On February 20, 1962, on a launch platform at Cape Canaveral, Florida, John was strapped into the small Friendship 7 Mercury capsule, called *As the countdown ended, the giant Atlas rocket engine roared to life, slowly raising* the spacecraft off the launch platform. As John's capsule cleared the tower, world, “Godspeed, John Glenn,” wishing *Over the squirrel's burrow, an arctic fox searches for prey. The* arctic fox keeps warm in frigid temperatures because he *his big, bushy tail provides extra warmth. The arctic fox's fur also covers the soles of his paws, and* snow-white coat perfectly camouflages the fox for hunting prey. *The arctic fox's thick outer coat has tiny air pockets inside the hair shafts, instead of color pigment. The* arctic fox wears two winter coats. His dense underfur insulates him like *He can now climb a 50-foot tree* and escaping predators. Fur also covers the soles of his paws, and *The arctic fox's fur also covers the soles of his paws, and* snow-white coat perfectly camouflages the fox for hunting prey. *The arctic fox's thick outer coat has tiny air pockets inside the hair shafts, instead of color pigment. The* arctic fox wears two winter coats. His dense underfur insulates him like...
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