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Elise watched as Callie sat on the sofa next to John and Alan. John looked at Kat and smiled. "See you in a month's time, Kat."

"Okay, bye for now and have a good trip. Bye, Callie." Kat replied.

The sofa began its descent, to be quickly replaced by an identical one.

Elise gasped. Virgil smiled. "See what I mean."

Virgil came over to talk to Elise and Dominic. Kat went down on her knees to Joshua. "Hi, little one. Shall we go and watch Thunderbird 3 take off?"

"Anyone else coming?" she called.

Although Virgil and Gordon had seen Thunderbird 3 take off many times, they agreed to join Kat, Elise, Dominic and Joshua.

Just as they were about to leave, Tin-Tin came in.

"Ah, Kat, just the person I was looking for. I want to take your measurements."

Virgil laughed. "Just put 'tiny'."

Kat gave him a look, but just before she could speak, Virgil put his hands in the air. "Sorry, just teasing."

Kat gave Tin-Tin a wry smile. "Guess I am getting used to all this teasing. Tin-Tin, could you possibly measure me after Thunderbird 3 has taken off? I really would like to see the launch."

Tin-Tin smiled, "Why yes, of course. It is certainly a sight worth seeing. Come back to my room afterwards."

They all stood and watched at the mighty rocket appear from the centre of the Round House. Joshua wasn't too sure about this and buried his face in his father's shoulder.

Elise and Kat looked on in wonderment. Virgil smiled at them. "It does seem amazing for the first time, doesn't it?" They both agreed.

"Well," Kat said, "I must go and be measured. See you guys later." And she left Virgil and Gordon to escort Elise, Dominic and Joshua back to the lounge.

Tin-Tin looked at Kat's measurements. "Well, I won't need much material for your uniform. What colour trim would you like?"

"Green, please. Either Emerald Green or perhaps a darker green, say Forest Green."

Emerald Green was decided upon and Kat left Tin-Tin to try and find out where the rest had gone. She found the lounge empty for the moment. She wasn't too sure what to do next. She thought that maybe she should find Brains. Even if he didn't actually need her, maybe she could watch him work.

She first looked in at the boat pen; there was no sign of him. She wandered down to the planes, but he wasn't there either. Okay, Brains, she thought to herself, then you must be in the laboratory.

Not thinking about knocking first, Kat opened the door.

"Hey, Brains," she said excitedly, "I've just said goodbye to John and Callie and watched Thunder..." She stopped and looked embarrassed as she saw that Brains had visitors. Gordon and Virgil were talking to him.

"Hello," said Virgil smiling. "Come and join us, we were just looking at the plans for Brains latest invention."

"I just wondered if you wanted any help, Brains," Kat asked, "but I can come back later."

"Kat, don't go on our account," Gordon said. "I am sure you would want to see Brains's latest Thunderbird?"

Kat stood between Virgil and Gordon and leaned over the plans.

"It's a hydrofoil, Kat," Brains said. "It will be carried in the pod with Thunderbird 4."

"Gosh, what a brilliant idea! I can't wait until I can work on it."

"Work on it?" Brains said, "I think that maybe you could help me build it."

Virgil laughed. "This I must see, you working alongside Brains, little and large."

Kat glared at him. "Just because I am small, doesn't mean that I can't do the job," she replied angrily.

Gordon smiled. "Say, Virgil, I think you may have upset the lady."

Kat looked at Virgil. "You still can't get over the fact that I can work as hard as Brains, can you?"

"I'm sorry, Kat, I didn't mean to. I was only teasing." Virgil said.

Kat turned away and continued talking to Brains.

"Gosh, Brains, it would be wonderful to actually help build it. I can't wait to start."

"Well, I think that now John and Callie have left, maybe we can start work, but it will have to fit around your training."

Virgil walked over to Kat, "Kat, I apologise. I must have sounded rude, and that is the last thing I want to appear to be. No hard feelings?" he asked.

"I accept your apology, Virgil, and no hard feelings," Kat replied, "but also please no more remarks about my size. I can get very irritated, and I can give some very caustic replies, as no doubt you may remember from Lady Penelope's New Year's Eve party. I just can't stand people who are forever talking about my size."

Virgil smiled at her. "Okay, the subject of tiny mechanics is closed. I will say no more about it." But he added, "I guess I have never seen so petite a young woman doing a man's job."

Kat glared at him. "Okay, okay, I am sorry!" Virgil laughed, raising his hands in the air in mock terror.

"Virgil, I think we had better go," Gordon said, "before you get yourself into more trouble."

With that the two young men left Brains and Kat to continue discussing the new Thunderbird.

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