EGYPT 2300 B.C. (BLACK SCREEN/WHITE TYPE)

INT-THRONE ROOM RAMSES II-DAY

RAMSESII(40 something, Athletic) Sits on his throne taping his fingers on the left arm of the throne showing his impatience. A frustrated look across his face as he has to listen to MOSES(50 something bearded) and his brother AARON(40 something bearded) make pleas to him.

MOSES

Come on Ramses, This is crazy. You mean to tell me in all the world, you can't find other slaves? Let my people go already. We have a desert to explore.

RAMSES

Moses, Baby. I'd love to help you. But I got construction deadlines. I got to put 3 Pyramids in the ground by New Years. And besides, where am I going to find slave labor as good as you last minute?

MOSES

Ethiopians?

RAMSES Nope. Too Far. And I don't speak Hamaric.

MOSES Mesopatians?

RAMSES Nope. They drink.

MOSES So what are you saying?

RAMSES

Listen Boobie. I'd love to set you free on your desert adventure. But you guys are the best and you work for free. Sorry can't help you kid.

MOSES

You do know that my God is the one and only God. If I call him you'll be in big trouble.

RAMSES

What is this? Threats. I got 10 Gods right here. Please don't play that God card with me. You got nothing. Nothing.

MOSES

Okay. You leave me no choice. One last chance. You going to let my people go or do I phone the big guy?

RAMSES

Please, Enough. I don't have time for this. I am already late for the 2nd Chariot race at Alexandria. And I got a sure thing on Magic Sphinx in the third. So if you will excuse me. Guards escort Moses and his Brother out.

EXT-DOORS OF PALACE-DAY

Guards carrying large spears escort Moses and Aaron by the arm out of the throne room. They then slam the door behind them. Aaron looks at Moses with a very angry look.

AARON

Way to go Genius. Like things aren't bad enough. You have to piss off the leader of Egypt. Bright. Really smart. What are we going to do now?

MOSES There you go again with the negative waves, baby. Have a little faith. Have a little faith. Give me a minute to think.

AARON

Well, don't think too long we got to get out of here. Remember you got an appointment with God and that Burning Bush. You don't want to keep him waiting.

MOSES

Again have a little faith. I got it. Why don't I call God and ask him if he can throw down some plagues. 10 is a nice round number don't you think? You know the basic MOSES stuff boils, locust, water into blood the whole nine yards.

AARON I thought you said 10?

MOSES It's just a figure of speech. Keep up.

AARON Okay sounds good. But did you pay this months cell phone bill? It's kind of a long distance call.

MOSES

Of course I did and besides who cares about roaming charges? We're going to be doing enough roaming for the next 40 years on our way to the promised land.

AARON

You better be right about this. He's not to happy about the comments you made last time about his beard. So be nice, Moses.

MOSES What? All I said is that he should get it trimmed. He'll look more like a mensch. What? relax.

Moses pulls out his I phone from his robe. He presses God's number. He waits while it rings. Aaron starts to pace back and forth quite anxious.

MOSES

It's ringing! Hello God. It's me Moses. Did you get that fruit basket I sent? Yeah. Yeah. Great. Listen, I need a little favor. For crying out loud what are you yelling about? I haven't even asked you yet.

AARON Moses, Watch your temper. Be nice.

MOSES

Okay. Okay. Listen you think you can help us out and throw down 10

MOSES

plagues on Ramses here in Egypt. Nothing fancy. Some boils. Some locust. Maybe turn water to blood no big stuff like parting Seas or anything just your basic package. Ah Huh. Ah Huh. Sure. Okay You got it. Thanks. Who's better than you?

AARON

So come on. What did he say? What did he say?

MOSES

He said he's booked till Saturday. But said he can throw down 10 plagues starting on Monday. On one condition.

AARON What's the condition?

MOSES

We can't worship anyone but him. He is the one and only and we swear to obey him forever and ever as long as we live.

AARON That's not bad. So you took the deal right?

MOSES Of course I did. What do I have stupid written on my forehead? Come on let's go home and pack and tell everyone. Today Egypt. Tomorrow the promised land.

Spain 1492(black screen/white type)

INT-THRONE ROOM OF KING AND QUEEN-DAY

KING FERDINAND(50's something,heavy set) and QUEEN ISABELLA(40's something) are both sitting looking quite bored as COLUMBUS(40 something) and his first mate ANTHONY(30 something) try to persuade the royals to give them the money to build three ships and find a shorter trade route to the east.

> COLUMBUS This is a sure thing. A lock. We just need 3 ships. Take it out of the banquet budget.

KING FERDINAND

Senor Columbus, with all due respect it is not about the money. It is the insanity of what you propose. Everyone knows the world is flat. No this is absurd.

COLUMBUS

But what if they're wrong. Don't you see what this will do for your popularity. You'll be on the Cover of Royalty Quarterly. Other Monarchs across Europe will shower you with tribute.

KING FERDINAND

But what if you're wrong. Than what?

COLUMBUS

Big deal. The world loses one Italian and a bunch of sailors. But if I'm right, And I know I am. You will be the richest King in Europe.

KING FERDINAND

I don't know. What do you thing my dear?

QUEEN ISABELLA

Well, He does have a point. If he's right we will make France and England look really stupid. Which is always a good thing. Plus He's right you will be the richest King. Bar none.

KING FERDINAND

Well, I'm not completely sure. But Her majesty always has good instincts. Let us sleep on it and come back tomorrow.

COLUMBUS

Okay, Tomorrow But I am a free agent here. I can bring this plan to the French or the English.

KING FERDINAND

Are you threatening us Senor Columbus? Do you really think the French or the English will say yes to such an insane plan?

COLUMBUS

Do you want to take the chance? Hey I came to you guys first. Up to you. But You say No tomorrow. I walk. Capish.

KING FERDINAND I think it is time for you and Anthony to leave. Come back tomorrow morning and you will have our answer. Guards escort them out.

Two Spanish guards in Helmets escort Columbus and Anthony out of the throne room. Then they close the doors.

EXT-DOORS OF PALACE-DAY

ANTHONY

Way to go Boss. Insult the King of Spain. When are you going to learn? You got to be nice with these Royalty types.

COLUMBUS

Hey FUGGETABOUTIT. They got the dough. I know they will come up with the money.

ANTHONY

Oh yeah, What makes you so sure?

COLUMBUS

Let's just say I know what the Queen likes. And she wants some Italian sausage.

ANTHONY

Are you nuts. You'll never get into the palace. Let alone her bedroom.

COLUMBUS

Who said I am going to do that? She knows where I live. I am sure she will come to me tonight. If I give her some of this. She'll give us the dough.

ANTHONY

Boss, that is some ego you got. They should name a holiday after you.

COLUMBUS

Oh, they will. How could they not? Everyone wants a three day weekend once in a while.

ANTHONY

I hope you're right. So what do we do now?

COLUMBUS

You go round up the boys. Tell them we are going to be doing some contract work and the pay is going to be sweeeet!!!

ANTHONY

You got it Boss. Should I call Tony "the Hammer" Pazzalli as well as Joey "the saw" Farello?

COLUMBUS

Absolutely We are going to need the whole crew. Capisce?

ANTHONY Sure, No problem. What are you going to do?

COLUMBUS I'm going home to get ready for a little royal visit tonight. You

follow?

ANTHONY Yeah, I follow.

COLUMBUS Driver 23 calle de Coranado. And step on it.

Columbus rides off in a taxi coach. Anthony walks down a side alley muttering to himself counting on his fingers who and how much of a crew they will need.

USA, 1958(Black screen/white type)

INT-OVAL OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE-DAY

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER(60's something) is standing behind his desk. He is yelling at the joint chiefs. He is very angry. He paces back and forth.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER General Bradley I have had it with these Russians. We should have dealt with them back in 1945 and just kept going. We had the Army. We wouldn't be in this mess now. I want a solution to this General and I want it now.

President Eisenhower slams down the phone. Sits down and swivels in his chair to look out at the rose garden. He takes a deep sigh of frustration and shakes his head.

> PRESIDENT EISENHOWER God damn Ruskies. If only there was a way to show them up without blowing them off the face of the Earth. There's got to be a way. There got to be.

Intercom on President Eisenhower's desk buzzes. He swivels around and answers.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER What is it now Mary?

MARY(UNSEEN) Your 10 AM appointment is here, Mr. President. Those ex- Nazi rocket scientists. Werner Von Braun and Hans Gruber.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER Great first Ruskies, and now Nazis. Can my day get any better? Have them wait five minutes than send them in.

MARY(UNSEEN) Yes, Mr. President

WERNER VON BRAUN, (German, heavy set, 50's) and HANS GRUBER(German, thin, 40's something) enter the oval office. They shake hands with President Eisenhower and the President motions them to sit down on a couch.

> PRESIDENT EISENHOWER So gentleman, I'm not to happy with your rockets so far. That explosion at Vandenberg last month does not give me a lot of faith.

WERNER VON BRAUN

That's why we wanted to see you Mr. President. We have a new project in mind with a new kind of multi stage rocket that could get us to the Moon.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER The Moon? You boys have not been nipping at the schnapes again have you?

WERNER VON BRAUN No, Mr. President I gave up drinking years ago. I understand your skepticism but if you just give me and Mr. Gruber 5 minutes I think you will see.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

Sure, I can give you boys five minutes go ahead. But, this better be good. We went through a lot of trouble to get you here. The Russians have the rest of you. And from what I've seen it looks they got the Better rocket scientists so go ahead. I'm listening.

Werner Von Braun sets up an easel. Hans Gruber takes out the drawings of the Saturn V rocket. Then Hans Gruber sets up another Easel with the flight plan of the journey from the Earth to the Moon.

WERNER VON BRAUN As you can see Mr. President this is the most powerful rocket ever created by man. It is multi stage. It will have the ability to launch a capsule with 3 men free of the Earth's gravitational field. And send them on a course to the Moon. Once they break free of orbit, the final stage will separate and the capsule will turn around and dock with the lunar lander. The trip will take 3 days there and three days back. We feel we can have everything ready with in 5 years.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER Let me get this straight. You are saying you can send 3 men to the Moon and return them safely to Earth?

WERNER VON BRAUN Yes, Mr. President that is what We are saying.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER And in your opinion how much will this cost?

WERNER VON BRAUN We estimate around 2 Billion Dollars.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER 2 Billion dollars? Now I know you have been drinking schnapes. I can't go to Congress and ask for that kind of money after the track record you guys have had. Almost everything you launch blows up.

WERNER VON BRAUN Let me blunt Mr. President. All the rockets we have launched were variations on our original V2 designs from World War II. This is completely new technology. And besides as you are so fondly pointing out the "Other" Nazi scientists that the Russians have are working on this too. So It is us or them. Which flag do you want on the Moon first theirs or yours?

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER And you say this technology will work? And get us to the Moon and back in one piece?

WERNER VON BRAUN Yes Mr. President. I know we can beat the Russians to the Moon. Give us the money and we will do it.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER You know Mr. Von Braun you just might have the solution to my problem with those goddamn Ruskies. PRESIDENT EISENHOWER Take the High ground and Hold it. Well Gentlemen I can think of no higher ground than the Moon. Come back in a few days and let me see what I can do.

WERNER VON BRAUN Thank you Mr. President. And just one more thing. When you find the money for this we want to be separate from the military. We believe it should be a separate civilian agency to do this. We feel it should be called The National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Or NASA for short.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER I like that. NASA. Has a nice ring to it. Okay see Mary on your way out and tell her I said to set up another appointment for you next week.

WERNER VON BRAUN Thank you Mr. President

HANS GRUBER Thank you Mr. President.

President Eisenhower shakes Werner Von Braun's and Hans Gruber's hand and escorts them to the door of the oval office.

INT-SECRETARY'S OFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-DAY

WERNER VON BRAUN The President said to schedule an appointment for us a week from today.

MARY

Really? Well you Gentlemen must have made a good impression on "Ike". Let me see, okay I can give you next Tuesday at 11 AM. Is that okay.

WERNER VON BRAUN Is that okay with you Hans. HANS GRUBER Oh ya ya. Das is gut.

WERNER VON BRAUN You must forgive my associate 10 years in your country and still he does not learn English. Good Day to you.

MARY Yes, Gentlemen The President will see you next week. Please be on time.

HANS GRUBER Wie are German. Wie are always on time. Ya?

WERNER VON BRAUN We will be going now. Have a good day.

EXT-SOUTH PORTICO DRIVEWAY OF WHITE HOUSE-DAY

Werner Von Braun and Hans Gruber get into a waiting car. They drive off. Werner Von Braun looks at Hans Gruber with an angry look on his face.

WERNER VON BRAUN

What is wrong with you? We are asking for 2 Billion dollars to go to the Moon. We are not going to get it if you are rude with the President's secretary.

HANS GRUBER Stupid Americanskkie they are not as smart as us. They need us.

WERNER VON BRAUN

There you go again with those negative waves. This is a mother loving beautiful rocket we designed. These are beautiful people that are going to give us the money to build it. Have a little faith Hans. Have a little faith. okay.

HANS GRUBER

Ya, Ya

WERNER VON BRAUN When was the last time you got laid?

HANS GRUBER Why do you ask?

WERNER VON BRAUN I think you need some maybe it will calm you down.

HANS GRUBER

Ya. Ya.

USA 2017(black screen/white type)

INT-OVAL OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE-DAY

PRESIDENT TRUMP(60 something, Full head of red Hair) sits with arms crossed. Occassionally takes out pocket mirror to check his hair. ELON MUSK(40 something) head of SpaceX and ROBERT COLLINS(50 something,tall) NASA administrator are standing in front of his desk making the Mars mission presentation.

> PRESIDENT TRUMP You have ten minutes to present you're case gentlemen or you're fired. Oops I forgot I'm not on TV now am I?

ELON MUSK

Mr. President during your campaign you pledged to make America great again. We stand here today to help you fulfill that promise.

PRESIDENT TRUMP

Really? That would be historic in itself. A President elected on a campaign promise and now that promise full filled. Okay you now have my attention. Wait let me check my hair once more. Okay. Proceed.

ELON MUSK

Yes Mr. President. With our new Falcon Heavy rocket and our Mars Colonial Transport we can send 100 astronauts to the surface of MARS within 8 months.

ROBERT COLLINS

Mr. President we at NASA have already calculated the flight plan. Our rovers and orbital surveyors have mapped every inch of the surface. We know where the water is. We know where the best organic compounds are. We have 3 possible landing sites. All of them suitable for successful habitation.

PRESIDENT TRUMP

Hold on now, gentlemen I saw "The Martian". It did not go so well for Matt Damon. What makes you think this will work?

ELON MUSK

Mr. President, In every great leap forward for mankind there are always risks. But I think of the greater risk if we did not do this and are left here to stagnate and succumb to the extinction of Earth from global warming.

PRESIDENT TRUMP

Wait a minute. What is all the doom and gloom? Have a little faith Elon have a little faith!

ROBERT COLLINS

Mr. President we did all the groundwork to assure the missions success. And think of it. If we do succeed you will surely go down as the greatest President of all time.

PRESIDENT TRUMP

Yes, It would be good for my TV ratings. Okay bottom line. How much is this going to cost?

ELON MUSK

With a 5 year development and manufacturing schedule which includes a fleet of 3 Falcon Heavies and 3 MCT's. We can bring it in for 14.5 Billion.

PRESIDENT TRUMP

That's a lot of lettuce. Why can't you build just One Falcon Heavy and one MCT.

ELON MUSK

Well, We need back up ships. And we hope that when successful we can continue to send more each year to MARS.

PRESIDENT TRUMP You guys are serious? You really want to build a city on Mars don't you?

ROBERT COLLINS Mr. President no offense But you spent your whole career building. We figure who's better than you to pull this off.

PRESIDENT TRUMP

You realize this is going to take one hell of a speech to convince the American people and Congress that it's a good idea, right?

ELON MUSK Mr. President I share Mr. Collins sentiment if anyone can make this happen it's you.

PRESIDENT TRUMP

Well I do like the idea. Give me a week to go over it with my advisers and tell Joanne my secretary to set up an appointment for you to come back next week.

ELON MUSK Thank you Mr. President

ROBERT COLLINS Thank you Mr. President.

MARS 2023(Black screen/white type)

EXT-MARS COLONIAL HABITAT ONE-DAY

COMMANDER GLENN(36, Grand daughter of John Glenn))and her expedition of 20 start to do their first survey of the Martian terrain when they see an impossible sight.

COMMANDER GLENN Houston, We have a problem.

In front of them are thousands of Jews from the ten tribes of Israel lead by Moses in robes and pulling camels. AARON

Moses, I told you we should have turned left at that last mountain. What is with all these red rocks?

MOSES

Will you relax. Have a little faith baby. Have a little faith. I'll just call the big guy. He'll help us.

AARON

Yeah but who are they? And what is that they are wearing?

MOSES Probably just tourists. Just pass the word back to everyone in the Caravan to wave.

Moses and Aaron and everyone else in the caravan waves as they pass Commander Glenn and her expedition. Commander Glenn and the rest of the Astronauts wave back in disbelief.

THE END

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