

After almost 20 years in space, NASA's Cassini spacecraft began the final chapter of its remarkable story of exploration: The Grand Finale. Twenty-two dives through the space between Saturn and its rings – a whole new science mission into unexplored space.

The finale not only revealed new details about Saturn and its complicated system of rings and moons, it also ensured two of Cassini's great discoveries – moons that might harbor conditions for life – will remain pristine for future exploration.

On Sept. 15, 2017, Cassini plunged into Saturn becoming part of the planet itself.

Inspiration for this retro poster came from the famous 1963 diptych by Roy Lichtenstein titled Whaam!

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