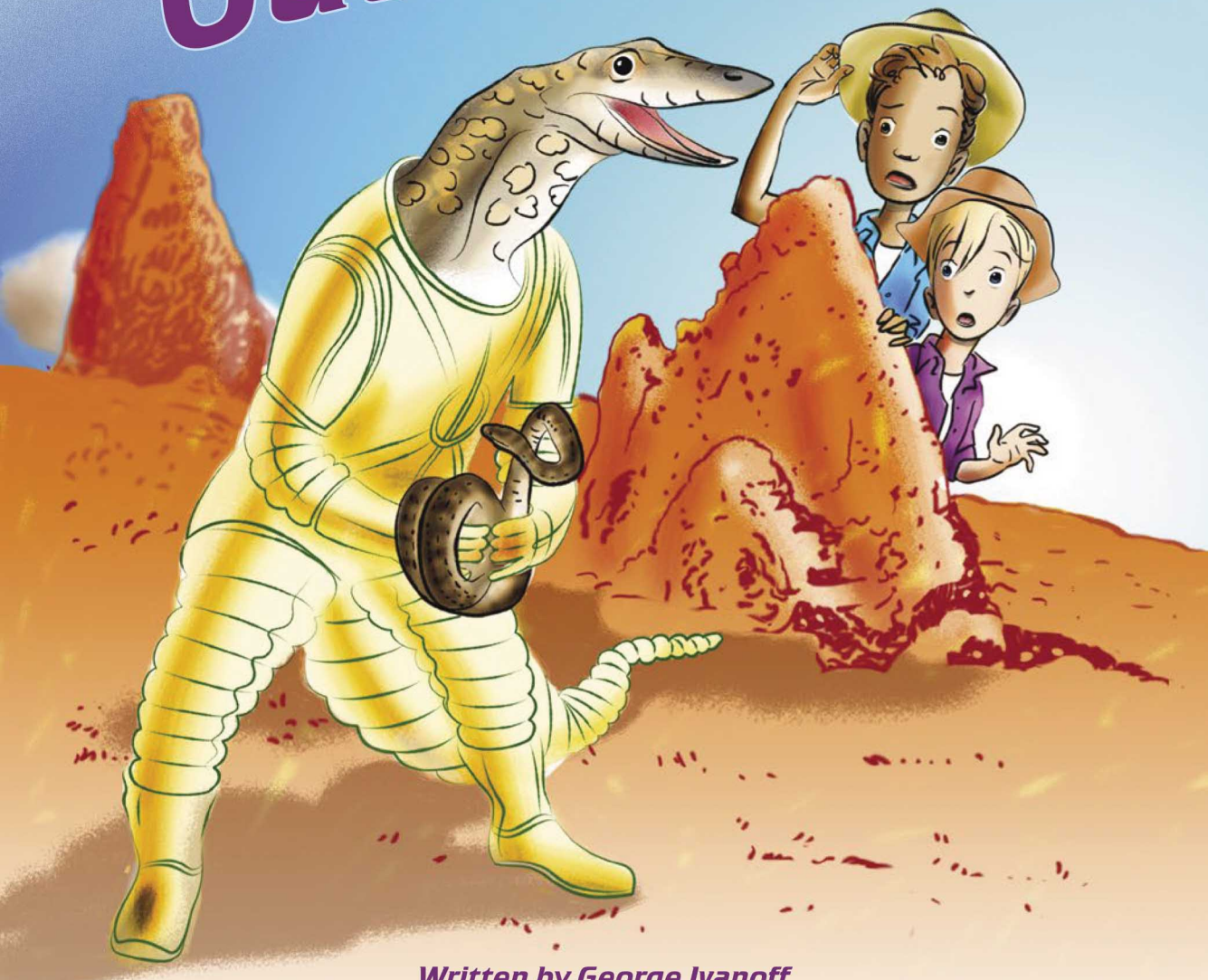
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Chapter 1

The Visitor



Charlie and Cooper crouched down and looked at the gecko.

"Cool," said Charlie.

"It looks just like the photos in my reptiles book," said Cooper.

"This is the best school trip ever," said Charlie. He reached out to touch the gecko, but it raced across the hot desert sand of the outback.

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Charlie looked around. "Hey, where is everyone?" he asked.

"They must have gone back to the bus," said Cooper. "Come on, let's hurry."

Just then, there was a loud wailing sound, like an alarm.

The boys ran back to the bus. Their eyes widened in surprise. There was a spaceship parked near the bus!

"Is … is that … a spaceship?" Charlie stammered.

"I think so!" Cooper replied.

They ran up to their teacher, who was standing by the bus with a group of other kids. But they quickly saw that none of them were moving. They were as still as statues.

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Then a loud coughing sound came from behind the bus. Charlie and Cooper crept up to the end of the bus and peered around it. They saw a large body in a spacesuit, panting and stumbling about. They watched as it struggled to lift off its helmet. They gasped in surprise. It wasn't a human underneath. It was a lizard-man!

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