



ASTRONAUT

KAYLA BARRON



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00:00:00,633 --> 00:00:08,608
[MUSIC]

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00:00:08,675 --> 00:00:09,242
>> ALL RIGHT,

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00:00:09,309 --> 00:00:10,577
NASA FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

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00:00:10,643 --> 00:00:11,745
OUR FIRST ASTRONAUT,

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00:00:11,811 --> 00:00:12,812
KAYLA BARRON.

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00:00:12,879 --> 00:00:15,348
[APPLAUSE]

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00:00:15,415 --> 00:00:16,116
>> I THINK THE THING THAT'S

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00:00:16,182 --> 00:00:19,352
MOST IMPORTANT TO ME IS JUST

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00:00:19,419 --> 00:00:21,821
THE INSPIRATION OF EXPLORATION.

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00:00:21,888 --> 00:00:23,590
I THINK WE ALL HAVE THIS

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00:00:23,656 --> 00:00:25,759
INNATE SENSE TO EXPLORE,

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00:00:25,825 --> 00:00:26,459
WHETHER YOU'RE THE ONE

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00:00:26,526 --> 00:00:27,127

WHO ACTUALLY GETS TO

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00:00:27,193 --> 00:00:28,995
STEP ON THE MOON OR NOT.

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00:00:29,062 --> 00:00:30,597
I THINK IT CHANGES ALL OF US

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00:00:30,663 --> 00:00:32,165
TO KNOW THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY

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00:00:32,232 --> 00:00:33,533
DO THINGS THAT WOULD BE

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00:00:33,600 --> 00:00:35,502
UNIMAGINABLE TO THE GENERATIONS

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00:00:35,568 --> 00:00:36,903
THAT CAME BEFORE US.

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00:00:38,505 --> 00:00:40,106
9/11 HAPPENED EIGHT DAYS

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00:00:40,173 --> 00:00:41,674
BEFORE MY 14TH BIRTHDAY,

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00:00:41,741 --> 00:00:42,776
SO I WAS IN 8TH GRADE.

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00:00:42,842 --> 00:00:45,278
AND I WAS REALLY INSPIRED

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00:00:45,345 --> 00:00:47,147
BY HOW OUR COUNTRY RESPONDED

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00:00:47,213 --> 00:00:49,649
TO THAT REALLY TRAGIC EVENT.

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00:00:49,716 --> 00:00:50,817

IT REALLY MADE ME REALIZE

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00:00:50,884 --> 00:00:52,285

THAT I WANTED TO SERVE

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00:00:52,352 --> 00:00:53,520

AND COMMIT MYSELF TO SOMETHING

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00:00:53,586 --> 00:00:56,356

THAT WAS BIGGER THAN JUST ME.

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00:00:56,423 --> 00:00:57,957

AND THERE'S A HUGE DIVERSITY

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00:00:58,024 --> 00:00:59,626

OF OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NAVY,

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00:00:59,692 --> 00:01:00,693

WHETHER IT'S FLYING A PLANE,

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00:01:00,760 --> 00:01:01,661

DRIVING A SURFACE SHIP,

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00:01:01,728 --> 00:01:02,495

DRIVING A SUBMARINE,

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00:01:02,562 --> 00:01:03,663

BEING A DOCTOR.

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00:01:03,730 --> 00:01:04,564

AND I SPENT A WEEK WITH

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00:01:04,631 --> 00:01:06,032

THE SUBMARINE WARFARE COMMUNITY,

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00:01:06,099 --> 00:01:07,734

INCLUDING A DAY UNDERWAY,

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00:01:07,801 --> 00:01:09,536

AND I WAS SO IMPRESSED BY

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00:01:09,602 --> 00:01:11,471

THE SAILORS ON THAT SUBMARINE.

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00:01:11,538 --> 00:01:12,238

THEY JUST SEEMED LIKE

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00:01:12,305 --> 00:01:13,373

THE KIND OF PEOPLE

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00:01:13,440 --> 00:01:14,974

WHO WOULD TEACH ME

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00:01:15,041 --> 00:01:16,476

HOW TO BE A GOOD LEADER.

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00:01:18,545 --> 00:01:20,580

FOR ME, THE DREAM OF BECOMING

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00:01:20,647 --> 00:01:22,682

AN ASTRONAUT CEMENTED ITSELF

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00:01:22,749 --> 00:01:24,017

PRETTY LATE IN MY LIFE.

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00:01:24,083 --> 00:01:25,418

I WENT BACK TO THE NAVAL ACADEMY

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00:01:25,485 --> 00:01:27,687

TO WORK FOR ADMIRAL TED CARTER

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00:01:27,754 --> 00:01:28,655

AND, BECAUSE I WAS

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00:01:28,721 --> 00:01:29,556
WORKING WITH HIM,

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00:01:29,622 --> 00:01:30,223
I GOT TO GO TO ALL OF

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00:01:30,290 --> 00:01:31,324
THESE REALLY COOL EVENTS

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00:01:31,391 --> 00:01:32,158
AND MEET A LOT OF PEOPLE

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00:01:32,225 --> 00:01:33,426
WHO I HAD NO BUSINESS

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00:01:33,493 --> 00:01:34,994
TALKING TO, REALLY.

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00:01:35,061 --> 00:01:36,596
I MET ONE OF HIS CLASSMATES,

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00:01:36,663 --> 00:01:38,565
FORMER ASTRONAUT KAY HIRE,

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00:01:38,631 --> 00:01:39,833
AND SHE WAS TELLING ME ABOUT

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00:01:39,899 --> 00:01:40,767
ONE OF HER SHUTTLE MISSIONS

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00:01:40,834 --> 00:01:41,434
WHERE THEY WERE BUILDING

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00:01:41,501 --> 00:01:43,102
THE EARLY SPACE STATION.

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00:01:43,169 --> 00:01:43,670

AND I SAID, "YOU KNOW,

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00:01:43,736 --> 00:01:44,671

THAT SOUNDS A LOT LIKE

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00:01:44,737 --> 00:01:46,406

A SUBMARINE IN SPACE."

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00:01:46,473 --> 00:01:46,739

SHE LOOKED AT ME

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00:01:46,806 --> 00:01:47,340

AND SHE WAS LIKE,

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00:01:47,407 --> 00:01:48,007

"IT TOTALLY IS.

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00:01:48,074 --> 00:01:49,576

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT'S LIKE."

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00:01:49,642 --> 00:01:50,877

AND THAT WAS SORT OF

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00:01:50,944 --> 00:01:53,112

THE LIGHTNING STRIKE MOMENT.

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00:01:53,179 --> 00:01:54,214

AS A KID,

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00:01:54,280 --> 00:01:55,281

I KNEW ABOUT ASTRONAUTS,

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00:01:55,348 --> 00:01:56,015

I WATCHED

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00:01:56,082 --> 00:01:57,283

SHUTTLE LAUNCHES ON TV,

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00:01:57,350 --> 00:01:58,885

I KNEW WE WERE IN SPACE,

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00:01:58,952 --> 00:01:59,552

BUT IT NEVER SEEMED LIKE

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00:01:59,619 --> 00:02:01,421

SOMETHING THAT I COULD DO.

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00:02:01,488 --> 00:02:02,188

BUT I HAD REALLY GOOD

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00:02:02,255 --> 00:02:03,756

MENTORSHIP AT THAT TIME.

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00:02:03,823 --> 00:02:04,891

YOU KNOW, I SHARED THAT DREAM

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00:02:04,958 --> 00:02:06,926

WITH MY BOSS, ADMIRAL CARTER.

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00:02:06,993 --> 00:02:09,062

HE TURNED TO ME AND HE SAID,

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00:02:09,128 --> 00:02:09,929

"KAYLA, DO YOU KNOW HOW

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00:02:09,996 --> 00:02:11,865

YOU BECOME AN ASTRONAUT?

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00:02:11,931 --> 00:02:13,299

YOU APPLY."

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00:02:13,366 --> 00:02:15,134

AND FOR ME, THAT WAS

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00:02:15,201 --> 00:02:16,870

THE PERFECT MENTORSHIP

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00:02:16,936 --> 00:02:17,637
I NEEDED IN THAT MOMENT.

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00:02:17,704 --> 00:02:18,137
I'M SOMEBODY WHO THINKS

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00:02:18,204 --> 00:02:18,972
REALLY HARD ABOUT

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00:02:19,038 --> 00:02:20,139
EVERYTHING THAT I DO,

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00:02:20,206 --> 00:02:21,241
ALL THE DETAILS.

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00:02:21,307 --> 00:02:22,041
AND HE SAID, "YOU KNOW,

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00:02:22,108 --> 00:02:23,042
IT'S ACTUALLY PRETTY SIMPLE.

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00:02:23,109 --> 00:02:23,476
YOU JUST GOTTA

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00:02:23,543 --> 00:02:24,811
PUT YOURSELF OUT THERE.

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00:02:24,878 --> 00:02:25,378
AND YOU NEVER KNOW

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00:02:25,445 --> 00:02:26,246
WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN."

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00:02:26,312 --> 00:02:27,647
SO I DID APPLY

