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Chapter One

One Summer day a chicken called Oti jumped out of bed. "I fancy a cheese sandwich!" she clucked. She quickly flapped to the bathroom to brush her shiny beak and to comb her golden and emerald striped feathers.



Oti's tummy rumbled, she was so hungry! She ran downstairs and looked into her fridge for some cheese and bread but she had run out of cheese! Oh no! What a disaster!

She picked up her shopping basket and dashed to the grocery shop on the high street but they too had run out of cheese! What was she going to do? How would she get her cheese?

She sprinted back to her little red house and sat down at her teeny weeny orange kitchen table to think... Then she had an idea. She would borrow a rocket from her neighbour, Professor Chicken Bicken. He was a rocket scientist and had loads of rockets in his big blue garage.

She went to knock on his door to ask for a rocket.

Professor Chicken Bicken was very happy because he had never lent a rocket to somebody before. He decided to lend her his little grass green rocket. It was his second smallest rocket and it was perfect for Oti. Oti packed her beak brush, her comb, her sunglasses, her fluffy pink slippers and a big jar connected to an oxygen pack to wear on the Moon. She also took a big tin, a knife, a pepper mill full of black pepper and some crackers for the cheese.



She set off on her big adventure.

Her journey up to space was very fast, a bit scary and amazingly exciting!

When she got up to space she put on her sunglasses straight away because the big, fiery sun was very dazzling!

Oti was delighted to be able to fly and she floated around the little green rocket looking out of the windows. She did bash her head a few times, it was tricky floating in the air, but it was so much fun!

Oti's enjoyment was interrupted by a loud groan of the engine. "What was that?" she wondered to herself. She grabbed the rocket's periscope and looked out but she couldn't see anything

happening outside so she peered out of the windows.

Until, to her horror she saw dark grey clouds of smoke coming out of the rocket! She flapped. Had there been some kind of an accident? Had she bashed into an asteroid? Oti began to run around the rocket flapping her wings in a panic.

Suddenly an alarm sounded. The rocket started to fall. An amber light flashed up on the fuel screen! Oti gasped. She rushed to the controls. The red fuel arrow started to fall quickly towards zero. She screamed. What should she do? She had almost run out of fuel and she was going the wrong way! She had got too distracted and had missed the Moon and got to Mars by mistake! Oh no!

She decided to Google what Mars was made of on her rocket computer. She found out that Mars was actually a big, red, juicy

tomato and so she decided to do an emergency landing on Mars. She would collect some tomato slices to have with her cheese and she would also try to find help. Perhaps she would even meet some new Martian friends! She was getting awfully hungry!

Oti had soon landed the rocket safely on Mars and popped her jar on her head, her oxygen tank on her back and got out of the rocket. She took her knife out and cut slices out of Mars and put them in her tin.

While she was collecting her tomato slices, she heard someone crying. "Where is that crying coming from?" she thought, "Perhaps I should go and see if I can help."

The crying was coming from an enormous cave in the ground. Oti grabbed her rope and climbed down into the cold, dark, gloomy cave. The crying was getting louder. She got to the bottom and

struck a match and lit the candle she had brought down with her. She set off into the cave with a trot. She soon saw a little figure sitting in a corner on a rock crying. The little person had one large eye on top of its head, had purple skin and had three noses on its face. It looked very sad. It looked up at Oti with tears trickling down its face.

"What's the matter?" asked Oti.

"My mum and dad went on holiday to the Moon and forgot to take me along!" said the alien sadly.

"I'm on my way to the Moon to get cheese but I've run out of fuel for my rocket," said Oti, " If I could find some fuel, I could take you with me."

"Do YOU have any fuel?" Oti asked.

"My tears are made out of fuel! Do you have a bucket?" the alien exclaimed.

"YES I do! What a good idea!" said Oti excitedly, "Let's go and find some Moon cheese AND your mum and dad!"

Oti told the alien her name and the alien told her that his name was *XE40*. Oti really liked that name and she thought the little alien was lovely. Perhaps she had found a new friend after all.

XE40 showed Oti a hidden staircase that took them up out of the enormous rocky underground cave. Then Oti collected XE40's tears in a big bucket and poured it all into the rocket's fuel tank and off they blasted. KABOOM! They both had a lot of fun on the flight taking turns to wear the sunglasses and bouncing around the rocket.

When they got to the Moon, they found *XE40*'s mum and dad and they all collected slices of cheese together for Oti to take back home. Oti left them some slices of tomatoes to remind them all of Mars and she set off for Earth.

Chapter Three



Oti's journey home was very quick and smooth. She landed the rocket in the same place she had lifted off from - in Professor

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Chicken Bicken's back yard. She unpacked all her things and put her sunglasses on because it was a very sunny day.

Oti already missed *XE40* a lot. They had become best friends on their big adventure together. Oti worried that she wouldn't see him again. She went inside and sat down at her teeny weeny orange kitchen table to think... Then she had an idea! She went to ask Professor Chicken Bicken if she could keep the little green rocket and in return she promised she would bring him back a big slice of cheese every time she visited the Moon.

Oti visited the Moon every 3 months and every time she went she made sure she missed the Moon and landed on Mars first to pick up her lovely friend *XE40*!

They would visit the Moon together and collect cheese. What an adventure! They were friends for their whole lives and they lived

happily ever after! Now, if you look at the Moon you might see Oti



and *XE40* cutting slices out of it. You might even see the craters they have left behind!

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Oti the chicken loves cheese. She loves cheese so much that she is prepared to blast off into space to find some. This book tells the exciting story of Oti's extraterrestrial quest for cheese and of her discovery that friends can be made on different planets.