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Age 8

Chapter 1 - Zoe Van de la Guite

Zoe Van de la Guite is a beautiful princess who has a big secret. She's no ordinary princess - Zoe is an astronaut! In fact, she's the youngest member of a team of astronauts who are heading to space to make scientific discoveries.

Zoe is fifteen years old, she has pink and blue hair that she dyed herself with dye she brought from the hairdressers. There are many things that Zoe loves:

animals, her friends and space. Sometimes, Zoe's mum makes her cross though, when she has to stay in the castle rather than go out with her friends. Annoyingly, Zoe's mum wants her to do "princess" things like sewing, brushing hair and waving to people from her carriage in the street.

Zoe, however, has other plans - she wants to play with friends and help NASA.

Zoe was always exceptional. She started walking when she was six months old. She could answer questions about science, maths and other topics from when she was just a year old. She knew all the elements in the

periodic table since she was two. In short she was a prodigy.

Chapter 2 - NASA

Zoe's aunt Olivia is one of the bosses at NASA. One day, she noticed Zoe was secretly using a telescope that had belonged to her great-great-grandmother, which she found amongst numerous boxes in the dusty, cobweb-filled attic. Olivia talked to Zoe about this and discovered that she also wanted to be an astronaut.

Olivia arranged for Zoe to join the Juniors Programme at NASA and this is when her secret life began...

Since turning eight, she has been working for NASA.

Zoe used a robot that looked just like her to escape the house and secretly train at NASA. Her mother thought that the robot that the engineers made to look like Zoe was actually her daughter. So, Zoe was able to sneak off without her mother knowing what she was really doing. There was a special button which transmitted her voice to the robot, making it sound even more convincing so that her mother thought it was Zoe.

As usual, Zoe's mother was busy having tea and biscuits with her royal friends and didn't pay enough

attention. Zoe would often buy a coke from McDonalds on her way to NASA, which her mother detested her doing!

The boss of NASA accepted Zoe to join the team that planned to go to the moon. She was the only junior in the team because the boss realised that she was smarter than all the other juniors.

Zoe had to prepare herself by learning the skills for space travel and practise in a simulator that had zero gravity.



Chapter 3 - Moon Mission

On the morning of the rocket launch, Zoe felt eager, determined and ecstatic at the thought of being lucky enough to have been chosen as the only young astronaut to go to the moon to collect rock samples, which were going to be examined to see if they had anything peculiar about them.

When she arrived at NASA she was prepped by the head of the project and after endless checks she was ready to leave. At long last, she climbed into the rocket and sat at the control panel. Despite the rather cheesy whiff of the boots of the previous astronauts, she was soon distracted by the engines and she shot off to the bright moon through all the five layers of atmosphere.

Chapter 4 – Intriguing Discoveries

When Zoe first stepped down onto the moon, she felt a wave of excitement as she took a few steps and bounced. It felt a bit weird as she bounced humongously high. She thought for a moment that she was going to shoot off into space and onto another planet, but luckily she landed back on the moon. She continued to explore the cratered surface, documenting what she saw with her spectacular

equipment. She felt as if she were as free as a bird! Nothing was there to get in her way.

Suddenly, she realised it was time to head back! She raced across the moon's surface to collect rocks of all shapes, sizes and colours. She knew that she had only five minutes left before returning to Earth, so she climbed in her rocket and settled down for the journey home. The rocket was a curious machine, it had various reassuring buttons and a number of safety features. The return to Earth should have been a piece of cake, but in fact it turned out to be quite the opposite. As she hit the launch button Zoe had no idea what was awaiting her on her journey home...

Chapter 5 - Malfunction!

As the rocket was zooming along, Zoe heard a terrifying noise that sounded like a volcano erupting.

Zoe's heart pounded and she panicked.

All of a sudden the lights went off.

The rocket was going up and down, through and over various planets and then it made a big hole in the asteroid belt because it was travelling at supersonic speed.

As Zoe went out of the Milky Way and into the Cat's Eye Nebula she suddenly zoomed in and saw a mysterious planet.



Chapter 6 - Planet Party

Zoe's rocket soared closer and closer until she saw little dots on the planet. It seemed like one half of the planet was full of disco balls; as she neared it, she noticed there were also small trampoline-type structures. Her rocket, with no power, was soaring towards one of the trampolines. Boing! The rocket bounced. It felt like Zoe's stomach was in her mouth.

The rocket then mysteriously landed softly on a disco stage. What was this strange planet?

Zoe saw aliens jumping around doing weird alien dances. The aliens all looked completely different. There were no features the same on any of them. One small one, with a fluffy body waddled towards Zoe.

“Hello” announced Zoe, curiously.

The alien mimicked her saying in a strange echo-like voice, “ Heeeeelllllooo?”.

“Where am I?” Zoe asked in a trembling voice.

“Planet Party! Would you like me to tell you about Fluorine and Boron? Our planet is made of these elements and if you mix them together you get party

time and that is why we are all so crazy here!!!” explained the alien.



Chapter 7 - Speed Of Light

Zoe was very relieved that she wasn't on a horrendous planet where she might have died. Although the aliens didn't look like her, she could sense they were friendly. Zoe thought about joining the party and she decided she would, but not for long as she needed to get back home somehow.

Zoe looked at her rocket and sighed. Her rocket looked pretty broken and she thought she couldn't fix it. So, she asked an alien who looked adorable with a tiny fluffy blue body and two stick-like legs and an ecstatic

expression, to help her. Unfortunately, the alien didn't know how to fix her rocket.

Then, the alien said, in a surprising Scottish accent "Do you want to come in my fantastic flying saucer?".

"Yes please!" replied Zoe.

The alien led Zoe to a flamboyant, rainbow-coloured tree. It pressed a button on the tree, and a large door opened and there before them were flying saucers lined up in rows. The alien's flying saucer was in row number one hundred and six. Together they strolled to the flying saucer, they hopped in and shot off the planet at the flick of a button.

They flew through the Cat's Eye Nebula, into the Milky Way and they shot into the solar system and landed on

planet Earth. Zoe quickly realised they must have been travelling at the speed of light as this journey took a matter of seconds.

Zoe offered to show the alien her house, but the alien wanted to get back to Planet Party, and before Zoe could open her mouth the alien was gone.

Chapter 8 - Home At Last

Zoe had her big blue and pink backpack on and she dropped it down heavily on the floor. She went back to NASA and told everyone about her amazing adventure.

Everyone listened to Zoe concentrating on nothing else but her. She had captivated everyone with her tale.

Someone cheeky asked if she had dreamt it all, but she had evidence! She had a camera sewn in her space suit and when the team played back the video they saw a load of different figures that looked nothing like humans as well as the rainbow trees and flying saucers.

No-one could keep their eyes off the video.

The boss of NASA rewarded Zoe with a special prize; it was a NASA trophy. Zoe was bursting with pride and she decided it was finally time to tell her parents about her secret life at NASA!



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Zoe is a princess, but she's not an ordinary princess, she secretly works at NASA.

As Zoe nears her sixteenth birthday she is selected for a mission to go to the moon to collect rock samples.

However, things go horribly wrong. As Zoe hits the launch button she has no idea what is awaiting her on her journey home....