

BOB
and the
MOONTREE
MYSTERY


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It was a Friday morning in space. Bob, the Man on the Moon, and his best-ever friend Barry were hard at work giving the dark side of the Moon a tip-top tidy up. And that's when they noticed it – a strange beany-seedy thing glowing near crater 1973.

Bob was puzzled. Despite being the world's most brainy Moon expert, he had never seen anything like it before. He knelt down to get a closer look. Suddenly, the beany-seedy thing sprang up and briskly bounced away. Bob and Barry looked at each other in astonishment.

Whatever could it be?



Back on Earth, Bob couldn't stop thinking about their peculiar discovery. What was the beany-seedy thing doing on the Moon? How did it get there? Some people might have suggested it was the work of aliens, but Bob knew that was just nonsense.

He was still worrying about it the next morning as they rocketed moonwards. All of a sudden, his thoughts were interrupted by an almighty shuddering, shaking crunch! The Moon's surface was still a mile below them.

"We've crashed!" gasped Bob.
"But into WHAT?"



News of the golden podberries spread quickly. Day after day more space tourists arrived, astounded at the incredible sight.

Many bought souvenirs. Soap-on-a-rope podberries in particular sold like hot cakes. But Bob had to explain again and again that the golden podberries were absolutely not for sale.

No way, no how.

Neither, of course, was the Moontree itself. Though he still didn't know why it was there, Bob did know that it was his job to protect it.

And protect it he would.

