

Far Into the Sun

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INT. SPACE SHIP - NIGHT (???) MAYBE IT'S DAY.

A lone ASTRONAUT in a space suit is strapped to his seat. Up above is a speaker. On his left and right are a number of shelves holding snacks. In front of him is a microphone, a joystick and countless buttons on a funky see-through dashboard. In front of that stuff is a window that goes from roof to floor. Through the window, a huge sun is seen getting closer and closer at a moderate speed. By its sides are black space and stars.

ASTRONAUT

Well this is it, base. It seems we're finally going to find out what's in the heart of the sun...

The SCIENTIST is heard through the speaker.

SCIENTIST 1

I bet it's just more sun...

SCIENTIST 2

I bet it's another civilisation.

ASTRONAUT

Are you ABSOLUTELY sure I'll be fine? I mean... I'm kinda scared, to be honest...

SCIENTIST 1

Ha! The spaceship you're in is tougher than algebra!

ASTRONAUT

You think algebra is tough?

SCIENTIST 1

Errr...

ASTRONAUT

You do, don't you?

SCIENTIST 1

Look, I know what I'm doing, everyone does, just chill out.

SCIENTIST 2

I can do algebra.

ASTRONAUT

Chilling out in the centre of the sun?

SCIENTIST 1

Hopefully, yes!

ASTRONAUT  
Hopefully?

SCIENTIST 1  
Look, it's been explained you might be burned to human crisp inside a flaming and complicated Kevlar shell, but there are risks in everything! Even crossing the road.

ASTRONAUT  
You mean risks if you're a squirrel?

SCIENTIST 1  
Sure, why not.

ASTRONAUT  
Have you ever run over a squirrel?

SCIENTIST 1  
No, but I've seen plenty of roadkill.  
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SCIENTIST 2  
If it makes you feel better, I have, too.

ASTRONAUT  
And what does that tell you?

SCIENTIST 1  
There are risks in everything if you're a squirrel?

The ASTRONAUT shakes his head.

ASTRONAUT  
Ok, never mind. Anyway, remember when that guy went into a black hole, and he just saw pictures of penises, everywhere? You don't think that's going to happen again, do you?

SCIENTIST 1  
Ummmm....

ASTRONAUT  
You genuinely don't know?

SCIENTIST 1  
I have to admit, anything could happen...

ASTRONAUT

What were all those penises about anyway?

SCIENTIST 1

Well... If how black holes work is a mystery, the penises take things to a whole new level.

ASTRONAUT

So no one knows?

SCIENTIST 1

To this day? Not a clue.

SCIENTIST 2

A prank from aliens, maybe?

Now the blackness of space has completely gone. All that is seen are huge orange flames and solar storms.

ASTRONAUT

The sun's getting really close, now..

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SCIENTIST 1

Yes. Your eyes are my eyes.

ASTRONAUT

Ok. I'm going in!

The orangeness is gone. All that is seen all around, are millions and millions of plastic cases with 'Vitamin D supplements' written on them. It's hard to see the logos. As the ship slowly travels forwards, the containers in the way get knocked over.

ASTRONAUT

Well, would you look at that? Vitamin D supplements as far as the eye can see...

SCIENTIST 1

Well that explains that mystery, I suppose...

SCIENTIST 2

No way...

ASTRONAUT

Do you think it's safe to take some for myself?

SCIENTIST 1

I think you're getting enough vitamin D for now...

ASTRONAUT

No, we could sell some. 'Solar Vitamins'. Could be a gold mine!

SCIENTIST 1

I think the containers are far more impressive. I mean... you'd think they'd melt!

The ASTRONAUT leans forward as far as he can.

ASTRONAUT

Huh.

SCIENTIST 1

What?

ASTRONAUT

Look at the logos on the containers..  
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SCIENTIST 1

More penises?

ASTRONAUT

Yep.

SCIENTIST 1

Makes you sick. All those years in Harvard and all you get is juvenile humour.

ASTRONAUT

Maybe there's a deep meaning behind them?

SCIENTIST 1

Oh come on. What could that possibly be? It's just a dumb joke, isn't it?

SCIENTIST 2

I hope to God the whole of space isn't like this...

ASTRONAUT

Let's just continue with the mission. It can't be JUST vitamins and crude drawings, could it?

SCIENTIST 1

Just go back.

ASTRONAUT

If you say so...

SCIENTIST 2

If you go much further, 'Far Beyond the Sun' by Yngwie Malmsteen will probably start playing... I mean, who knows, right?

ASTRONAUT

I think that's pretty cool.

SCIENTIST 2

Yes, but it would only be to mess with you.

A neoclassical guitar solo is heard blasting out. The Vitamin cases shake.

ASTRONAUT

My God, you were right. I hear it now.

SCIENTIST 2

Just get out of here, I can't deal with much more weirdness.

YNGWIE MALMSTEEN is seen hovering above, playing a guitar and pushing the tablets out of the way with his instrument. He then gives a huge smile and waves to the ASTRONAUT.

ASTRONAUT

Did you see that, base?

SCIENTIST 1

Crystal clear.

ASTRONAUT

But he's not beyond the sun, he's in the sun...

SCIENTIST 1

Again, I don't care anymore.

ASTRONAUT

Maybe I should say hello?

SCIENTIST 1

Turn back, now. We can't have people finding out NASA's budget is spent on THIS.

The ASTRONAUT begins turning his spaceship around. MALMSTEEN waves goodbye.

Bye...           ASTRONAUT