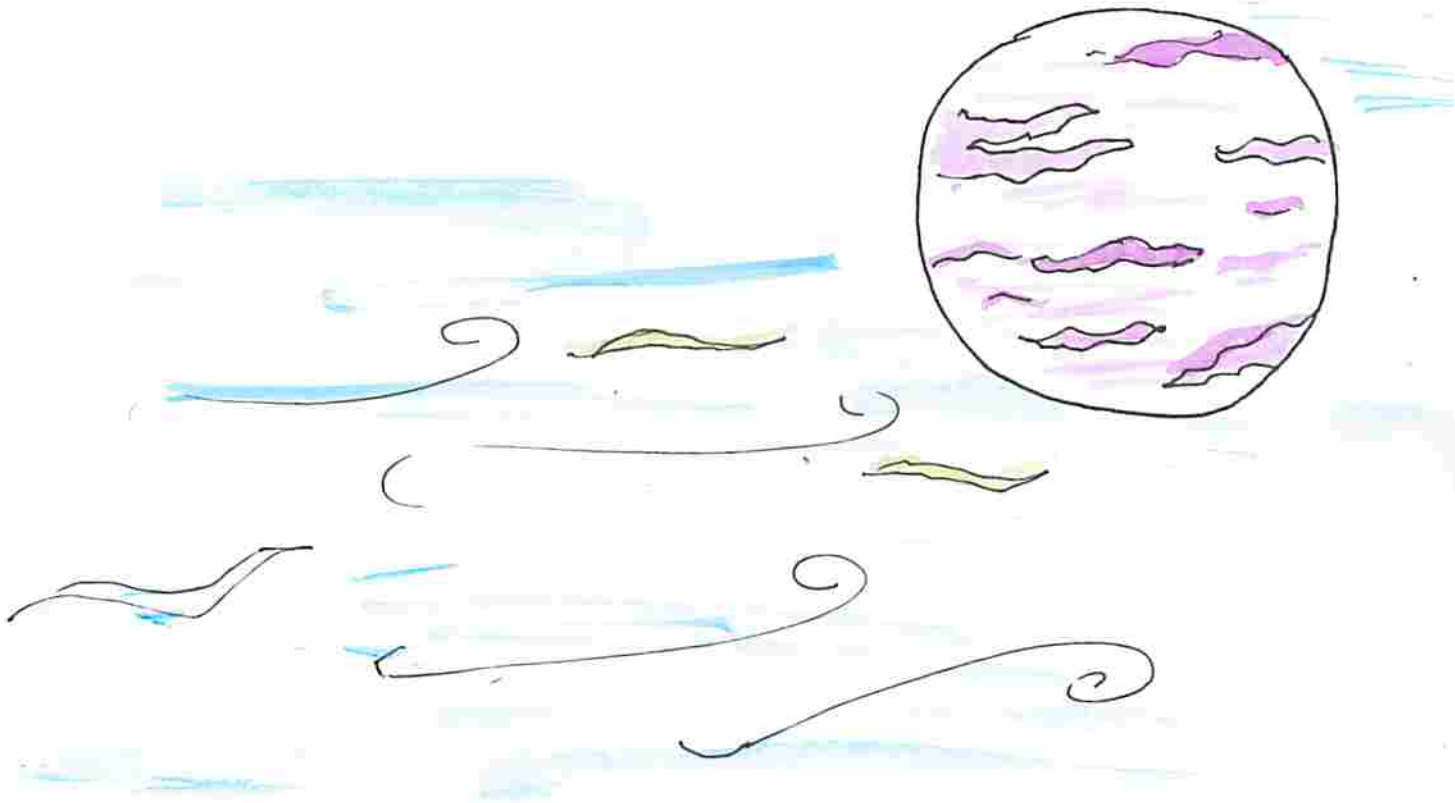


Nubba and the Moving Ice Sculptures

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Once upon a time in a galaxy far far away, lived a small alien named Nubba. Nubba lived on a small planet called Pippi, located on a far corner at the end of the Milky Way. Nubba really liked it there. He enjoyed the misty weather and the snowstorms that showered down on his house every day. He enjoyed school and liked learning all about the great pippin creatures that lived on the planet, the frosted lakes and even the occasional person that would be spotted flying across space. ✨



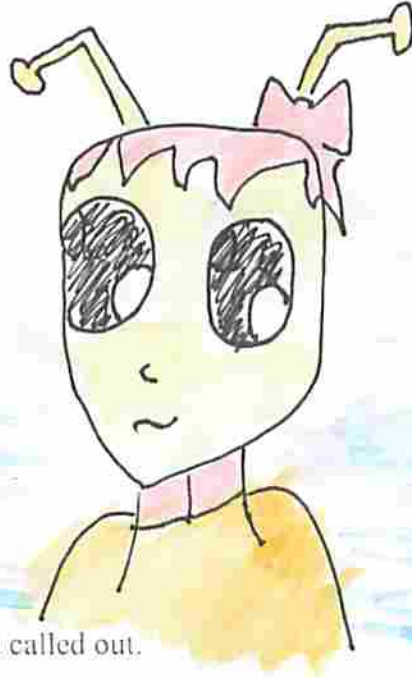
Nubba was a very curious alien and he always wandered into very prohibited areas of the planet in search of adventure! His favorite place was an area called "The Edge". This

was because it was located right near the edge of the planet. This was a very restricted part of Pippi because there was a lot of construction going on down there and one could easily fall off the planet!

One day Nubba woke up bright and early in the morning and like any other Pippin brushed his teeth and got ready for school. This was a very special day because it was the first day of winter, the most important day of the year. This was the time of year when the snow was the crispest and when all the new ice sculptures would begin to emerge from the ground. Nubba was really excited; he quickly swallowed his breakfast and hopped on the pipibus to go to school. "PiiiiiiiPiiiiiiiiiiiiiii" went the pipibus, flying across the great snowy plains of the planet.



When Nubba got to school, he immediately went looking for his good friend, Dora. Dora was Nubba's best friend and he knew she would be just as excited about the first day of winter as he was. He couldn't wait to see her and tell her about the GIANT, moving ice sculptures he had seen the day before.



"Hi Nubba!" Dora called out.

"Dora! Guess what? You're never gonna guess what I saw yesterday!" Nubba said excitedly.

"What, what did you see?" Dora asked with her eyes wide open.

"Well, remember the giant ice sculptures I told you about. The huge ones growing down over by.... 'The edge'?"

"Yes, I remember..." Dora said.

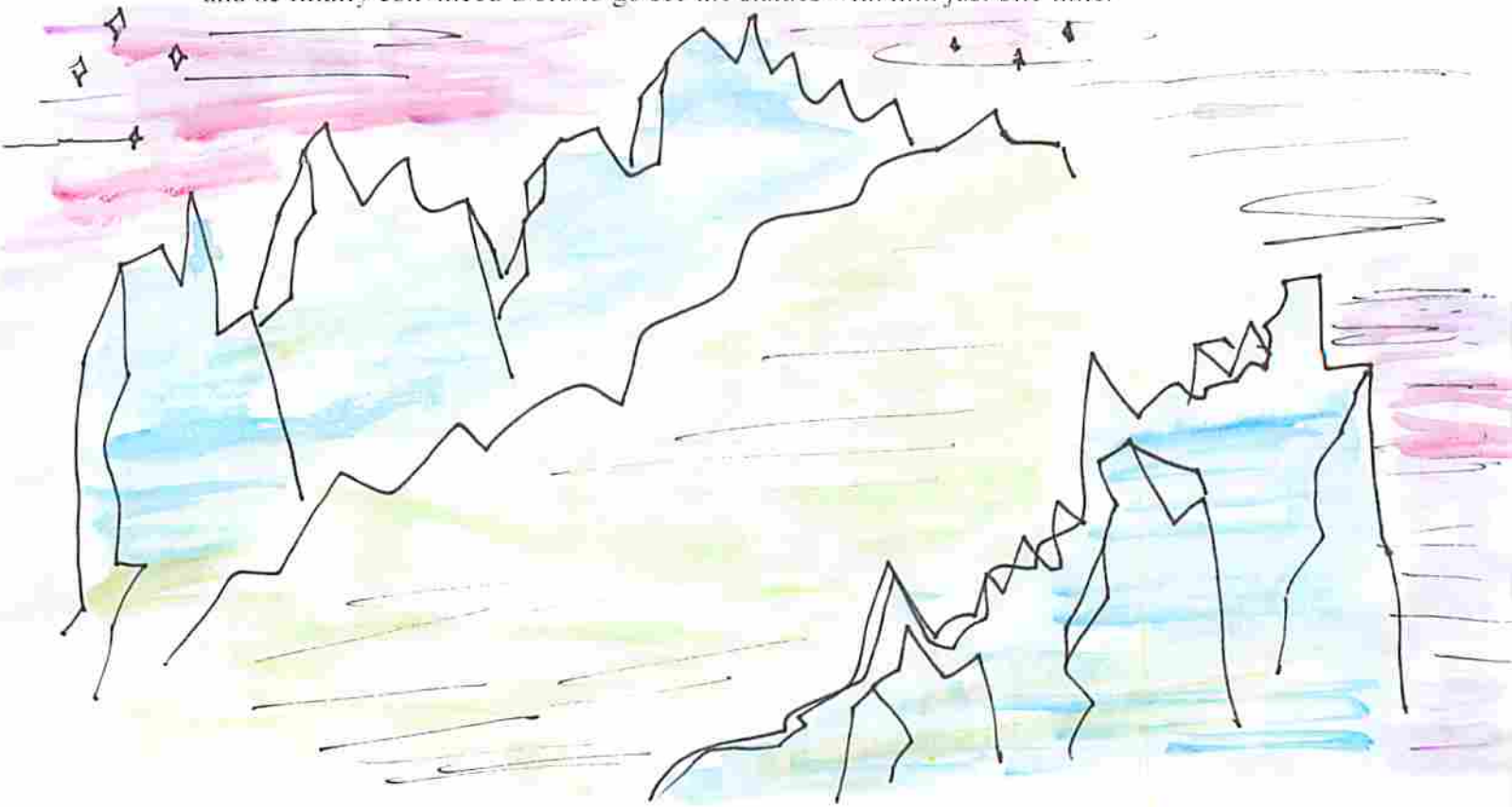
"Well you're never gonna believe what I saw them do!" Nubba replied. "I... saw them move!"



Dora jumped in surprise. "Nubba you know you're not suppose to go down there. It's dangerous! Besides your parents would throw you off the planet if they knew you've been going down there."

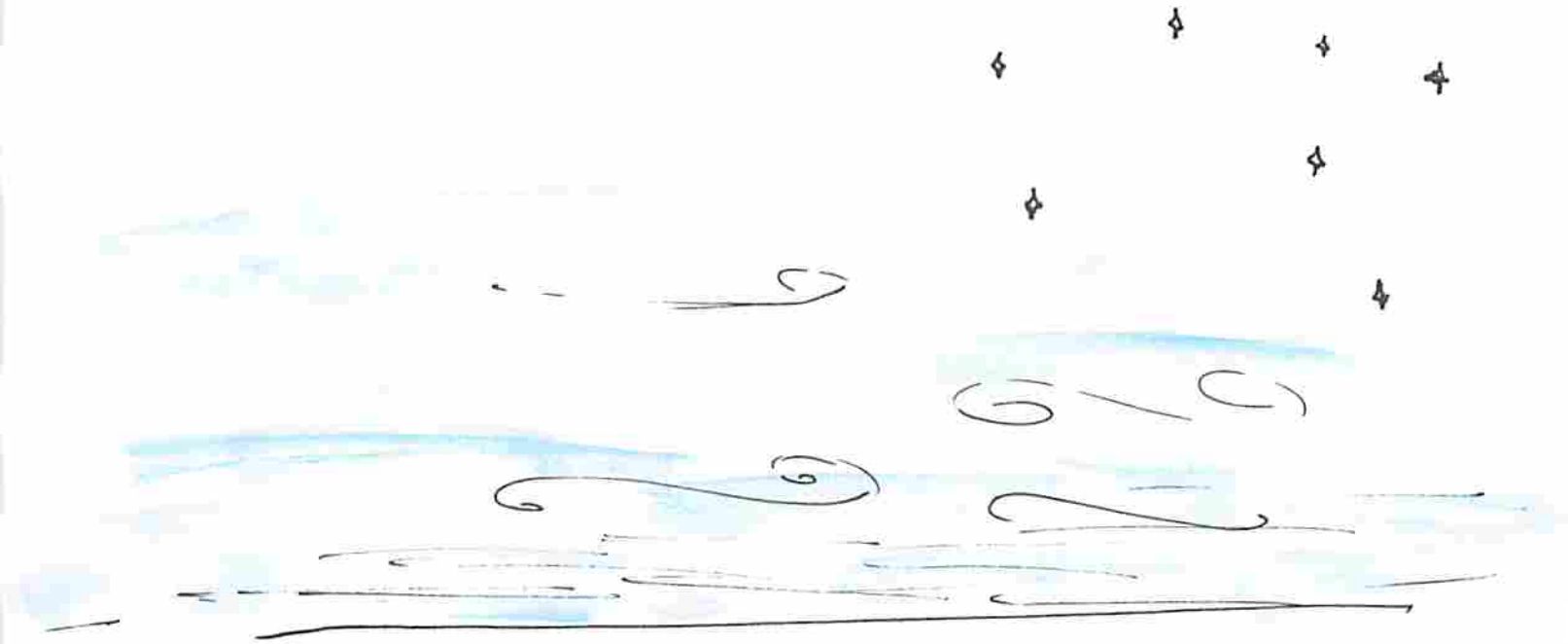
"Yes, I know." Nubba said. "But if you would go see them with me just this once, I'll never go down there again." Nubba promised.

"No way, Nubba! I'm not going down there!" Dora said. But Nubba was very tricky and he finally convinced Dora to go see the statues with him just one time.



After school one day, Nubba and Dora took a different route than the one they usually took everyday. They had told their parents they were going on a field trip and would be back late. Nubba had promised Dora he would get her back on time, and told her she wouldn't even be late for dinner! They took a small short cut down an icy path in order

to get there faster, holding each other's hands along the way so that they wouldn't slip. When Nubba and Dora finally arrived, they were both stunned at what they saw. The GIANT ice sculptures that Nubba had seen the day before were gone!



"They're not here anymore." Nubba said looking around at the empty ground where the statues used to be.

Dora continued walking down the frozen path slowly until she got to the end of the road.

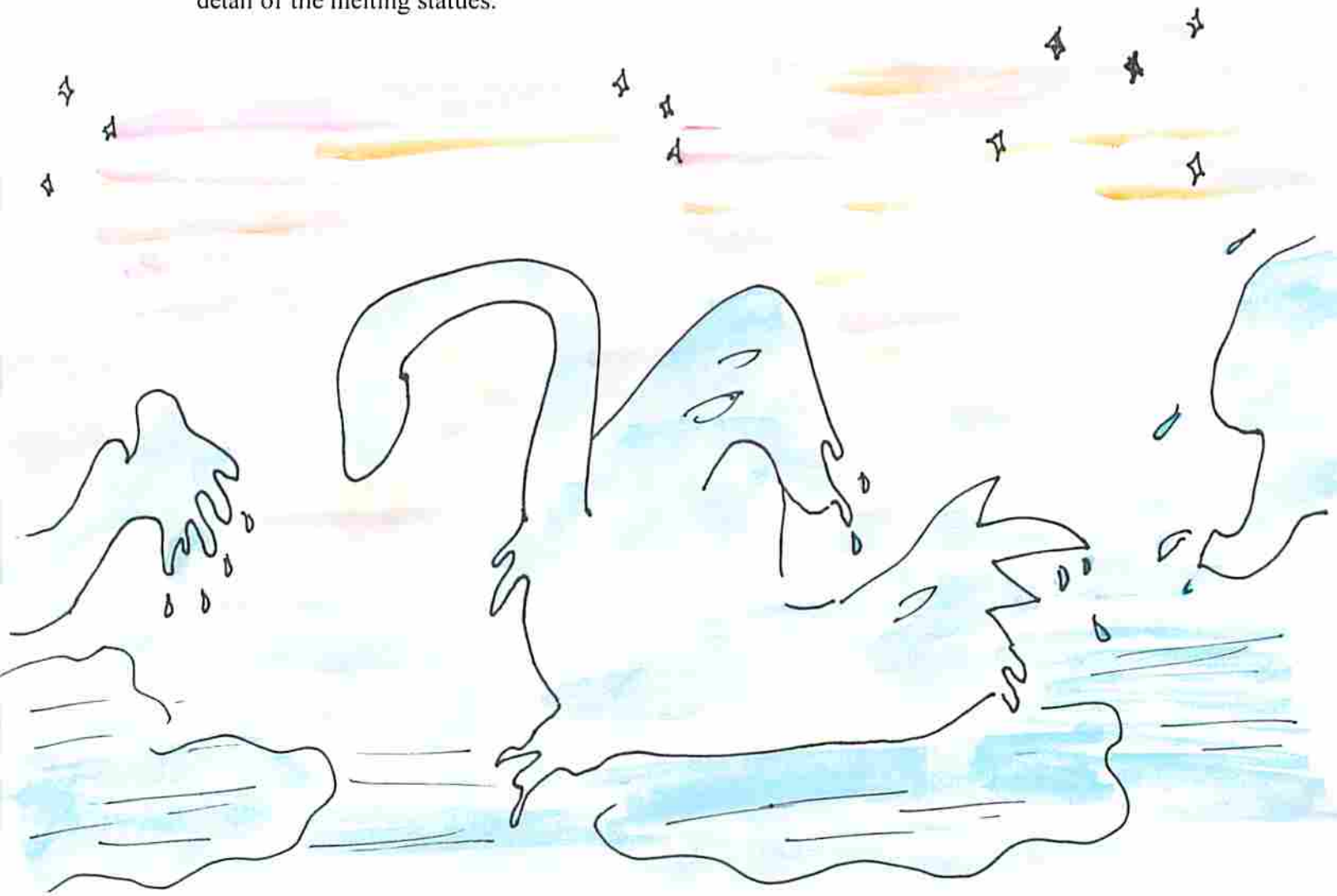
"Nubba, come here!" Dora yelled. Standing in front of them was a HUGE row of moving ice sculptures.

"Look there they are!" Nubba said excitedly. "I told you, they're moving!"

Dora looked at them carefully, but became terrified.

“They’re not moving, Nubba, they’re melting!” Dora said.

Nubba and Dora didn’t know what to do. They quickly grabbed their things, and ran back home. Nubba told his parents everything that had happened and explained to them every detail of the melting statues.



“Nubulus Gregorious!” his parents yelled. “Don’t say such things! Ice sculptures don’t melt. It’s silly to make up those kinds of things!” This went on the whole night, but his parents didn’t believe him.

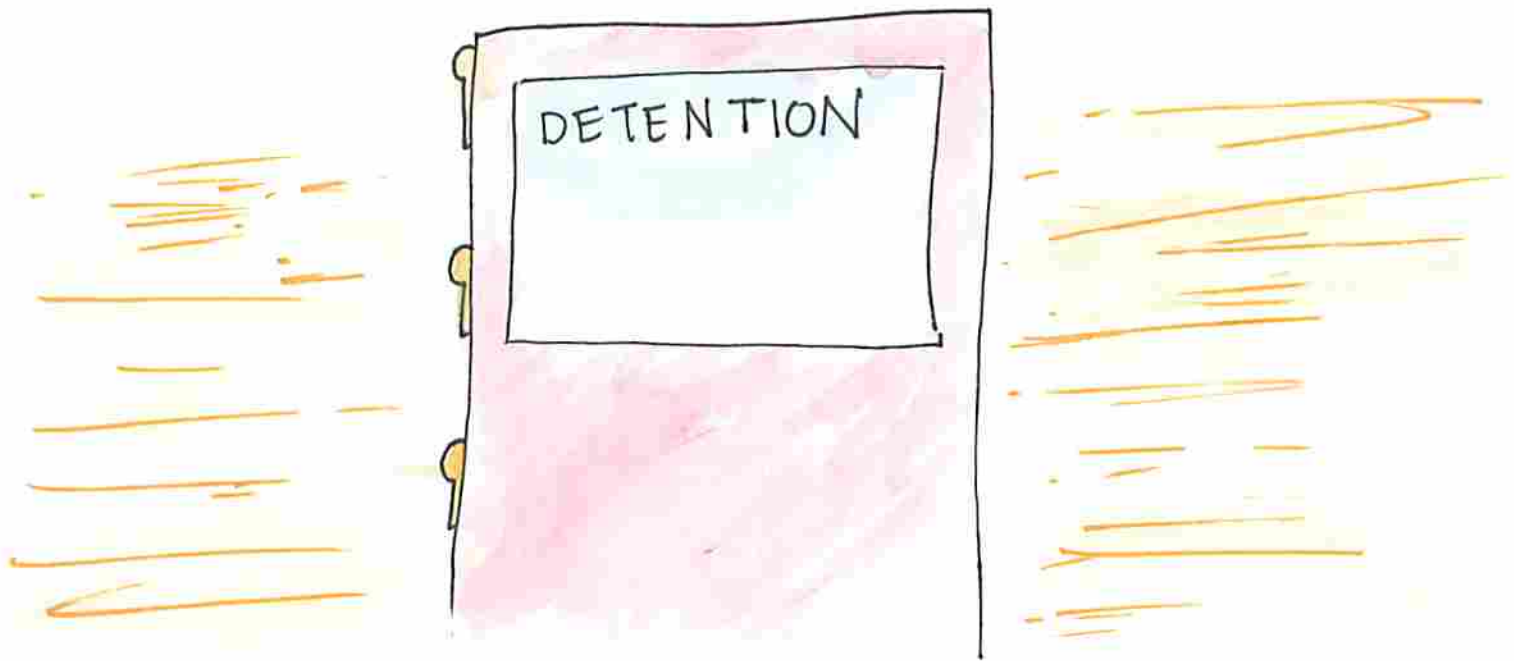
The next day, Dora told Nubba her parents had reacted the same way when she had told them what happened and that she was grounded for making up such things.

Nubba was mad, he decided he would do anything and go any distance until someone believed him.

Nubba told all his friends about the melting statues, but they all laughed at him.

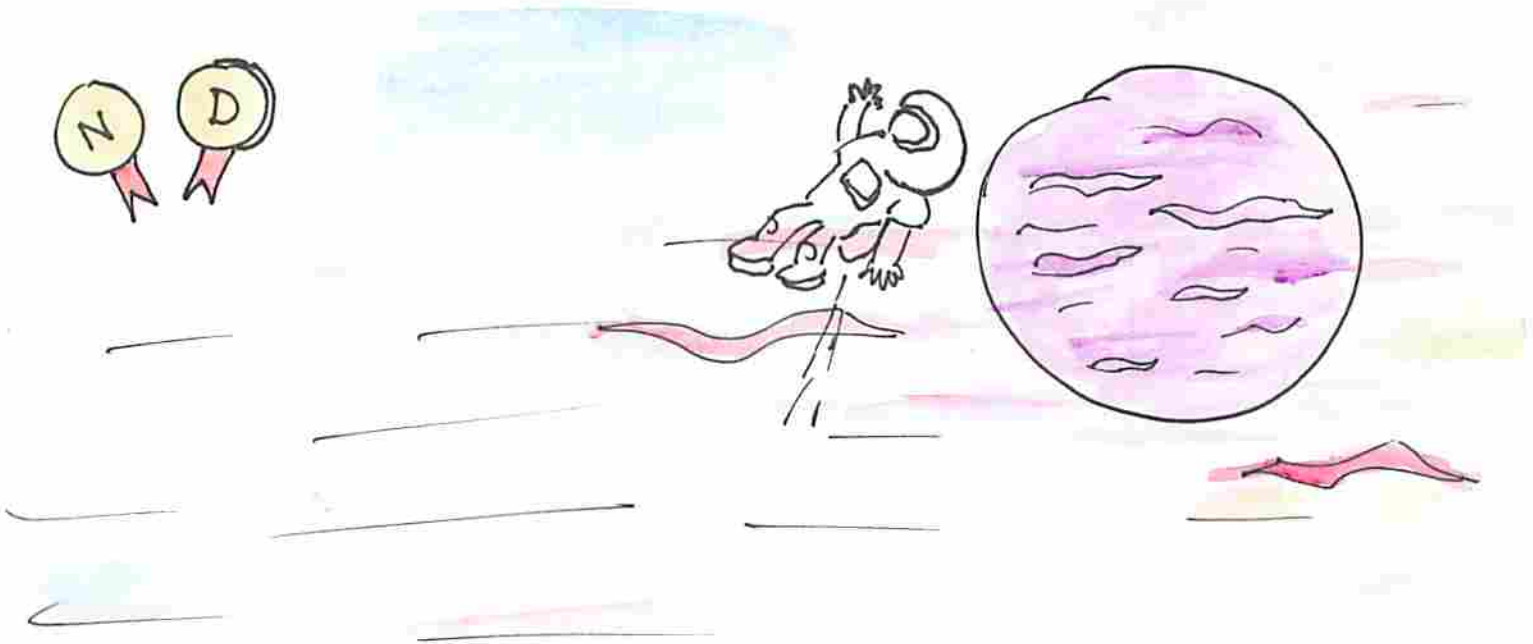
He told his teachers, but they all sent him out of class.

He even talked to the school principal! But he gave Nubba detention.



Finally, after weeks of trying, Nubba decided to call the mayor of Pippi. He talked to the mayor for 3 hours, explaining to him every detail, but the mayor wouldn't believe him. Three weeks later, when Nubba was about to give up, something peculiar happened. Nubba was at Dora's house watching the 'PipthreeNews' when they saw the mayor running down the street in his bathrobe, soaked from head to toe in water.

His house, along with six others had been flooded overnight, due to the ice sculptures. That same day the mayor made an announcement stating that all the ice sculptures surrounding the planet were melting and that all the construction around Pippi had to be stopped. Nubba was awarded a golden medal for his great citizenship, and the school decided to have a parade to celebrate his help to the planet. Nubba was happy, but he said that he wouldn't receive the award unless Dora got one too, and so she did. Nubba and Dora sat on the top of the parade floats in front of their friends and families. They couldn't wait to see what adventures would occur next!



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