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Alexander Adam was brave enough to hold a worm. He always obeyed his parents and told the truth. When bedtime came around, he was a champ at falling asleep. His greatest dream was to someday go to space.





One day, right after Alexander Adam had put on his pajamas, a woman wearing a space suit knocked on the door. She was from the

**GROWN UP SPACE AGENCY**

She was an astronaut.

She sat down with Alexander Adam and his parents. She told them that the **Grown Up Space Agency** wanted Alexander Adam to be an astronaut.



"We chose you because you don't lie, you're brave, and you know how to listen." The Astronaut said. "Also, your parents tell us you're excellent at falling asleep."

"So can I be an astronaut?  
Please?"

His parents looked at each  
other and said, "Yes!" at the  
same time.

"And we want you to go to  
space right now." The  
astronaut lady said.

"Sweet!"







Alexander Adam put on his uniform. It looked a lot like his favorite pajamas.

Alexander Adam  
waved goodbye to  
his parents, and  
crawled into the  
rocket. He had to  
lie on his back in  
the chair, because  
it was nailed to  
the wall.



Once Alexander  
Adam got strapped in,  
the countdown began.

10, 9,

8, 7,

He wondered how  
quiet it would be in  
space with no baby  
sister to wake him  
up with her crying.

He took a  
deep breath.

6, 5,





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He smiled.  
Almost time  
to go!

He closed his  
eyes and  
tried to relax.

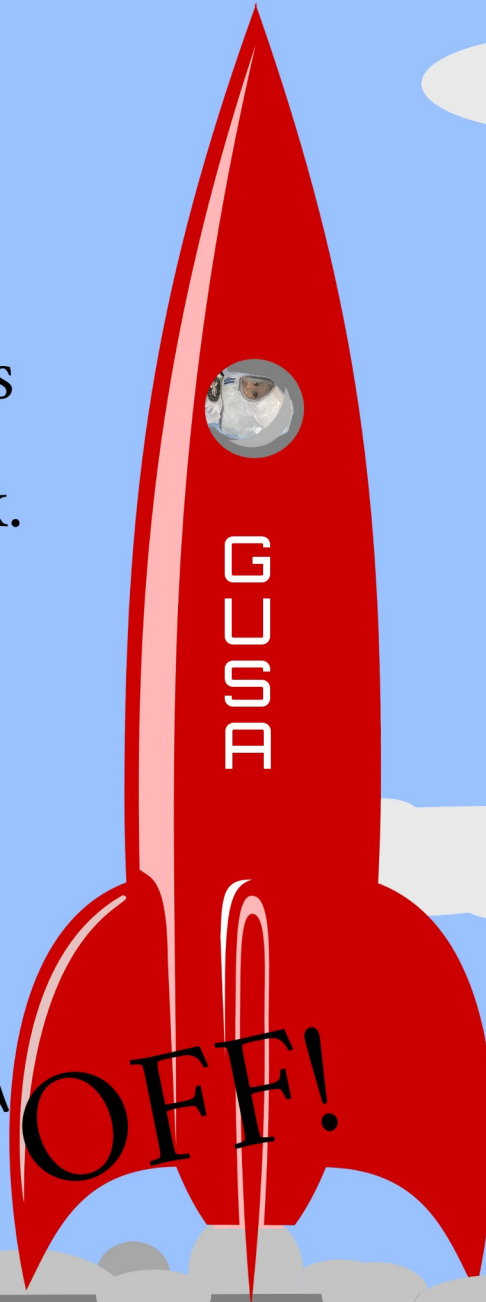
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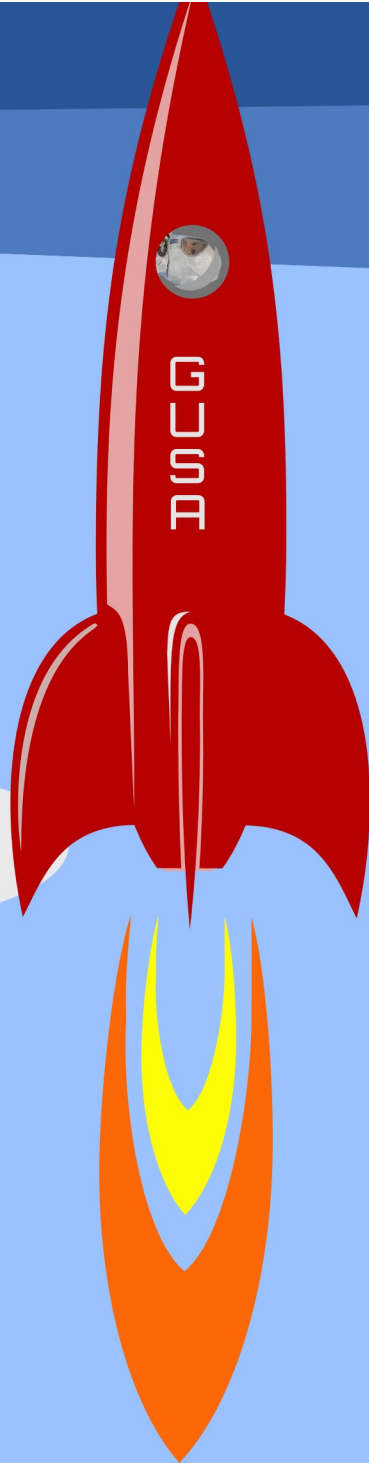
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GO

1

LIFTOFF!





Alexander Adam let out  
a huge breath as the  
rocket engine roared to  
life.

The engines rumbled  
the whole rocket. For a  
moment, it didn't go  
anywhere.

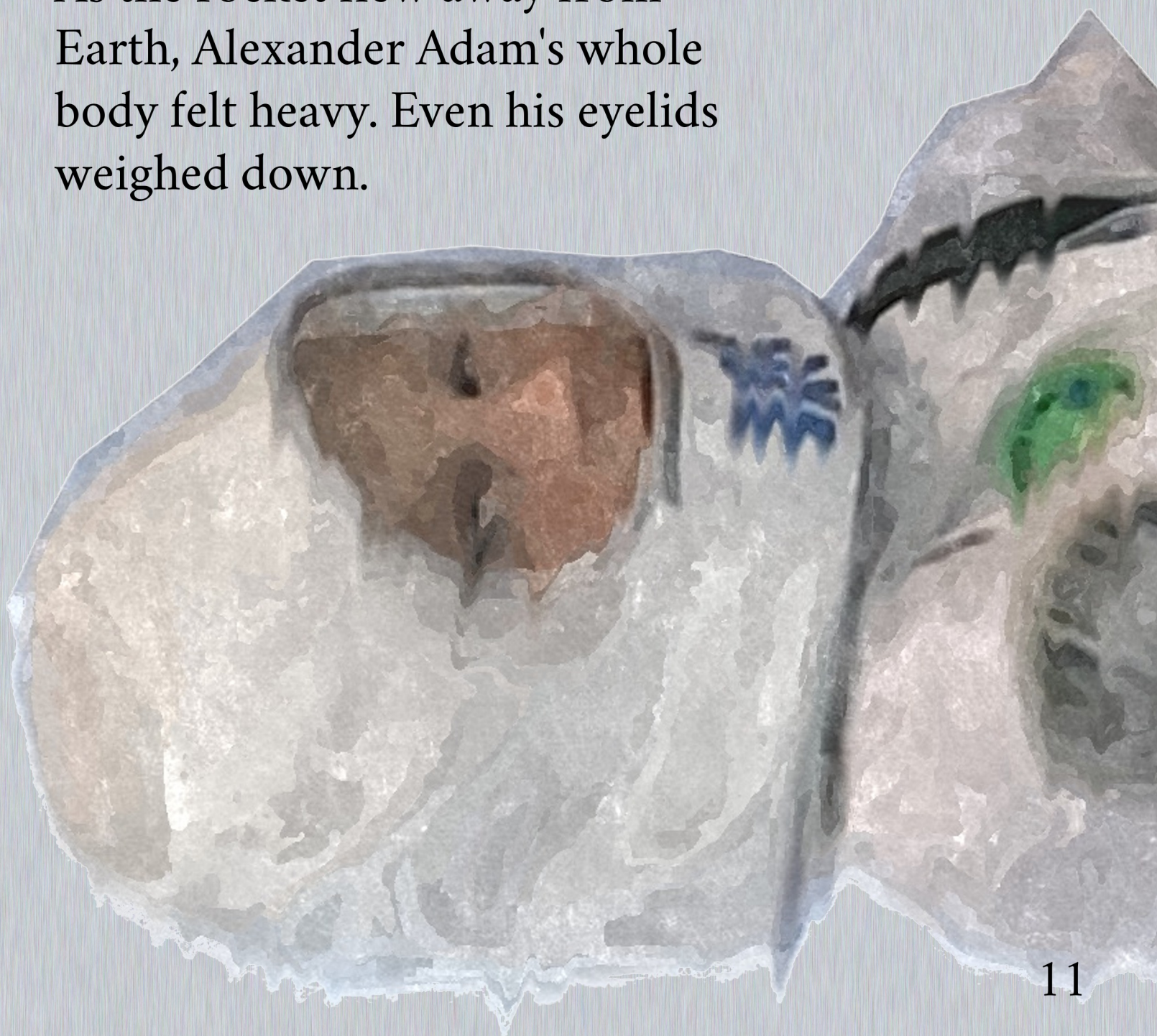
And then the rocket  
launched into the sky.



The rocket went so fast that  
Alexander Adam sank back into  
his seat. It felt a lot like a bed. He  
couldn't sit up. Not even a little.



As the rocket flew away from Earth, Alexander Adam's whole body felt heavy. Even his eyelids weighed down.



The rocket flew higher than  
the mountains.





Then it passed the clouds.





Then it went into space.

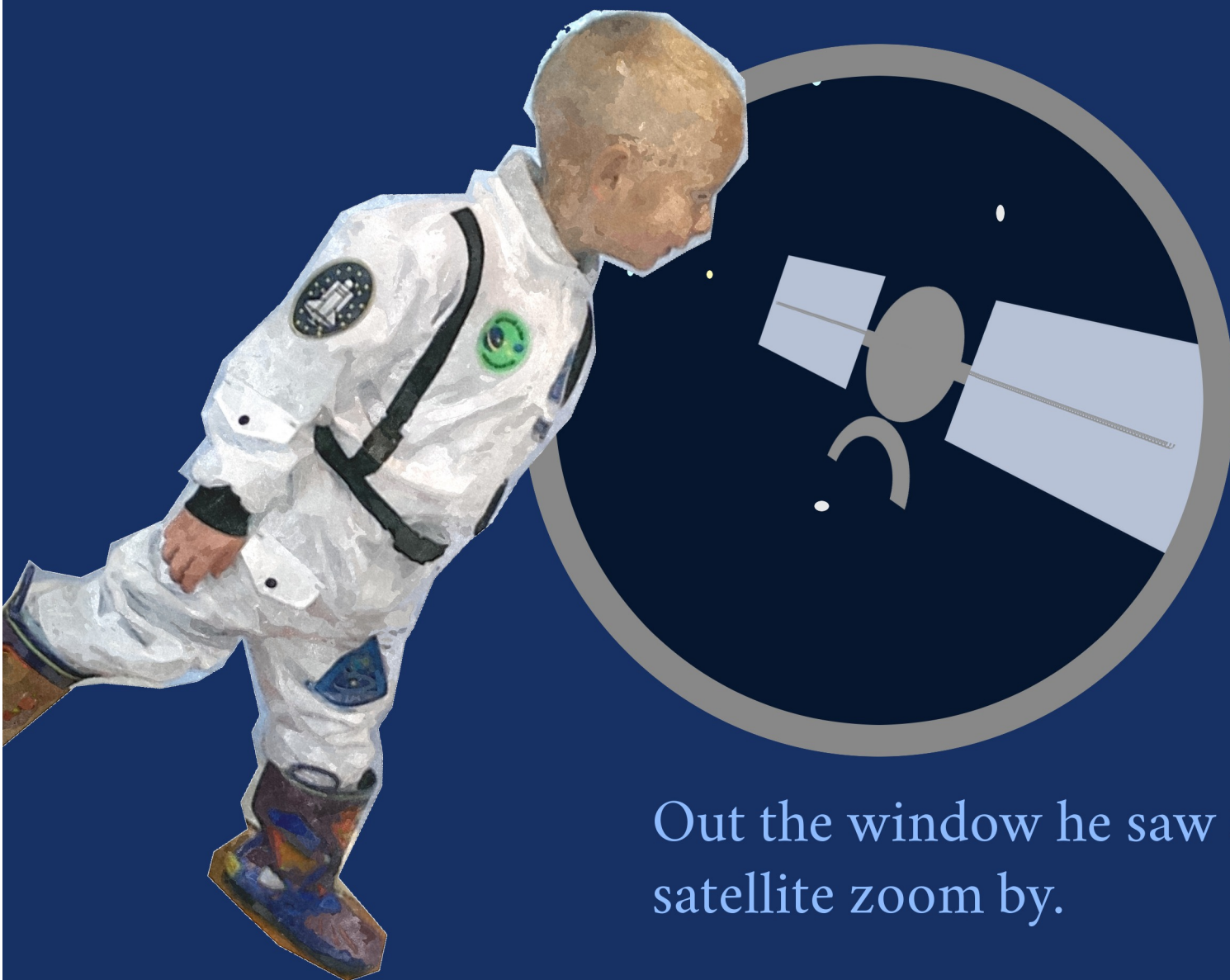


Alexander Adam unbuckled his belt.  
He floated away from his chair.



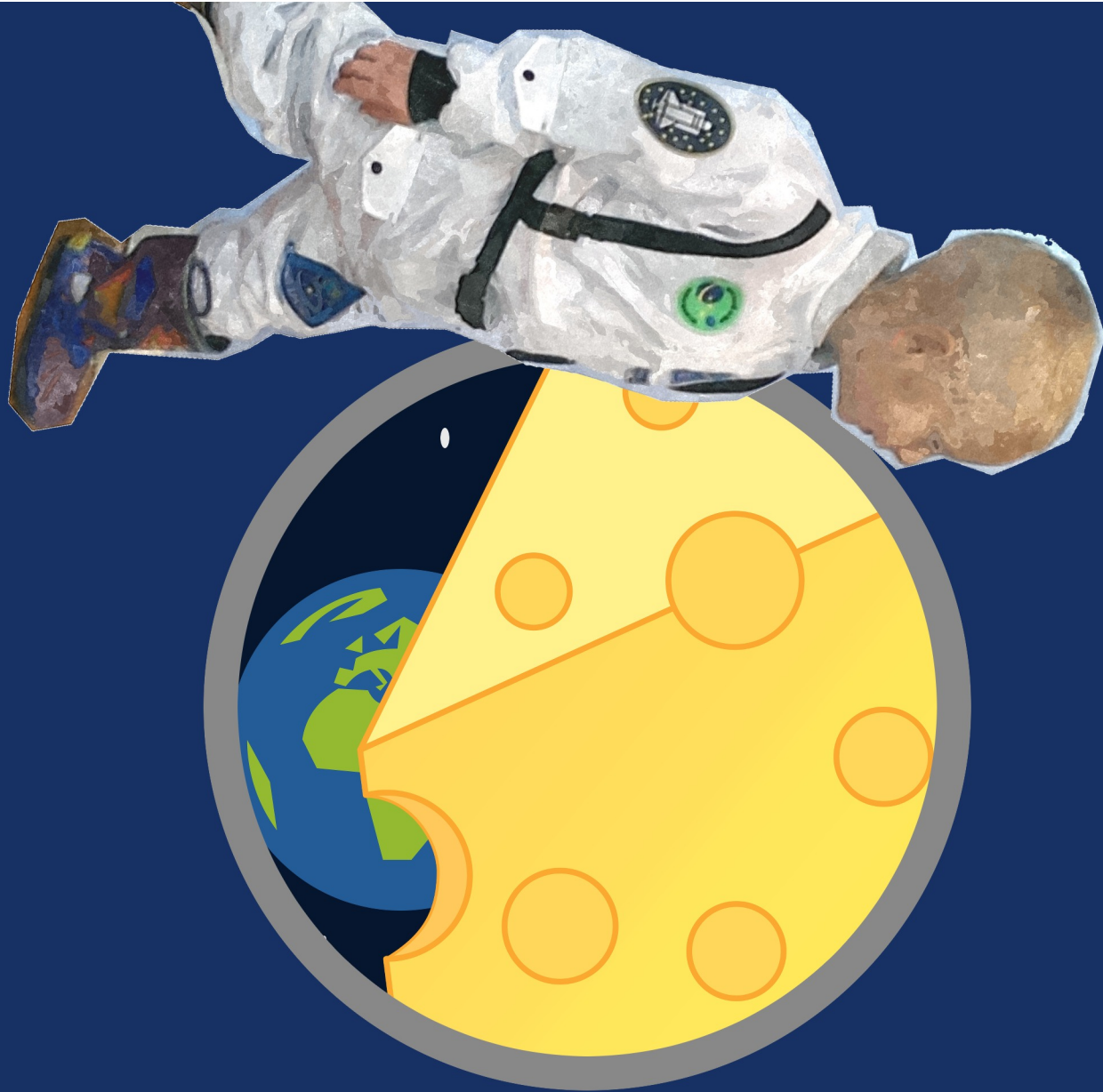
He couldn't move very fast, but floating through the air was pretty awesome. He could float upside down, sideways or any way he wanted. He floated from one side of the rocket to the other.



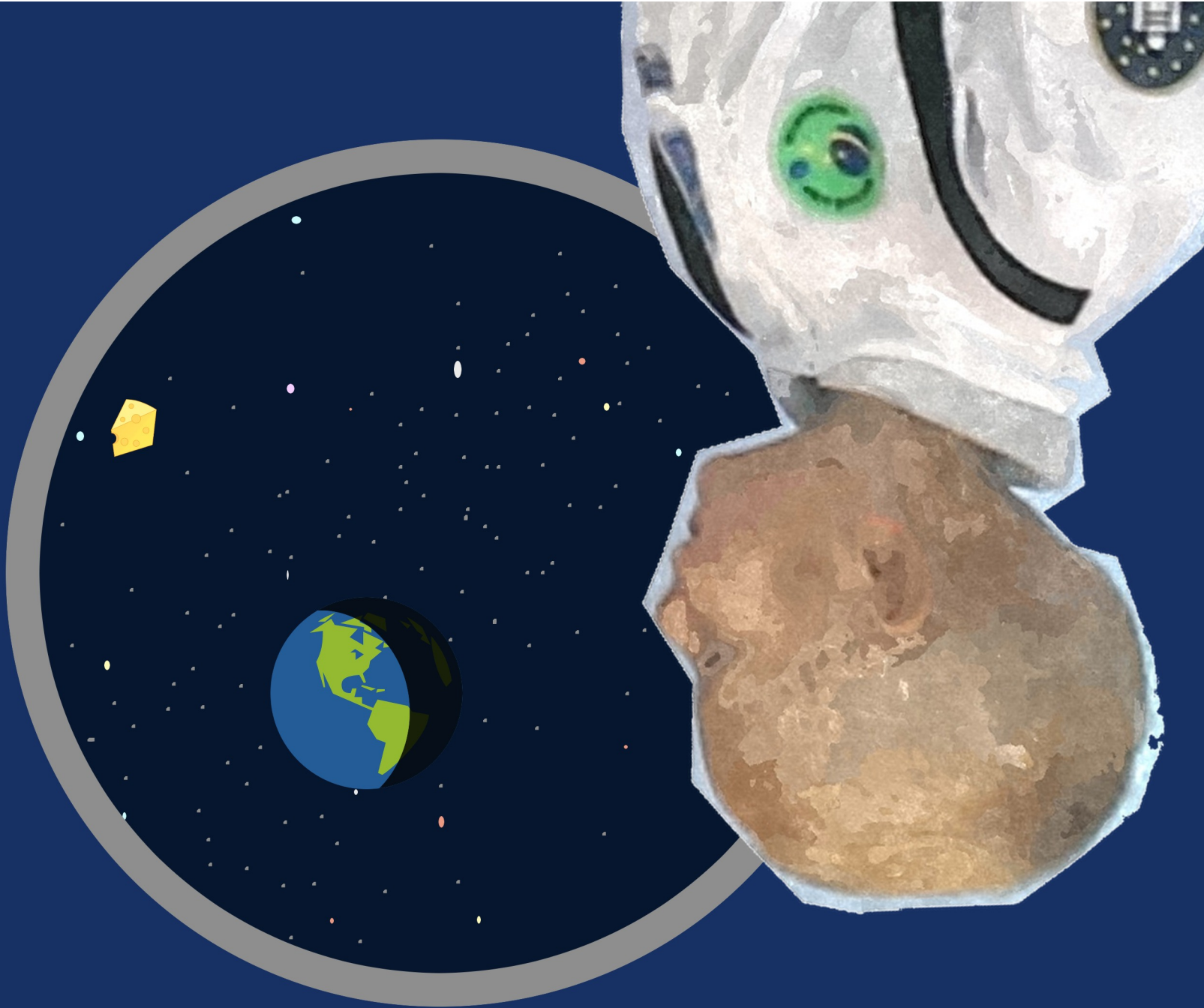


Out the window he saw a  
satellite zoom by.



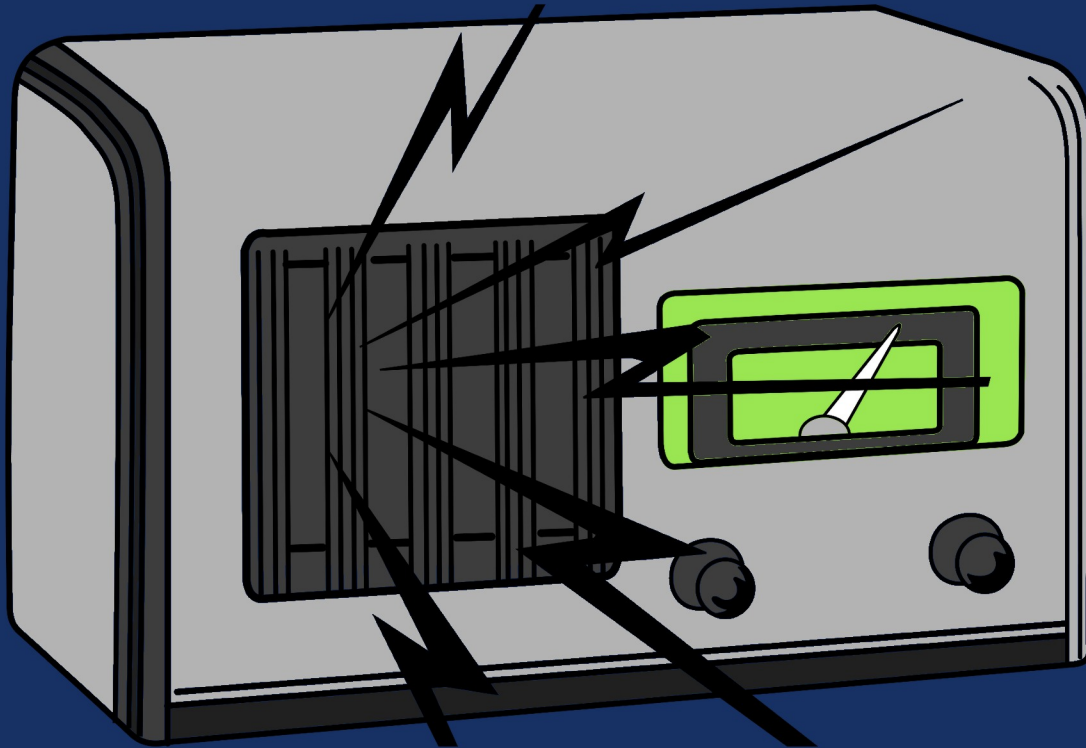


And a giant piece of cheese that  
might have been the moon.



The Earth looked so tiny. Alexander Adam  
could see more stars than he thought possible.

After many hours and three trips around earth, Alexander Adam's radio came to life.



"It's time to fly home." The radio said.



Alexander Adam  
floated back to his seat  
and buckled in.

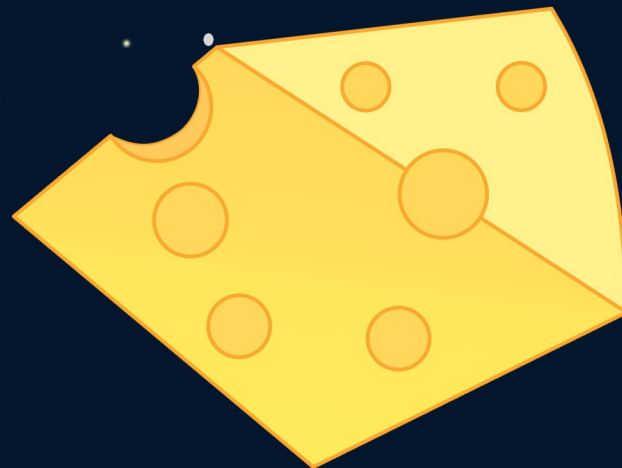
He grabbed the  
controls and turned  
the rocket around.

As he flew, he waved  
goodbye to the stars.

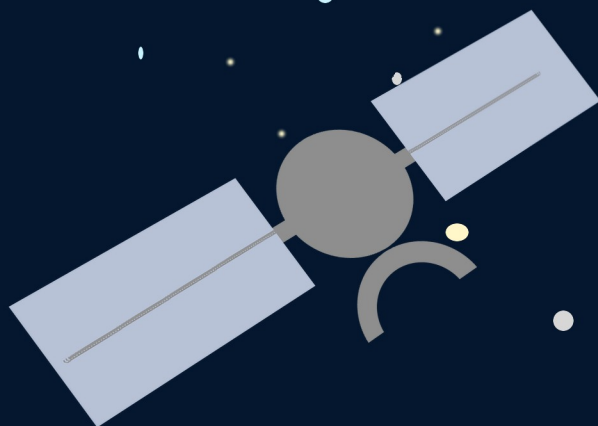




He waved goodbye to  
the giant piece of  
cheese that might have  
been the moon.



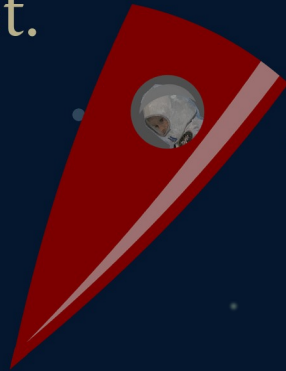
He waved goodbye to  
the satellite.

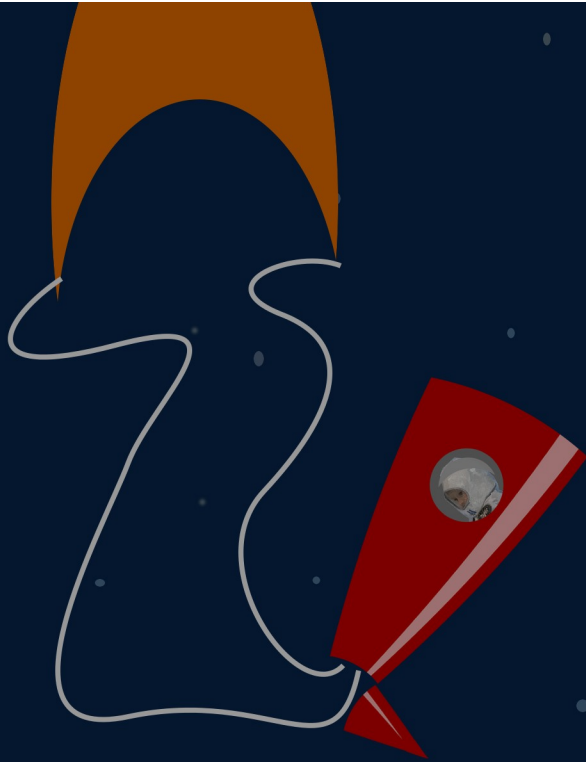




The rocket got  
closer and closer  
to the Earth.

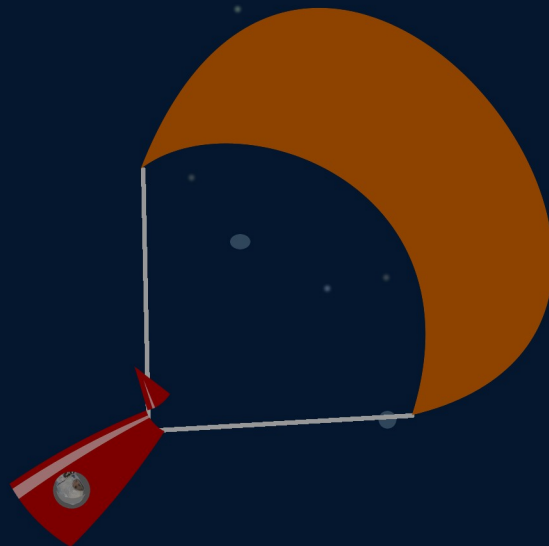
When it got close  
enough to the  
Earth, the nose  
capsule detached  
from the rocket.






A huge parachute  
popped out.

It rocked Alexander  
Adam's capsule back  
and forth.







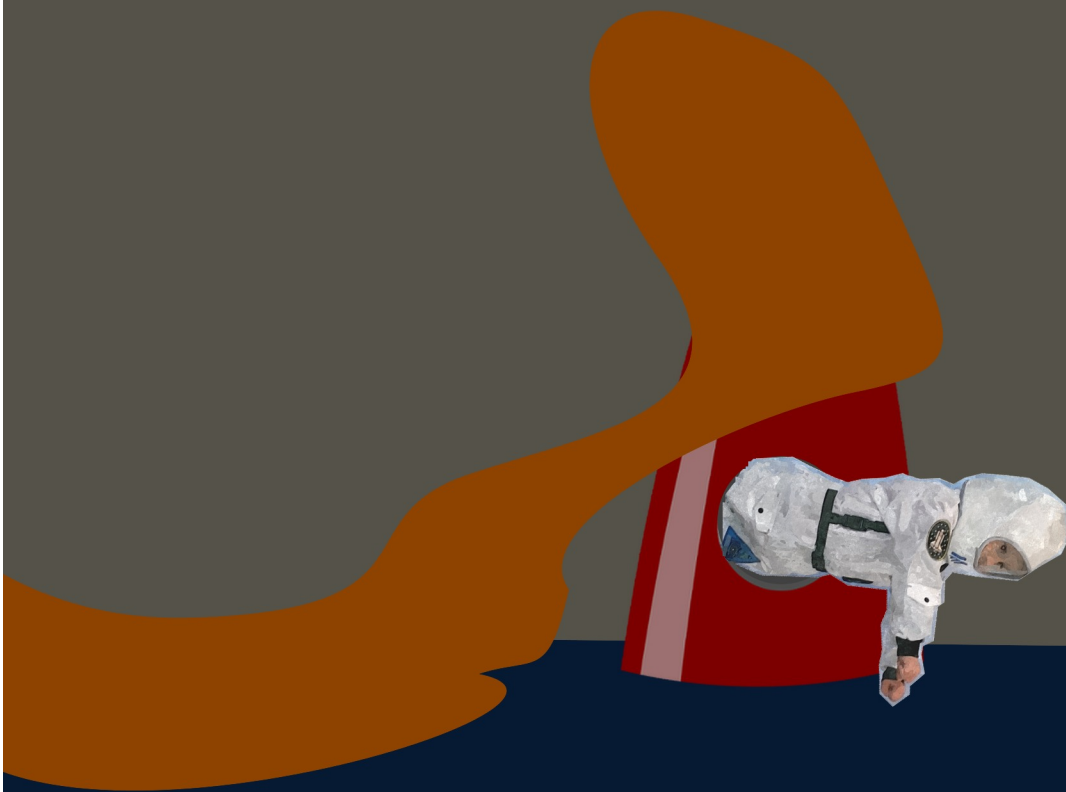
Back and forth,  
back and forth,  
back and forth.

Slowly the capsule  
drifted back to earth.

It landed ever so gently right  
in the middle of Alexander  
Adam's room.



Alexander Adam yawned and  
climbed out of his capsule.



Then, he climbed into bed...





...where the little astronaut fell  
right asleep.



