

The cosmic shower

Earlier this year the owner of **NASA** selected a pair of trainees to inspect Jupiter's moon, Europa, for signs of life. Morgan Hunter (the commander of the mission) said that he and pilot Aiden Miller are looking forward to a successful launch at JF Kennedy Space Center. When they found out that the launch was soon, they had to get prepared for what was coming next because the launch was not going to be like a slingshot fairground ride. In an interview they both said that the journey would take approximately a year to get there considering Europa is really far away. The astronauts had to go to countless planetariums, physics classes, and training drills to increase their space knowledge because this would be the longest space trip ever known to man.

As the sun rose, the day of the launch finally came. Before they went outside, Morgan explained "Aiden looks at us astronauts on the biggest space mission ever known to man".

Aiden agreed. With spectators watching and people recording, the legends walked onto the platform of the rocket. Aiden took one last glance of the Earth before he finally went in. As they buckled up their seatbelts, Morgan said "remember when we went on that slingshot ride at the theme park. Just close your eyes and imagine where. On it maybe that will make you feel better. Suddenly, the speakers started to roar. "TEN NINE EIGHT SEVEN SIX FIVE FOUR THREE TWO ONE!" "here it goes"! Screeched Morgan. Then they felt a weird vibration at the bottom of the rocket, which was just like a massage chair. The rocket was pulling them so hard that they couldn't even lift their necks up off the back of the seat.

"WOOHOO" screamed Aiden as they smoothly soared off into the wonders of space.



Five hours later, sirens went off whilst they were sleeping. They both woke up half asleep, questioning themselves. About what had happened. Aiden went to have a look at the sensor that detects things around the rocket. when he looked at it, his heart fell. the sensor had about a hundred little dots which could only mean one thing. a meteor shower. Suddenly, Morgan popped in the control room and asked “ what happened” in a concerned voice. Trembling with fear Aiden stuttered” it's a meteor shower!” Not long after, they heard a massive THUD and then another and then another. Because they were floating, they were slammed into the wall of the rocket. The walls were slightly resistant however they wouldn't hold for long so they had to act fast.

They both panicked as if they got trapped in a freezer. Automatically, they both started clicking buttons. Suddenly, Morgan fainted.”AAAAAAH!” screeched Aiden. Then something clicked in Aiden's mind. He could redirect the rocket down so they could escape the situation. As he got onto the steering wheel he realized it was still on autopilot since they were sleeping. Aiden had no time to actually press the autopilot button so he banged the steering wheel until he heard a click. This meant he could finally push the wheel. Aiden, who was shocked, was trembling with fear because of what had happened. what will happen next?

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