

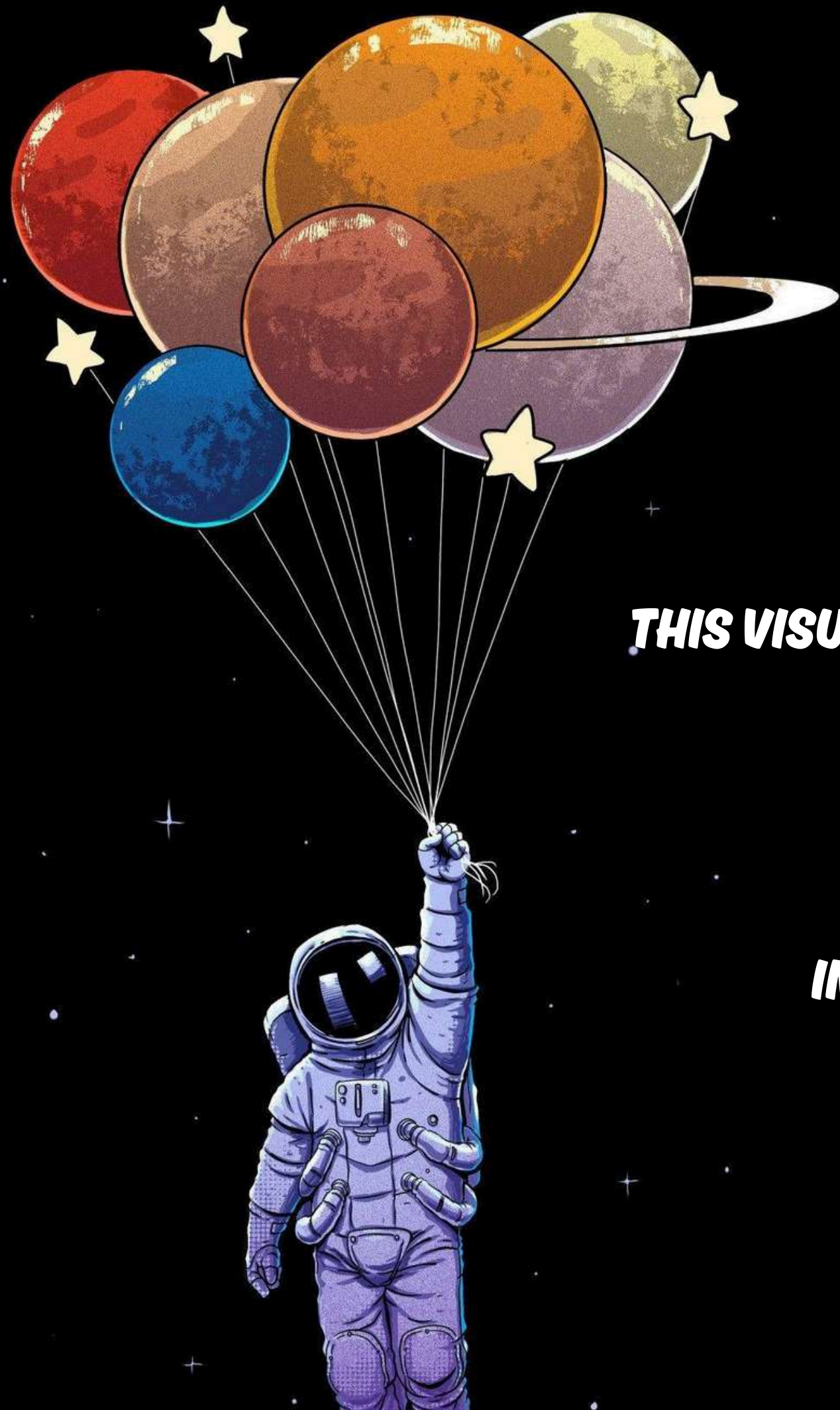
# ***SYNERGY***

***BY MARK SMITH***

***PRODUCED BY: RACHAEL VEAZEY, VERY EASY PRODUCTIONS***

# ***VISUAL STORY***

***SYNERGY IS A DANCE THEATRE SHOW  
WITH BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE***



# **SYNERGY**

## **ABOUT THIS VISUAL STORY**

**THIS VISUAL STORY TELLS YOU ABOUT MARK SMITH'S SHOW 'SYNERGY'.**

**IT CAN HELP YOU PREPARE TO WATCH THE SHOW.  
WE'RE REALLY EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU!**

**IN THIS VISUAL STORY YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE ABOUT:**

- MARK SMITH AND SYNERGY**
- WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE SHOW**
- THE PERFORMERS**
- THE STORY**



# MARK SMITH

**MARK IS A PROFESSIONAL CHOREOGRAPHER MAKING OUTDOOR WORK FOR OVER TEN YEARS BEFORE THE PANDEMIC.**

**DURING THE PANDEMIC, MARK HAD A BREAK FROM MAKING WORK AND CHOREOGRAPHED MANY OTHER PRODUCTIONS, SUCH AS THE COLOUR PURPLE (LEICESTER CURVE / BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME) AND THE LITTLE BIG THINGS (SOHO PLACE).**

**MARK WAS ALSO THE CHOREOGRAPHER FOR THE PARAOLYMPIC GAMES OPENING CEREMONY IN 2012**

**THIS YEAR, MARK WAS DELIGHTED TO BE NOMINATED FOR AN OLIVIER AWARD FOR HIS CHOREOGRAPHY ON THE LITTLE BIG THINGS.**





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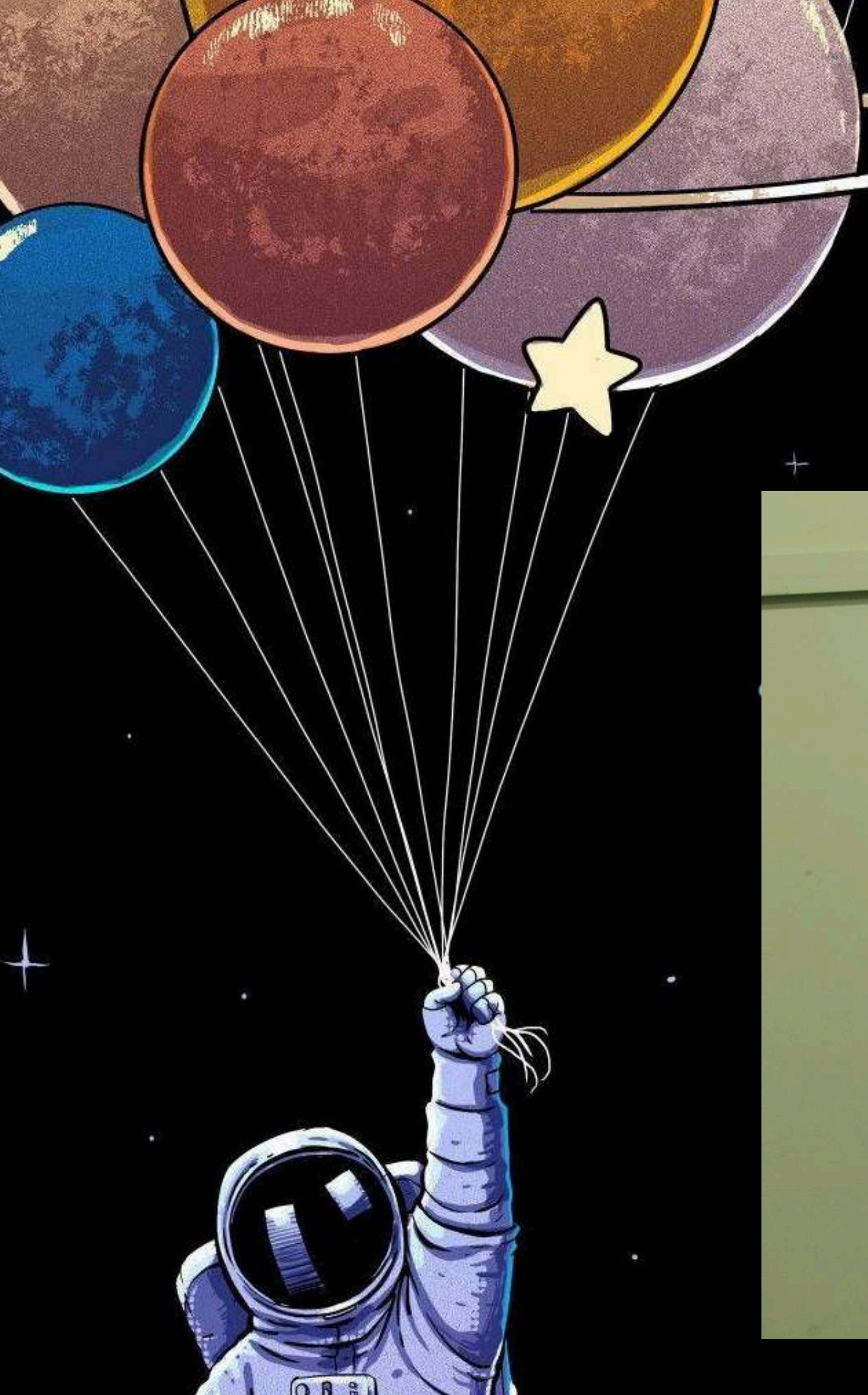
**SYNERGY IS A DANCE THEATRE SHOW THAT  
ALSO HAS BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE.**

**SYNERGY IS ABOUT AN ASTRONAUT WHO IS WORRIED ABOUT THE CLIMATE CRISIS  
AND THE END OF THE WORLD.**

**THE ASTRONAUT HAS LEFT EARTH TO EXPLORE OTHER PLANETS AND FIND A NEW  
HOME FOR HUMANS TO LIVE.**

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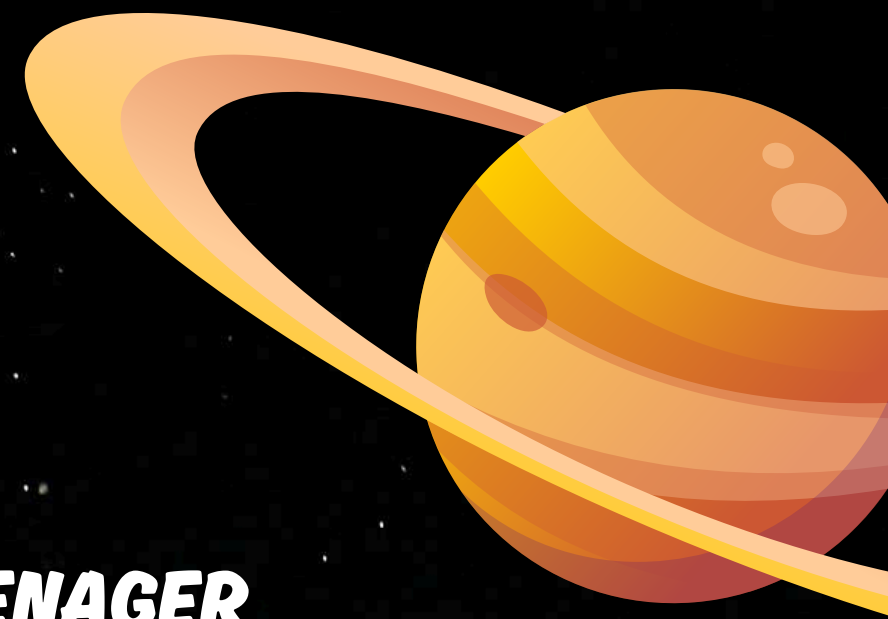
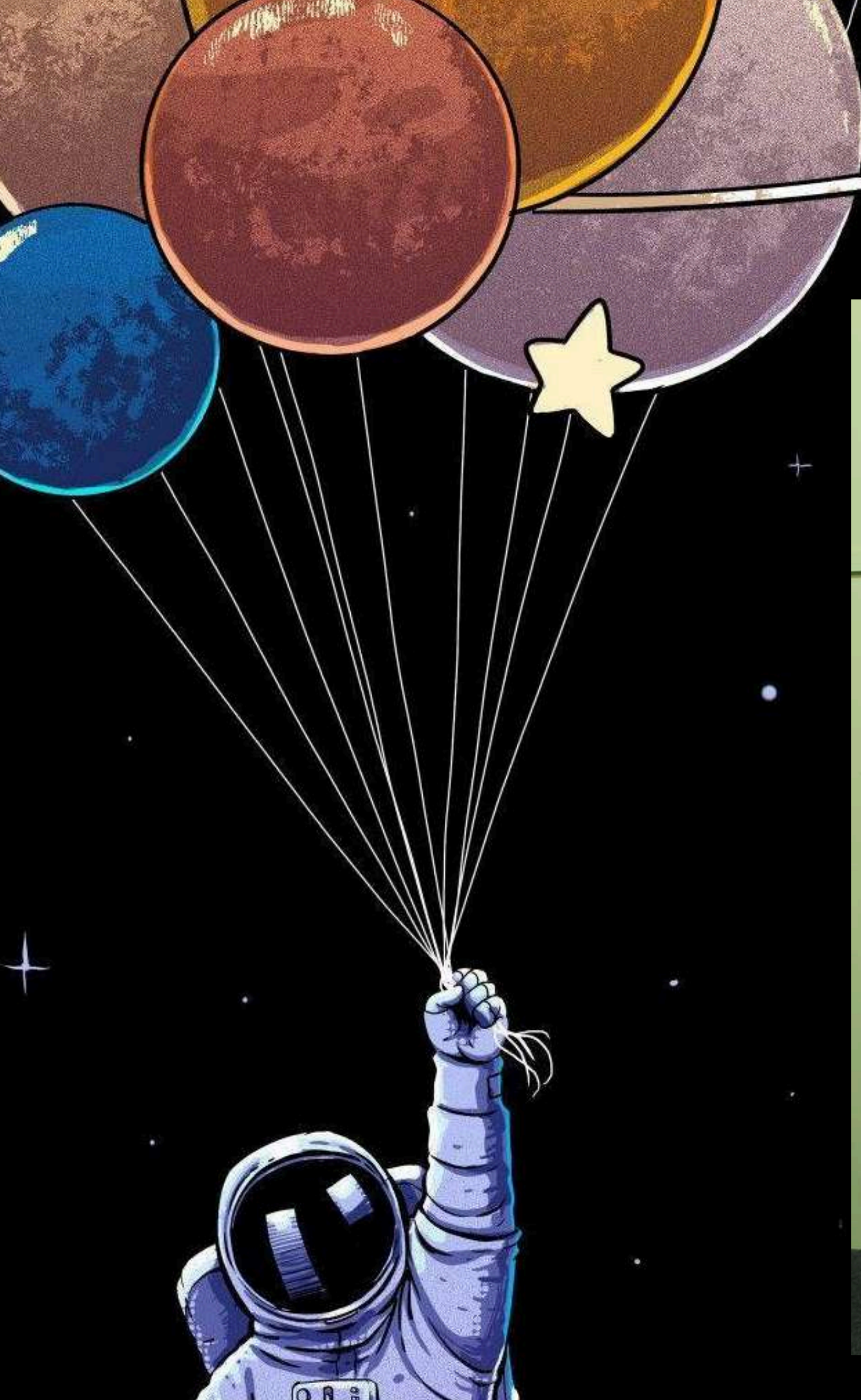
THE PERFORMERS



MARK - THE ASTRONAUT



# SYNERGY



**NEB - A TEENAGER  
(FULL NAME: NEPTUNE)**

**NEB IS PLAYED BY BEN.  
BEN IS A HARD OF HEARING  
CONTEMPORARY BALLET DANCER, WHO  
GRADUATED FROM ELMHURST BALLET  
SCHOOL. HE HAS WORKED WITH THE NEW  
ENGLISH BALLET THEATRE, DEAF MEN  
DANCING (LEAD BY MARK SMITH) AND  
JONES THE DANCE**



# SYNERGY

**VEN - A TEENAGER  
(FULL NAME: VENUS)**



**VEN IS PLAYED BY LETHABO.**

**LETHABO IS DANCER FROM  
SOUTH AFRICA AND THIS IS  
HER FIRST TIME VISITING  
THE UK. LETHABO NEVER  
STOPS DANCING AND LOVES  
PERFORMING!**

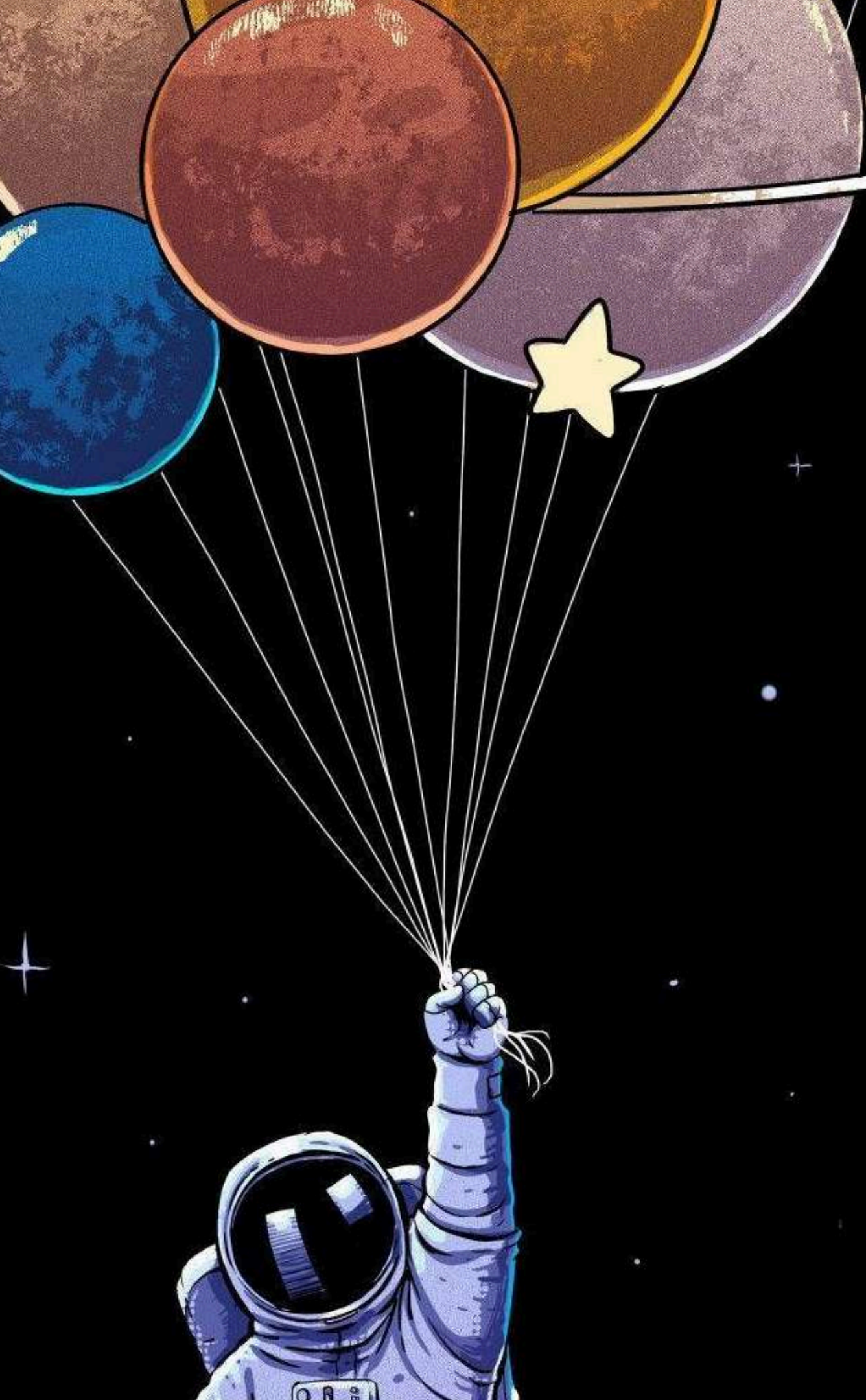


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**URI - A TEENAGER  
(FULL NAME: URANUS)**

**URI IS PLAYED BY CALLUM.**

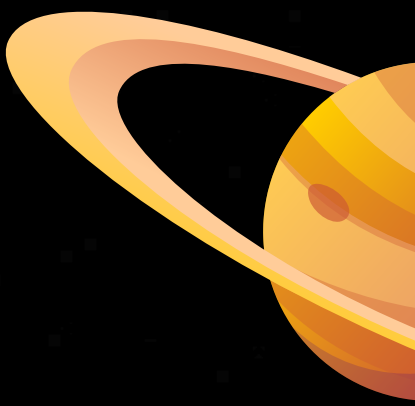
**CALLUM IS A DEAF DANCER AND  
ACTOR WHO HAS RECENTLY COME  
BACK TO THE UK AFTER A YEAR  
WORKING ON A PRODUCTION IN  
BERLIN**







# **SYNERGY: THE STORY**



**THE ASTRONAUT'S WARNINGS HAVE BEEN IGNORED ON EARTH BECAUSE THE ASTRONAUT IS DEAF AND USES BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE TO COMMUNICATE.**

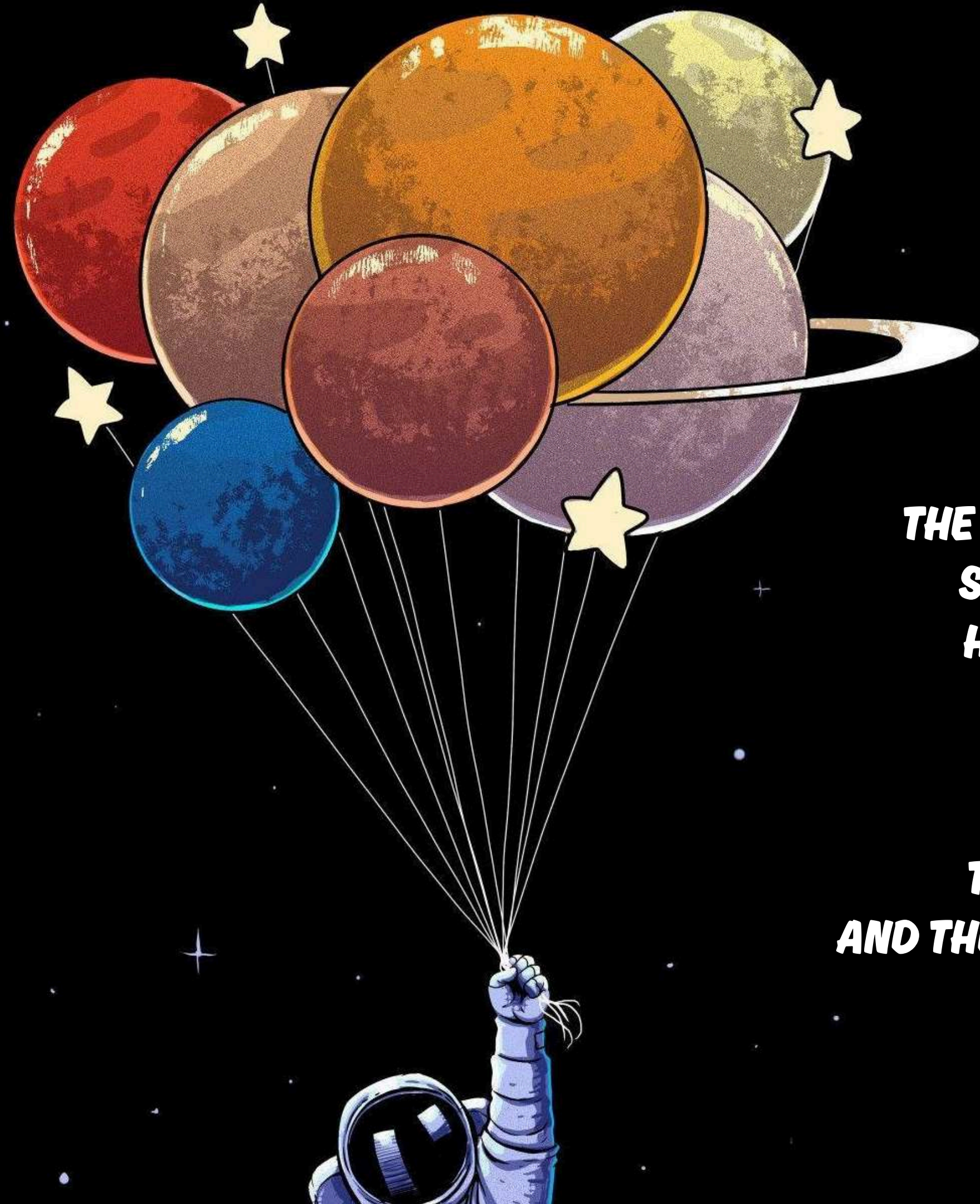
**THE ASTRONAUT HAS LEFT VIDEO MESSAGES ON AN OLD TABLET, HOPING THAT SOMEONE WILL FIND THE PHONE AND LISTEN TO THEIR WARNINGS.**



**A GROUP OF TEENAGERS FIND THE OLD TABLET AND WATCH THE ASTRONAUT'S VIDEOS.**

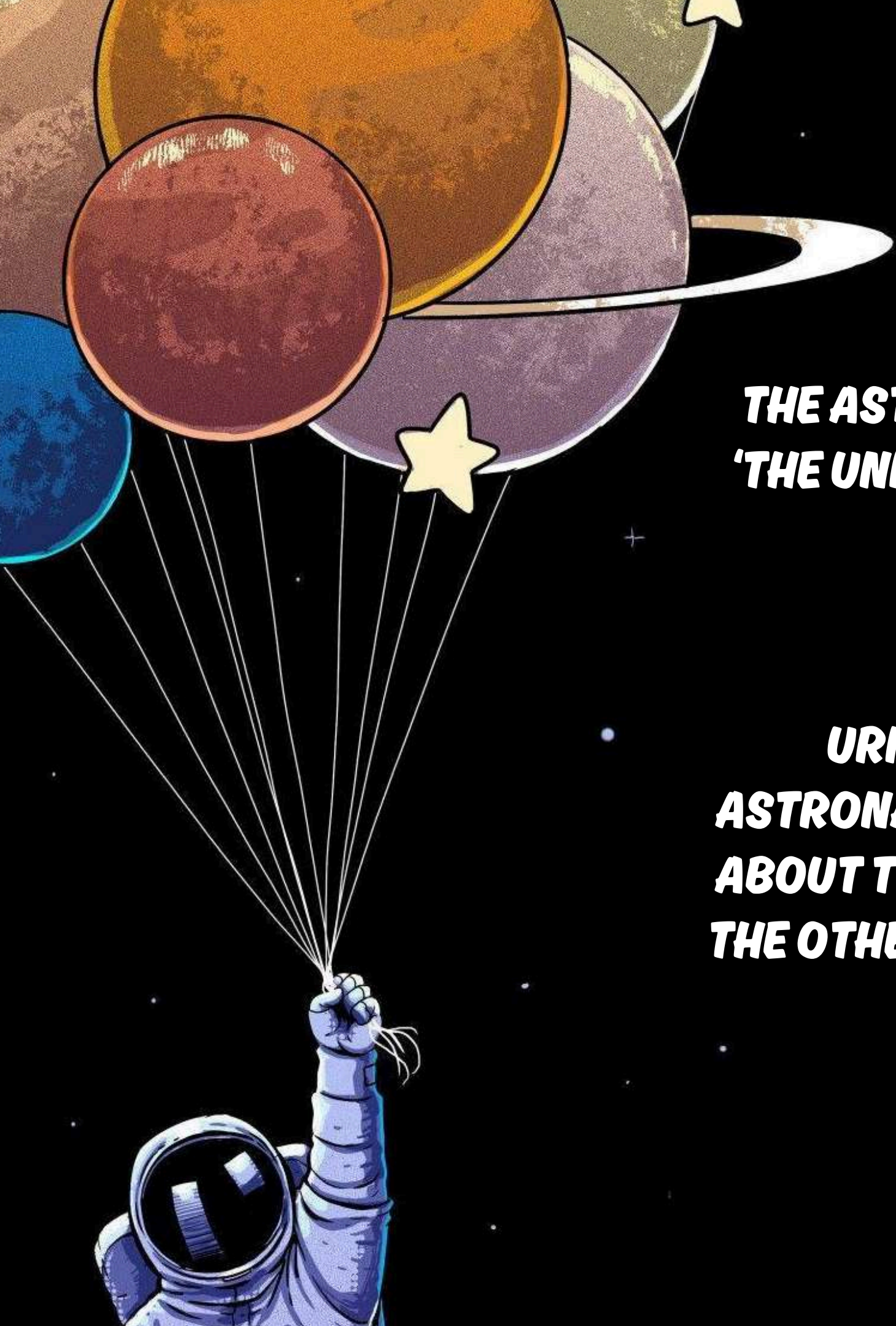
**THEY WATCH THE FIRST MESSAGE FROM THE ASTRONAUT WHO TELLS THEM TO 'LOOK UP AT THE STARS' AND THEY DANCE THE 'MERCURY DANCE' AS MERCURY IS THE FIRST PLANET IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM.**





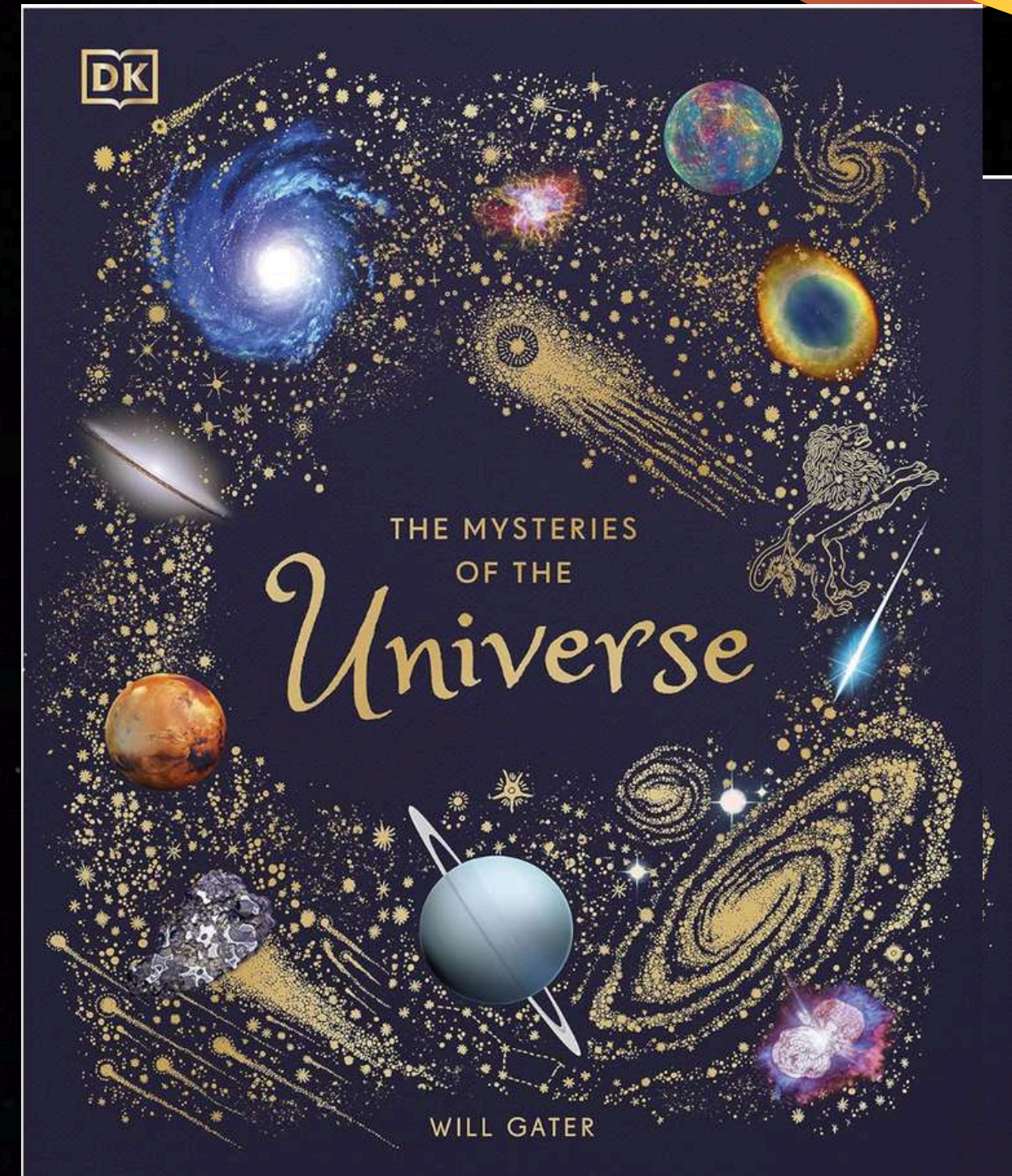
**THE ASTRONAUT THEN TELLS THEM TO 'BE CURIOUS'  
SO THEY THINK ABOUT ALL THE DAMAGE THAT  
HAS BEEN DONE TO EARTH AND THINK ABOUT  
THE OTHER PLANETS IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM**

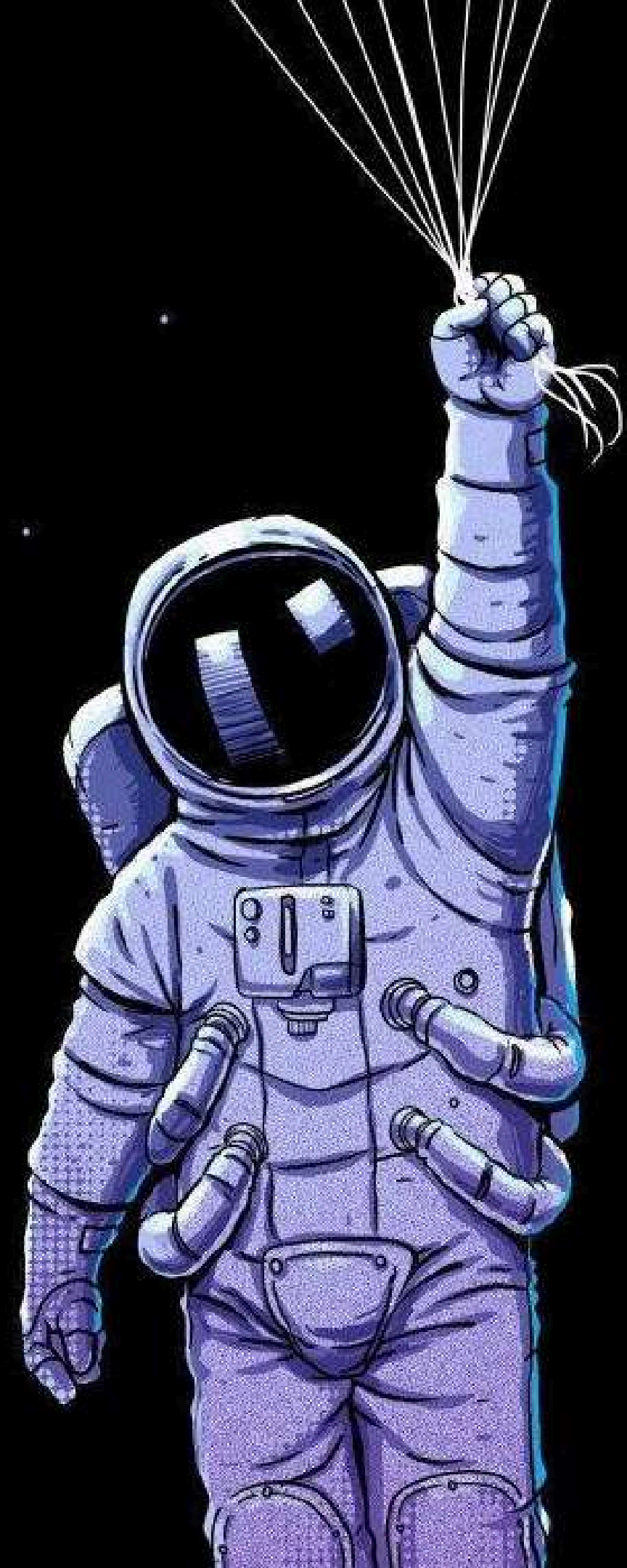
**THE ASTRONAUT TELLS THEM 'DON'T GIVE UP'  
AND THEY DECIDE TO TAKE ACTION TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT  
THE PROBLEM OF CLIMATE CHANGE  
- THE MARS DANCE**



**THE ASTRONAUT EXPLAINS THAT  
'THE UNIVERSE IS NOT CONFUSING'**

**URI AGREES WITH THE  
ASTRONAUT AND GETS HIS BOOK  
ABOUT THE UNIVERSE AND TELLS  
THE OTHERS ABOUT THE PLANET,  
URANUS.**





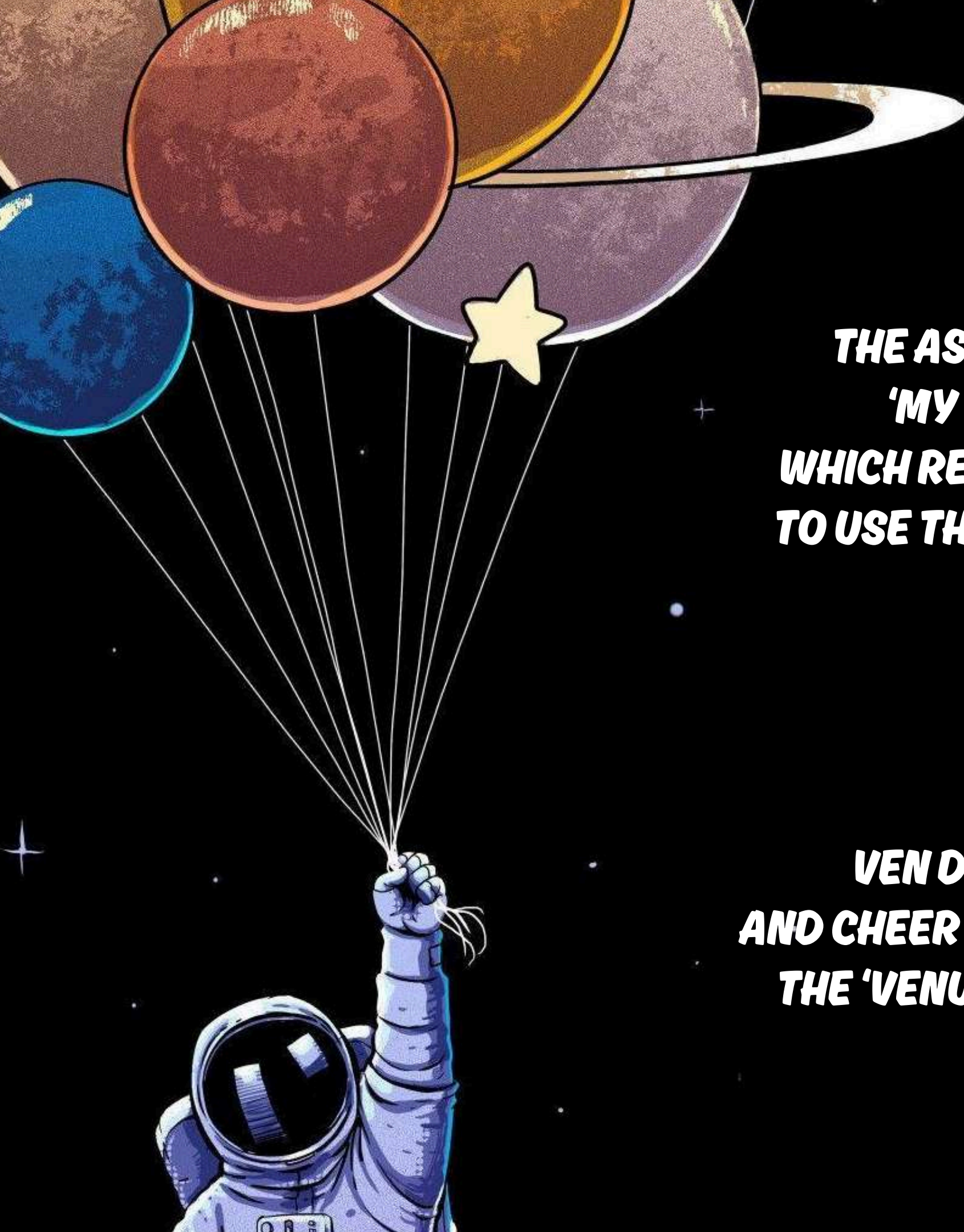
**AFTER URI'S URANUS DANCE, THE ASTRONAUT SAYS,  
'THE UNIVERSE IS NOT PERFECT'**

**AND THE GROUP REALISE THEY MIGHT NOT FIND  
A PERFECT SOLUTION TO LEAVING EARTH.**

**NEB DANCES THE  
'NEPTUNE' DANCE.**

**HE IS SAD BECAUSE HE THINKS  
THEY WILL NEVER LEAVE EARTH  
AND HE FEELS VERY LONELY.**





**THE ASTRONAUT SIGNS  
'MY MIND IS FREE'  
WHICH REMINDS THE GROUP  
TO USE THEIR IMAGINATIONS.**

**VEN DECIDES TO TRY  
AND CHEER UP NEB AND DANCES  
THE 'VENUS' DANCE OF HOPE.**





**AT THE END OF VEN'S DANCE, THE GROUP DECIDE TO PUT ON THEIR SILVER ASTRONAUT JACKETS AND LEAVE EARTH**



**THE ASTRONAUT FINDS THE GROUP AND LEADS THEM INTO SPACE**

**THE END**

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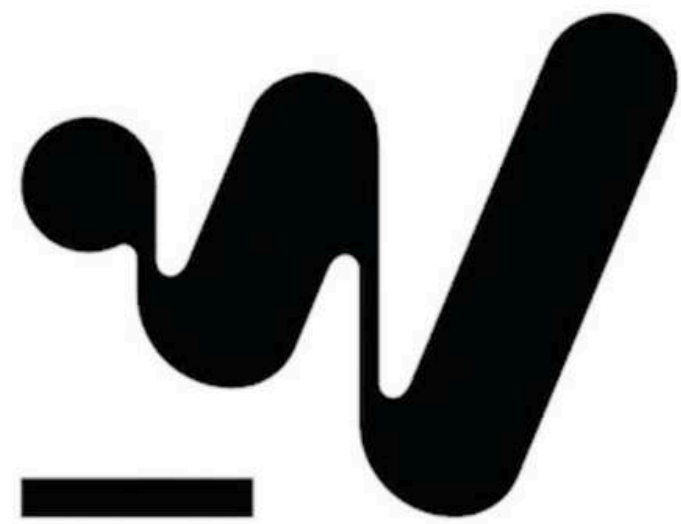
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