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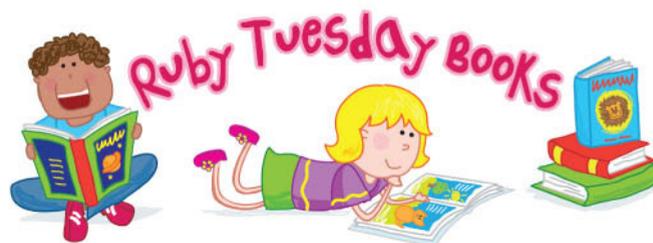
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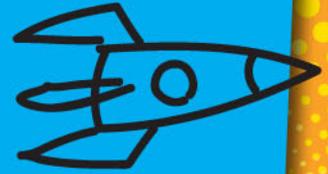
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# Welcome to Venus



Imagine a scorching hot world that is millions of miles from Earth.

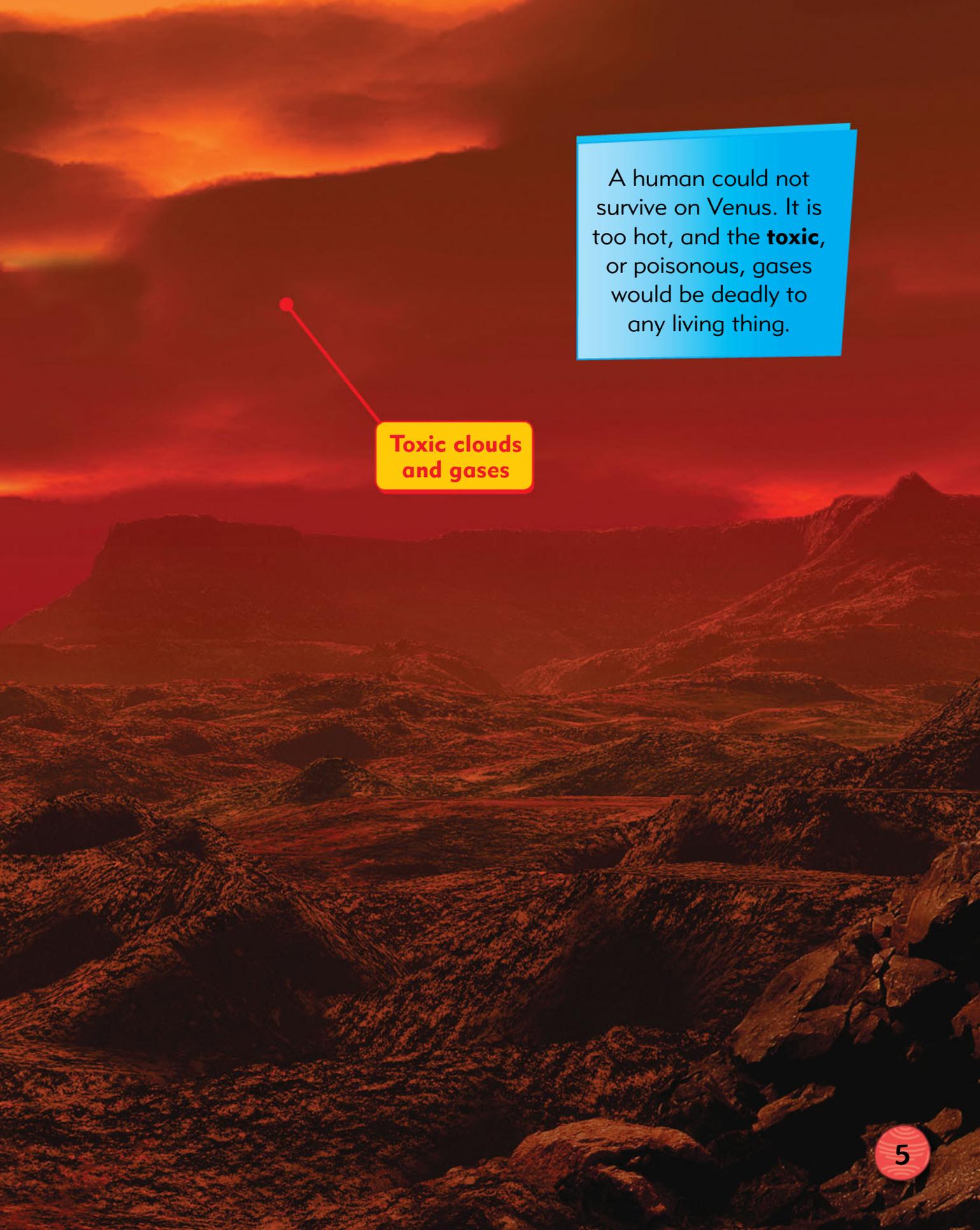
The land is rocky, and there are more than 1,000 **volcanoes**.

It is daytime, but it looks like night.

That's because a thick layer of clouds and poisonous **gases** blocks out the Sun's light.

Welcome to the **planet Venus!**

Spacecraft have visited Venus. They sent information about the planet back to scientists on Earth. This picture was created on a computer using that information. It shows how the surface of Venus might look.

A dramatic, reddish-orange landscape of Venus, showing a sunset sky with a yellow callout box pointing to the toxic clouds and gases. The landscape is rocky and hilly, with a prominent mountain range in the background.

A human could not survive on Venus. It is too hot, and the **toxic**, or poisonous, gases would be deadly to any living thing.

**Toxic clouds  
and gases**

# The Solar System



Venus is moving through space at about 78,000 miles per hour (126,000 km/h).

It is moving in a big circle around the Sun.

Venus is one of eight planets circling the Sun.

The planets are called Mercury, Venus, our home planet Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.

Icy **comets** and large rocks, called **asteroids**, are also moving around the Sun.

Together, the Sun, the planets, and other space objects are called the **solar system**.

Most of the asteroids in the solar system are in a ring called the asteroid belt.



An asteroid

# The Solar System

Venus is the second planet from the Sun.



The solar system is home to small planets, called **dwarf planets**. Pluto is a dwarf planet.

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## The Hot and Toxic Planet

Millions of miles from Earth, a rocky, scorching-hot world circles the Sun. On this planet, daytime feels like night because the Sun's light is blocked by a thick layer of toxic clouds and gases.



**Welcome to Venus!**



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