

#1 Ready for Takeoff

Story Title/ (concept)	Primary Characters	Secondary Characters	Primary Setting	Secondary Setting	Details mentioned
Riddles (labeling)	Jenny	Mrs. Phips Stuart Alex Martin's mom Martin's dad	School bus	Art class Living room	Zip Rideout Space Flakes (stars & comets) Zip Rideout cosmic cereal bowl Junior Badgers Ginny Clark Laila Moffatt Alex's brothers Stuart's mom is a window designer Jenny's favorite colour is purple Mrs. Phips wears gray Stuart says 'kaboom' Alex shares his room Dad calls Martin 'sport'
Faster Blaster (kindness versus truth)	Mom Dad	Alice Ginny Auntie Joan	Home	Alice's home/backyard Pet store	Zip Rideout Zip Rideout H2O Faster Blaster

				<p>Tree fort Living room Kitchen Neighborhood Bedroom</p>	<p>Auntie Joan Zip's theme song Chocolate chip cookies are Martin's favorite Park Ranger game Zip Rideout and the orange planet Zip Rideout and the Space Olympics Green scaled monster the bed Broccoli will make Martin strong Soap will kill germs Play Park Ranger game Alice wears pigtails and crooked barrettes Mom spring cleans Mom & dad don't like toy guns Dad drives a van</p>
<p>Smithereens (jealousy)</p>	<p>Alex</p>	<p>Head Badger Bob Martin's mom Martin's dad</p>	<p>Junior Badger meeting Tupper Grove Park Martin's bedroom</p>	<p>Living room Kitchen Art room/ display case Night table by bed</p>	<p>Zip Rideout's flaming rocket Zip Rideout Space Flakes Art class is Martin's favorite subject</p>

					Art display case Zip and emergency parachute Zip and crashing into an unknown planet Zip Rideout and Space Olympics Zip Rideout Space Flakes features Zip's rocket on the back Dad says 'well done' only when he means it Monday is Junior Badger night Alex says 'holy cow'
#2 On the Lookout					
Story Title	Primary Characters	Secondary Characters	Primary Setting	Secondary Setting	Details mentioned
Yesterday's Party (unwanted guest)	Laila Moffatt	Martin's mom Alex	Martin's backyard Tree fort Kitchen	Martin's kitchen Front entrance hall	Laila's big messy orange curls Laila pulls up foot when nervous Laila blocks his

					<p>view of the blackboard and borrows his stuff Park Ranger game Zip Rideout Zip Rideout Solar System Explorer Set Park Ranger Super-Charged All-Night Flashlight Martin's yard contains a basketball hoop, swings and a slide Martin's tree fort has a ladder and a rope Zip Rideout balloons with rocket blasting across them Zip Rideout plates, napkins and paper horns Laila eats smelly tuna sandwiches, rarely wears a dress, holds up hand a lot, is smart Martin wears rocket-covered pajamas</p>
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					Backyard has a picnic table
Field Trip (being left behind)	Clark	Zoe Moffatt Mrs. Keenan (homeroom teacher) Mrs. Hurtle (school secretary) Mr. Horner (last year's teacher) Mrs. Baddeck (music teacher) Laila Moffatt Mrs. Phips	Classroom	School yard School bus Bedroom Mrs. Hurtle's office	Zip Rideout and hurtling meteor story/movie Zip Rideout Space Bars Clark has a pirate lunch box Zip Rideout Space Flakes Clark eats crayons, eraser shavings and paste. Clark is a grade below Martin Clark makes tape sculpture; likes the tambourine Martin hates scratch sticks
Polly (mistaken identity)	Stuart Alex	Principal Moody Mrs. Hurtle (school secretary) Polly (parakeet) Mr. Duncan (L.A. teacher) Mrs. Chesterton (math teacher) Mrs. Crammond	Classroom Schoolyard Neighborhood street Mr. Moody's office Art room	Beaverbrook Junior High; French classroom	Bedroom has T. Rex poster Martin wears dinosaur pajamas There's a shelf in the front entrance Zip Rideout rocket watch Boys play soccer at

		(art teacher) Mr. Sadler (school janitor)			lunch Zip says “Think to the Brink” when he is at the edge of danger Zip says “Ready and steady” on the final leg of a mission Beaverbrook Junior High Martin’s dad says ‘ooh la la’ Polly says ‘well done’ Mr. Moody has a gray beard Mrs. Hurtle wears ½ moon glasses
#3 Blazing Ahead					
Story Title	Primary Characters	Secondary Characters	Primary Setting	Secondary Setting	Details mentioned
Relish (pranks)	Alex	Stuart Clark Head Badger Bob Martin’s dad Jonathan	Junior Badger Camp Kitchywahoo	Canoeing on lake Campfire Hiking in woods	Alex is good at pranks Martin knows Morse Code Clark is good a

					sculpture Stuart plays the recorder Junior badges include Hiking, Campfire and Helping Hand Park Ranger Super-Charged All Night Flashlight Head Badger Bob drives a van Clark eats anything on a dare All-science channel Blazing Ahead is the Junior Badger motto Martin enjoys canoeing Martin likes “the works” on his hotdog Alex sings off key
Lightning Bolts (fixing things)	Martin’s dad	Aunt Laverne Volt Thundercloud Jenny	Backyard Mighty’s Small Engine Repair		Aunt Laverne has smoky blue hair, lavender perfume, a rusty voice and knobby fingers Martin has a pair of

					rocket-covered pajamas Mighty's logo features a bulldog hefting an engine Alex has a younger brother Martin's dad keeps a cluttered workbench in the garage with favorite pictures on the wall behind it Revamped lawnmower features lightning bolts Dad gives lectures on tool use Zip Rideout's salute is depicted. It means 'airplane' in sign language
#4 Sound the Alarm					
Story Title	Primary Characters	Secondary Characters	Primary Setting	Secondary Setting	Details mentioned
Moon Eyes (growing up)	Darla McGonagle	Thomas Stuart Martin's mom			Zip Rideout: All Systems Ready (the movie)

		<p>Martin's dad Mrs. Phips Admiral Bruce</p>			<p>Zip Rideout jacket (with the star-shaped zipper pull, extra padding at the elbow, and badge of honor) Zip Rideout cereal cards (rare card is the one featuring Zip's first rocket) Zip Rideout lunchbox (with the rocket for a handle and entire galaxy painted on the side) Zip Rideout loyalty pledge (extended version) Zip Rideout space goggles There is a ceiling fan in the entrance way of Martin's house Martin's room has a bookshelf filled with toys he wants to save Darla likes to dance Lost planet of Astro Cereal card</p>
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					featuring Zip's first rocket is rare Martin has sheets with orbiting satellites Martin's kitchen has a wall clock Zip Rideout poster Zip says, "Onwards and upwards" at the start of every mission Admiral is Martin's sleeping buddy, a stuffed furry turtle he retires Dad says "Ooh la la" Zip discovers lost planet of Astro; meets Crater Man for the first time Martin knows how to make a milkshake Sheets have pattern of orbiting satellites Dad calls mom "lamb chop" Dance move is: Front. Side. Cross, cross, tap
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Props (fear)	Stuart	Stuart's mom Store manager Police officers Zip Rideout The Zipper Martin's parents	The Toy Store	Props shed The Zipper (interior includes flashing control panels and maps of galaxies)	Props shed is usually locked Stuart's mom hates spiders Stuart's mom works as a stage set designer for The Velvet Curtain Theater Stuart hates clowns Martin hates mannequins The Toy Box is six blocks from Stuart's house; has a bike rack at the side; big kid stuff on the 2 nd floor; biggest toy store in the city; has an accordion gate upstairs; has clowns on the 1 st floor Zip Rideout aisle: rocket kits, space goggles, H2o Faster Blasters, Solar System Explorer

					<p>Sets, movie posters, lunchboxes, jackets, watches, pajamas, sheets & toothbrushes</p> <p>The Zipper: Zip Rideout's rocket with flames in reds and oranges</p> <p>Episode 24: Zip Rideout and the wormhole (Stuart's all time favorite)</p> <p>Episode 16: includes a crash landing</p> <p>Park Ranger Super-Charged All-Nigh Flashlight</p> <p>Stuart knows shadow puppets</p> <p>Martin once got lost in a store</p> <p>Mom's only fear is losing him</p> <p>Police siren goes wee-woo</p>

#5 Out of Orbit

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Crosswalk	Harper	Mr. Avalon Principal Moody Alex Stuart Mrs. Keenan Mrs. Crammond Laila Mrs. Hurtle	School Art studio	Parade	Laila dresses up as a fairy princess Martin has a lobster costume Last year's school play had an underwater theme (Alex and Stuart were boulders) Harper says "You'll see" and brags about a flying bike and his mega malted energy shake. His dad owns a hardware store and a van. There are flower boxes at Martin's house and his curtain are rocket-covered Martin's tree fort has a Keep Out sign School has double steps separated by a

					railing, a boys' locker room, and a wooden bench outside the principal's door
Spyder	Spyder Mapleson	Martin's mom Martin's dad Alex Stuart Mrs. Crammond Zip Rideout Crater Man King of Astro Admiral	Tree fort Art studio	Hospital	Martin wants to be an astronaut, or maybe an illustrator Zip has a loyalty pledge (page 66) Playing with solar system explorer sets There's a reference to Alex locking his brother out of their bedroom by gluing the door shut Antigravity bounce device=pogo stick There is a reference that Alex has been to the hospital many times Stuart is squeamish at blood Martin has a rocket-covered blanket Zip has an accident-free record Spyder Mapleson

					has bushy eyebrows and wears black Zip t-shirts Pluto isn't a planet Martinians live in tree forts and get around on pogo sticks
#6 In High Gear					
Story Title	Primary Characters	Secondary Characters	Primary Setting	Secondary Setting	Details mentioned
Science Fair	Martin Alex Laila Gibson	Mrs. Keenan Scoots	Classroom	Martin's room Carter's beach School gym	Mrs. Keenan has a clipboard Laila is pushy, has pointy shoulders, loves detailed schedules Martin, Alex, Stuart and Laila worked on a group project Scoots is a lucky cat Martin's school has a science fair each spring in the gym He once did a solo project on the trajectory of rockets; took out the

					<p>overhead lights Makes reference to water balloons in Yesterday's Party and slime in Relish, as well as Alice's pet hamster in Faster Blaster Gibson is lucky and easy-going and has a lucky pencil, a mom who has protest signs, an uncle who works at a radio station, a lucky pencil and a label maker Prize is Zip Rideout's special science edition comic book Stuart is a good printer</p>
Bicycle	Martin Aunt Laverne Darby	Martin's parents Cameron Scoots	Martin's home	Darby's shop (Bicycle Recycle) Mini-mart	<p>Martin and Aunt Laverne are almost the same height She is described the same way as in Lightning Bolts: rusty voice, blue hair, knobby</p>

					<p>fingers, lavender perfume Aunt Laverne wears a matching hat, coat and purse, and owns grey felt slippers She tells people that they need to learn a thing or two. She likes to cluck her tongue Scoots is mentioned Dad challenges Aunt Laverne for the first time Martin is Aunt Laverne's sister's grandson Darby has huge hands and is practically bald; he's a retired police officer</p>
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7 The Sky's the Limit

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Earplugs	Martin Fletcher	Head Badger Bob Stuart	Martin's house	Junior Badger Lodge	Martin doesn't like loud noises

		Alex Curtis		Harbormaster's boat	Curtis wears glasses Zip Rideouts's supernova card game Curtis hums to himself Fletcher likes to read; doesn't like lemon chicken Martin doesn't like banana and yoghurt
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Wormhole	Martin	Alex Stuart Martin's dad Martin's mom Laila Mrs.Phips Mrs. Keenan	Bus and classrooms	Martin's bedroom	Zip Rideout's Space Race Game, featuring a glow-in- the-dark map of the Milky Way, genuine chip from a meteor, inflatable planets, life-size cutouts of Zip Rideout and Crater Man and a wormhole Martin can't keep a secret Need to avoid the exploding yellow nebula

#8 Onwards and Upwards

Story Title	Primary Characters	Secondary Characters	Primary Setting	Secondary Setting	Details mentioned
Keyboard	Mom Martin	Dad Polar Pete Stuart Alex Mrs. Baddeck Curtis Harper's dad Kyle's dad Clark's mom	Tree fort	Living room Kitchen Martin's bedroom Street	Martin's mom loves yard sales and bartering Polar Pete sells ice cream flavours related to Zip Rideout Zip Rideout's Space Race Game Martin's mom has no musical talent but has tried the guitar, trumpet, and violin, and will try the keyboard and drums Zip Rideout Space Flakes Reference to water works sprinkler concept Earplugs for fireworks Onwards and Upwards as Zip

					would say; also theme song Drawing underwater scenes while listening to music Harper's dad owns the hardware store Kyle's dad has a printing business Clark's mom owns a bakery
Rope	Martin Laila	Alex Stuart Kyle Head Badger Bob Park Ranger Museum biologist President of Reptile Society Military Historian			Laila's lunchbox features Rosie the Riveter Laila eats tuna sandwiches Laila has messy orange curls, block his view of the balckboard, borrows his pencil crayons, smiles at him when she gives the right answer Junior Badgers meet on Monday nights Junior Badgers are about rocket launchings, surviving in the

					<p>woods and building weapons.</p> <p>Laila cleans up on Awards Day</p> <p>Laila can climb rope</p> <p>Laila beats Martin at Zip Rideout's Space Race Game,</p> <p>Laila organizes team projects</p> <p>Includes the Junior Badger pledge (page 64) which is recited whenever troop goes off track</p> <p>Includes the secret salute (page 65)</p> <p>Martin's favorite chocolate chip cookies</p> <p>Junior Badger Lodge has double doors and a rope circuit</p> <p>Opening burrow starts with waving of gigantic flag with logo</p> <p>Laila pulls foot up when nervous</p> <p>Next level is Trail</p>
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					Makers Kyle has terrible breath Martin gets badge for bicycle safety Badge of Courage introduced Reference to school play where Martin had to take the lead role Reference to movie: Zip Rideout and the Revenge of Crater Man Reference to Polly episode
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