

Educational Tales for Children  
From 8 to 10 years

# The Flying Helmet



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## *Preface*

These entertaining and educational tales are meant to meet the reading needs of 8 to 10 years old children. They also provide easy and enjoyable reading for children slightly order.

This series seeks to achieve the following objectives:

1. Suitability of the story subject to the addressed age group.
2. Choice of words that are within the range of this age-group's vocabulary.
3. Necessity of having a lively story language: a simulation of the child's world, thinking, and psychological life.
4. Language expressed easily and simply, with no complicated expressions or difficult structures.

To achieve these objectives, we made it a point to:

1. Enrich the story with bright and expressive visuals that fuel the child's imagination and speak to his senses and sentiments.
2. Match the visual with the reading text to help child understand the situation and relate to similar situations.
3. Use large, readable characters.

We have all through aimed at creating an exciting atmosphere in which the child recognizes the language, uses the story, and identifies him/herself with the main characters. In this sense, the child's sense of creation will develop, and his/her skills and abilities will grow in a balanced world that combines interest with fun.

The child may need some help at the beginning but later he/she should be left on his/her own for independent reading, starting from the second half of the eighth year.

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Lana sat in front of the computer. She pressed the start key, which beeped. Jad ran to his sister and yelled,



“No way! It’s my turn now! Do not sit here!”

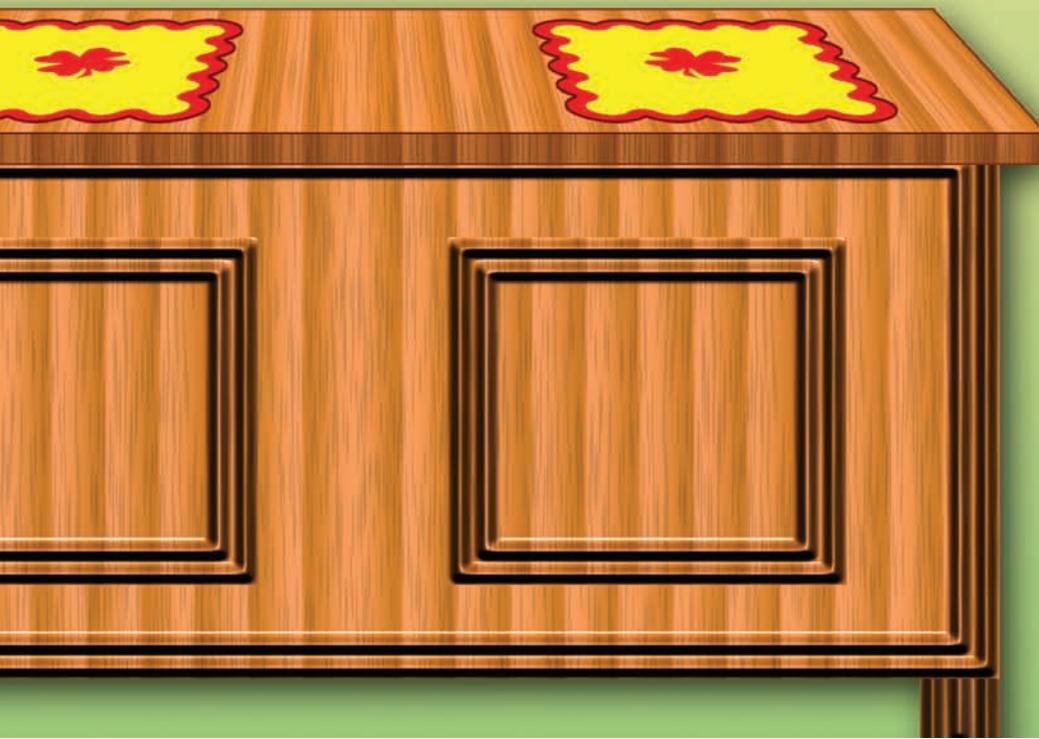
She said, “I want to use the internet. Remove your hands from the keyboard.”



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Jad covered the screen with his hand and said, "Let me try this new program with space creatures fighting among the stars."

Lana said, "Do not forget that this program damaged the computer, and we reprogrammed it."



Jad said, "It is your fault that you visited all those websites."



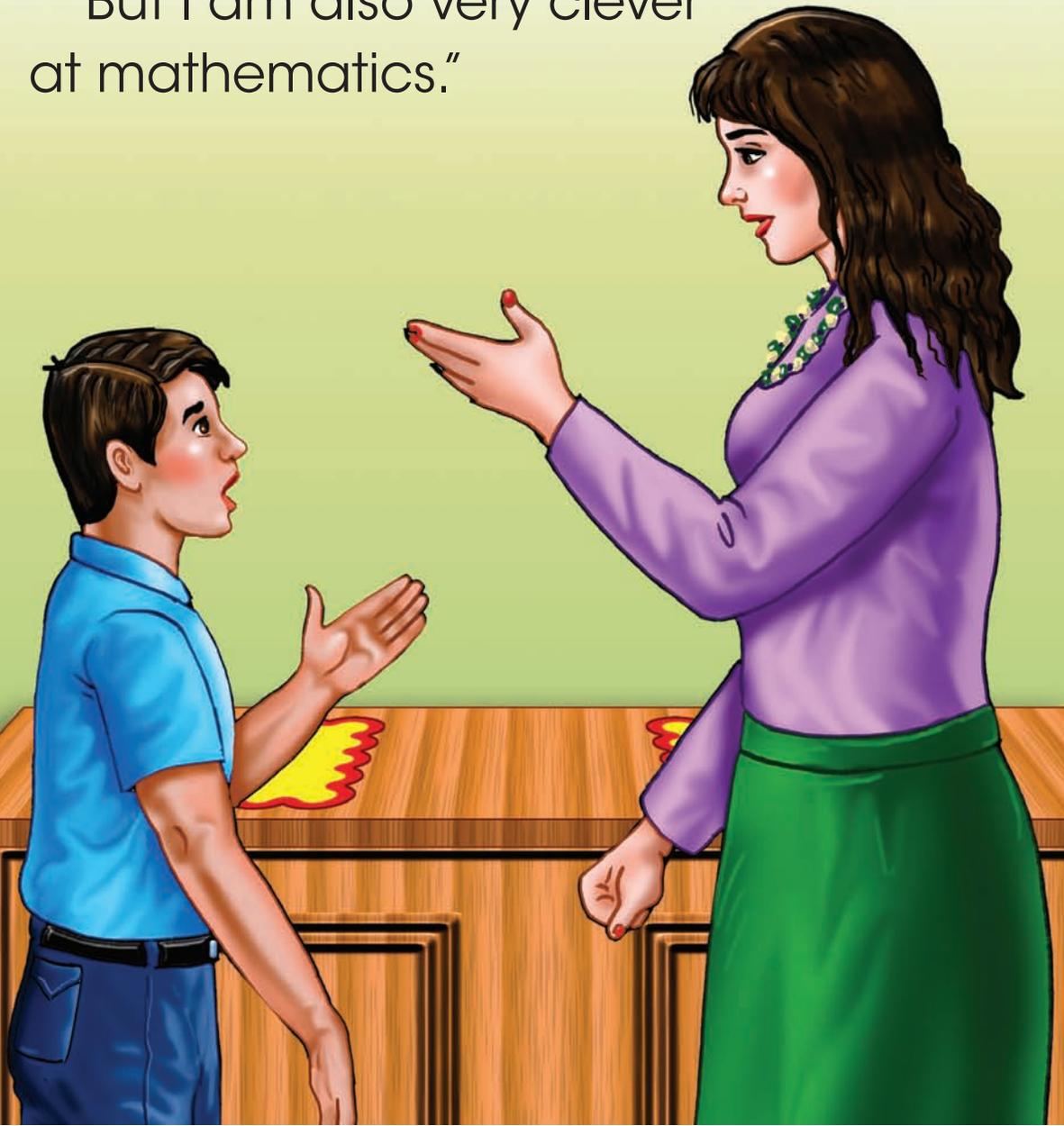
With their voices raised, their mom came quickly and asked Jad, "Aren't you ready to leave with us to buy a new bicycle?"



“But I want a motorcycle like the one that my cousin Shadi rides.”

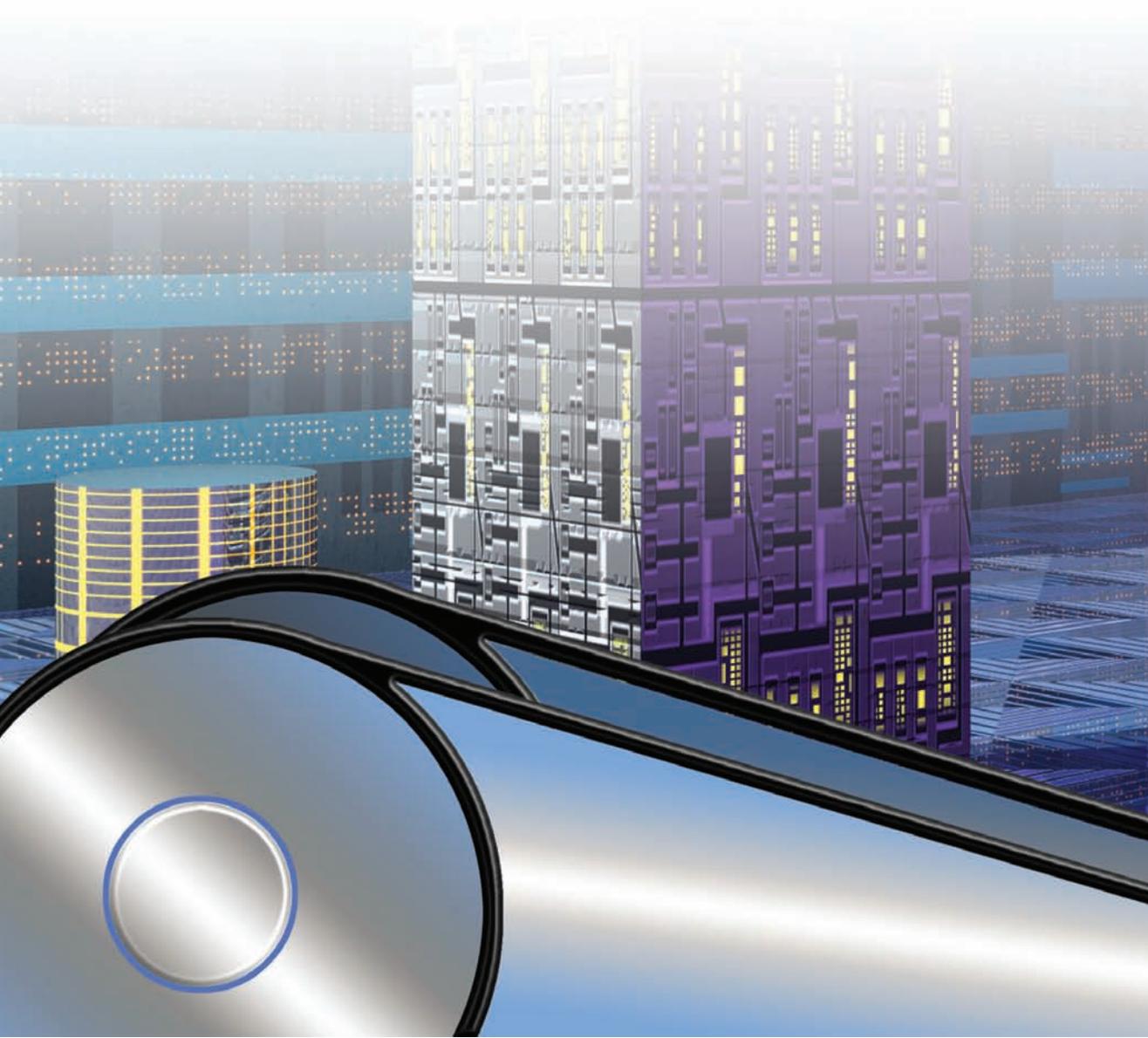
Jad’s mom said, “That is for your tenth birthday. Shadi will become an engineer soon.”

“But I am also very clever at mathematics.”



In the big warehouses, Jad began to stare at the window panes that reflected images of people on the escalator and in front of the elevator.

He heard a voice of a broadcaster repeating, "Lift-off!"



He thought to himself, "There are so many corridors and tunnels in the space base."

The countdown began: "10, 9..."  
However, Jad did not wear his space suit or helmet.



Where are you, Jad? Stay close to us...

He awoke from his dream and was excited, "Ah...Didn't I become a year older?" He went with his parents into the sports store.



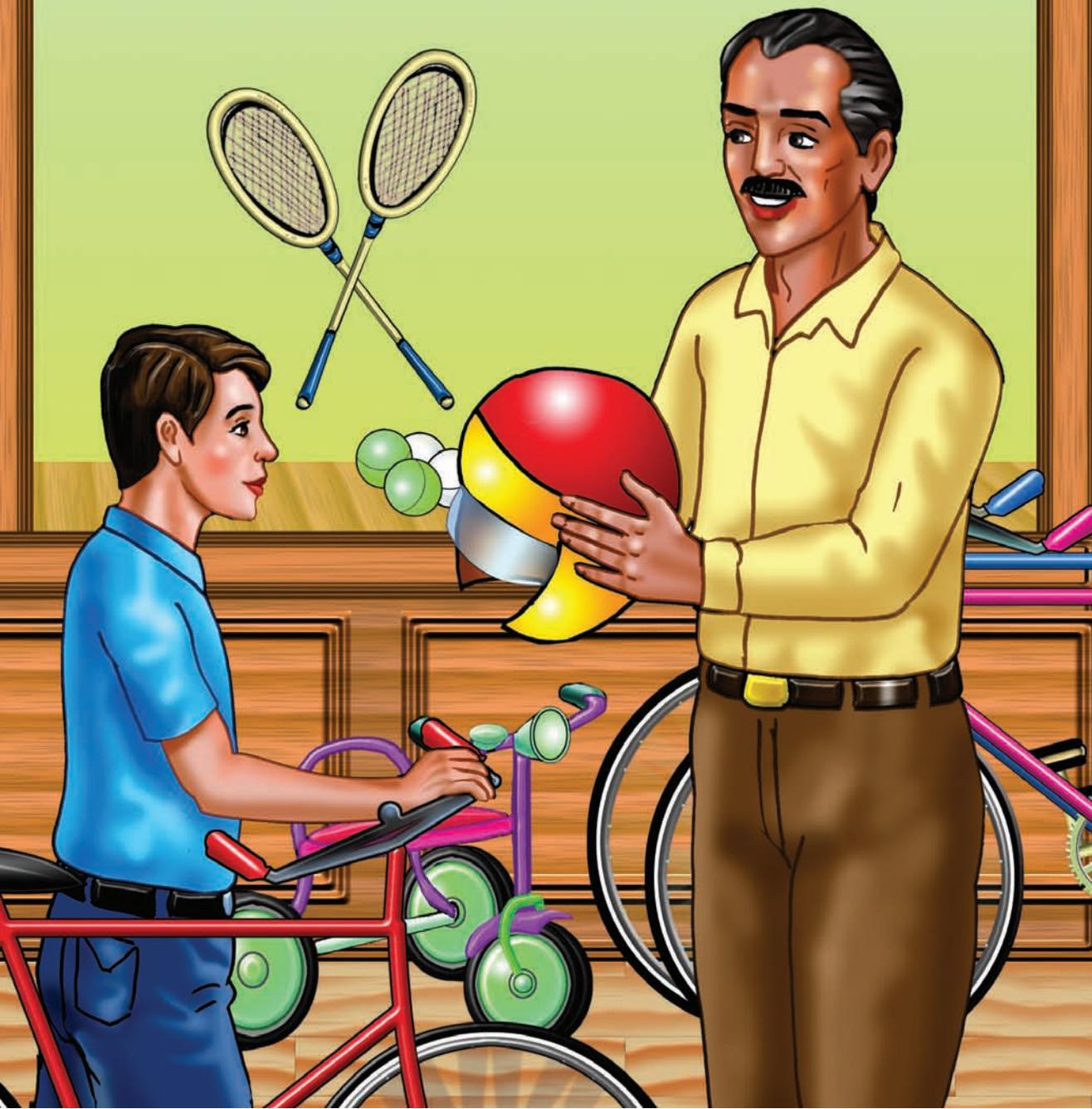


The salesman said, "This is a good bicycle."

"Don't you have a motorcycle?"  
asked Jad.



The salesman said, "This helmet is a gift for you, champ!"



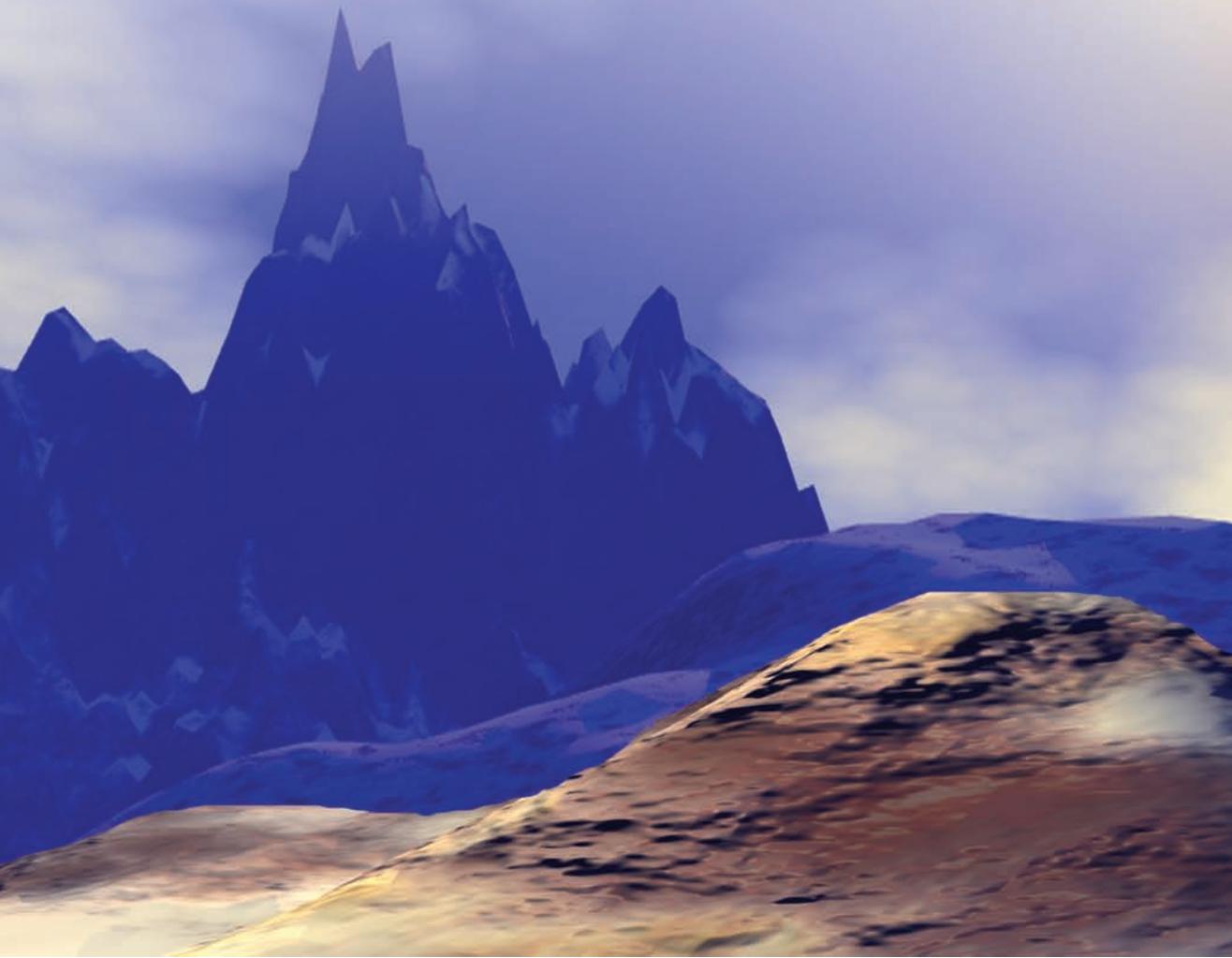
At home, Lana laughed and said, "With your helmet and glasses, you look like a space creature!"



That evening, Jad slept peacefully with his hero's helmet hanging above his bed. In front of the bed was his bicycle, which will carry him into space.



In a few moments, he found himself in his space suit and helmet riding his bicycle and flying above a mountain. He then returned home, and everyone slept.



He was going into the kitchen to drink a cup of milk when he heard a voice, "Prepare for launch!"

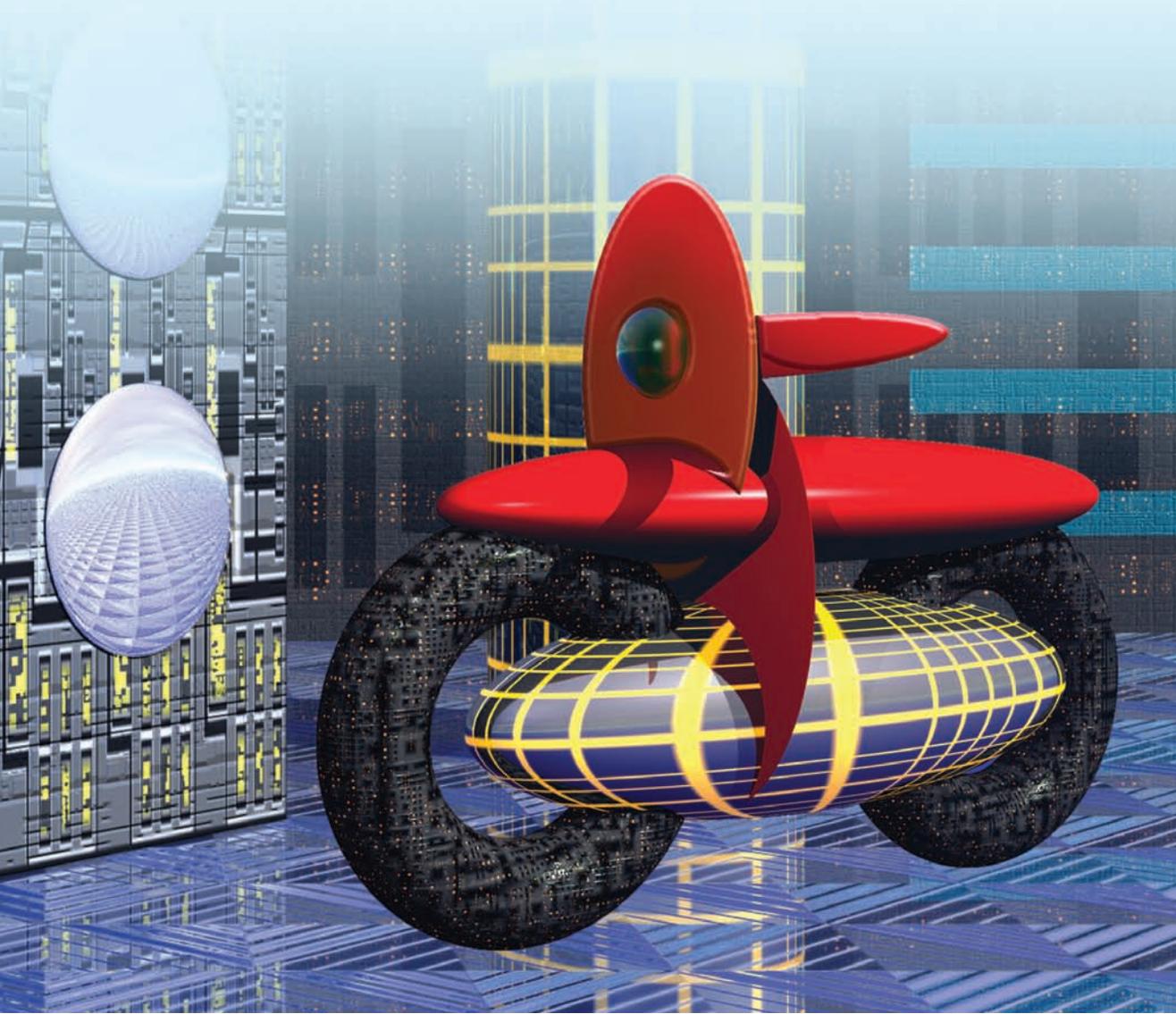


This time, he found himself inside his helmet, which had grown and become a flying saucer. In front of him on the control panel were hundreds of gauges, keys and warning signals.

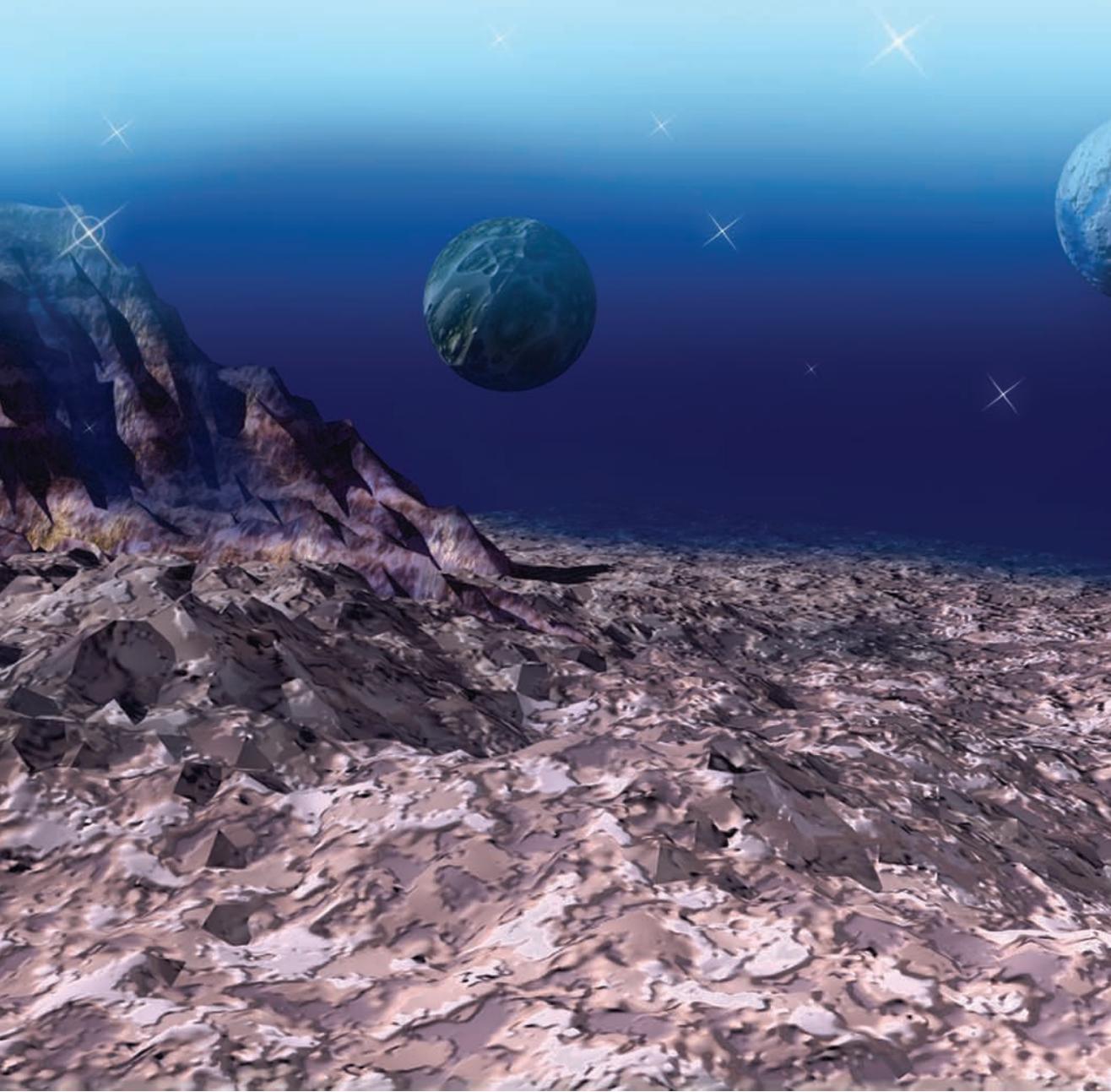


The flying saucer hovered above, and land appeared below as if it were a drawn map.

He almost screamed an order for the flying helmet to return to carry his bicycle, but when he turned around, he saw it, and he smiled contently.



“It became a space bicycle!”  
Jad went down on his bicycle for a ride on the moon surface. The earth seemed like a faraway blue ball in a black sea.



The helmet said, "Come here, Jad, before the space creatures notice us." Frightened, Jad asked, "Where to?"



“We will chase these dangerous creatures.”

The helmet turned around in space. It explained to Jad how these



space creatures were planning to destroy the computers on earth and how they had destroyed his computer.



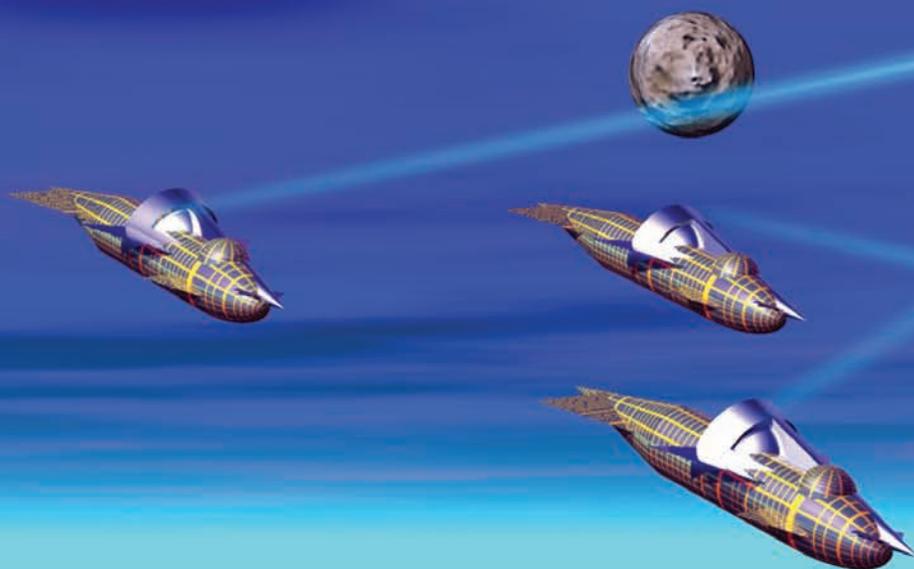
Jad thought about this long trip and what calculations it required. It is true that he is clever in math, but this situation is still hard.



Jad yelled out, "Oh, God! Lana always works on the computer. Lana is certainly in danger. Let's return to earth."

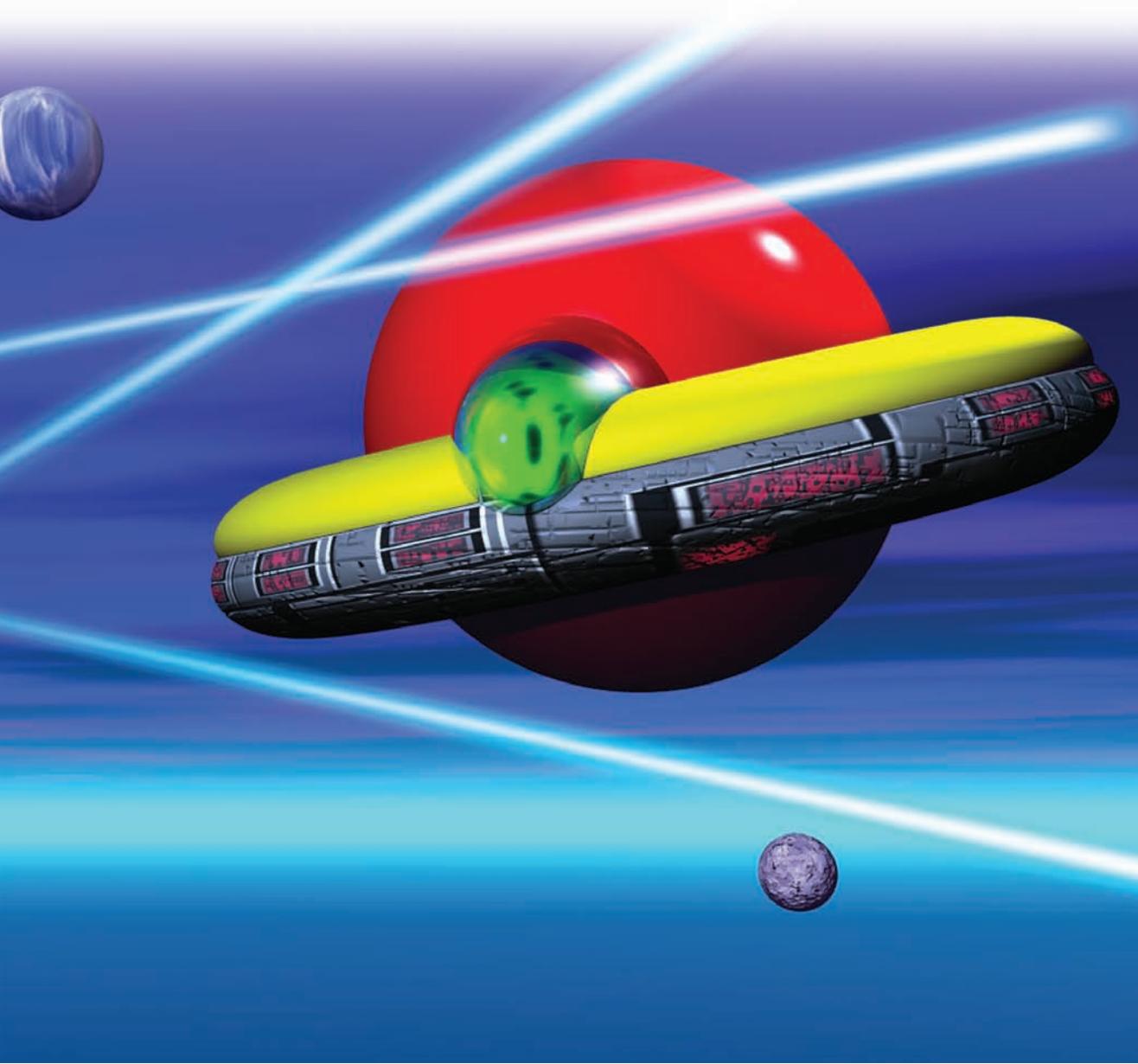


Suddenly the ship shook violently, and Jad cried out, "Mama!" Then he heard his mom's voice asking him, "Jad, are you alright?" Jad wondered how he could hear his mother while he was still in deep space.



The helmet said, "Our duty is to face these creatures before they reach earth, but you are afraid!"

No...I have grown one year, and I will protect the earth and its people.



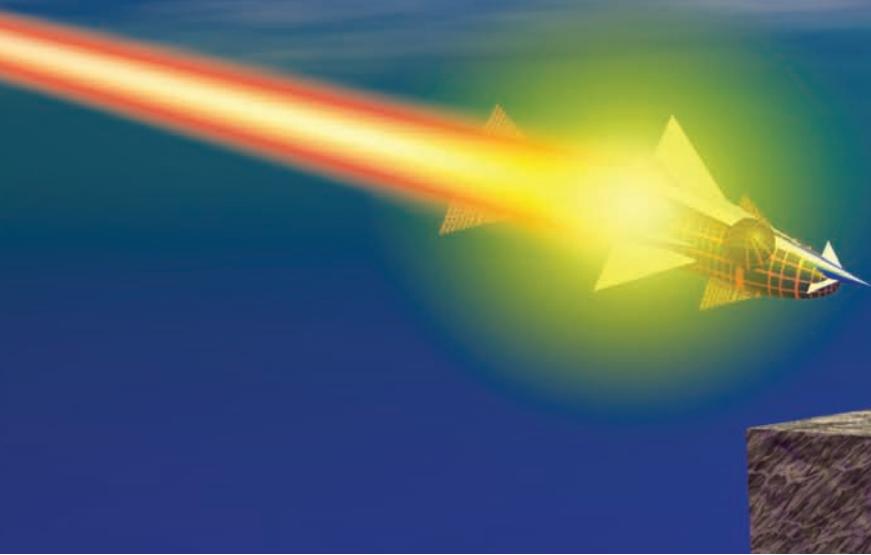
Suddenly, spaceships appeared glittering like stars. They began to fire their rays of destruction toward the flying helmet.

Jad countered them and chased one of them, that headed toward earth to destroy his home and to kidnap Lana.



The young boy fired the helmet's ray. The enemy ship fell and flashed like lightning. However, his ship shook violently, and it began to fall down.

Jad escaped on his space bicycle, but it collided with the earth.



He woke from his sleep and found his mom running to him. He was on the floor with the helmet on his chest and the bicycle overturned by his bed.

She asked him, "Are you ok?"

"Yes. Where is Lana?"

"You're asking about your sister.

Certainly, you have grown more than one year!"



***1. Answer the following questions.***

1. Why were Jad and Lana fighting?

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2. What does Jad want for his birthday party?

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3. Why do you think Jad slept peacefully?

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4. Jad fights with Lana every now and then, but he really loves her. Pick evidence from the story to prove this statement.

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5. What did the helmet tell Jad the creatures were planning to do?

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6. What do you like to get as a birthday gift? Why?

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**II. Circle the correct answer.**

**1. The salesman gave Jad a \_\_\_\_\_ as a gift.**

- a. bicycle                      b. motorcycle                      c. helmet                      d. ball

**2. Lana laughed because**

- a. Jad looked like a space creature.  
b. she liked the gift.  
c. the space creature was funny.  
d. there were many interesting toys in the shop.

**3. I can tell that**

- a. Jad is a mischievous child.  
b. Jad is an imaginative child.  
c. Jad likes cars.  
d. Jad doesn't like his sister.

**4. Jad and the helmet want to chase**

- a. the space creatures                      b. Lana  
c. all the computers                      d. the bicycle

**III. Which of these sentences can happen in real life? Tick the sentences you believe are realistic.**

1. *Jad's bike will carry him into space.*
2. *Jad got a bike on his birthday party.*
3. *Jad flew with his bike above the mountain.*
4. *The salesman gave Jad a gift.*
5. *The space creatures want to destroy the computers on earth.*
6. *Jad's bicycle became a space bicycle.*
7. *The program damaged the computer.*
8. *He was on the floor with the helmet on his chest.*

**IV. Write fact or opinion next to each sentence.**

1. *Jad's bike is beautiful.* \_\_\_\_\_
2. *Jad's bike is big.* \_\_\_\_\_
3. *Jad and Lana have a computer.* \_\_\_\_\_
4. *Jad's bike is red.* \_\_\_\_\_

