

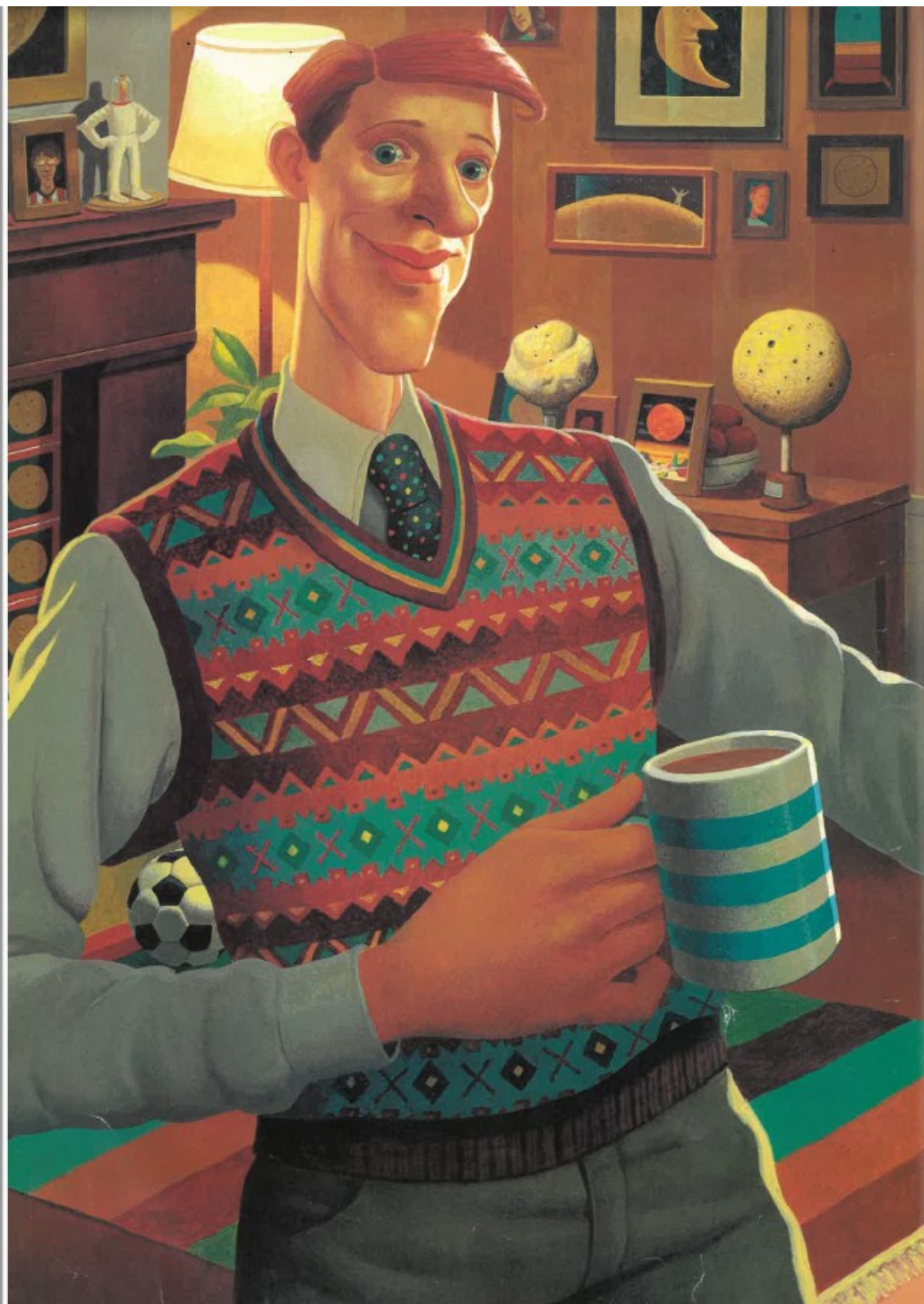


MAN ON THE MOON

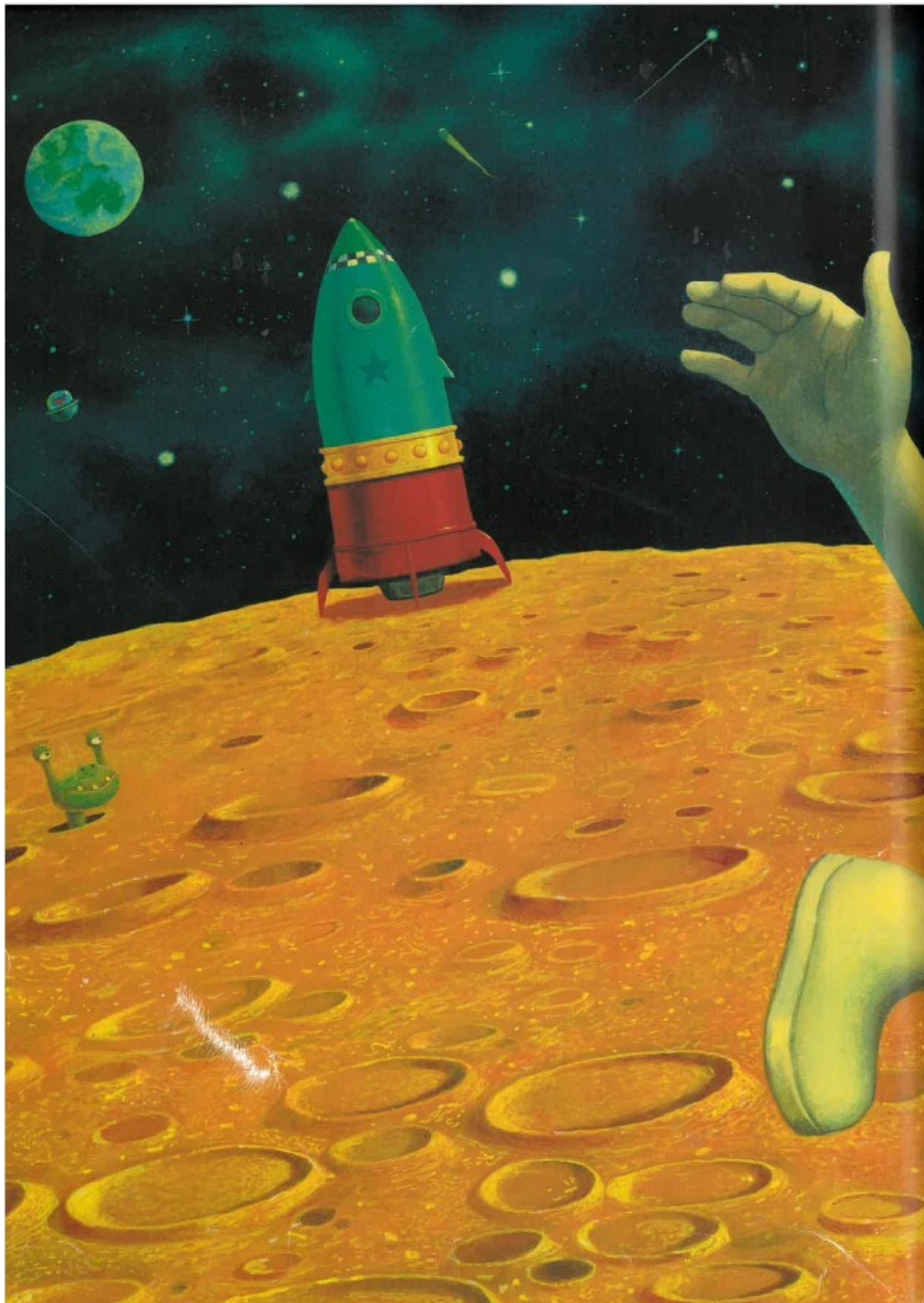
(A DAY IN THE LIFE OF BOB)



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This is **Bob**. Perhaps you've heard people talk of him. You may know him better as the **Man on the Moon**.





This is where Bob lives. Every morning he rises at six o'clock. He has a cup of tea and two eggs for breakfast, before leaving for the rocket launch-pad. On the way he stops to buy a newspaper and some chocolate toffees. He's on his way to work...



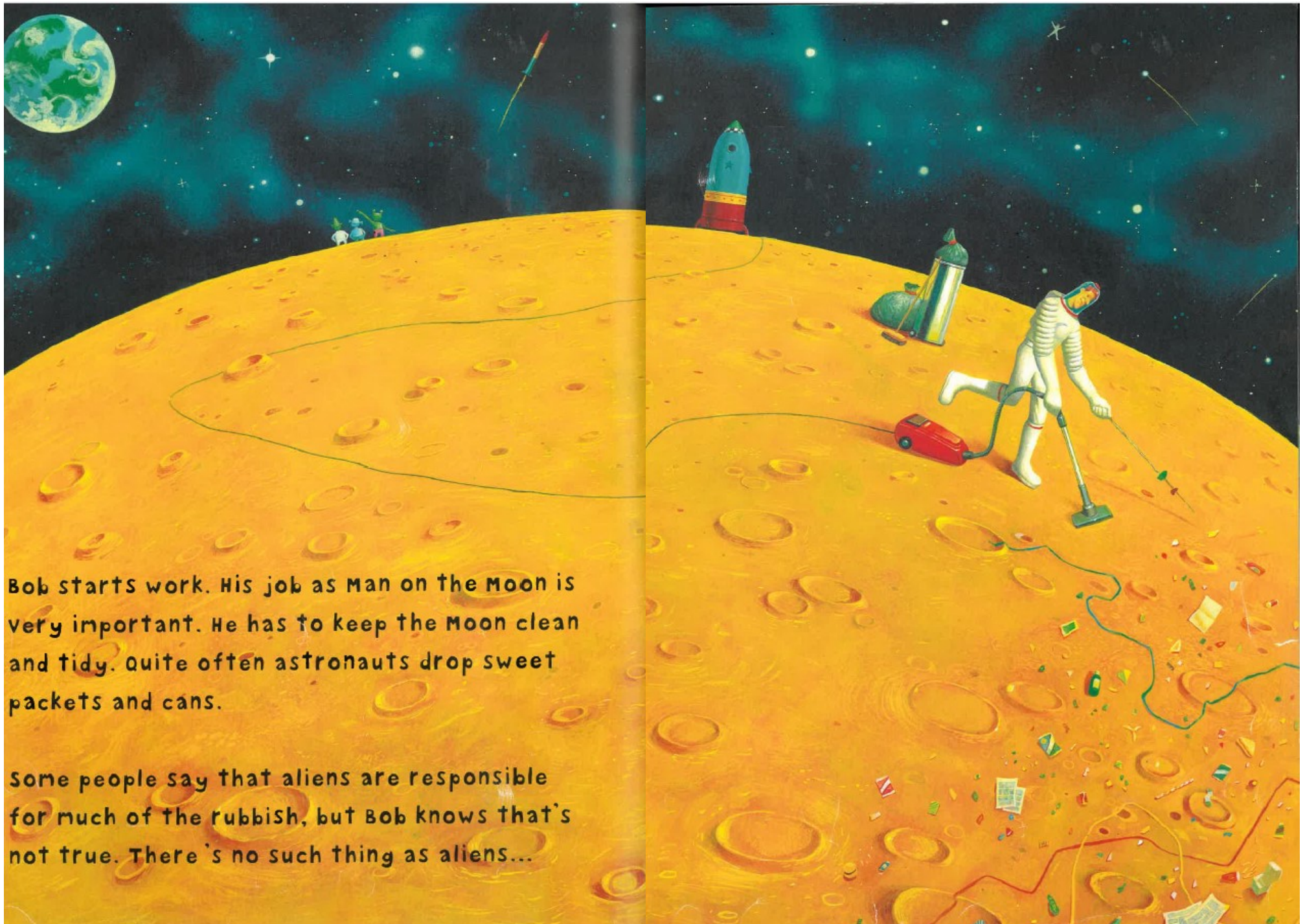


By eight o'clock Bob arrives at the launch-pad, changes into his special Man on the Moon suit and boards his fantastic rocket ship.

He must make sure he leaves by a quarter to nine, otherwise he wouldn't make it to the Moon by nine.

On the way he reads the newspaper and does the crossword.





Bob starts work. His job as Man on the Moon is very important. He has to keep the Moon clean and tidy. Quite often astronauts drop sweet packets and cans.

Some people say that aliens are responsible for much of the rubbish, but Bob knows that's not true. There's no such thing as aliens...



Wednesday part 2



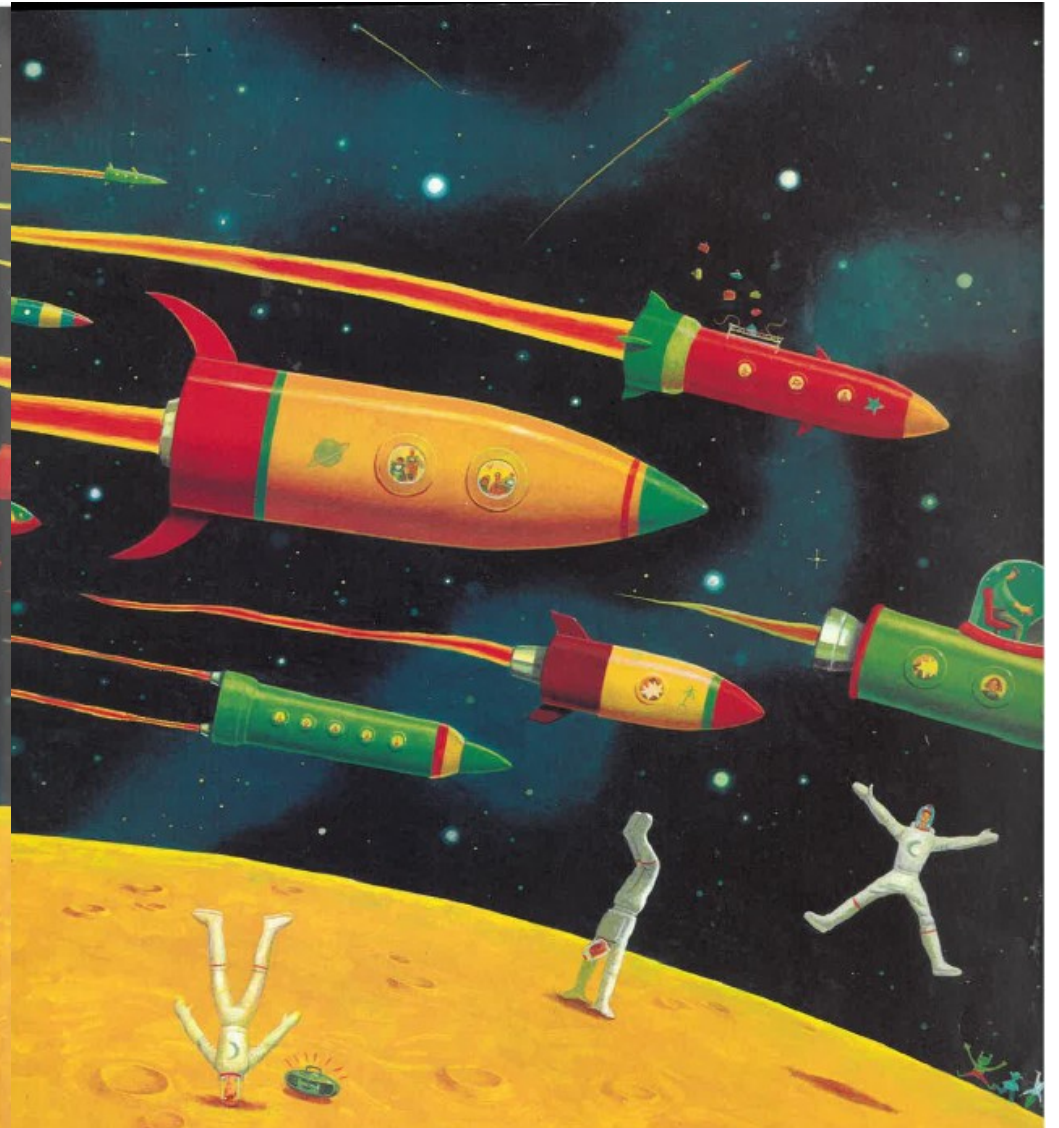
By twelve-thirty it's time to eat.

Bob goes to his rocket ship to fetch his lunch box. This usually contains two sandwiches (either cheese or peanut butter), an apple and some chocolate covered nuts.

Sometimes he meets his friends for a picnic. His two best friends are Billy, the Man on Mars, and Sam, the Man on Saturn. They talk about the stars, and tell jokes.



After lunch, tourist spaceships start arriving from Earth. It is part of Bob's job to entertain them, and give them something to photograph.



so he does somersaults, handstands and especially high Moon jumps. Sometimes he performs for as long as two hours and is left quite out of puff.



occasionally, the tourists' spaceships will land on the Moon. When they do, Bob gives them a guided tour, and a speech. He tells them lots of facts, such as how many craters the Moon has, or how long it takes to walk around it on stilts.

Sometimes people ask him about aliens, and Bob explains patiently that there aren't any.

Afterwards, Bob opens a small souvenir stand, selling postcards, pencils, mugs and small plastic Moon models.

