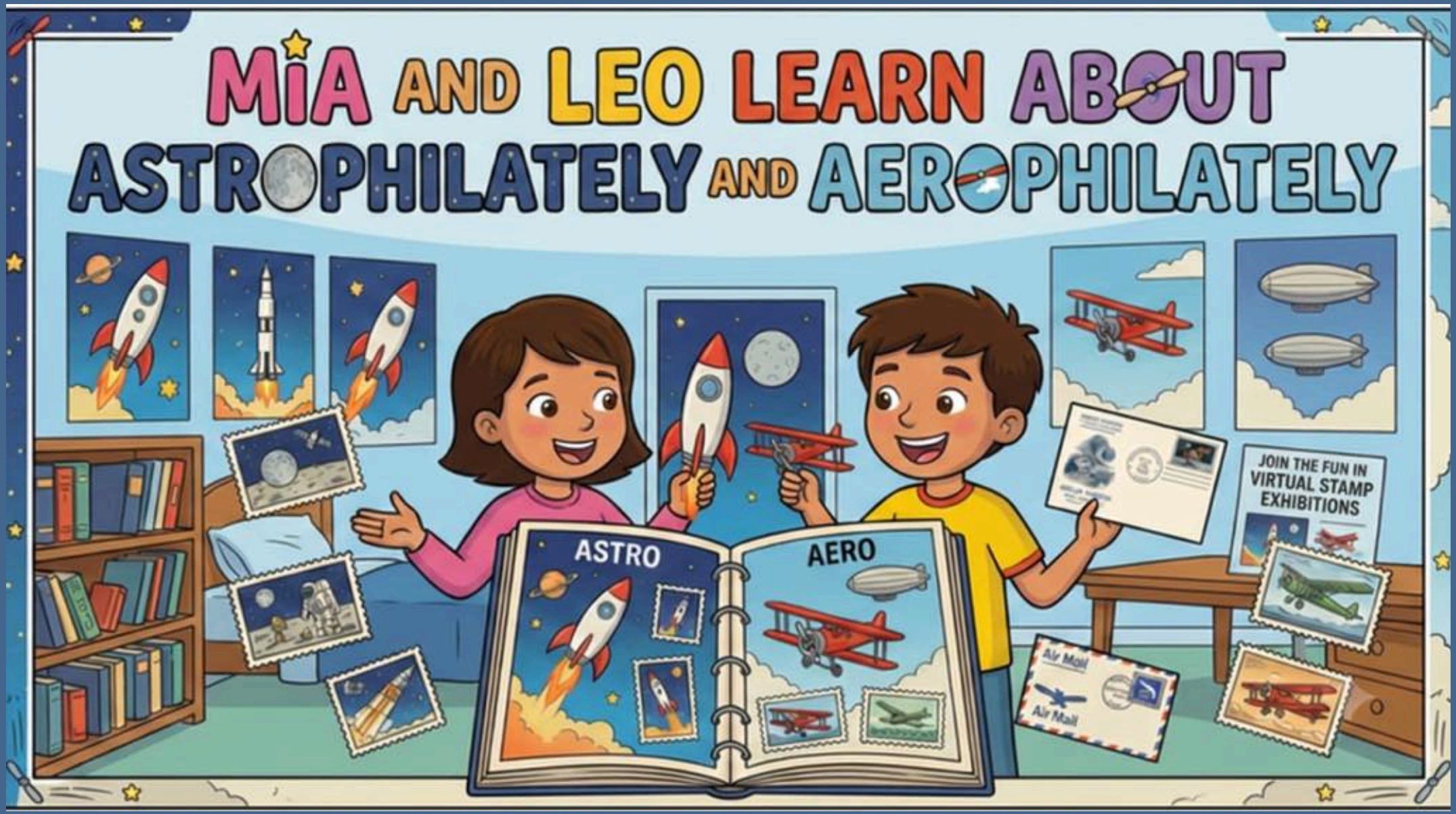
MIA AND LEO LEARN ABOUT
ASTROPHILATELY AND AEROPHILATELY
ASTRO
AERO
JOIN THE FUN IN
VIRTUAL STAMP
EXHIBITIONS
Air Mail
Air Mail

Look, Mia! My collection isn't just stamps, it's about SPACE! Welcome to ASTROPHILATELY!
Astro... philately? What's that?

It's the specialized study and collection of philatelic items—stamps, covers, and postmarks—related to space exploration! Like this amazing stamp of a rocket launch!

So why is it so exciting, Leo?
It's historic! We collect covers actually flown to space or postmarked on the day of major events like Moon landings! Look at this Apollo 11 anniversary cover!
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That's awesome! But who decides the official rules for what counts?
The Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP)! They set the international guidelines and standards for all philatelic exhibiting, including Astrophilately!
FIP

We build exhibits to tell a space story! You arrange your collection on pages with titles and write descriptions, then exhibit at local clubs, national shows, and even HUGE international FIP exhibitions!
Exploring the Moon: Apollo Missions
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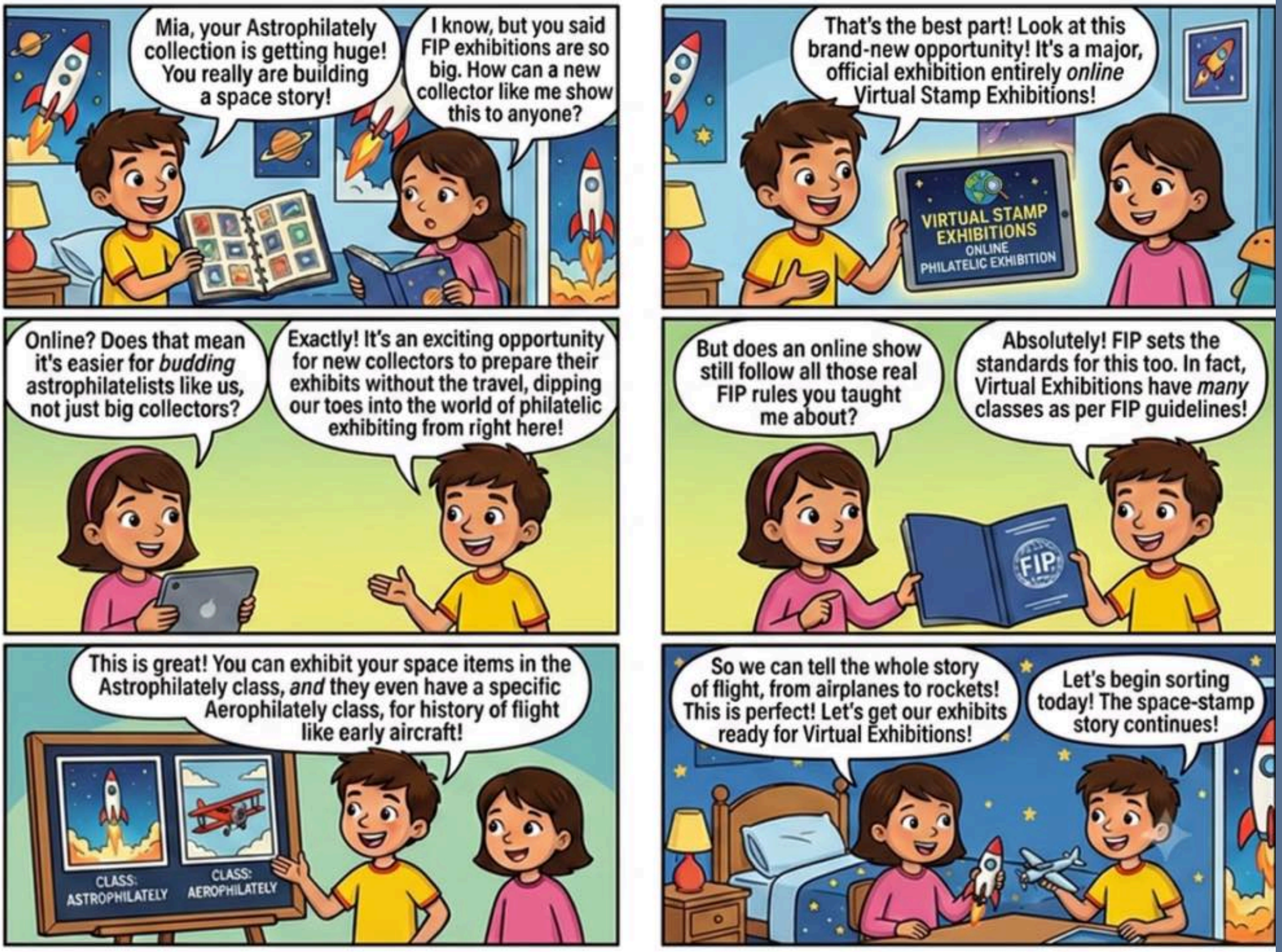
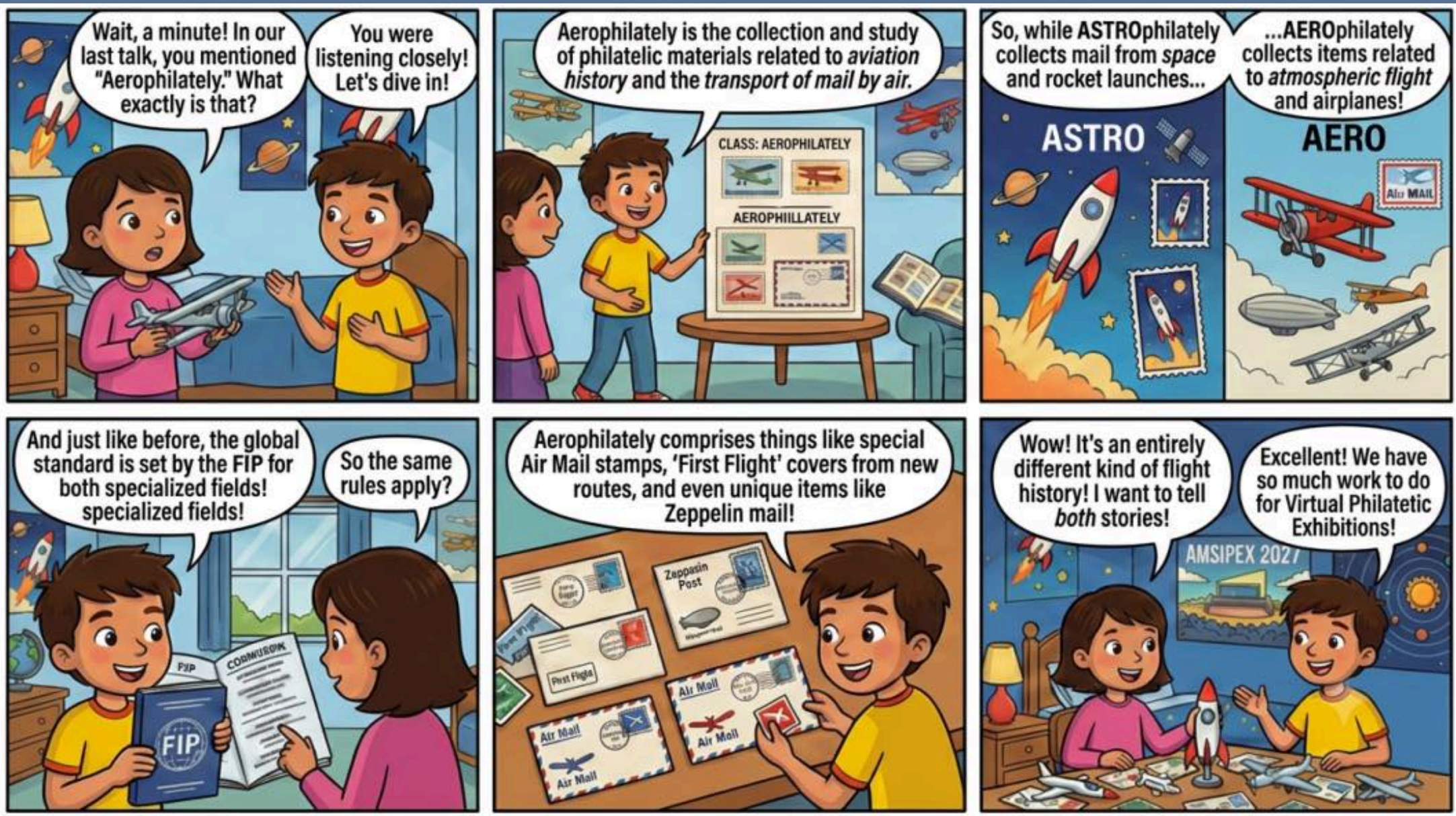
So join the adventure! Astrophilately is a thrilling hobby that blasts off into history!
Wow! I want to collect my own space stamps now!


Mia, your Astrophilately collection is getting huge! You really are building a space story!
I know, but you said FIP exhibitions are so big. How can a new collector like me show this to anyone?
That's the best part! Look at this brand-new opportunity! It's a major, official exhibition entirely *online* Virtual Stamp Exhibitions!
VIRTUAL STAMP EXHIBITIONS
ONLINE
PHILATELIC EXHIBITION
Online? Does that mean it's easier for *budding* astrophilatelists like us, not just big collectors?
Exactly! It's an exciting opportunity for new collectors to prepare their exhibits without the travel, dipping our toes into the world of philatelic exhibiting from right here!
But does an online show still follow all those real FIP rules you taught me about?
Absolutely! FIP sets the standards for this too. In fact, Virtual Exhibitions have *many* classes as per FIP guidelines!
FIP
This is great! You can exhibit your space items in the Astrophilately class, *and* they even have a specific Aerophilately class, for history of flight like early aircraft!
CLASS: ASTROPHILATELY
CLASS: AEROPHILATELY
So we can tell the whole story of flight, from airplanes to rockets! This is perfect! Let's get our exhibits ready for Virtual Exhibitions!
Let's begin sorting today! The space-stamp story continues!


Wait, a minute! In our last talk, you mentioned "Aerophilately." What exactly is that?
You were listening closely! Let's dive in!
Aerophilately is the collection and study of philatelic materials related to *aviation history* and the *transport of mail by air.*
CLASS: AEROPHILATELY
AEROPHIILLATELY
So, while ASTROphilately collects mail from *space* and rocket launches...
...AEROphilately collects items related to *atmospheric flight* and airplanes!
ASTRO
AERO
Air Mail
And just like before, the global standard is set by the FIP for both specialized fields! specialized fields!
So the same rules apply?
FIP
Aerophilately comprises things like special Air Mail stamps, 'First Flight' covers from new routes, and even unique items like Zeppelin mail!
Zeppelin Post
Air Mail
Wow! It's an entirely different kind of flight history! I want to tell *both* stories!
Excellent! We have so much work to do for Virtual Philatetic Exhibitions!
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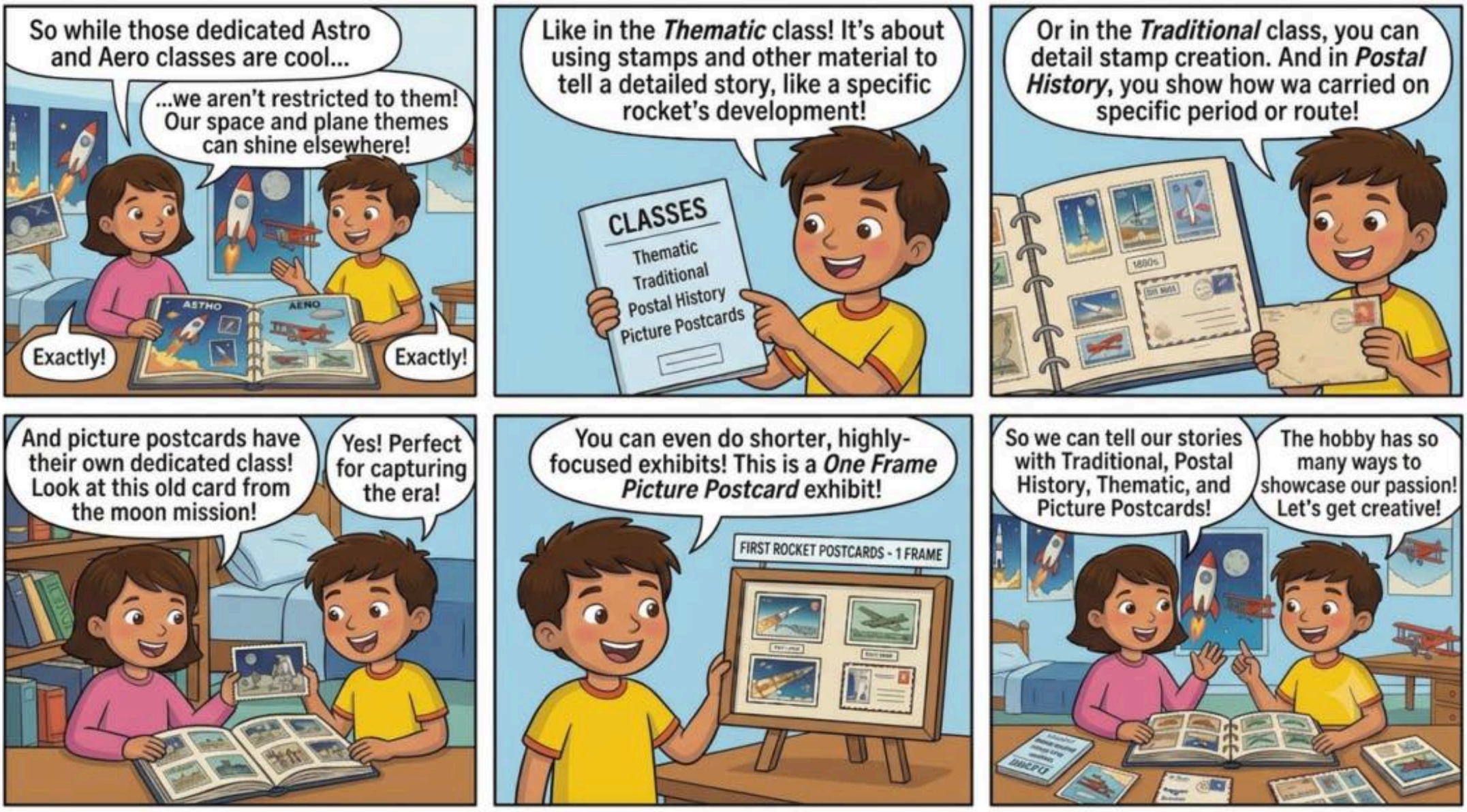
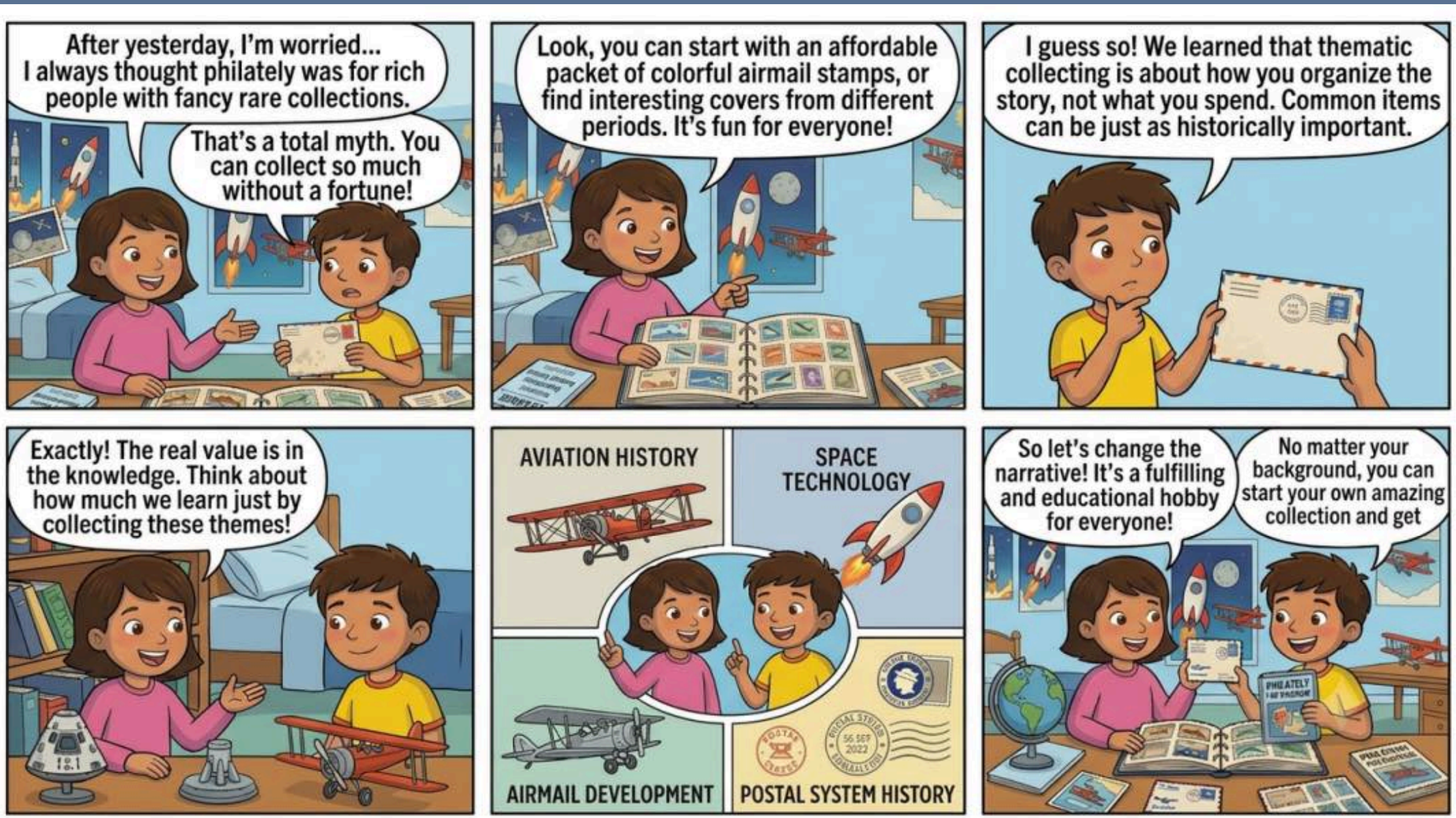

So while those dedicated Astro and Aero classes are cool...
...we aren't restricted to them! Our space and plane themes can shine elsewhere!
ASTRO
AERO
Exactly!
Exactly!
Like in the *Thematic* class! It's about using stamps and other material to tell a detailed story, like a specific rocket's development!
CLASSES
Thematic
Traditional
Postal History
Picture Postcards
Or in the *Traditional* class, you can detail stamp creation. And in *Postal History*, you show how wa carried on specific period or route!
1890s
And picture postcards have their own dedicated class! Look at this old card from the moon mission!
Yes! Perfect for capturing the era!
You can even do shorter, highly-focused exhibits! This is a *One Frame Picture Postcard* exhibit!
FIRST ROCKET POSTCARDS - 1 FRAME
So we can tell our stories with Traditional, Postal History, Thematic, and Picture Postcards!
The hobby has so many ways to showcase our passion! Let's get creative!


After yesterday, I'm worried... I always thought philately was for rich people with fancy rare collections.
That's a total myth. You can collect so much without a fortune!
Look, you can start with an affordable packet of colorful airmail stamps, or find interesting covers from different periods. It's fun for everyone!
I guess so! We learned that thematic collecting is about how you organize the story, not what you spend. Common items can be just as historically important.
Exactly! The real value is in the knowledge. Think about how much we learn just by collecting these themes!
AVIATION HISTORY
SPACE TECHNOLOGY
AIRMAIL DEVELOPMENT
POSTAL SYSTEM HISTORY
So let's change the narrative! It's a fulfilling and educational hobby for everyone!
No matter your background, you can start your own amazing collection and get

This is great, Leo, but how can we learn even *more* and meet people like us?
Joining stamp and cover collecting clubs is a big way! Let's find one!
Look! This local club has meetings for new and young collectors! We can learn from experienced experts.
And maybe see their massive collections!
LOCAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY
There are so many online resources and specific websites just for Astro and Aero Philately! We can ask questions globally.
ASTRO & AERO PHILATELY RESOURCE FORUM
And check out these online auctions! We can find unique items to bid on, not just in shops.
PHILATELIC ITEMS - SALES & ONLINE AUCTIONS
This is a rewarding hobby for a lifetime, too. Knowledge of space and history never stops developing.
Learning is a life-long process, for adults and kids.
Exactly! There's no age limit. It's a hobby we can take from childhood right through adulthood and beyond!
A LIFELONG HOBBY - LEARNING FOR LIFE

THANK YOU FOR JOINING OUR PHILATELIC JOURNEY!