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Look who is reading Tintin on the space station

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Tintin, the much-loved Belgian cartoon character, whose fictional adventures in the early 1950s helped millions of children visualise trips to the Moon, has reached space, thanks to UAE astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi.

Al Neyadi shared an image of himself reading *Explorers on the Moon*, one of the two-part series of comic books on Tintin's space adventure.

"One of the comics I read on the ISS is that of Tintin – a visionary series originally written in the 1950s that dreamt of space travel even before humanity took its first leap into orbit," Al Neyadi said in his tweet on Saturday.

Childhood nostalgia

Before setting off on his historic six-month-space mission, Al Neyadi had spoken about how he had been inspired, as a child, by space cartoons. He carried small toy rockets from Tintin comics to the orbital laboratory.

In the photo tweeted by Al Neyadi, one can see a miniature model of the famed red and white-striped rocket that took Tintin and his team to the Moon and another figurine of Tintin wearing an astronaut's space suit against the backdrop of a window on the ISS.

Musk and Tintin

It was earlier reported that SpaceX founder Elon Musk modelled his iconic Starship rocket after Tintin's rocket.

In 2019, when SpaceX renamed their 'Big Falcon Rocket' to 'Starship,' Musk was quoted as saying that he loved the Tintin rocket design and so "wanted to base [its design] towards that" and "if in doubt go with Tintin".