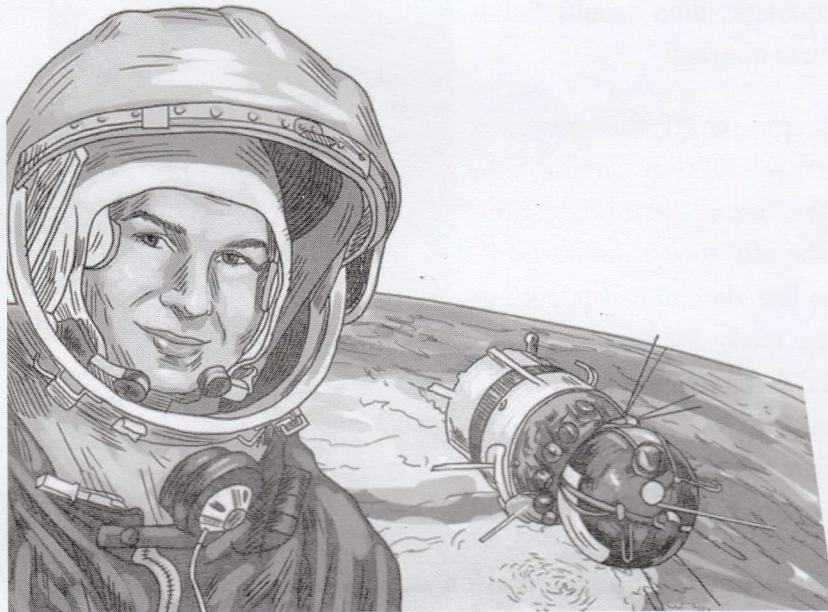


Space Tour

I...I... suddenly, I heard a loud crash and saw Valentina Thereskova, the first Russian woman to fly into space, beside me! She said "Wilbur... come on quick... press the automatic-navigation button... the ship is about to crash on the rings of Saturn. Press it... quick!! I couldn't believe where in the world I was! And Valentina Thereskova... what the hell was she doing with me!!!!? But then I pressed the navigation button and we were safe at the moment.... But, still I was out of my mind trying to figure out these highly unexpected circumstances. As we moved on, we could see the moon that looked like a planet itself, but reflected the light of the sun. We kept moving ahead and could see many stars located very far from us. I was already some light years away from the Earth

As we moved on, I could see several other galaxies at a distance. I wondered if life existed on those planets.

I also saw some meteors pass us by. The Asteroid belt could be seen from a distance as well. Soon, I saw our shuttle reaching the planet Mars. It was 'red' just as I had studied in the books and it was beyond description. I did not have the words to express the marvelous sight. The space shuttle was about to land and my attention focused on



the surface of Mars. There was some kind of a storm on the planet. I was wondering whether I would meet the first speck of life on Mars.... when suddenly I heard someone reminding me - It's time to wake up, Wait!! What??? I was down on the floor, and I opened my eyes. Am I inside four walls?? Where did Valentina go?? And my space kit has changed into pyjamas!!