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## Diwali in Outer Space



Astronaut Maya had always dreamt of celebrating Diwali in a unique way, and her dream came true when she was assigned a mission to the International Space Station (ISS). As Diwali approached, she was determined to bring the festive spirit to the cosmos, but there was one problem: lighting diyas in zero gravity.

On the day of Diwali, Maya floated in the ISS, surrounded by the vastness of space. She looked at the small clay lamps, or diyas, she had brought with her. In the absence of gravity, lighting them would be a challenge. She decided to consult with her fellow astronauts, who were equally excited about celebrating Diwali in space.

Together, they brainstormed ideas. Finally, one astronaut, Raj, suggested using a specially designed "Diwali Diya Holder" that could keep the diyas in place without the need for gravity. Maya and Raj quickly assembled the holders, attaching them to the walls of the ISS. Each holder had a small compartment to place the diya, and it was designed to keep the flame from floating away.

With the diya holders in place, Maya carefully lit the diyas one by one. They glowed brilliantly, casting a warm and comforting light in the otherwise dark and sterile environment of the space station. The astronauts gathered around, wearing traditional Indian attire. They exchanged sweets and shared stories about Diwali with each other, feeling a sense of togetherness and joy despite being far from home.

As the diyas flickered, Maya thought about the beauty of Diwali, a festival that symbolized the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. Even in the depths of space, the message of Diwali rang true.

The astronauts celebrated with a traditional meal of Indian delicacies that had been specially prepared for the occasion. They sang songs, watched videos of fireworks from around the world, and shared their own experiences of Diwali with their families back on Earth through video calls.

As the celebration in space continued, Maya realized that Diwali was not just a festival of lights, but a celebration of unity, hope, and the triumph of the human spirit. Even in the vastness of the universe, the festival brought people together and reminded them of the power of love and togetherness.