"I don't want to go anywhere", said Chloe grumpily. "To start with, all my experiments are here and D4 will hate space" she continued. "Darling", said Mum, "we've been through all this before. There's no way we can stay here. There are no minerals left in the soil we can't grow any food without them".

"I feel bad too, Chloe...we all do...but there's no alternative" Mum wanted to make her feel better, but it was impossible.

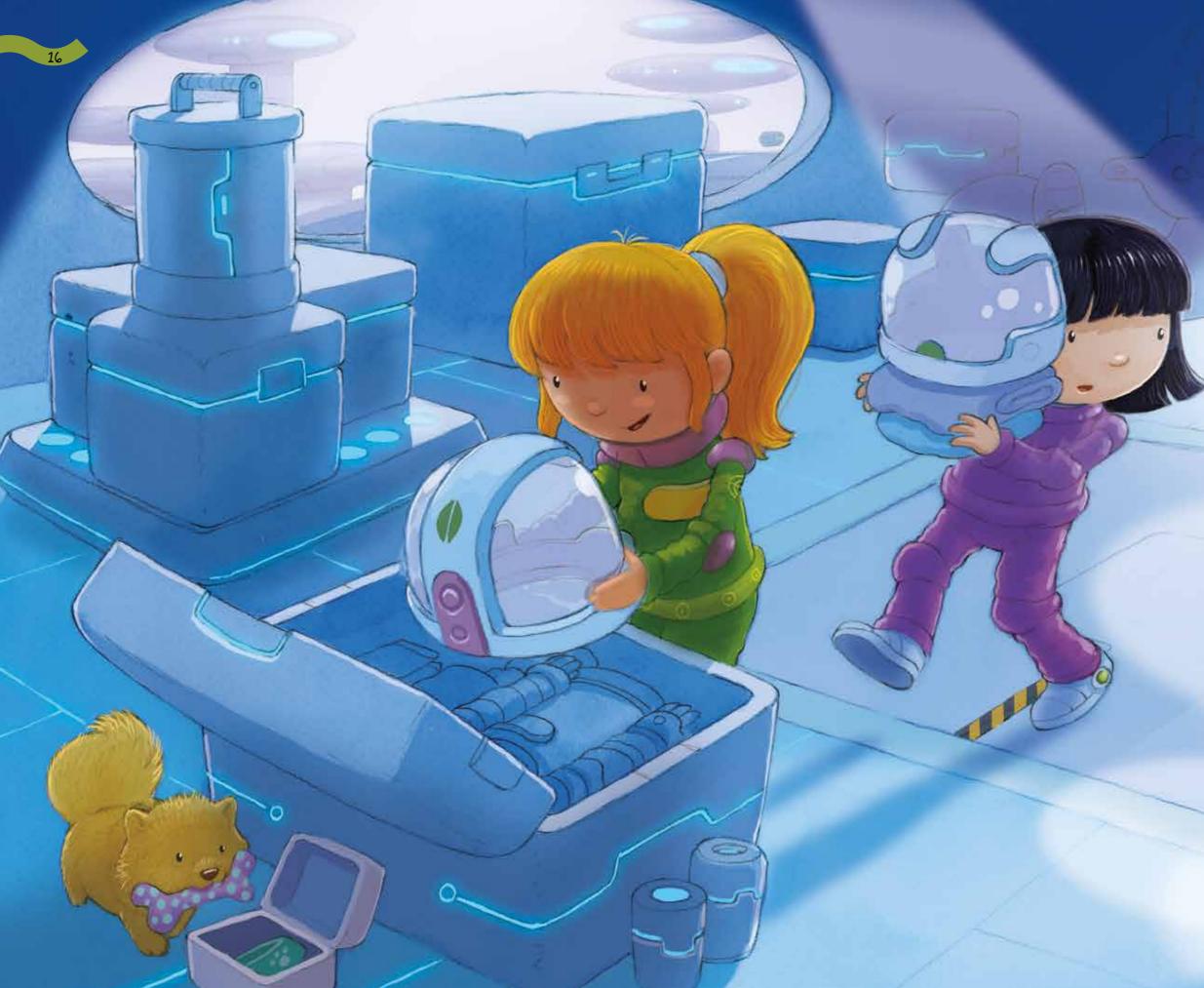


Chloe ran another test. The unit beeped, and the results were still the same. "Critically low nitrogen levels", said the computer.

"I can't believe we have to abandon a whole planet just because of one element", mused Chloe. Then she smiled.

"I've got an idea, D4, and you're are coming with me! We're not leaving. We'll bring some nitrogen here!"





Daisy trusted Chloe but she also knew that sometimes she got too excited and didn't think before she acted. So, as they packed their space suits and grabbed supplies, she left a note where she knew her Mom would find it. 17