

# The Last Man On The Moon

## Chapter 1

Jericho

It's any average cold day on the moon. I, Jericho, am sitting at my desk looking at rocks that were mined out of THIS dead rock. It's starting to get boring here. And I just want to get back to my best friends. They're like family to me, and I just want to see April and Winston's face's again. But at least now I finally get to look back at the earth, a blue marble. Anyways back to looking at rocks, it looks like another Boricardolidion chunk, shiny, purple and green tint, and for some reason when you chuck it at something, the part that came into contact with the mineral, glows. Wait, I hear something, sounds like another light going out. Probably to reduce power usage of the solar powered generator. Which means, call April. I walk over to the computer, slowly-moon gravity. I grab the mic, move it to a position that is best suitable for me. I wait for the thing to turn on, and I wait, and wait... finally the loud fan- sorry, fan's in the computer running like a jet. And then, finally it turns on, so I load up the application that lets me communicate with NASA, and then just wait for it to connect. I prepare myself by testing the mic, "testing testing, Polyethylene, Uranium, Aerodynamic Lemons, ok sounds good!" I see the little symbols that are supposed to represent the computer connecting to Earth change to a large green checkmark, now I know I'm good.

"This is Jericho speaking, do you read me, over."

"Loud and clear this is April speaking, what's the problem now? Over."

"Well it seems my generator is finally dying, so can you send a new one over? Over."

"You forgot the magic word"

“Please?”

“There we go, alright it’ll be down and ready on that rock soon! Over.”

“Oh and uhh, I was wondering, I’ll be back on earth in about 3 months? So maybe we could hang out, or something? Over”

“...”

“April? April do you come in, over. April!”

“Got you!”

“Oh my god, please don’t do that ever again, you know I hate that stuff.”

“Well sorry, the generator will be down... up? In about 1 week, also the answer is yes, over.”

“Alright, see... wait, HEAR you later! Over and out.”

“See ya! Over and out.”

I have always acted like that near her. Well not always but still, I need to toughen up.

## Chapter 2

April

Oh my god, I totally embarrassed myself there. Why him, he has been a lifetime long friend of mine and now I have these feelings for him? He acts so nice but then again he's so- I can't explain it- if I keep acting like this he's not gonna like me. I need to get back to work. “Hi April.” Winston pops out of nowhere like always, he usually hides on the other side of my desk, “Why do you always do that?”

“Do what?”

“Pop out of the blue, Winston”

“...”

“Winston?”

Winston does this thing where he spaces out like a 5 year old with their mom at Target.

“Winnie” I say with a tune as I wave my hand in front of his face. “...ok.” Winston said before he walked away awkwardly. I have to understand though that he does that because his parents died with him in a car crash. It was horrible, he was all alone when it happened, and now that I think about it, that's probably what he's thinking about. I can sort of relate to him, I lost my dad because of something that happened in highschool. I can get off track easily, I look at my ENORMOUS monitor, and I don't see any sort of problems or reports, also I just reported the new generator that Jericho needs so I can take a lunch break. I wonder what Winstons doing.

### Chapter 3

Winston

Holy Mother of God, the moon will not stand a chance if that hits the moon, and my best friend that I ever had in my pathetic life, even though I never had a single friend before I met April and Jericho on that bus. If I tell Jericho about this, I will be fired, but still I'm making a prediction on what will happen, because this thing will ONLY hit after Jericho leaves the moon, but still I should suggest to the board that he needs to GET OFF THAT ROCK.

“We can't tell anyone about this” Jeremy says, he's the one that started this mission, and the only other person that knows about the rock. He's a dumbass, I have to admit it, he doesn't understand that he is a LIVING HUMAN BEING. I hate him, “JERICHO is on that rock, and WE have the resources to GET HIM-”

“Listen, we are on a low budget-”

“231 TRILLION DOLLARS IS A LOW BUDGET? You should REPHRASE that sentence.”

“...”

“Ya, now just so you know, everyone, and I mean EVERYONE, knows about Jericho, ‘First man to mine on the moon’ he’s the reason NASA has so much money.”

“I have to follow orders, I-”

“You really are a bastard, you know that?”

I jolted out of the room in anger.

## Chapter 4

April

I’m looking for an old photo of my old friends that I can’t get out of my head. As I look through a box that I brought to the apartment that NASA is giving to me for free because of this mission, which is very nice of them. “HA” I exclaimed in excitement. I examine the photo, as I said all three of us in the photo, but then I look closely at the background and I see, a gold man?

“APRIL!”

“Jesus Winston!”

“I have to tell you this, and I know your going to freak out and your emotions are going to act up,”

“Huh? What is it?”

“JERICHO IS GOING TO DIE, IF WE DON’T GET HIM OFF THE MOON.”

“What...”

“Just put down the photo and let's go to the coms. Like, NOW!”

“Oh oh sorry yeah umm-”

What is happening, how am I supposed to react to this? I need to get Jericho off that damn rock.

## Chapter 5

Winston

“Jericho! Jericho, this is Winston, do you read me?”

“What's up Winston, over”

“YOU NEED TO GET OFF THE MOON.”

“Wha...”

After a long time of explaining everything to Jericho, I needed to tell April...

“To answer your question, we did April, everyone that has my ‘authority’ knew about it, and how it was supposed to hit the moon in 14.3 years, 10 months ago”

“So wait, it's speeding up?”

“Yes, I found that out yesterday.”

“So you knew about all of this for 10 months?”

“I wouldn't say that, but I can say that I'm probably going to be fired now, but either way, my friends are more important than my job.”

“Why fire you, something could break off the moon and hit the earth. People should know-”

“Well Jeremy says that ‘we don't people panicking now do we?’ because HE KNOWS EVERYTHING” I say sarcastically.

April contemplates this whole situation, she always bites her cheeks when she thinks for a long time, that's how I know, and the fact that she isn't speaking and she is frantically looking at everything. I can understand her situation, but the guy that might die, has it the worst. I still haven't told them about the worst part of this rock that's going to hit the OTHER rock, that it's orbiting around something, and that something is a **BLACK HOLE**.

## Chapter 6

Jericho

This is it, this is the end. I am what I feared I would be, **the Last Man On The Moon...** There is no escape from this, This is, **inevitable**. I need to get off this rock, I need to get off this rock, **NOW**. Wait- the generator! The ship that carries it has to go back to earth. Meaning, I can get back home.

## Chapter 7

April

I'm pacing frantically around my desk. I need to find a way to get Jericho off there. There has to be a way. "**APRIL**" I hear a static version of Jericho's voice through my headphones. I put them on and sit down and say, "**Jericho, is that you?**"

"**Yes, I need to tell you something that could help get me off the moon!**"

"**What is it?**"

"**You know how in a few day your gonna send-**"

"**The generator... THE GENERATOR THAT'S IT!**"

"**Yes! Exactly! It's perfect!**"

“I gotta tell someone, but who?”

“TELL EVERYONE, I gotta go, I hope I get to see you.”

“Me too.”

I hear static, I need to tell everyone.

## Chapter 8

Wiston

Today is launch day, the moon is in the sky, it's full, you can see a small perfect circle on the moon. That's not the only thing in the sky, I look to my far left, and I see it, it looks like a yellow version of the moon. I'm scared for Jericho, I can't imagine what he is thinking. It's been a few days, the ship has finished being built, we figured out the trajectory of the ship, when to get there, when to launch, and most importantly, how to get him off the moon. I hear the engines of the ship start up, I'm outside, and I begin walking inside to go to the coms, where April is. She has been quiet these past few days. Once I get into the comms I sit next to her, and I ask her, “Hey April, you feeling ok?”, “Oh, uhh yea, I'm fine.” she says that in a way that I suppose is trying to reassure that she isn't scared that this won't work. And I have to say I feel the same.

## Chapter 9

Jericho, Wiston, and April (Third Person)

The launch begins, all three of them are scared. Jericho can see something flying towards the moon, which is the ship, and the rock. Its speed increases the closer it gets to the moon. Jericho notices that this thing seems to be orbiting something, but he can't tell what it is. “April, do you read me?” Jericho asks. “Yes, yes I do.” April replies to Jericho reassuring him. Jericho

sees that the rock is picking up speed, so he tells April, “Uhhh, April, do you know if the rock is supposed to be getting faster? It's getting drastically closer, and I don't think the ship's gonna make it in time.” “It's gonna get there, just trust me, ok?”

“But what if it doesn't make it, what if something happens to the ship, or-”

“Jericho, please, it's gonna be ok, nothing bad's gonna happen, alright?”

“April, I have to tell you something, something that I think is very important.”

“Yes?”

“If I don't make it, I have to say this before I go.”

“Your gonna make it Jericho,”

“April, listen ok, calm down, YOU will be ok, I don't matter, live your life, ok?”

“...”

“And April, one more thing.”

“Yes?”

**“I Love You-”**

April is silent, she hears static. She runs out of the coms to look at the moon, the rock didn't hit the moon, but then she sees the event horizon of a **Black Hole**, It tears apart the moon. April starts to cry, she falls but then Winston appears out of the blue to catch her, “It's ok April, it's ok...” Winston says trying to calm April. Then She hugs Winston tight, as she cries on his shoulder.

A month later after Jericho's funeral, April seeks out to find her old friends, and Winston starts a project to find out **where Jericho went**.

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