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PEIGÍ'S ADVENTURES IN SCIENCE

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Blast off, Peigí!



'I wish, wish, wish I could be an astronaut,' says Peigí, the cocker spaniel.

'I'd love to see the Moon and the stars and the planets.'

Áine is an astronaut. She works in a laboratory and is very happy to see Peigí. Peigí is so happy to see Áine too. It's her first time to visit Áine at work.

'Wow! Look at this place!'

'Can I have a go? Can I fly the spaceship?' Peigí asks shyly.

'Yes, of course you can but you'll need a space suit first,' says Áine.

Can I have a go?



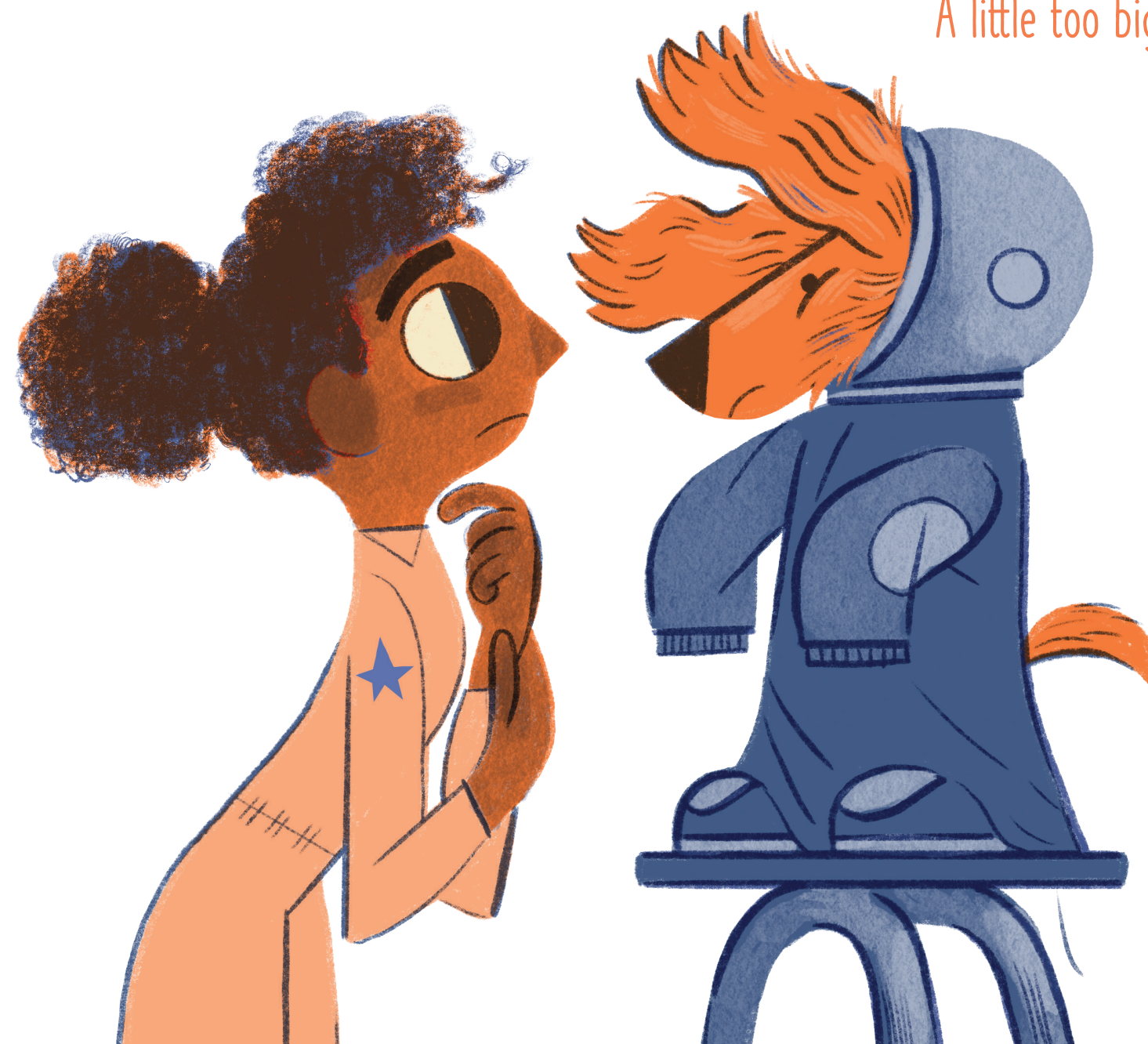


‘Why don’t you try on my old space suit and see if that fits,’ says Áine.

‘Áine, we have a problem,’ sighs Peigí.

‘The arms of your spacesuit are far too long for me and my ears are stuck.
It’s not fair. I really want to go into space.’

A little too big...





...the space suit is finished.

‘Look at me!’ says Peigí. ‘I’m ready for blast off.’

Much better, great work!



‘Don’t worry Peigí. We can make you a space suit that fits perfectly. We’ll have to hurry, though. The spaceship leaves in ten minutes!’



Everybody in the laboratory starts cutting and gluing and fixing and sewing... Faster and faster and faster until...

Peigí is on a spacewalk. She can see the Moon and the planet Earth and the Sun. It is so exciting.

‘I love being an astronaut,’ says Peigí,
as her tail wags comfortably in her spacesuit.

I love being an astronaut!



Clean up, Peigí!



Peigí the cocker spaniel and her friend Joy have lost their ball.
They are searching for it in the field near Joy's home.

What are we going to do, Joy?

The field is full of rubbish.
There are glass bottles,
plastic cartons, car tyres and
old newspapers everywhere.

‘This is awful,’ says Peigí.

Let's ask my grandad!

Joy has an idea!

‘Let's ask my grandad.
He'll know what to do!’



We can recycle it!

Grandad arrives and slowly
looks around the messy field.

‘We’ll never find that ball until we
clean-up all this rubbish,’ he says.

‘We can sort the rubbish as we work.’

‘Let’s put the plastic with the plastic, the glass with the
glass, and the cardboard with the cardboard.’

‘Then we can recycle it!’



After some work, the rubbish is tidied away.

‘Without all that rubbish, this field is really pretty.
Now I can see that it’s full of plants with flowers.
I’m going to plant some more.’ says Grandad.

‘Then we can all enjoy the field.’

‘Graaaaaandad!! Peeeeeigí,’ shouts Joy,

‘I’ve found the ball! It was under this hat all along.’

Graaaaaandad!!
Peeeeeigí!!

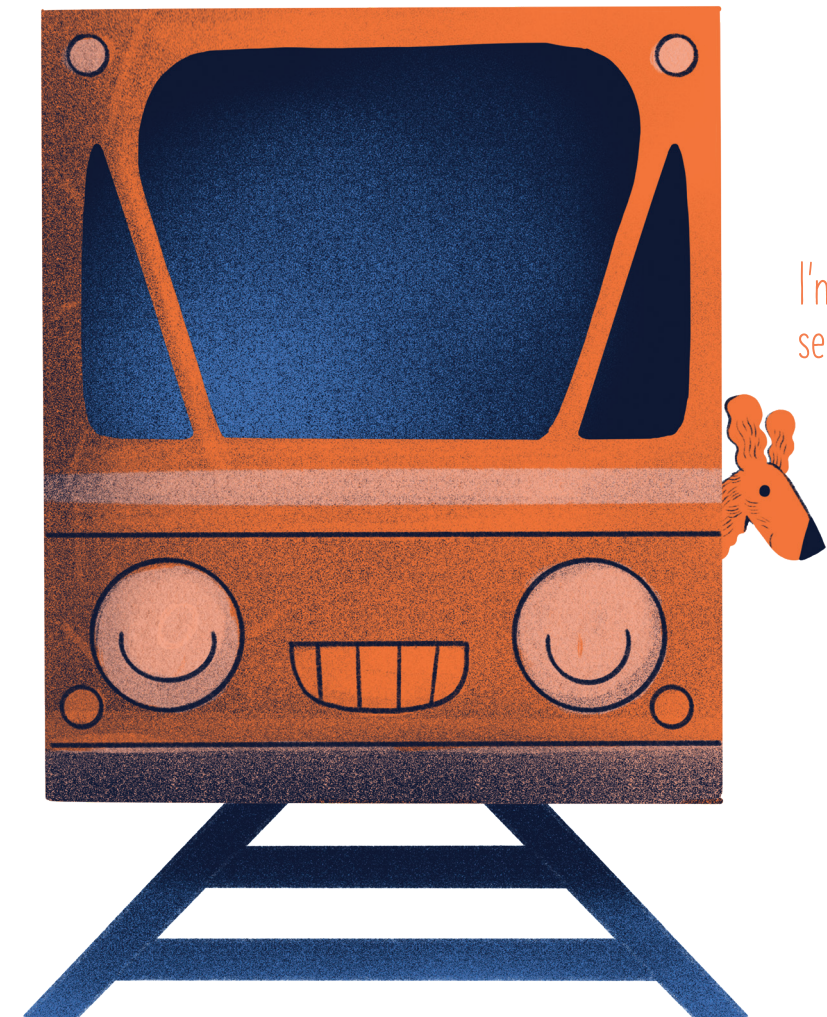


Joy hits the ball with the hurley. It flies up, up into the sky.
Fast as lightning, Peigí runs to catch it.
‘This is so much fun! We are lucky to have a field to play in,’
barks Peigí, as she jumps in the air.

We are so lucky!



Catch up, Peigí!



I'm so excited to
see my friend Ben.

Peigí the cocker spaniel has travelled
by train to meet her friend Ben.

She has a big surprise for him. It is his sixth birthday.

As soon as the train pulls into the station,
Peigí jumps off the train to give Ben a big hug.



Oh no! Peigí has left Ben's present on the train by mistake and the train is leaving the station.

What is she going to do?!



Oh no! Wait! Wait!

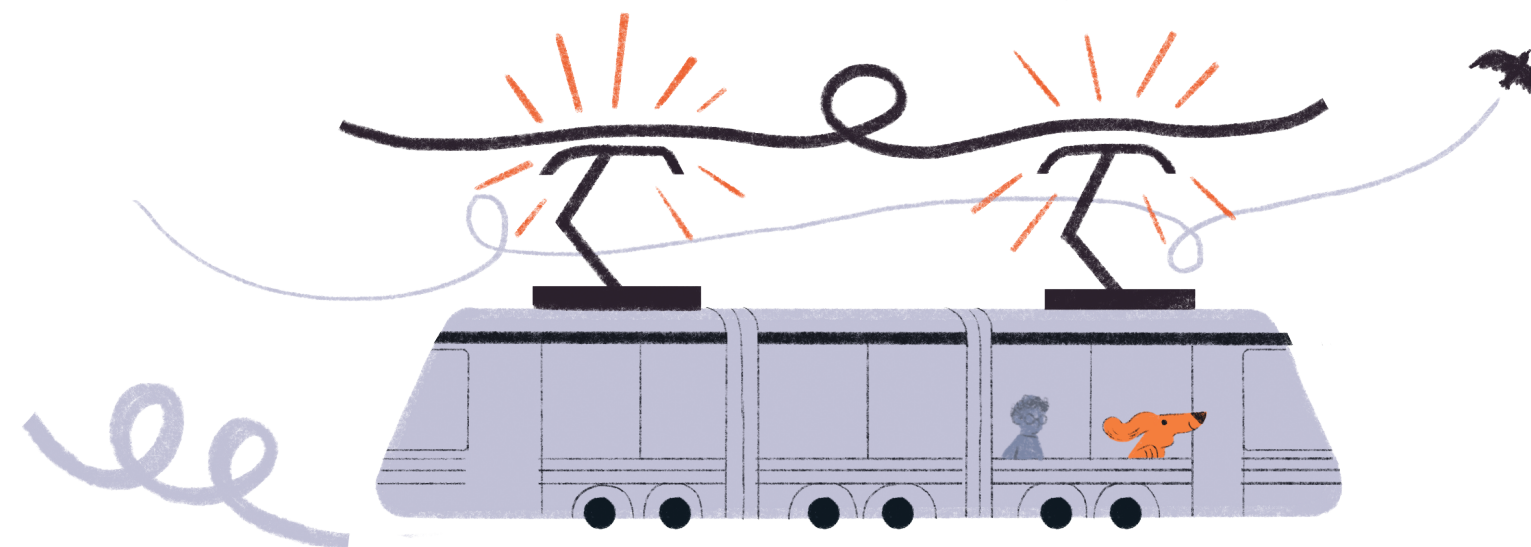
'Don't worry, Peigí,' says Ben.

'We can catch up with the train at the next station.'

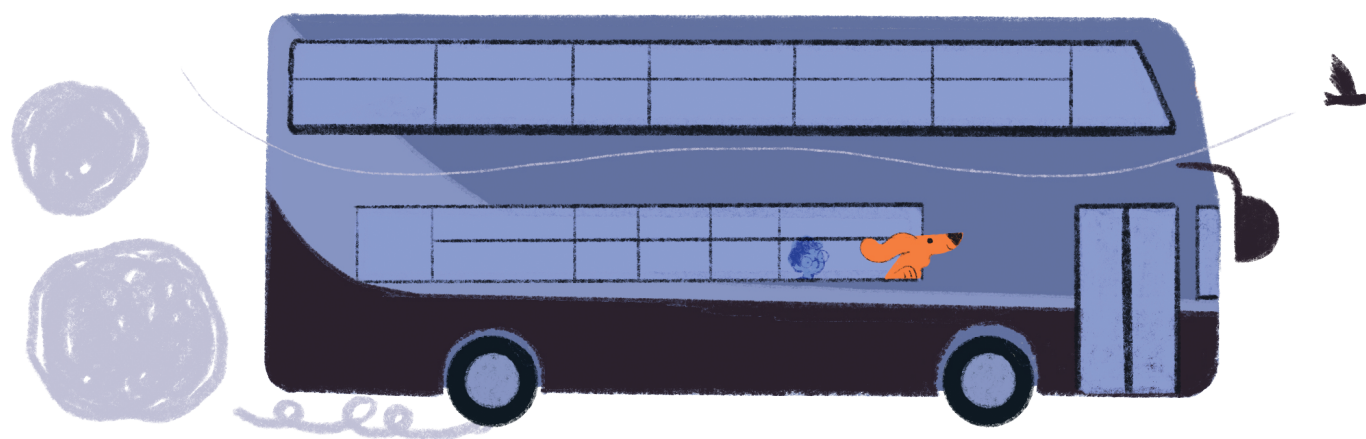
We'll have to be quick!



First they hail a taxi but there's too much traffic.



Next they jump on a Luas.
'We're getting closer, Ben!' shouts Peigí.



Then they catch a double-decker bus
but there's no sign of the train.



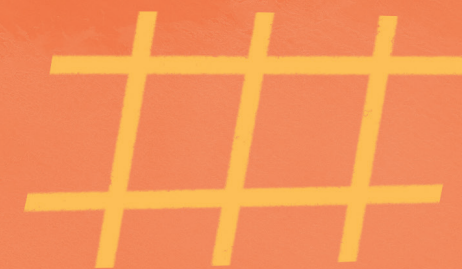
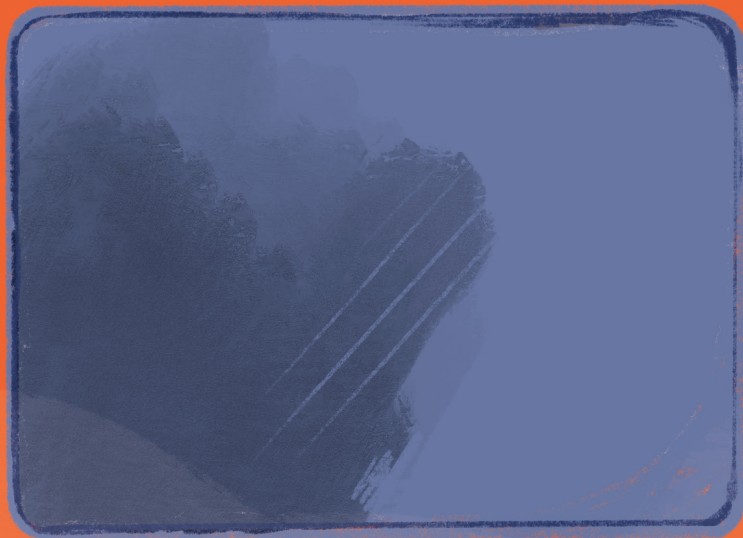
Finally, they hop on a boat to take them across the river
Liffey to the train station. What an adventure!

At long last they catch the train, and Peigí can get Ben's present.

'I wonder what it is?' asks Ben.

'Happy birthday!' says Peigí.

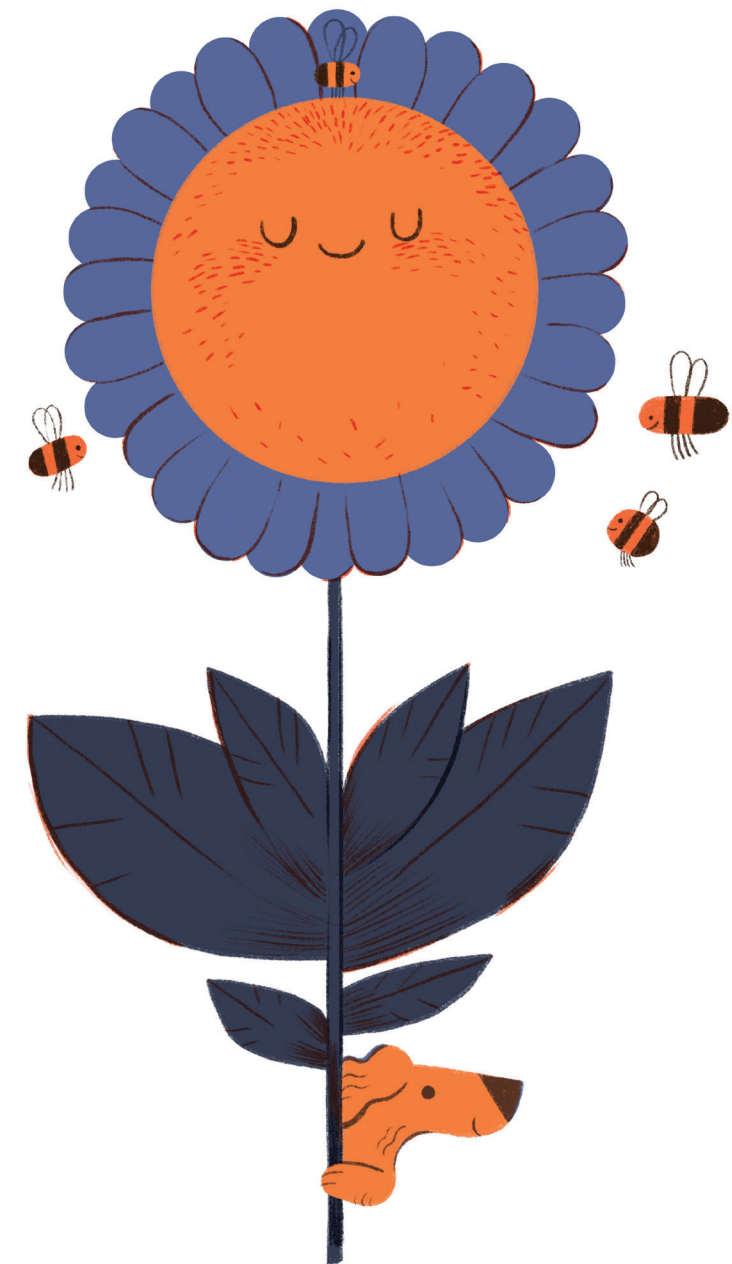
Thanks, Peigí...
...I wonder what it is?



‘Oh wow! New wheel covers for my chair. I love them. Thank you, Peigí,’
says Ben, as they rush off to Ben’s birthday party.



Grow up, Peigí!



Peigí the cocker spaniel is visiting Granny Ruby
to see her beautiful flower garden.

Peigí asks Granny Ruby to help her grow a flower of her own.



‘I’ll teach you,’ says Granny Ruby.

‘I’ve grown flowers every year since I was a little girl.
And that’s a long time ago,’ laughs Granny Ruby.

‘Every year, I start off by sowing the seeds in the soil.
I’ve learned that each seed needs water, light, and
food to grow into a plant,’ explains Granny Ruby.



‘The water comes from the rain and the plant makes its
own food with help from the Sun, air and soil.’

‘Let’s hope it grows up big and tall very soon,’ says Peigí.

Buzz... buzz... buzz...

When Peigí visits Granny Ruby a few weeks later,
Peigí's plants are huge! Their flowers are
surrounded by bees.



‘Are those bees eating my flowers?’ asks Peigí.

‘No, no,’ laughs Granny Ruby.

‘The bees are our friends.
They help the flowers to grow.’

‘Granny Ruby, I’m so happy there are so many things working together to make the garden grow,’ says Peigí.

‘Thank you for teaching me how to grow things. I can’t wait to have my own garden when I grow up.’

It's so tall...





We hope you boys and girls enjoyed reading
Peigi's Adventures in Science.
Perhaps you'll have some of your own!

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