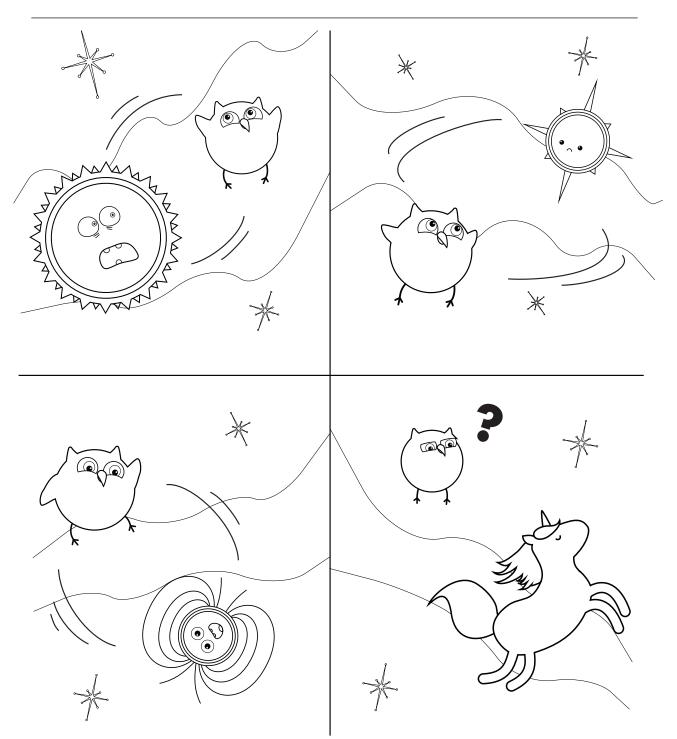


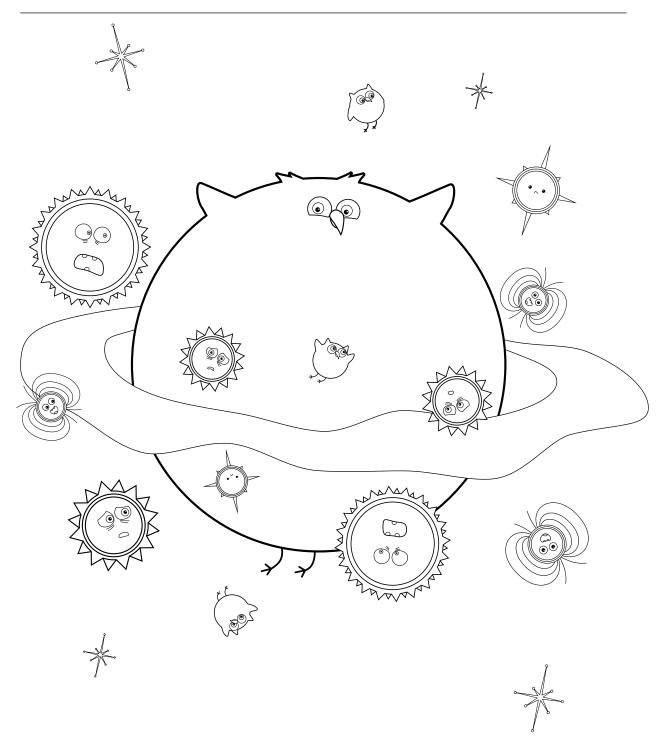
Black holes attract stuff that gets too close — like stars, gas, dust, and missing socks. Before getting pulled in, the material forms a disk around the black hole that can shine brightly.





Small black holes often have a partner like a large star, white dwarf, or pulsar. Sadly, unicorns don't get to join the party.





Supermassive black holes love being the center of attention, gathering up a lot of company!