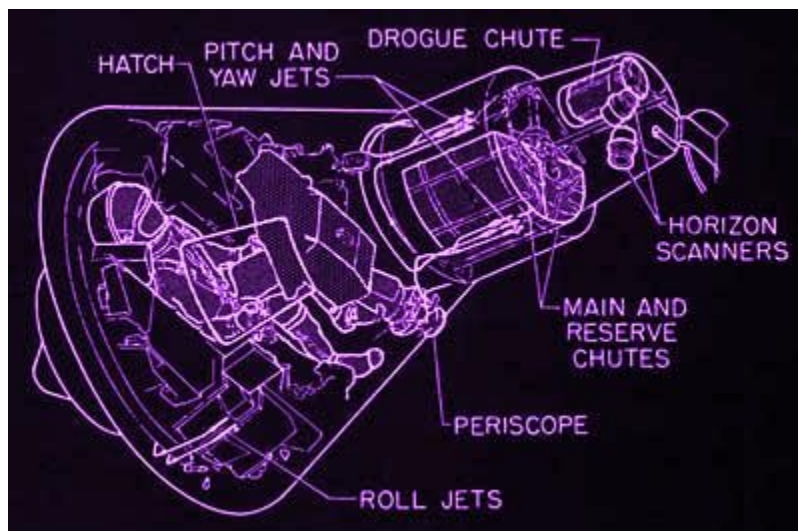




disconnected

the space walk is over
someone has cut the umbilical cord
the astronaut is disconnected from the spacecraft
he flaps + kicks but drifts away
he shouts + cries but isn't heard
soon he will run out of air
maybe he'll bump into another spacecraft first
the others go on about their business.



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