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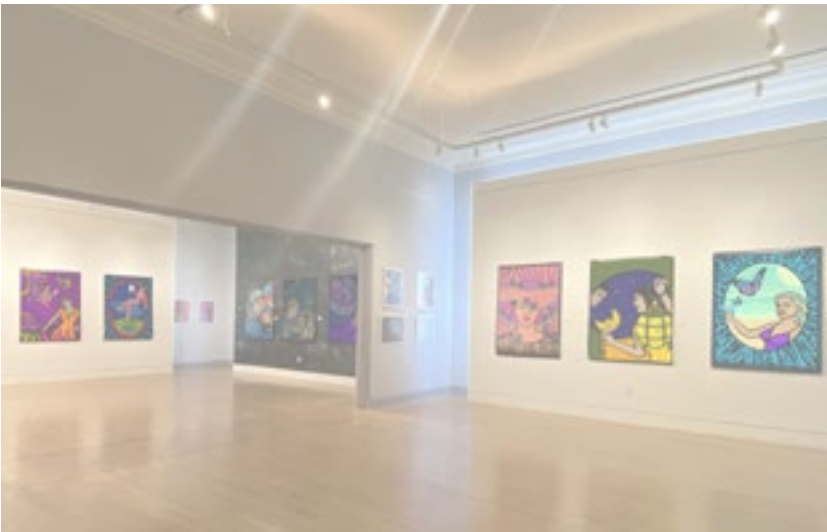
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DEDICATION

To those who gaze at the night sky and see endless possibilities:

This book is dedicated to the explorers, dreamers, and all who imagine what lies beyond our blue planet. To the astronauts and space travelers who journey into the cosmos, carrying our hopes and dreams with them, you inspire us with your courage and curiosity. Through your eyes, we see the vastness of the universe, yet we are reminded that it is not a void, but a space rich with potential, discovery, and life.

To those in distant societies among the stars—if you exist, if you hear us, if you, too, are journeying through this grand expanse—we share with you this collection of art. May it serve as a bridge between our worlds, a testament to our shared spirit of exploration, and a reminder that, despite the unknown, there is always beauty, warmth, and connection to be found.

To the adventurers on Earth, whether you seek out the stars or explore new horizons through books like this one, we hope these images ignite your imagination and fill you with a sense of comfort and familiarity. The journey into the unknown need not be daunting when we remember that the human spirit is resilient and resourceful.

Finally, to the wine, beer, and spirits industries, which have long been our companions in celebration, reflection, and moments of lightheartedness. Thank you for adding a touch of humor and camaraderie to our lives, reminding us that even as we explore the depths of space, it's essential to cherish the simple joys of life on Earth.

May this book be a companion on your journey, whether you travel across galaxies or simply within the pages of this collection. May it inspire you to embrace the unknown with curiosity and courage, knowing that wherever you go, you are never truly alone.

PREFACE

Through these pages, you'll find a blend of forward-looking space travel and familiar scenes that evoke a sense of comfort. Most images portray possibilities of exploration, inviting you to imagine new worlds and adventures. Some characters engage in activities reminiscent of life on Earth.

By balancing the familiar with the futuristic, I hope to create a journey that both excites and reassures, inspiring you to embrace the unknown with curiosity and optimism. Whether you're an aspiring astronaut, a lover of science fiction, or someone who enjoys contemplating the future, I invite you to explore these pages and let your imagination take flight.

I was inspired to create this series during COVID. A long-time rock poster artist, I had just moved from Fairfax, California where I lived most of my adult life, to Northern California 176 miles away, two months before the pandemic. I was three and a half hours from my nearest friend.

Seeking refuge, I delved into alternate universes where masks were unnecessary. Against the backdrop of space travel making headlines, these worlds became a gateway to new realms without the need for a space tour ticket. For those who venture to space, some of these are characters we may one day encounter.

Many scenes carry a wine, spirits, or a beer theme, providing ample company for those who wish to share a glass.

Amid profound life changes—navigating COVID, enduring political divides, witnessing a surge in mass shootings, and grappling with climate change—this series serves as a beacon of psyched energy. It encourages finding inspiration in challenges while fostering a sense of connection, purpose, and camaraderie. My hope is that it uplifts all who encounter it.

The characters seldom wear shoes; being barefoot is their continual state of comfort.

The Art of Carolyn Ferris

I begin with pencil on paper, sketching with delight.
Then move to ink,
where characters take flight and stories ignite.

From paper, they journey to digital space,
Where colors bloom with vibrant grace.
Photoshop's palette, a canvas wide,
Captures their essence with hues applied.
Each character tuned and changed,
Their narratives intricately rearranged.

These figures, born from my creative trance,
Guide you through realms in an intergalactic dance.
Visit them where they joyfully reside,
And experience camaraderie on this celestial ride.

Highlight Notes on Rocket Sojourn Trip to Moon and Juniper Orb

by Carolyn Ferris

I found myself hurtling through the inky blackness of space, with a breathtaking view of Earth gradually shrinking in the rear viewport. I was one of the lucky few who had secured a ticket on the Rocket Sojourn, a space tourism vessel promising adventure and discovery beyond our planet. As a lifelong fan of sci-fi and space enthusiast, this trip was a dream come true. Little did I know that my journey would lead me to encounter societies whose values and activities mirrored our own in surprising and delightful ways.

Our first stop was the Moon, now transformed into a bustling hub. Lunar, the capital, was loaded with engineering marvels—domed habitats, lush hydroponic gardens, and vast natural areas for zero-gravity sports, including the popular game **Cliff Frisbee*. Walking through its corridors, I met tourists and locals sharing wonder and curiosity. We visited the famous Sea of Tranquility, where the first human footprints marked history, and marveled at Earthrise from the observation deck, overwhelmed by our connection to humanity's past and future.

The true highlight came when we ventured beyond the Moon to Juniper Orb, a distant space station collaborative between Earth and other advanced societies with unique cultures and customs. What stood out was our shared values of creativity, cooperation, and compassion.

Exploring Juniper Orb's central plaza, I found a vibrant market where vendors sold exotic goods and foods, each with a story. I tasted interstellar delicacies, from spicy nebula peppers to sweet starfruit tarts.

The atmosphere was lively and welcoming, melting boundaries in a cosmic carnival.

One evening, we attended a concert in the grand hall, featuring musicians blending traditional Earth instruments with alien sounds. The music resonated deeply, connecting us on a profound emotional level.

Throughout the journey, I made friends from Earth and beyond, sharing hopes and dreams for a peaceful future. The camaraderie and shared purpose were evident, leaving me optimistic for future adventures.

As Rocket Sojourn prepared to return to Earth, I took one last look at the stars, filled with gratitude and excitement. My journey showed that, despite differences, we share a desire for exploration, connection, and creating a universe that welcomes adventurers and travelers alike. This journey marks the dawn of a new era in space tourism, where societal boundaries blur toward a united future.

**Cliff Frisbee* is Art Plate #3

Adam, an astronaut on a spacewalk, discovers a portal leading to an otherworldly scene. Through the portal, he sees a woman named Eve lying in a pool of water, her black hair fanning out to create patterns on the surface. As Adam touches the viewport, he is mesmerized by the sight. Eve holds an apple, raising it as if offering it to Adam. Although she cannot see him, her gesture seems to acknowledge his presence.

The scene is both surreal and inviting. Vibrant blue water contrasts against the dark sky, and a planet looms in the background, resembling Earth but with an air of mystery. Adam is

drawn to Eve's calm demeanor and her gesture with the apple. He wants to reach out and touch her, but the barrier between their worlds keeps them apart. He wonders what it would mean to cross over and whether it is even possible.

This scene captures curiosity and adventure in exploring the unfamiliar. Eve's gesture with the apple seems to invite Adam to embrace the unexpected. As he contemplates what lies beyond the portal, he realizes that stepping through could lead to new possibilities, perhaps even a journey filled with love and magic.

Adam discovers Eve, a cosmic twist to an old story.

HERE WE GO AGAIN



A woman relaxes in a serene space sphere miles from Earth. She has an unobstructed view of the planet with a stunning blend of blues, cream whites, and greens.

She floats in a hot-tub-sized glass of wine, sipping a smaller glass of the same fine varietal, while her legs kick comfortably over the side.

Her dress is a work of art, its fabric mirroring Earth's patterns and colors. Although alone in this peaceful setting, she feels deeply connected to the Earth.

The lettering around her reads "Let the world unwind," reflecting the essence of this scene.

She reaches down to pluck a plump red grape. As she bites into it, its juicy sweetness mingles perfectly with the wine's smooth flavor.

Time seems to slow down, as she experiences simple pleasure and joy in her extraordinary surroundings.

Lounging in the space sphere, she savors her favorite wine while enjoying her view. All her needs are met.

NATURE'S NECTAR



In the depths of space, a man pilots his ship on a solo flight, his gaze fixed on the dashboard as he presses two buttons on the console simultaneously, bringing his ship to a stop. He eagerly anticipates a glass of wine being delivered by a space server gliding towards his vessel. The server carefully carries the wine, protected by a snap-wrap cover designed to shield it from the hazards of space travel, while securely magnetized to its tray. Her uniform proudly displays a wine courier logo.

Outside the ship, stars form a serene backdrop against

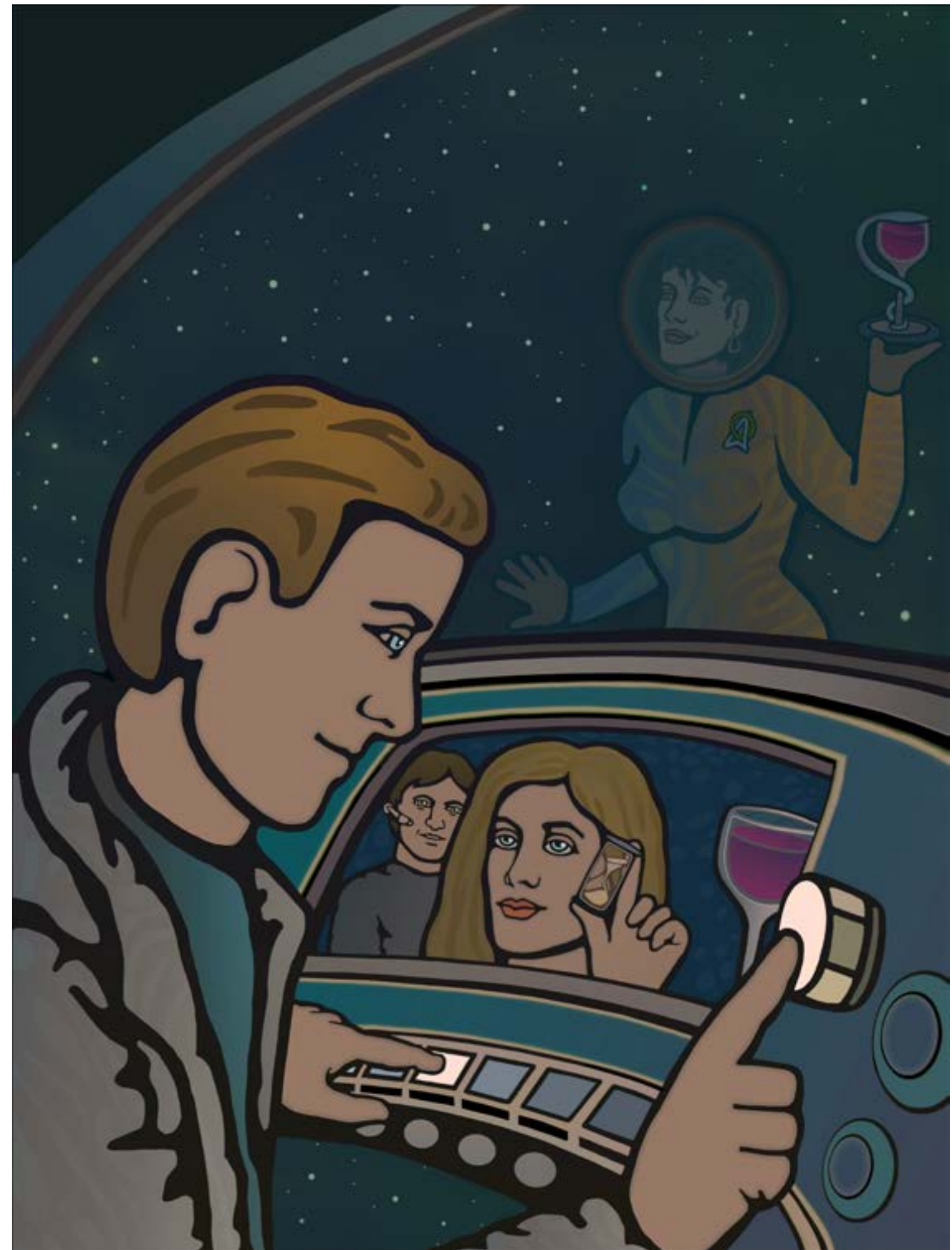
the darkness of space. On the dashboard screen, a woman holds an egg timer with the sands running out, signaling the imminent start of their inter-spatial happy hour. Her AI companion assists with the countdown, though it remains unaware of the timer's display.

Dressed in his sleek gray jacket and favorite teal top, the pilot eagerly awaits the delivery and the beginning of their social hour.

He looks forward to engaging in lighthearted conversations and relishing the opportunity to unwind after a full day.

The inter-spatial happy hour begins, with a woman and her artificial intelligence companion counting down the remaining time for wine delivery.

COUNTDOWN TO HAPPY HOUR



This scene captures a sense of anticipation and fulfillment as a woman opens the door at the threshold of her space habitat. She holds a lantern filled with stars—a gift already bestowed upon her by the man.

The lantern's stars symbolize the wonder and dreams they have shared throughout their journey. Each star represents a moment of joy and inspiration they've experienced together while exploring the universe's

mysteries.

He now approaches with another gift, the promised moon. This gesture signifies not only his dedication to their bond but also her trust in his commitment to keeping promises.

These symbols of the moon and stars transcend their celestial origins, becoming emblems of enduring friendship, trust, and reminders of their shared journey through life.

He's already given her those stars, now he brings the promised moon.

GIFTS OF THE MOON AND STARS



In this surreal and captivating image, a woman rides on a rocket through space. The backdrop of stars provide a majestic setting for her cosmic journey. She sits cross-legged, comfortably perched on her rocket. Her bare feet dangle freely from the rocket, emphasizing a sense of ease and freedom.

Her auburn hair flows as if caught in a gentle breeze. In her hand, she boldly holds a pitcher of beer to make a toast. The caption beneath her reads: *Practice Gratitude. Namaste.* suggesting she has everything she needs and is grateful for it, including plenty of beer.

Raising a pitcher for a toast, she's grateful for plenty of beer and a solo ride on a space rocket.

PRACTICE GRATITUDE



