

Here we are

Oliver Jeffers

HERE WE

ARE

NOTES FOR LIVING
ON PLANET EARTH

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★ HOW TO FIND
YOUR WAY
Whenever you
GET LOST



The POLE STAR

The
Little
Dipper

The
Big
Dipper

↑
This is
NORTH

To my son, Harland

This book was written in
the first two months of
your life as I tried to make
sense of it all for you.

These are the things
I think you need to know.

*"Shall we make a new rule of life from tonight:
always to try to be a little kinder than is necessary?"*

J. M. Barrie

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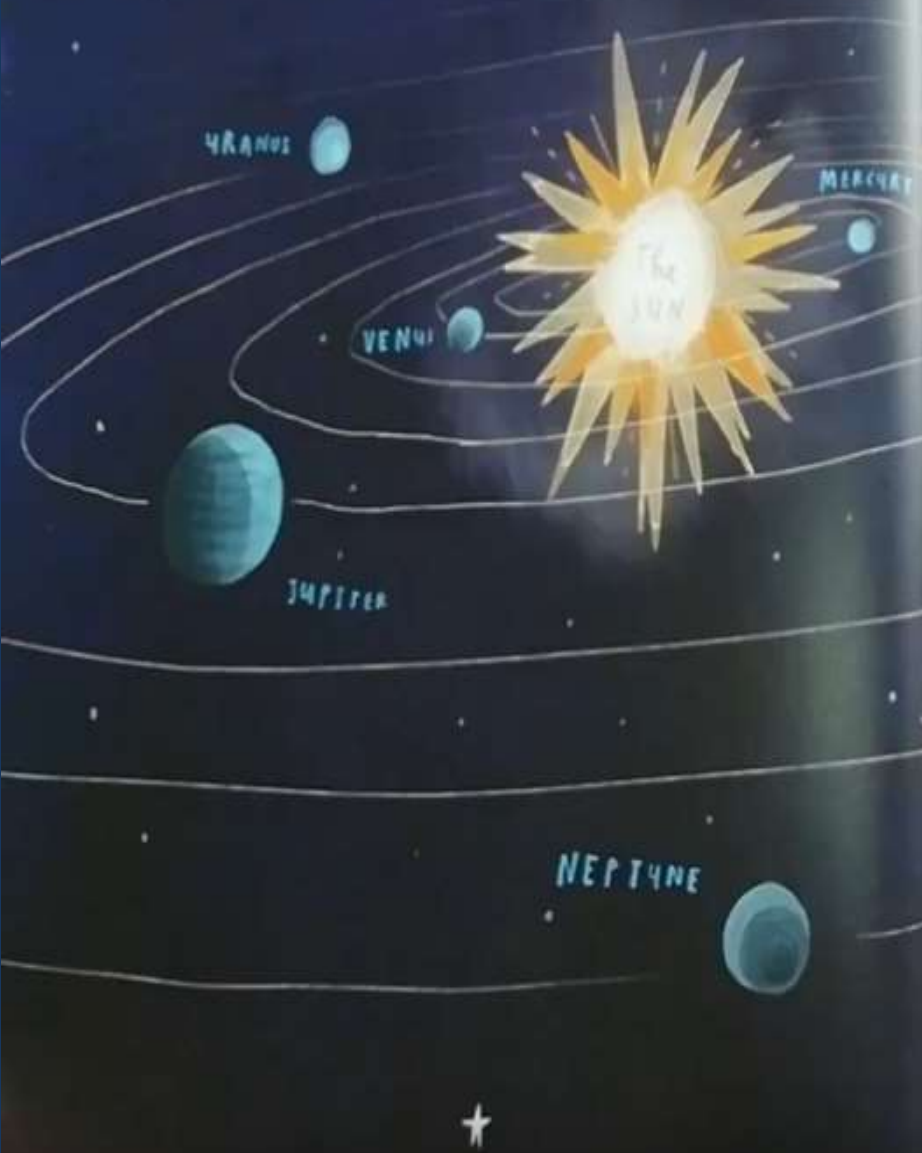
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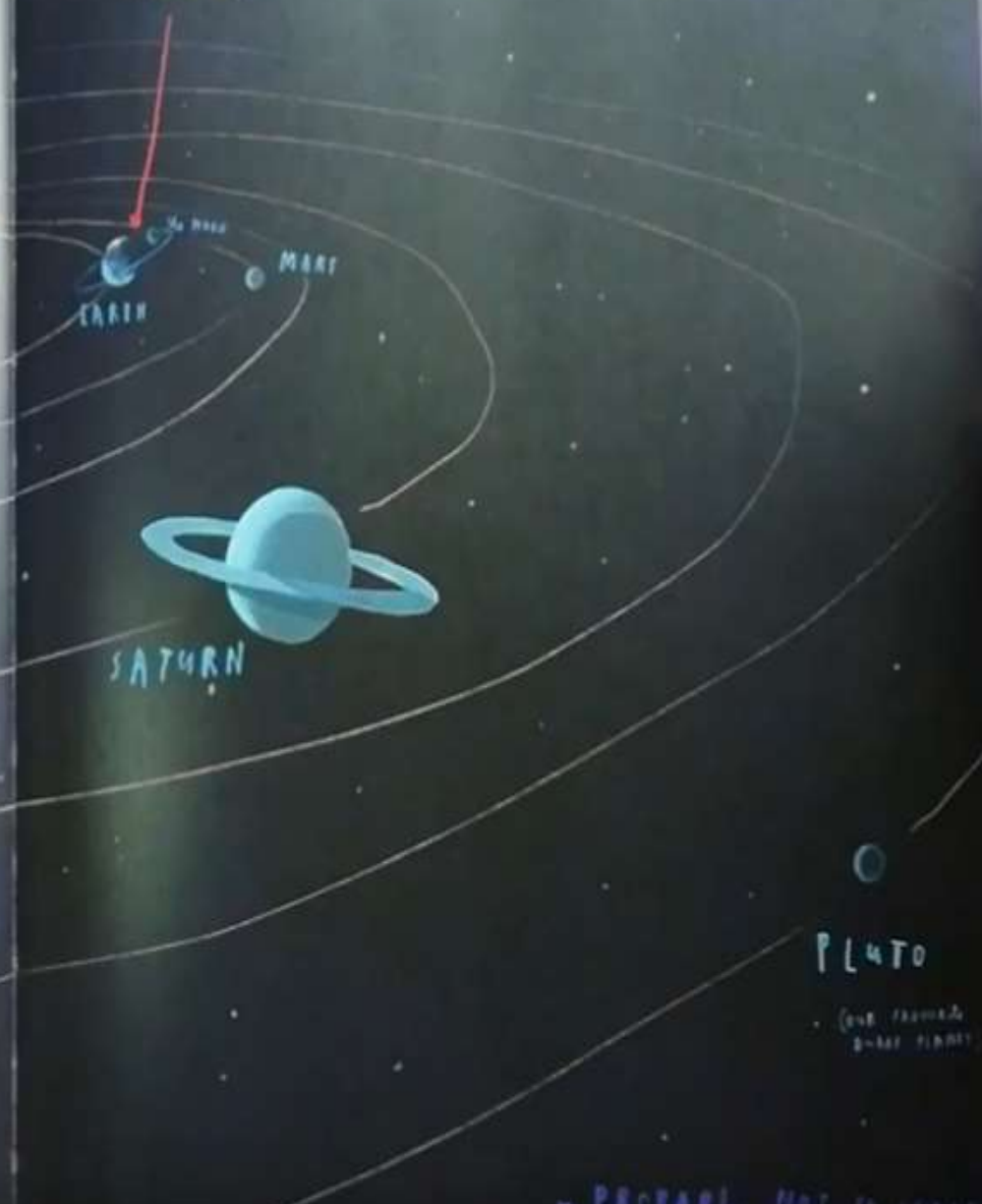
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OUR SOLAR SYSTEM*

(ONE + 1 million + 1000000 TRILLION)



HERE
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PLUTO

(our farthest
outer planet)

* PROBABLY NOT TO SCALE

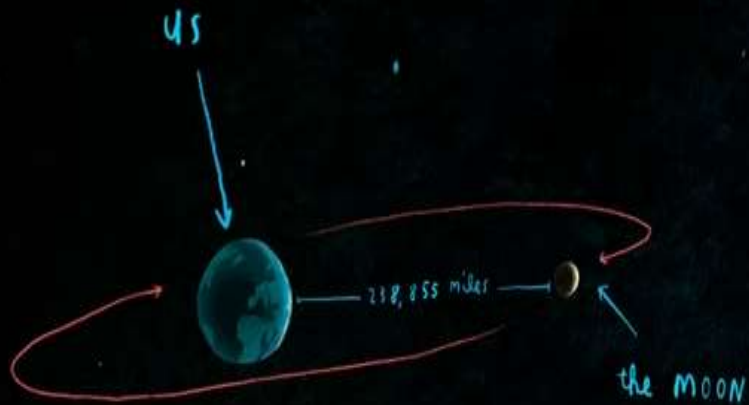
Well, hello.

Welcome to this planet.
We call it Earth.

It is the big globe,
floating in space,
on which we live.



We're glad you found us,
as space is very big.





There is much to see and do here on Earth, so let's get started with a quick tour.

The planet is basically made up of two parts.

LAND

(ROCK and DIRT)

SEA

(WATER)



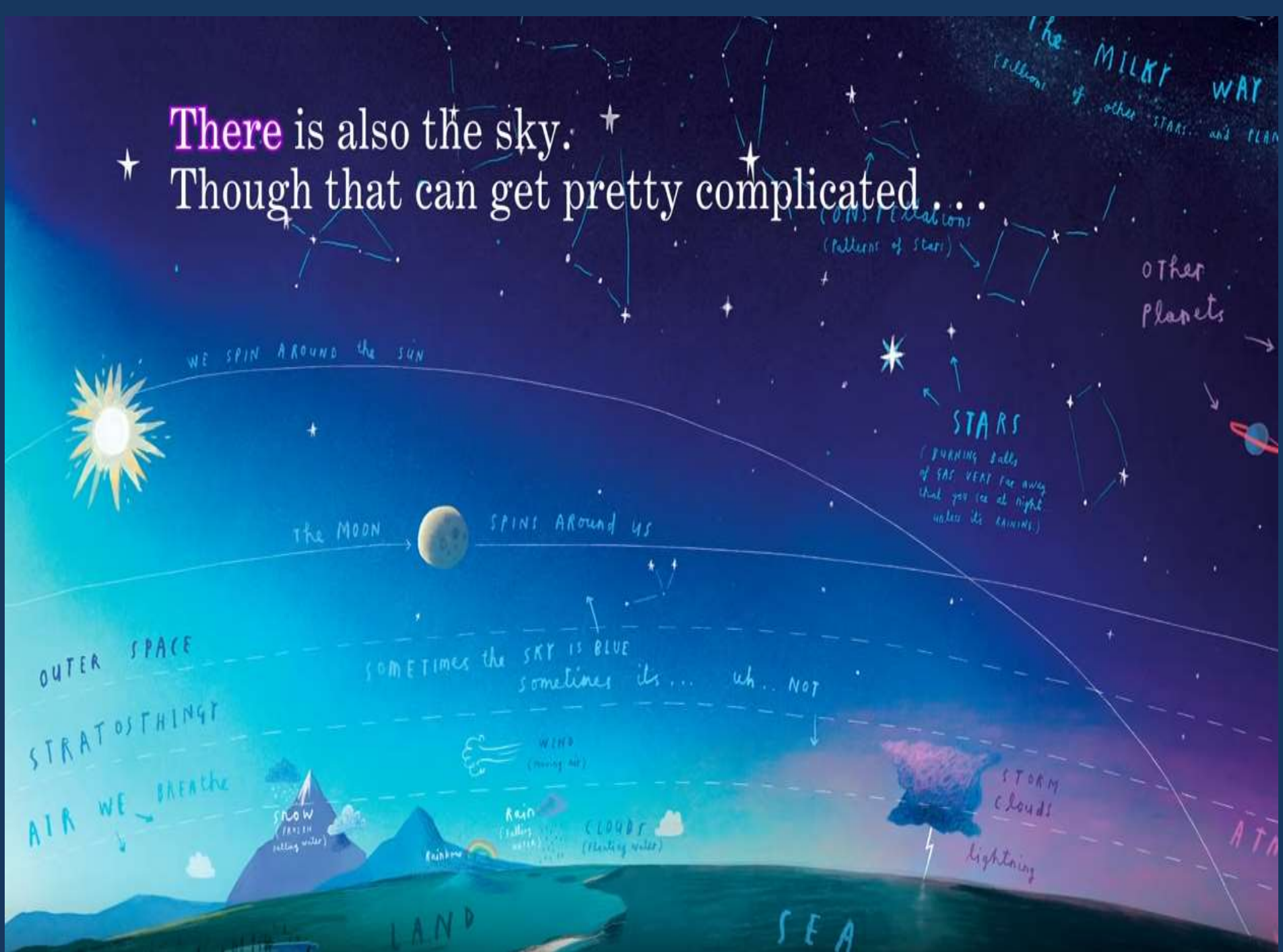


Firstly, let's talk about the land.
It's what we are standing on right now.
We know lots about the land.

We know a bit about the sea,
but we'll talk some more about
that once you've learned to swim.



★ **There** is also the sky.
★ Though that can get pretty complicated...





OK, moving on.

The MILKY WAY
(billions of other STARS and PLANETS)

CONSTELLATIONS
(patterns of stars)

Other planets

STARS

(BURNING balls of GAS, VERY far away that you see at night unless it's RAINING.)

WE SPIN AROUND the SUN

The MOON

SPINS AROUND us

SOMETIMES the SKY IS BLUE
SOMETIMES it's ... uh ... NOT

WIND
(moving air)

Rain
(falling water)

CLOUDS
(floating water)

SNOW
(frozen falling water)

Rainbow

STORM clouds

lightning

OUR ATMOSPHERE

LAND

SEA

ER SPACE
AT O2 THING
WE BREATHE

HEAD



BRAIN

(For thinking)

ARMS



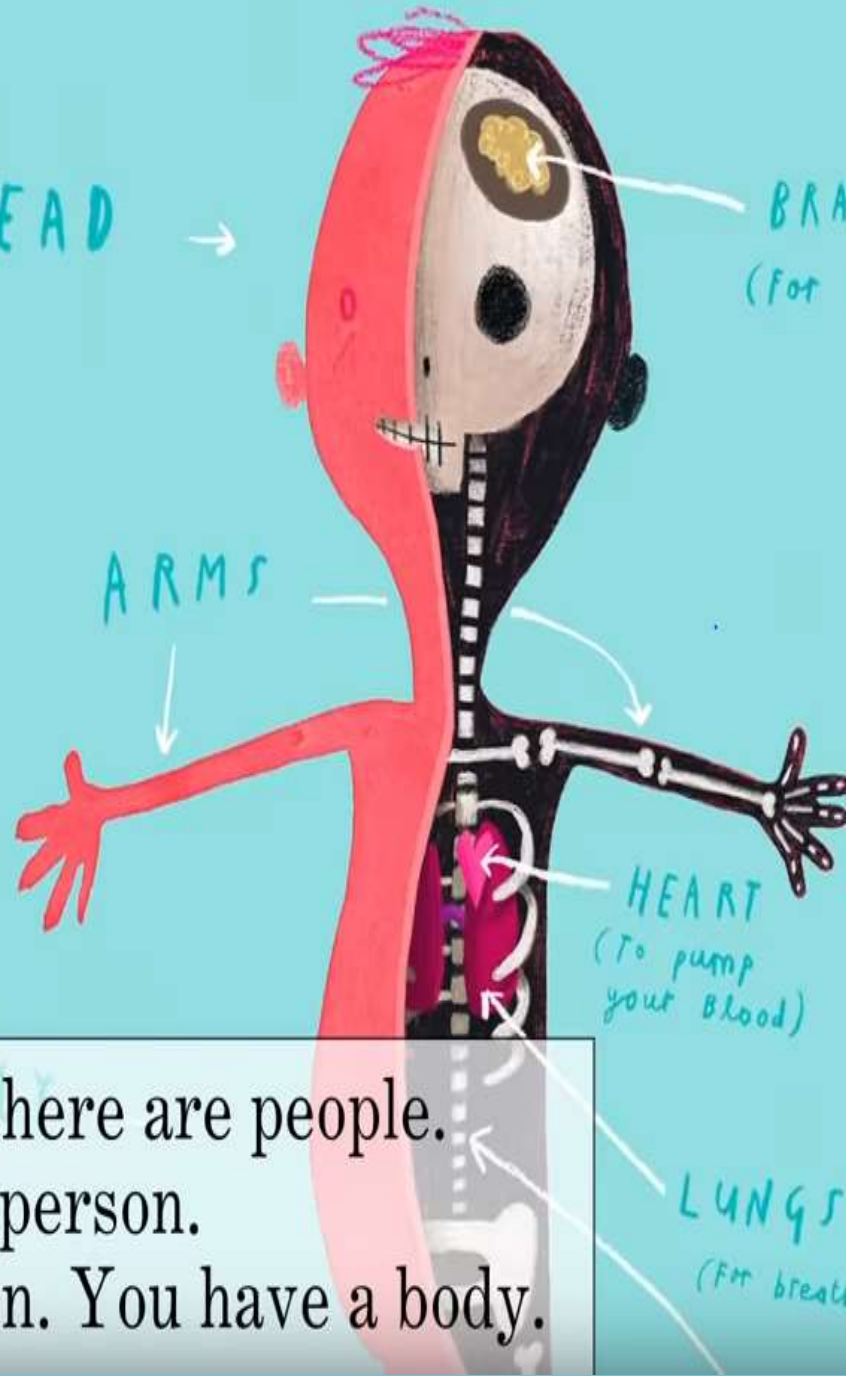
HEART

(To pump
your Blood)

LUNGS

(For breathing air)

On our planet, there are people.
One people is a person.
You are a person. You have a body.



BELLY →

LEGS →

your Blood)

LUNGS

(For breathing air)

BONES

(To hold it
all together)

**Look after it, as most
bits don't grow back.**

Bits that GROW BACK






The most important things for people to remember are to eat, drink and stay warm.

People come in many
shapes, sizes and colors.




A vibrant, diverse crowd of cartoon characters is depicted. The characters vary in appearance, including different ethnicities, ages, and abilities. Some are wearing traditional clothing like a keffiyeh, a burqa, or a sari. Others are in modern or specialized attire like a spacesuit, a knight's armor, or a wheelchair. The characters are engaged in various activities: some are dancing, some are reading, some are playing sports, and some are simply standing. The background is a plain light blue, making the colorful characters stand out.

We may all look different, act
different and sound different ...

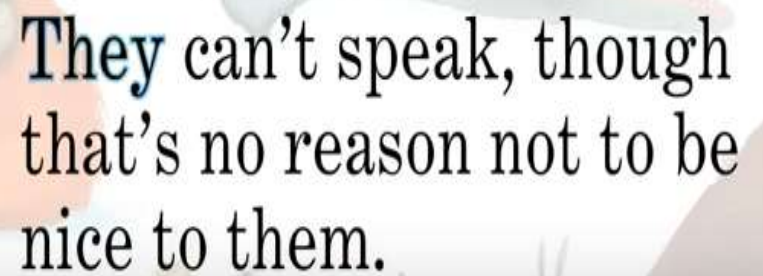


... but don't be fooled,
we are all people.

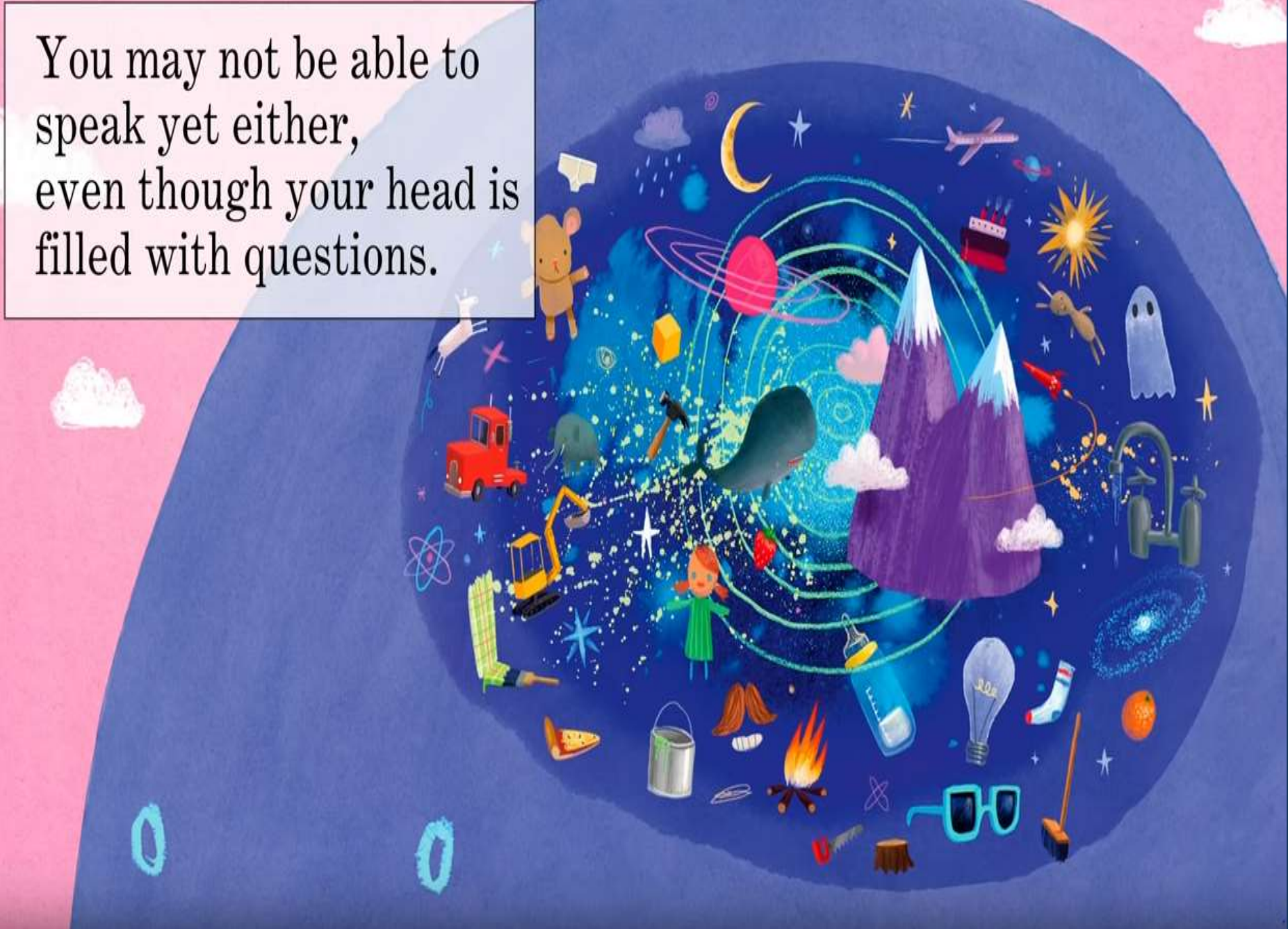


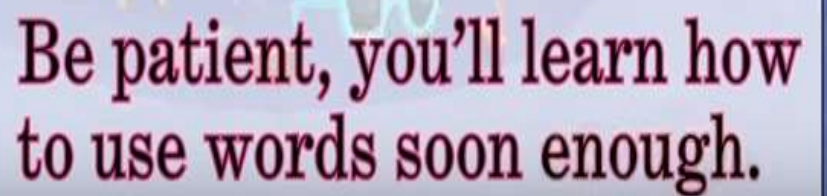
There are animals, too.
They come in even more
shapes, sizes and colors.

I'm not supposed
to BE HERE

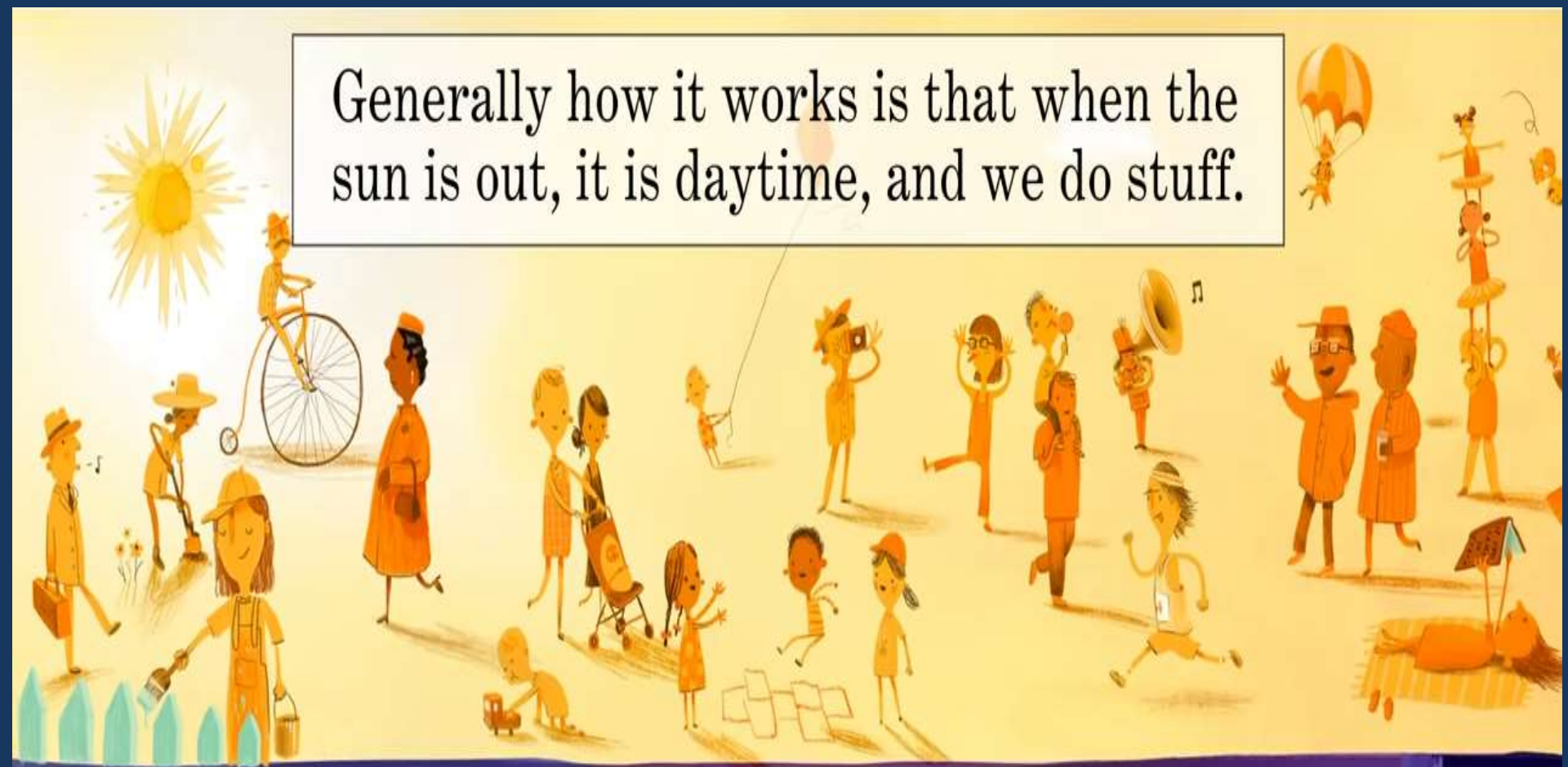


You may not be able to speak yet either, even though your head is filled with questions.





Generally how it works is that when the sun is out, it is daytime, and we do stuff.







Things can sometimes move
slowly here on Earth.



More often, though, they move quickly,
so use your time well.





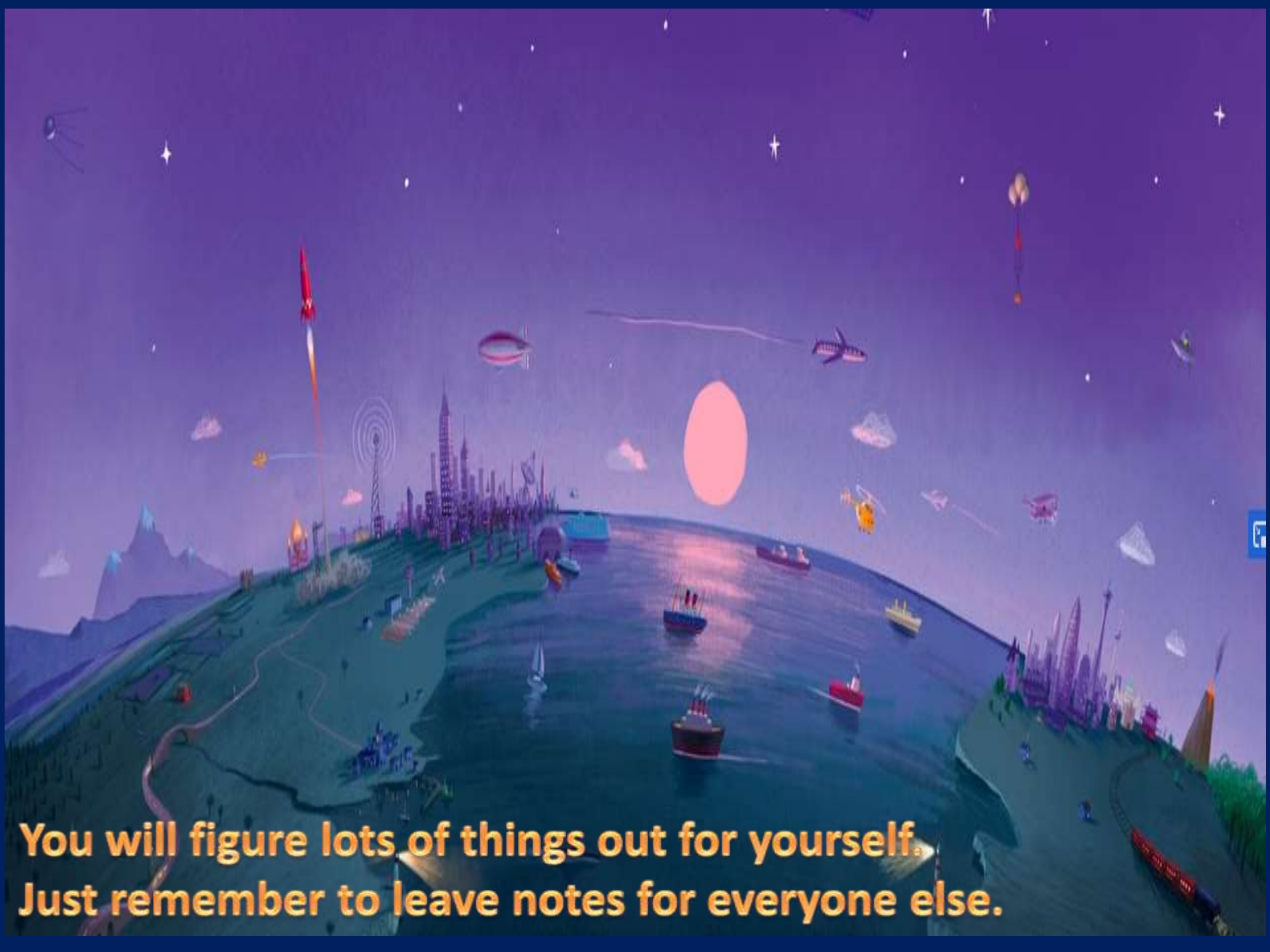
It will be gone before you
know it.

Though we have come a long way,
we haven't quite worked everything
out, so there is plenty left for you to do.



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**You will figure lots of things out for yourself.
Just remember to leave notes for everyone else.**



It looks big, Earth.
But there are lots of us on here

(7,327,450,667 and counting)

so be kind.

There is enough for everyone.



Well, that is Planet Earth.


Make sure you look after it,
as it's all we've got.



Now, if you need to know
anything else . . .

**... just ask.
I won't be far away.**



A purple alien with a large, oval head and small eyes is holding a blue baby. The background is a dark blue night sky with white stars and a small blue planet with a red ring. The text "And when I'm not around . . ." is written in a yellow, serif font on the right side of the image.

And when I'm not around . . .

... you can always
ask someone else.





HOW
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A
STAR
WHENEVER
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Other books by Oliver Jeffers

- How to Catch a Star*
- Lost and Found*
- The Incredible Book Eating Boy*
- The Way Back Home*
- The Great Paper Cup*
- The Broom and the Bottle*
- Up and Down*
- Stuck*
- This Mouse Belongs to Me*
- Once Upon an Alphabet*
- The Hairy in The New Jumper*
- The Hairy in It Won't Me*
- The Hairy in Name the Winner*




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