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After the accident Homer felt guilty. He believed that it was all his fault, and somehow he caused it. He felt, well he couldn't feel anymore. He didn't know what he was going to do to make the hurt go away. He decided that he was going to give up rocket building.

His friend thought he should continue. He went from people to people and they all told him the same thing. That he should continue to make his rockets. His teacher Miss Riley told him that when it hurts the worst, that's when you need to give it everything you have.

Sherman told Homer the day and time when Mrs. Byovski was leaving when Homer got there he apologized and profusely saying it was his fault. After he said this Mrs. Byovski was sad. She said it wasn't his fault Ike Byovski could have gone back anytime he wanted, but they got used to the money. He asked what he could do for her. And she said keep launching those rockets.

That Saturday they launched Auk XXI. They broke the 4,000 feet barrier. This was their last rocket with rocket candy. They were now going to switch to zinc dust and sulfur for their new propellant.