



Leaving Home

ASTRONAUT

victor glover



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00:00:13,669 --> 00:00:11,350

[Music]

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00:00:15,990 --> 00:00:13,679

so when you first got there i was scared

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00:00:18,950 --> 00:00:16,000

for you but were you ever scared and how

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00:00:21,269 --> 00:00:18,960

did you overcome it was i ever scared no

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00:00:23,750 --> 00:00:21,279

scared is the wrong word to use i have a

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00:00:26,150 --> 00:00:23,760

respect for these things you know your

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00:00:28,550 --> 00:00:26,160

whole life i've flown high-performance

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00:00:30,950 --> 00:00:28,560

aircraft deployed on ships and those all

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00:00:32,790 --> 00:00:30,960

have dangers risks associated with them

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00:00:34,709 --> 00:00:32,800

you know so it makes me want to work

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00:00:37,190 --> 00:00:34,719

very hard because i want to come back

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00:00:38,630 --> 00:00:37,200

home to you all and so

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00:00:41,110 --> 00:00:38,640

i would say i have

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00:00:43,270 --> 00:00:41,120

a respect for the things that i do and

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00:00:45,510 --> 00:00:43,280

the risks that come with that the thing

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00:00:47,830 --> 00:00:45,520

that i had the most discomfort or the

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00:00:49,270 --> 00:00:47,840

biggest emotional response to was

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00:00:51,910 --> 00:00:49,280

leaving you all

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00:00:54,069 --> 00:00:51,920

and specifically like the being at

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00:00:55,910 --> 00:00:54,079

launch but being four miles away from

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00:00:58,150 --> 00:00:55,920

you on top of a million and a half

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00:00:59,830 --> 00:00:58,160

pounds of high explosives and knowing

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00:01:01,830 --> 00:00:59,840

you're there watching

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00:01:03,270 --> 00:01:01,840

and i'm not right there with you to to

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00:01:05,429 --> 00:01:03,280

make you more comfortable and talk you

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00:01:07,190 --> 00:01:05,439

through it so i was very grateful to our

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00:01:08,469 --> 00:01:07,200

friends who helped and were there with

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00:01:10,390 --> 00:01:08,479

you all to support us through those

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00:01:13,190 --> 00:01:10,400

things but i'd say that was

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00:01:15,030 --> 00:01:13,200

my biggest discomfort was

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00:01:16,310 --> 00:01:15,040

if i could have managed to be in two

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00:01:17,990 --> 00:01:16,320

places at once i would have loved to

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00:01:20,149 --> 00:01:18,000

have done those things but also been the

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00:01:22,070 --> 00:01:20,159

person there with you you know helping

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00:01:23,830 --> 00:01:22,080

guide you through it or to be there

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00:01:26,310 --> 00:01:23,840

supporting you through it you said you

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00:01:28,870 --> 00:01:26,320

know you had fears when i left and and

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00:01:32,069 --> 00:01:28,880

so yeah what talk tell me about some of

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00:01:35,510 --> 00:01:32,079

those you told us about a launching of a

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00:01:37,030 --> 00:01:35,520

different aircraft like three years ago

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00:01:38,630 --> 00:01:37,040

four years ago maybe

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00:01:40,870 --> 00:01:38,640

and we watched it

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00:01:42,469 --> 00:01:40,880

and it was it was an old old video and

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00:01:44,469 --> 00:01:42,479

it exploded

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00:01:46,230 --> 00:01:44,479

like they didn't make it the people

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00:01:47,990 --> 00:01:46,240

there were people on it and that

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00:01:51,270 --> 00:01:48,000

terrified me so i hated your job from

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00:01:52,870 --> 00:01:51,280

then on but i learned that

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00:01:54,710 --> 00:01:52,880

people train you for this stuff and

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00:01:57,030 --> 00:01:54,720

they're there to make sure that doesn't

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00:01:58,950 --> 00:01:57,040
happen so it made me feel a lot better

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00:01:59,670 --> 00:01:58,960
but you know there's always the what if

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00:02:05,109 --> 00:01:59,680
and

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00:02:07,429 --> 00:02:05,119
it was like um

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00:02:09,350 --> 00:02:07,439
if you took my toy it'd be like why

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00:02:10,869 --> 00:02:09,360
don't take my toy it's mine

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00:02:12,070 --> 00:02:10,879
it's mean of you

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00:02:13,670 --> 00:02:12,080
it's kind of what you feel like you were

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00:02:16,949 --> 00:02:13,680
my toy that's

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00:02:19,910 --> 00:02:16,959
it's just like it made me no don't leave

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00:02:23,030 --> 00:02:20,949
yeah

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00:02:25,270 --> 00:02:23,040
you know it's interesting because the

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00:02:27,750 --> 00:02:25,280

the last time i deployed

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00:02:31,670 --> 00:02:27,760

was when we lived in japan

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00:02:32,790 --> 00:02:31,680

and that was in 2012 so that's almost 10

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00:02:35,430 --> 00:02:32,800

years ago

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00:02:36,949 --> 00:02:35,440

and so you were really small

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00:02:39,190 --> 00:02:36,959

you're really small

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00:02:41,270 --> 00:02:39,200

and i don't know if you remember what

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00:02:42,869 --> 00:02:41,280

what life was like your older sisters

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00:02:44,790 --> 00:02:42,879

might remember more

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00:02:47,350 --> 00:02:44,800

and you might have you know images and

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00:02:49,830 --> 00:02:47,360

the smells but like you know the talks

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00:02:51,670 --> 00:02:49,840

your mom and i had and the preparation

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00:02:53,270 --> 00:02:51,680

and what that felt like

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00:02:54,869 --> 00:02:53,280
you know this may be the first one that

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00:02:57,670 --> 00:02:54,879
you really remember even though i've

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00:02:59,990 --> 00:02:57,680
done it you know five times before this

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00:03:01,830 --> 00:03:00,000
and so that was important your mom and i

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00:03:03,509 --> 00:03:01,840
talked a lot about that what what this

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00:03:04,869 --> 00:03:03,519
was going to be like and that's why it

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00:03:07,030 --> 00:03:04,879
was really important to me to be able to

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00:03:08,309 --> 00:03:07,040
talk to you guys all the time but i also

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00:03:09,589 --> 00:03:08,319
didn't want it to be boring i didn't

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00:03:11,990 --> 00:03:09,599
want you guys to be like oh dad's

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00:03:13,750 --> 00:03:12,000
calling again so you know just

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00:03:15,990 --> 00:03:13,760
i just wanted us to be there for each

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00:03:18,070 --> 00:03:16,000

other and i think that i was i was very

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00:03:19,509 --> 00:03:18,080

happy with how that worked out you know

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00:03:21,509 --> 00:03:19,519

i could call you guys

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00:03:22,550 --> 00:03:21,519

almost any time of the day every day

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00:03:23,910 --> 00:03:22,560

what did you think about our video

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00:03:26,149 --> 00:03:23,920

conferences you know you remember what

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00:03:28,869 --> 00:03:26,159

we did for most of them yeah what

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00:03:30,149 --> 00:03:28,879

uh charades yeah that was i think i

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00:03:32,229 --> 00:03:30,159

don't know if it was your mom's idea or

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00:03:34,149 --> 00:03:32,239

one of you guys

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00:03:36,229 --> 00:03:34,159

we played games and

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00:03:37,509 --> 00:03:36,239

it just that time first it flew by they

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00:03:39,589 --> 00:03:37,519

were never long enough

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00:03:40,869 --> 00:03:39,599
but i never felt like i had to go come

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00:03:42,390 --> 00:03:40,879
on guys

103
00:03:44,470 --> 00:03:42,400
dad's calling from space because at some

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00:03:46,149 --> 00:03:44,480
point right even it's still neat that

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00:03:48,309 --> 00:03:46,159
dad's calling from space but like after

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00:03:49,830 --> 00:03:48,319
167 days

107
00:03:52,309 --> 00:03:49,840
dad's calling from space you know i

108
00:03:55,030 --> 00:03:52,319
don't think he was ever like that like

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00:03:56,949 --> 00:03:55,040
like major oh i don't want to go

110
00:03:58,789 --> 00:03:56,959
because because you made a great

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00:04:01,509 --> 00:03:58,799
impression first time we played when you

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00:04:03,830 --> 00:04:01,519
did escalator that was my high point my

113
00:04:05,509 --> 00:04:03,840

charades escalator was cause you could

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00:04:07,190 --> 00:04:05,519

just float weightlessness right i mean

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00:04:09,830 --> 00:04:07,200

you know it was good that's funny if you

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00:04:13,760 --> 00:04:09,840

got it right away so so yeah we had fun

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00:04:22,469 --> 00:04:13,770

playing charades uh yeah that was good