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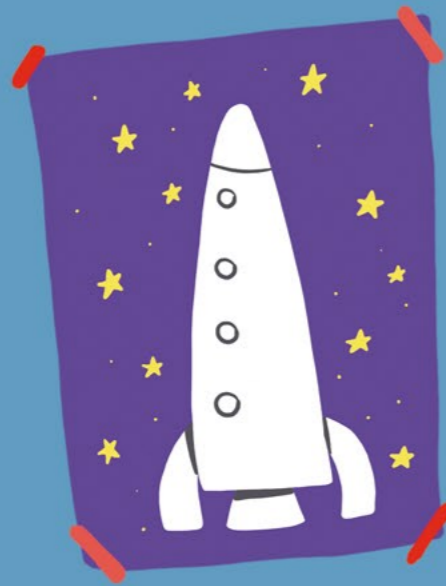


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Vera dreams of joining the Great Space Academy.  
She's determined to become an astronaut!

Even though there aren't many girls there, that doesn't stop her.

With courage and hard work, Vera makes her dream come true.



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*Martina the Soccer Star*





*To all girls, so that nothing and no one can stop them  
from being whatever they want to be.*

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*The world needs your ideas and your talent. Go for it!*

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In a distant jungle stood the Great Space Academy,  
the most famous astronaut school on Earth.

All the boys and girls who wanted to be astronauts  
had to undergo very difficult tests. Only the most  
brilliant of all were admitted to the academy.



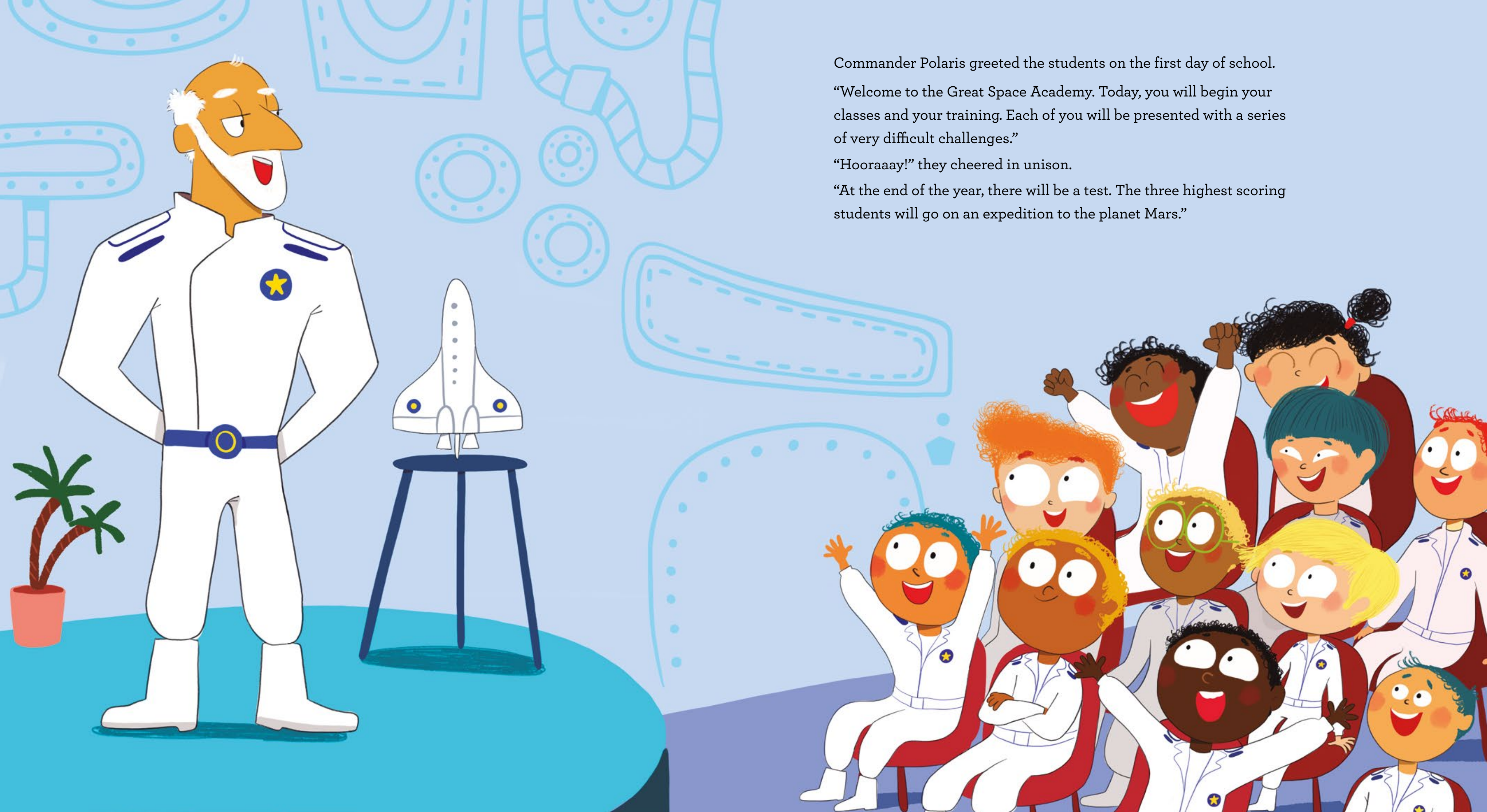
Vera was a brave, clever, and determined girl.

She'd put in a lot of hard work, and she'd managed to fulfill her dream:  
she was going to study at the Great Space Academy.



There, she could become an astronaut. Vera was so eager  
for classes to begin.





Commander Polaris greeted the students on the first day of school.

“Welcome to the Great Space Academy. Today, you will begin your classes and your training. Each of you will be presented with a series of very difficult challenges.”

“Hooraaaay!” they cheered in unison.

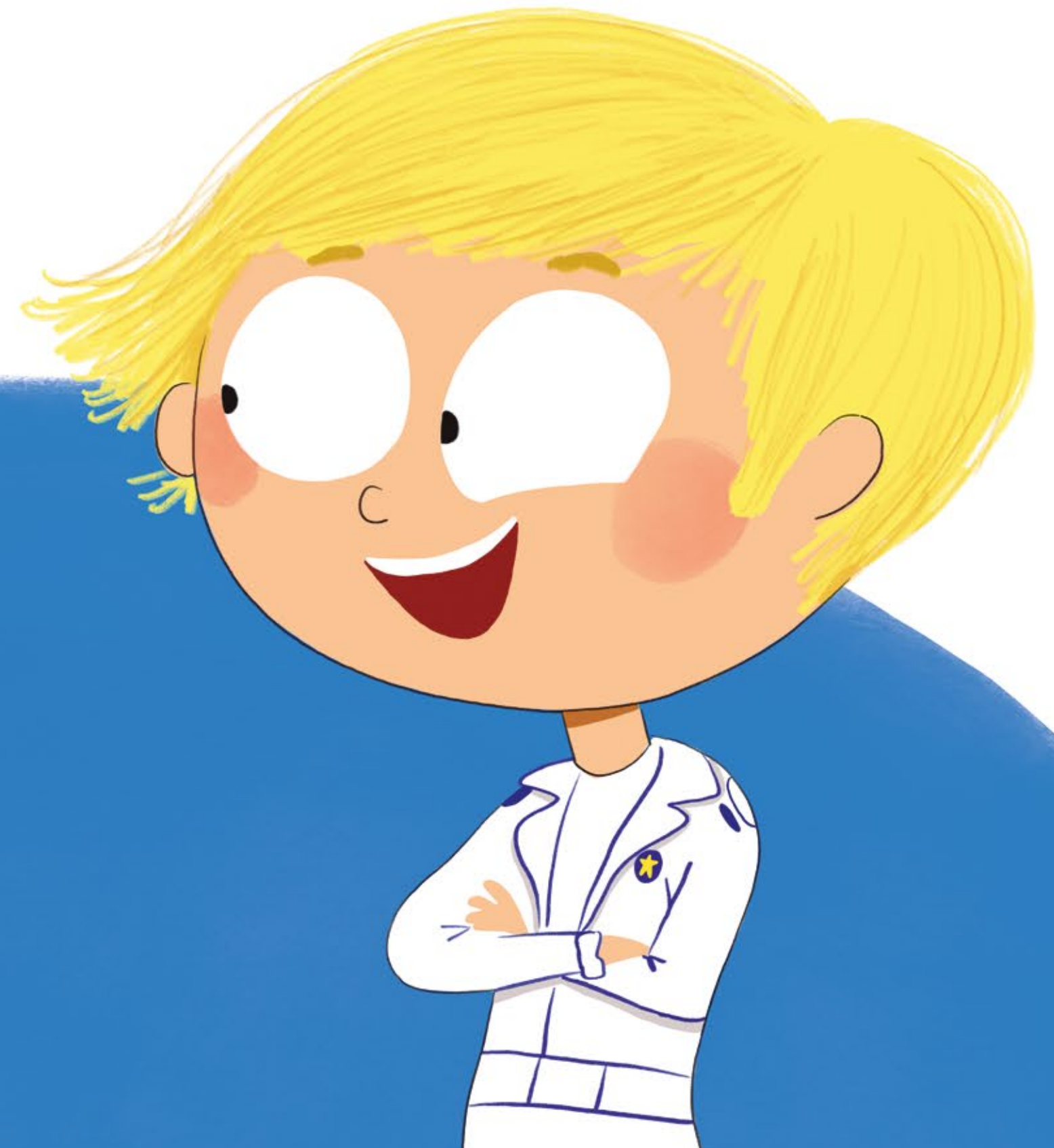
“At the end of the year, there will be a test. The three highest scoring students will go on an expedition to the planet Mars.”

A big round of applause burst through the room. Vera looked around.  
She was surprised to see only one other girl there.

“Hi, I’m Vera.”

“My name’s Ana. There sure aren’t many of us girls!”

“Well, that’s all right. I’m sure more will join the school eventually.”

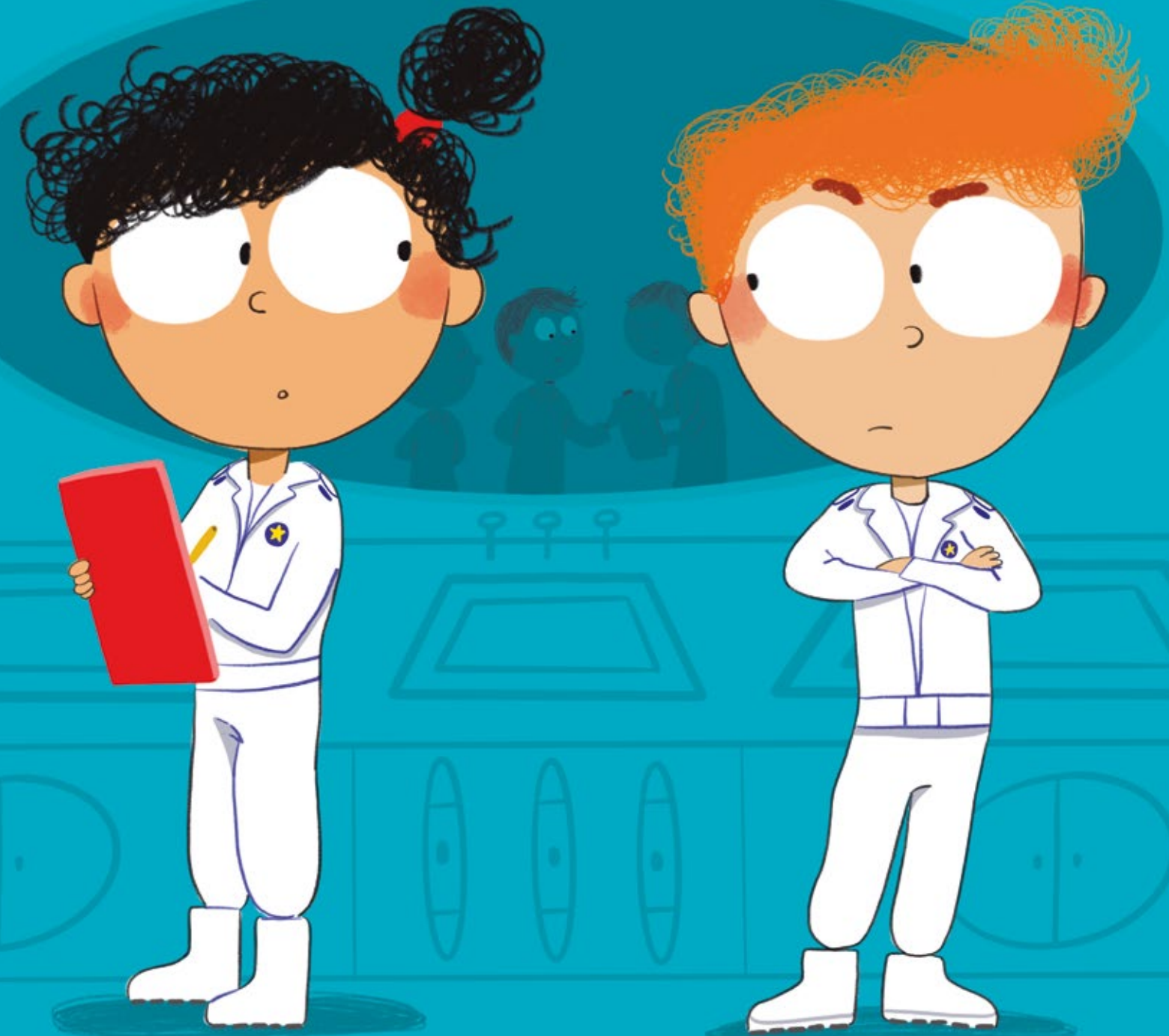


Throughout the year, Vera, Ana, and the rest of the aspiring astronauts underwent rigorous training.

They studied astronomy, they did physical fitness exercises, and they learned to pilot spaceships.



Vera worked very hard and was one of the best in her group. However, there was a boy named Leo who kept scowling at her. Vera couldn't understand why.



One day, Commander Polaris made the big announcement they'd all been waiting for.

"The time for the final tests has come. The three students with the best results will win a spot on the expedition to Mars."

A shiver ran through Vera. She wished with all her might to be one of those selected. But what were Leo and his friends whispering about?

