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Chapter 1
A GALAXY FAR AWAY

Three! Two! One!
Blast off!
The rocket roars.
Slowly it climbs into the sky.
It rattles.
It shakes.

Upward.
Higher!
Faster!

The sky turns colors.
First blue.
Then violet.
Now black.

Outer space is dark.
Stars shine above.
Earth spins below.
The rocket soars.
Astronauts sit inside it.

Where are they going?
They are off to another **galaxy**.
It's two million light years away.
A light year is the **distance** light
travels in one year.
That is six trillion miles.
Light is the fastest thing we know of.
It travels 186,000 miles per second.
Nothing can move as quickly.
Not even a rocket.
So how can this one travel two
million light years?

