

Ever since Mike was a child, space fascinated him. Once, for his birthday he got a telescope. Every night, before bed, he looked at the stars. During his free time, he read piles of books about space at the library. At 18 years old, he went to College and studied the Milky Way, spacecraft, and safety. At 25 years old, he became a NASA Astronaut. He also discovered he had a deep love for animals. He adopted a hamster named Bubbles.

## *Space: With a Unexpected guest*

Mike was busily packing his bags. He was panicking. He was soon going on a 23 month trip to and from Mars; The Red Planet. He stopped for a brief moment to feed Bubbles. The chubby hamster quickly ran over and plunged his face in his food. Mike laughed out loud. He would truly miss his companion. He wondered if Bubbles would be lonely. As he finished packing, he felt a deep sorrow. His beloved hamster had never been without him since he was adopted. What if something happened to him? Eventually, he finished packing; and overwhelmed by his thoughts, he fell into a deep sleep.

Beep! Beep! BEEP! Mike's alarm was sounding. He sleepily glanced over at his alarm clock. He was late. He shot out of bed. It was 10:30 and the launch was at 11:30. Without looking, he fed Bubbles enough to last him until tomorrow. His sister would look after him while Mike was away. It would take her one day to arrive. He quickly grabbed his fallen backpack and carelessly zipped it. He grabbed the handle of his suitcase and hit the road. Exactly 45 min later, he arrived at the space station. As soon as he arrived, he ran straight to the locker room and changed into his NASA Space suit. He ran to the other side of the entire building

and outside to the rocket. As he opened the door, Sarah glared at him. "You're Late! You would think that I would be used to it by now but, it's LAUNCH DAY!!" She yelled. "Give him a break Sarah, He's here isn't he?" said David. "Sorry, guys, I overslept." said Mike. " Anyway, where's Ana?" " Over here!" Ana said from inside the Rocket. " Good, everyone's here." Sarah said. ( Sarah was the Captain, Ana was safety, David was a Botanist, And David was the Engineer. To fix the rocket if anything happened. Their jobs were all equally important.) One by one, they all piled into the rocket. Both Ana and Mike were shaky. It was there first time in space. They each sat in their own seats.(due to their individual weights) The larger people sat on the outside, and the smaller people sat on the inside. After everyone was seated and buckled, they were ready. 3, 2, 1, BLAST OFF!! The force was incredible; And after a few seconds the view was too. Both Ana and Mike let out a series of oohs and aahs that were drown by the sound of the engine. After they were entirely out of Earth's atmosphere and fully in space, were they allowed to unbuckle. He struggled to the bunk room to unpack his stuff; which there was a lot of. He rummaged for his phone to see texts from his sister about Bubbles. He read:" HE'S NOT HERE! When I Arrived, his cage was wide open. I rummaged around your room, but he wasn't anywhere." Tears swelled up in Mike's eyes. His hamster was his best friend. Despite his sorrow, he remembered another reason why he came in here; to unpack. As he opened his backpack, he heard a small squeak. He reached his hand inside and outcame Bubbles! He ran to the control room, where the rest of his crew were. " I don't know how this happened, but I was unpacking and I found my hamster in my bag!" The room was

silent. It was intimidating. Then David said:” We just passed The Space Station, we could turn around and drop him off.”

## *The End*

The moral of this story is to take a closer look. For example, take a closer look at your friends. Try to see what they are going through. David was kind to Mike multiple times in this story.