

THE FULBRIGHT ETA
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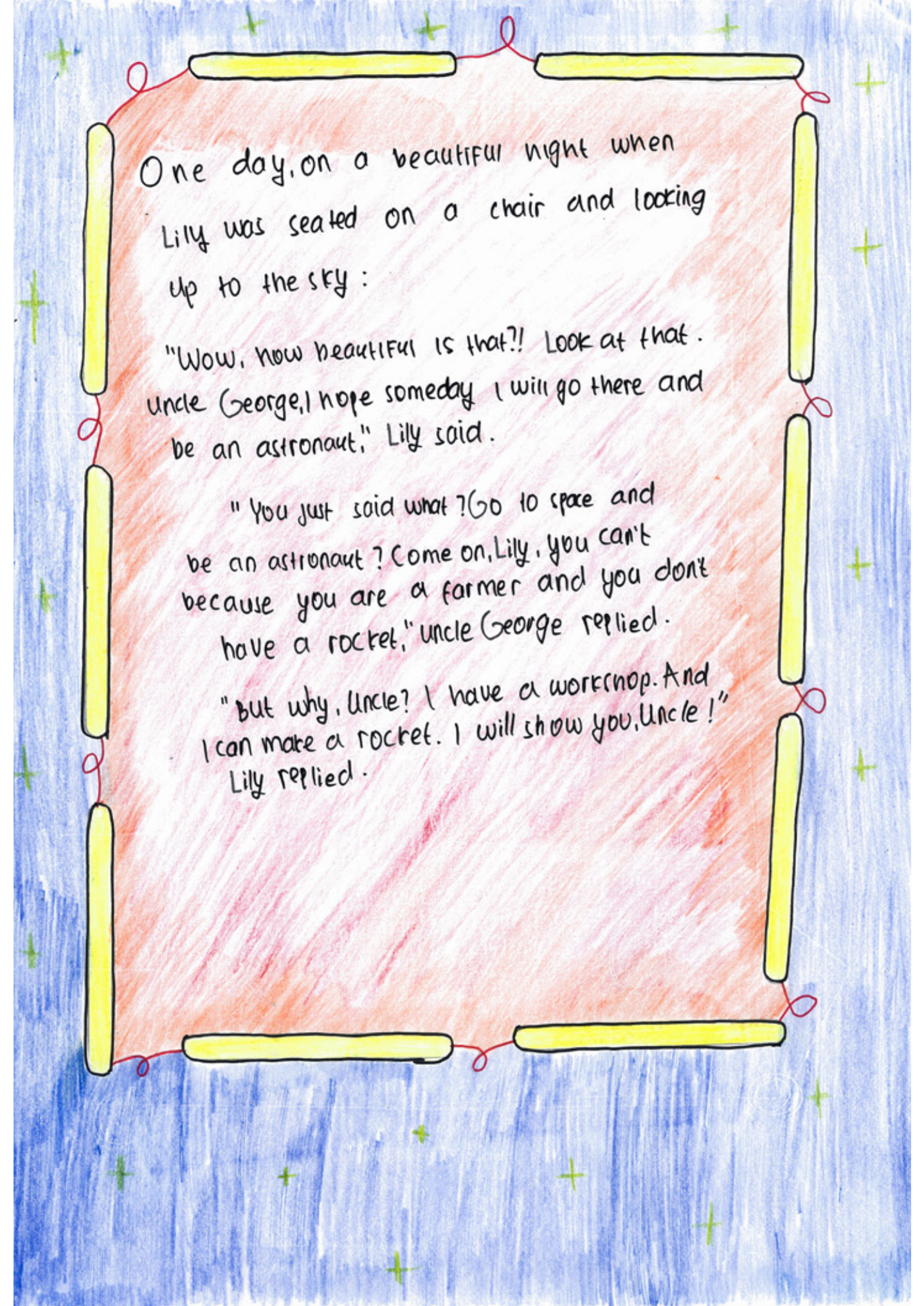


Once upon a time in the edge of a forest lived a little mouse named Lily, she was known as a beautiful, smart and cheerful mouse.

Lily lived in the small village with her uncle. Uncle George and Lily had a workshop.

Lily had a dream to be an astronaut but everyone thought that was crazy.





One day, on a beautiful night when Lily was seated on a chair and looking up to the sky:

"Wow, how beautiful is that?! Look at that. Uncle George, I hope someday I will go there and be an astronaut," Lily said.

"You just said what? Go to space and be an astronaut? Come on, Lily, you can't because you are a farmer and you don't have a rocket," Uncle George replied.

"But why, Uncle? I have a workshop. And I can make a rocket. I will show you, Uncle!" Lily replied.



Since that night, Lily started to learn how to create a rocket.

Lily read books and searched on the Internet. She tried many things to create a rocket.

Day after day, week after week and month after month, Lily had finished her rocket. And when Lily went to try to operate her rocket, Uncle George came to Lily's workshop and tried to forbid her because Uncle George didn't want Lily to spend her time for a silly thing.

"Lily, stop doing this. You will never be an astronaut. Just be a farmer like people around you!!" Uncle George said.

"I am sorry, uncle. I can't because this is my dream and this is what I wanted to be since I was a kid," Lily said.





"You said a dream?! Dreams are just for kids and you are not a kid anymore. SO Stop being a child!" unde George said.

"NO! I will never stop doing this. If you try to forbid, I don't care because I don't need your permission to be an astronaut!" Lily said.

After saying that, Lily went to the field and tried to operate her rocket, but it didn't work. she tried many times but it was the same. The rocket was useless.

"Maybe Unde George is right, I can't be an astronaut. A rocket going to space was just a dream, just for a kid. I give up," Lily said while crying.

And Lily decided to stop being an astronaut and be a farmer like people around her.

When Lily was sad, suddenly an old man came to Lily and asked Lily why she was crying. Then Lily told her problem to the old man.

"I just want to be an astronaut, Uncle. But why... why does everyone doubt me? Even my uncle, he doesn't support me, but he puts me down!" said Lily while crying.

"It's okay, young lady. I know sometimes it's hard to reach our dream when people around us don't want it to be so. But you have to remember one thing. Sometimes you have to be hero for your own self because your future depends on you. Not on the people around you. And do you remember Mariah Carey's song?"

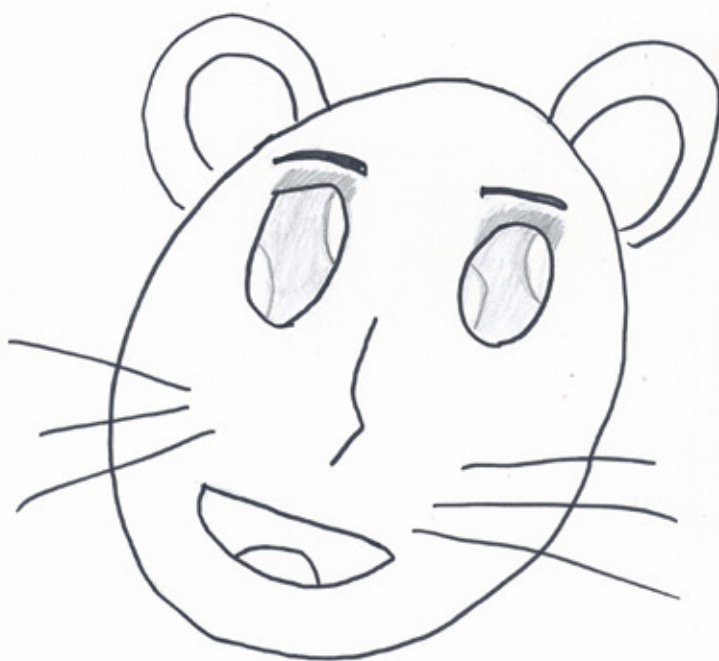
There's a hero
if you look inside your heart.
You don't have to be afraid
of what you are

There's an answer
if you reach into your soul
And the sorrow that you know
will melt away.

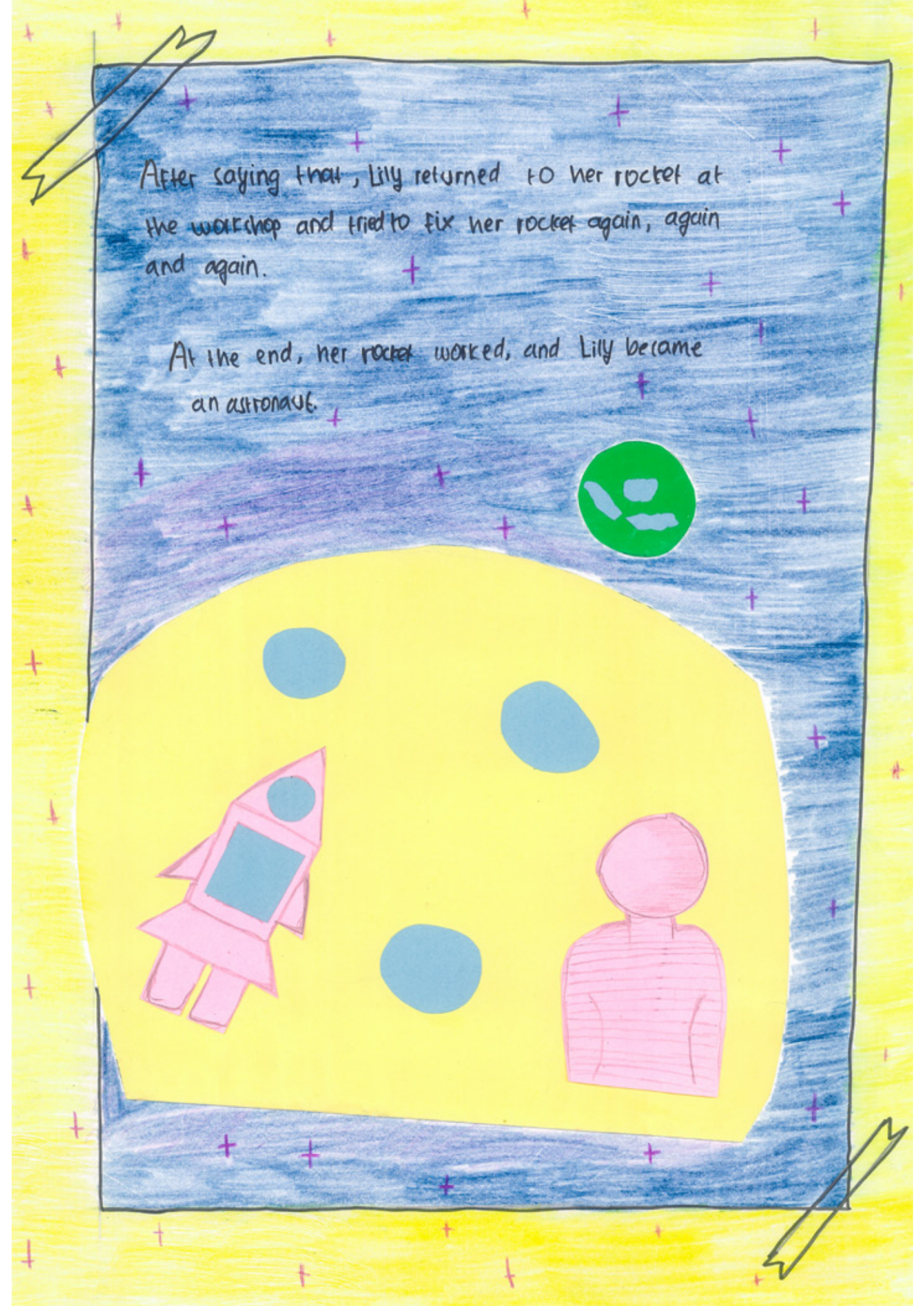
(song: Hero by Mariah Carey)

Lily realized that a hero lies within her and now is the time for her to be a hero!

"You are right, Uncle. My future depends on me not on people around me. And I have to be hero for myself and protect my dream from people who don't want it to happen," Lily said.



"I AM ^{THE} HERO!"



After saying that, Lily returned to her rocket at the workshop and tried to fix her rocket again, again and again.

At the end, her rocket worked, and Lily became an astronaut.

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