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Bonner: My Stepping Stone

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Introduction and Capstone Focus

Bonner has allowed me to grow as a member of the Spartanburg community, and as a person. By strengthening my skills as a community leader, a compassionate person, and a seeker of bettering the lives of others through the Bonner Scholars program, I was able to feel confident enough to pursue another program that works with the lower income older adult community of Spartanburg. The Intergenerational Connections program joins college students and older adults together to learn about and communicate with each other creatively. Because of Bonner, I knew that being a part of another program with similar initiatives to better the community is something that embodies who I am and what I stand for.

Bonner Field Experience with the Older Adults of the Community

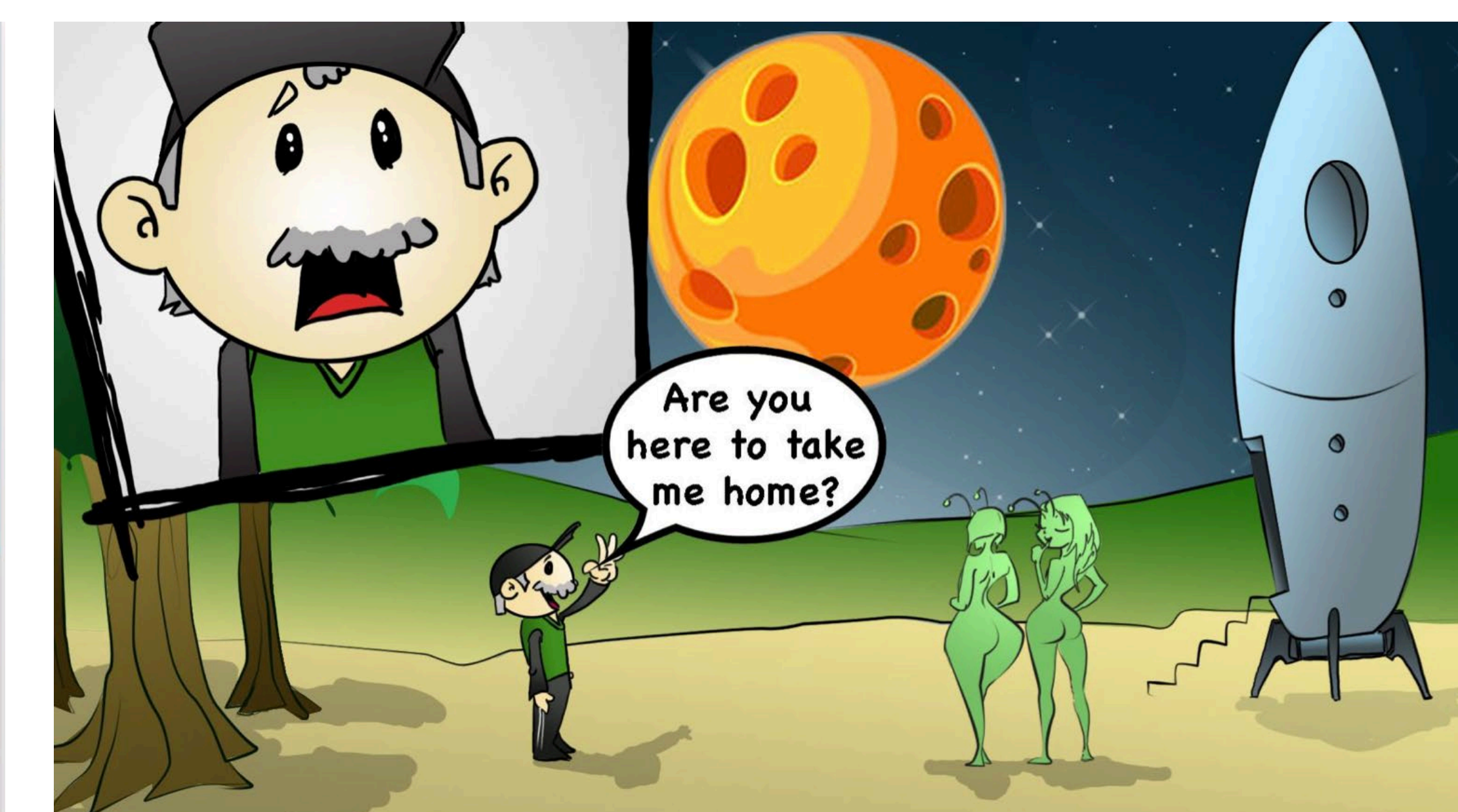
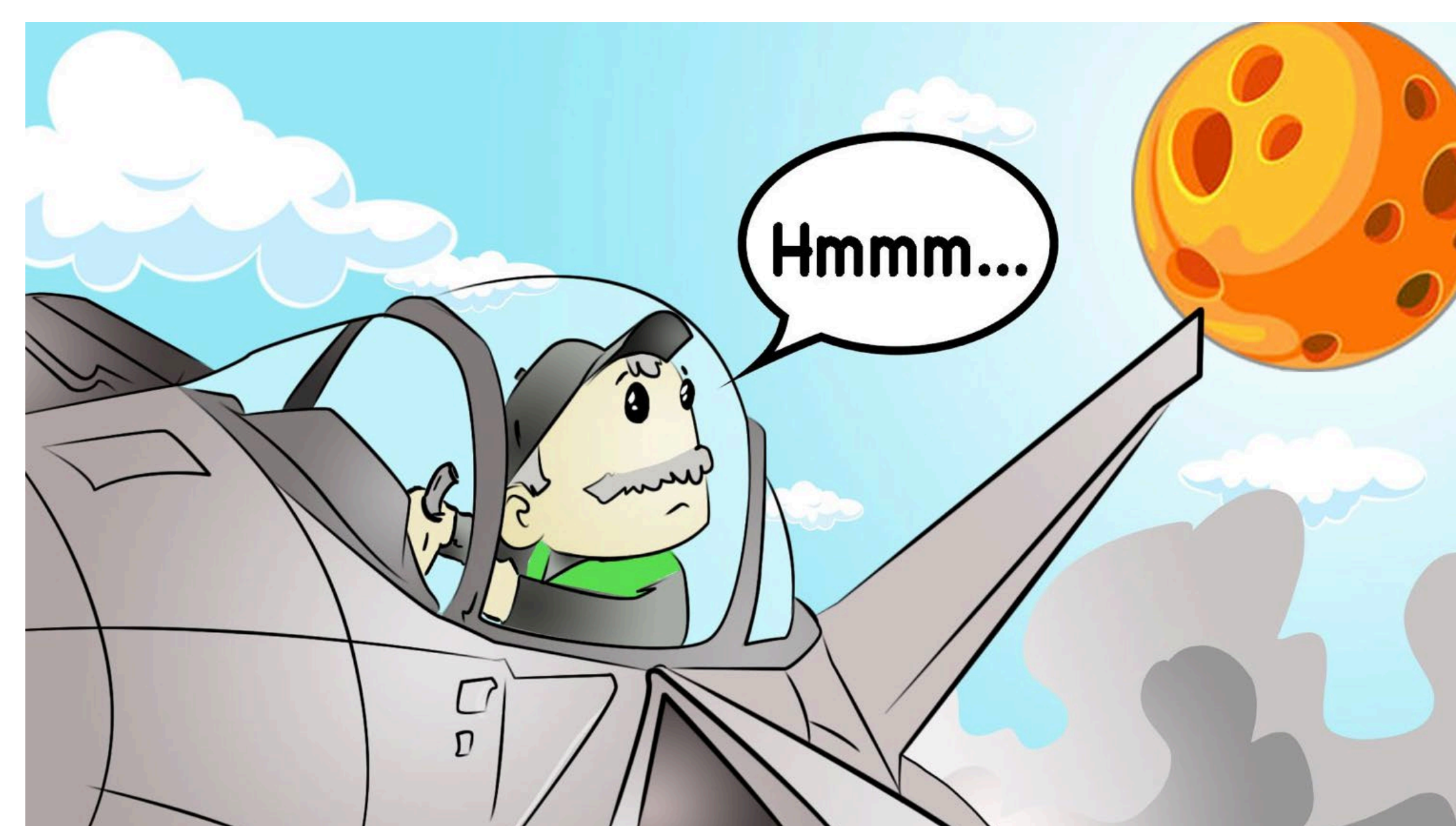
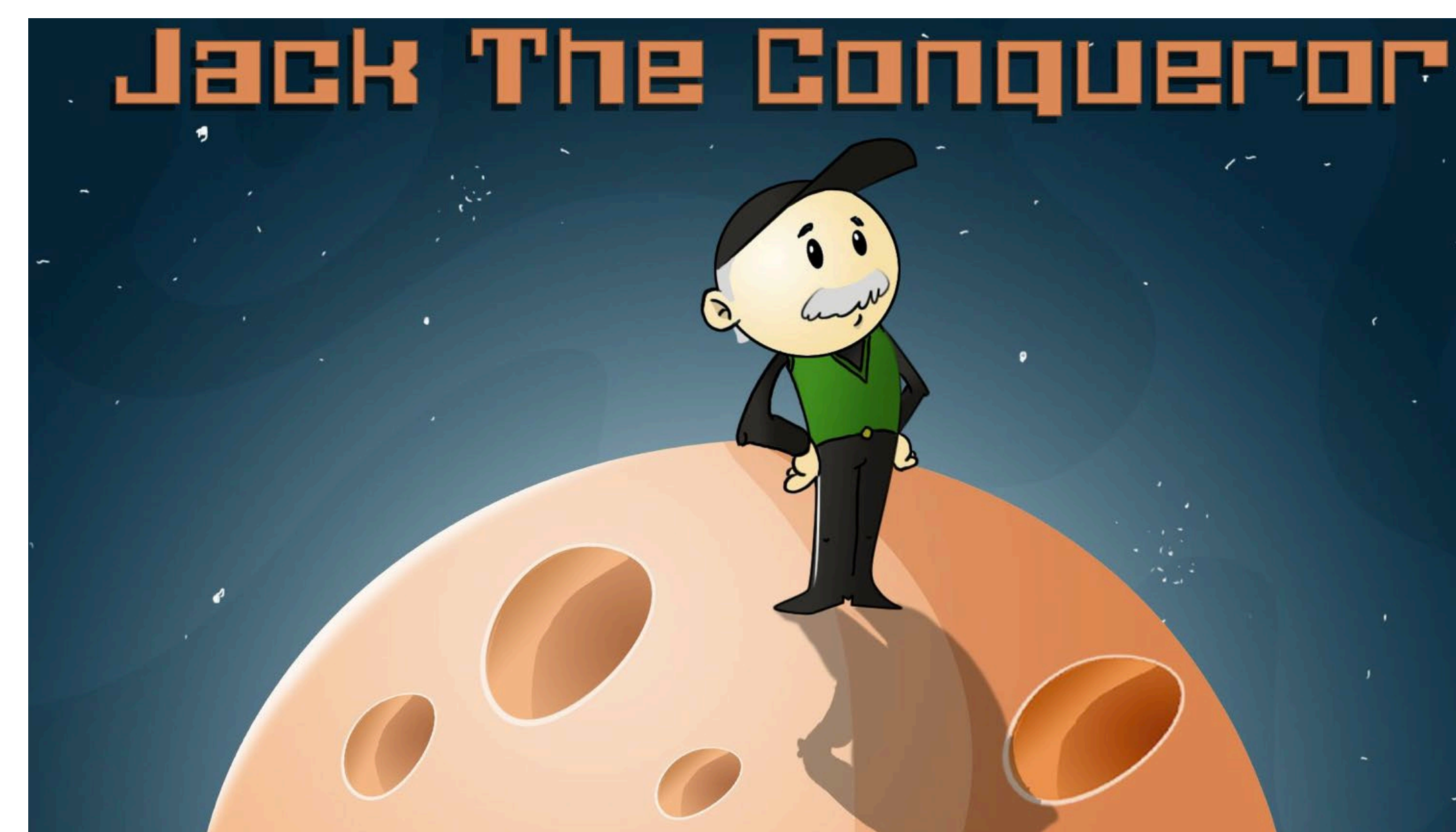
- Identify and serve the needs of older adults in college and university communities, particularly in the areas of hunger, housing, income generation and social isolation.
- Help college students develop new skills and knowledge.
- Increase student retention at independent colleges and universities through service learning.
- Develop a national network of student programs that recognize the mutual benefit of intergenerational connections.

Workshop Components

- 10 student workshop leaders
- 10 different locations in the community
- Each student runs one workshop a week
- Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Workshop Outcomes

An example of a workshop at Elite Senior Day Center with Jack.



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