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- Women & kids in science
- Encouraging kids to reach for the stars

# SYNOPSIS

### SEASON 1

It's the year 2162, and life is a blast for space adventuring siblings, Jet and Adelaide Nova. Along with their parents, Josie and Hugo, these intrepid Aussies spend their days hopping rogue planets, surfing solar flares and avoiding being eaten by every kind of plantimal –

all in the name of science! Still, what the Novas really want to do is meet intelligent extra-terrestrial life - something humanity has yet to do...

#### Then everything changes...

During a routine research mission, the Novas stumble across an abandoned alien space craft trapped in a Celestial Butterfly. Even more incredible, this craft – made entirely out of rock - appears to be powered by a rainbow substance that's so powerful it sends the craft zipping away at speeds humanity never dreamed

possible. Although the Novas are unable to capture the craft, or the 'Star Dust' that powers it, they now know that there is an advanced, intelligent species out there who can travel the universe in the blink of an eye and set off on a quest to find them!

While such a huge quest would stop most people in their tracks, the Novas aren't your average family of explorers. First there's 11-year-old Jet, a brilliant young adventurer and biochemist who divides his time between interstellar missions, gravball and creating bizarre genetic experiments in his lab – often with disastrous results! 13-year-old Adelaide is also a fearless young adventurer - though her greatest passions are robotics, technology, and getting her full starship pilot's license. Mum, astrobiologist Dr Josie Nova, is the real-life action hero of the family, combining her love of nature with a passion for adventure, while dad, Dr Hugo Nova, prefers the slightly more subdued study of astrogeology and history. Still, with his super-strong robotic arm he can be handy in a tight spot! Completing the family is family robot, G9, who may have databanks full of useful info, but is a terrible worry wart, often being the first to flee when danger rears its head!





### SEASON 2

Following the Novas' incredible meeting with the Stardustians, Jet, Adelaide and Sol befriend a young Stardustian, Ziggy. Ziggy stays with them at Luna Port to observe humanity, and finally decides it's time for the Novas to visit his planet, the location of which is kept secret. While the Novas are finally travelling with Ziggy to Stardustia, their convoy ship is hijacked and damaged by an old foe, Judgebot. This event causes a stardust explosion which strands Ziggy into parts unknown and triggers a dangerous imbalance in the universe that only Ziggy can heal. The Nova's new mission is clear: find Ziggy!

In order to protect the Stardustians and prevent stardust from falling into the wrong hands, the search mission is kept top secret, with the establishment of a new search base, disguised as an asteroid. Whenever a stardust reading is detected anywhere in the galaxy, the Novas are onto it – immediately following up. This takes them to new planets and into new dangers such as dark nebula and riding magnetic waves! The Novas also meet extra-terrestrials from rock-like beings to giant - and hungry! – amoeba! But Judgebot re-emerges as a threat to their safety and the security of stardust. To fuel his robot rebellion he needs is an alternative power source – stardust!

Newcomers to Luna Port challenge Jet and Adelaide.
Ulan almost knocks out Adelaide's quest to join Andy
Ling's elite flying squad while Neemti's spectacular
gravball moves show up Jet's inferior form. But these
two become firm Nova friends. Meanwhile, Jet and
Adelaide encourage Sol who is trying to master his
new extra-terrestrial powers, but his insecurities limit his
success.

With Neemti's help the Novas finally learn exactly where Ziggy must be – at the centre of a dark, dangerous nebula in another galaxy. This propels the final, high-stakes mission to reach him. When they find Ziggy, he is weakened from holding a tear in the universe at bay – something that threatens all of existence! With the kids' encouragement, Sol is able to transform into his full Stardustian being and help save the day.

With order restored, the Novas travel with Ziggy and finally see the Stardustian homeworld!







'The Alien Hunter'

also a lover of nature, especially nature that exists outside our solar system. That's why his chosen field is astrobiology. In fact, whether at home, or in his lab on created a specially designed chart, which he uses to the family's spaceship the Eureka, you'll find Jet surrounded by all manner of plants and alien plant family encounter on their missions.

Jet is so obsessed about extra-terrestrial life he's even

track the various levels' of lifeforms he and the Nova



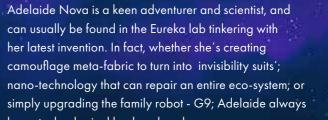
- Leader in technology
- Enthusiastic trainee pilot
- Ace Grav Ball player
- Gung-ho adventurer

can usually be found in the Eureka lab tinkering with her latest invention. In fact, whether she's creating camouflage meta-fabric to turn into invisibility suits'; nano-technology that can repair an entire eco-system; or simply upgrading the family robot - G9; Adelaide always has a technological hack up her sleeve.

As excited as she is by the possibility of encountering intelligent extra-terrestrial life (which would be a first for human kind) she is equally excited to earn her large cruiser pilot license to fly

'The Robotics Expert'

ADELAIDE NOVA



### DR JOSIE NOVA

'The Passionate Astrobiologist'

- Doctor of astrobiology
- Reputable ecologist
- Believes in aliens
- Adrenaline lover

As an expert on all things in the natural world (both on earth and beyond) she likes to get her hands dirty in the search for extra-terrestrial life; plant, animal or other!

Though a super proud and loving parent, she is a little bit more easy going with the kids when it comes to discipline than husband Hugo, and a little more devil-may-care when it comes to diving headfirst into a mission (or an extreme sports holiday).

Hugo is obsessed with the possibility of finding inhabited alien worlds and the fact that humanity has not yet met an intelligent alien species hasn't discouraged him. As a planetary and astrogeologist Captain Hugo Nova has the same interests as his family, for unlocking the secrets of the galaxy.

'The Intergalactic Navigator'

CAPTAIN

HUGO NOVA

Hugo delights in being a family astronaut team. He loves to share his knowledge of the planets and love of all things rocks, and when their missions get a little bumpy, he reminds them of the Nova code "Hey! We use our brains, we don't complain. That's the Nova Code."

- Doctor of planetary geology
- Eureka's captain
- Leading ecologist
- Foodie fond of 'ancient' cooking methods



### AUBRINA ERIDANI

'The Evil Queen of Space'

- Main antagonist
- President of Luna Port
- Secretly keeps alien tech
- Jealous of the Novas

Aubrina Eridani was once a young explorer out to make a name for herself and now as President of Luna Port wields the power and control she thinks she deserves. When Aubrina suspects the Novas may have sighted Star Dust and an alien space craft - the very thing she's been searching for all these years, she's determined to take their research at any cost!

Aubrina has always been an overprotective mother because 14 years ago she discovered Sol - a baby - on an abandoned space ship, and has raised him as her own ever since.

### SOL ERIDANI

'The Frenemy'

- 14 years old
- Son of President Eridani
- Smart spoiled brat
- Finds out he is an alien

Found as a baby on an abandoned exploration ship, Sol has grown up the spoiled rich kid of the most powerful woman on Luna Port. The only kids who don't seem to respect his 'power' are Jet & Adelaide Nova. Even worse, the Nova kids often get their own attention which really annoys Sol, and he takes every opportunity to ridicule them.

Just when Sol thinks he's #1 at Luna Port he has the biggest turning point of his life - finding out he himself is an ALIEN! Now he needs the friendship and support of the Nova kids more than he would like to admit. Joining their quest to find aliens could just mean Sol finding out who he really is.



### ANDY LING

'Mission Control'

- Head of the Australian Space Association
- Member of Luna Port Council
- Keen advocate for the Novas
- Incredibly level-headed

A beloved figure on Luna Port, Andy is both the head of the Australian Space Association and one of four international members on the Luna Port Council. Most importantly, he is a

big supporter of the Novas and their covert missions to find Star Dust, meaning walking the fine line between allowing the Novas to bend the rules and actively bending the truth to the Council and Aubrina.

Even though Aubrina and he are technically equals on the council, if he is found to have broken the rules it might endanger his position, and therefore ASA's ability to continue doing any missions in deep space. However Andy believes the risk is worth taking for the greater good.





### NEEMTI

One of the most promising gravball players of her generation, Neemti has so impressed with her skills that she's recently received a scholarship to move from her homeland of Australia to Luna Port to play for their team. Though she knows it's going to be an adjustment, especially given the fact she is Indigenous with strong ties to Country and her family back in Australia, she can't wait to experience life out in the universe, enjoy new adventures and make new friends. She also can't wait to experience real zero g, especially given she's a gravball player!

Still, almost as soon as Neemti arrives on Luna Port things don't quite go to plan. For one, her best pal Jindabur (a willy wagtail bird), has stowed away against strict instructions - and Luna Port regulations! Second, it seems some of the current players on Luna Port's gravball team are feeling a little threatened by her arrival – especially Jet Nova (of the famous Nova family). Finally, after listening to the urgings of pal Jindabur, Neemti realises that something is 'off' with the stars. They're out of alignment! Worse, when she goes to investigate the Novas' possible involvement (things seem to have started changing post their aborted mission to the Stardustian homeworld), she gets pulled into their quest to find missing Stardustian envoy, Ziggy. Fortunately, Neemti is up for almost any challenge. And, thanks to her courage, her wit, and her incredible gravball skills, Neemti soon becomes vital to helping the Novas on their quest to find Ziggy and heal the imbalance in the universe. Even better, Neemti becomes fast friends with her Luna Port teammates, especially Jet, Adelaide and Sol. Her own bestie, Jindbur, even develops a real connection with the Novas' robot, G9!

### ZIGGY

One of the younger members of the Stardustian race, Ziggy is chosen by his people to stay on Luna Port and observe humanity. After all, though the Stardustians have been impressed by the Novas' persistence in finding them and wanting to exchange knowledge, the Stardustians are not yet sure how much they want humanity knowing about them. Understandably, Ziggy's arrival on Luna Port and the announcement he will be staying as Envoy for the Stardustian people are a big deal. Still, while Luna Port President Andy Ling, and other notables who live there (not least of which includes Josie and Hugo Nova) are keen to show Ziggy around and provide him with whatever data he requires, Ziggy is more interested in spending time with young Sol, Jet and Adelaide. The fact he wants to spend time with Sol is understandable. After all, Sol is a young Stardustian himself and Ziggy will be his mentor, helping him to learn to control his considerable Stardustian powers. But why Jet and Adelaide? Well, as Ziggy explains, the characteristics that the Stardustians most admire about humanity are our ability to adapt, to learn and to think creatively. In other words, to 'play' And these traits are never stronger than they are Adelaide and Jet's age. Unfortunately, however, just as Ziggy has decided that it's time for humanity to travel to Stardustia, disaster strikes, and he is lost in parts of the galaxy unknown. The only question is, will his faith in humanity's ability to adapt be proven correct? Will they be able to find him and heal what has been broken?

NEW IN SEGSON 2

### ULON

NEW IN SEGSON 2

A passionate space pilot, when Ulan learned her family were moving to Luna Port for work, she was thrilled. After all, the President of Luna Port is legendary pilot Andy 'Larrikin' Ling and he has an elite flying squad that Ulan is determined to get into. Still, things aren't going to be smooth sailing. For one, Andy doesn't take a pilot every year. Worse, she has stiff competition in Adelaide Nova, who is also determined to get into Andy's Squad (and has been training for years for the opportunity). Still, though these two start as enemies, the two girls triumph in Andy's trials, helping each other to get a place on the squad. They even become friends, who refer to themselves as the 'Twister Sisters' after the trial course they both completed at the end of Andy's tests.

These flying skills are also put to the test when the Novas require help in their final 'heist' mission to rescue Ziggy from the dark nebula at the centre of the 'imbalance in the universe'. It's here the Twister Sisters' skills go from theory to practice, ensuring our heroes are able to get to the planet where they suspect Ziggy is trapped. Still, flying isn't Ulan's only passion. She is proudly Malaysian, and a lot of her approach to life is influenced by her upbringing near the jungles of Malaysia. These early experiences gave her an appreciation and respect for nature that she eagerly shares with her new pals the Novas. In fact, when she and the Nova kids become marooned on a jungle-liked planet she is able to use her jungle survival skills to full effect.



## LUNA PORT



Built in 2062 (100 years ago), Luna Port is a shining symbol of the future. Created at the beginning of the second 'space race' (when humanity first mastered 'thrust' technology) it was a centre for exploration and ambitious colonisation/terraforming projects.

These days, however, it's a place that is used to seek out and mine minerals and resources vital to Earth's population and preservation – from frozen water to valuable metals – and alternative power sources. The Novas (including Janali and Andy Ling) continue to be maverick explorers looking for alien life.

### MAIN SHIPS



EUREKA

• Novas' main ship

• Jet & Adelaide's ship

#### SUGAR GLIDER

Mum & Dad's ship

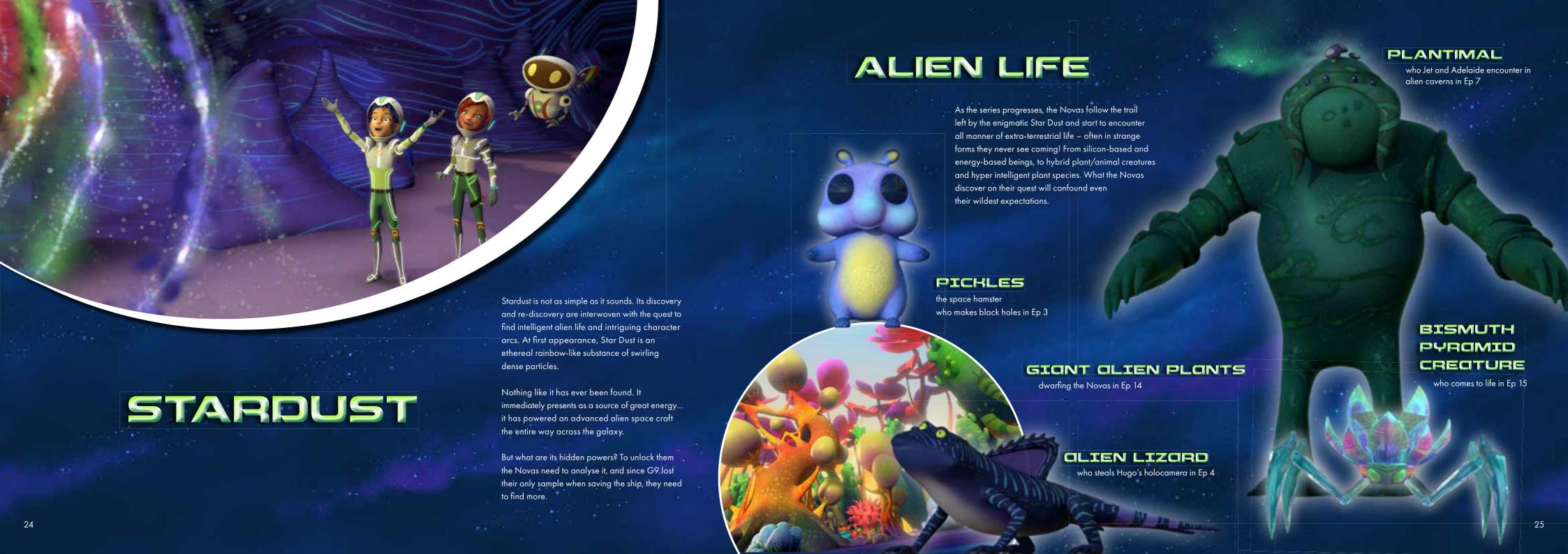
### THE WORLD

Luna Port's population is about 2000, and includes scientists, technicians, bureaucrats, private enterprise and even the odd merchant or visiting scientists from far off planets.

There are also many families on Luna Port, and the 'port kids' all know each other.











### SEGSON 1 EPISODE 1

Star Dust

The Novas, a family of maverick space explorers make an interstellar discovery that could change the course of history. Armed with knowledge that they have come across an Alien space craft powered by a rainbow substance they have never seen before, they set out to find where the space craft and its ethereal substance - Star Dust has come from.

### SEGSON 1 EPISODE 3

Black Hamster

When Jet creates a nutrient-dense super pickle it attracts a space hamster that Jet calls 'Pickles', whose survival instinct allows it to turn into a small black hole, throwing Luna Port into chaos. Will Jet be able to keep his new friend - or will he have to free him for the good of Luna Port?



#### SEGSON 1 EPISODE 6

**Steel Comet** 

When a large comet appears on a collision course with Luna Port, the Novas take a huge risk to divert it, only to realise it's no comet at all, but rather a frozen-over space ship presumed lost for over 100 years!



Friends in dark places

When the Novas go to investigate a system based on data they obtained from the 'Eagle' (the frozen space ship from 'Steel Comet') they find a planet that appears uninhabited – until they fall through quicksand to the caverns beneath! Meanwhile, Aubrina continues to keep a close eye on the Novas – often popping up on comms at the most inconvenient times!



### SEGSON 1 EPISODE 11

**Ghost Station** 

It's Josie's favourite holiday, Halloween, and to celebrate she surprises her sceptical family by booking a 'ghost tour' of a spooky space station, but when they receive a distress call from the station and land there, even the most sceptical Novas start to believe!



#### Having learned the direction the Tychon was being taken on the day Sol was discovered on as a baby, the Novas take Sol on a mission to a planet

inhabited entirely by mega-flora – then Sol goes

missing.







## SEGSON 1 EPISODE 15

#### Rogue Planet

When the Novas research drones send them an image of what looks like a Star Dust Ship the Novas and Sol go to investigate. In the process, however, they get trapped on a tiny rogue planet full of adorable insects – and the planet heading directly towards the system's sun! Meanwhile, Aubrina has plans of her own – to get her own Star Dust crystal and gain the power of 'jumping' for herself.



## EPISODE 26

#### Star Dust Aliens

The Novas finally locate another Star Dust Alien rock ship and set off to finally make first contact. When they arrive, however, the ship's engines explode, they uncover Sol as a stowaway and find out that Andy who accompanied them is a robot in disguise - all part of Aubrina's plan to stop the Novas in their tracks and make first contact with the Aliens herself. Will the Novas lose their chance to make real contact with the Star Dust Aliens forever?



## SEGSON 2 EPISODE 1

#### Homeworld

The Novas have befriended Stardustian envoy, Ziggy, who announces, much to the Novas' excitement, they are now ready to travel together to his home planet! But on the way, old foe Judgebot hijacks the ship to fuel his bot rebellion, and the Novas must take back control and protect the powerful stardust energy, as well as its source. When Ziggy is jettisoned into space — and is lost — the Novas launch a search into the unknown to find their friend.

## EPISODE 2

#### Eye of the Storm

On their search for Ziggy the Novas chase a lead that brings them to a planet inhabited by the Kelembai, a silicon-based life form. Think rocks! With the promise of information about Ziggy's disappearance, the Novas attempt to communicate, but, thanks to some cultural misunderstandings in both directions, Jet bungles their efforts plus the Novas are endangered by a glass storm. Redeeming himself, Jet's quick thinking saves the day.





## EPISODE 3

#### Neemti

On an urgent mission to save the secret (Ziggy) search base from an oncoming solar storm, the Novas uncover a stowaway — Jet's gravball nemesis, Neemti! She has detected strange changes in the cosmos and suspects the Novas are connected. When Judgebot threatens the mission Neemti joins forces with the Novas, combining Nova smarts with Neemti's gravball moves, to overturn Judgebot's attempt to steal data from the base, and save the base from a dangerous solar storm!

### EPISODE 4

#### The Twister

This year Adelaide is determined to finally get into President Andy Ling's elite flying squad, but on the eve of the all-important trials a new contender, Ulan Rombituon, appears at the practice course and trounces her. Now Adelaide is determined not to let this 'Jenny come lately' steal her spot on the squad. Meanwhile, Jet has noticed that Sol – after his bad experience on the Kelembai planet — has stopped practising his powers. Jet decides to get his new friend 'back on the horse'.



## SEGSON 2 EPISODE 6

#### Dances with Hamsters

When Jet gets a message from the space hamster planet, featuring his friend Pickles and other hamsters dancing to a catchy beat, he immediately uploads the 'funny' holo video to his socials. Soon everyone starts doing the 'Hamster Dance'. The only problem is, it seems no one can stop so now the Novas must battle their own dance moves, while tracing the virus back to its source in order to save not only their hamster friends, but an exhausted humanity!







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