

SPUDS
We could go to the moon.

VALKYRIE
Spuds, we can't go to the moon.

SPUDS
Sure we can. I go there all the time.

SPUDS climbs into his spaceship, which resembles a trashcan.

SPUDS wears an astronaut's helmet.

SPUDS
Come on,
Get in the space shuttle.

VALKYRIE
That's not a space shuttle.
It's a trashcan.

SPUDS
This is how I always get to the moon.
Get in.

Put on your seat belt.

VALKYRIE
There are no seat belts.

SPUDS
Here let me help you.

He puts an invisible seat belt on her.

VALKYRIE
It's a little tight.

SPUDS
Here, you can loosen it with that little doohickey there.

All right. You ready?

VALKYRIE

Yup.

SPUDS

All right.

Is there anyone behind me?

He looks over his shoulder as if backing out of a parking space.

T-93. B-22. Seven-Niner-Niner. Flip-flop. Reverse. Hike.

Blast off.

He puts his hands up in the air.

Weeee.

Here we go. Moon landing in five. four. three.

He leans over, knocking over the can.

SPUDS

Uh-oh. Crash landing.

VALKYRIE

Ow. Jerk.

SPUDS

Well, here we are, on the moon.

VALKYRIE

This is the moon?

SPUDS

Yup

VALKYRIE

This doesn't look like the moon.

SPUDS

Val, it's the moon. I've been here a millions times,
if I say it's the moon it's the moon.

VALKYRIE

Ok. It's the moon.

I didn't know there was grass on the moon.

SPUDS

There hasn't always been.
Neil Armstrong planted it when he got here.

VALKYRIE

Spuds, this isn't the moon is it?

SPUDS

Of course it is.

VALKYRIE

It's too dirty here to be the moon.

SPUDS

That's what I said too.
When I first came to the moon.
But I guess that's one of the lessons
life teaches you. The moon
is always dirtier than you expect.

VALKYRIE

Is that a Fritos bag?

SPUDS

It's empty. I already checked.

VALKYRIE

But what's it doing here?

SPUDS

Vampires eat Fritos too.

VALKYRIE

Who said anything about vampires?

SPUDS

I meant astronauts.
Astronauts eat Fritos too.

VALKYRIE

Is that a highway over there?

SPUDS

Why would there be a highway on the moon?

VALKYRIE

It is. It's the Garden State Parkway.

SPUDS

It's not.

VALKYRIE

I'm leaving, Spuds.

SPUDS

You can't.
I have the keys to the space ship.

VALKYRIE

I'll walk.

She exits.

SPUDS

Val, come back.

Come back.

*Enter the GILA MONSTER In Glasses with the
AMBASADOR.*

AMBASADOR

Do not breathe, please.
The breath of the Gila Monster is toxic.

SPUDS

Breath mint?

GILA MONSTER

Thank you.

How's the breath?

SPUDS
Kissable.

They kiss.

Enter VALKYRIE

VALKYRIE
Spuds.

SPUDS
This is not what it looks like.

VALKYRIE
I came back.
I was standing on the side of the Parkway
thumbing a ride when I said to myself
Val what are you doing?
So it's not the moon,
so it's New Jersey,
so what? There are worse places than New Jersey.
If you really love Spuds, go back, get in the
spaceship and see where that takes you.
I'm sick of this endless game of cat and mouse, I told
myself. The time has come to stick it out.
So I came back, and now this?

SPUDS
It's not what it looks like.
She's a Gila monster.
She has toxic breath.
I gave her a mint.

VALKYRIE
This is what I get.
This is what I get for coming back.
This is what I get for making an effort.

SPUDS
I, no
This is not what you get, Val.

No, first of all,
this
First of all, this
is not this,
but more than that this

VALKYRIE

I should have known,
I should have expected this
I was stupid, so stupid
what was I thinking?

She exits.

SPUDS

Wait, Val,
This is not what it looks like.
Come back.
She's safe now.
I gave her a breath mint.
It's safe now.
It's safe.
Val.

*The GILA MONSTER slinks off.
The AMBASSADOR follows.*

Val, come back.

Val,

Please come back.
I'll never kiss a Gila Monster again.
I never want to kiss anyone but you.
We can go get my bed out of that storage unit on
Staten Island and I'll take you to Europe again.
The bed can ride first class.

OK?

Ok, Val?