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# APPRENTICE MARTIAN AMBASSADOR CREATIVE WRITING ACTIVITY PACK







# MARTIAN MAIL MEMORANDUM

Official Documents from the Planet Mars, Fourth Planet from the Sun

## Greetings Earthlings

Do you ever wonder how come it's Earth-lings, and not Earthians, or Earthanites, or Earthanese? I mean, up here in space we have Martians, Venutians, Plutonians, Mercurians and then EarthLINGS. I'm just saying it's a little messy. Maybe sort yourself out Earth? For once?

It has come to my attention that some Earthlings believe that all Martians have giant heads, large buggy eyes, spindly bodies and are a greyish-green colour. How rude! To think that an entire planet's worth of people could be identical. I, for instance, wear a hat. It's red and huge and flashes. My mother says it is the best thing about me.

Look, I don't know if you are the ones in charge of this, but there's a fair bit of human junk cluttering up space these days. Some satellites, an old bit of a rocket, something called a 'rover'... Space is a big place, but you humans make a big mess. It's getting pretty cramped. I know that in the past we've left some odds and bods on Earth - the pyramids, the Easter Island statues, certain pop stars and politicians, but two wrongs don't make a right! Clean up this galaxy right now, young humanoid!

Now that the unpleasantness is out of the way, hello, nice to correspond with you, etc etc. How is your Martian Ambassador training going? Can you recite the seventeen creeds of the Gorflex yet? Have you bested the trials of Alpha Centauri 8? Can you poop upside down? I hope your progression is satisfactory.

In this pack you should find several pieces of very important paperwork to fill out, some old important Mars junk that I have mucked up and need help with, and also some cut and paste activities, to help you plan your own space mission, and to start writing your own stories (whether they feature a very beautiful Martian Librarian is completely up to you).

A pleasure as always,

Yours,



Marcia 

Martian Librarian 



## PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION FORM የግል መለያ ቅጽ

We don't expect all our ambassadors to be of a similar age, level of education, or even species. Please fill in the following identification form.



### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION የፍጥነት መለያ

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### DIETARY HABITS የግል ልማት

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## ALIEN VOCABULARY TRANSLATION

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So, if you're going to join the team, you're going to have to earn your keep. We have received several pieces of communication from a nearby civilisation, yet cannot understand a single word. Please assist us in translating these by offering definitions to the following words. We have tried to help you in the task by giving you some context within which they appear.



# Snergle

As in “She came with a message of peace, but was instead met with *snergle*.”

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# Frinkzstooph

As in “Traditionally, *Frinkzstooph* would only be used once every year, to celebrate the new moon.”

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# Tunglminium

As in “We knew he was right for the job, as he had excellent *Tunglminium*.”

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## Flooshter

As in “I’m sorry to say that you have *flooshter*.”

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# Sla'am

As in “Finally, a *Sla’am* to call my own.”

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## Xyphonflorb

As in “Excuse me lady, but is this your *Xyphonflorb*?”

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[illegible]

I reached into the gloom and was shocked by the texture. It felt like  
and as I brought my hand to my mouth in shock, I accidentally tasted the substance. It was like  
mixed with  
Disgusting!



# INTERGALACTIC SPACE TREATY

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All intergalactic ambassadors must recite the Space Treaty when they transfer from one cosmic quadrant to the next. Unfortunately the original words to the treaty were lost to the passing of time and bad translation, and now most life forms simply mumble through the lines and say the rhymes loudly.



Fill in your version of the Space Treaty below, just so you can practice.

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby declare:

face.

space.

comet

upon it

asteroid

android.

tungsten

fun then.

lunar.

true star.

laser gun.

chase or run.

addition

mission.

phaser.

quasar.

pulsar chart.

all my heart.



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[illegible]



## THE FOUNDING OF A NATION

אָרדנען אירע אַנזאָלענדע אַרבעטן

Attn Person who decided to tell me about when humans first landed on the deserted planet Pluto. Unfortunately, our fax machine is a little busted, and we could only read certain words. Please fill in the missing information below to assist us in better understanding the origins of this community.



In the year

saw something in the distance, which turned out to be

first building erected was a

and so they named it

an unlikely choice for Governor, because

they celebrated with the local delicacy

soon found that the town was rich in the resource

, a disaster that no one saw coming

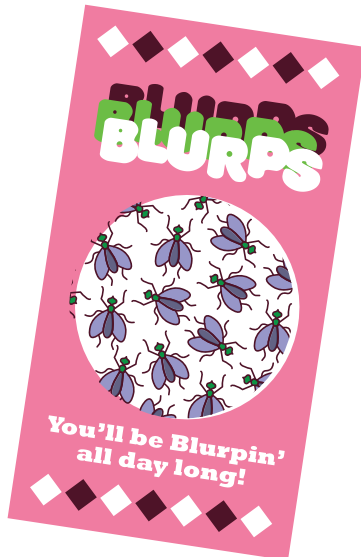
a funny coincidence, which led to the nickname for the townspeople,



## THE CANDY BAR IS NOW BLURPIN'

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Many of the visitors to Mars are from other planets or solar systems, meaning they have, like, totally different candies. As such, we have to tack little cards alongside all the snacks so people know what they're in for. Mostly they are in for bugs, but hey, different bugs taste like different things! Refine your palette! Anyway, please describe these jubes for noobs.



### HOKKS

Looks like: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Smells like: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Tastes like: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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### BLURPS

Looks like: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Smells like: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Tastes like: \_\_\_\_\_

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### JURGLES

Looks like: \_\_\_\_\_

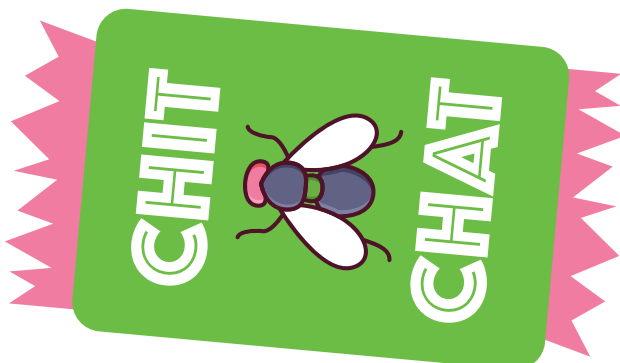
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Tastes like: \_\_\_\_\_

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### CHIT CHAT

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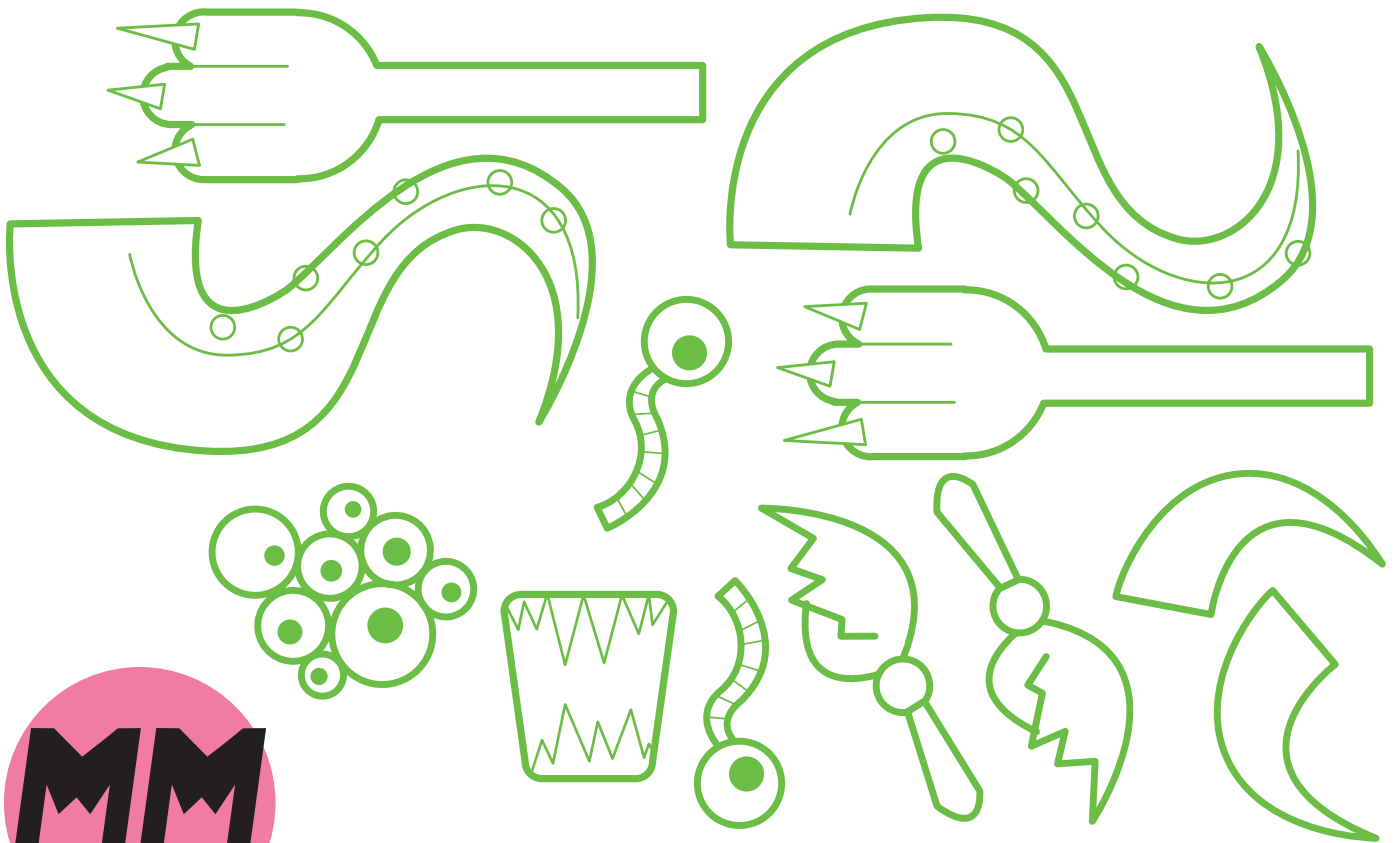
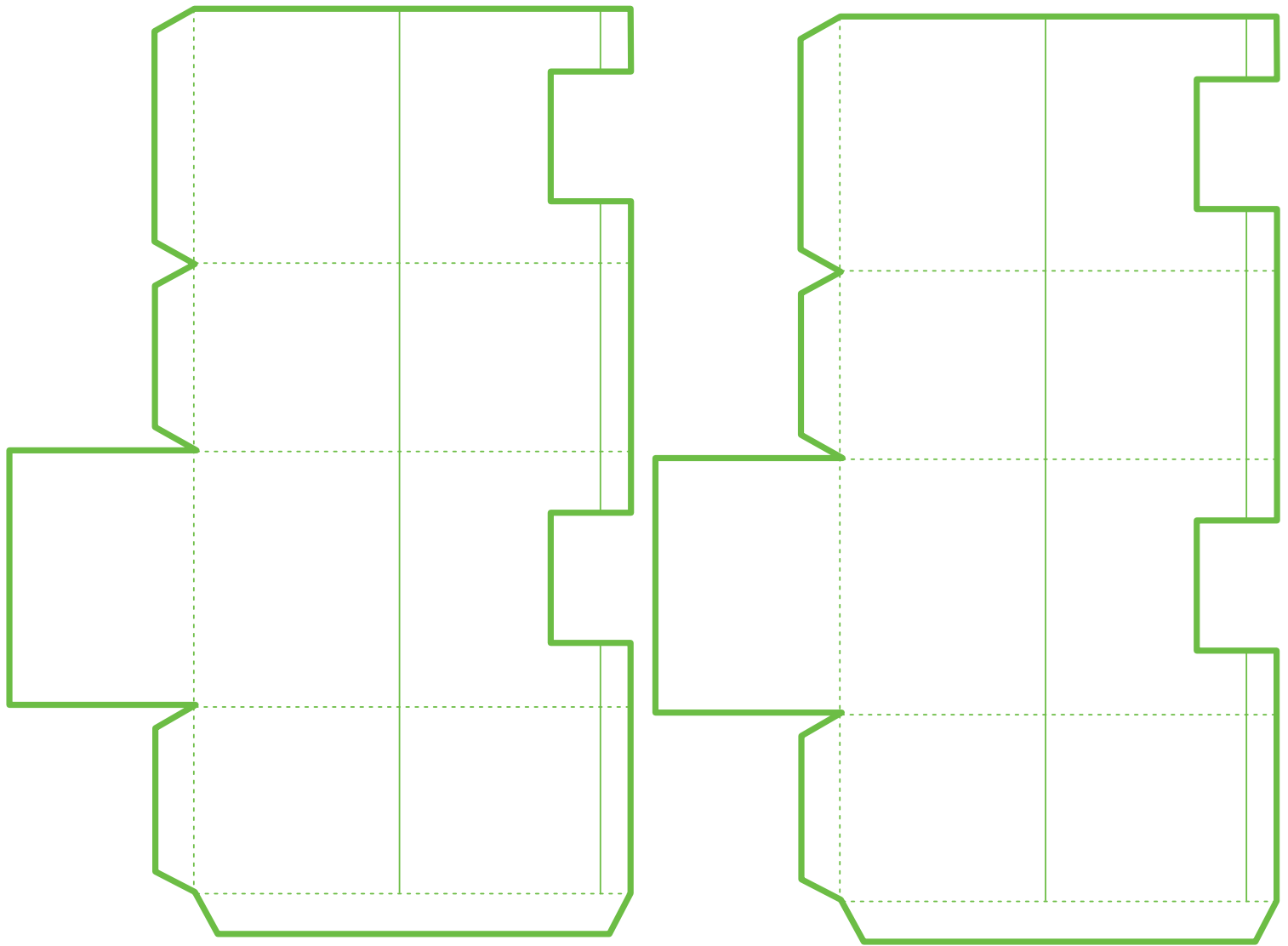
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## MAKE AN ALIEN فعلك اناك الفضائي


You think humans are all that? Psshhhpheewisah, you don't even have ONE tentacle! How do you pick up a banana if you drop it while fighting the most horrible Venutian Person Trap? Use the above models to create some superior beings. And then pray they'll come to help you survive!





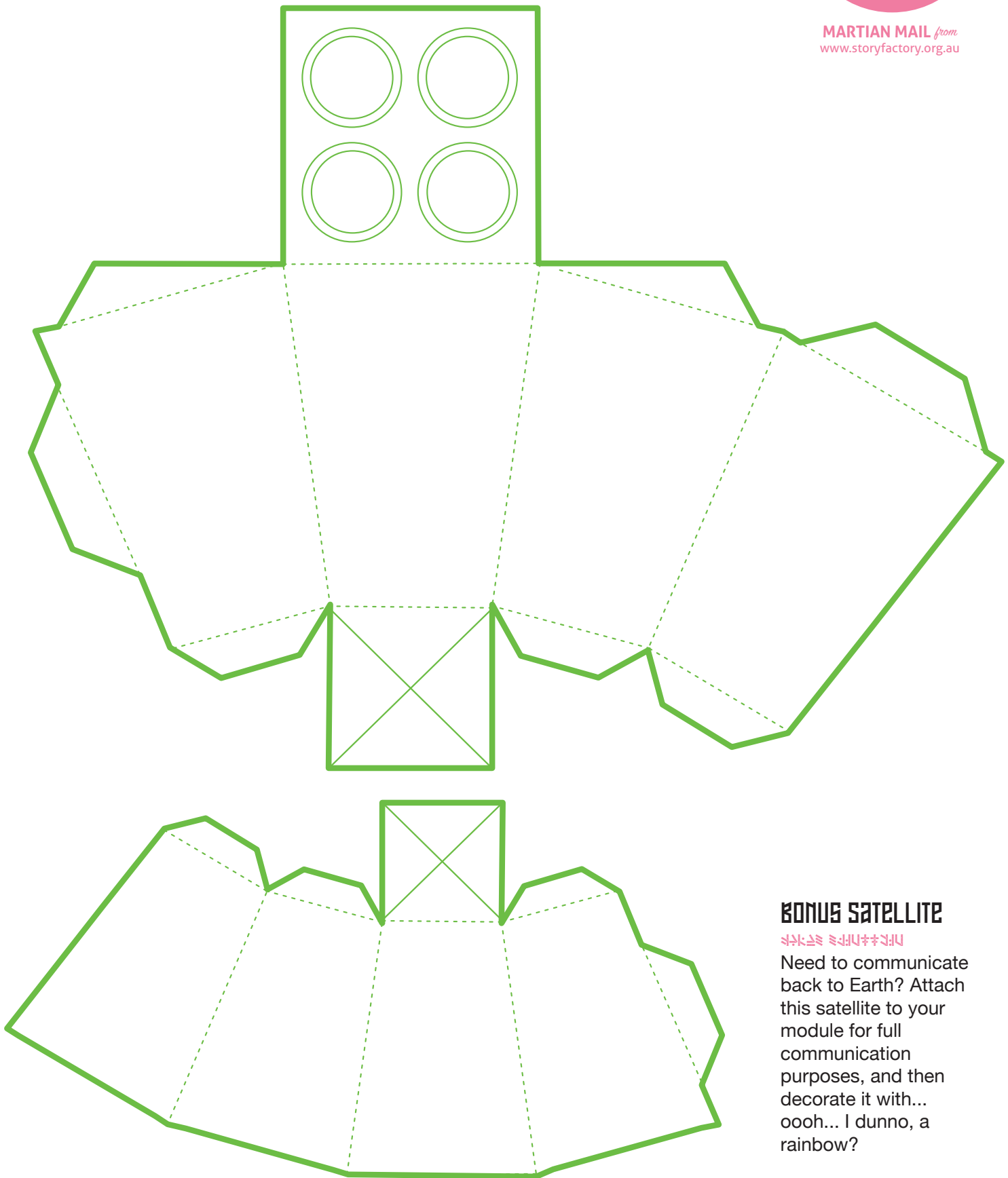


## BUILD A LANDING MODULE

Floating through space may be the most exhilarating, yet peaceful, experience known to all species throughout the galaxies. Another cool thing is landing, because the chances of a snack floating past in deep space are pretty rare. Design yourself a landing module. What tools do you need? How many robot arms should it have? Is a pizza oven in the bathroom over-the-top, or just smart foresight? You decide! 



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## BONUS SATELLITE

Need to communicate back to Earth? Attach this satellite to your module for full communication purposes, and then decorate it with... oooh... I dunno, a rainbow?



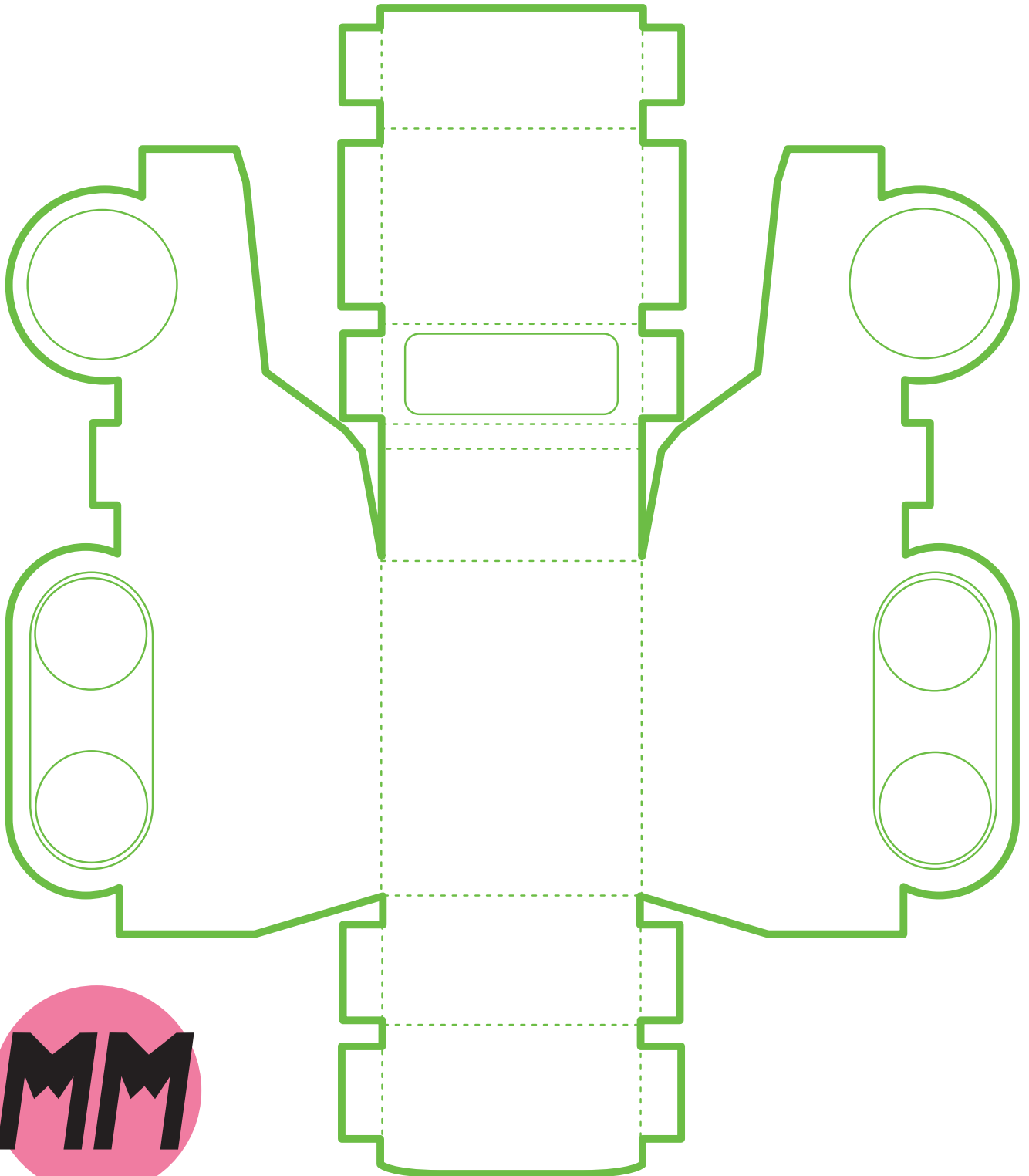






## BUILD YOUR VEHICLE

“Maaaaaaaan, that is one totally sweet ride!” While aliens rarely speak like ‘cool’ characters from ’90s Earth movies, you can tell that is what they’re thinking when they see you drive past in this all-terrain, oxygenated, exploration buggy. Or maybe not? Depends how you decorate it I guess. 🚀









# STORYTELLING CUBES

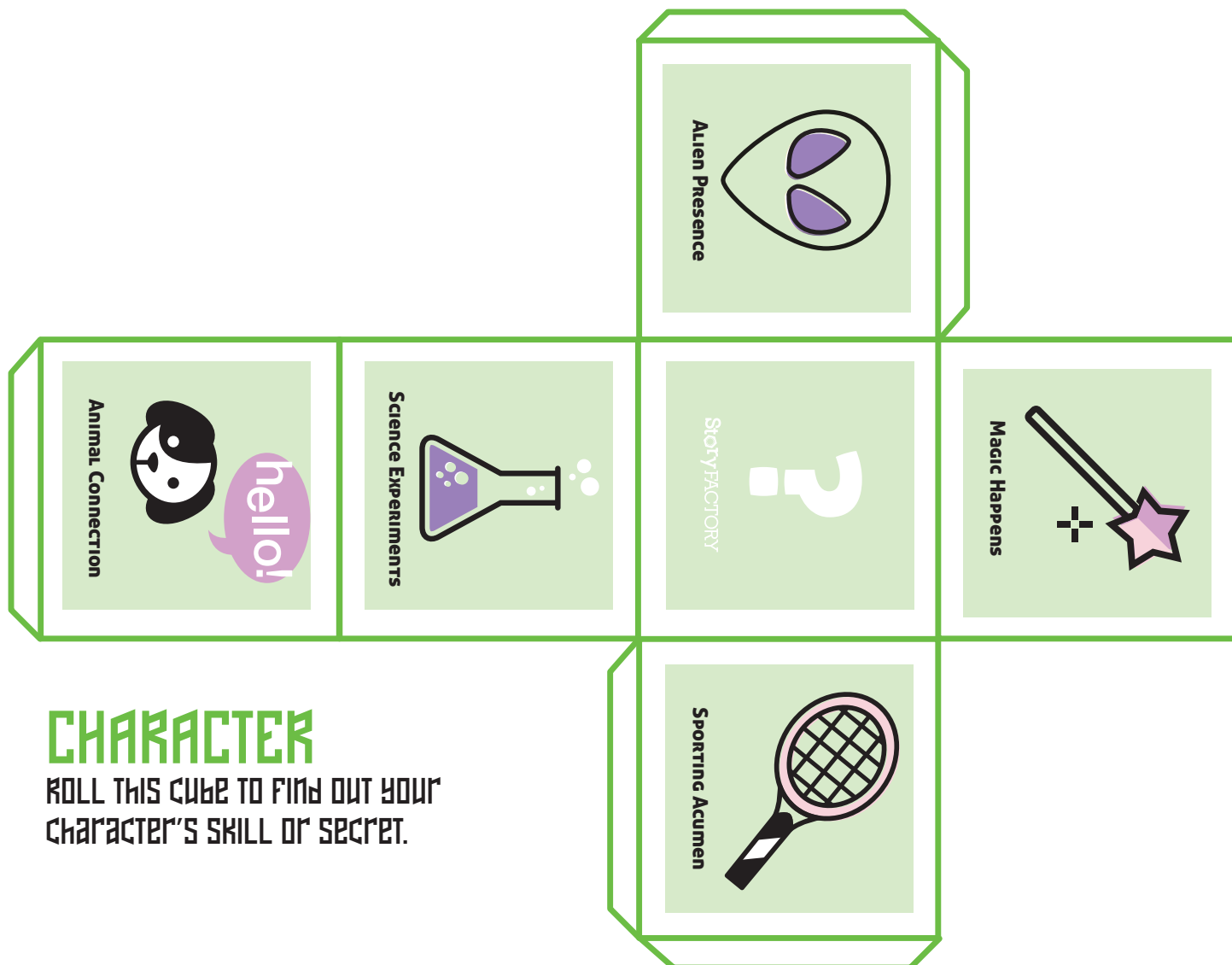
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So actually I have heaps of jobs. Cool, huh? The answer is no. They take forever and I get paid in swidgets, which haven't been a recognised currency on Mars since the Great Emperor Larvae choked on two and had to be dissected for his royal gloop. Anyway, one of my jobs is to write the entire history of literature for Mars. Yep. We only just got books, and now I have to fill them all.

So I was thinking I'd try and outsource a bunch of this to Earth. Kids - write a story, please? Maybe one day I'll publish it on Mars. You think J. K. Rowling has a book on Mars? I've designed these storytelling cubes to help - just cut and paste them, and you'll be three throws away from the beginning of an awesome story. Good luck! 🍀



## CHARACTER

ROLL THIS CUBE TO FIND OUT YOUR  
CHARACTER'S SKILL OR SECRET.



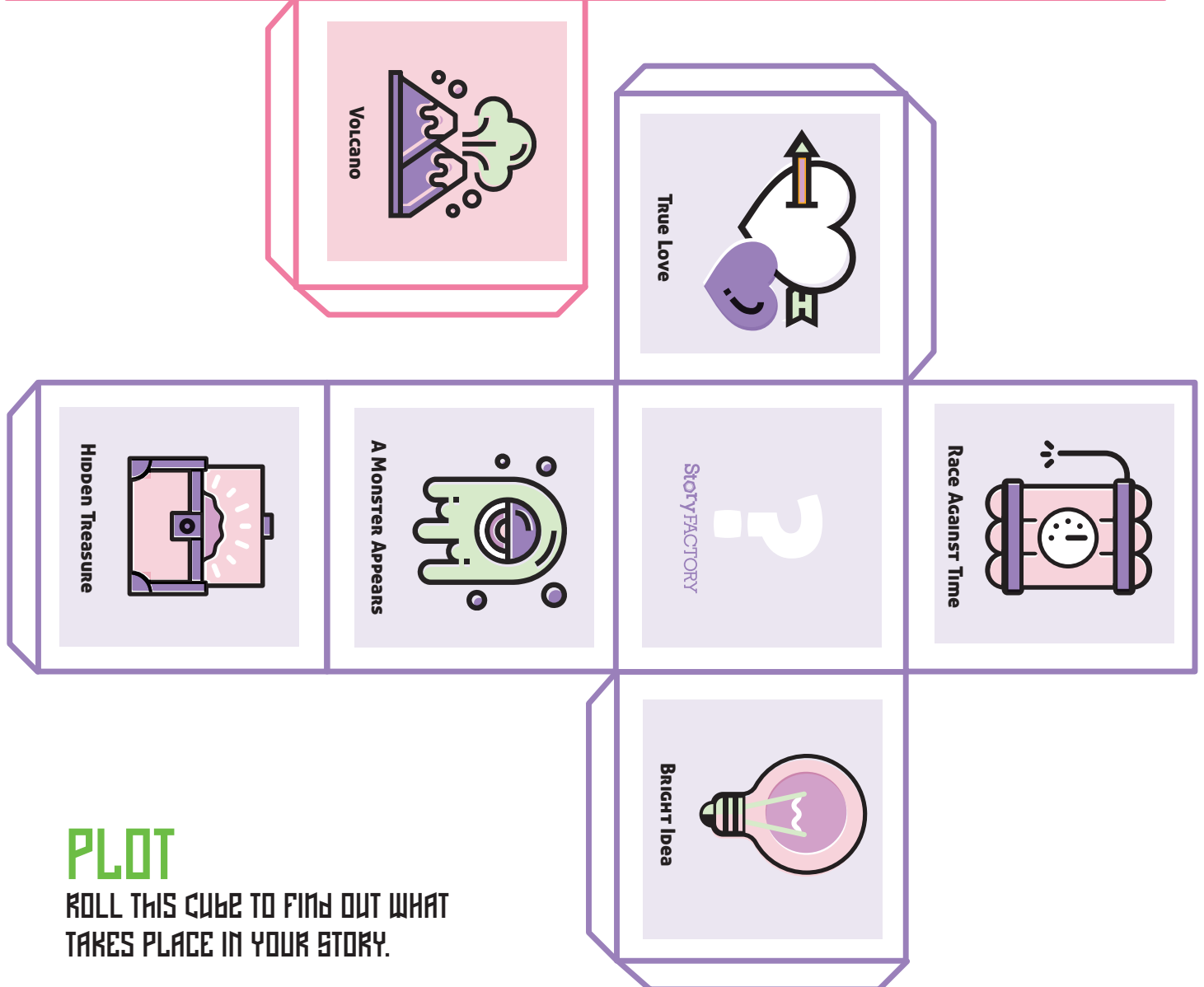
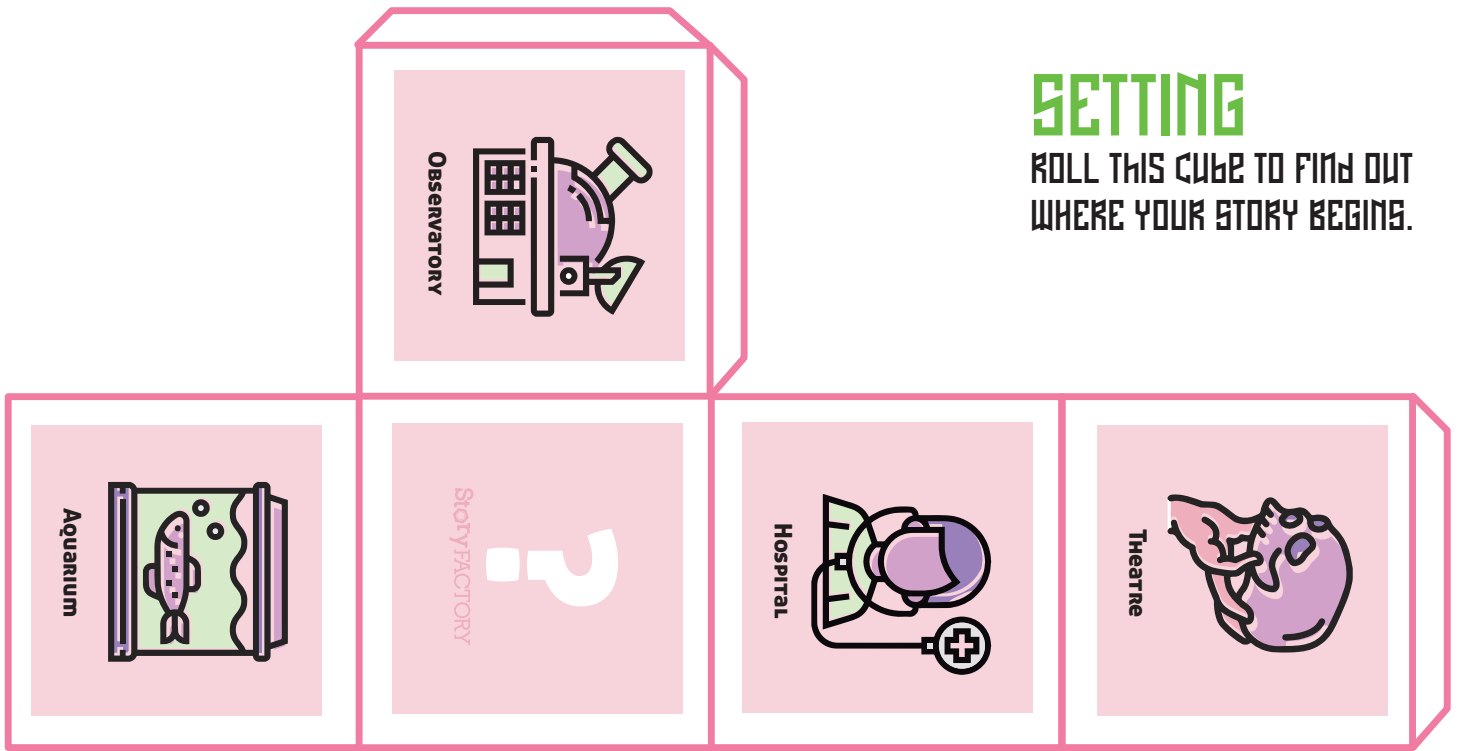






## SETTING

ROLL THIS CUBE TO FIND OUT WHERE YOUR STORY BEGINS.



## PLOT

ROLL THIS CUBE TO FIND OUT WHAT TAKES PLACE IN YOUR STORY.





