

This is a story about squabs, tiny creatures no bigger than cucumbers. They lived in a Forest in a place called «Flower Town».

One day, a squab named Tricky found a strange, luminous stone in the cucumber patch. He guessed that it was a moon-rock.

 ${\it W}$ hen he tried to share his discovery with the other inhabitants of Flower Town, they all laughed at him.

 $\mathcal{H}_{e}$  did manage to intrigue Clevy, the scientist, who discovered that the stone possessed mysterious qualities: when put

together with an ordinary magnet the stone produced an anti-gravity field.



Clevy invented an anti-gravity device!

 ${\it W}$ hile testing his device, he got so carried away that he forgot about his friends having dinner downstairs.

hey were repeatedly subjected to the effects of the device.

Clevy decided to use his device to fly to the Moon Here was his chance to prove his hypothesis about life on the Moon.

Under Clevy's supervision Flower Town began building a spaceship.

Tricky took part in the common cause, but as usual he did more harm than good: he poked his nose in everyone's business, gave silly advice, and only made a mess of things.

One morning Tricky got up early and took Clevy's device to the stream. He wanted to see how fish reacted to weightlessness.

his incident thoroughly annoyed Clevy, who forbid Tricky from participating in the cosmic expedition.



Poor Tricky! He acted like it didn't bother him, but in fact, he was crushed. He persuaded his fat friend Bunny to stow a way in the spaceship before it took off.

The inhabitants of Flower Town were asleep, nobody saw the rocket take off, even the drowsy "astronauts" inside didn't notice.

he spaceship flew on autopilot and our friends raced towards Moon.

The earth squabs found themselves alone among cosmic silence, far away from their native Earth.

Tricky and Bunny wandered across the surface to the Moon in their uncomfortable space suits. All they saw were dusty sand hills and meteor craters. They didn't know there was another planet below the surface.

(In reality the Moon is the hollow shell with a solid core inside and its own atmosphere.)

7ricky fell into an ice cave and lost his friend Bunny. He fell down, down... post giant icicles. At last he found himself inside the Moon among moon squabs.

Unlike earth plants, fruits, vegetables and flowers in the Moon were tiny and made of a special synthetic substance produced by the Chemical factories of Mr. Sproots, the richest and most influential squab in the Moon.

Tricky told about his native planet. He described Flower Town, live plants covered with large, delicious fruits, his trip with Bunny. He also mentioned sowing the earth seeds left in the spaceship.

The factory-owner understood that his business was in danger. He was afraid of losing his status as «Chemical King». With "real" plants and fruits on the market who would want his synthetic junk?









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