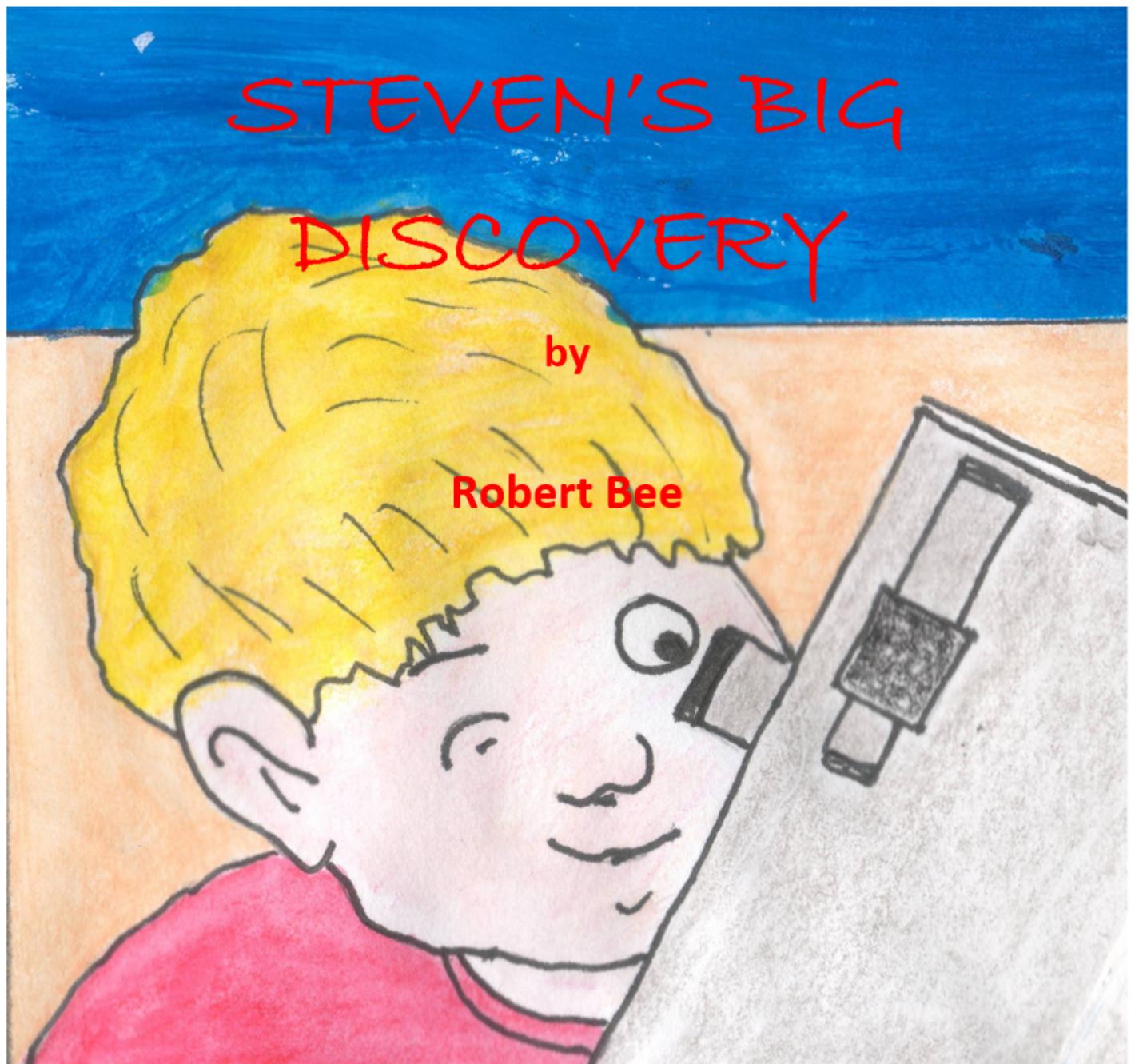


Steven's Big Discovery - Childrens' Illustrated Story



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Dedication

To Steven

Let your imagination reach for the sky

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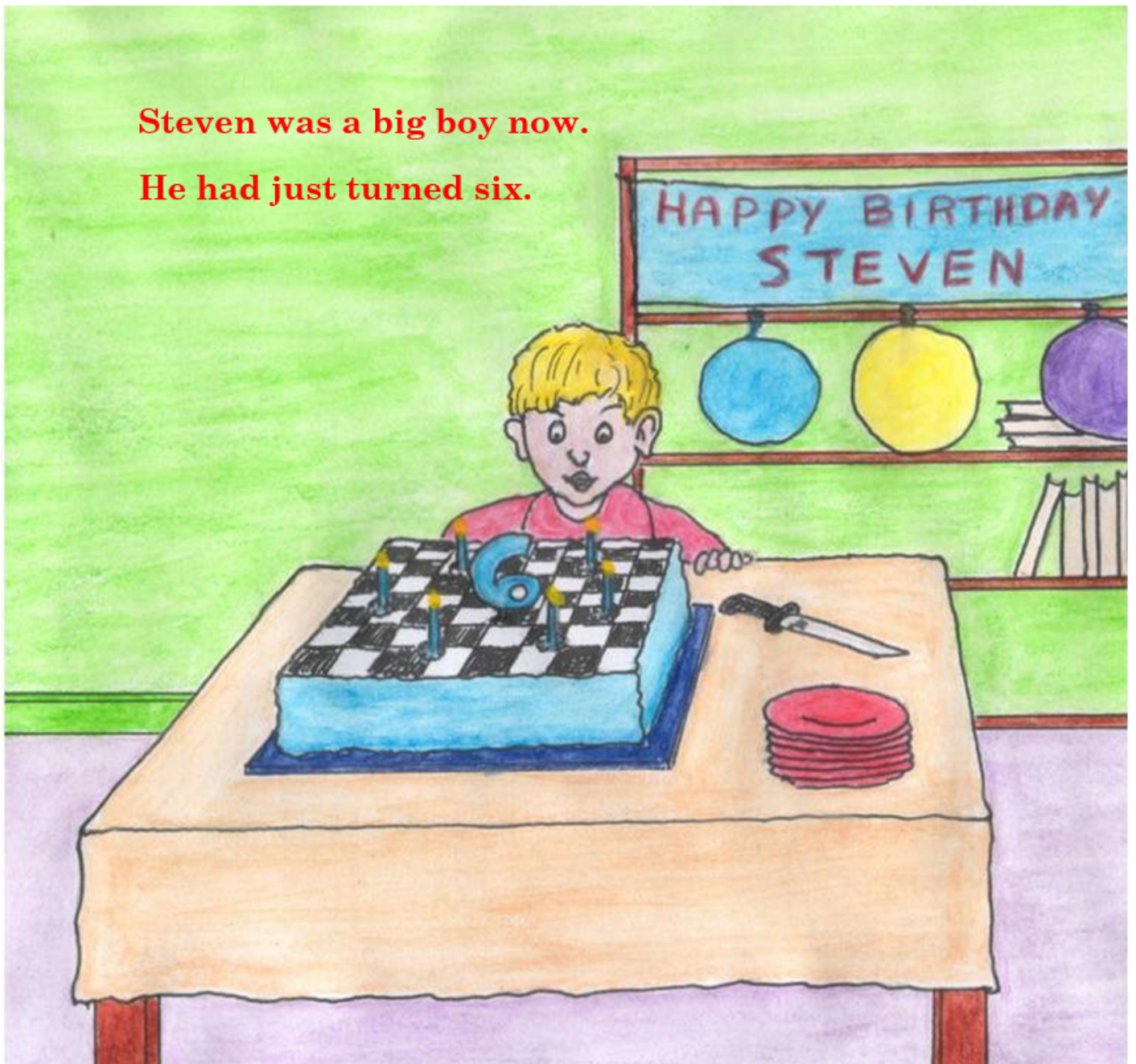
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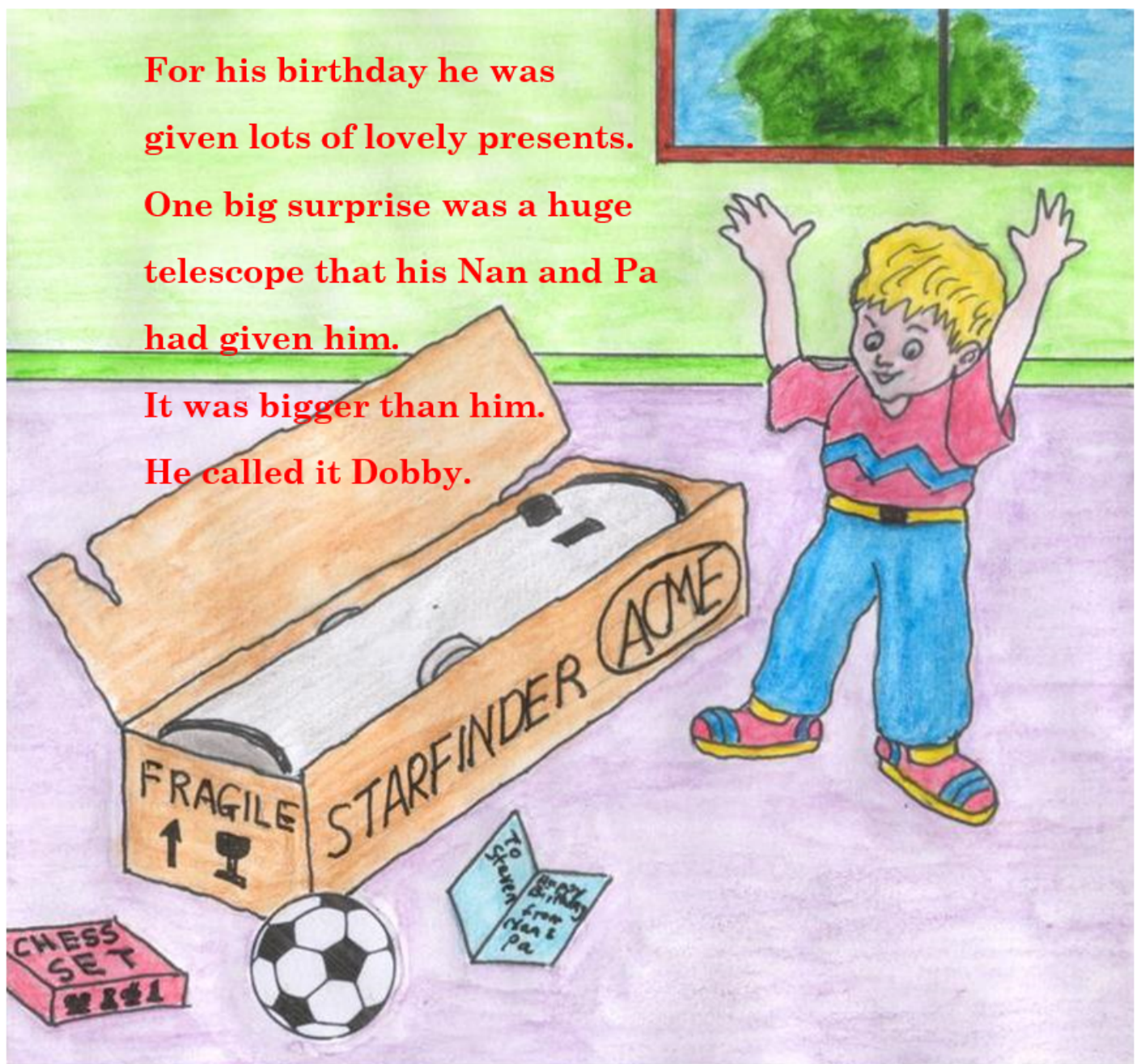
Steven was a big boy now.

He had just turned six.



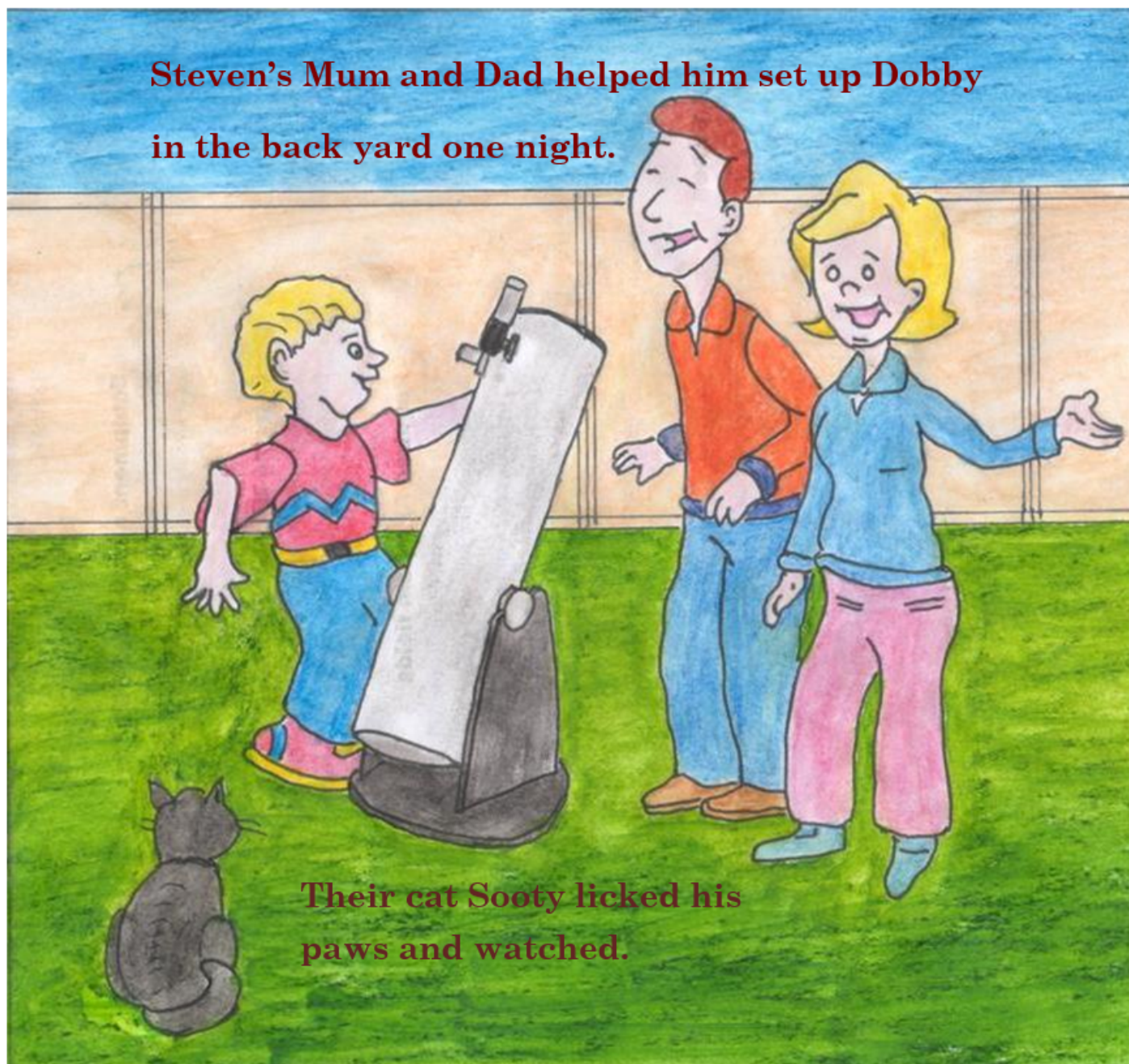
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For his birthday he was
given lots of lovely presents.
One big surprise was a huge
telescope that his Nan and Pa
had given him.
It was bigger than him.
He called it Dobby.



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**Steven's Mum and Dad helped him set up Dobby
in the back yard one night.**



**Their cat Sooty licked his
paws and watched.**

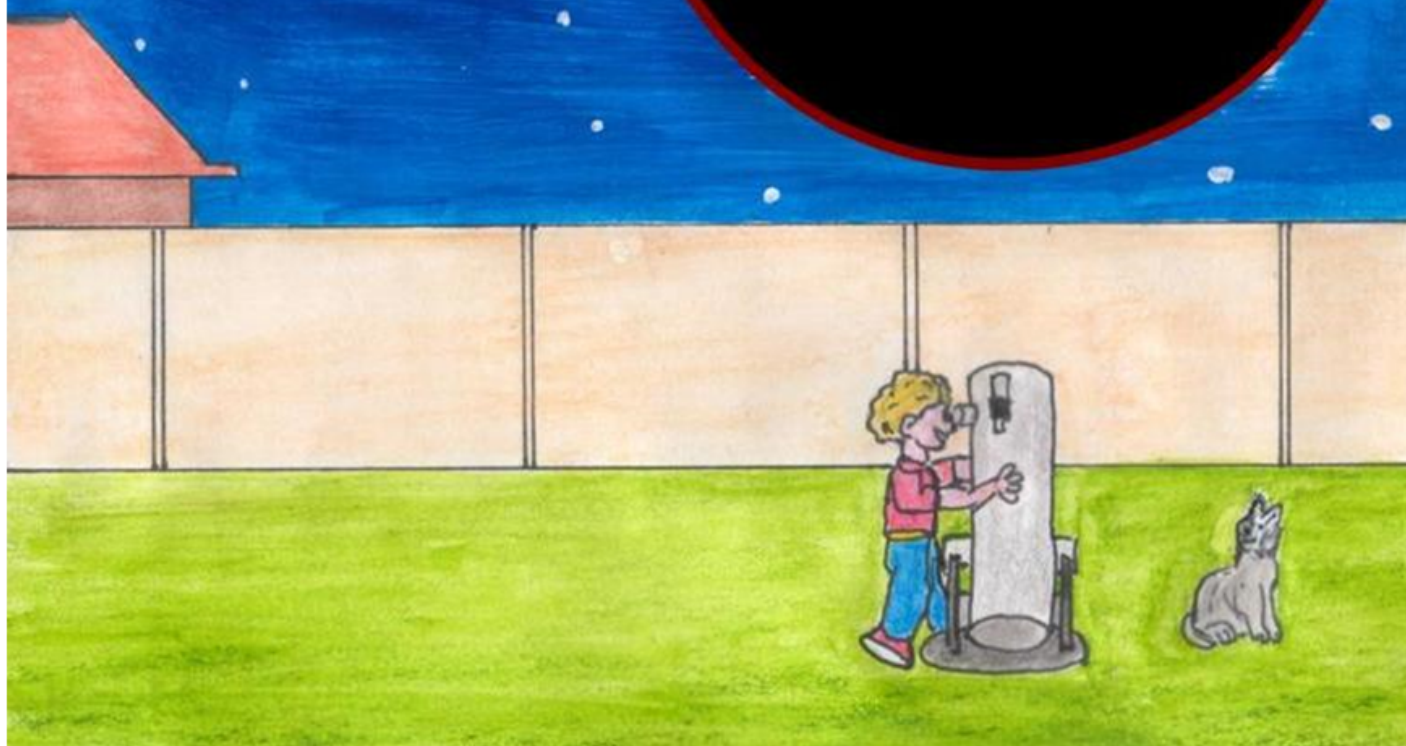
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It was fun looking at the
Moon and its craters.



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Steven loved Saturn and
its amazing rings.



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He loved to look at the giant
planet Jupiter and count
its moons.

One... two... three...
and there it is...
four.



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**But mostly he liked to look at the stars.
In Dobby, they looked like bright coloured
points of light.
Just like our Sun, Pa had told him,
but very, very far away.**

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One night, Steven saw a star
that wasn't just a sharp
point. It was all fuzzy.

“What can it be?”

he asked Sooty.

Sooty just meowed
and licked his paws.



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On the next night Steven
looked again. "Strange,"
Steven thought.
"It looks like it's
growing a tail."
And it has moved."



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Steven called his Dad.

Dad looked at the fuzzy star with a small tail.

Dad scratched his head.

Sooty sat and watched.



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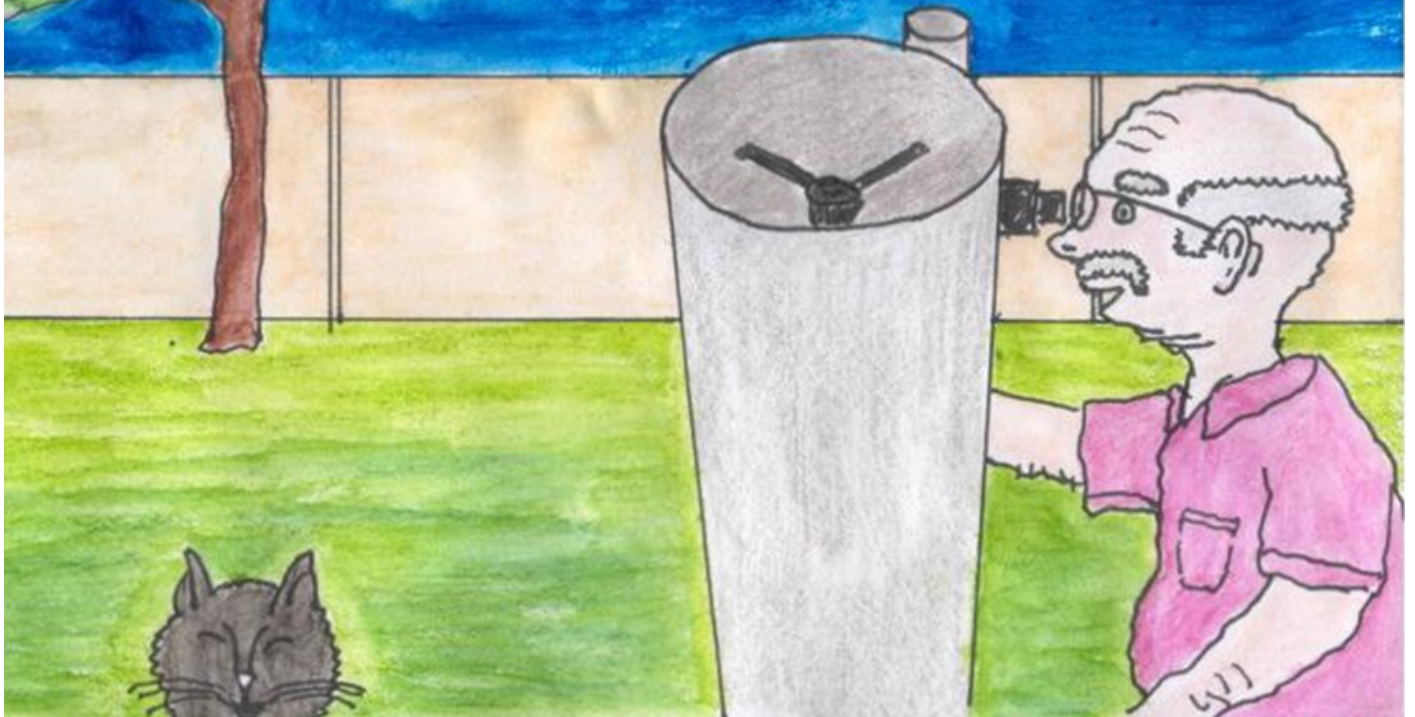
Steven's Dad called Pa who came
over and looked through Dobby.

"Hmmm," Pa said.

He looked at Steven.

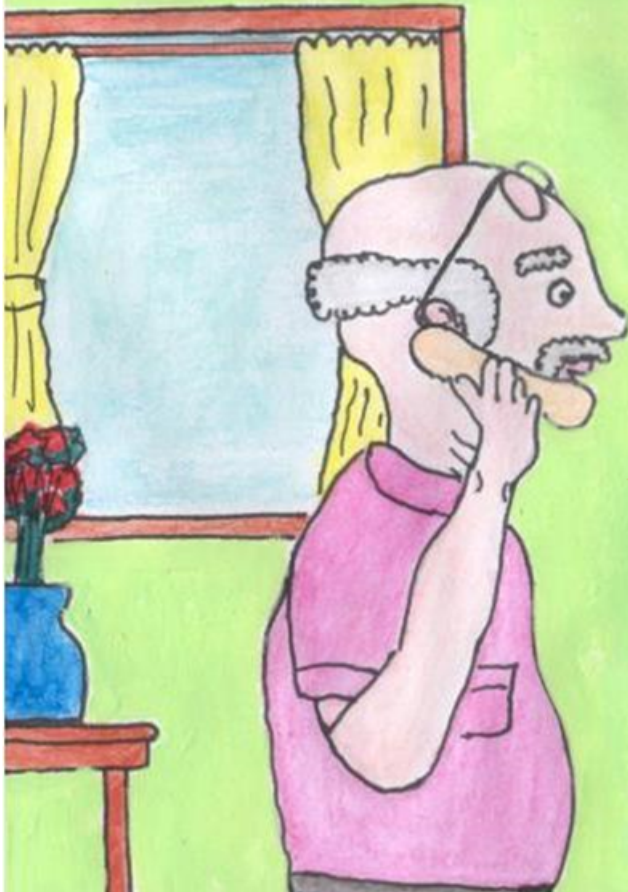
He looked at Sooty.

Then he looked through Dobby
again. "Hmmm. I wonder...?"



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Next day, Pa phoned his friend at
the Observatory. His friend looked
through the big telescope that
night.



“Well, I’ll be...” he said.
Then he phoned Pa and
told him the news.

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“A comet? Wow!” Steven shouted. He was very excited.

“Yes, but it is a long way away,” Pa told him.

“Will it be big with a long tail, like this?” Steven asked.

Pa shook his head. “My friend doesn’t think so.

They rarely are. But it is still your comet.”



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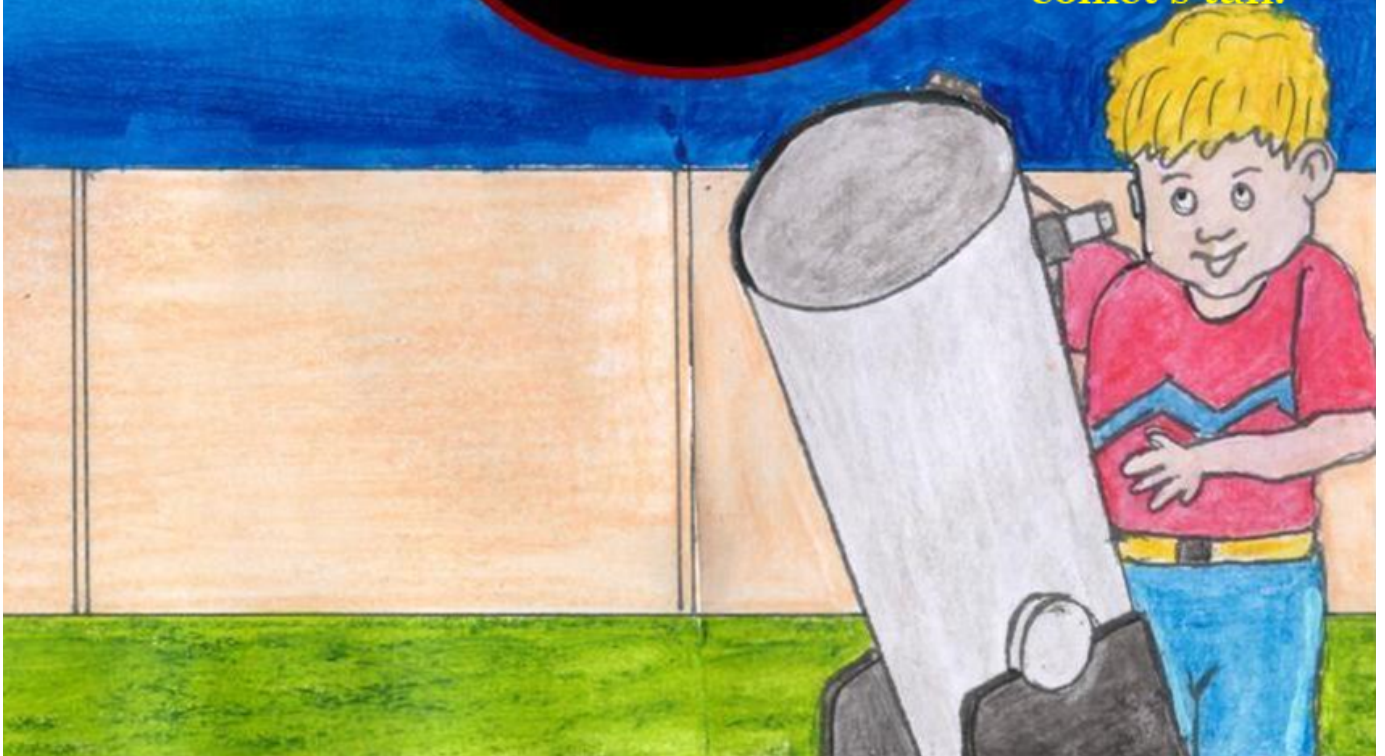
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Steven used Dobby to watch his comet night

after night.

And his smile
grew bigger
and bigger.

So did the
comet's tail.



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Until one night Steven stood in his back yard with his Mum and Dad. His Nan and Pa were there too.

They looked up and saw Comet Steven blazing brightly, with its tail sweeping half way across the sky. “And they thought it would not be this big,” Steven said.



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Steven was very happy. He was proud of his comet.
He looked at Sooty who was smiling at him.
“I wonder what Sooty is thinking,” Steven said.



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Pa smiled too. He said
“He’s thinking comets are like cats.
They have tails and do exactly as they please.”
And they all laughed.

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