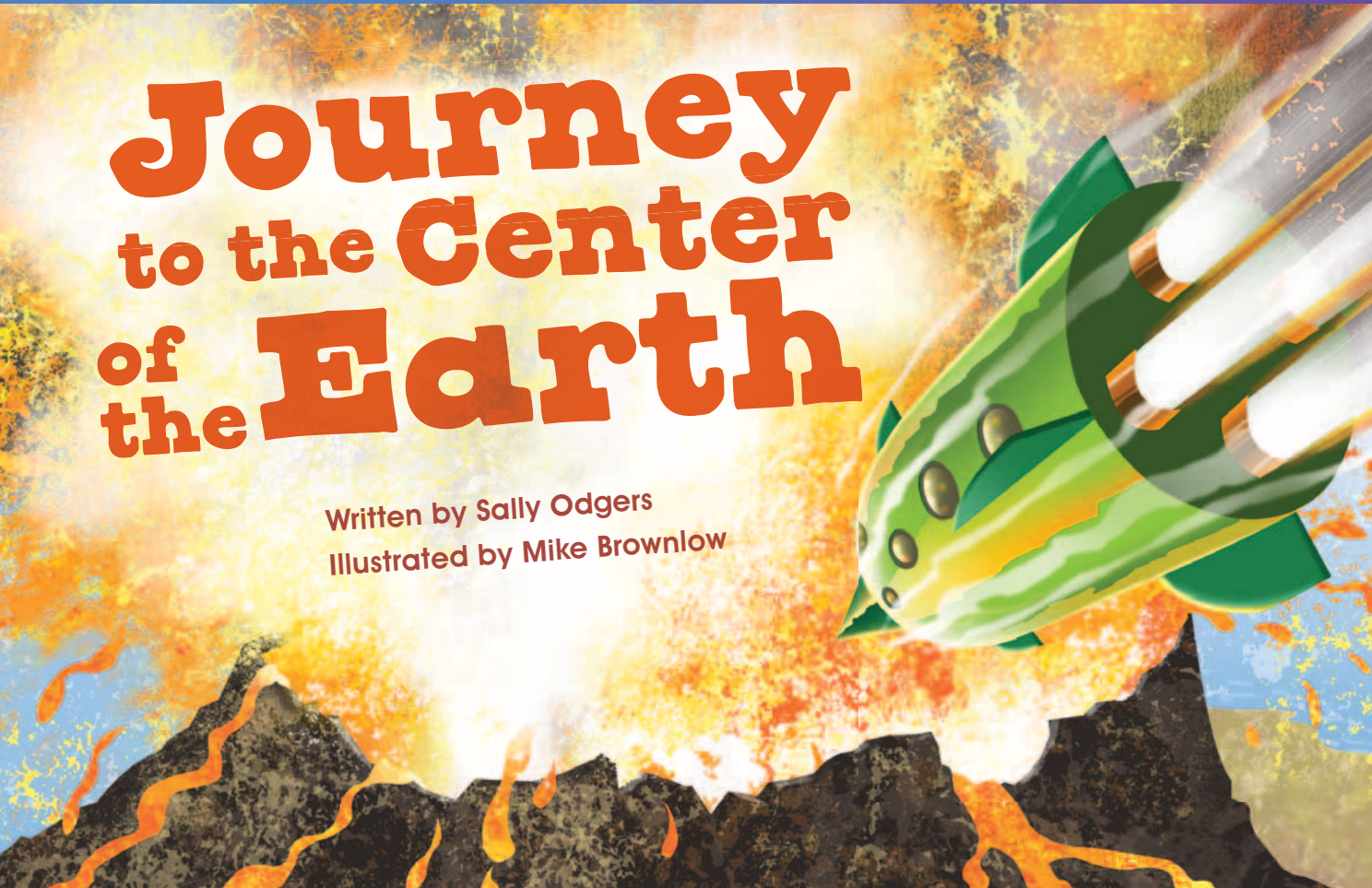
Journey to the Center of the Earth

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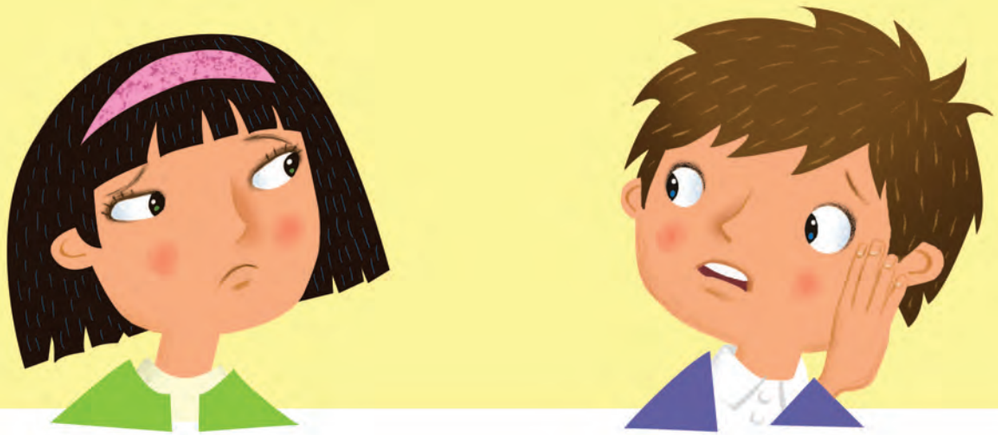


A strange teacher was waiting when Todd got to school. The teacher had on a strange silver suit. "I'm Mr. Verne," he greeted the children. "We're going to the center."





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Todd sighed. The Interactive Learning Center was fun but not exciting. "We'll have to write about it," he whispered to his friend Cai.

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"Outside, everyone," said Mr. Verne. "Into my rocket. Put on your safety suits."

"Wow! This is amazing!" said Cai.

"Why do we need safety suits?" asked Todd. This might be exciting.

"You'll see," said Mr. Verne. "Don't forget your helmets."

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When the children were ready, the rocket took off. Cai grabbed Todd's arm as the rocket shot out over the ocean toward Iceland and a thick plume of smoke.