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# THE ADVENTURES OF COMMANDER MOONIKIN CAMPOS AND FRIENDS

## PART 3: Campos Returns to Earth

When we last saw Commander Moonikin Campos, along with phantoms Zohar and Helga, they had orbited the Moon in the Orion spacecraft. Now, a precisely-timed series of engine firings has put them on the path home.



When they speed through Earth's atmosphere at a max speed of about 25,000 miles (40,200 km) per hour, Orion's heat shield will protect Campos and friends from temperatures half as hot as the surface of the Sun — nearly 5,000 degrees Fahrenheit (2,760 degrees Celsius).

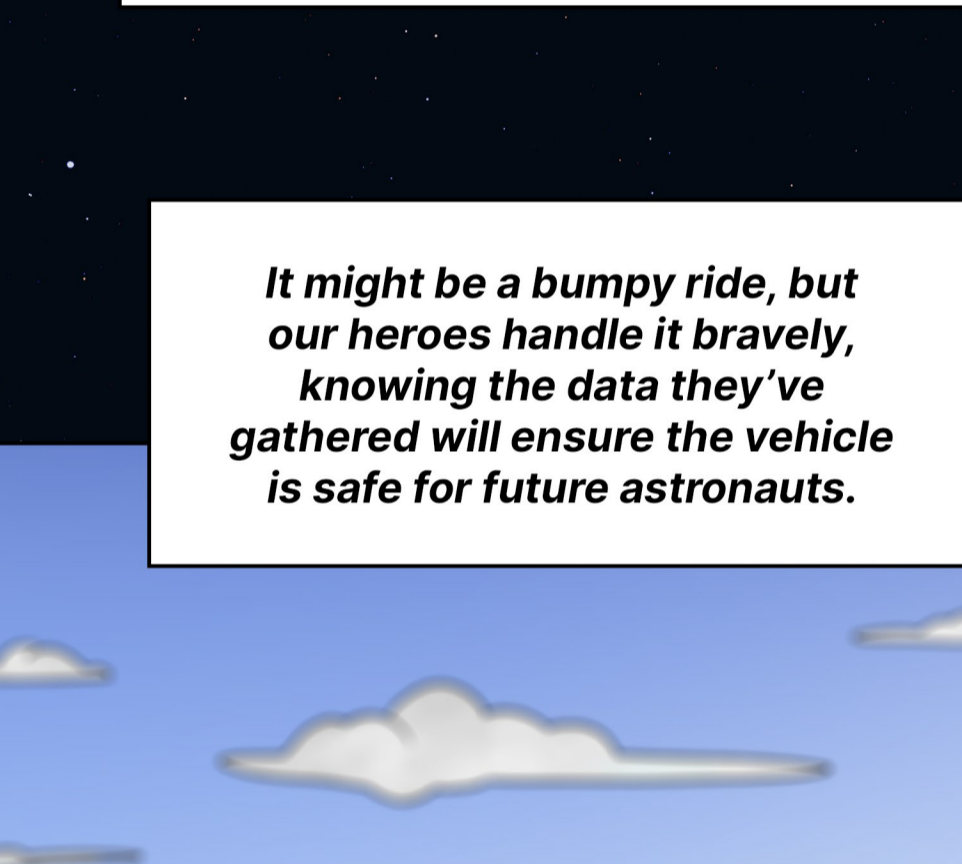
[Click here to learn about Orion's heat shield!](#)



As the capsule careens toward the Pacific Ocean, Campos, Zohar, and Helga thank their lucky stars that Orion is equipped with innovative safety features to keep them secure during the splashdown landing.

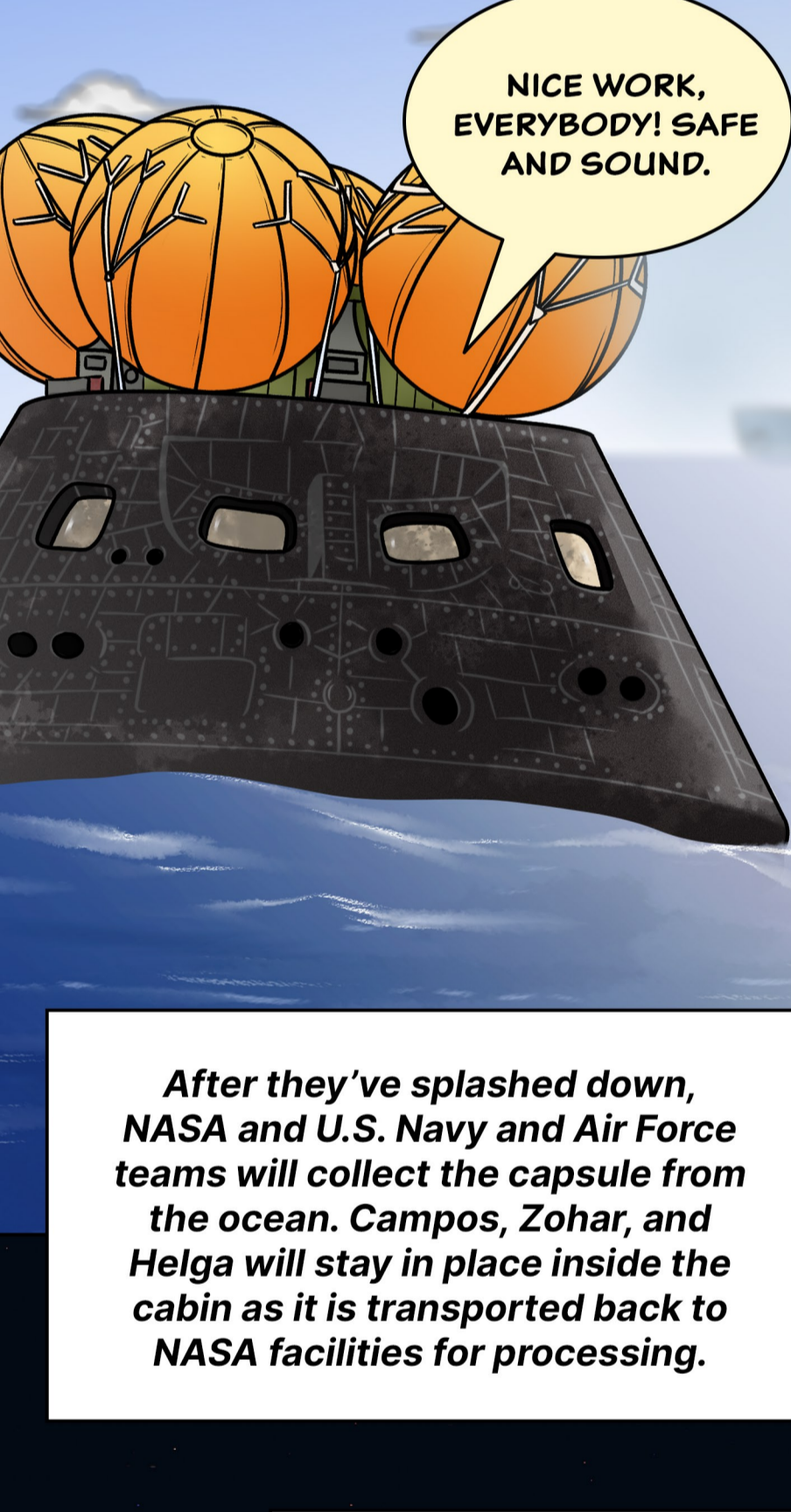
WE ARE DEFINITELY GOING OVER THE SPEED LIMIT!

Above Earth's surface, a series of parachutes drastically reduces Orion's speeds, bringing the spacecraft and its passengers down to a breezy 20 miles (32 km) per hour.



And as Orion splashes down off the coast of California, built-in shock absorbers in Campos' seat, and the crew cabin itself, lessen the impact.

It might be a bumpy ride, but our heroes handle it bravely, knowing the data they've gathered will ensure the vehicle is safe for future astronauts.

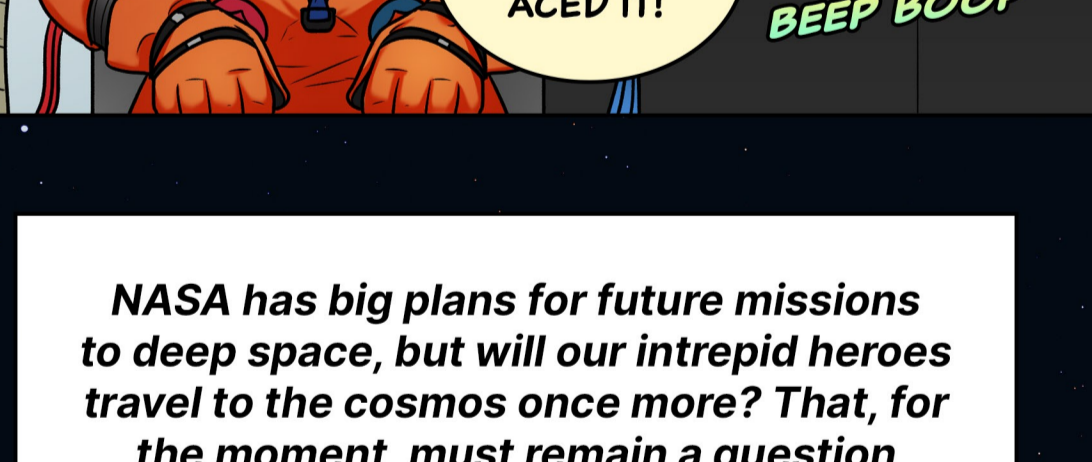


After they've splashed down, NASA and U.S. Navy and Air Force teams will collect the capsule from the ocean. Campos, Zohar, and Helga will stay in place inside the cabin as it is transported back to NASA facilities for processing.

NASA scientists and engineers will analyze all of the data that Campos and his pals gathered. The data will prepare us for Artemis II, NASA's first Artemis flight test with human crew.

HOW DO YOU THINK WE DID?

I FEEL LIKE WE ACED IT!



NASA has big plans for future missions to deep space, but will our intrepid heroes travel to the cosmos once more? That, for the moment, must remain a question without an answer. As for now, the team is taking a break from their adventures to celebrate their good work.

YOU DID IT, CAMPOS!

NO, HELGA... WE DID IT.

IT FEELS GOOD KNOWING WE HELPED MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.

← ARTEMIS II



Thanks to their heroic efforts, Campos, Zohar, and Helga have secured their legacy as the first manikins to fly around the Moon.

They paved the way forward as we prepare to return to the Moon...



and venture on to Mars.

# The End.

OR IS IT?