

We Have a Problem:
How NASA (Accidentally) Launched the First Cat into Space

Skye is an astronaut who works for NASA in Houston, Texas. She is getting ready to go to the space station orbiting the Earth. Skye lives alone with her cat, Luna. Luna is a black cat with sleek, shiny fur and glowing yellow eyes. Luna is used to Skye being gone during the day for work, but lately she's been gone much longer. Luna feels sad and lonely. What Luna doesn't know is that Skye is going through intense exercises and training to prepare for her time in space. Luna starts to worry more each day when Skye is gone for a long time and becomes curious about what Skye is doing all day.

One day, Luna gives into her curiosity. Luna sees Skye getting ready for work and packing extra bags. Luna sees this as her chance to sneak into a bag and go to work with Skye. Luna sneaks past Skye and slips into her bag like a shadow. Skye is so nervous about the launch, that she hurries out the door not knowing that Luna is in one of her bags. When Skye gets to NASA, Luna sees her chance to slip out of the bag, but she doesn't see Skye. Luna then starts to lurk around the building looking for her best friend. Luna keeps searching and gets tired so she finds a cozy spot to take a nap before she continues looking. Luna doesn't realize that she is actually on the rocket that is going into space. Luna finds a small cozy-like pod to curl up in and goes into a deep sleep. While Luna is sleeping, Skye and her team successfully launch and reach the space station not knowing Luna is on the rocket. The astronauts are settling in at the space station when they hear a strange sound. Skye and her team follow the sound and find Luna. Luna is crying and meowing because she is frightened. Skye holds Luna tightly and knows that she and her team must act quickly to get Luna back to home on Earth.

Skye and her team begin brainstorming ideas of how to get Luna home. They even talk to Mission Control back on Earth to find the best plan to get Luna home quickly and safely. The team comes up with an idea to launch Luna in a supply pod back to Earth to parachute safely to the ground. The NASA team in Houston will get the pod and make sure Luna is okay and will then take care of Luna to feed her and give her space to play until Skye comes home. At the space station, Skye is able to see and talk to Luna during video calls and it helps them miss each other a little less. Several weeks later, Skye returns home and is reunited with Luna. They are so happy to see each other and spend the first night snuggling on the couch watching their favorite space movie.

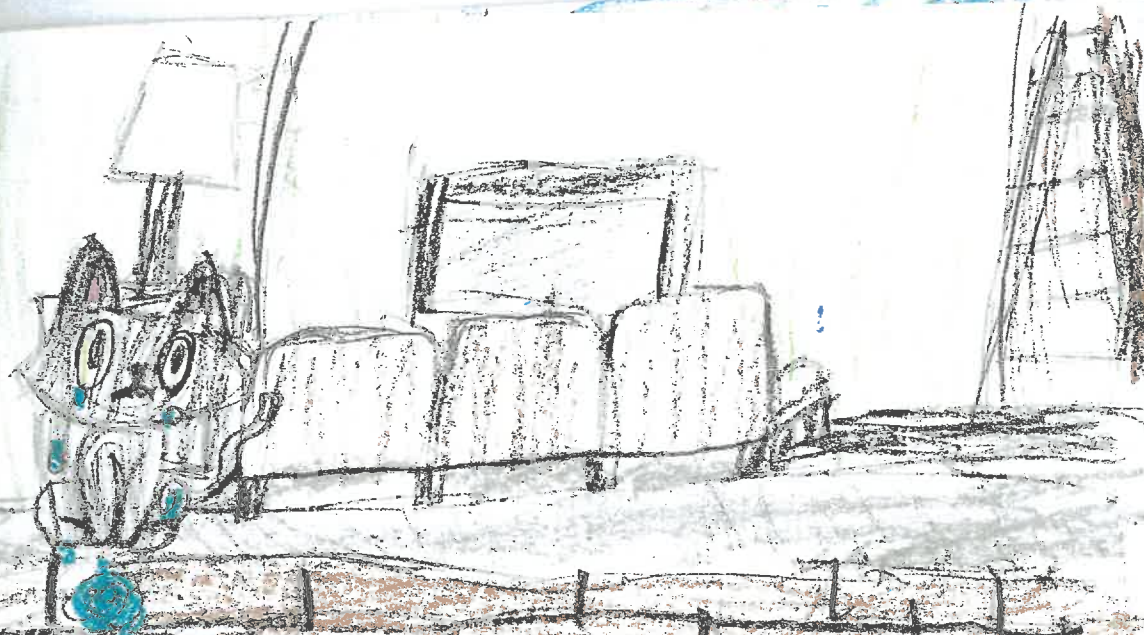
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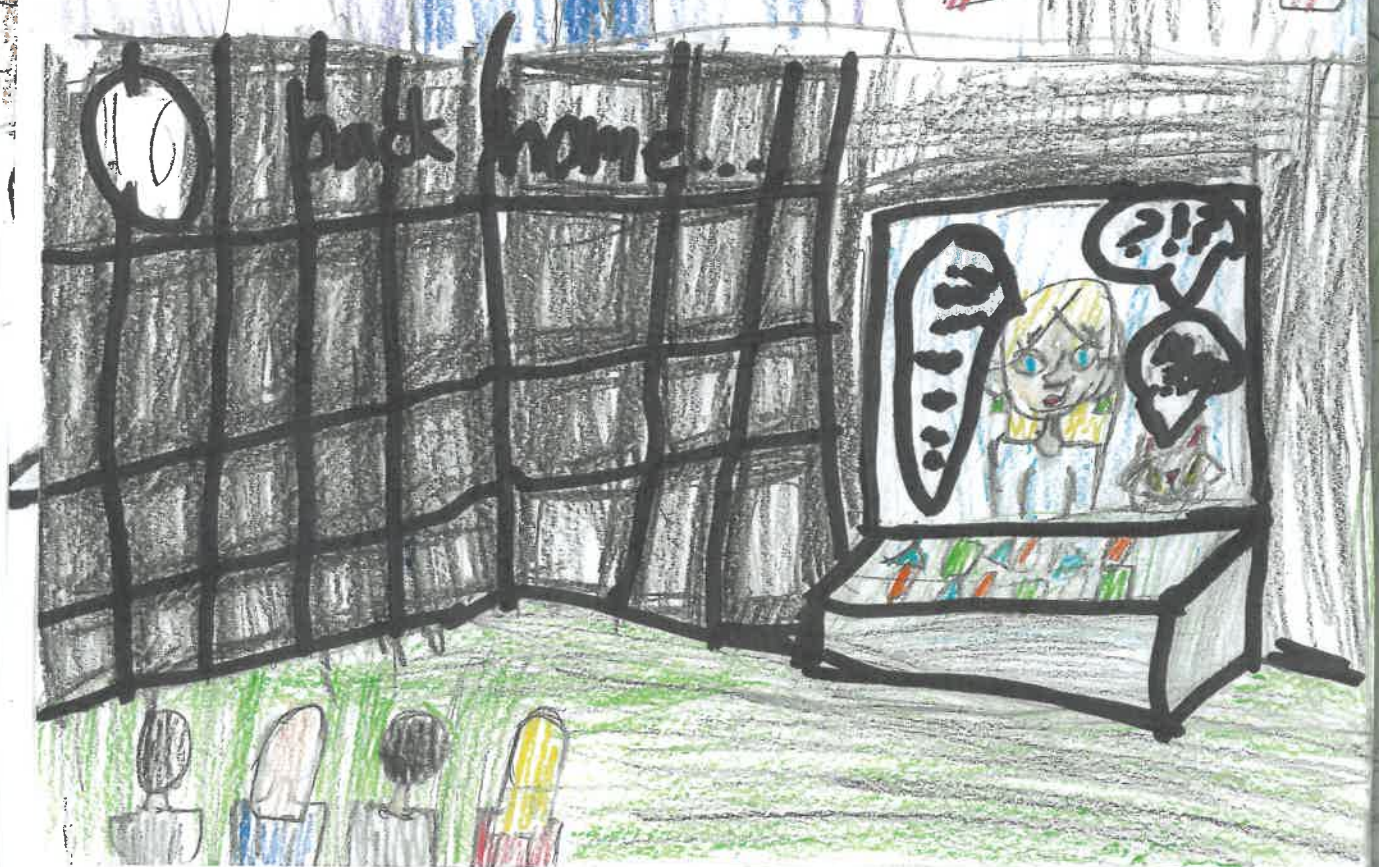


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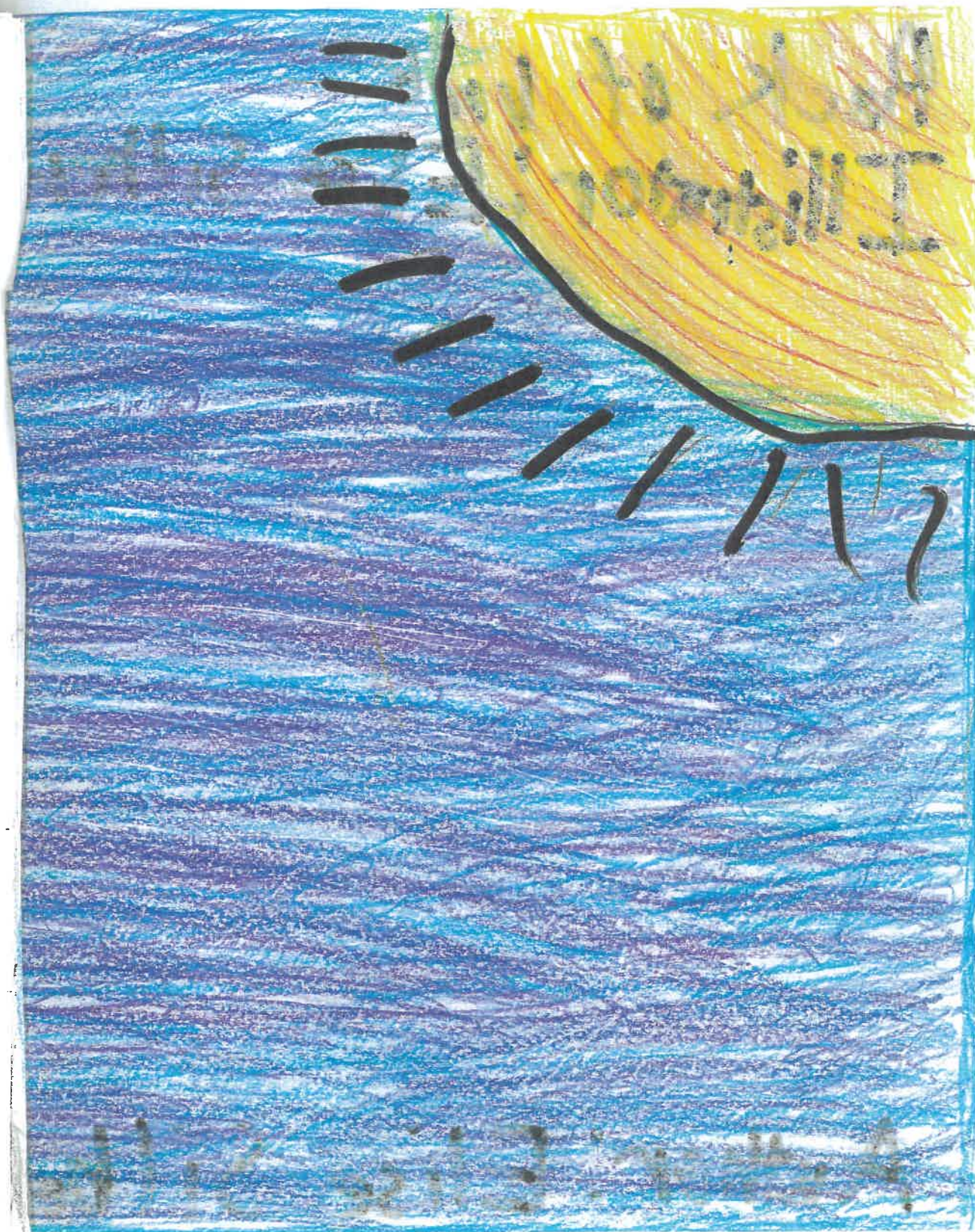
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