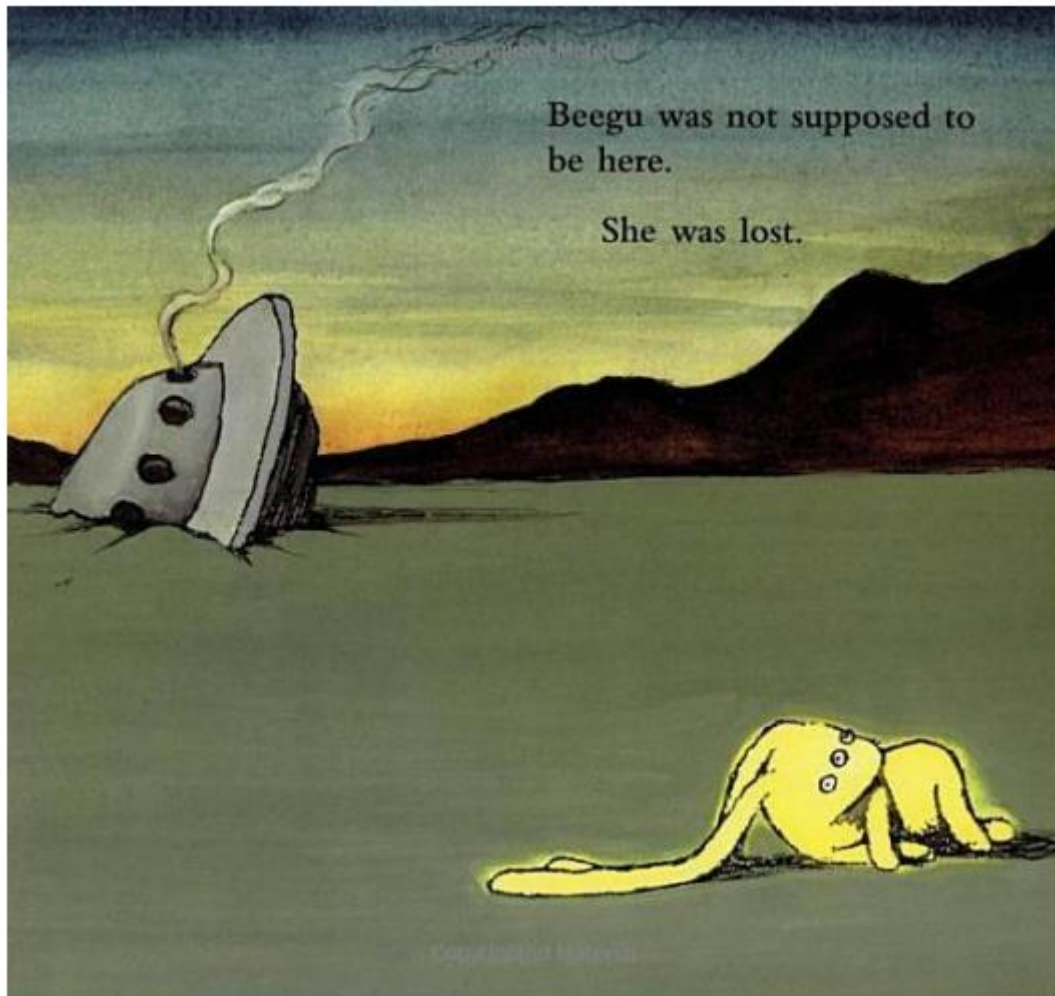


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1. Look at the picture and read the words.



Now think about these questions:

- What do you notice in the picture?
 - What do you think has happened?
 - Does the picture remind you of anything that you have seen before?
 - What do you notice about the character in the picture? What kind of character do you think she will be? Why?
 - Where do you think Beegu was supposed to be? What do you think might happen next?
2. Read aloud the words on the page again. '*Beegu was not supposed to be here. She was lost*'. Try to imagine the world where Beegu comes from.
- What do you think it looks like?
 - What would the sky look like? What would the landscape be like?

- Do you think Beegu would blend into her environment or stand out like she does on Earth? Why?
- What might you see on her planet? What might you hear? What colours would there be?

Now draw the world where Beegu comes from using your imagination. Maybe ask someone else at home to draw where they think she comes from too. Then, if you can, talk about what you have drawn. What is similar? What is different?

3. Think again about the sentence you read in the text. '*Beegu was not supposed to be here. She was lost*'.

- What does it mean to be lost?
- How do you think Beegu might be feeling here? Why?
- Have you ever felt lost before or had the experience of being lost? What did you do? How did it make you feel?
- What should you do if you become separated from people you know? How could you get help and keep yourself safe?
- What do you think Beegu should do now? What advice would you give to her?

4. Beegu is alone on Earth. Can you create a friend for Beegu?

- What is your friend for Beegu like?
- What do they look like? What is their name?
- Where does this friend live?
- What do they like to do?
- What do they like to eat?
- Who are their friends and family?
- Does your friend make a noise? How does it sound?
- Why would Beegu like to be friends with them?

Once you have imagined a friend for Beegu, draw or make them. You could use playdough or junk modelling.

5. Beegu has crash landed on Earth. Write a letter to Beegu to tell her all about Earth. You could include who you are, where you live, what you like to do, what you like to eat and drink, and lots more!