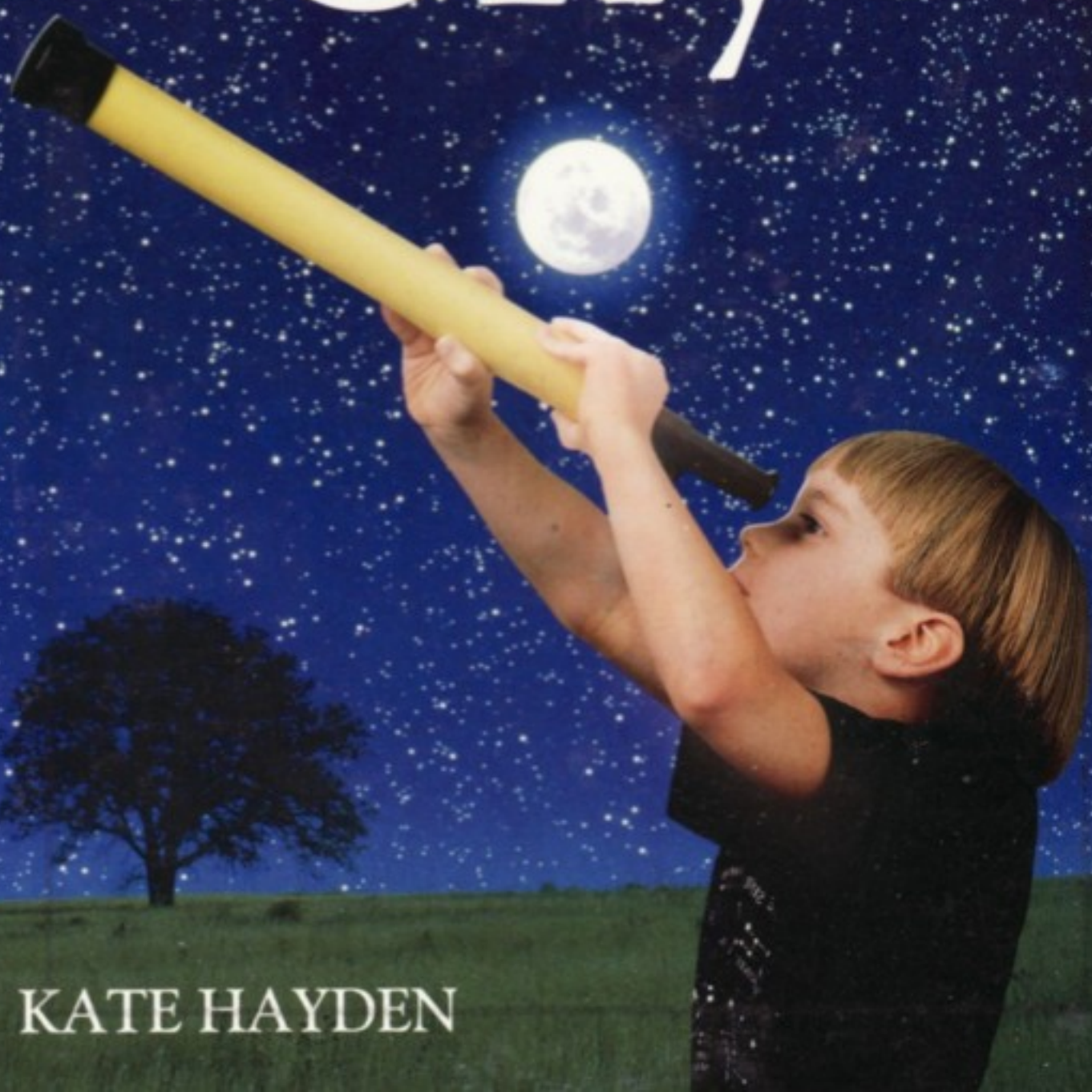


Starry Sky



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On a clear, dark night, the sky sparkles with thousands of stars. These giant balls of gas make their own heat and light — just like our closest star, the Sun.

Long ago, when people lived in caves, they noticed patterns among the brightest stars. They made them into pictures. If you look up into the sky, you can see star patterns, too.



*Stars drawn
onto the wall
of a rock shelter
in France
16,500 years ago*

Cancer the crab



There are 88 named constellations.

Some are named after animals, birds, and fish.

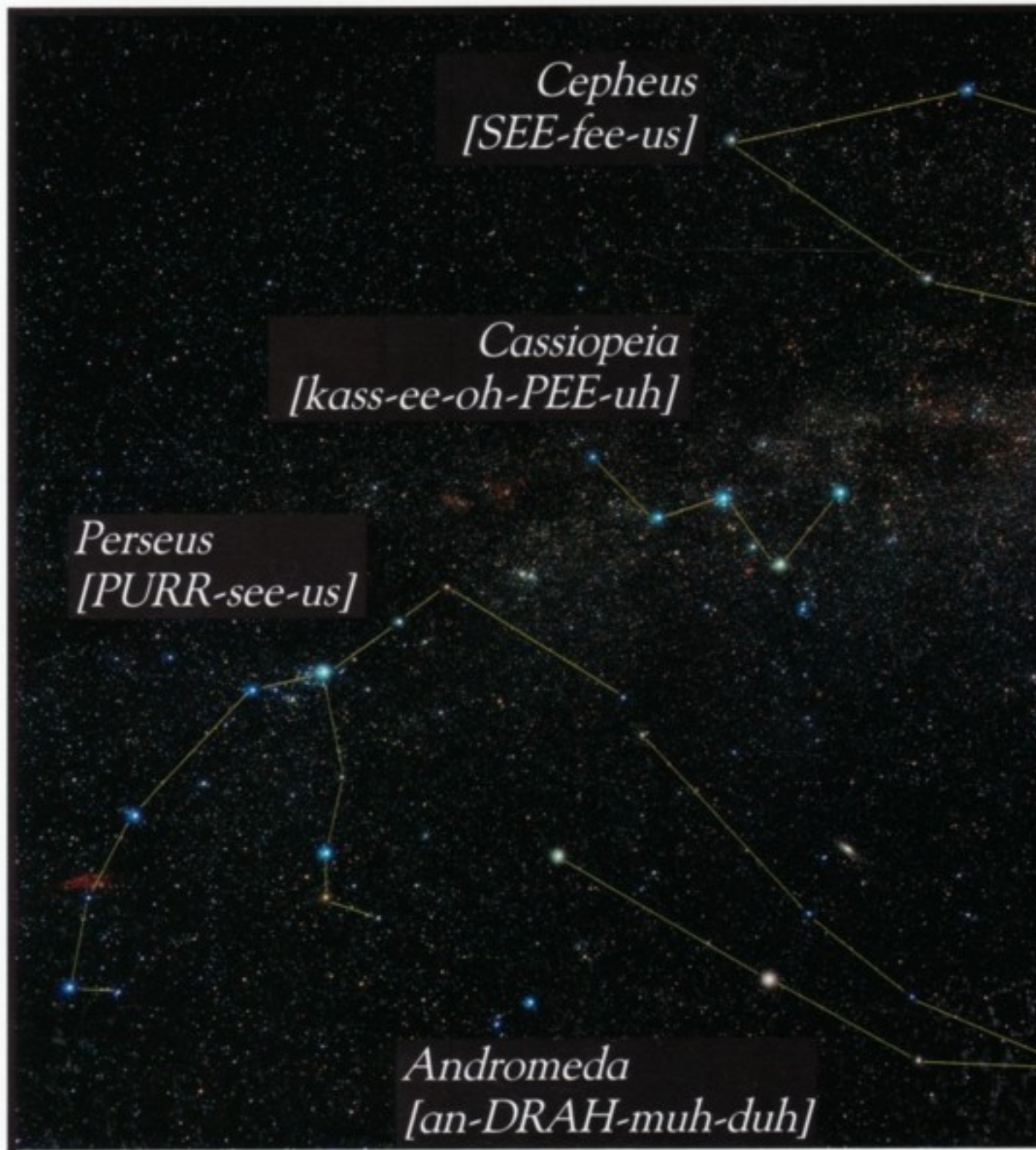
Others have the names of people and creatures from legends.

There are some constellations named after objects, such as crowns and cups.

The names help people locate stars in the night sky.



Corona
[kuh-ROW-nuh]
the crown



Cepheus
[SEE-fee-us]

Cassiopeia
[kass-ee-oh-PEE-uh]

Perseus
[PURR-see-us]

Andromeda
[an-DRAH-muh-duh]

The W-shaped constellation is called Cassiopeia.

In a Greek story, she is the wife of King Cepheus and they have a daughter named Andromeda.



Take a closer look at
the night sky and discover
the secrets of the stars!

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