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EXT. ROCKY FIELD - SUNRISE

[BLACK AND WHITE]

TITLE FADES IN:

DWARF PLANET PLUTO HAS A 15.8 TIMES WEAKER GRAVITY PULL THAN EARTH

TITLE FADES OUT, LEAVING: PLUTO

INT. STAIRWAY - EARTH ASTRONOMICAL TWILIGHT

GREEN EYES locks his apartment door, goes to see a person waiting for the elevator. Walks by in disgrace and enters the stairway. He jumps from the first floor to the ground floor. There, he unlocks his bike and leaves.

EXT. ON-HILL PARK

Green Eyes rides his bike across the playground while sun is rising over the cityscape.

EXT. SIDEWALK OUTSIDE TARTARUS DORSA SPACE CENTER

Green Eyes rides his bike toward the drive-in of the space center. When he arrives, he shows his eyes to the scanner. The scans are successful, and Green Eyes goes through.

INT. ENTRANCE, TARTARUS DORSA SPACE CENTER

Green Eyes walks inside, locks his bike and starts jumping the stairs.

INT. CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE APARTMENT - EARTH NAUTICAL TWILIGHT

Green Eyes enters, Chairman is nowhere to be found. In the living room, on the low table near the couch, Green Eyes finds a paper note: "Reach me mobilly" and headphones near it. He puts them on and calls Chairman.

GREEN EYES

Sir? It's me.

CHAIRMAN

Hey, good.

GREEN EYES

Now tell me why I didn't find you here.

CHAIRMAN

The expedition came earlier than planned. Sorry. Why don't we go for a walk?

GREEN EYES

(awkward pause)

We?

CHAIRMAN

Yes, we. I'm with you right now.

GREEN EYES

(scoffs)

If you say so.

EXT. FOREST PARK - EARTH CIVIL TWILIGHT - LATER

Green Eyes is taking a walk.

GREEN EYES

(sarcastic)

So... I need money for something.

CHAIRMAN

Okay, for what?

GREEN EYES

A space program. It's called Momen.

CHAIRMAN

Latin?

(sarcastic)

Wow, very clever, let me say.

GREEN EYES

It means 'force', 'mass', 'movement' that kinda stuff. Thought it'd be clever.

CHAIRMAN

And...? What does it do?

GREEN EYES

Assist in exploring space, obviously.

CHAIRMAN

Vague. That's what I'm doing right now.

GREEN EYES

No, you're not. You're taking a walk with me.

CHAIRMAN

And exploring secrets of space is just as easy. Theoretically.

GREEN EYES

To do? Lemme say, you're mentally and literally out of this world--

CHAIRMAN

No. It's just as easy to come up with. What is your main idea? What is Momen's goal?

GREEN EYES

Well... We're increasing the potential of our centrifugal spacecraft.

CHAIRMAN

So... Gravity.

GREEN EYES

You could say that.

CHAIRMAN

You're recreating the planet's gravity in space. Hm. Wasn't that hard to phrase.

INT. INTERVIEW ROOM - DAY

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Green Eyes is at a table, about to interview a new employee.

INTERVIEWEE

Afternoon.

GREEN EYES

Nice to see you.

Both sit down.

INTERVIEWEE

(one or two
stutters)

Before we start, I just want to say...

(clears throat)

I really really appreciate what your company is doing, and this is very personal to me.

GREEN EYES

Oh thank you.

INTERVIEWEE

Sorry, I just had to--

GREEN EYES

It's fine. I can see the mood.
Trust me, you're gonna need it.

INTERVIEWEE

The mood? For what?

GREEN EYES

For the application. The whole
process. The way we do it here is,
we need to make sure people are...
How else do I say...

INTERVIEWEE

Right? For this company?

GREEN EYES

(mutters,
difficult to
phrase)

I... Yeah, you could say that.
Because the process... Well, you
said what we do is personal to
you, so you're familiar. But
emotionally, mainly in the end,
not everyone is okay.

INTERVIEWEE

(takes in)

Why?

EXT. FOREST PARK - EARTH CIVIL TWILIGHT - CONTINUOUS

Green Eyes sits on a bench.

CHAIRMAN

I'm curious, why is your
application process so intense?

GREEN EYES

(takes in)

Oh, you found out-- Well... It all
has to do with the cause. The
Momen goal, as you said.

CHAIRMAN

Yeah? And what is it?

GREEN EYES

Question: do we really need
elevators?

CHAIRMAN

For what? In space?

GREEN EYES

Everywhere. Should have seen the lazy babies in my building. Picture this: they need an elevator to go down one whole floor. Hey, you're exploring space right now, so when you come back, make this a slogan: "Out there there's a world where you're only capable of jumping to knee level. Be glad it's not this one, because I'm supporting Momen, and so should you."

(laughs, silence)

You still there?

CHAIRMAN

Yes, crystal clear reception.

GREEN EYES

Exploring space, you say? I think you mean exploring the memory space of your porty plate, sitting and sweeping all day. Have you ever come to think of that?

CHAIRMAN

I am sitting, I handle electronics all the time. What's up with it?

GREEN EYES

I bet you haven't even taken off, have you? As a matter of fact, I see you.

CHAIRMAN

What?

GREEN EYES

Yeah, yeah, right there. Who're you trying to fool, man? Lemme ask, when's the take-off?? (10, 9, 8, 7, ignition sequence start...)

CHAIRMAN

I'm not in charge of the take-off.

GREEN EYES

What kind of astronaut chairman are you? Just stand your butt up and push some buttons, flip some switches, not swipe a glass surface.

CHAIRMAN

I-- I need to make sure no one, you know, gets sick during the journey.

GREEN EYES

You'll never get anything done if you live like this. You know it!

(MORE)

GREEN EYES (cont'd)

Surprise surprise, that is the Momen goal. If you can't motivate yourself to stand up and lose weight, maybe in stronger gravity you will. Jeez, a while back people even caused ignition manually. And they lived in caves.
(uncomfortable
silence)
Well... You get the point, right?

No response.

GREEN EYES (cont'd)

I'm not here to play the quiet game, man, give me some sign of life.

CHAIRMAN

My sign of life is your sign of retirement. For physical and emotional offense of lead staff.

GREEN EYES

(silence)
What... Slow down, you elephant, the horse can't carry you!

CHAIRMAN

I'm not in charge of take-off and you perfectly know it! I dare your wasted-potential face to put that in the marketing! I dare you!

GREEN EYES

(making a point)
Nobody is perfect. Accept that.

CHAIRMAN

That's more than I can say about your little pitch. Of your little gym program in space.

GREEN EYES

(chuckles)
That's a good one. I guess you can put it that way--

CHAIRMAN

You think I'm joking around?

GREEN EYES

(takes in)
Very well. Destroyed by exactly what I was afraid of. By the very reason why I started Momen in the first place. Oh the irony.
(MORE)

GREEN EYES (cont'd)

(silence)

Oh well, enjoy your trip,
handicap.

Green eyes stands up and walks away.

EXT. SPORTS PLAYGROUND

[BLACK AND WHITE]

Green Eyes is doing pull-ups. After that, he drinks water
and flexes his arms.

INT. GREEN EYES' HOUSE STAIRWELL - EARTH NAUTICAL
TWILIGHT

Green Eyes jumps onto the first floor.

INT. GREEN EYES' HOME APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS

Green Eyes enters and sits down on an armchair in front
of the TV, with his phone and the TV remote both right
beside his hands.

GREEN EYES

We're all doomed.

He takes the TV remote.

GREEN EYES (cont'd)

Oh well, why bother...

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