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One little girl. One big dream.
Can Celestina overcome peer pressure and bullying to accomplish her astral ambition?

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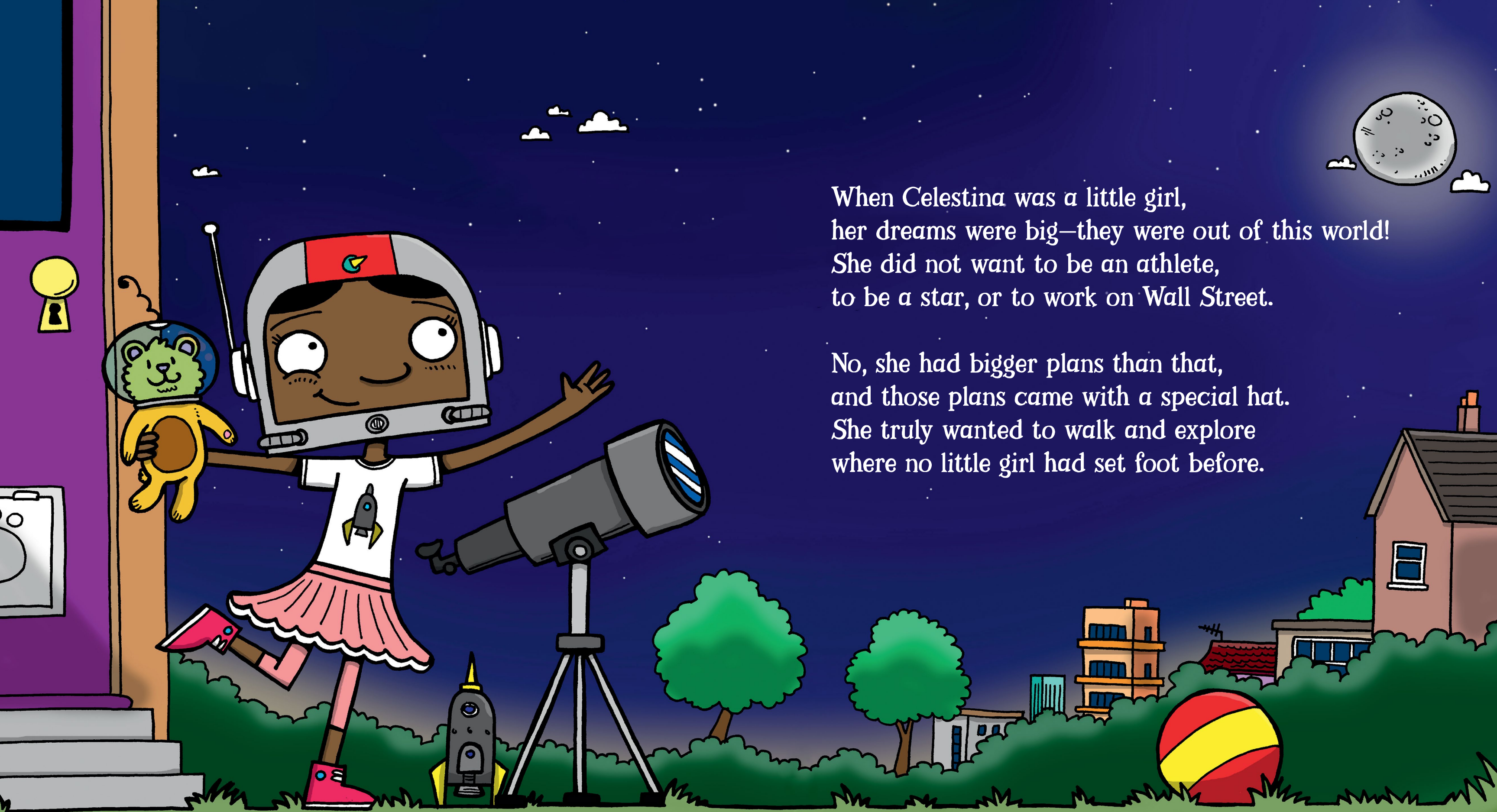
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Join Celestina in a fun, heart-warming, and inspiring story about overcoming adversity and following your dreams!

Celestina is a bold and brilliant little girl who wants to shoot for the moon! But she's bullied by kids and adults for her daring dream. An unfamiliar yet friendly face shows up with an inspiring idea. Will Celestina abandon her astral ambition, or will she become the next rising star?

"Well," said Miss Stella, "it's time that you soar. Trade in your ballet shoes for the great rocket's roar. Dream your big dreams and never give in. It is never too late for you to begin."

Grab this book today and empower your kids to pursue their dreams!

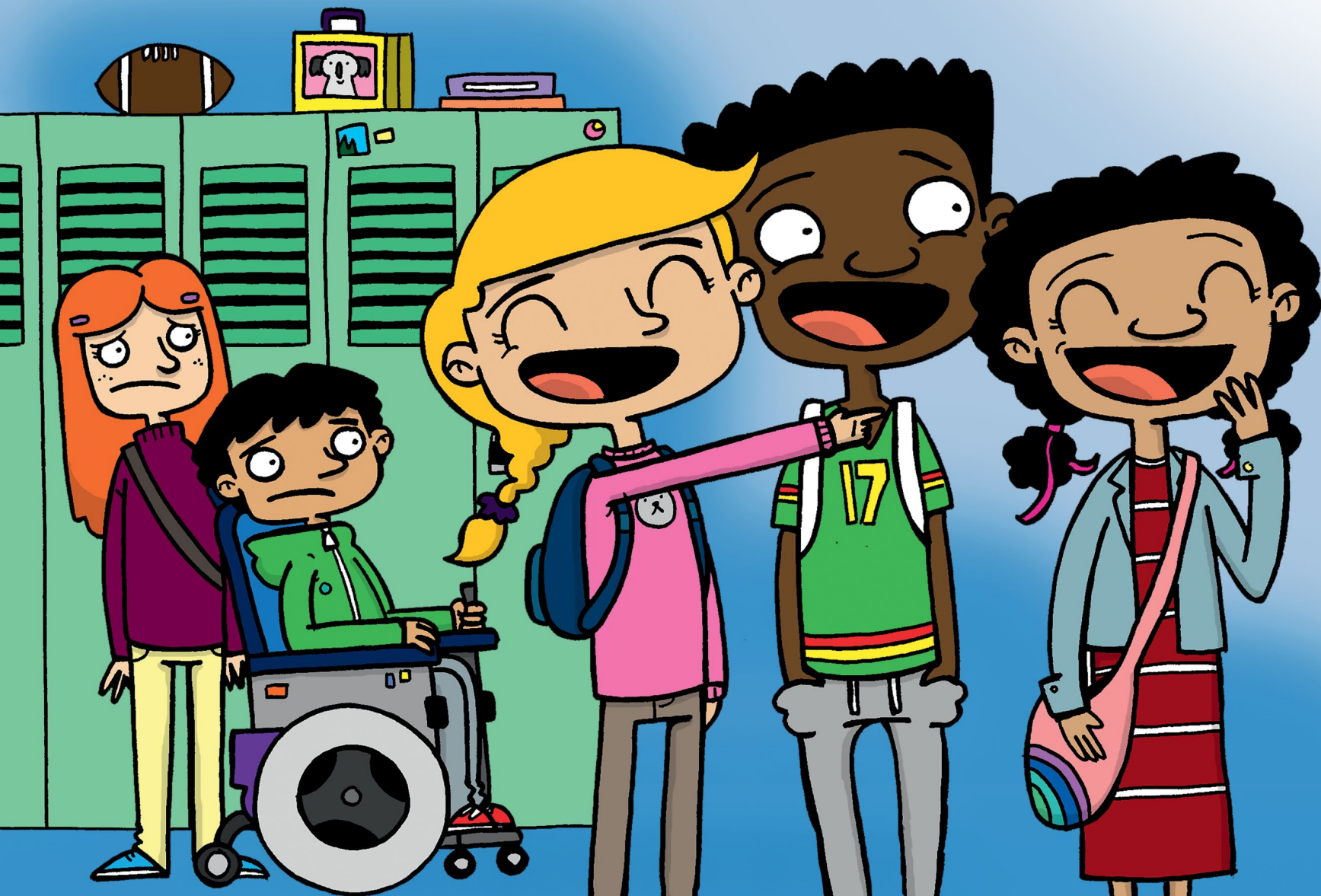


When Celestina was a little girl, her dreams were big—they were out of this world! She did not want to be an athlete, to be a star, or to work on Wall Street.

No, she had bigger plans than that, and those plans came with a special hat. She truly wanted to walk and explore where no little girl had set foot before.

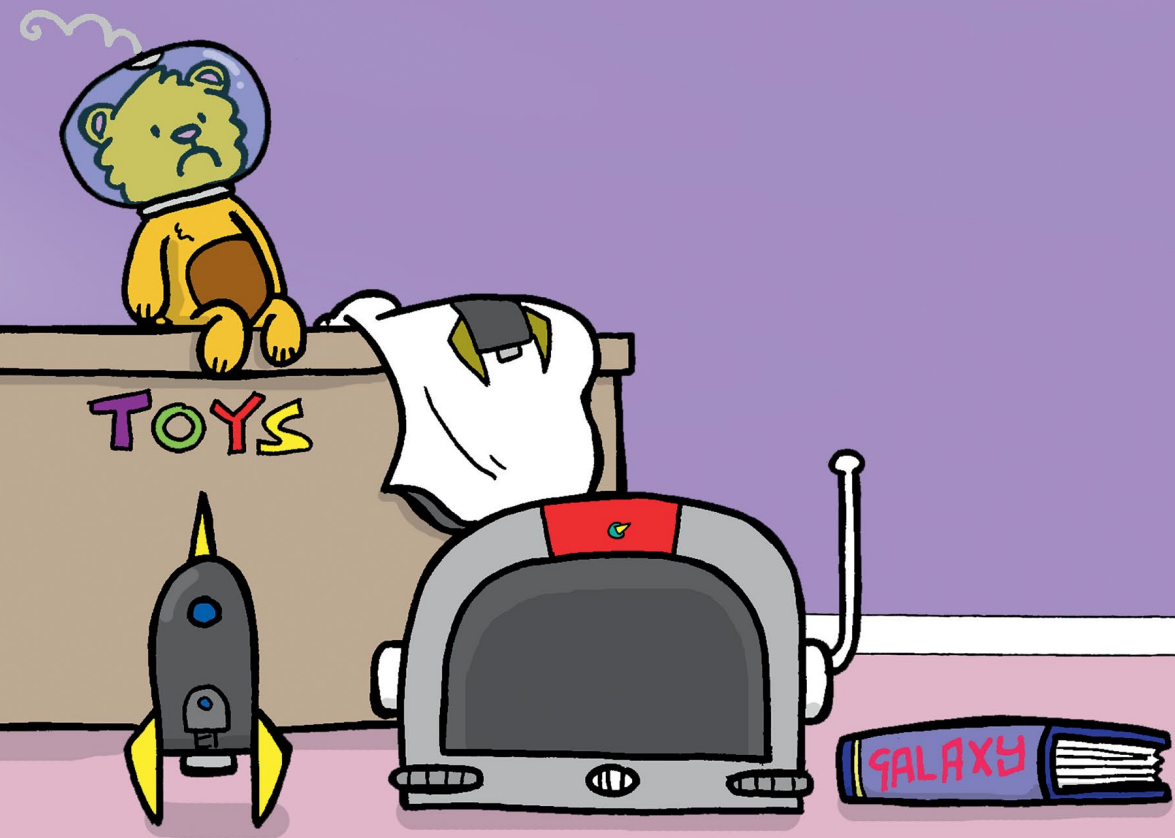
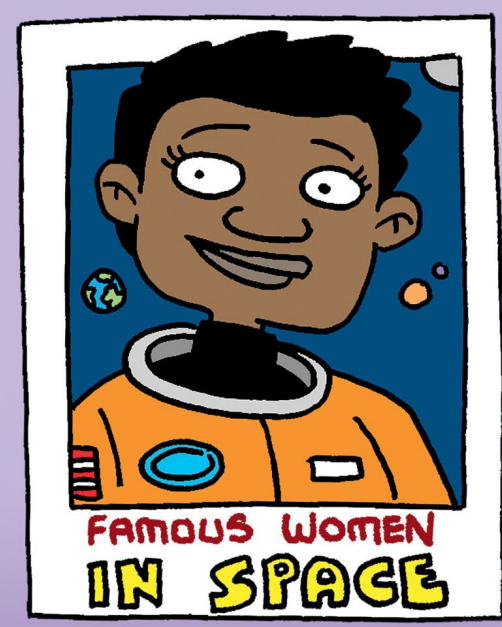
And Celestina surely tried her best to fulfill her mission and finish her quest. But every time this young dreamer spoke, the other kids laughed and made her feel like a joke.

All through school, before, even after, the kids would jeer and burst out in laughter. They mocked Celestina for the dream that she had, and all of their teasing made her feel really sad.



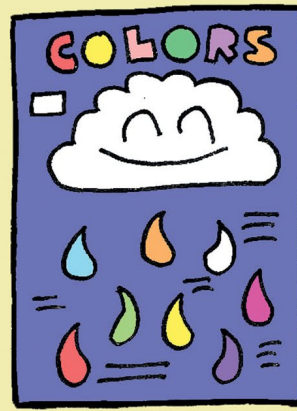
So she traded away the stars at night
for pointed slippers and a pair of pink tights.
She left behind her cool rocket jet
and learned to do a smooth pirouette.

She placed her feet in first position,
and forgot about her heartfelt mission.
Her dream to travel and fly through space
disappeared without a single trace.



“To be a ballerina is a great ambition, but, Miss Stella, I do not think that’s my mission. For years, I’ve been thinking a much bigger thought: That I really should be an astronaut.”

“Well,” said Miss Stella, “it’s time that you soar. Trade in your ballet shoes for the great rocket’s roar. Dream your big dreams and never give in. It is never too late for you to begin.”



For 200 days in a rocket, she flew.
She followed her dreams and led her new crew.
She waved to the moon as they zoomed on by.
The best way to travel was surely to fly.

And 200 days after leaving the Earth,
she finally knew how much she was worth.
A spark from Miss Stella had grown and grown.
Celestina had made her dreams her own.

