

A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a rocket launch. A large, grey rocket with a red nose cone is ascending from a launch pad. The launch pad is a complex of white metal structures. The rocket is surrounded by a massive, bright yellow and orange flame and smoke plume. In the background, there are green hills, a blue sky with white clouds, and a large, stylized eye in the upper right corner. The overall scene is dynamic and celebratory.

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Five Seconds to Blastoff!

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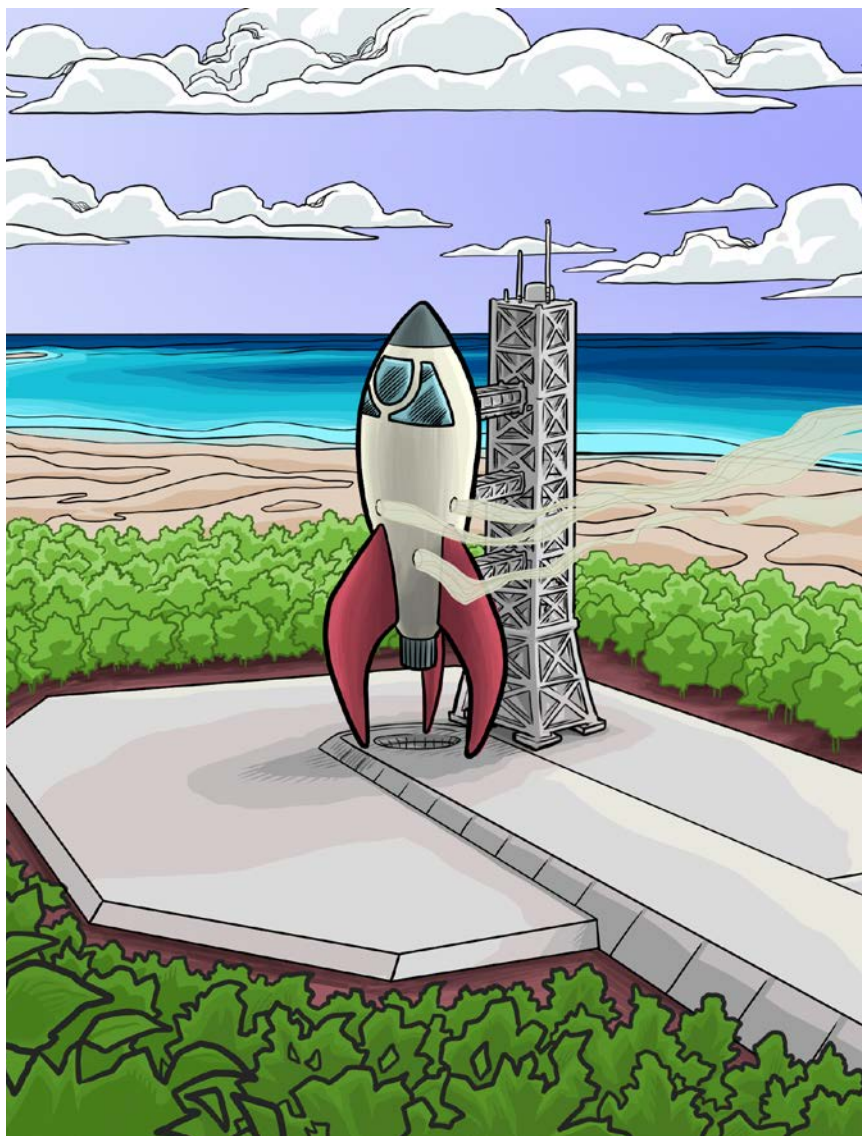


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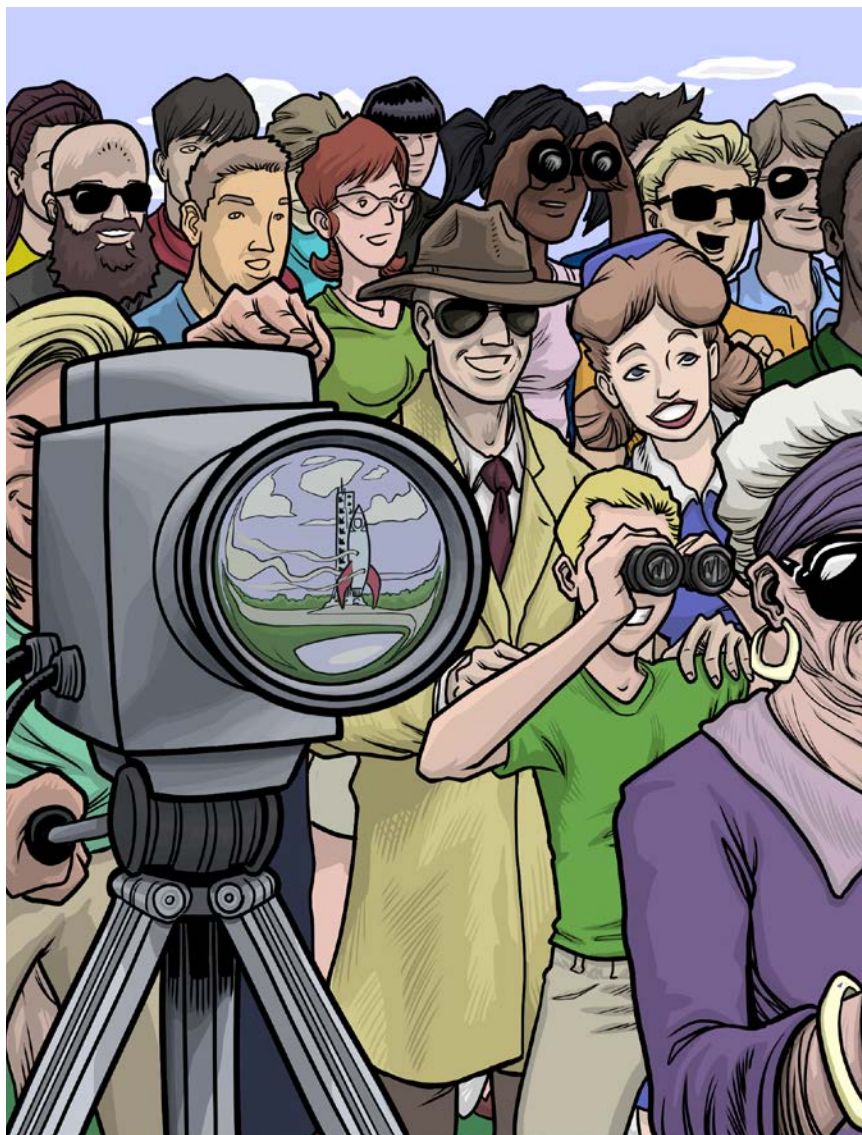
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Focus Question

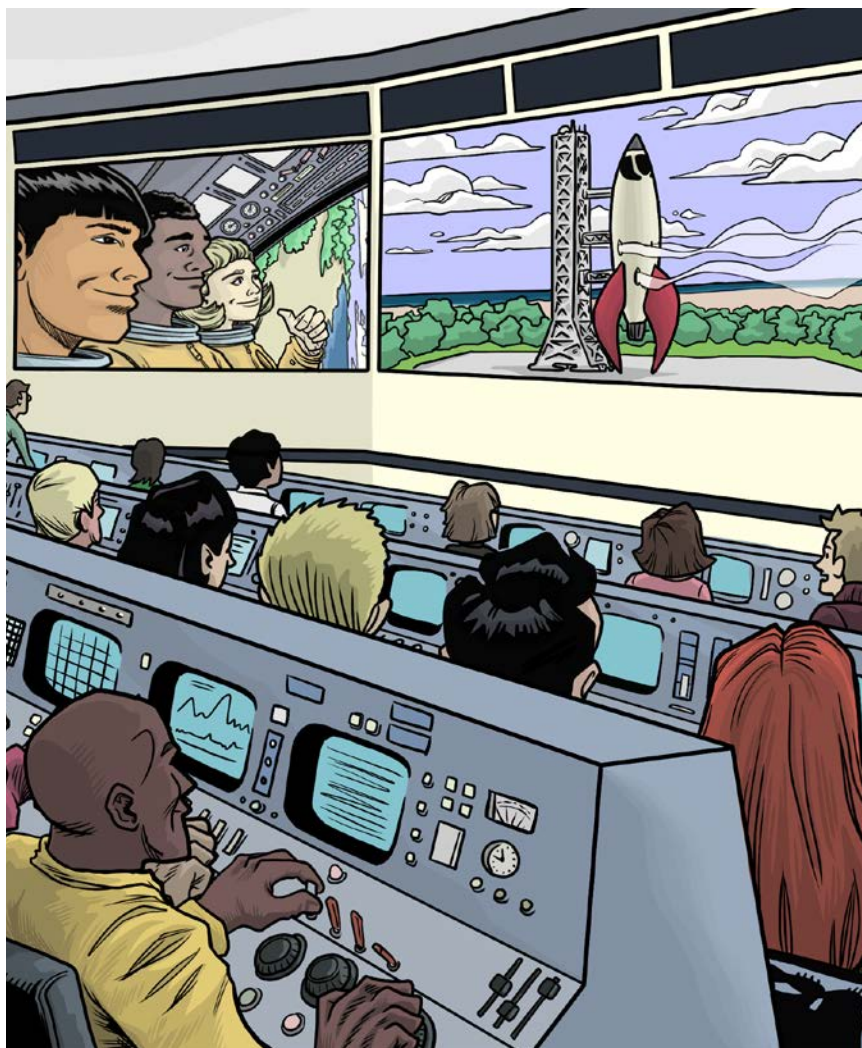
Who is telling this story? What can you tell about this person?



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.



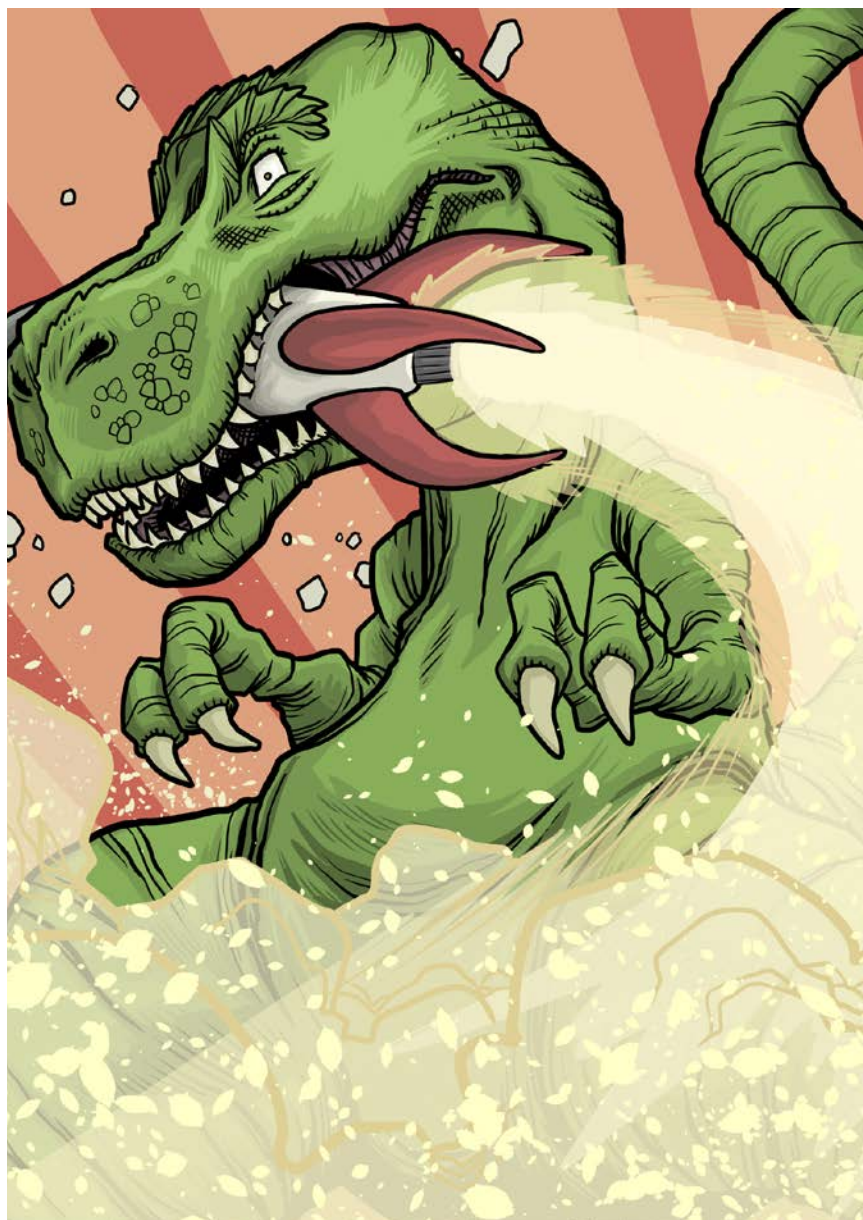
Blastoff!
The rocket is moving!



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.

Words to Know

blastoff

seconds

control room

space

rocket

T. rex

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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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