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In what little time he can spare, Gardiol attempts to communicate his passion for astronomy to the public and to Italian school students.