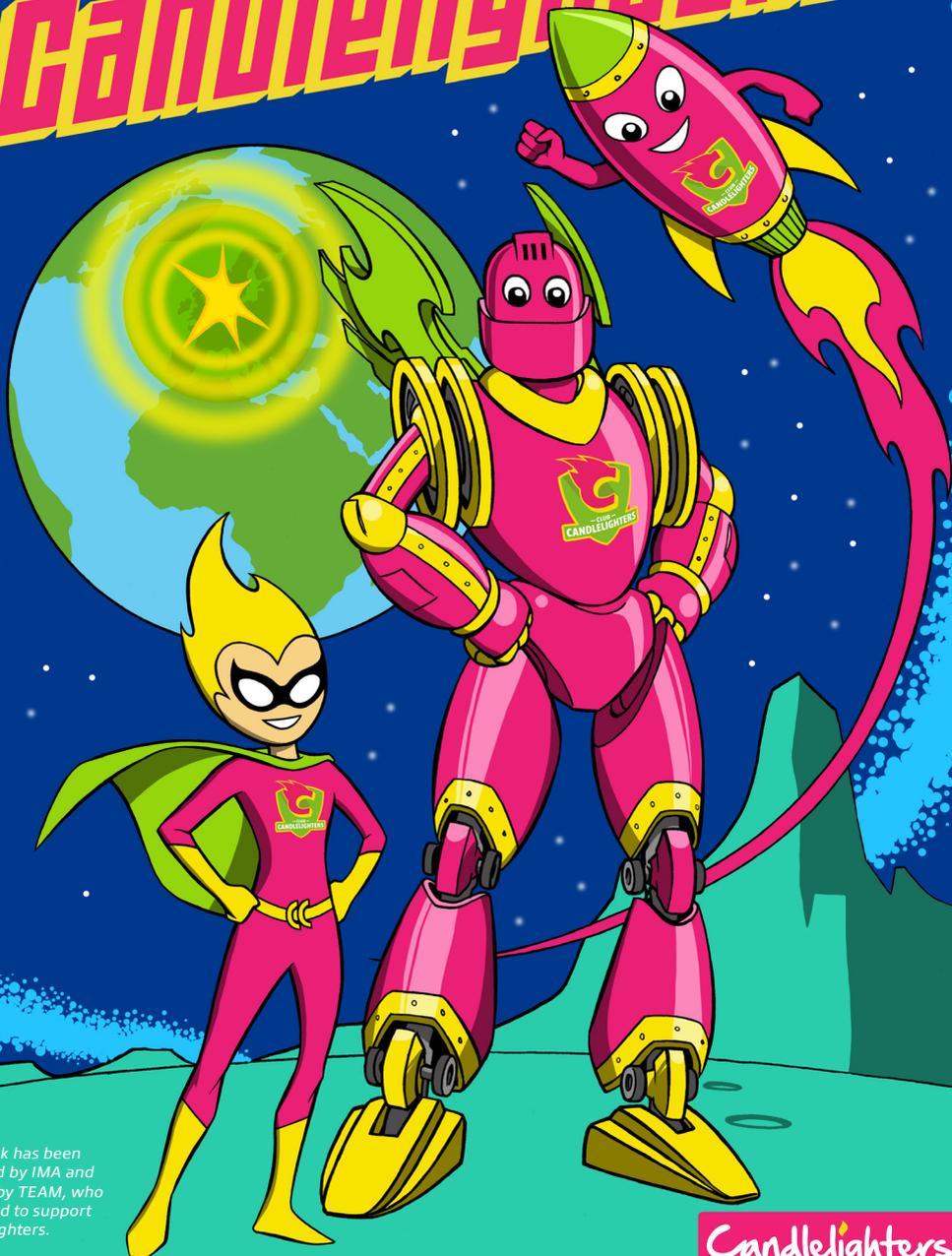


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Supporting the families of children with cancer

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From the moment we saw the flame of a far-off candle burning brighter than any before, we knew what our next mission was. All our lives, we've been dedicated to protecting the light from darkness all across the universe.

We are:

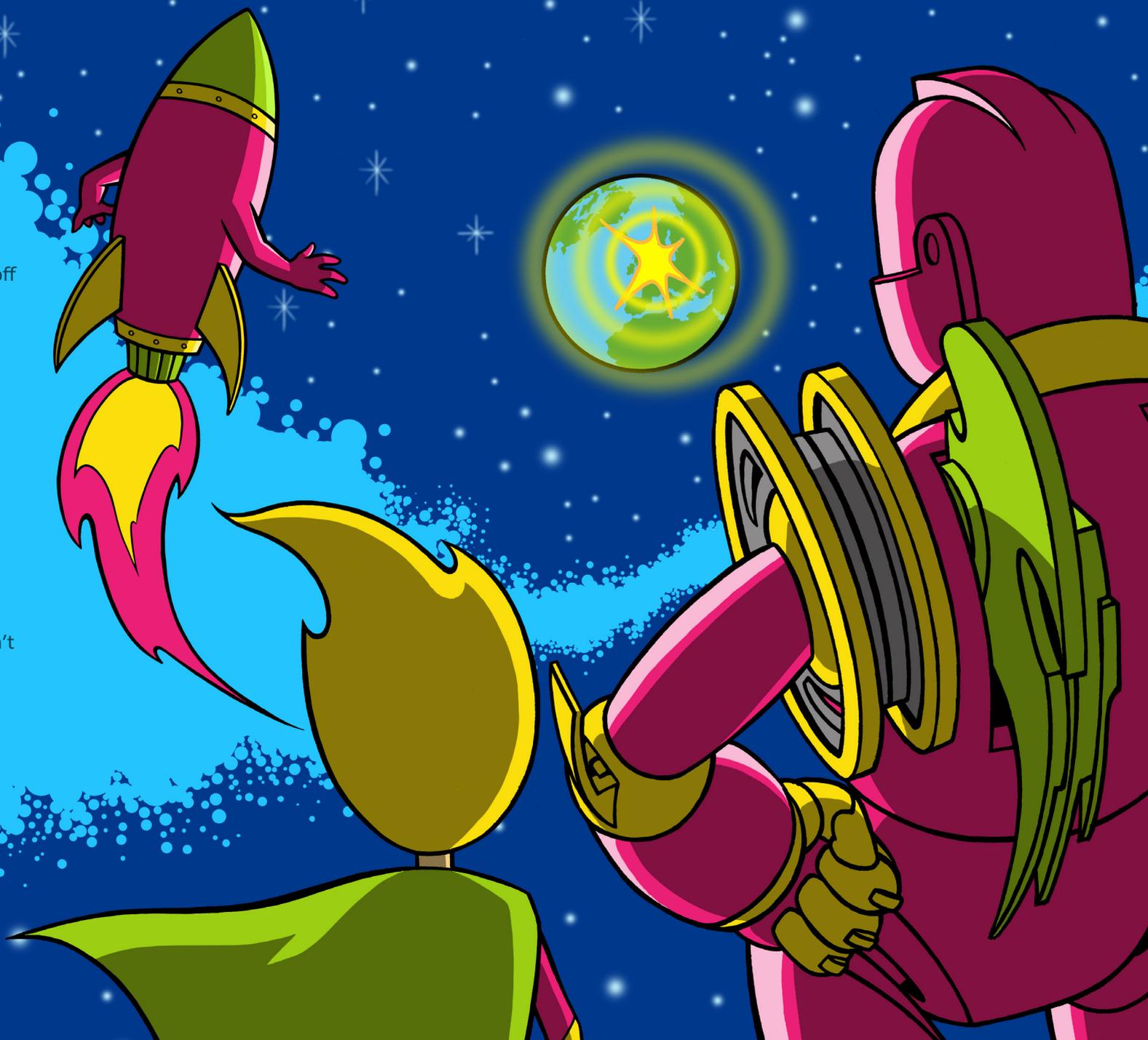
Guardian.

Rocket.

Transformer.

Heroes from a far-off planet.

And this candle was a message we just couldn't ignore. But where did it come from?



It was 1976 on Earth.

Back then, the prognosis for children diagnosed with cancer was very poor. It was a lonely world for them and their families. Crippled with anxiety, fearing the future and facing financial hardship, heightened by the cost of caring for a child with cancer.

But some good people were determined to change this. They were Doctors, Nurses and Parents of children with cancer gathered in a room in Leeds' Seacroft Hospital, ready to make a difference.

Together, they started a charity with one clear vision. To bring light and hope to all families affected by childhood cancer in Yorkshire.

In the darkness of the night, they lit a candle. A symbol of hope. A reminder of their vision. The start of something that would empower families and improve the lives of children with cancer forever more.

The Candlelighters Trust was born.



This small candle illuminated the lives of everyone who saw it and lit the way to a hopeful future. The Candlelighters' door was always open, when families needed to talk, or to cry, or simply to sit and have a cup of tea away from the harsh environment of a hospital ward.

Offering financial support and special holidays, so families could make lifelong memories and have the quality time they need without having to worry about financial instability.

Connecting families and children to others who understood what they were going through.

The darkness covered from the strength of their light.



As the years passed, the flame grew brighter and brighter. It was beaming from the hospital ward, where Candlelighters funded roles such as Play Leaders, Social Workers, and a Dinner Lady.

It was glowing from The Square, a beautiful support centre that welcomed families when they needed a friendly face, or access to talking therapies, support groups and well-being sessions.

It was shining from the windows of the Cottage, a home from home for families whose child was staying on the hospital ward.

It was twinkling from the research lab where Candlelighters funded childhood cancer research, to improve the lives and outcomes of children with cancer.

And it was radiating from the smiles of the families supported by Candlelighters.

It shone from mums laughing with other mums during a spa day, from dads chatting to other dads over a game of golf, from grandparents enjoying afternoon tea and from siblings sharing pizza with other siblings.

It was seen in the eyes of children with cancer, who felt just a bit less alone.





Hope shines brightest in the dark.

This simple candle, a symbol of the start of their mission in 1976, had grown and grown.

Its light spreading outwards, connecting people and fighting off the dark. Now the flame's light has reached you.

We have travelled to Earth to be the light's protectors. But it needs more than just three heroes.

We need more Guardians, Rockets and Transformers to keep it shining bright forever, and help it grow even brighter.

We need you.

Will you join Club Candlelighters and help us continue our mission?

Dear Reader

My name is Danny Wheeldon and I want to tell you about my daughter Grace. In April 2014, when Grace was 7, she was diagnosed with the rare disorder, Haemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis.

We went from enjoying a family break in the Lake District to being told just a few days later that she might not survive beyond the weekend. Our lives were thrown into turmoil. Grace was transferred from Leeds to Newcastle for a bone marrow transplant, but sadly passed away following complications. We returned home to Leeds without her, and our lives sunk to depths we would never wish on anybody. We felt isolated, empty and without purpose. Then we were invited to the annual Day of Memories event, hosted by Candlelighters.

We met other families who shared our experiences of loss and staff who understood. We visited The Square, an incredible facility offering vital support.

In our hour of need, Candlelighters were there for us. They held our hand and picked us up, they brought some joy to our daughter's life when she needed it most and, when our tower was crumbling down, Candlelighters was the scaffolding that held us up.

We want to make sure other families fighting their own battles have somewhere to turn for help, and I hope that reading this makes you feel the same.

Please consider supporting Candlelighters as a Guardian, Rocket or Transformer. Your incredible gift will mean the world to me, and to families like mine.

Danny

Candlelighters

Day of Memories



Note from the Author

Dear Reader

Thank you so much for reading our story, a journey of light and hope lasting over 40 years.

Every year, over 150 families in Yorkshire hear the words, "Your child has cancer". You may be, or know, one of those families, and therefore personally understand the devastating effects of childhood cancer.

Candlelighters exists to support families and we will be there from the moment of diagnosis, for as long as they need us.

Club Candlelighters will play a significant part in our important mission to protect, improve and expand our services. We also have huge ambition to invest in research to improve the lives and outcomes of children with cancer across the world.

If you join Club Candlelighters as a Guardian, this would mean a commitment to donate at least £5,000 each year for the next three years. Our Guardians will protect our services, to ensure we can continue to be there for our families.

If you join as a Rocket, this would mean donating at least £10,000 each year for the next three years. Our Rockets will enable us to accelerate our mission, to develop and improve our support.

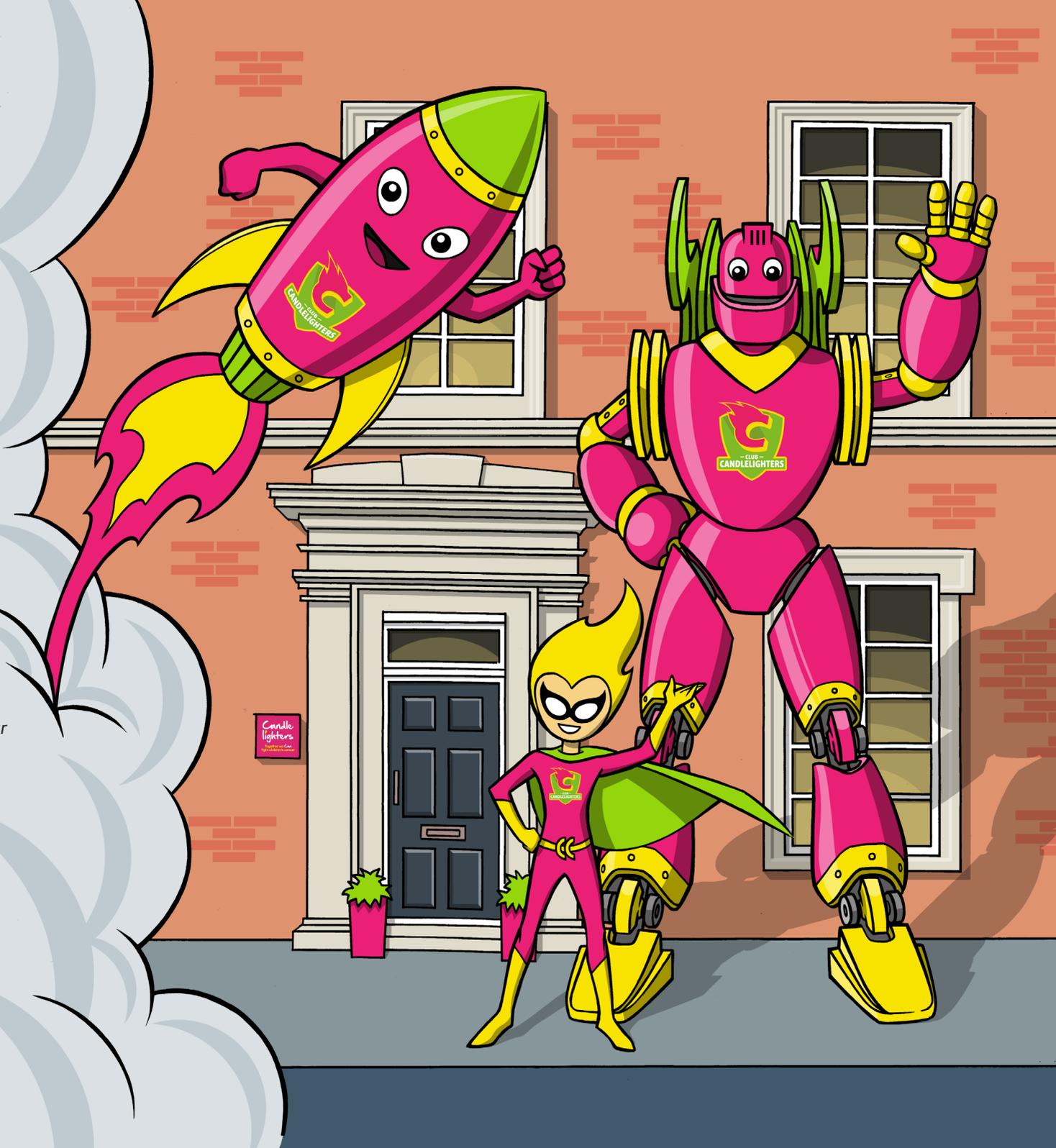
If you join as a Transformer, this would mean a donation of at least £25,000 each year for the next three years. Transformers will help us expand our services and transform the charity, ensuring that our light shines on even more families and our candle burns brighter than ever.

Our Club Candlelighters members will be the essential spark we need to keep our candle burning for years to come, and we hope that you will join us for the next chapter of our story.

Thank you so much. Warmest regards,

Emily Wragg

Candlelighters CEO





**Three heroes. One mission.
To keep the candle burning.**

This is the story of Guardian, Rocket and Transformer, travelling to Earth to protect a very special light. They need your help. Will you join Club Candlelighters and bring light and hope to families affected by childhood cancer across Yorkshire?

"The story of the three heroes is an inspiring one, and I am hugely proud that my business, the pure technology group, is joining Club Candlelighters as a Transformer. We are very excited about what the future has in store, and can't wait to continue supporting this amazing charity, to help them achieve their important mission. I would thoroughly recommend reading this story, and joining me on this exciting journey."

Stephen O'Brien, CEO of tptg, Transformer.

