

A vibrant illustration of a rocket launch. A large red rocket with a grey nose cone is ascending from a green field, leaving a massive, bright yellow and orange plume of fire and smoke. To the left, a tall, grey metal launch tower stands against a blue sky with white clouds. The rocket's engines are visible at the base, and the overall scene is dynamic and celebratory.

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Focus Question

Who is telling this story? What can you tell about this person?

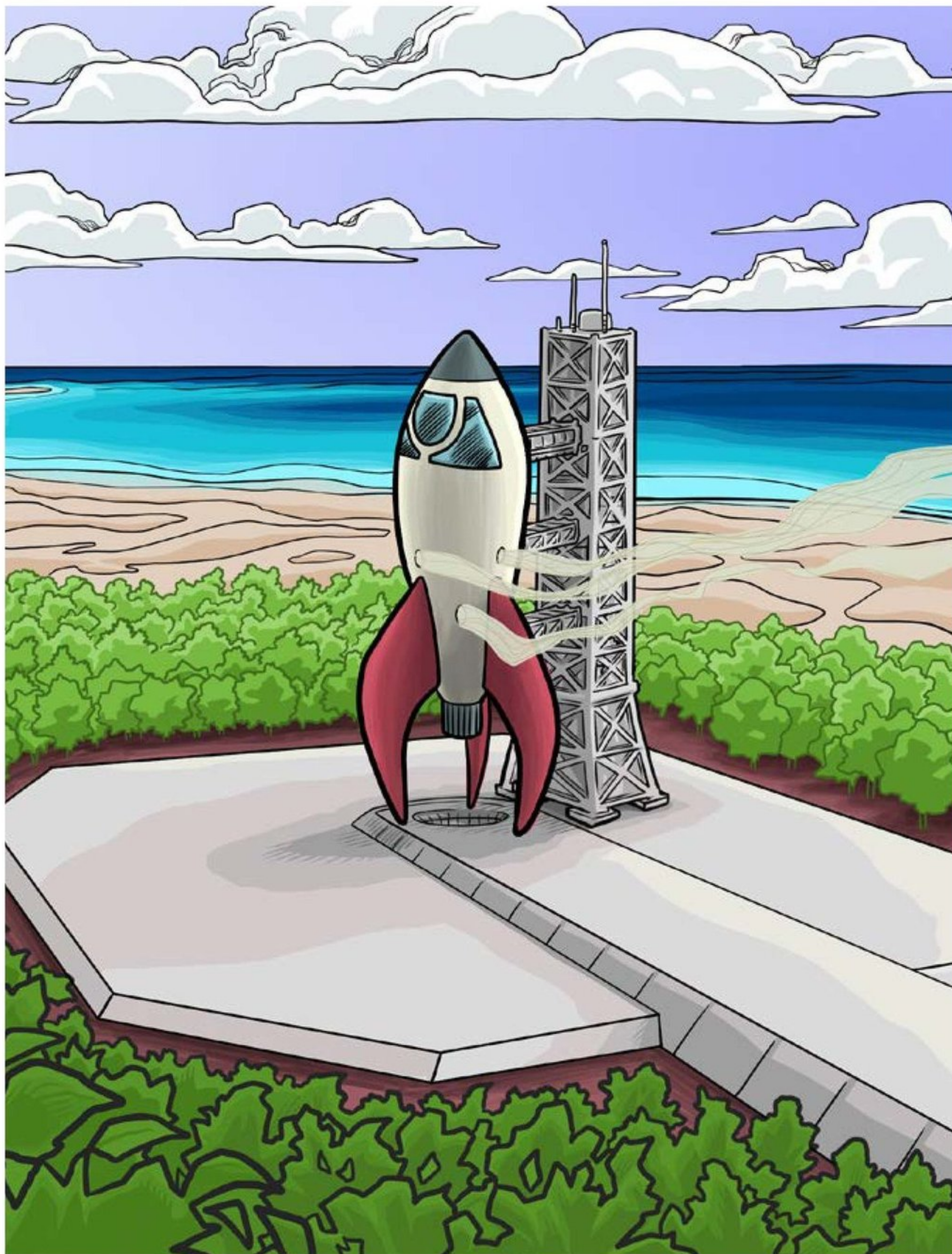
Words to Know	
blastoff	seconds
control room	space
rocket	<i>T. rex</i>

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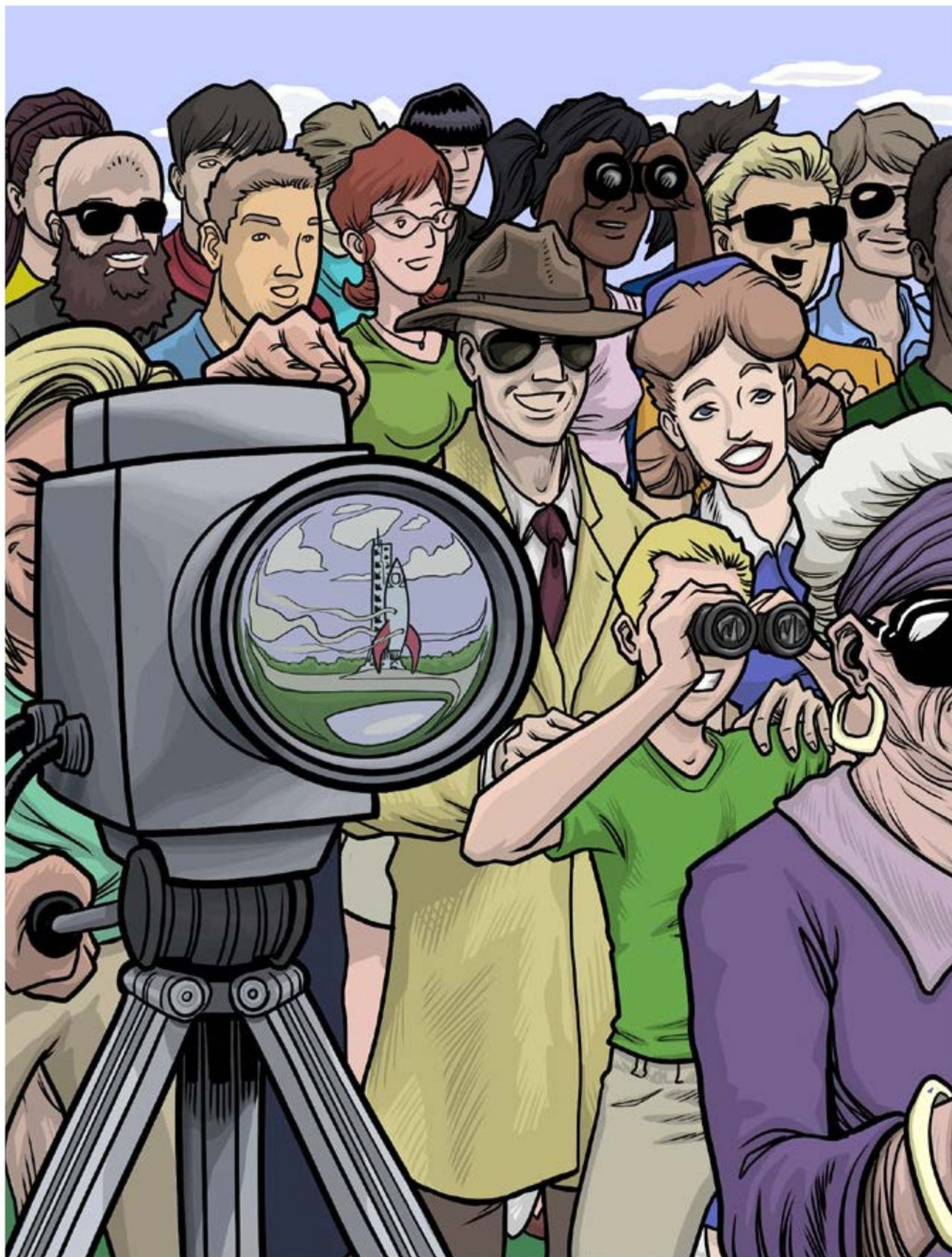
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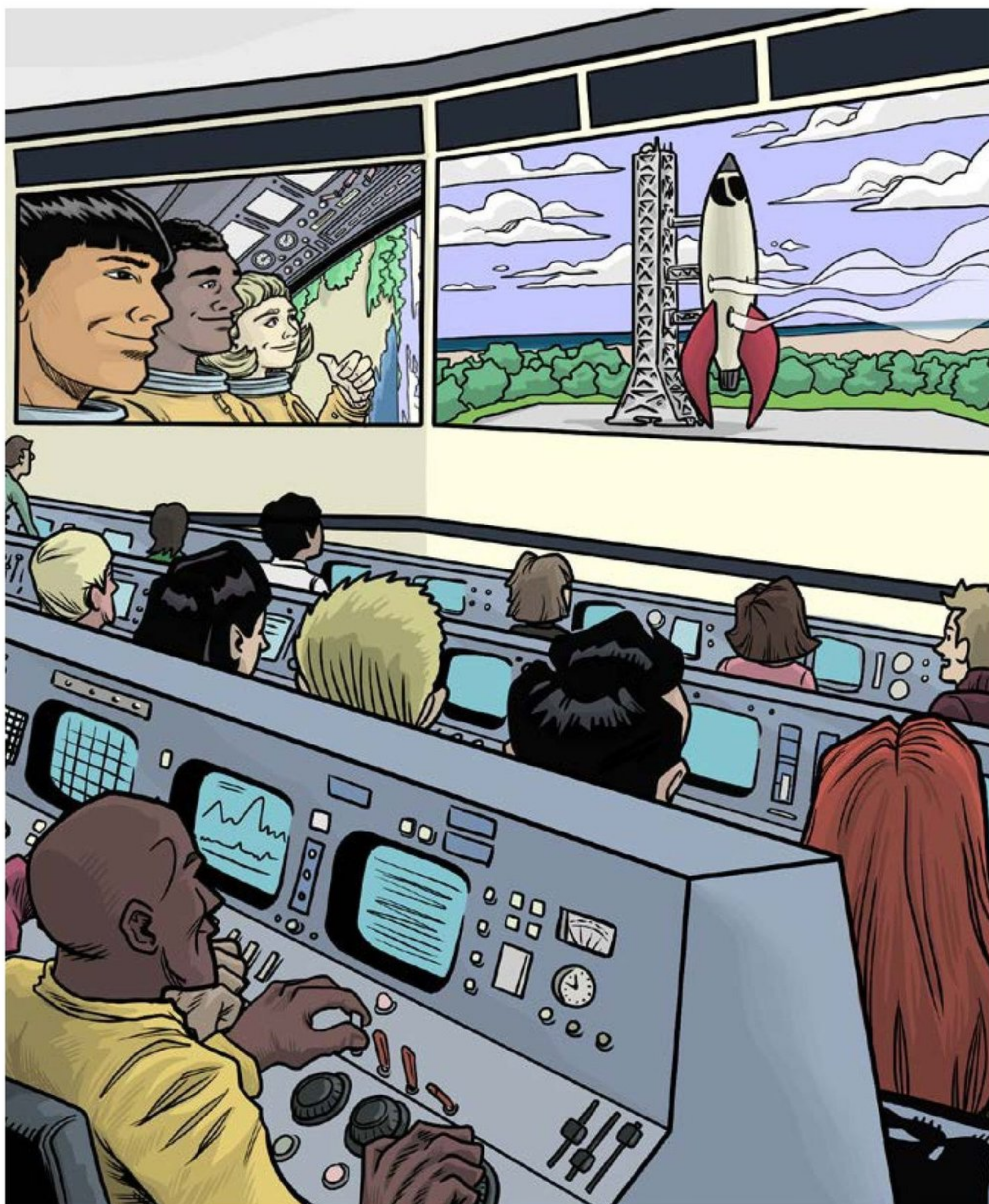
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There are five
seconds to blastoff.
The rocket is ready.



There are four
seconds to blastoff.
The crowd is ready.



There are three
seconds to blastoff.
The control room
is ready.



There are two
seconds to blastoff.
The fire truck is ready.



There is one
second to blastoff.
The space explorers
are ready.



Blastoff!

The rocket is moving!



Wait!
What's that out
the window?



It's a giant *T. rex*!



Oh no!
He's got us!



We won't be going
to space today.

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Word Count: 81

Connections

Writing and Art

If you were telling this story, what would you pretend happened to the rocket? Draw a picture and write a sentence.

Science

Where do you think the rocket was going in space? Share your ideas with a partner.

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