

SPACEMAN

BREN

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Spider



Planet

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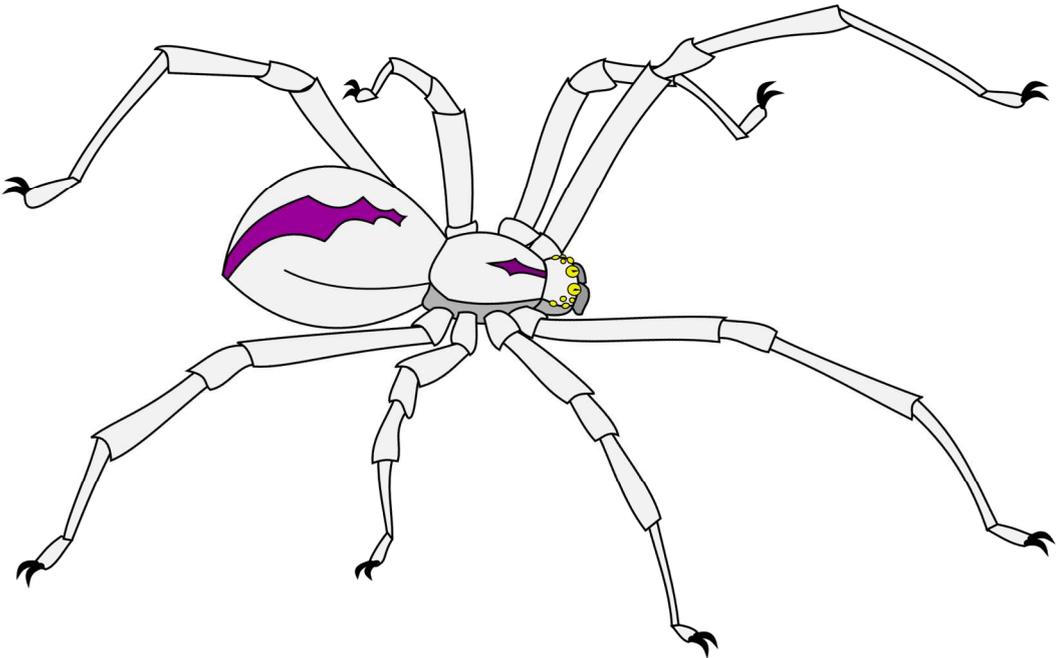
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Note to parents: This book is meant to be read aloud, with silly voices and sound effects. Also, your kids might need some help with the pictures. Make this book your own, something to look back on when your kids are older. Change the names, if you want to, to that of your own child. Then drop me a line and let me know how it goes. Enjoy!



For Brennan,

Double-check your bearings,
never stop exploring,
and if all else fails, swing for the fence.



Color in the spider

Draw Bren and Astro flying in their spaceship

It was a long time since Spaceman Bren had been back on Earth. The Space Federation sent him out on long missions, but this time he had been away for so long that his food was running out. All he had left to eat was beans.

As usual, Bren was traveling with his monkey sidekick Astro. But with nothing else to eat, they ate beans for supper, beans for lunch, and even beans on toast for breakfast.

They still had a long way to travel, so Bren said, “I’m sick and tired of eating beans all the time! Let’s fly to Chicken Planet and shoot something to eat.”

Draw Astro the Monkey

Astro thought this was a great idea.

“Also, Astro,” said Bren, “I’m tired of all your farting. All those beans are making you stinky!”

“Eee-ah-ah-eeh!” cried Astro. Nobody could understand this monkey language except Bren.

“Okay, you’re right. I guess I’ve been a bit stinky too.”

Draw a chicken

On their way back to Earth, they made a detour to visit Chicken Planet. Down through the atmosphere they soared, through the purple clouds, past the volcanoes, and landed on the rocky surface.

“That’s strange,” said Bren, “I thought Chicken Planet was covered in forest. And where are all the chickens?”

Little did they realize that instead of turning left at the asteroid belt, which would’ve taken them to Chicken Planet, they turned right. Now they found themselves on a planet without *anything* to eat. Instead, creatures on this gray planet wanted to eat *them*.

However, Bren and Astro didn’t know any of that, so they set out to look for chickens on a planet without any.

Draw Astro the Monkey with his flashlight

“Let’s go look in those caves.”

The gray planet had caves everywhere, which were left behind by the lava flowing underground. Some of these tunnels were big enough to drive a bus through, while some were barely big enough for a mouse to crawl through. But regardless of the size, these tunnels crisscrossed underground throughout the entire planet.

Bren and Astro hiked into the largest one they could find, which led straight into the side of an old volcano. They had powerful flashlights with them, but nothing else.

“What happened to all the chickens? I don’t see claw prints or egg shells or even chicken poop!”

Draw a huge spider web with skeletons

Just inside the entrance, the space explorers found long cords stretched from wall to wall. Some of the cords were thick, like rope; some were thin, like thread; and some were in between, like string. But whatever the thickness, they were all sticky.

“Strange,” said Bren. “If I didn’t know any better, I’d guess this was a big spider web. But I’ve never heard of chickens making webs.”

Astro wasn’t so sure chickens were responsible for the giant webs. And hanging from the sticky cords, suspended above the floor, were *SKELETONS!* Astro didn’t want to go any further, but Bren urged them on.

“Oh come on, you scaredy monkey. Let’s go find some chickens.”

Carefully they crawled through a gap in the web and carried on down the tunnel.

Draw a white spider hanging from the ceiling

Deeper into the tunnel they walked. Then Bren said, “Astro, I don’t think there are any chickens here. Let’s head back and check our map again.”

But just as they turned around, they came face to face with a spider hanging from the ceiling. It had lowered itself down on a silky thread of spider web. It was as big as Bren’s hand and almost completely white. The only parts that weren’t white were its ten yellow eyes, sixteen black claws (two on the end of each leg), and a purple stripe on its back.

“Hey little guy,” said Bren, “where did you come from?”

Bren held out his hand and the spider crawled onto it.

Would *you* let a big white spider from another planet crawl onto *your* hand?

Draw Bren's bleeding hand

“Where have all the chickens gone?” Bren asked the spider.

Just as he said this, the spider opened its mouth and bit into his hand with its sharp fangs.

“Ouch!” cried Bren, shaking the spider onto the ground. “You nasty little creature!”

Bren’s hand started to bleed where the two fangs had sunk into his skin. He tore a strip off his jacket and wrapped it around his hand.

The white spider started to crawl toward Astro’s feet, but before it could get there Bren squashed it with his boot.

Crunch

The spider was squished into an orange goopy mess.

“Yuck,” said Bren. “Let’s get out of here.”

But Astro heard something behind him.

Draw a big white spider with ten yellow eyes

“Ooh ooh, ahh ahh,” said Astro, which means “danger” in his monkey language.

Behind them, another white spider was crawling down the wall. This one was much larger than the first, about the size of a dog. It looked at them hungrily with its ten yellow eyes.

But Bren wasn't scared.

“Not today, you nasty spider,” he said.

Then he bashed its on the head with his long flashlight.

Crunch again.

Another goopy mess was left behind as the spider brains got splattered on the walls of the tunnel.

Draw Bren with his long flashlight

Suddenly, spiders started crawling out of holes from all around them. Some spiders were little, like a normal earth-sized spider. Some were up to their waist, like an earth-sized sheep. But some were *huge*, the size of a HORSE or a CAMEL! All the spiders had ten yellow eyes and sharp fangs. Their long white legs clicked against the rock as they crept toward Bren and Astro.

Our heroes were surrounded! They didn't have their space blasters with them, or flame throwers, or any other weapons. They only had their long metal flashlights.

But that was enough for them.

“Get ‘em, Astro!”

Draw Bren and Astro surrounded by spider guts and body parts

Both Spaceman Bren and Astro the Monkey attacked the big white spiders, swinging their flashlights like baseball bats!

Crunch! Splat! Pow!

They smashed spider legs, bashed spider heads, and crashed spider butts. Bren and Astro kicked and flipped, punched and elbowed. Spiders went flying as they karate-chopped them away. Bren held onto Astro's arms and swung him around in circles as the monkey kicked thirty-eight spiders in six seconds. Never had a spaceman or a spacemonkey destroyed so many enemies in so short a time! They fought so bravely that soon the floor of the cave was covered in goopy orange spider guts and broken spider bodies.

However, despite their epic destroyfulness, the spiders kept coming. They jumped on Bren and Astro faster than they could smash them off!

Draw a toot coming out of Bren's butt

The spiders were piling on top of the space explorers. A big spider was just about to bite Bren's backside. However, before it could, Bren's bum made a stinky noise.

PLBBT [*fart sound*]

“Oops! Sorry about that, Astro. I guess one slipped out.”

Bren saw the big spider behind him shriek and run away!

Just then Astro let out a fart too.

BRRIPP

The spiders behind Astro scampered away too!

“Astro! They spiders hate our farting! Let ‘er rip!”

PLLPT

PBBT

BRRIIPPT

Soon the cave was full of the sound of trumpeting. And the air got very stinky very quickly.

Draw the spiders running away from the fart gas

The spiders ran away as fast as they could, shrieking as they climbed back into their holes. Before long, Bren and Astro were alone, surrounded by dead spiders crumpled at their feet.

“Well, I guess eating beans was a good idea after all!”

PLLPBTT

Astro laughed.

They trekked back to their spaceship, tooting all the way. No spiders dared attack them with all those farts escaping from their behinds.

BRRRPTTB

Draw the spaceship flying back to Earth

They blasted off into space again. Once they were safely in hyperdrive, Bren said, “Oh, I see! We made a right when we should’ve gone left. That wasn’t Chicken Planet after all. The map says it was Spider Planet, and it has all sorts of warnings about how dangerous it is.”

BRRIPPT

Bren set a course for Earth and opened a can of beans.

“Dinner is served.”

The two of them ate beans for the rest of the journey, and they never complained about them ever again.

The end.

Hey Kids!

You've probably noticed that there are no pictures in this book. That's because kids always do a better job at imagining stories than adults. So go back and draw all the pictures. Get your parents to scan and email them to me and we'll post the best ones on our website! Be sure to include your name and age.

Enjoy!

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