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#### Little Major Tom Vol. 20 The Unknown Planet

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Whether dangerous sandstorms on Mars, black holes in space or comet alarms: Little Major Tom, the young astronaut Stella and the clever robot cat Plutinchen set off from the space station Space Camp 1 to exciting adventures in space. With joint forces and as a strong team, the three friends master every challenge and learn about fascinating scientific phenomena around space and the planets along the way.

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- Over 234.000 copies of the series sold
- Gripping stories and fascinating knowledge
- Reading fun for boys and girls

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#### Vol. 1 Coming home

Welcome aboard the space station Space Camp 1! Little Major Tom and his friends Stella and Plutinchen are completely on their own for the very first time. But the three of them don't have much time to relax and admire the fantastic view of the Earth – the space station is being threatened by space debris!



#### Vol. 2 Return to Earth

The new spaceship Space Racer is being tested by Little Major Tom, Stella and Plutinchen. The three of them fly to Earth to find out what happens during a solar eclipse. But on their way back to Space Camp 1, another mission awaits them: the cover on the new space telescope is jammed and needs to be opened.



#### Vol. 3 Mission to the Moon

A new mission for Little Major Tom, Stella and Plutinchen! After a meteorite impact, the reflectors that help to measure the distance between the Moon and the Earth are suddenly covered with dust and stop working. The three friends have to go to the Moon and clean the reflectors again. Everything goes well until... the Moon's surface starts to shake!



#### Vol. 4 Comet Danger

A comet is approaching the Earth. Is it a threat? Tom, Stella and Plutinchen have to fly over to it on the Space Racer and do some exploring. But just as Plutinchen is collecting samples from the comet's surface, it breaks apart! A new and exciting adventure for the three astronauts!





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#### Vol. 5 Dangerous Journey to Mars

Little Major Tom, his friend Stella and Plutinchen the robot cat are all really excited! With the help of a wormhole they've been allowed to fly to Mars in a small spaceship the Space Racer! There they meet Little Major Tom's father, who has been working at a research station. They explore the region with the Marsmobile – and even discover life on the planet!



#### Vol. 6 Adventure on Mars

In this story, our three young astronauts have all been invited to Mars! But while they are exploring the red planet, a sandstorm suddenly blows up and their spaceship nearly crashes into a volcanic crater. Will our friends again master these dangerous challenges with their great courage and team spirit?



#### Vol. 7 Out of Control!

Little Major Tom, his astronaut friend Stella, and the robot cat Plutinchen are all about to set off from Mars back to Earth. At ground control, while they're all watching the astronaut training equipment, Plutinchen decides to test out the centrifuge – and suddenly finds herself in great danger.



#### Vol. 8 Lost in the Rainforest

Little Major Tom, Stella, and Plutinchen are waiting eagerly for their spaceship to be repaired. But before they can launch it back into space, they have to do a test flight on Earth – so they decide to fly into the rain forest with their school-friend Daniel. Together they explore the new location. But suddenly, Daniel goes missing! Will they find him again?





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#### Vol. 9 Under the spell of Jupiter

In this volume, our space adventurers Tom, Stella and Plutinchen use a "worm-hole" to travel all the way to Jupiter. They are all really excited as they head for the distant planet inside the Space Racer. But suddenly Plutinchen finds herself in serious danger! The book features a special "log book" section, filled with age-appropriate factual knowledge about Jupiter and the universe in general.



### Vol. 11 Who's gonna save Ming and Hu?

Little Major Tom, Stella and robot cat Plutinchen rescue the young Chinese astronauts Ming and Hu and their robot panda Neng Neng from the damaged Space Camp 1. But soon afterwards they are all called to repair the holes in the outer shell of the space station. Will the new team successfully complete this spectacular and dangerous outdoor mission?



#### Vol. 10 The Black Hole

Little Major Tom and his friends Stella and Plutinchen experience an exciting flight home from the planet Jupiter. The "wormhole" with which the three little astronauts travel back does not take them to Earth, but to the vastness of space. Not far from a black hole they can just escape its scary gravity... Another breath-taking adventure, mixed with a lot of expert knowledge.

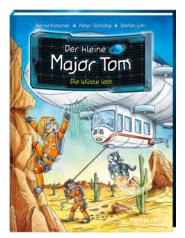


### Vol. 12 Plutinchen in Danger

After little Major Tom and Stella brought their Chinese friends back to the ISS, Robot dog Yuki is to be tested for his abilities in space. It turns out that Yuki can do everything better than Plutinchen. The roboticists on the station consider replacing Plutinchen by Yuki. But Tom and Stella are not enthusiastic about it. A final test is planned. But then a real emergency occurs and the robot cat really gets in danger...







#### Vol. 13 The Desert is Alive

Deep concern at the ground station! Two research drones have disappeared after a sandstorm. Little Major Tom, his astronaut friend Stella and robot cat Plutinchen set off on the Airship Solar 1. But things get tricky when the airship is nearly being destroyed in the desert and the friends get caught in a storm. Will the three survive the desert adventure and find the drones?



#### Vol. 15 SOS in the Venus Nebula

On their new mission, Major Tom, his astronaut friend Stella, and Plutinchen have to make an inspection flight through a wormhole to Venus and check two research airships there. What sounds boring at first quickly turns into a breath-taking race against time: The airship suddenly deviates from the preprogrammed course and threatens to ram another airship.



#### Vol. 14 Adventure in the Burning Ice

On their approach to the volcano Bárðarbunga in Iceland Little Major Tom and his friends are troubled by the unexpected onset of ash rain and dangerous lava bombs... Will they manage to take pictures of the breathtaking natural spectacle, collect dust particle samples and take temperature measurements? A dangerous mission in fire and ice awaits all fans of Little Major Tom!



#### Vol. 16 Error in the System

Still overwhelmed by their trip to the planet Venus, little Major Tom, Stella and Plutinchen want to fly back to Earth to deliver their report on the new research airships. During the technical check, they discover that their spaceship is damaged. The crew decides to have their spaceship repaired at the moon base. But strange things are happening there...



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#### Vol. 17 Rescue Mission to Pluto

Tom and Stella are on the moon when the launch of an expensive research satellite orbiting Pluto fails. In order to save the research mission, Tom and Stella launch through the wormhole to Pluto to capture the out-of-orbit satellite and return it to orbit. No easy task! A slalom ride begins. At the end of the wild chase, they are able to capture the satellite and place it in orbit.



#### Vol. 19 The Dinosaurs attack!

Little Major Tom, Stella and Plutinchen are travelling to Mexico. They want to take a look at the Chicxulub crater. The meteorite impact that formed the crater 66 million years ago is said to be responsible for the extinction of the dinosaurs. But are the dinos really extinct? Tom and Stella narrowly escape a T-Rex and find mysterious tracks. Pere Resnet & Pater Skilling & Stafan Lav Der Kleine Der Kleine

#### Vol. 18 Secrets in the Depths

Tom, Stella and Plutinchen test a new highspeed submarine and explore Loki's Castle -400 degree hot springs that are supposedly emitting black smoke. Steering the new submarine, taking the samples and not getting too close to the hot springs turns out to be a challenge. The submarine is damaged and only the robot cat Plutinchen can get out to rescue the submarine from its predicament.



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