

A Musky Initiative

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(Lights up. Interior of spaceship moments before departure. ISAAC is strapped in his chair, ready for launch, the peak of professionalism. After a moment ALBERT walks in wearing sunscreen a hawaiian t-shirt, lei, and holding a beach ball. He settles in behind ISAAC. Who, due to the constraints of his seat, can't turn around fully to see him.)

ISAAC

(without turning around)

Greetings fellow spaceman! I'd just like to start off by saying how honored I am to share this experience with you. My grandfather, Philip J. Fry always dreamt of going to space but sadly he passed away last year. Now I carry on his definitely non-fictional legacy by-

ALBERT

You want some peanuts?

ISAAC

Ex-excuse me?

ALBERT

Well i guess they're not really peanuts. Cashews. Maybe pistachios? Definitely not walnuts.

ISAAC

I'm sorry, did you bring food with you?

ALBERT

Ah, man, they tried to sell me that astronaut Ice Cream bull, but it tasted like my au pair's crap attempt at a flan.

ISAAC

Au pair?

ALBERT

Yea! Like, a nanny? Kinda? It tasted worse with her tears in it. By the way, I'm Albert.

ISAAC

Albert, huh? The dossier on you said that you were a graduate of Harvard?

ALBERT

Mhm! Not actually. Graduated from Harv.Aird, best online community college west of my daddy's business ventures. Go Albatrosses!

ISAAC

Albatrosses?

ALBERT

Yea! Our school colors are white and off-white!

ISAAC

I'm sorry, but how did you get to be on this maiden voyage? I don't meant to sound rude but I donated quite a lot of money to be the first space tourist around the moon.

ALBERT

Well, my dad is really rich, so he bought me the best Gen Ed Astronomy teacher money could buy! (Both look at Anca with cheesy grins)

ISAAC

Uh huh...well I'm sure if Elon picked you there must be a reason.

ALBERT

Mr. Musk is an old friend of my dad's! Well, if you don't mind me, I'm gonna turn in for a nap. I get carsick. Wake me up when we get there?

ISAAC

A nap? Do you think this is some kind of trip to your daddy's country club?

ALBERT

Certainly not , my man! Well, depending on which one you're talking about. I mean, there's a Trump Golf in Scotland, Ireland, multiple locations in Florida alone--

ISAAC

(turning around as best he can)

NOT MY POINT! Did you know the distance from the earth to the moon is about--

ALBERT

384.4 million meters... I know. I'm a heavy sleeper, man.

ISAAC

Wait, what are you wearing? Didn't you put on the suit they gave you?

ALBERT

It's a bit snug around the crotch. Chubbies are much more comfortable.

ISAAC

Well chubbies won't protect you from all the radiation in space! Or the cold! Or the lack of, y'know, OXYGEN!!

ALBERT

Bruh, these chubbies are reverse-engineered to withstand even the *coldest* of brews being dumped on my lap. Of *course* they'll keep me safe in space. If I realized how much of a dweeb you look like, I wouldn't have tried so hard.

ISAAC

What do looks have anything to do with ANYTHING?

ALBERT

Gotta impress the space babes, ja feel? All my friends are going to Cancun for spring break but that place is gonna be a sausage fest for the poor! In space my chances are much better.

ISAAC

You do realize that we are the first people going beyond low-Earth orbit since the 1972 moon landing, right? This is monumental! Elon Musk even said, and I quote, "This would do a long loop around the moon." A. LONG. LOOP. AROUND. THE. MOON!!! We are pioneers in a new era of human travel! We're paving the way for colonization of the moon! Mars! Venus! Other solar systems eventually! This isn't just a spring break trip! Eventually, we'll break out of the Milky Way to other galaxies, journey on to local clusters and discover superclusters! Perhaps we'll be able to colonize other planets! Well... not you and I... that's biologically impossible and I'm getting the feeling that I really hate you, anyway--

(Hears snapchat filter in the background)

Are you even listening to me?

ALBERT

Dude, they gave us our own Snapchat filter! Look at that, they even put $F=ma$ at the bottom. Fun = Moon and Astronauts!

ISAAC

WHAT! That's not what it stands for, it's--

INTERCOM

This is Houston to Dragon Two--

ALBERT

Newton's Second Law, Force equals mass times acceleration. You know, the kinda thing anyone who has EVER taken a gen ed knows? Pisshaw.

ISAAC

This is Dragon Two, reading you loud and clear Houston.

INTERCOM

It sounds like we have a science expert on board! Good job Albert. You certainly are the best Harv.Aired has to offer! And I'm not just saying that because I was paid to!

ALBERT

Thank you, Houston!

ISAAC

This is absurd! My knowledge is clearly superior.

INTERCOM

Is that so? Perhaps we'll have ourselves a little quiz then. This will be perfect in case auto-pilot fails and you guys have to jump into action!

ALBERT

All right! I have a one-sided cheat sheet. Is that cool, Mr. Houston?

INTERCOM

Anything for you, Albert.

ISAAC

What? I wasn't aware there'd be a quiz!

INTERCOM

Tough jerky, yah Mary. First question, radio-waves are a form of light; true or false?

ALBERT
TRUE!!!

ISAAC
FALSE!!!

ISAAC

Everyone knows you listen to a radio.

ALBERT

Actually, Isaac, It's true because radio waves exist on a spectrum of wavelengths along with gamma, ultraviolet, visible light, infrared, microwave, *then* radio. Visible light is the only light we can see. Just because we can't see it doesn't mean it isn't a classification of light.

INTERCOM

Albert: 1, Superior Knowledge: 0

ISAAC

Now wait just a minute, wise guy--

ISAAC

No please, my grandfather's legacy! Do you know how much I sacrificed? I didn't go to my senior prom for this!

(He is gone)

ALBERT

Later, tater!

INTERCOM

Albert, say hello to your new co-pilot!

(COPERNICUS enters)

COPERNICUS

Hey man, my name's Copernicus but you can call me the Copy cat! HEEL-TO THE-YE-TO THE-YO-TO THE-CENTRIC!!!

ALBERT

Awe bruh! Can't wait to go around the moon with you!

COPERNICUS

Same here! Want some peanuts?

(BLACKOUT)

