

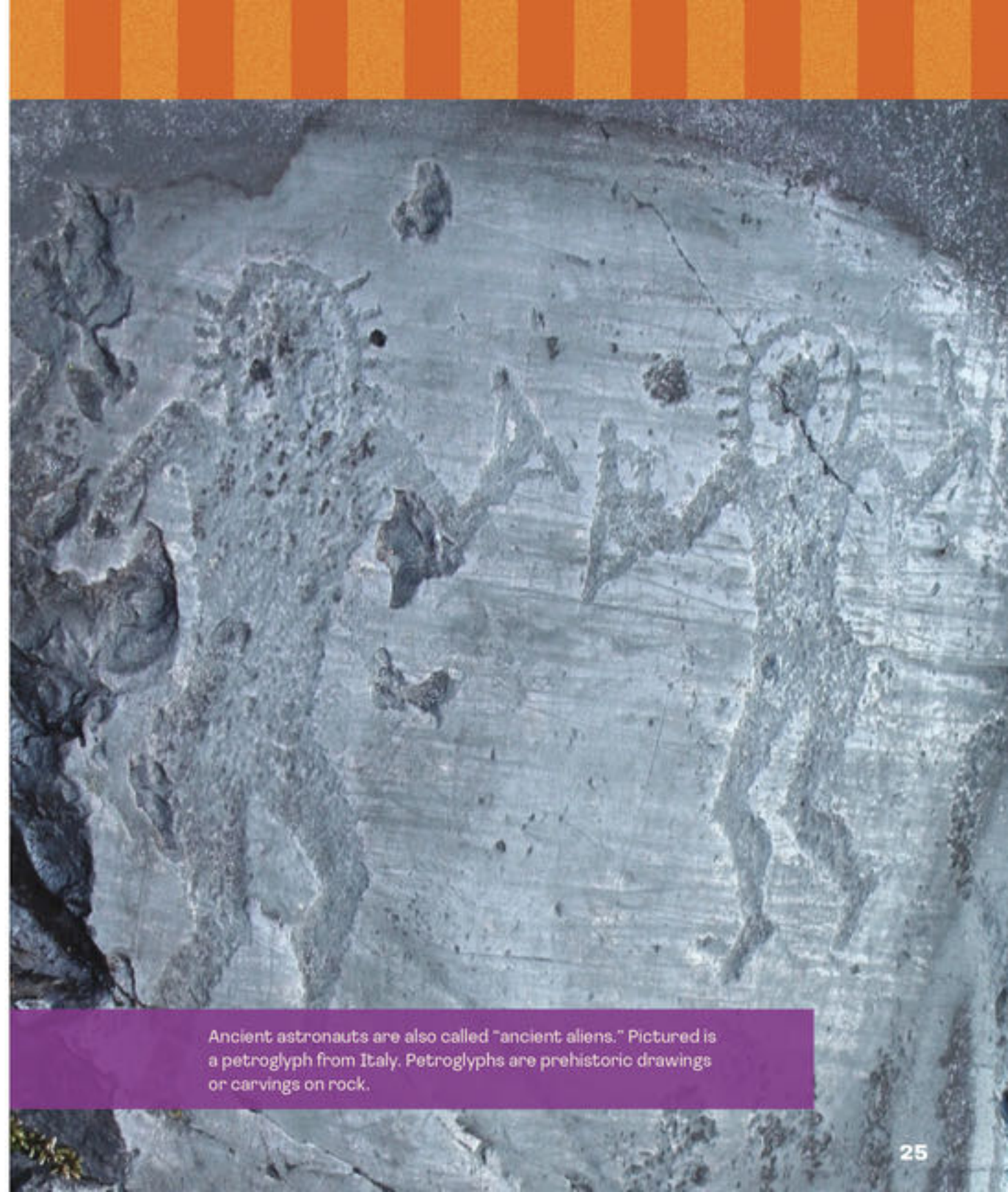


## CHAPTER 5:

# ANCIENT ASTRONAUT

### CONSPIRACY

Since early human history, we've thought about space. We've looked to the stars with wonder. The study of space and stars is called astronomy. It has been around since ancient times. The earliest recorded observation of space was in 1600 BCE. It is a drawing of the Sun, Moon, and stars. But the first time we've ever been to space was in 1961. That year, Russian Yuri Gagarin became the first person to travel to space. People who travel to space are called astronauts.



Ancient astronauts are also called "ancient aliens." Pictured is a petroglyph from Italy. Petroglyphs are prehistoric drawings or carvings on rock.