

HERE WE

ARE

NOTES FOR LIVING  
ON PLANET EARTH

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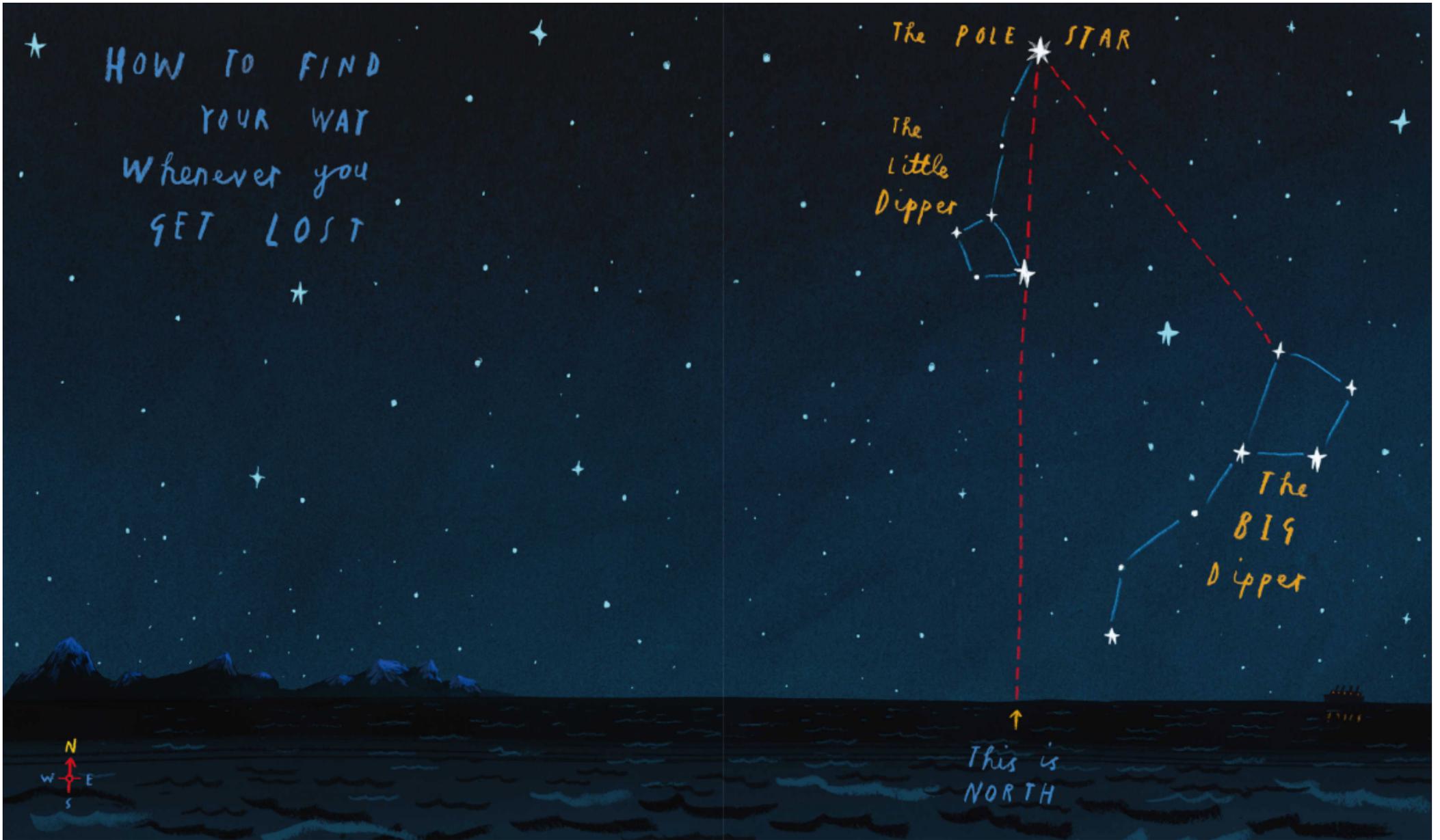
★ HOW TO FIND  
YOUR WAY  
Whenever you  
GET LOST

The POLE STAR

The  
Little  
Dipper

The  
BIG  
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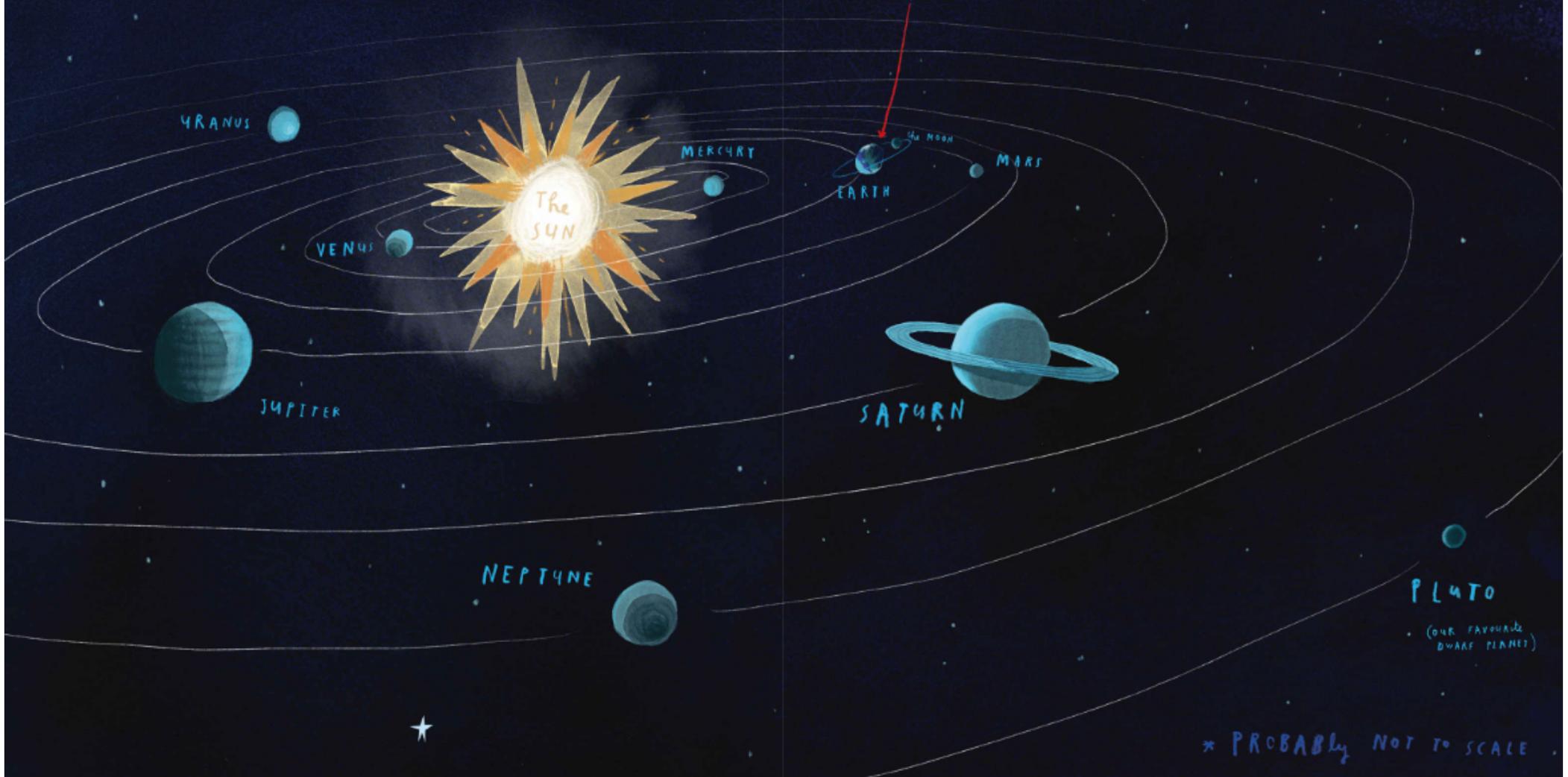
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This is  
NORTH



# OUR SOLAR SYSTEM\*

(ONE of millions BILLIONS TRILLIONS)

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\* PROBABLY NOT TO SCALE

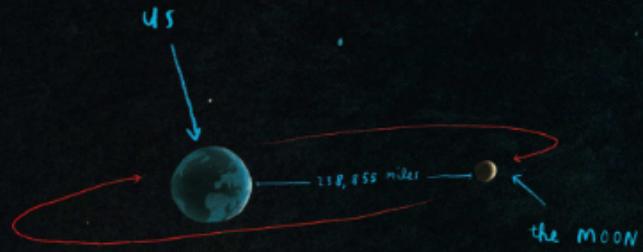
Well, hello.

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.



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MARS  
(the next planet)  
is another 140 million  
miles that way →

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

Then, there is the sea,  
which is full of wonderful things.

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

ICEBERG  
(frozen water)

goes nearly  
SEVEN MILES  
DEEP (in skin)

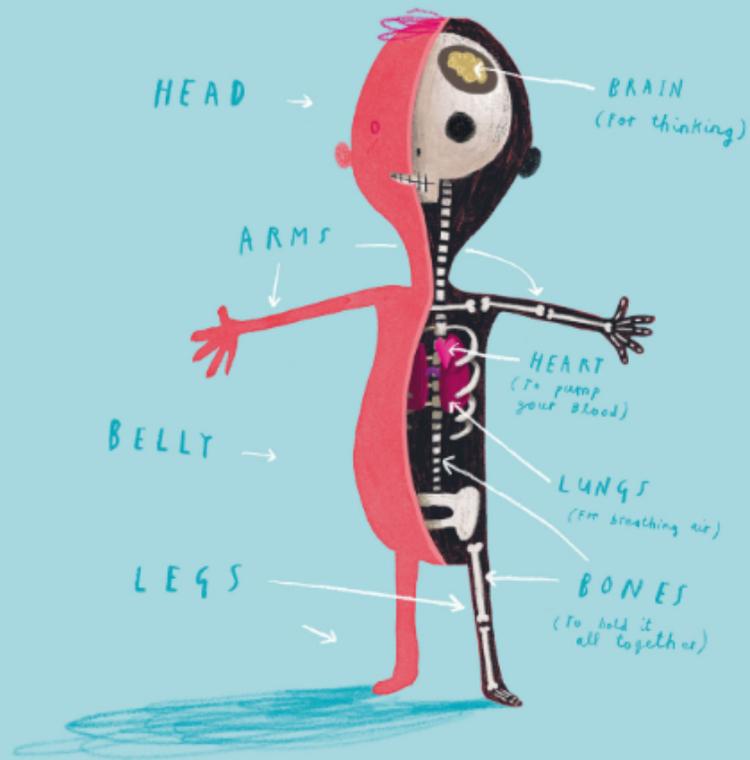


There is also the sky.  
Though that can get pretty complicated...



OK, moving on.

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



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

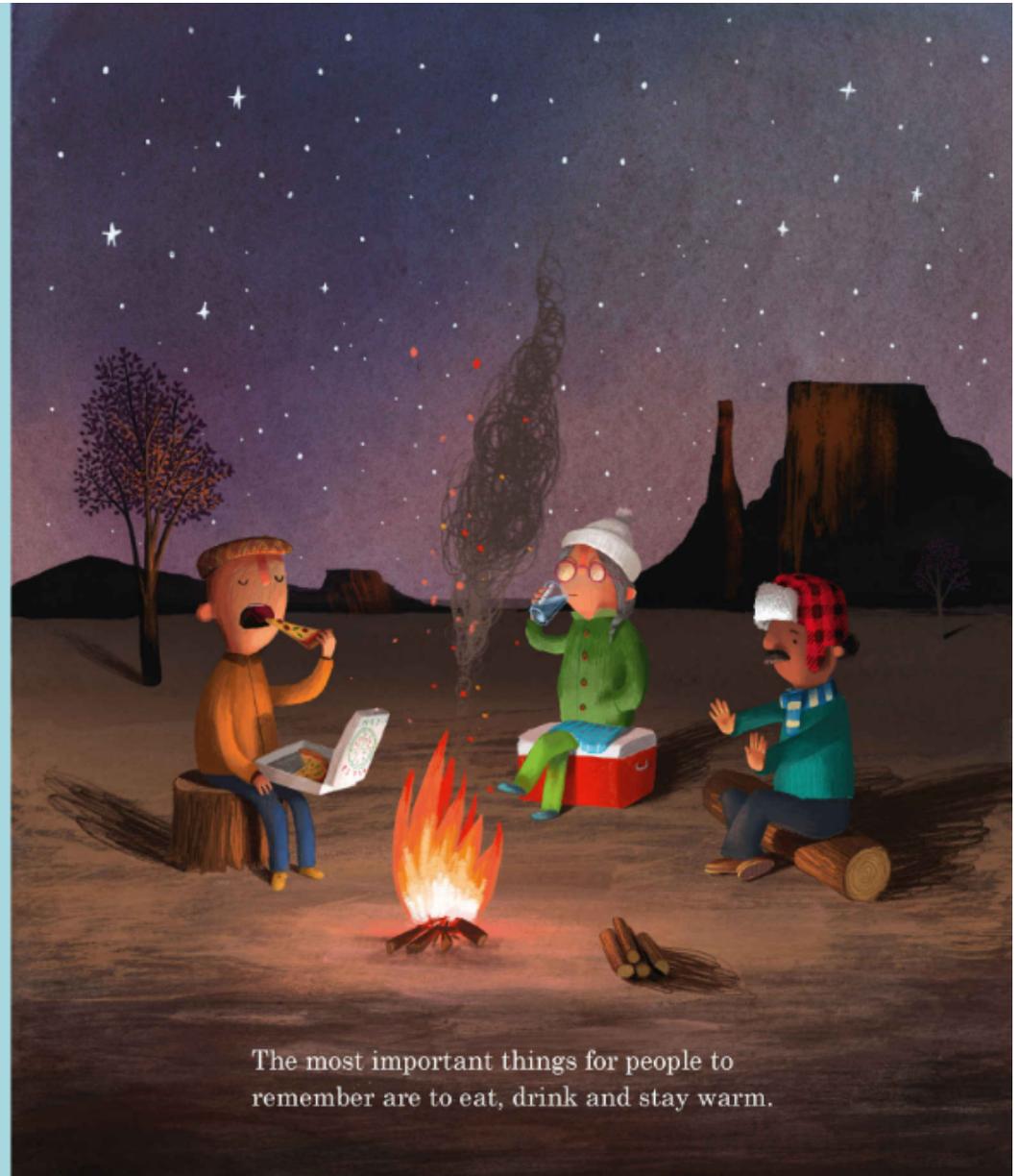
bits that grow back



Nails



Hair



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





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

They can't speak, though that's no reason not to be nice to them.

I'm not supposed to be here

I can!





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



The rest of the time is night  
when it is dark, save for the moon,  
and we sleep.

(Please?)



Things can sometimes move slowly here on Earth.

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

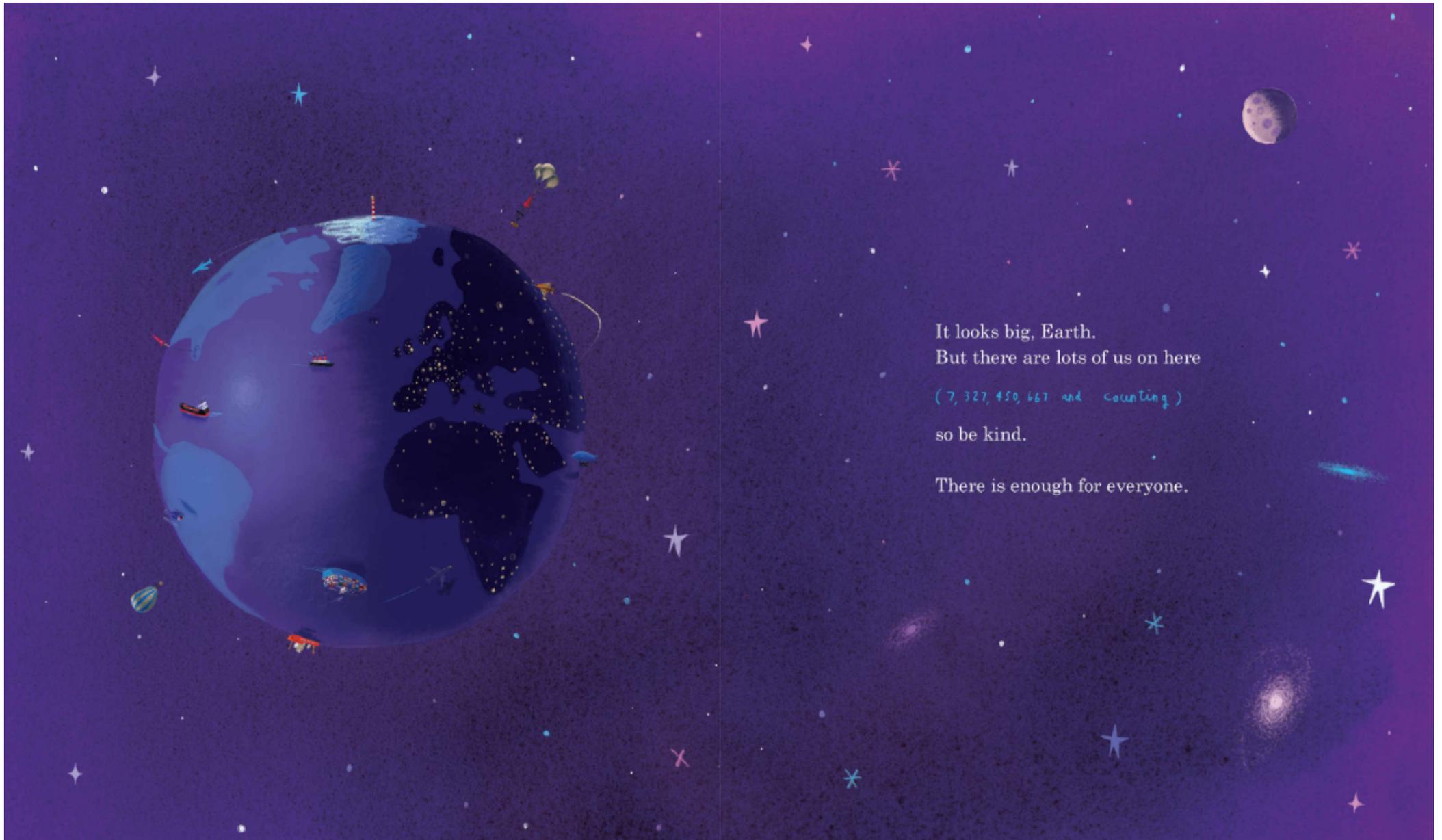
It will be gone  
before you know it.





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

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...

A purple alien with a halo and a blue baby are the central figures. The alien is holding the baby. The background is a dark blue night sky with various celestial bodies hanging from above: a sun with a face, a moon, a planet with rings, and several stars.

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

And when I'm not around...

...you can always  
ask someone else.





You're never alone on Earth.