Marsby and the Martian Detectives

Coloring Book



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The identical twins, Spirit and Opportunity.



Let's learn about NASA's Mars exploration mission through the adventures of Marsby and the Martian detectives!

I was able to turn around and get into your atmosphere, crouched behind my heat shield.

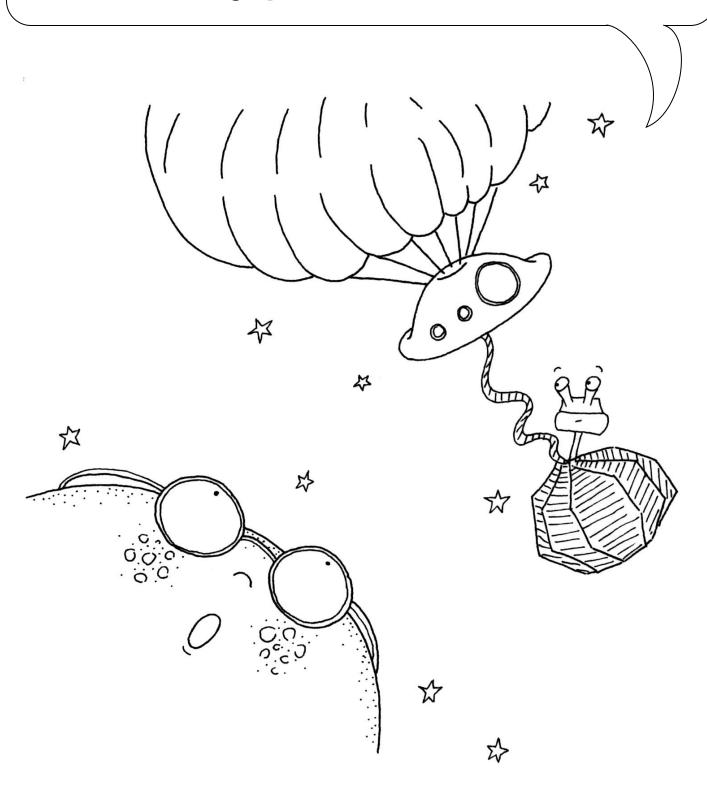


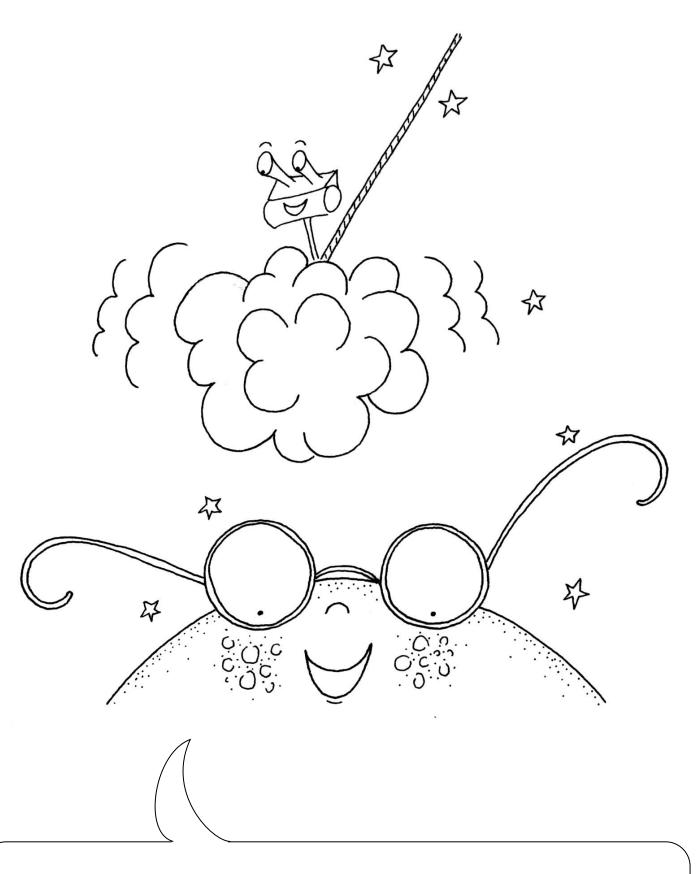
The last 6 minutes were crazy. I sure was glad when my supersonic parachute opened.



You're not the type that can clam up for very long.

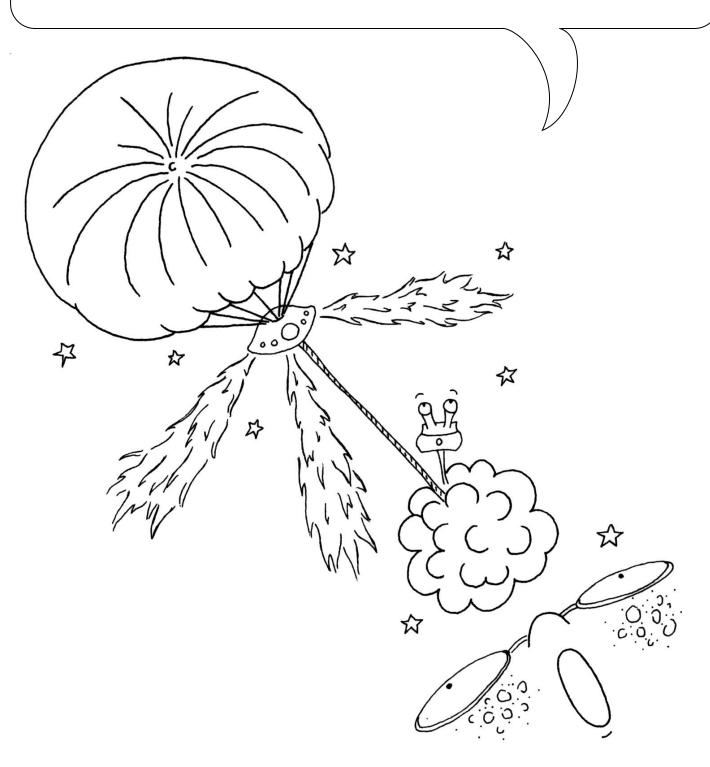
I was holding my breath swinging from a rope 4 miles up in your thin air until my air bags inflated. You were coming up fast. I think I had 6 seconds left.



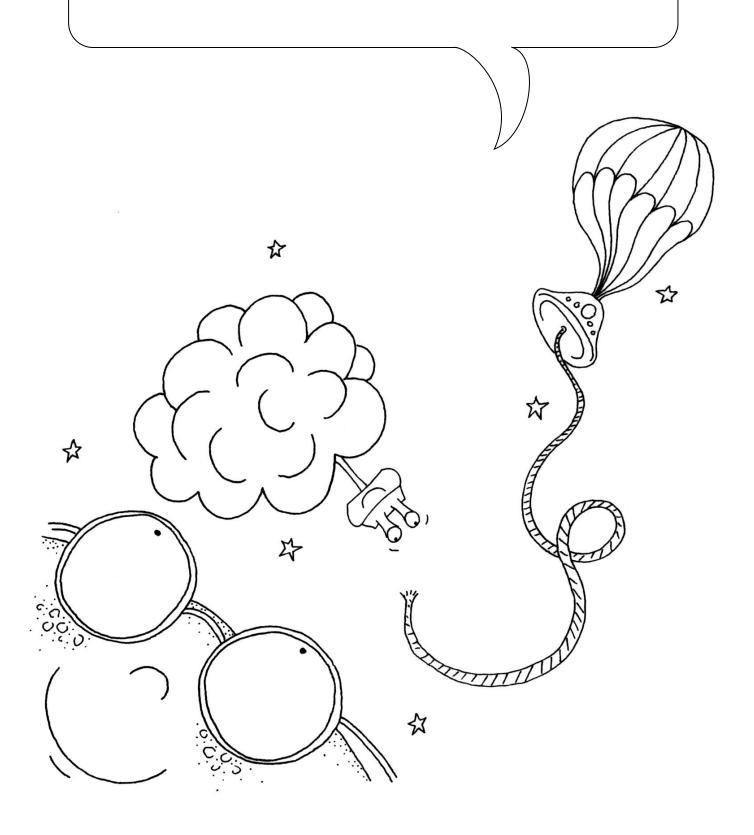


I saw your airbags inflate. That was really awesome.

I was going I 60 miles an hour with only 5 seconds left when my radar signaled my retro rockets to fire, just in time to stop my fall... only 25 feet above your belly.



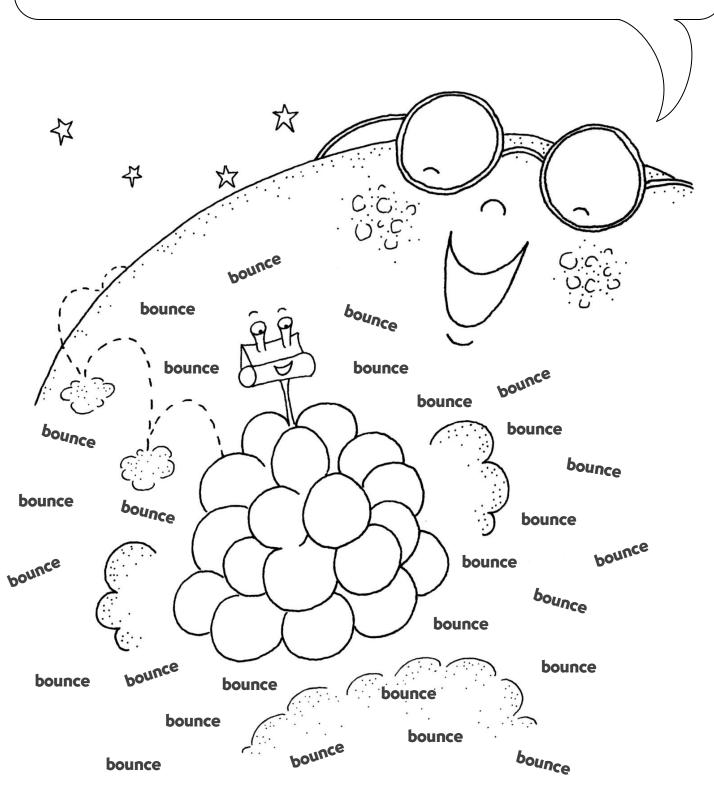
The bridle is cut—here I come!

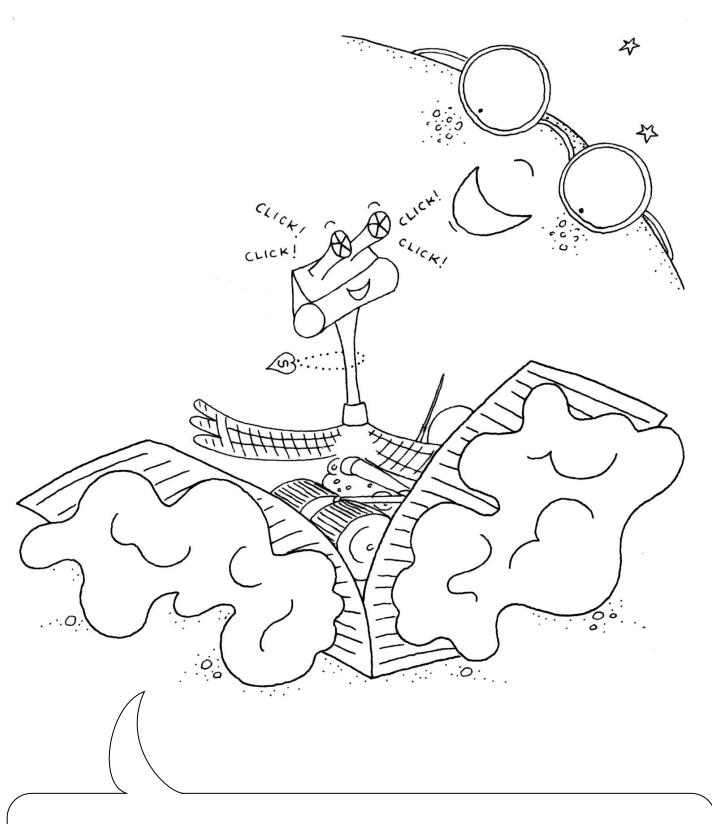


But did you have to bounce 28 times?

I knew you were here when you bounced the first time.

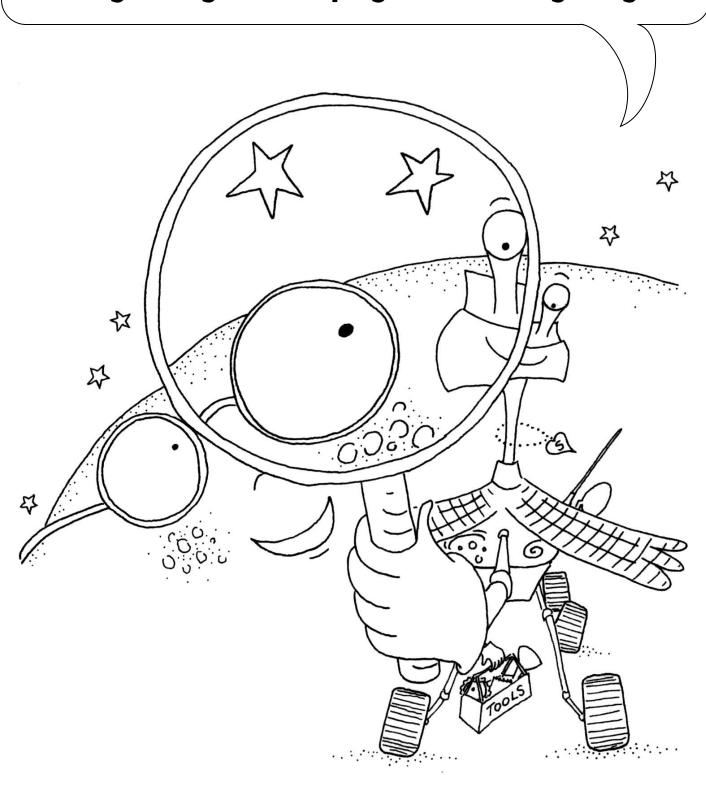
I didn't mind. I'm so glad to have
a rough-and-tumble friend like you.

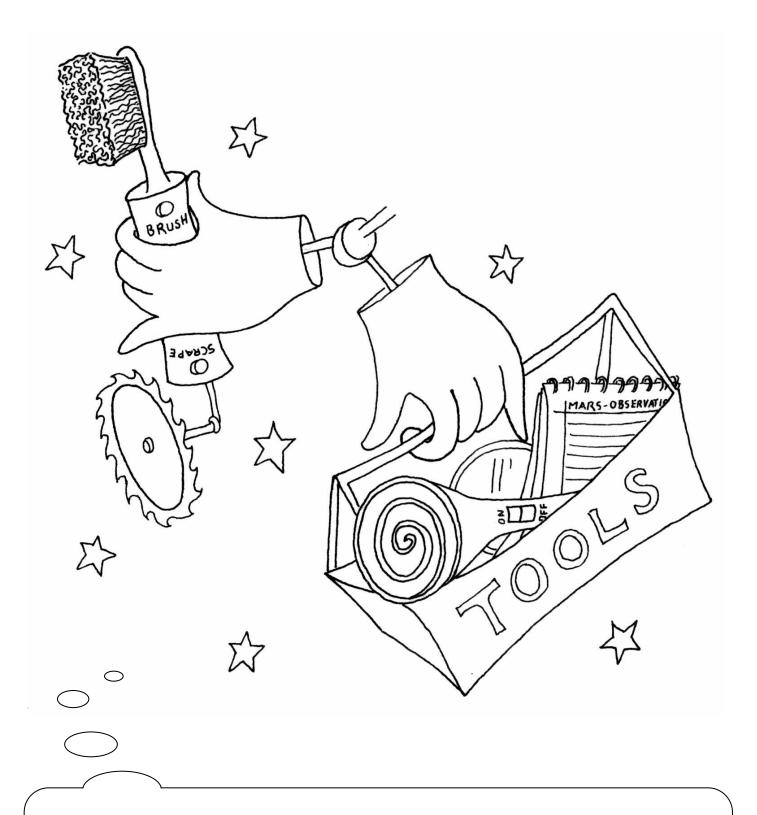




I thought I was a robotic tourist snapping pictures. I will be taking lots of pictures to impress NASA.

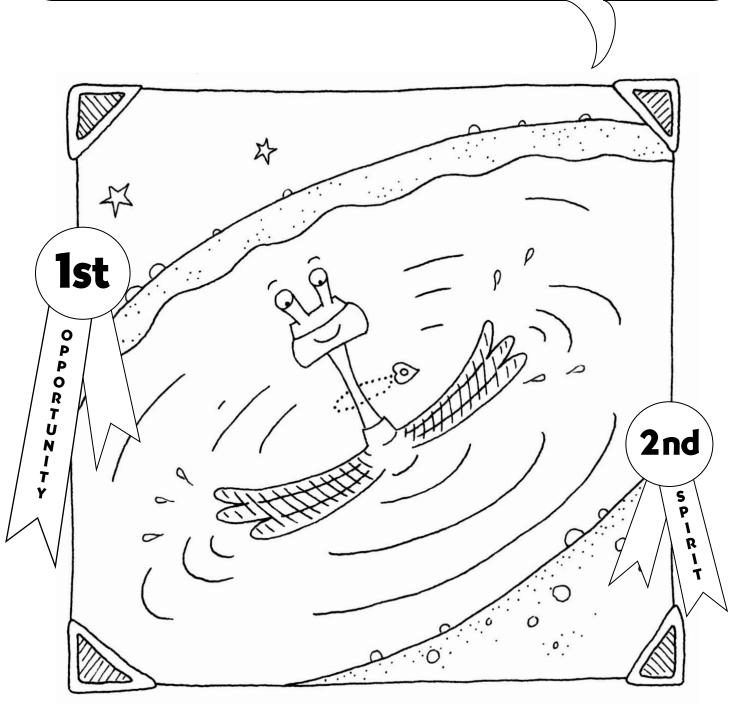
It sure helps to have a geologist's hand lens... a magnifying glass, to you! I'll be grinding and scraping rocks. I'm a geologist!





My rock abrasion tool (or RAT)
will help me examine rocks
to search for signs of ancient water on Mars.

Yes! There are signs of ancient water on Mars!
I'm imagining what it might have been like
to swim here billions of years ago.



FOR THE RECORD

Opportunity and Spirit found signs of ancient water.



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