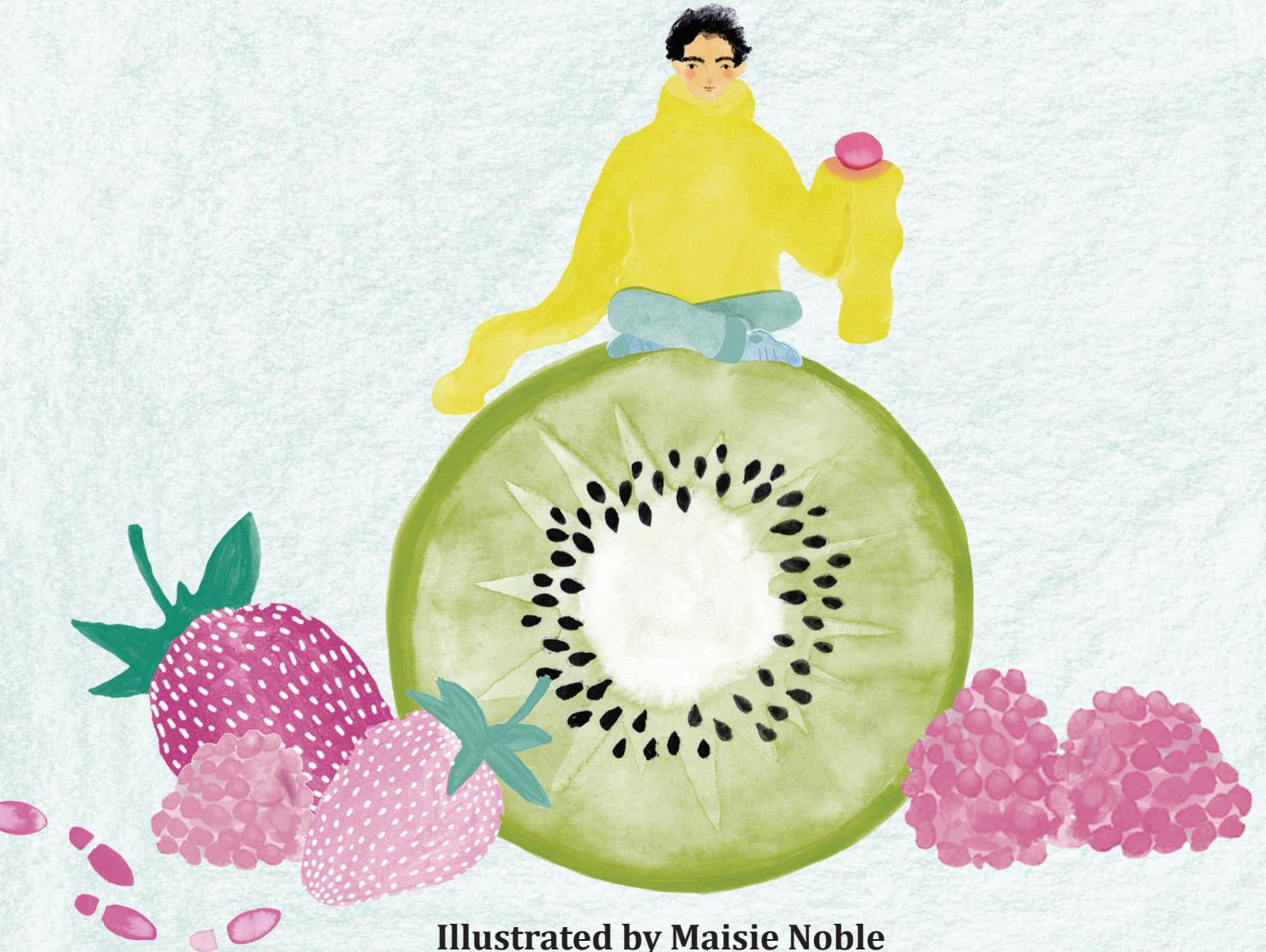


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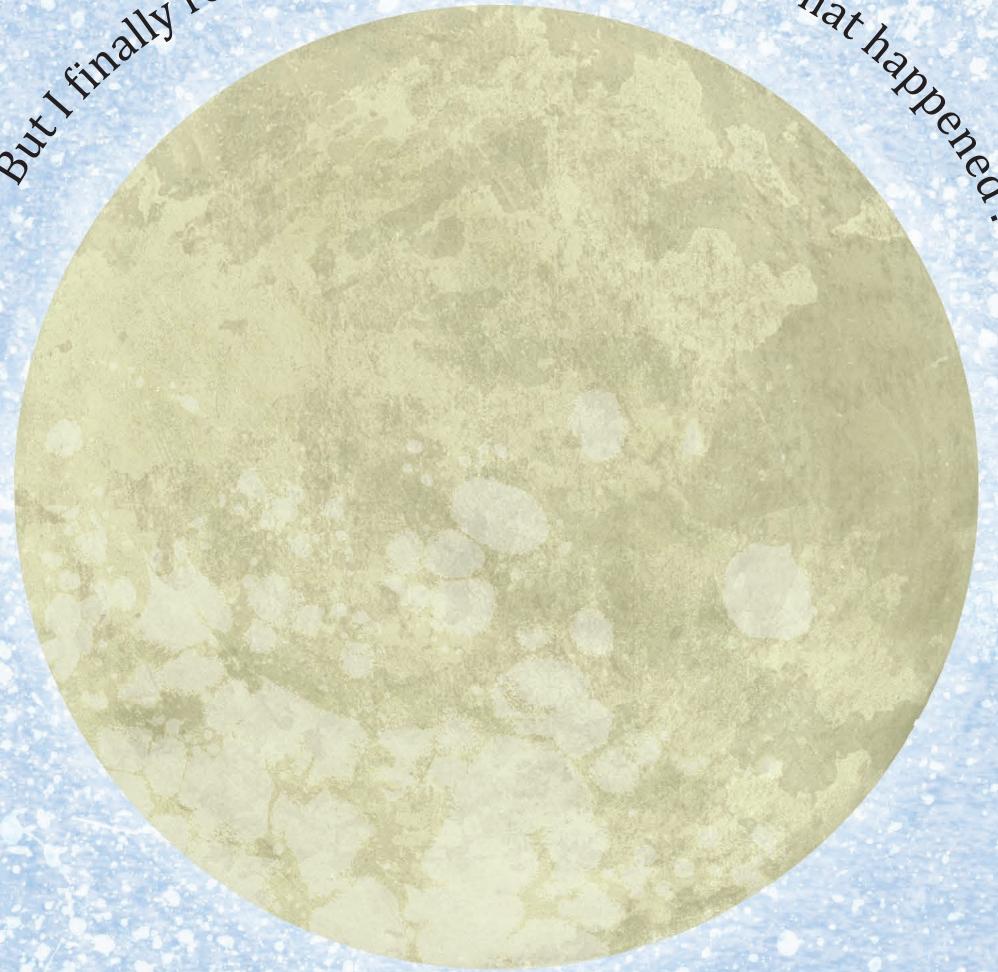


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Hi I'm Montgomery and I wanted to go to the moon.
Unfortunately everyone said I was too small.

But I finally reached the moon and this is what happened...





I decided to try a few things to grow bigger.



1) I went to the park, where all the dogs bark, after school to try the monkey bars.
“OUCH!” That didn’t work at all!



2) They told me to drink milk,
but I didn't grow an inch!

But I wasn't
going to give up,

I was going,
to **GROW** up!



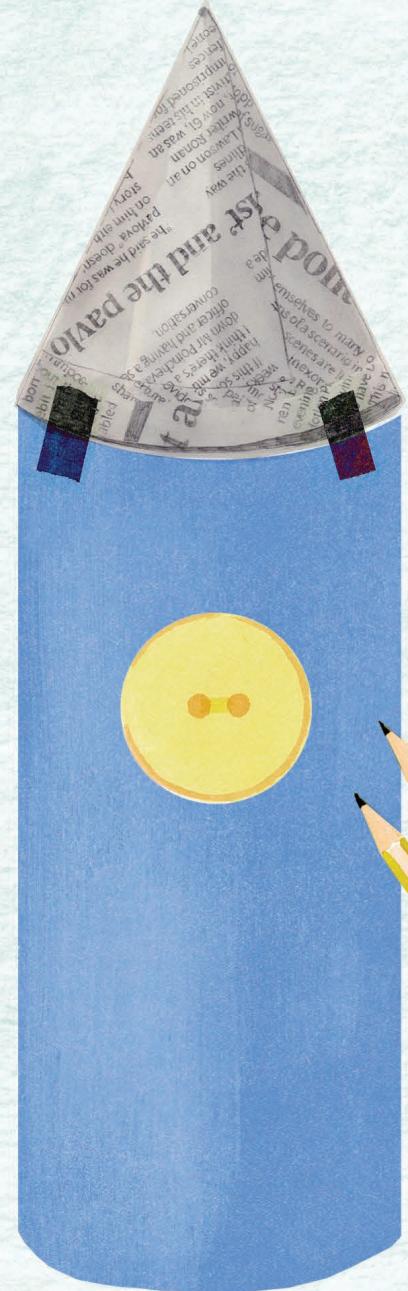
I thought and thought
that I didn't need to be big.



I just needed my brain to grow.



So I searched how to make a rocket and
in a few days I made it!





I packed up my bag without my parents seeing.
I packed a lot of food too!





Zoom! Now I am in space.



I live here, I have plenty of food.
But I learnt one thing – if I tried, my size
wouldn't matter I would still win my prize!



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What does he do to reach the Moon?**

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