Achievement Backstory

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong made history. He became the first human to set foot on the moon. People around the world watched and listened as Neil slowly climbed down the ladder of the lunar lander. He then stepped on the moon's surface where he could look up and see Earth far above him. His words resonate today, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

Armstrong took his picture of Buzz Aldrin who joined him on the moon. Pilot Michael Collins, who remained in orbit, was the third member of the historic Apollo 11 team.