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00:00:08,070 --> 00:00:11,650
My first memory of
NASA is the time

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00:00:11,650 --> 00:00:16,110
when I watched the TV as
a young child in Korea.

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00:00:16,110 --> 00:00:20,310
They were showing Neil
Armstrong walking on the moon.

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00:00:20,310 --> 00:00:22,850
That was so surreal.

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00:00:29,650 --> 00:00:30,350
Hello.

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00:00:30,350 --> 00:00:31,880
I am Seunghee Lee.

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00:00:31,880 --> 00:00:35,500
I work at NASA Marshall Space
Flight Center as the Center's

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range safety
representative as well as

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00:00:38,250 --> 00:00:41,360
supporting the special
volunteer system program,

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00:00:41,360 --> 00:00:42,665
and this is my story.

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So my educational
background is a mixture.

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I was educated in South Korea.

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So when I came to stay, the
first thing that I noticed

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is how free it seemed.

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When I went to
school the first day,

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I was just shocked at how
students can speak freely.

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And as I was going
into classrooms,

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usually I was the only
girl in the classroom.

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And that really actually
didn't bother me.

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I didn't really
think much of it,

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because-- maybe it's
because I was so used

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to being maybe
different because when

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I went to high school
in America, often

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I was the only Asian person,

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And as I was studying
in one of the class,

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my classmate, who actually
had an internship with NASA

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at Kennedy Space
Center, approached me,

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asked me if I would be
interested in maybe working

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for NASA because he was
graduating that semester,

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and he already has a job offer
from Kennedy Space Center

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because he had done

the internship.

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Working at NASA really
was appealing to me.

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First of all, I had that-- that
big memory that I had when I

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was in Korea as a small child
watching Neil Armstrong walking

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on the moon, which, like I said,
it was such out-of-the-world

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scene for me.

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I chose that working for NASA
would be really a cool thing.

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And really, I mean,
that is something more

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than I ever dreamed of.

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I remember my first day at NASA.

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When I reported at work, it was
interesting because my boss,

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who I interviewed
over the phone,

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I noticed that he was
very excited about--

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and he actually
expressed to me--

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00:02:49,020 --> 00:02:52,540
having first a female
engineer in his office.

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00:02:52,540 --> 00:02:56,070
But the fact that he welcomed
having a female engineer,

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00:02:56,070 --> 00:03:00,500
because he said, the office
environment and the dialogue

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00:03:00,500 --> 00:03:04,020
will be different having
different perspectives

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00:03:04,020 --> 00:03:07,580
from female engineers than
having all male engineers.

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00:03:11,320 --> 00:03:14,490
There are many most
rewarding experiences.

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00:03:14,490 --> 00:03:18,440
First, at the Kennedy
Space Center watching

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00:03:18,440 --> 00:03:23,040

the shuttle launch was the
most rewarding experience

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because as I see shuttle go
up, and my fingers are crossed,

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and my heart is really
excited because I know there's

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the hardware that I touched.

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Speaking of role models,
I didn't necessarily

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have a female role model.

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However, I do admire
Indira Gandhi.

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And I read his autobiography.

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And one quote that I actually
framed, and I always look at it

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is, "Be the change
you want to see."

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Be the change you want to see.

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I work in community, especially
involved with the local Korea

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community here.

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I help them with
language barrier,

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00:04:11,040 --> 00:04:14,060

not only translating
the English,

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00:04:14,060 --> 00:04:17,610

but also providing advice
on how to go about pursuing

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00:04:17,610 --> 00:04:23,100

some different aspects of
what their-- their business

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00:04:23,100 --> 00:04:25,770

in this community.

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I think that there are so
many aspects of our work

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and different facets
to our mission,

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anybody can really consider
coming to work at NASA

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and see where you fit and become
part of this great adventure