

Pluto
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EXT. PLUTO - NIGHT

A MAN (30) in a spacesuit, slowly bounces up and down in a forwards direction on a featureless gray world. Stars are bright.

SPACEMAN

Base, I'm getting the feeling this will be yet another pointless mission. I'm not seeing anything.

A MALE VOICE (40) is heard in the SPACEMAN'S helmet.

BASE

Just keep bouncing. Back on Earth, we're absolutely CONVINCED everything will be fine. Exciting, even.

The SPACEMAN keeps traveling.

SPACEMAN

Yeah, well I'm not sure if I can handle exciting. Interesting, maybe. But not your definition of the word.

BASE

Look, how many more pranks can there be? You just have a warped view of space because of a handful of freak events.

SPACEMAN

Freak events? All of the last four missions have been absolute disasters!

BASE

Space is a huge place. You know that. You also know that such 'pranks' are hugely expensive. The rest of space simply can't afford to be silly!

In the distance a one foot tall, gray ALIEN wearing a suit is seen carrying some sort of a sign.

SPACEMAN

Oh for the love of God, what's happening now?

BASE

What do you see? I can't see anything in your body camera...

SPACEMAN

It's an alien carrying a sign. It probably says for us to flip off.

BASE

Ohhh yeah.

SPACEMAN

I'm going back right now, I can't handle this crap any more.

BASE

No, please!! This is precisely the reason we all got into the space program! He's probably going to welcome you, that's all!

SPACEMAN

Fine.

The SPACEMAN jumps towards the ALIEN. As it gets closer, the sign can be read. It says 'Make Pluto a planet again! :)'

SPACEMAN

Oh here we go.

The ALIEN puts his hand out to the SPACEMAN. They shake hands.

ALIEN

My God am I pleased to see you! You see...

SPACEMAN

(interrupting)

Well I'm not glad to see YOU.

ALIEN

I'm sorry?

SPACEMAN

What are you going to say next?? Make Pluto a planet so you aliens can have an excuse to laugh at us??

ALIEN

You're not making any sense...

SPACEMAN

No, YOU'RE not making any sense! I'm absolutely sick of this!

ALIEN

I just want...

SPACEMAN
 (mocking him)
 'I just want, I just want!' You know
 what I want? For you to grow up!

ALIEN
 I'm not asking for much, I...

SPACEMAN
 How about you do ME a favour?

ALIEN
 (confused)
 Go on...

SPACEMAN
 Whatever you're planing right now,
 just drop it! Ok?

ALIEN
 I'm honestly not planning anything,
 I'm just...

SPACEMAN
 You're going to moon me, aren't you?

ALIEN
 No!!!

SPACEMAN
 You'll probably think of something
 really witty when doing so...

The ALIEN reaches into his pocket and retrieves a card.

ALIEN
 Look, here's my business card.
 Please. Read it.

SPACEMAN
 No.

BASE
 Read the note...

The SPACEMAN stamps his foot and takes the card.

SPACEMAN
 Fine! It says 'We Plutonians are a
 proud race. All we want is to be
 recognised. If you don't appreciate
 us, we won't appreciate Earth.'

SPACEMAN
 I don't give a toss!

ALIEN

Oh my word!

SPACEMAN

NOW YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL! Now look at my bum!

The SPACEMAN puts his hands on his trousers and drops the card.

BASE

NO! You'll die if you pull your trousers down!

The SPACEMAN puts his hands on his hips.

SPACEMAN

Fine.

ALIEN

Read the rest of my card...

The SPACEMAN picks up the note.

SPACEMAN

(reading)

P.S. I love spacemen.

The ALIEN winks.

SPACEMAN

Again, I don't care.

BASE

Come on. The alien is being perfectly reasonable to you. He's not going to moon you, so be nice to him.

The SPACEMAN shakes his head in disbelief.

SPACEMAN

Look, alien. There's nothing wrong with being a dwarf planet. It's actually very fitting as you're a dwarf, too!

The ALIEN looks down and taps his foot slowly.

ALIEN

Very funny. You claim that I'm the rude one, even though I've clearly done nothing to you. That was taking the pee.

SPACEMAN
Calling you a dwarf was simply an
observation.

The ALIEN stares through the SPACEMAN'S soul.

 ALIEN
Well calling you a prick is an
observation, too.

 SPACEMAN
Ha! I knew it! What are you going to
say next? Maybe you'll make a pun on
my name?

The ALIEN sighs.

 ALIEN
What is your name?

 SPACEMAN
Sam.

 ALIEN
Super Sam.

The SPACEMAN scratches his head and pauses.

 SPACEMAN
Huh.

 BASE
Seems like a nice alien to me...

 ALIEN
So, what do you say? Make Pluto a
real planet again?

 SPACEMAN
Errr...

 ALIEN
It's not asking a lot...

 SPACEMAN
Ok, fine.

 ALIEN
Great! There's just one thing...

 SPACEMAN
Yes?

The ALIEN smiles.

ALIEN

Now you're on Pluto, you only have
two toes. Because it rhymes.

The SPACEMAN stares at his boots in horror.

SPACEMAN

Noooooo!!!!

ALIEN

Afraid so.

SPACEMAN

What about my fingers???

ALIEN

They're fine. It's just your toes.

SPACEMAN

Noooooooooo!!!!