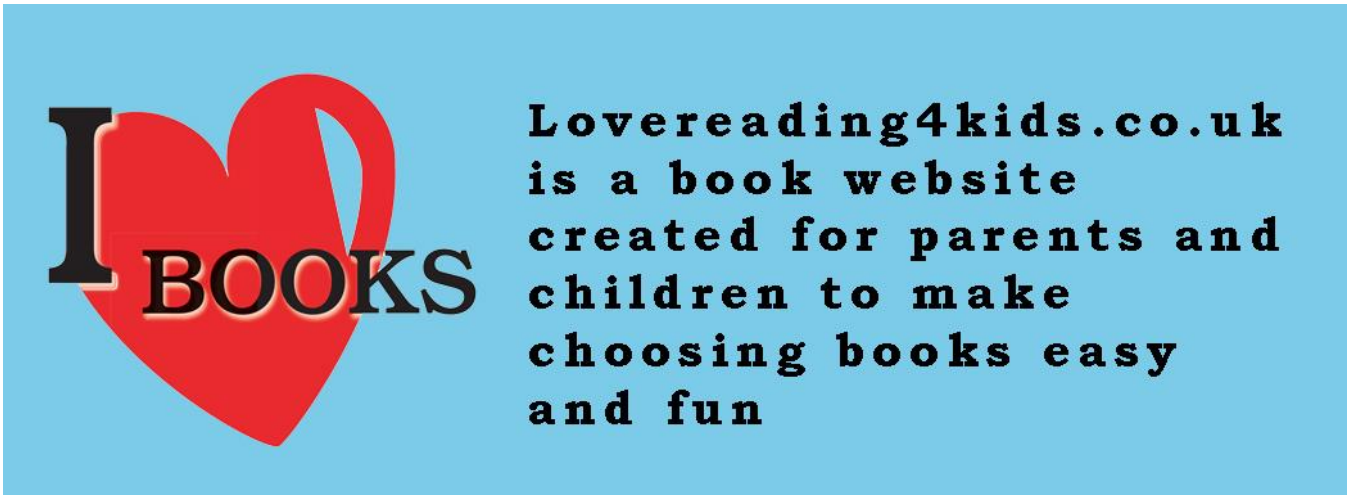


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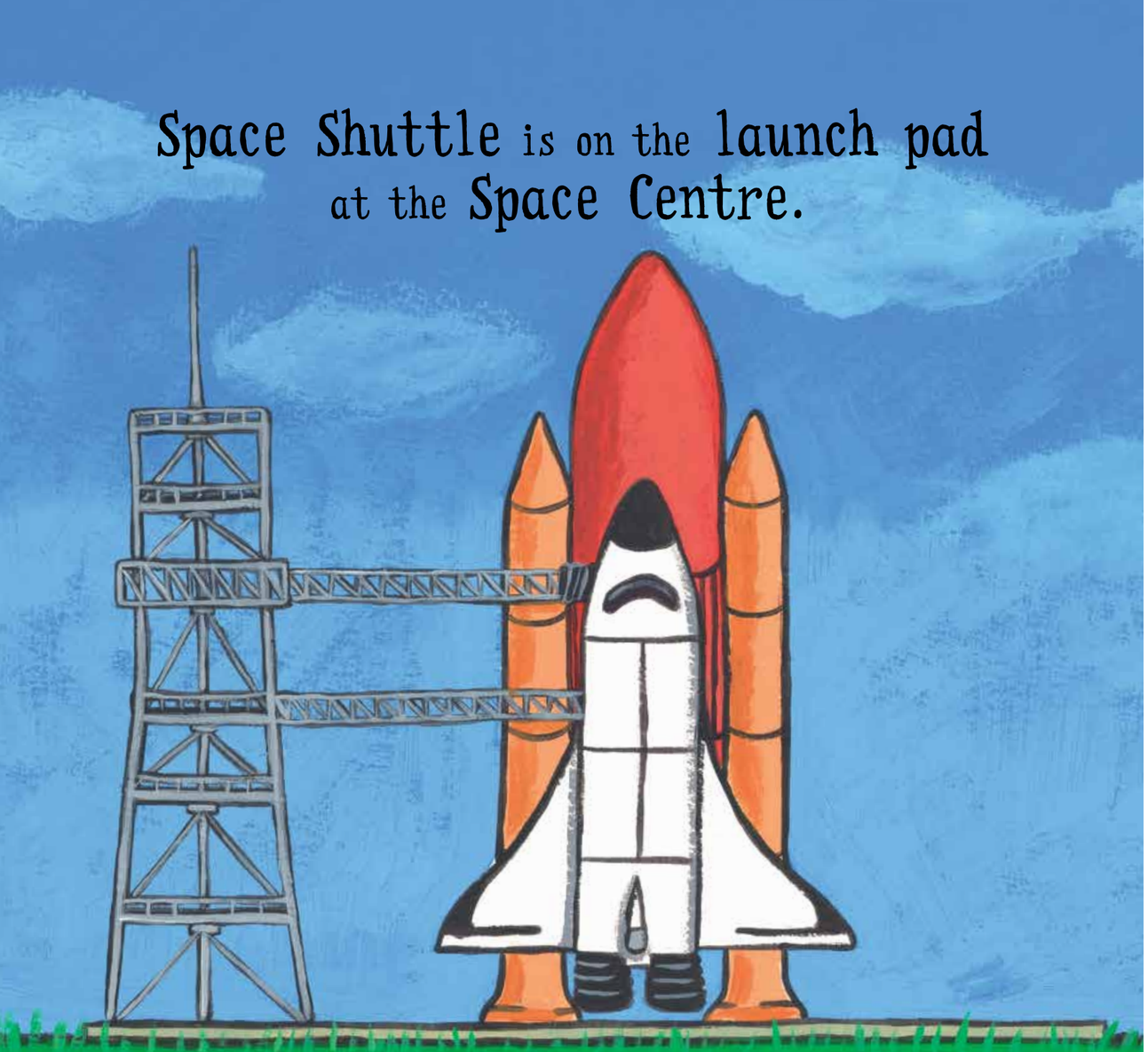
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Space Shuttle is on the launch pad
at the Space Centre.

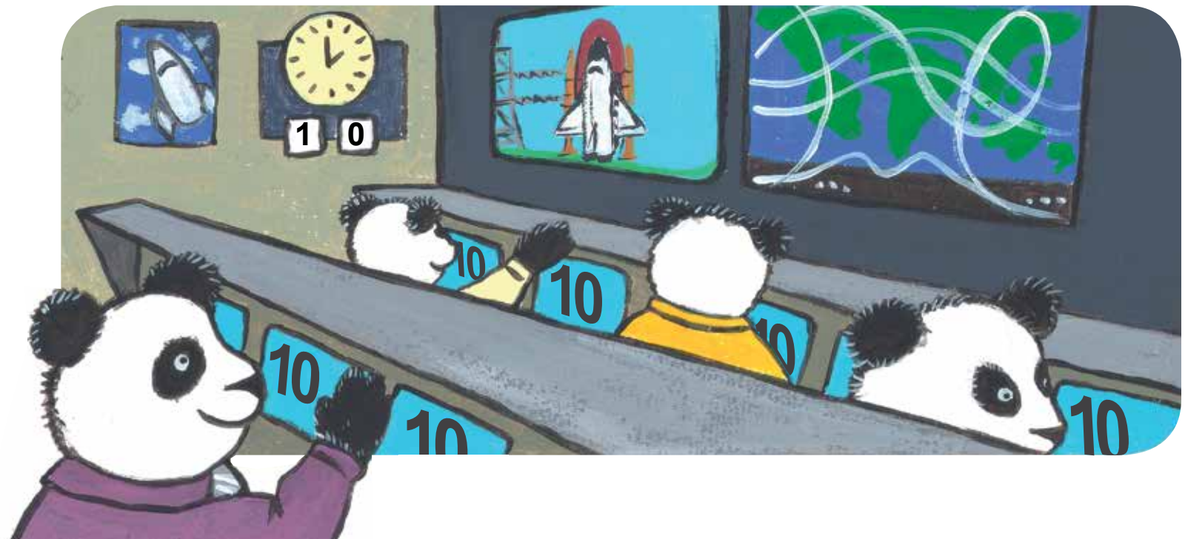


The tank and rocket boosters
are full of fuel.

"We're going to
collect a broken
satellite," says
Commander Mandy.



When the astronauts are strapped in,
the ground crew locks the shuttle door.
In the control room, the countdown begins.





The astronauts do their last checks. Everything is working fine.

"All systems go!" says Commander Mandy. "Prepare for lift-off!"

Ten-nine-eight...



Commander Mandy starts the main engines.

Seven-six-five-four...

"Maximum power!" shouts Commander Mandy.

Three-two-one...

Roar!

"Lift off!"

With a terrific **blast**, Space Shuttle **rises** from the launch pad.

Space Shuttle soars **higher** and **higher**.
Soon it is high above the **ocean**.

"Release the rocket boosters!"
shouts Commander Mandy.





"Check!" says Co-pilot Andy, flipping a switch.

The empty **rocket boosters** fall away.

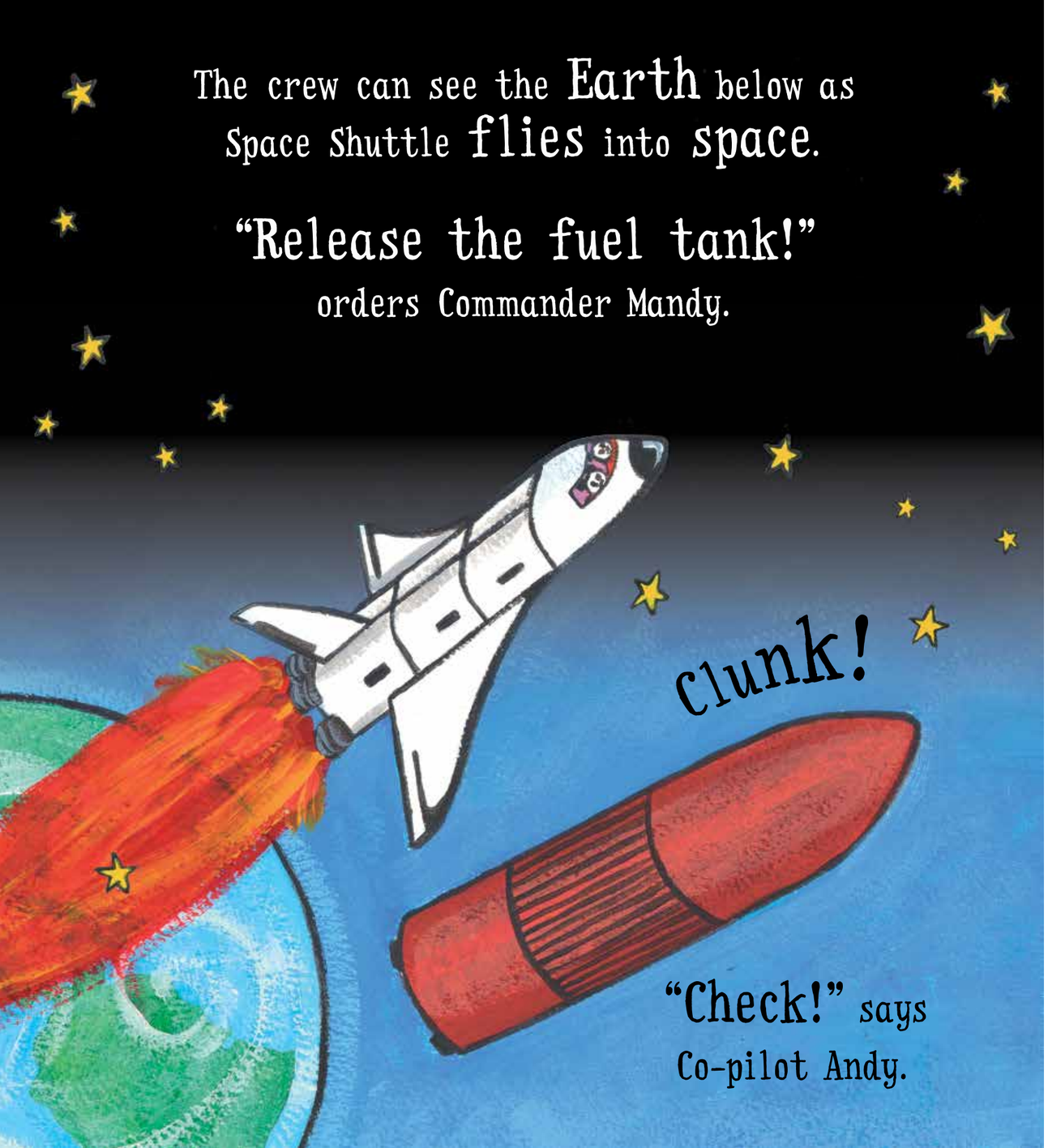
They **splash** down into the sea.

A **ship** is waiting to collect them.



The crew can see the **Earth** below as Space Shuttle **flies** into **space**.

"**Release the fuel tank!**" orders Commander Mandy.



"**Check!**" says Co-pilot Andy.

The empty fuel tank **burns up** as it **tumbles** back to the Earth.



Commander Mandy **steers** Space Shuttle into **orbit** around the Earth.



"Look, that must be the **broken satellite!**" says Co-pilot Andy.