

## Chapter 1

# A game of chess

An urgent alert came on the holo-screen.

Wanda scanned the message. “Wake up, Jack!” she said. “We’re needed.”

Jack jerked awake. He’d been playing chess with Gorgonzola, Wanda’s pet lunar mouse.

“Hey!” he said. “Did you move my chess pieces while I was asleep?”

Gorgonzola tried to look innocent.

### Vocabulary:

holo-screen – Wanda’s alien computer

Prometheus – in Greek mythology, the Titan who stole fire from the gods and gave it to humans

conclusion – the result

### Main characters:

Jack Swift – the star of a top TV show

Wanda – the Galactic Union’s Alien Darkstar Welfare Officer for Earth

Gorgonzola – Wanda’s pet lunar mouse

STEALTH – Jack’s spaceship, Space Tripping Extra Atomic Laser Time Hopper

King Yxx – ruler of Onyxx

Queen Ryxx – the wife of King Yxx

