

# Into the Cosmos

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## Chapter 1

My name is Paige Jackson. I am from Mobile, Alabama. I am 21 years old and I am a middle Child. My older sister's name is Addy she is 25 years old. James, my little brother is 5. He has cancer so most of the time he's at the hospital. All my life I never got to read him a story or sing him a lullaby. Lately though he has been getting better. I am very happy about it. Other than that, I've wanted to go to space and explore the Cosmos, but my mom, Marie wants me to be a doctor. When I was in my freshmen year, my class went to a field trip to N.A.S.A space center, and I was just connected. This is the day I...I just feel it.

## Chapter 2

My boyfriend Nick bought me a Ford and I have a driver's license. I knew this was the day because before you know it I drove myself to N.A.S.A, and guess what sign was on the door. Help wanted it stated. I called my mom and told her I was helping my friend Natalie unpack so I would not be home for a while. I walked in the door and said "is help still wanted, because I want to go to space. I'm sorry but, do you have a master's degree and are over the age of 26. When I heard those words, my heart shattered. No! This is supposed to be my time and it is never going to happen because my family can't afford it. It took me a while to realize that all the things I said was out loud.

## Chapter 3

I come back home close my door to my room shut, and cry. 2 hours later nick texted me. He told me he passed by the N.A.S.A and saw a sign that said help wanted. That just made me cry even harder. I texted him back and told him I need to get a job because space is too many light years away. He said, look baby in those 5 years you are waiting, you can go to college. I kept trying to explain to him that my family couldn't afford it, but he wouldn't listen. He kept saying, I will pay for it, it is okay.

## Chapter 4

6 years later

Who! Go Paige! I took my diploma and ran to my boyfriend Nick. "Thank you," I whispered. Yesterday was my birthday and I turned 27. Looks like light years pay off. Launching begins in 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1... blast off. Space is beautiful celebrate my lift off with me because together anything can happen like going to college and getting a master's degree or living life. Cosmos, it is a big universe out there we explore it.