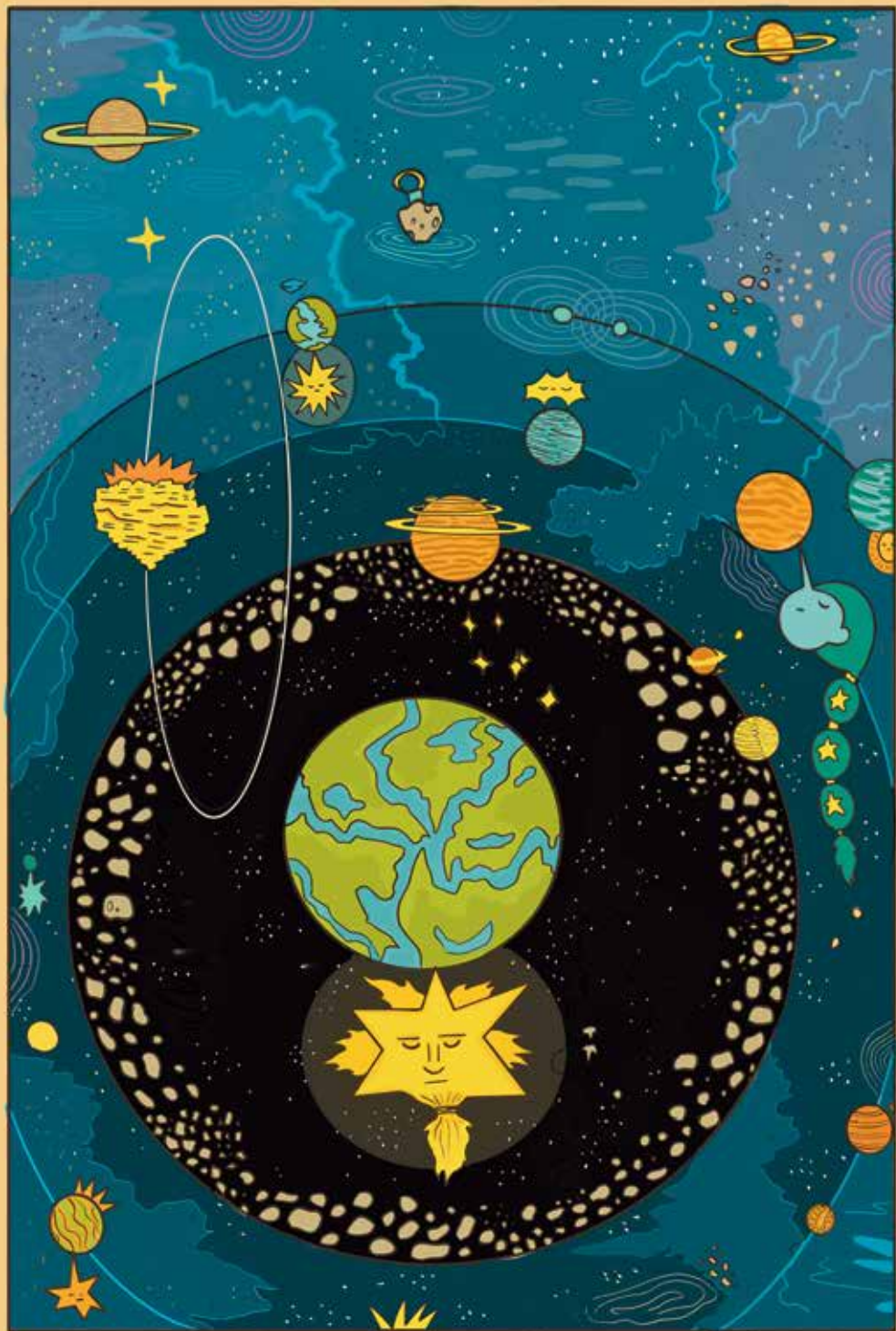


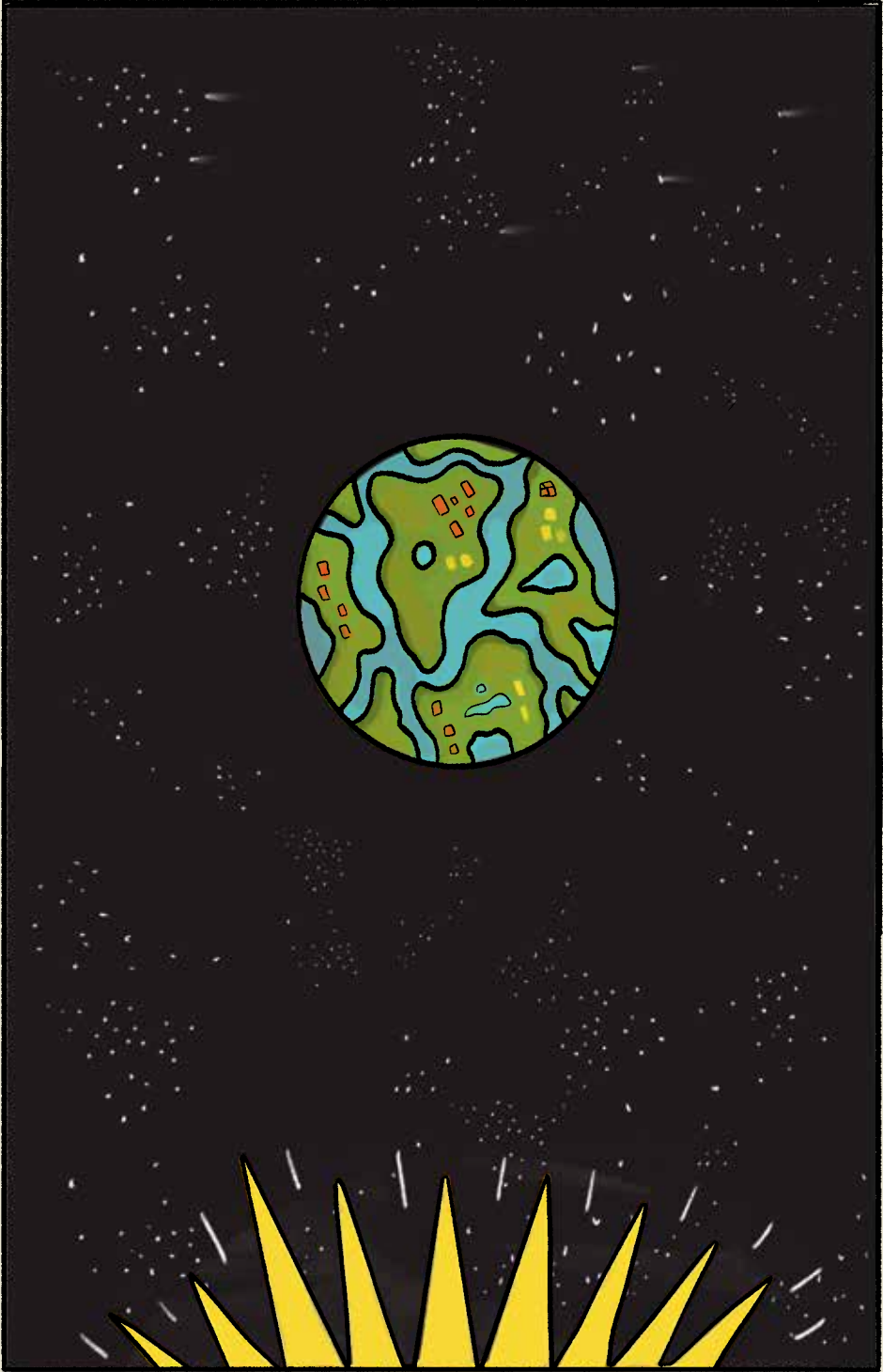


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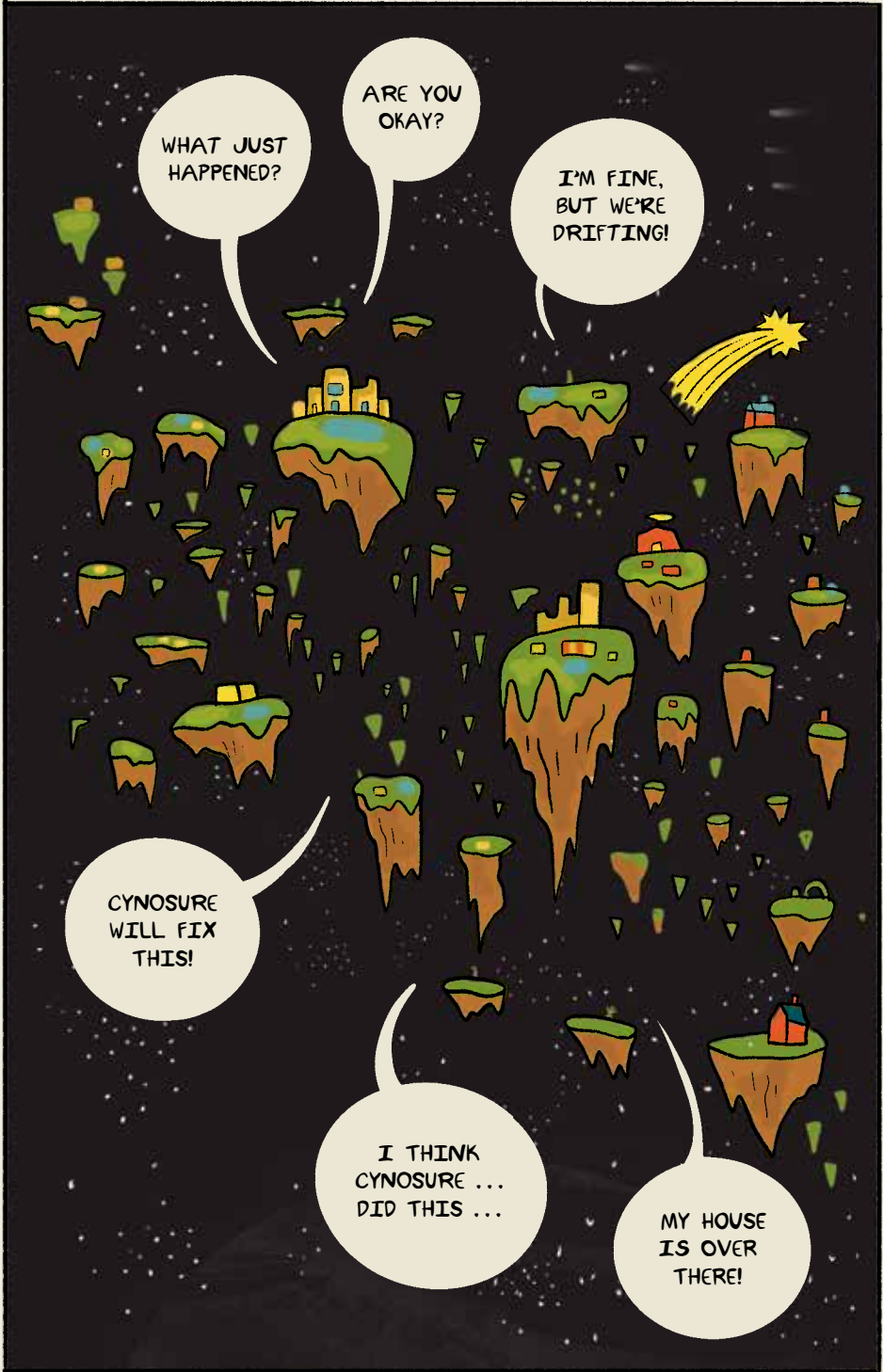
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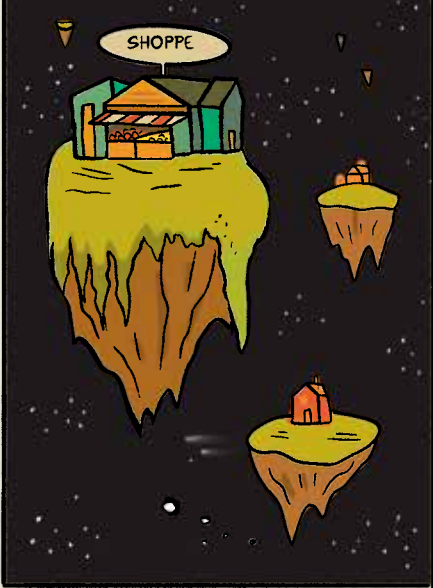




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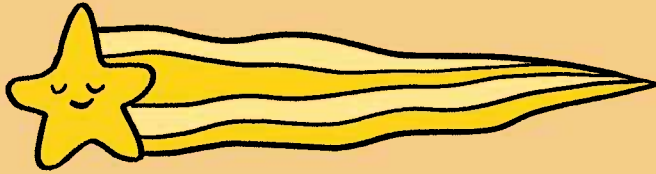


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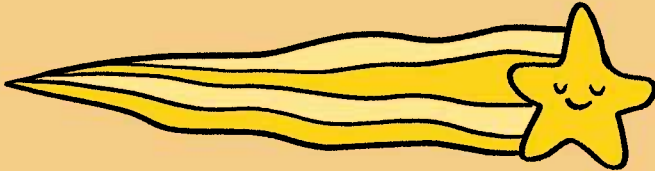
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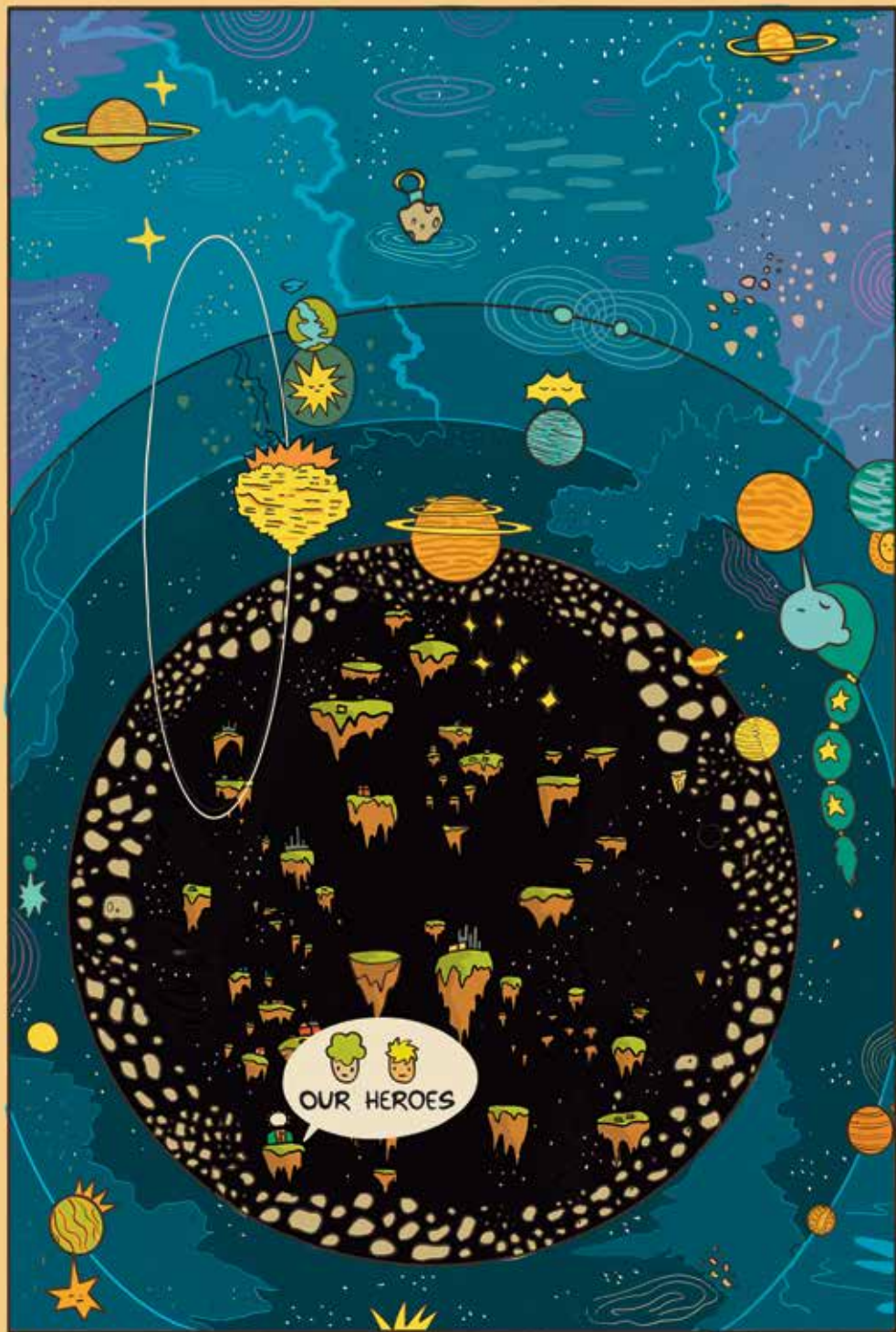




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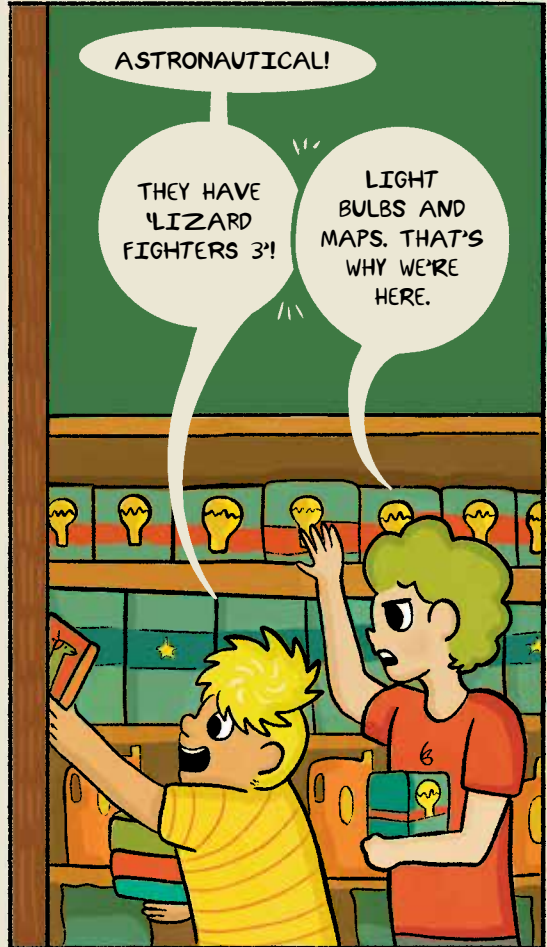
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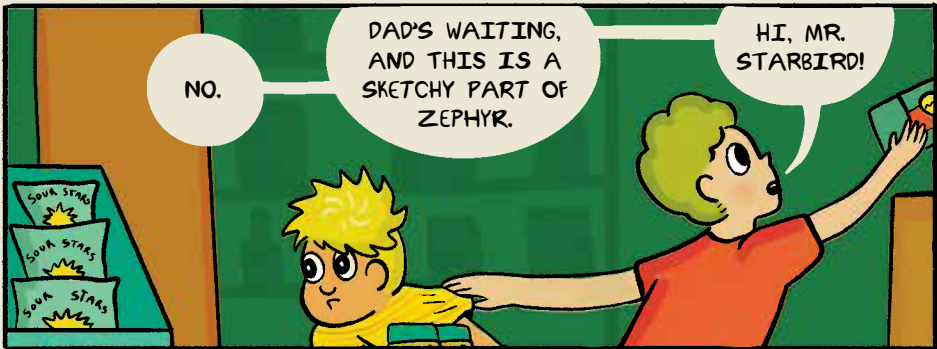




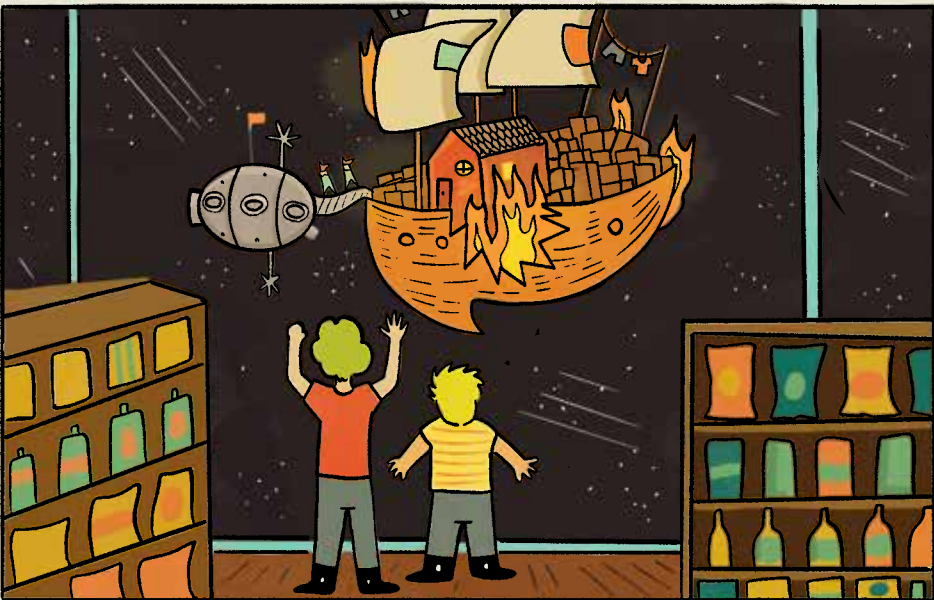
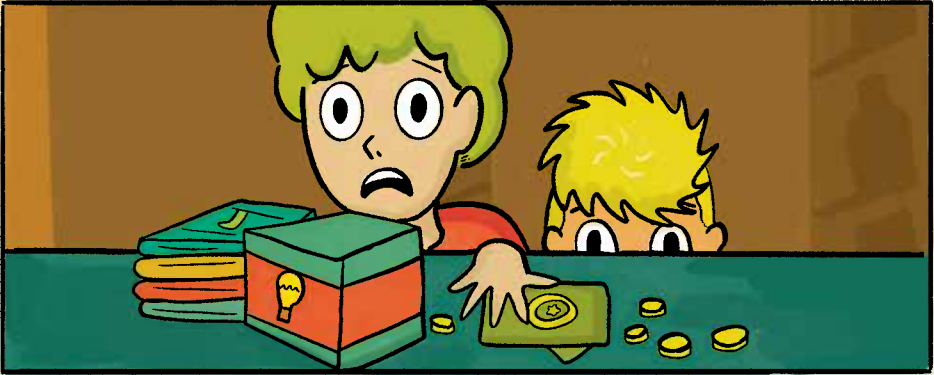
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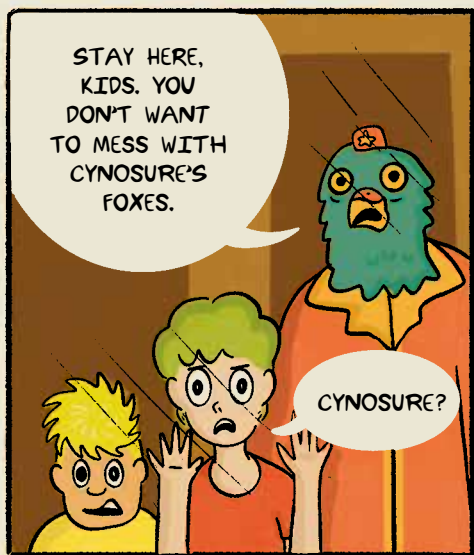






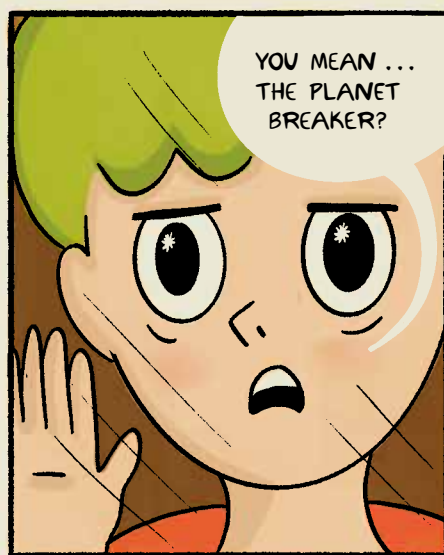


ALONE! YES,
I'M TRAVELING
ALONE! NO
ONE ELSE IS
ABOARD!

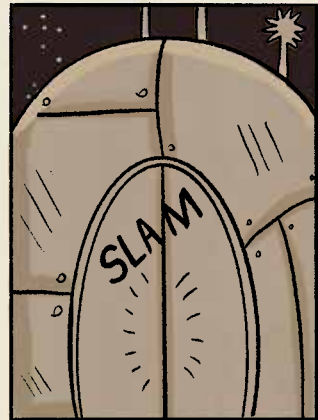


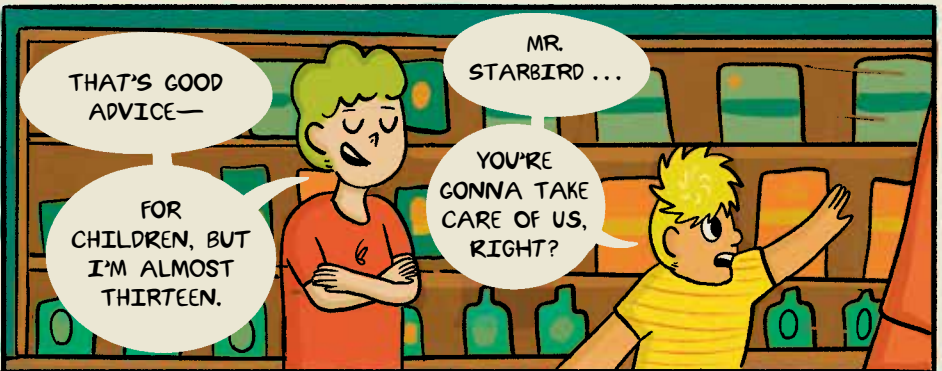
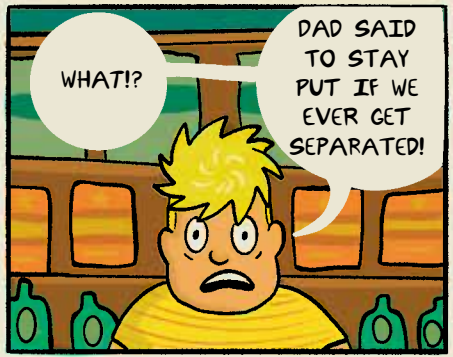
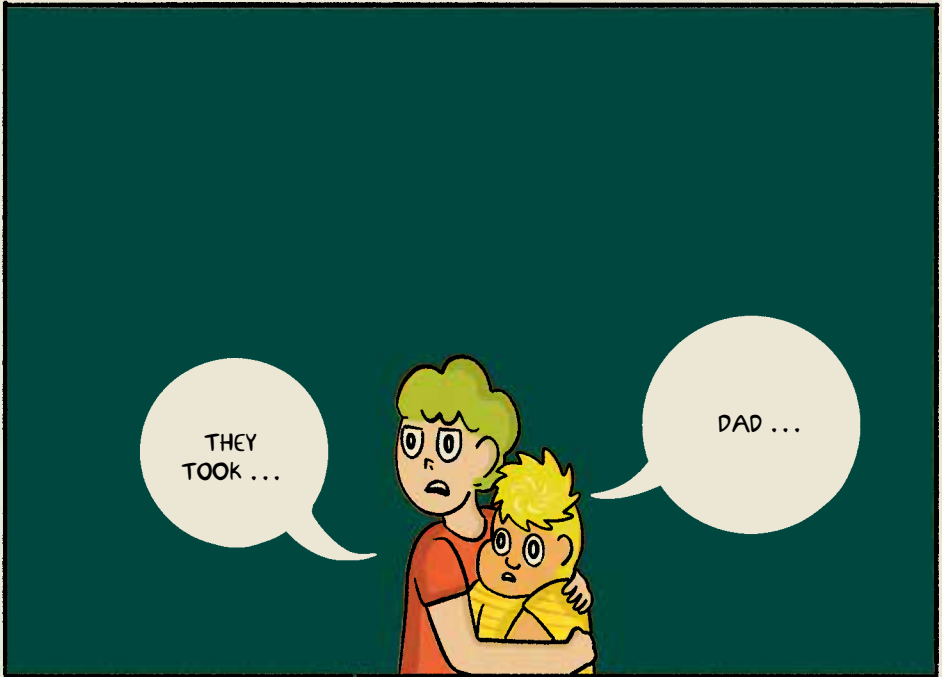
STAY HERE,
KIDS. YOU
DON'T WANT
TO MESS WITH
CYNOSURE'S
FOXES.

CYNOSURE?



YOU MEAN ...
THE PLANET
BREAKER?







OH, THIS IS BAD!
NO ONE'S GONNA WANT TO
SHOP HERE NOW! THINK OF
THE HEADLINES.

MR.
STARBIRD?



"RECLUSIVE STAR
STEALS DAD FROM
SKETCHY CONVENIENCE
STORE!"

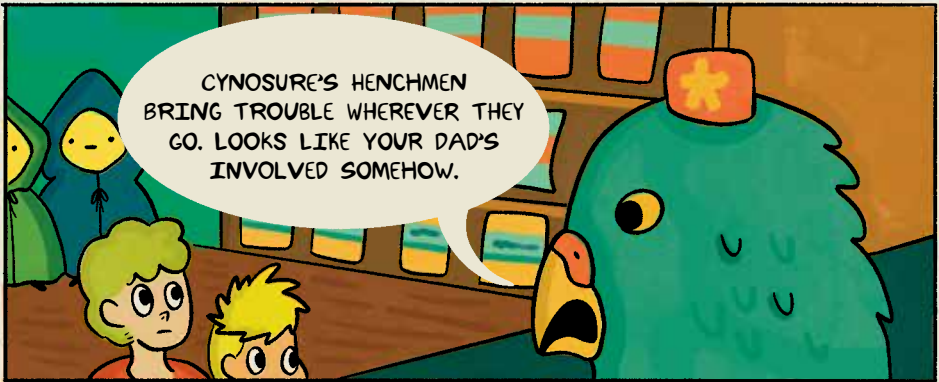


WHAT COULD
HAVE BROUGHT
THAT RIFFRAFF
TO MY STORE?
WAS YOUR DAD
CARRYING ANY
SPECIAL CARGO?



JUST
BAGELS AND
BLENDERS.

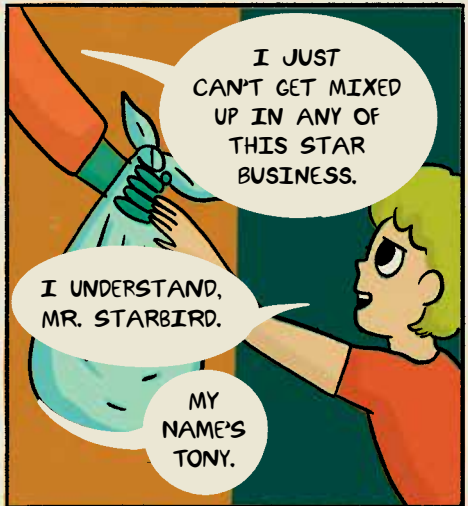
AND
BANJOS!



CYNOSURE'S HENCHMEN BRING TROUBLE WHEREVER THEY GO. LOOKS LIKE YOUR DAD'S INVOLVED SOMEHOW.



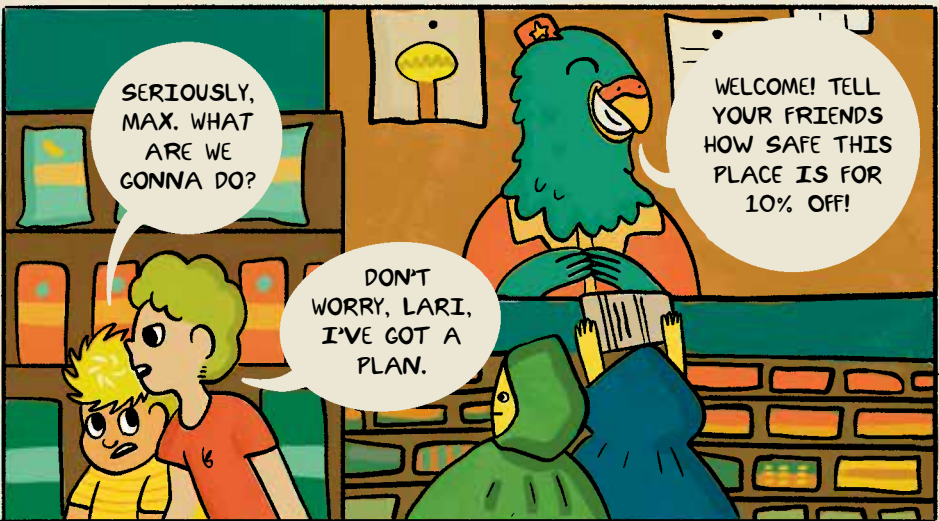
TAKE SOME FOOD. BUT YOU BETTER GET GOING.



I JUST CAN'T GET MIXED UP IN ANY OF THIS STAR BUSINESS.

I UNDERSTAND, MR. STARBIRD.

MY NAME'S TONY.

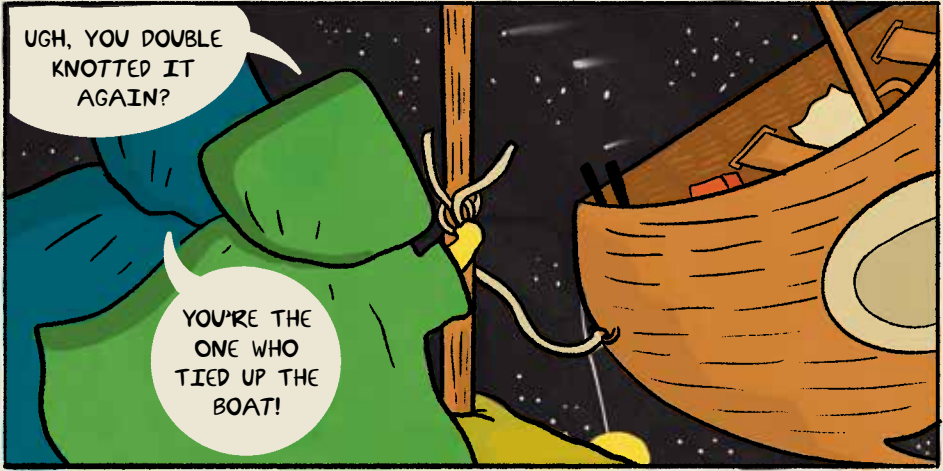


SERIOUSLY, MAX. WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?

DON'T WORRY, LARI, I'VE GOT A PLAN.

WELCOME! TELL YOUR FRIENDS HOW SAFE THIS PLACE IS FOR 10% OFF!







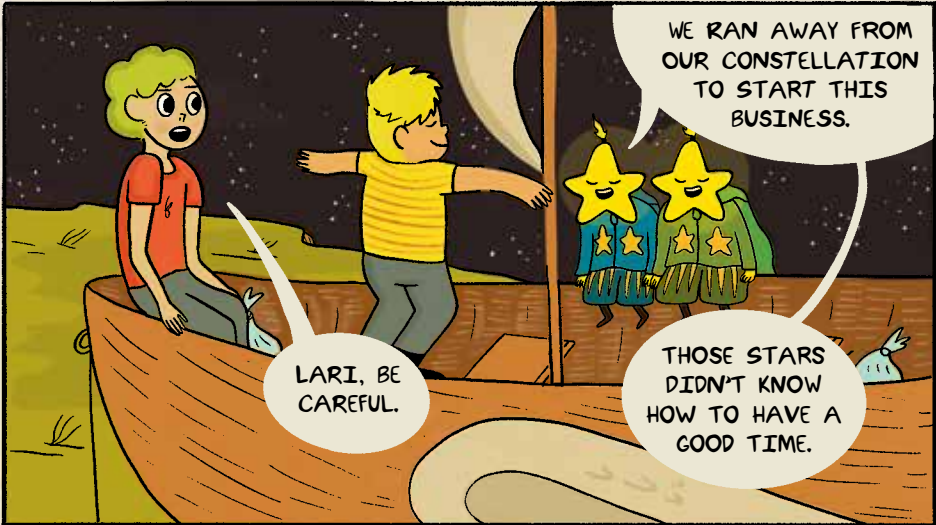


ARE YOU IN NEED OF A TAXI SERVICE? FIRST RIDE'S FREE!



I MEAN, SURE ... BUT WE'RE NOT HELPLESS OR ANYTHING.

SWEET!



WE RAN AWAY FROM OUR CONSTELLATION TO START THIS BUSINESS.

LARI, BE CAREFUL.

THOSE STARS DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO HAVE A GOOD TIME.

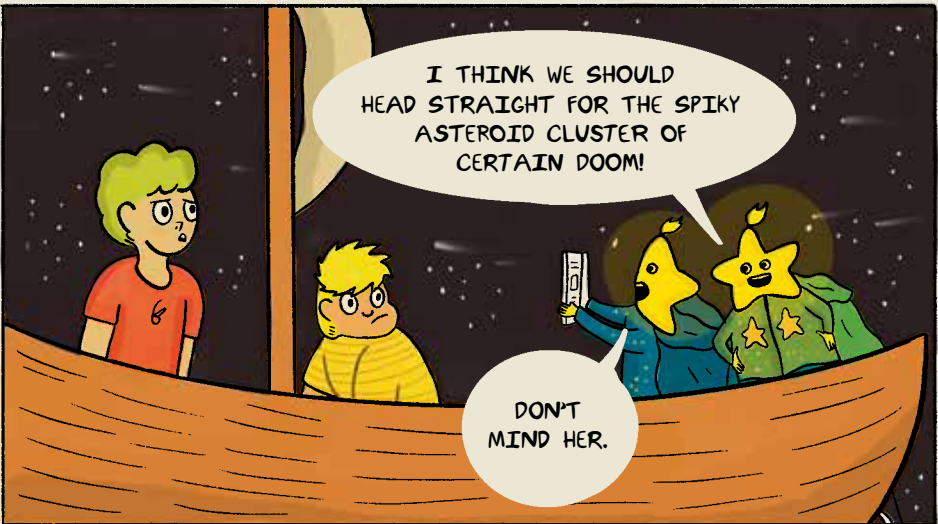
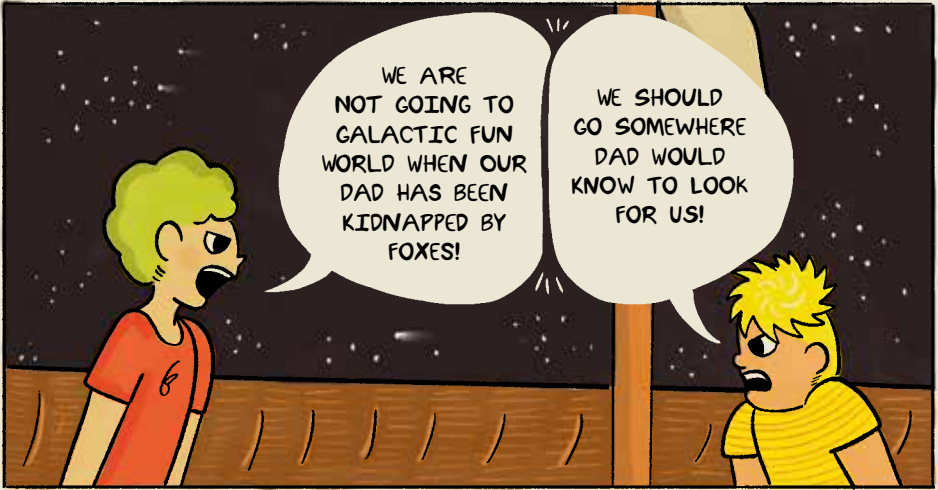


I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE STUCK WITH SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO HAVE FUN.



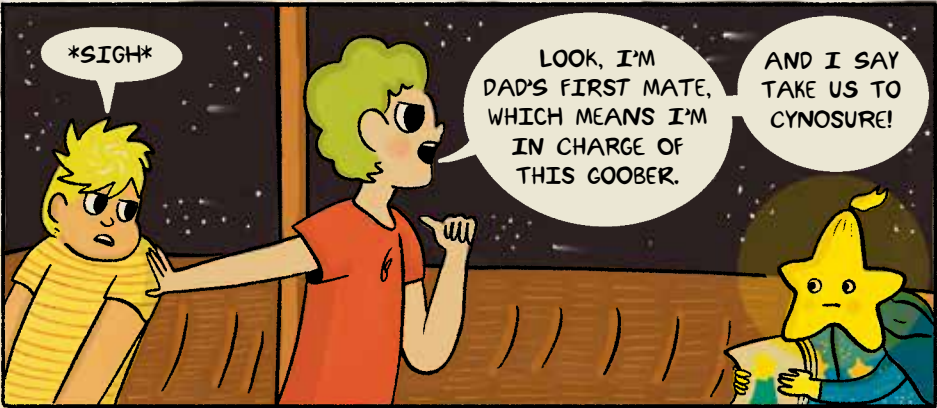
HEY!







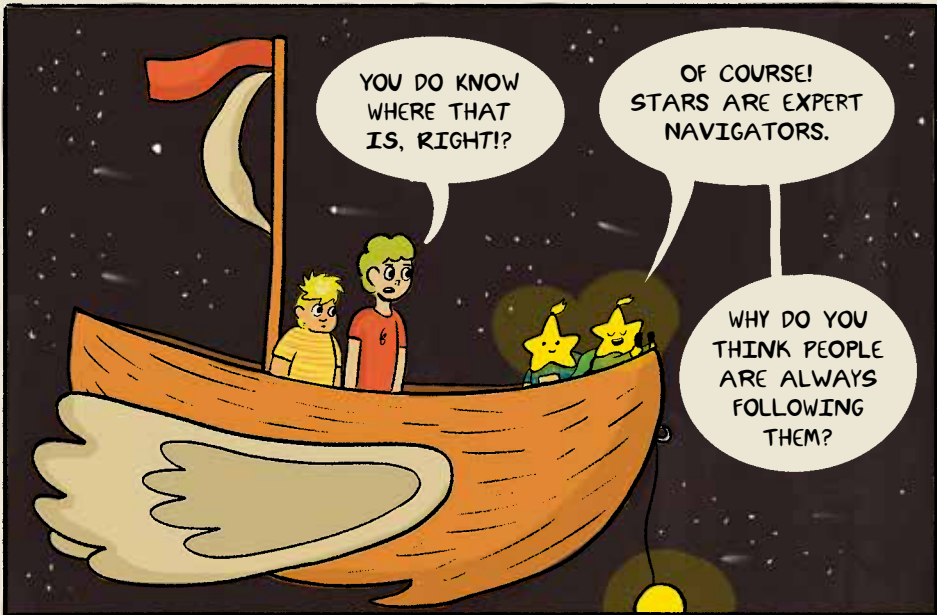
IF WE GO WITH MY PLAN, WE CAN HAVE CORN DOGS!



SIGH

LOOK, I'M DAD'S FIRST MATE, WHICH MEANS I'M IN CHARGE OF THIS GOOBER.

AND I SAY TAKE US TO CYNOSURE!



YOU DO KNOW WHERE THAT IS, RIGHT!?

OF COURSE! STARS ARE EXPERT NAVIGATORS.

WHY DO YOU THINK PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS FOLLOWING THEM?

