From my Backyard to Mars

June 21st, 2023. School was out, summer had started, and eight year old Beau was playing outside. He had dark brown hair, wore on old soccer jerseys, and absolutely loved astronomy! He was passionate and was always up for something new in his tiny town of Gatlinburg, Tennessee. He would never notice, though, that he'd do something no other kid had done before.

Beau was casually humming his favorite song while enjoying the noontime heat in his enclosed backyard. Feeling bored, he just strolled around. As he looked over, he spotted what looked like a tiny beige rabbit. "BUNNY!" he screamed as he ran over to it. The bunny hopped into a nearby bush with Beau jumping into it, too. Beau used his hands to find his way to the peculiar creature, giving himself splinters in the process. He managed his way out, and fell with a loud CLANK! He had landed on a shiny metal floor. Beau got up and saw red neon buttons with a small glass dome above them, revealing the black sky full of embedded white dots in it. Beau had realized that he was in a UFO in the middle of outer space!

Beau was silently shocked as he tried to clarify that he was actually in space. He looked in front of him and recognized an enormous red and orange planet up ahead. It was Mars. He soon crashed into the thin atmosphere of Mars and his UFO, the bunny, and Beau were falling down to the dusty floor below. They landed roughly in a little crater and fortunately, all of them survived. Beau stepped out with the bunny nestled on his head and sighed. "I'll never be able to fix this UFO," he shrugged. "We can!" A green figure tapped him on his shoulder from behind. "AHH!" Beau shouted and quickly turned around. There were a group of aliens surrounding him. "Look, it's a human!" one said. "Who are you?" Beau scratched his head. "We're the Red Planet Residents, and we'd LOVE to help you!" "Okay... Can I call you Greenie?" Beau asked. Greenie nodded approvingly. "Okay, let's get this boy's UFO back into shape!" Greenie shoputed. A gathering of other aliens surrounded the ship, providing bits and bobs to fix the vehicle. "I can't thank you enough, Greenie. Do you want to be friends?" "Sure!" Greenie said. The overlapping chatter of neon green aliens fixing the ship made Beau relieved. "You can call me Beau," he said. "All done!" the other aliens yelled back in unison. "Yay!" Beau cheered. "Can I come with you?" Greenie asked politely. "Well, you're my friend, so come on!" All the crew members stepped aboard the new and improved UFO. "Bye!" the aliens said. "We'll miss you!" one said. "See you later!" another one shouted. "Let's go now!" Beau suggested. "Yes," Greenie responded.

Greenie controlled the ship while Beau and the bunny sat in the back. When traveling back to Earth, Beau realized that by getting a little guidance you might just solve a problem quickly and efficiently. In the end, Beau and Greenie were best friends and they worked together to fix anything that came their way!