

# Your stories



These are our favourite three stories that were created using Rory's Story Cubes at this years magical Just So Festival

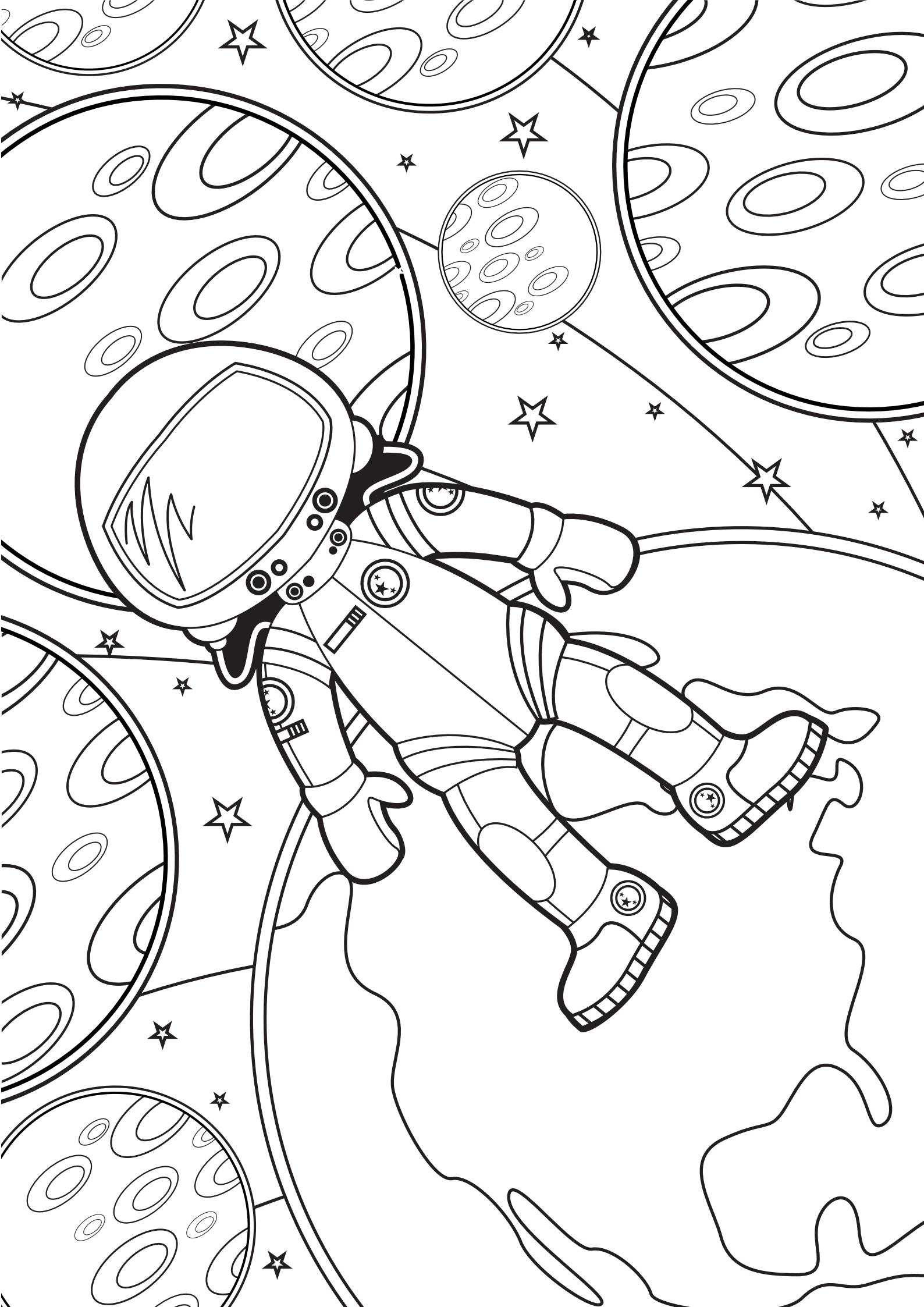
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# Once upon a time...

... a star went over a pyramid. The moon smiled with a great enormous smile. Suddenly an astronaut landed on the moon. He fell safely down to earth and landed gently on the grass. Then he staggered into a hotel and there was a little pond there with some fish in it. After a little while he had a rest and felt much better the next day. He walked to the airport and got on a plane and went home.

By Finley (Age 5)

*Rory (inventor of Rory's Story Cubes) says: I really liked this story because Finley has used as many of the cubes as possible, and it's impossible not to smile when you read the words 'enormous smile!' (you see, you just smiled didn't you?)*



# Once upon a time...

...when the earth was turning, I saw a pink pyramid, 'where did it come from?' I said. The arrows spun round, it was magic. I rolled a dice around the earth, a shooting star came past and I telephoned someone to say "THE END"

By Katherine (Age 5)

*Roger says: I really liked this story because it shows that Katherine has really used her imagination. And I like a definitive ending!*

Stephen (from Coiledspring) has rolled the Rory's Story Cubes. Here is a picture. Can you make up a story?

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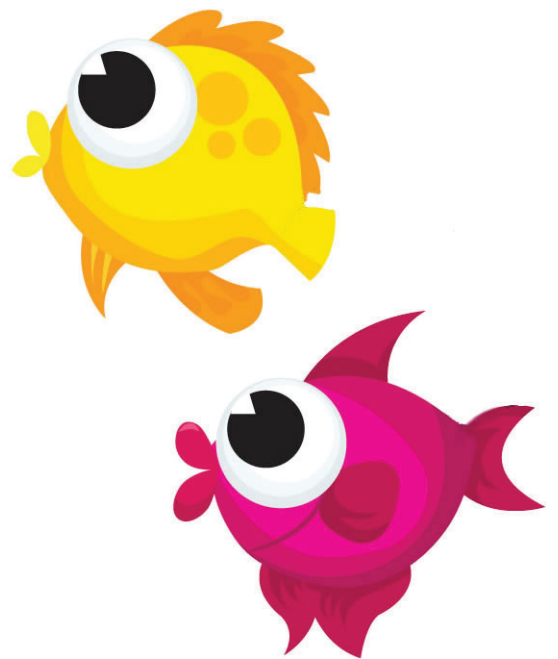


# Once upon a time...

...a fish was swimming in a fountain. All of a sudden bigger fish gobbled him up!

By Dylan (Age 3)

Can you draw the big fish?



*Rachael says: I really liked this story because it made me laugh and reminds me of the stories I used to write for my Nana when I was a little girl.*

# Our thanks:

We had a wonderful time and would like to say a big “THANK YOU” to all the children who came to play games, tell stories and help us have a brilliant time; and to the Mums and Dads who wrote the stories down.

Special thanks go to Sarah and Rowan and the rest of the Just So Team for creating such a wonderful festival. Tickets for next year are on sale now.

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Rory's Story Cubes were developed by Rory O'Connor. Originally developed as a creative problem solving tool, Rory's Story Cubes uses story metaphor to draw out insights. It works because the brain thinks in pictures and will make lateral connections between the images and the question you are working on.

Roll all 9 Cubes. Begin with 'Once Upon a Time' and tell a story that links together all 9 face-up images. Start with the first symbol to grab your attention. There is no wrong answer, the goal is to let the images spark your imagination. Rory's Story Cubes have been awarded best game in the 2011 Independent toy retailers award



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Our Christmas toy awards are the most balanced of their kind. We asked our 801 listers to send us their recommendations for the best toy of the year from 15 categories. These independent toy retailers were free to choose any products they liked. No shortlists were drawn up and suppliers were unable to influence the results.



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