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A Story Introducing

Valesare

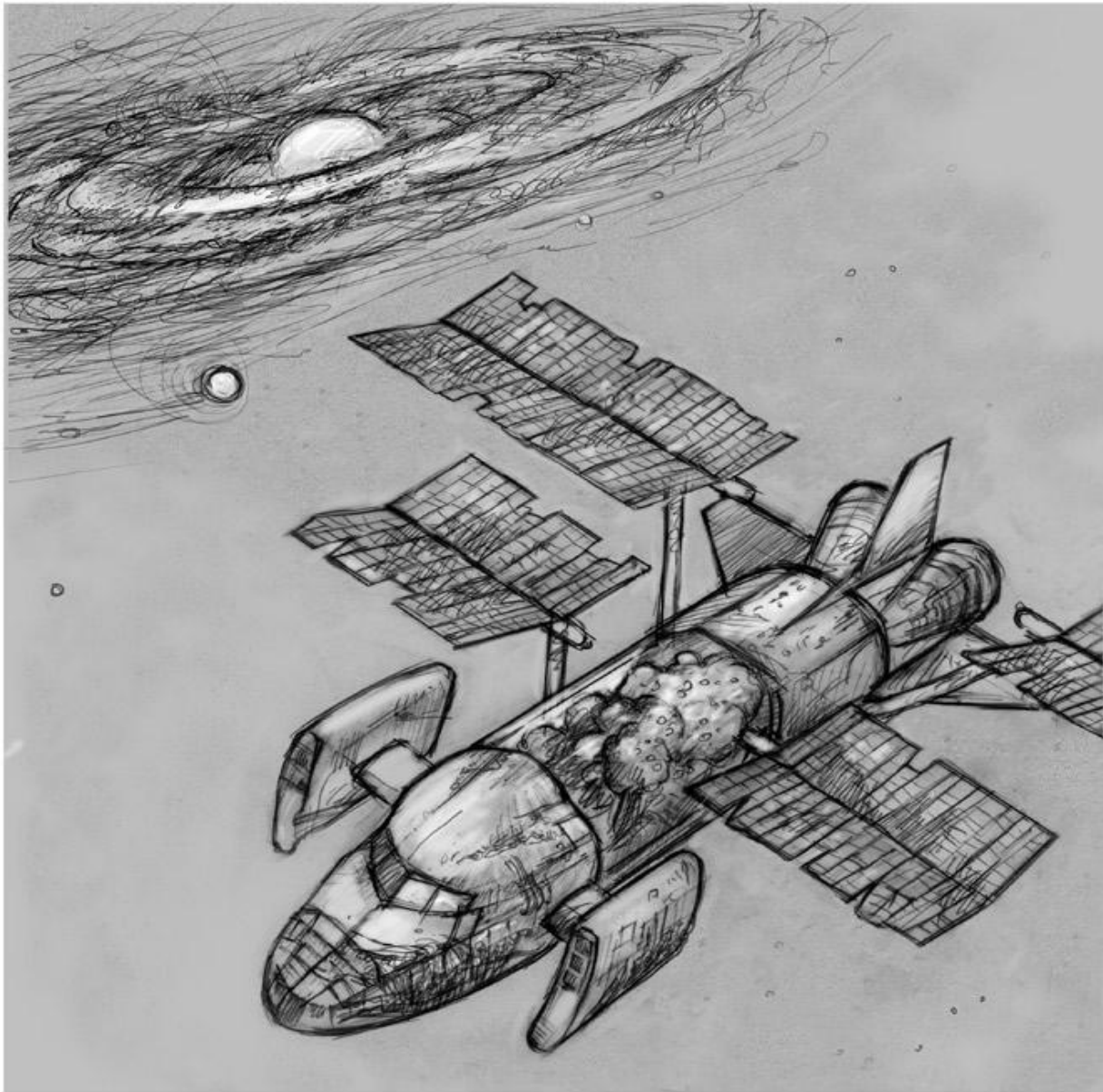
ARISSat-1

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“As soon as somebody demonstrates the art of flying, settlers from our species of man will not be lacking (on the moon and Jupiter)...

Given ships or sails adapted to the breezes of heaven, there will be those who will not shrink from even that vast expanse.”

Johannes Kepler, letter to Galileo, 1610

Look carefully. Can you see that whisper of light? It marks a single star in the galaxy Andromeda. Speeding along nearby is a small blue planet named Sergey. Legend has it that hundreds of years ago an early space explorer discovered a wonderful treasure there. His ship was a wonder to behold! A mighty ship covered with the brownish red earth of his home planet and the luscious green plants that provided an endless source of food. Standing tall above his ship were vast sails covered with solar panels. Catching solar winds and using energy from the many stars he passed in his travels, the ship sailed with the speed of light. He was accompanied on his journey by an old friend named Lyman. Captain David Suitsat was in search of a treasure. A treasure that would bring immortality, happiness and riches beyond anyone’s dreams. That treasure was said to be located on the planet Sergey.



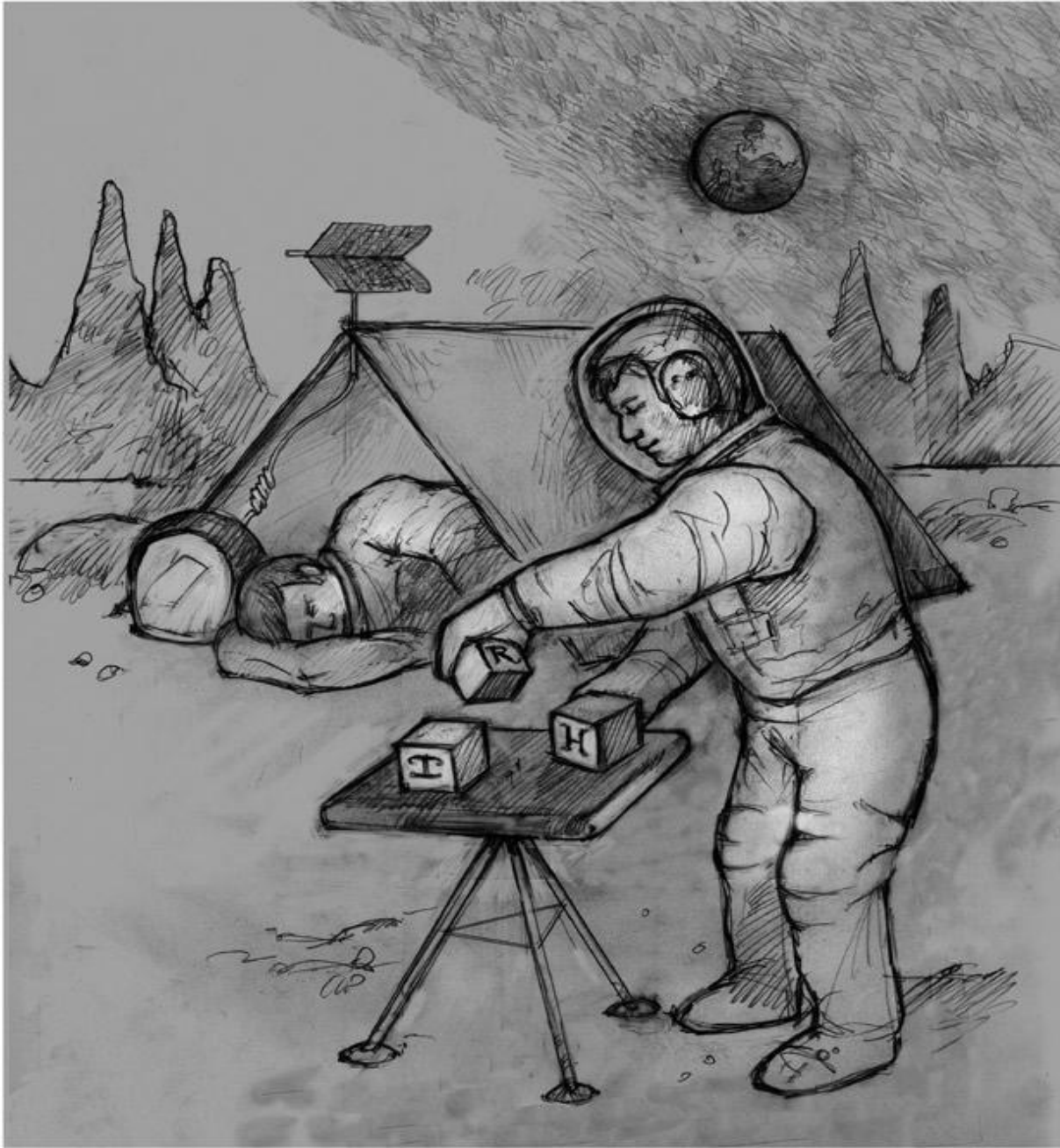
The ship landed softly on the planet Sergey. Captain Dave and Lyman stepped tentatively off the ship. They had attempted radio contact with the inhabitants of the little planet but received no reply. So they were worried about the type of reception they would receive. As they slowly made their way across a vast field of purple and orange plants they were suddenly aware of the presence of moving, living creatures.



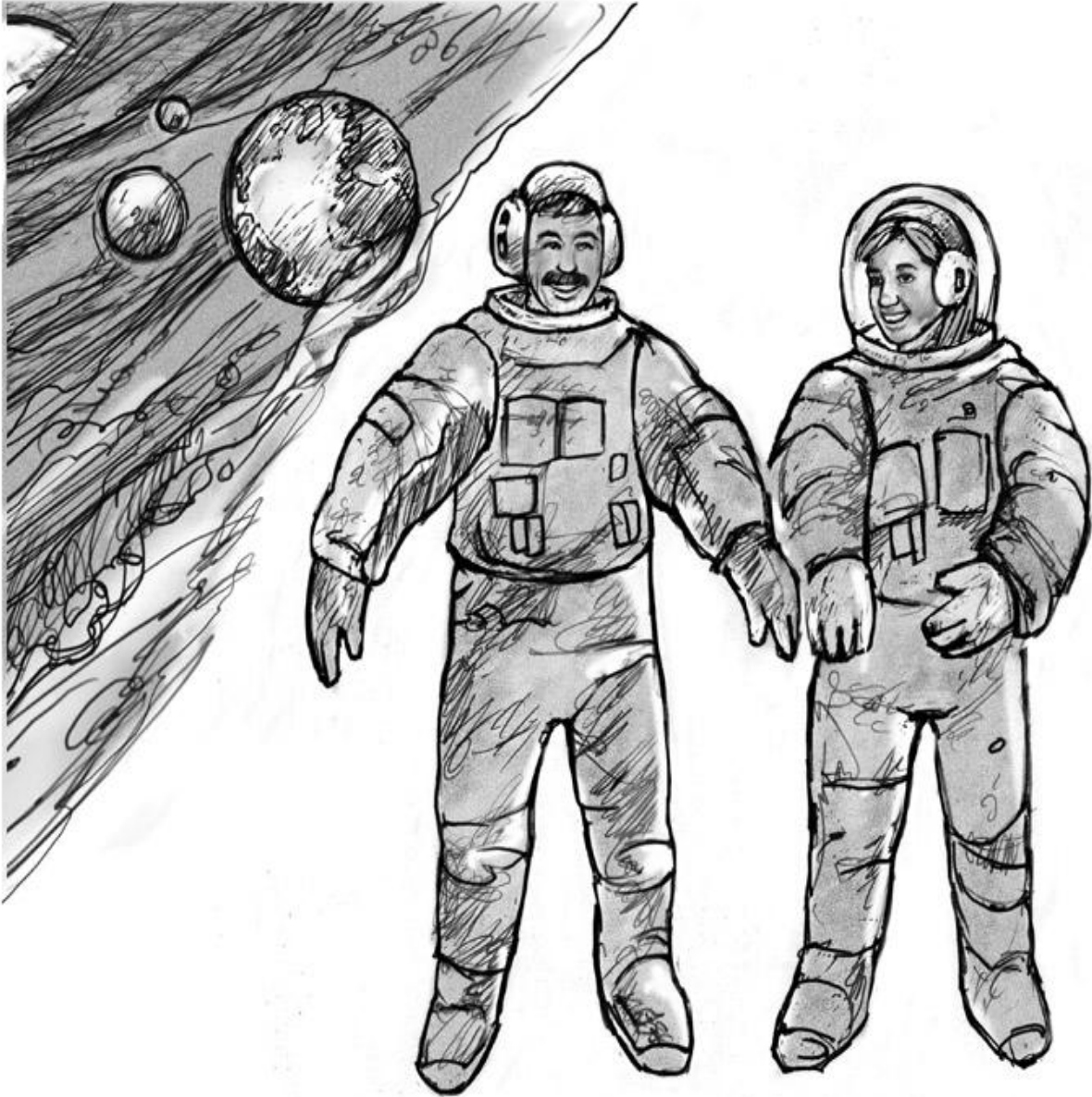
Before they could defend themselves they were surrounded and captured by the people of Sergey!



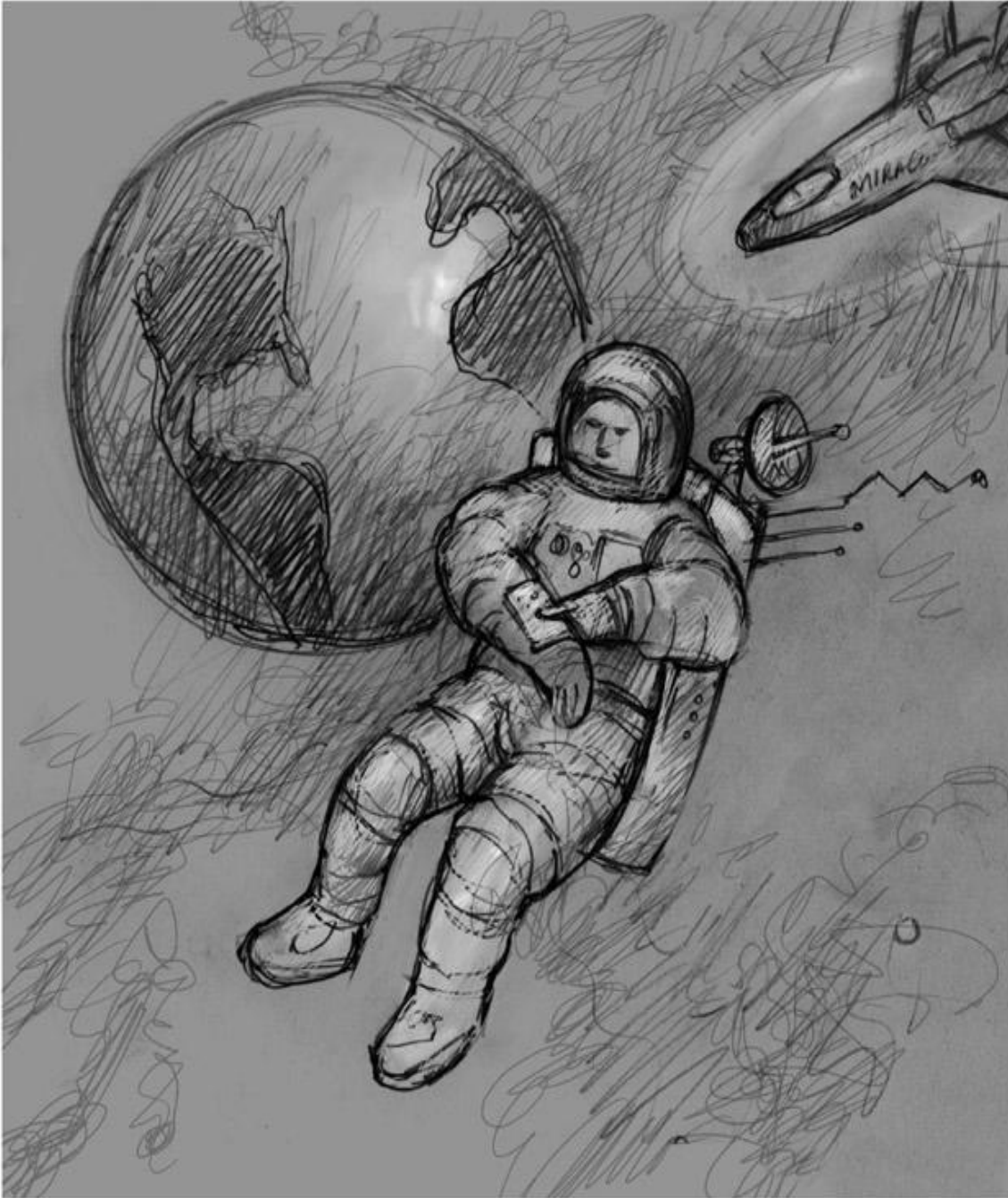
Happily it turned out these were friendly people. They welcomed both Captain Dave and Lyman with food and gifts. Surprisingly, three of the gifts given to Captain Dave were the gifts of immortality, happiness and riches. Each gift was wrapped in a cube of gold foil.



Lyman did not receive those same gifts and he became insanely jealous. That night as Captain Dave lay sleeping, Lyman stole the three gifts, boarded the ship and began his journey back home. Unable to return home, Captain Dave made his home on the planet Sergey.



As the years passed Captain Dave and his wife had a set of twins, one boy (SuitSat One) and one girl (Valesare-ARISSat-1). Having heard the story since childhood of the treasure that was stolen by Lyman, Captain Dave's son decided it was time to search the universe for Lyman and the treasure. Suitsat One used the latest technology to locate Lyman. Eventually his search was successful. It seems Lyman was living on a small planet in the Milky Way Galaxy. The planet was near the edge of the galaxy along one of its spiraling arms. It was being dragged along by a medium sized star. As far as Suitsat One could tell there were about 7 or 8 other planets in that star group. But Lyman was definitely on the 3rd planet from the star.



Leaving home aboard his starship *Miracle*, Suitsat One quickly made his journey to what turned out to be a planet named Earth. He cloaked his ship with an invisibility shield and placed it safely in the fifth dimension. Exiting his ship, he began to move around the planet in an orbital path. As he traveled along he kept sending out a signal both to his home planet and to the little blue planet beneath his feet. He kept calling. He kept looking for information about Lyman. As time passed his signal became weaker and weaker. Finally it stopped.

Where was he? What happened to him? These questions nagged his twin sister Valesare. Captain Dave was worried but he was too old now to make another journey. It was up to Valesare. With the help of many friends she boarded their slightly used ship *Verity* and headed toward the Milky Way in search of a little planet named Earth and hopefully find her brother Suitsat One.



Commander Codey Fraser of the International Space Station was floating around in space about 300 miles above planet Earth. He was busy repairing an antenna attached to the space station. He was so focused on his work that he failed to immediately spot something that shouldn't be there! Suddenly he lost his grip on the tool he was holding and it began to drift away from him. As he turned to retrieve the tool he spotted it. At first he couldn't believe what he was seeing. It was another astronaut floating about 400 feet away from him. Confused but reacting quickly he contacted his shipmates on the ISS and described what he saw. At that same moment, Valesare spotted an enormous vehicle floating in space and what looked like another astronaut working on the ship. This was the moment she was hoping for. Here was the opportunity to get help...or was it? Could this be an enemy? Could this be the cause of her brother's disappearance? It was a moment of decision. She decided to try contacting that ship. She began to send out a coded radio signal. "didit dadidadit dadadah dadah dit didit dadit didadadit dit didah dadidadit dit".



“Sparks”, the ISS radioman, received the signal and began to talk with this UFO (Unidentified Flying Object). He soon learned of Valesare’s mission and he and the crew decided to help her. He told her about the Amateur radio operators located in all parts of the planet and explained to her how they would be able to help her locate her brother. They all talked the same language called Morse code. Not only that but students all over the world would be listening in for clues to the location of her brother and the lost treasures.

Valesare is approaching Earth. Soon you’ll be hearing her call sign. Can you help her find her brother? Can you help her navigate around our planet? Can you help her maintain her health as she makes her journey around Earth? Finally can you help her find her father’s treasures? Remember, they were in cubes.

Hamfesters “Sounds of Morse”

A: “didah”

B: “dadididit”

C: “dadidadit”

D: “dadidit”

E: “dit”

F: “dididadit”

G: “dadadit”

H: “didididit”

I: “didit”

J: “didadadah”

K: “dadidah”

L: “didadidit”

M: “dadah”

N: “dadit”

O: “dadadah”

P: “didadadit”

Q: “dadadidah”

R: “didadit”

S: “dididit”

T: “dah”

U: “dididah”

V: “didididah”

W: “didadah”

X: “dadididah”

Y: “dadidadah”

Z: “dadadidit”

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