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**Encountering
the Christ
of Christmas!**

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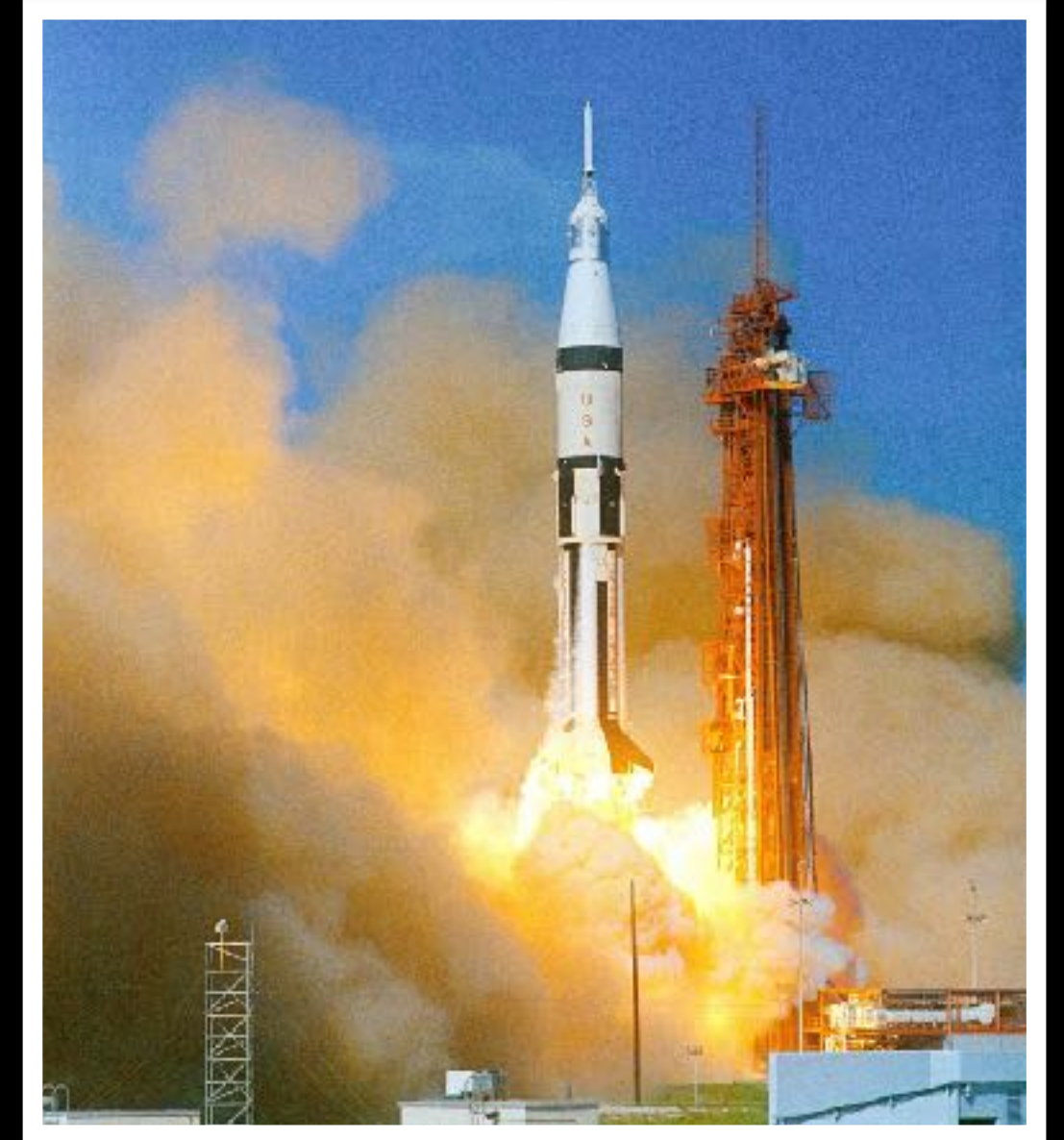
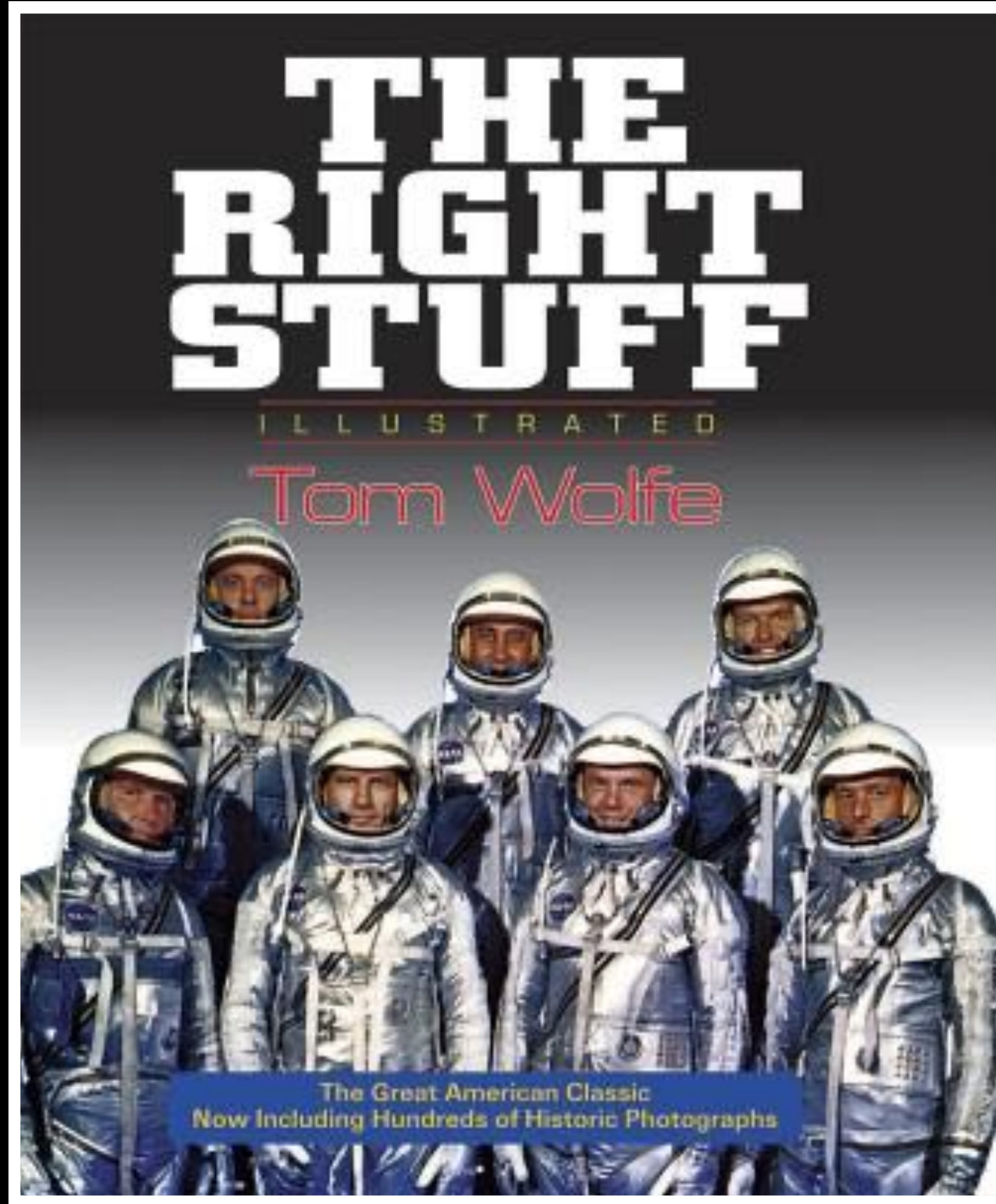
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What's a challenge in your life?

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Is it something...Physical?

Is it something...Professional?

Is it something...Emotional?

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