The illustration depicts a child with curly red hair, seen from behind, wearing an orange shirt with red stars and crescent moons. The child is looking up at a large, circular, swirling moon that has a yellow and orange center and a green and blue outer ring. The moon is surrounded by a ring of colorful, swirling clouds in shades of purple, red, green, and orange. The background is a deep blue night sky filled with white and yellow stars.

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"I want to go to the moon," she said.
"Get those silly thoughts out of your head."

"I want to go to the moon," she said.

"It's getting late, now go to bed."

A child with curly brown hair is lying in bed, looking out of a window. The window frame is made of wood and has several red circular spots on it. Outside the window, a large, bright, yellow moon with a face is shining through a dark night sky. The moon's light is streaming into the room, illuminating the child's face and the bed. The background outside the window is a dark blue night sky with white stars and a green landscape with a blue river.

As she lay in bed that night
she looked up at the moon so bright
shining in through her window
and thought, "One day I have to go."
She heard a song that sounded far away,
but as she listened it began to play.


A dreamy night sky with a large, smiling, yellow moon. A pink, wavy cloud with a face is in the foreground. The sky is dark blue with white stars and a green landscape with a blue river. The text "Follow your dreams and they will all come true" is written in a white, cursive font across the pink cloud. Below it, the text "if you put love and passion in all that you do!" is written in a white, cursive font.

Follow your dreams and they will all come true
if you put love and passion in all that you do!


As she drifted off to sleep
she dreamt a dream so very deep.



She crawled out of bed and went outside,
took a deep breath and put her fears aside.



She jumped up into the sky
and flew up, up, up so very high.



She made the mistake of looking down,
and saw she was high above her town.
She started to feel very scared
and thought she might not be prepared.

She began to have doubts and was feeling regret,
but knew in her heart that her mind was set.
So she looked back up at that big ball of light
and knew that her dreams were within sight.



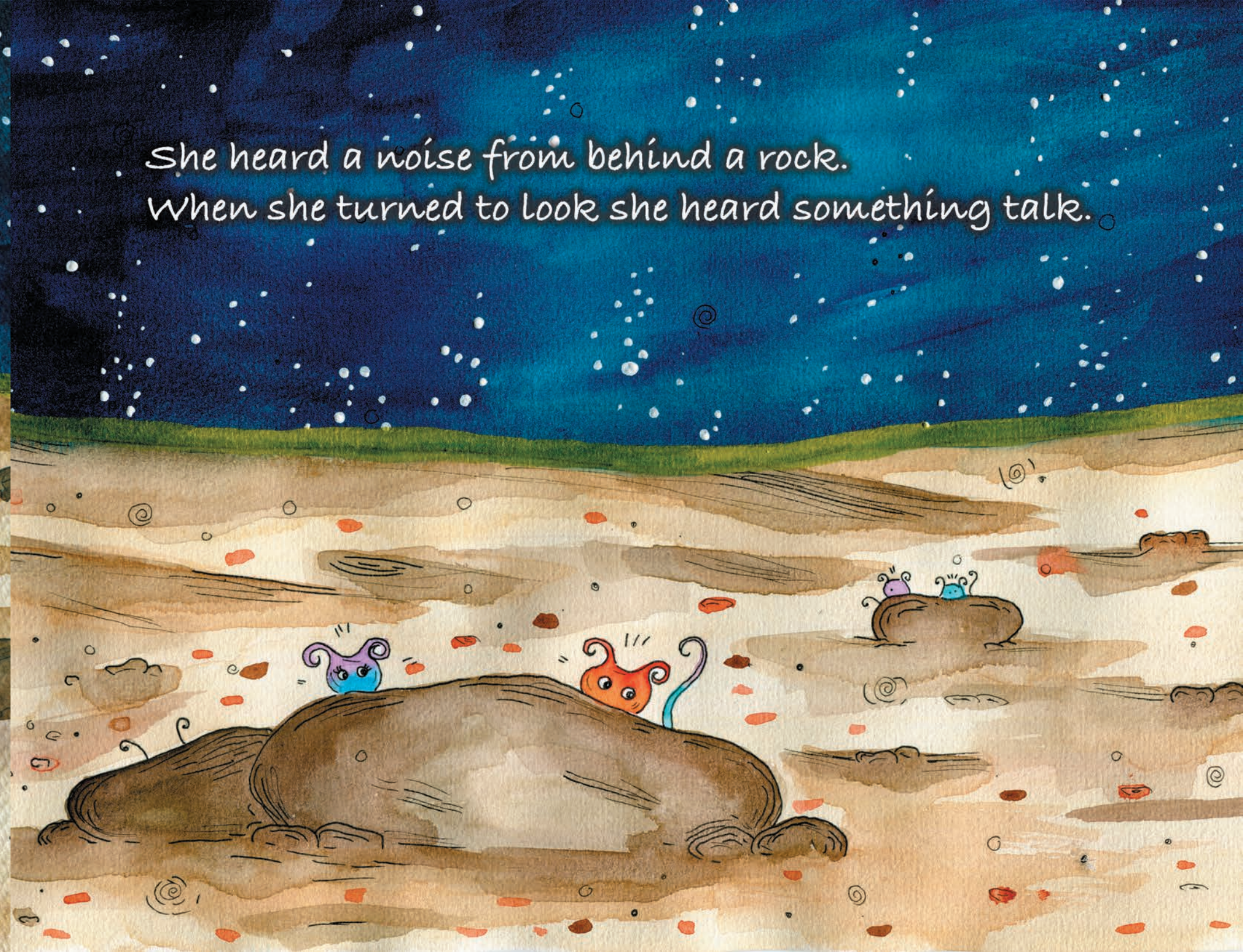
As she got closer she felt a pull.
Her heart began to feel very full.
She could feel gravity pulling her in.
"I did it!" She shouted with a grin.



Before she knew it she was back on the ground,
but it felt different when she walked around.
Every step felt more like a bounce.
She felt like she only weighed an ounce.



She heard a noise from behind a rock.
When she turned to look she heard something talk.



"We're so happy you came to the moon!"
She turned to run. "Leaving so soon?"
She was so scared her whole body shook,
but she worked up the courage to turn and look.



She saw little creatures so full of glee.
They danced and sang and were so carefree.



She followed them into a crater
and thought, "This couldn't get any greater."
They told her stories about living on the moon.
She had the most wonderful afternoon.



They gave her moon rocks and fed her moon cheese.
It was delicious. "Can I have more, please?"




She told them that she wanted to explore
so she hopped up and headed for the door.
As she was on her way out,
she heard one of the creatures shout.




"Follow your dreams and they will all come true
if you put love and passion in all that you do!"





Back outside she saw a little blue dot.
"There's my home, so far away," she thought.



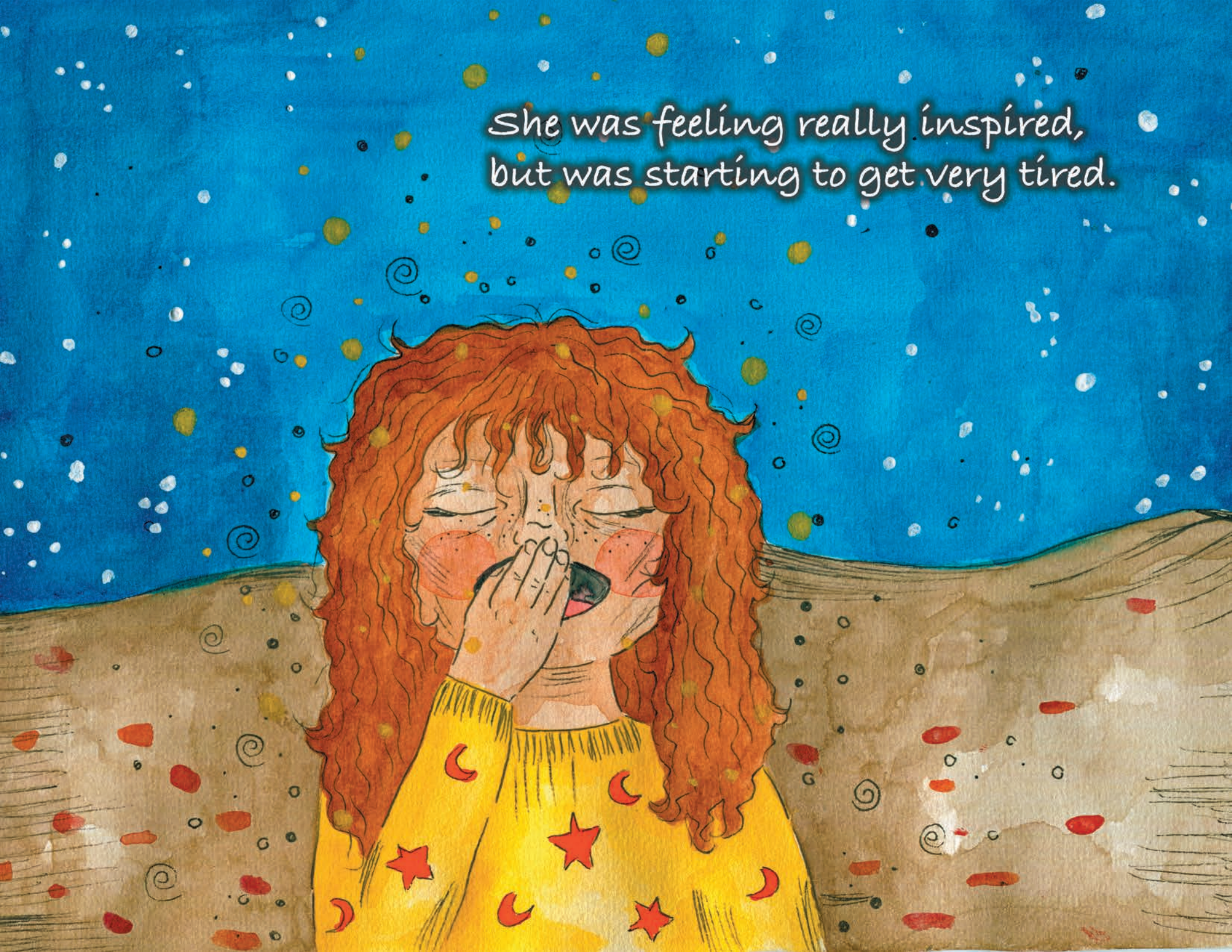
But she was too excited to think about home
so she went on her way and continued to roam.
As she was exploring she came across a face.
It looked like one she had seen in space.

She was always told it was her imagination,
but she stood there now filled with fascination.
Everyone said he didn't really exist,
but she knew he was real and would always insist
that there really was a man in the moon.
The man jumped up and started singing a tune.

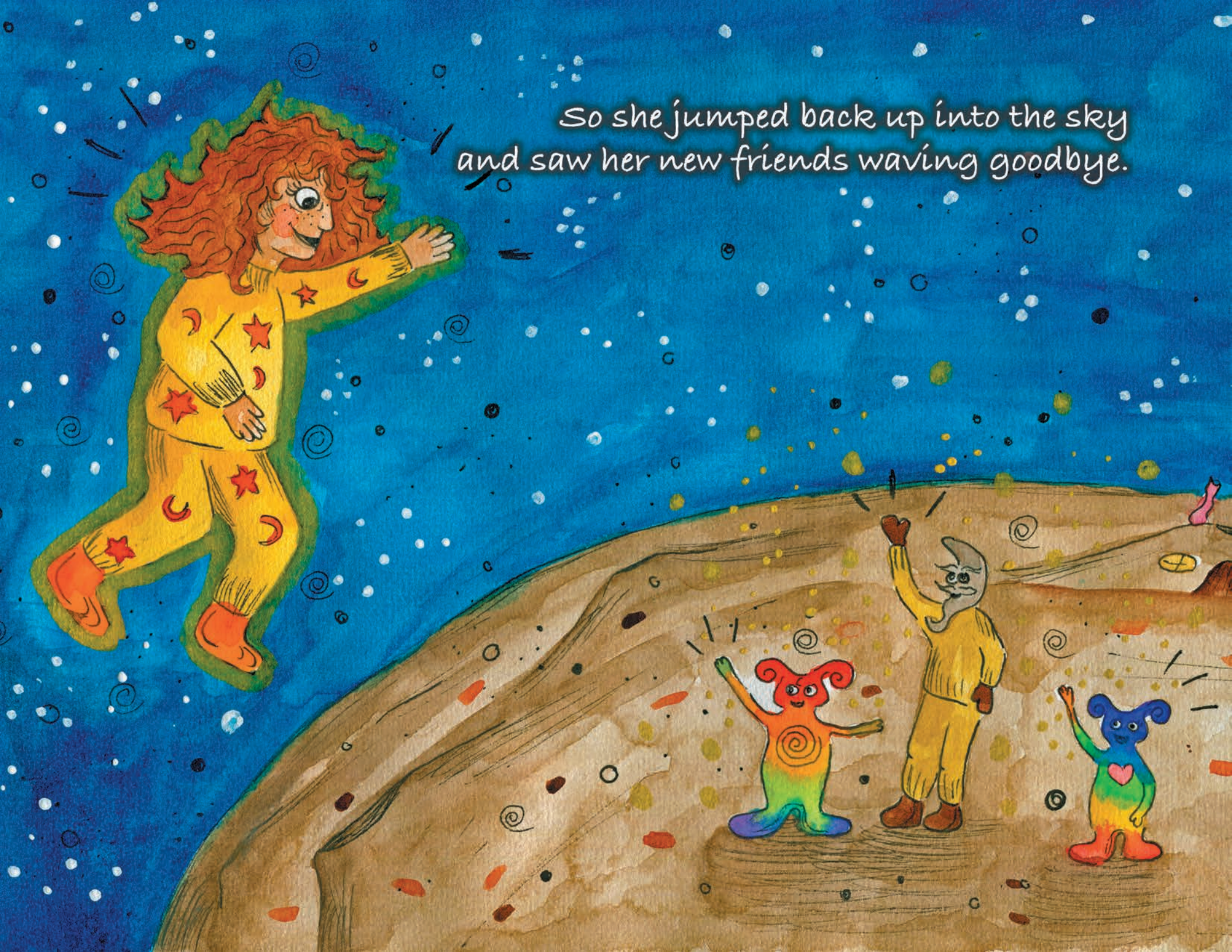
"Follow your dreams and they will all come true
if you put love and passion in all that you do!"



She was feeling really inspired,
but was starting to get very tired.



So she jumped back up into the sky
and saw her new friends waving goodbye.





In the morning when she opened her eyes
she was back in bed, much to her surprise.



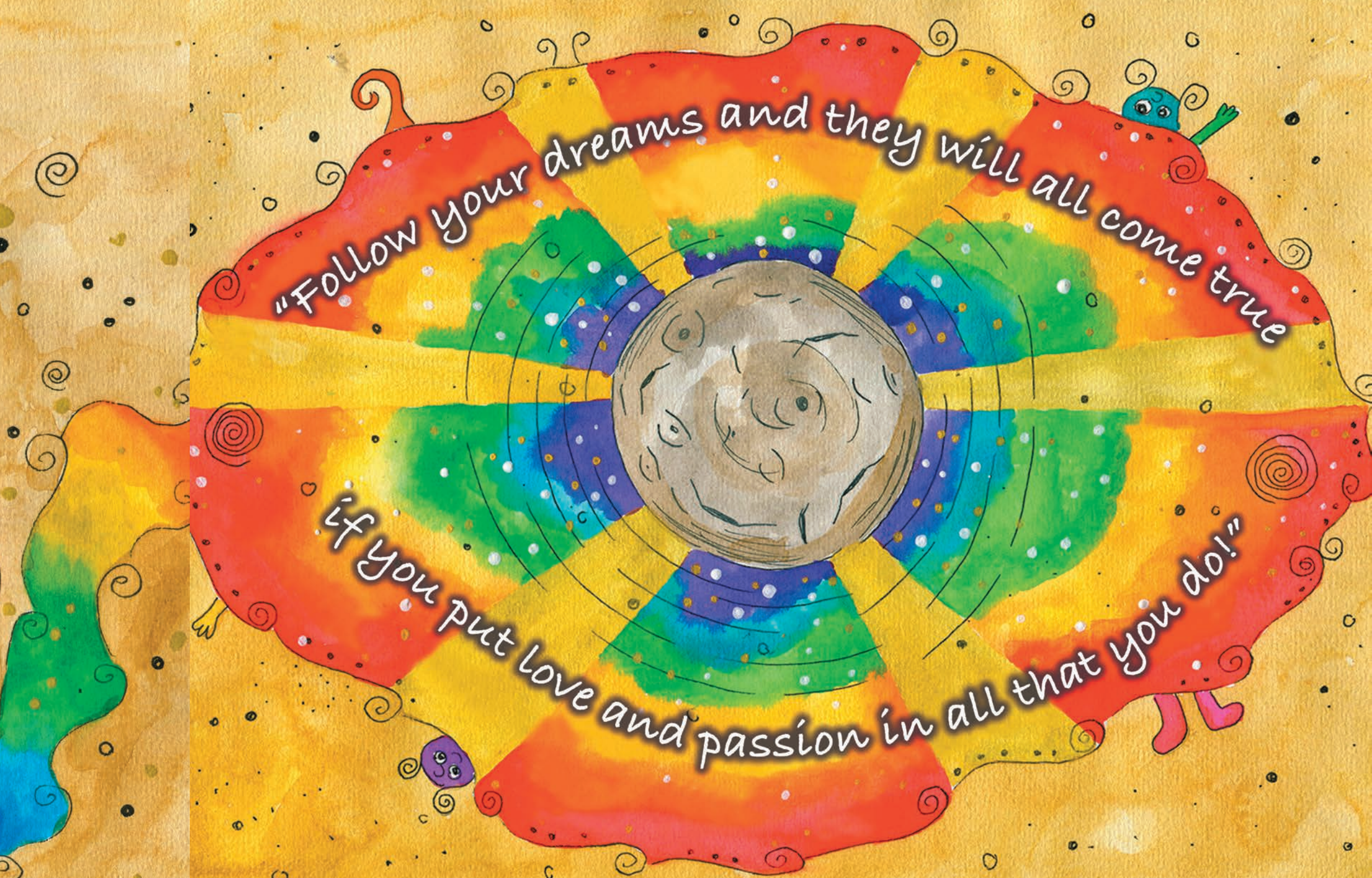
She reached in her pocket and pulled out a rock,
the one the creatures gave her. She was in shock!

When she got out of bed
there was a song in her head.



"Follow your dreams and they will all come true

if you put love and passion in all that you do!"





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