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was dead quiet, accept for the gentle whirl of the fan blowing air threw his spacesuit. It was one of the most spectacular sights he had ever seen.

3 The work astronauts do on spacewalks is extremely important. They make improvements to the ISS, conduct experiments, and make repairs. On Arnold's first spacewalk, he and his crew had to install a 16-ton peace of equipment.

4 Each spacewalk comes with certain dangers, though. Space is the most hostile environment known to humans. If you were to take a space stroll wearing nothing but the clothes on your back, you would suffocate your blood would boil and death would come within minutes.

5 The only thing that stands between an astronaut and the killer vacuum of space is the spacesuit—also known as the “Extravehicular Mobility Unit.” The spacesuit is a magnificent piece of equipment, developed over decades by scientists and engineers at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). It has 14 layers and over 18,000 pieces weighs more than 200 pounds and costs some \$12 million. Most important of all, it has everything an astronaut needs to stay alive. It pumps oxygen in and lets carbon dioxide out. (Carbon dioxide is what you exhale; it can be poisonous to breathe in large

quantities of it.) A tough shell around the torso protects against flying debris.

6 The suit also protects astronauts from the extreme temperatures which they encounter in space, which range from 250 degrees Fahrenheit in direct sunlight to 250 degrees *below* zero in the shadows. But while their spacesuits may stop astronauts from roasting or freezing to death, the astronauts can still get rather sweaty. And because spacesuits are used over and over and are difficult to clean, they can get a bit, er, stinky.

7 As for other issues—say, an itchy nose? Astronauts just have to deal. It takes several hours to suit up and get out the door for a spacewalk, so there's no going back unless it's a life-or-death emergency. “We're outside for six to seven hours,” says Arnold. “If you have to sneeze, you sneeze. If your nose itches, you find a place in your helmet to scratch it.” The microphone in the helmet, that astronauts use to talk to each other and to the ground crew in Houston, Texas, makes a good scratcher. As for bathroom breaks, well, that's what the “maximum absorbency garment” is for! ●



FIND IT/FIX IT

DIRECTIONS: Can you find and fix all the errors in the article? Write the answers on your own paper.

Paragraphs 1, 2, & 3: Spell check won't catch these mistakes. Can you find and correct all six?

Paragraphs 4 & 5: Four commas have been sucked into the vacuum of space! Please add them.

Paragraphs 6 & 7: It seems that our writer is a bit confused about how to use the words “which” and “that.” Please fix two mistakes.

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