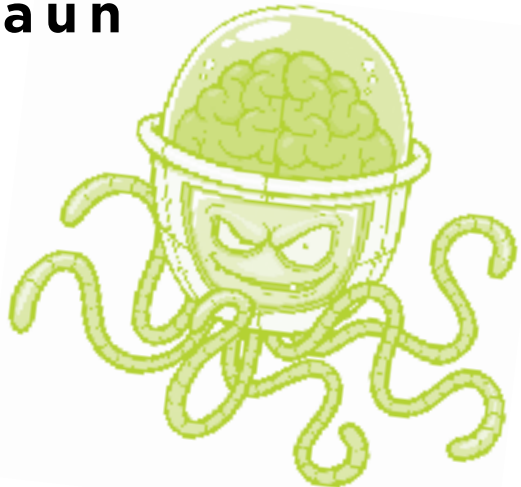




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Chapter 1

Greetings,

Earthling

Imagine this. You're at the park. All of a sudden, someone starts screaming. "The martians are coming! The martians are coming!" Flying saucers race across the sky. Kids and parents start to **panic** in the streets.

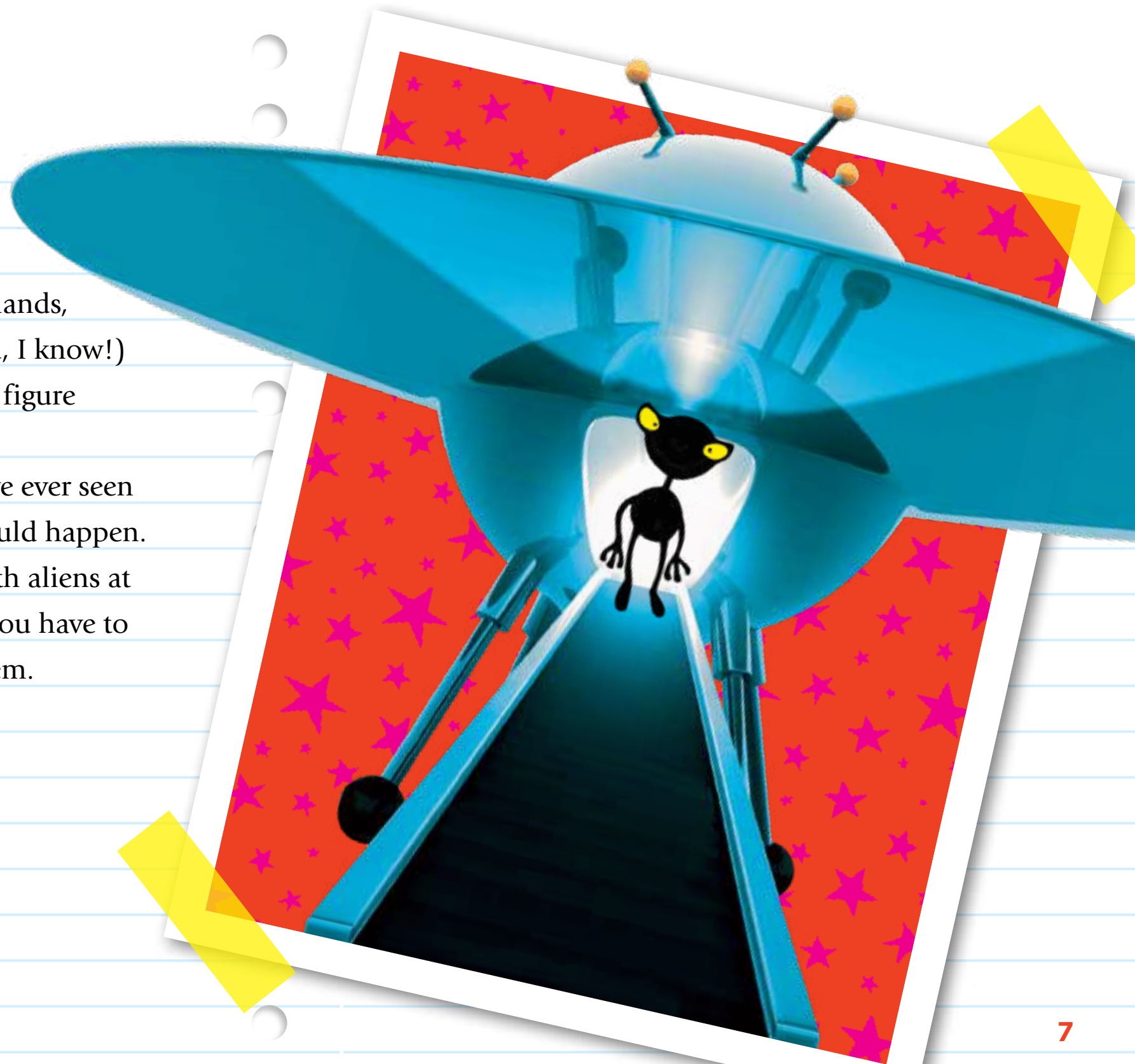
You stand alone in the road as people run past. Everyone is screaming. You're scared too. But you can't help it. You want to get a look.



Prepare Yourself

Crunch! A flying saucer lands, crushing your school. (Sad, I know!) A ramp lowers, and a dark figure comes out.

Stop right there. If you've ever seen a movie, you know this could happen. You might have to deal with aliens at any time. And that's why you have to know how to outsmart them.





Chapter 2

Know Your

Enemy

To outsmart a martian, you have to know what makes it ooze. (It's not blood.) The trouble is, we don't know a lot about aliens. We don't even know if they **exist**. That's because other planets are far away from Earth.



Other planets are really, really far away. At its closest, Mars is more than 34 million miles (55 million kilometers) away. And it's one of the nearest planets!