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To Nan, love always

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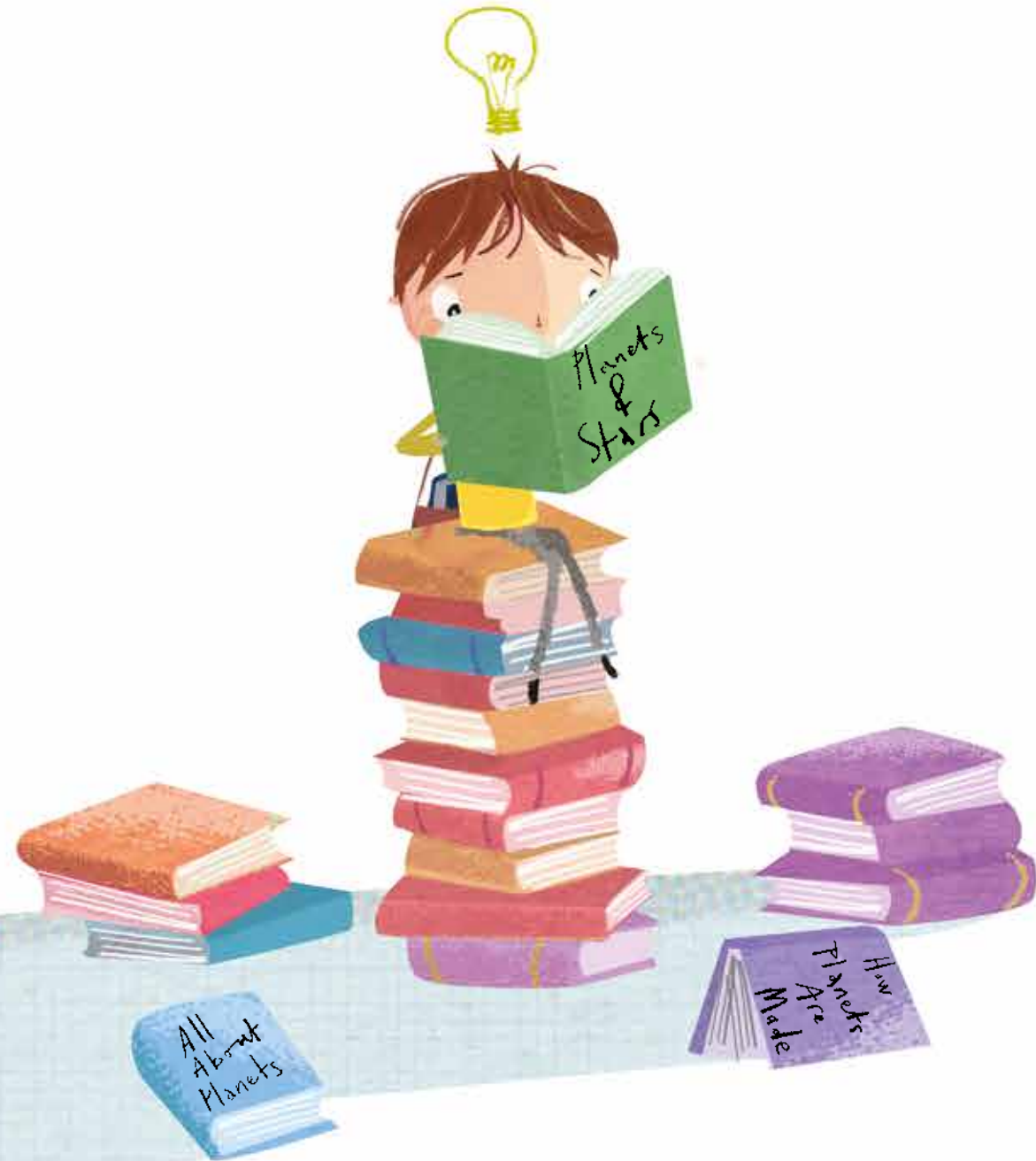


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Orson was the kind of boy
who loved to make things.

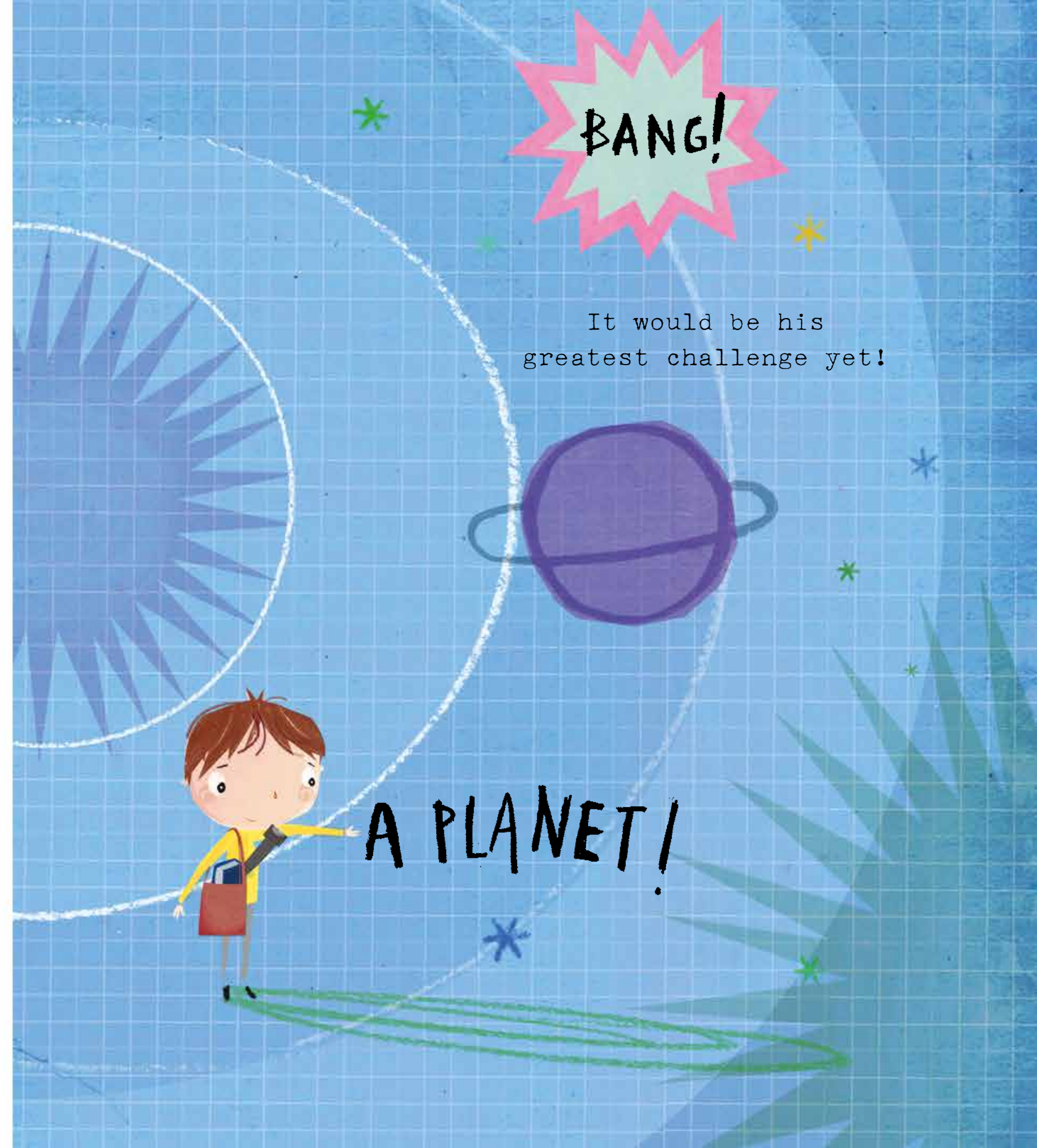


And today he was going to make something extraordinary.



BANG!

It would be his greatest challenge yet!



A PLANET!

Orson, being an organised fellow,
first gathered together everything
he was going to need:



- a cup full of rocks

- a splash of water



- a few chunks of metal . . .

and, since everyone knows that you need
lots of empty space for a planet,



he gathered as much
nothingness as he could.