To infinity and beyond

Chapter 17

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I was working on the use of printed electronics with paper (think of digital interactivity within a normal book) when I got that phone call from a friend about *"this spaceman who really wants to meet you"*. I was curious, so I went along to meet someone called Mark at Canonical. I didn't know what to expect. The first few minutes were certainly interesting.

Shuttleworth : *"I'm Mark. I've been told you're a good UX designer."*
Me : *"I don't know anything about design."*
… silence.

It was an awkward pause. Then Mark realising the next hour was probably a waste of his time asked me to tell him something I did know about. I talked about evolution, the changes in the industry and before long we were into graphs, maps and cloud computing. The time flew by. We kept talking. I was introduced to others and in what seemed like lightning speed, I was working at Canonical. I had one job, to bring Ubuntu into the cloud. I called my friend, asked him what had happened. Steve just responded *"I knew you'd get along"*. Life is full of pleasant trouble makers like Steve.

The first day I arrived for work, I was all excited and had the usual confused look of a rabbit staring at headlamps. My boss, who also