

FLATHEADS

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FADE IN:

INT. LARGE RECEPTION HALL - DAY

A distinguished looking man, **VALLON TAYLOR**, is delivering a visual presentation to a large crowd of seated people.

A Mercader map of Earth is projected behind him as he speaks.

VALLON TAYLOR

In 2016, a pregnant woman flying from Taiwan to Los Angeles went into labour when her waters broke less than half way through the flight. So what did they do? Did they turn the plane around to land as soon as possible, having made less than half the journey? Did they continue their course to L.A and land in Honolulu, Hawaii, which was on the way? No. Instead, they chose to alter their flight path and instead head to Alaska. Which is not only completely out of the way, but completely ridiculous. Because if you look at where they were on the map when they changed course, they were closer to their final destination than they were to where they ended up flying to. Well, on a globe map at least. But if you look at these three locations on a flat Earth map, you'll see, to no surprise of course, that it's a straight line.

The map projection dissolves to a flat Earth map, showing a straight line between Taiwan and L.A with the line crossing straight over Alaska.

The various audience members nod their heads and smile in agreement and in the crowd we meet **SIMON DUNNING** and **NICK KRUEGER**. A middle-aged couple of friends with a cliché look of '50-year old virgin geeks' about them.

VALLON TAYLOR (CONT'D)

Just as so many other such international flights do.

The projected image changes to that of two sets of cities separated into two groups: A & B.

VALLON TAYLOR (CONT'D)
 Take any of the following locations from Group A: Melbourne, Australia, Sydney, Australia, Perth, Australia, Auckland, New Zealand, Christchurch, New Zealand or Hamilton, New Zealand, and try to get a direct flight to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Brasilia, Brazil, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Lima, Peru or Santiago, Chile, and you'll find that these flights don't exist. In fact, not only do they not exist, they are illegal. And why I hear you ask?

The Mercader map of Earth reappears projected by Vallon.

VALLON TAYLOR (CONT'D)
 Because, on a globe Earth they would be quick and easy to get to. Very direct with very short flight times. But when you look at the distance between these places on a flat Earth--

The projected image dissolves to that of a flat Earth map, complete with lines showing the massive spaces between said locations and complete with 30+hours flight times listed for each flight.

VALLON TAYLOR (CONT'D)
 The flight times just don't make any sense.

Audience members nod in agreement.

VALLON TAYLOR (CONT'D)
 Last year, I flew on a 777 from Cape Town, South Africa to Auckland New Zealand. But instead of going approx. 7,000 miles direct, we instead travelled 4,700 miles Due North to Dubai for a stop. Then another 7,300 miles south east to Melbourne, Australia, before continuing our journey another 1,600 miles to our final destination. And instead of spending what would have been a 12-hour direct flight from A to B at 460-miles per hour, we instead took 37-hours, more than 3 times that amount of time, to get there.
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VALLON TAYLOR (CONT'D)

Any in doing so with all those stops, almost DOUBLED the travelling distance, totalling 13,600 miles. Again, these crazy flight diversions sound mad, and they would be on a globe Earth, but again, when you look at these locations on a flat Earth--

The Flat Earth projection reappears complete with accompanying flight path.

VALLON TAYLOR (CONT'D)

It's a straight line. It's a straight line because it has to be. Because shorter, direct flights from A to B don't exist. Because they can't. Because despite what NASA tell us, the Earth is flat.

Vallon makes a 'Flat' hand/arm gesture. The audience burst into applause. Vallon smiles and waves a thank you.

VALLON TAYLOR (CONT'D)

Okay, Q&A time.

A spot light turns on over a microphone and the first person waiting to ask a question. He is **DAVE**.

DAVE

Hi, my name is Dave and the question I have is something that has been bothering me for a while now and I just can't figure out the answer. Maybe you can help me?

VALLON TAYLOR

Sure.

DAVE

Okay, if the Moon is a fake, hologram, hoax, whatever, and what we're seeing is some sort of local spot light projection, then how come all of us only ever see the same side of it, no matter where in the world we look at it from?

VALLON TAYLOR

Hmm. That question sounds a little bit suspect to me.

DAVE

Really? Okay, I mean, people on opposite sides of the Moon wouldn't be able to see the same image that we all know, right?

VALLON TAYLOR

Are you a Globe Earther by any chance?

DAVE

For asking a question?

VALLON TAYLOR

That's a yes. You didn't deny it.

DAVE

I don't know what you're talking about Sir, I just have a question.

Dave slowly opens his jacket to reveal a t-shirt that reads 'FILTHY GLOBEHEAD'.

The crowd 'Boo!' and yell their insults. (globehead, globetard, globe hugger, etc...)

VALLON TAYLOR

How about you let me ask you a question?

DAVE

Okay, but answer mine first.

VALLON TAYLOR

Why haven't we been back to the Moon if we went there in the first place?

DAVE

We weren't talking about landing on the Moon. I asked you how--

VALLON TAYLOR

(Interrupting)

NASA says it's because "We can't go any more, we don't have the technology any more because we destroyed it." Does that sound believable to you?

DAVE

No, actually, it doesn't, it sounds like a cop out and a lie, but could you answer my question please?

VALLON TAYLOR

The fact is, the Moon isn't real,
and it's far closer than we've been
told it is.

DAVE

Okay, is it not real or closer than
we're told? Make your mind up. And
if it's closer than we're told,
then surely we could have landed on
it, if as you say, we hit the
'dome' with a nuke.

DAVE (CONT'D)

I mean, it can't be both, right?

Vallon waves in **SECURITY** who come in and escort Dave out.

DAVE (CONT'D)

Or is that another easy question
that you'll avoid answering because
the answer pops the fragile little
delusional bubble that you've blown
for yourself?

VALLON TAYLOR

So who's next?

DAVE

Next? You haven't answered my
question yet.

Security put their hands on Dave's chest and ease him back
away from the microphone and towards the exit. He shouts as
he is led further away.

DAVE (CONT'D)

You didn't answer the question? Are
you afraid? What are you afraid of?
You know it's round don't you?

VALLON TAYLOR

Bye bye Globehead.

Simon, Nick and the rest of audience join in in heckling Dave
as he is escorted out of the room.

DAVE

See you a-round, Flatties.

VALLON TAYLOR

See you on the horizon.

The audience laugh at the weak joke.

INT. CONVENTION CENTRE - DAY

A packed convention hosting a 'FLAT EARTH' event. The room is a buzz with delusional Flat Earthers engaging in rampant, cult-like behaviour.

We make our way through the large crowds, through book signings with leading 'Flat Earth' figureheads, past the various booths and stalls selling items and holding book signings until we eventually settle on Simon and Nick looking at a Flat Earth coffee table, complete with outer 'Ice Wall'. A price tag reads £2,000.

NICK
Beautiful, isn't it?

SIMON
So beautiful.

Nick chuckles.

NICK
Bit pricey though.

SIMON
Yeah, but once you have it, it's yours forever.

NICK
Yeah, I suppose so.

They stare at the piece like a couple of pre-teen boys looking at their first porn mag until they are interrupted by a man in his 60's. He is **HADDON FORD**.

HADDON FORD
I see you like my piece.

The two snap out of it.

NICK
Oh yes, it's most--

Nick looks back and recognises the man as someone he's clearly a fan of.

NICK (CONT'D)
(in a high voice)
Excellent!

He puts his hand on Simon's shoulder and he turns to see Haddon. He is also clearly a fan as his eyes widen.

HADDON FORD

Thank you. It took me a month to build it.

SIMON

Wow. Haddon Ford. Thee Haddon Ford.

Haddon smiles, enjoying the credit and attention.

SIMON (CONT'D)

Wait, you made this?

HADDON FORD

Oh yes. I make many things recently. Gotta get every penny I can for the adventure into the unknown, after all.

They've no clue what he's talking about.

NICK

Erm, adventure? What do you mean--?

HADDON FORD

The flight.

SIMON

Flight?

HADDON FORD

You don't know? Oh well, I did only announce it 5-days ago, and it wasn't mentioned by that Vallan Taylor. Childish prick. Anyway, I've build a rocket that I'll be using to launch myself straight up into what the Globeheads call 'Space', in order to see what truly lies beyond the Ice Wall, and see if I can touch that curved dome ceiling with my own two hands.

SIMON

Wow!

NICK

Wow!

They look like two kids who have just seen their first magic trick.

SIMON

So, what do you think does lie past it?

HADDON FORD

You mean you haven't read my latest book?

He pulls out a copy of 'BEYOND THE ICE WALL'.

SIMON

No.

HADDON FORD

£50.

Nick quickly hands over the money and takes the book.

HADDON FORD (CONT'D)

Well, most believe that we are alone and that the ice is the very edge, whether it goes on for miles then comes to a drop, goes on forever or becomes a portal that loops us back around to the other side, creating the illusion of a round Earth. But me myself, I subscribe to the idea that beyond the Ice Wall lies a whole other level of the plane, with it's own lands and creatures that we don't have here. And no doubt run by yet more Globeheads brainwashing their masses into believing the ridiculous 'Globe Earth' theory.

SIMON

Of course. Monkey's rule this world so why not the others.

HADDON FORD

Quite. I mean, how else do you explain away the flight paths?

NICK

How do they get all those pilots to go along with the Globe Earth lie?

HADDON FORD

You haven't read my last book?

Haddon pulls out a copy of '18 MILE HIGH CLUB'.

NICK

No.

HADDON FORD

£50.

Simon quickly hands over the money and takes the book.

SIMON

Thanks.

(to Nick)

Hey, tell him about your theory.

NICK

(coyly)

Oh no, I'm sure he's not interested.

SIMON

No, go on.

(to Haddon)

Listen to this, this'll really destroy a Globehead in a minute.

NICK

No, he's not--

HADDON FORD

No, please, I'm always up for getting my teeth into something new.

Simon smiles at Nick. Nick gives in.

NICK

Okay.

Simon smiles giddily.

NICK (CONT'D)

So, the Globeheads would have us believe that we don't feel the Earth's "rotation" because it's mass is so massive compared to ours that we are too insignificant to feel it, and instead, just get dragged along with it's "gravity". Right?

HADDON FORD

Right.

NICK

So, if that's true, during an Earth quake, the mass of the Earth hasn't changed, our mass hasn't changed, so why do we feel the affects of it?

Haddon's interest is peaked.

NICK (CONT'D)

I mean, Globehead "logic" says that we shouldn't feel it, but just see the acts of the streets tearing, opening and raising, yet we do feel it. We wobble, stumble, struggle to stay up, yet it's mass moving should by their argument, be too insignificant in comparison and so we shouldn't feel it. Right?

Haddon's mouth is wide open.

HADDON FORD

Wow, that really is fascinating. Truly. How did you come up with it?

SIMON

He had a dream.

NICK

A dream.

HADDON FORD

Wow, have you told anyone about it?

NICK

No, just you and him.

SIMON

I told him he should announce it on our YouTube show but he said he wanted to save it for something special. We have a YouTube channel, by the way. 'Proud Flatheads' is the name.

HADDON FORD

No, he was right to keep it to himself. I bet I can write a whole book developing that theory.

NICK

Wow. Great stuff.

An **FEMALE ASSISTANT** appears by Haddon's side.

FEMALE ASSISTANT

They're ready for you now, Sir.

HADDON FORD

Right. Be right there.

She leaves.

HADDON FORD (CONT'D)
Would you like those signed?

They smile ear-to-ear.

SIMON
Oh yes.

NICK
That's be great. Thanks.

HADDON FORD
£50.
(beat)
Each.

Their smiles shrink but they pair scratch up the cash and hand it over. He smiles widely and signs the books then walks away. Simon and Nick smile and wave him off.

SIMON
I told you he'd like it.

NICK
Wow, that was huge.

INT. ANOTHER AREA - DAY

Simon and Nick make their way through another area of the convention layout looking at the various items for sale and display.

A **LADY** and **GENTLEMAN** spot the pair and try for their attention.

LADY
Excuse me--

Simon and Nick turn to the couple.

NICK
Yes?

LADY
Oh my God in Heaven, we just love your show. We never miss an episode.

NICK
Well, thank you.

GENTLEMAN

(to Simon)

We just love the way you take a
Globehead and just flat out destroy
them with their own science. Just,
amazing. It really is.

SIMON

Well, thank you. But you know, it's
pretty easy when all they do is
repeat the same old dead arguments
time and time again.

GENTLEMAN

Right.

SIMON

I mean, a round Earth despite no
pictures to prove it. Gravity,
without any evidence of its
existence or even an agreed
description of what it is. It's
like they want us to insult them.

LADY

True, they are so dumb. May we get
your autographs?

She holds out a pen and paper.

NICK

Certainly. And it's nice to see
autographs haven't died out in this
modern, digital age of ours.

Nick signs his name.

LADY

Oh yes, I mean, selfies are all
well and good, but there's
something just so much more
personal with a good old fashioned
autograph. Don't you agree?

Nick hands the pen and paper to Simon.

SIMON

Oh, most definitely. Selfies are
just for narcissistic people who
can't get enough of looking at
themselves.

Simon signs his name twice as big as Nick's and almost over
the top of it then hands it back to the lady.

INT. HOTEL LOBBY - DAY

Simon and Nick join a large group of **VARIOUS OTHER ATTENDEES** for a group photo in front of a giant Flat Earth poster.

A **CAMERAWOMAN** gathers them all up and prepares to snap the shot.

CAMERAWOMAN
Okay everyone, get in really close
and get ready.

They do.

CAMERAWOMAN (CONT'D)
Okay, after 3, 1-2-3-

EVERYONE
(smiling)
We're Not Crazy!

The camerawoman takes the picture and the image becomes a PHOTOGRAPH in Simon's hand.

He is in his bedroom. He pins the photograph to his wall of 'Flat Earth' information. Maps. Clues. Questions. Theories. The lot. He's clearly well versed in the subject. No casual.

INT. SIMON'S PARENTS KITCHEN - DAY

Simon's **DAD** (70's) is reading the newspaper as Simon's **MUM** (70's) is making breakfast. Simon enters.

MUM
Oh, morning honey.

SIMON
Morning mother. Dad.

Dad flashes a quick smile up from the newspaper then goes back to reading.

MUM
You got back late, didn't you? Was everything okay?

SIMON
Oh yes, I didn't wake you did I?

DAD
Oh no. It's just we went to bed at midnight and we never heard you come in, that's all.

SIMON

Well, I was trying to be quiet,
after all. Wasn't I?

Simon's parents speak slightly as if walking on egg-shells
around him.

MUM

Of course, dear.

DAD

Quite right.

There is a beat of silence as Simon pours himself a glass of
orange juice and the tension relaxes a little until Simon
speaks again.

SIMON

So, what did you do whilst I was
away?

DAD

Oh, we booked ourselves a round the
world cruise, didn't we?

Mum drops her head into her hands behind Simon as Dad's face
suddenly reads 'Oh Fuck!'.

SIMON

Really? A 'Round' the would
cruise, is it?

DAD

Er, well--

SIMON

Tell me something, how can you book
an a 'round' the world cruise when
the Earth isn't a round in the
first place, hmm?

DAD

You're quite right--

SIMON

Then how?

Mum shakes her head to herself as she awaits hearing the same
old arguments she's obviously grown tired of hearing
thousands of times before.

DAD

What I meant was that--

SIMON

You can't go a-round something if it's not round, can you?

DAD

Well, no, that's not true. You can go around a book store, you know, take a little walk. That's flat.

Simon stares at his dad with wide, unblinking eyes and a psycho smile, with a narcissistic 'I know better' look.

SIMON

Really?

DAD

And a town. You can drive around a little town, even though that's flat.

SIMON

Right.

Simon's mum stands back up sharpish in the background as she looks down at something in front of her to her surprise.

DAD

And, er, er, dancing, you dance around a ballroom even though it's flat.

MUM

Plate.

DAD

Yes-- what?

MUM

A plate. What your dad means is--

Mum takes what she was looking at and places it down on the table in front of Simon. It's a plate with a FLAT EARTH map printed on it.

MUM (CONT'D)

You can travel a-round something, even if it is on a flat surface. Just because something is flat doesn't mean you can't go around it. Right?

DAD

Yes, that's what I meant. Exactly that.

Dad waits for Simon to respond as he takes a long look at the plate before looking back up front it with a 'kind' type of psycho smile.

SIMON
I guess you're right.

Mum and Dad lightly breath sighs of relief.

SIMON (CONT'D)
That reminds me. I'm late for something. Be back late.

He stands up and leaves the way he came in.

MUM
Okay, love. Love you.

DAD
Yes, love you. See you later.

The front door CLOSES and Mum and Dad relax.

DAD (CONT'D)
Thank God. Hey, well done.

Mum and Dad 'High 5'.

INT. JOB CENTRE - DAY

Simon is sitting in front of an unseen ADVISOR.

ADVISOR
Have you undertaken any work in the last 2-weeks, paid or unpaid?

SIMON
No.

ADVISOR
Have you been looking for work in the last 2-weeks?

SIMON
Yes.

ADVISOR
Have you recorded your job seeking activity in your log?

SIMON
Yes.

ADVISOR
Have you brought said log with you
today?

SIMON
Yes.

ADVISOR
And may I see it please?

SIMON
Yes.

Simon hands over the log and the Advisor opens it up for investigation. It shows a daily record with 'Looked for work: Found one' in each weekday space. Obviously not trying to even fake job seeking attempts.

ADVISOR
Right then, that all seems to be in
order--

The Advisor hands back the log and we see that NICK is the advisor.

NICK
Please continue to log all job
search activity and we'll see you
again in 2-weeks.

SIMON
Thank you.

Simon leaves.

NICK
Ben Thompson, please.
(to self)
This scrounger.

INT. GLASS WALLED OFFICE - DAY

Simon sits opposite a **LAWYER**, ex-partner **ANGIE** (45) and their **DAUGHTER** (5).

LAWYER
So, now that everything is agreed
on, all that is left for you to do
is sign the final papers and that
will be it. You won't have to pay
any alimony--

SIMON

Well, that's good because I don't have any.

ANGIE

Because you refuse to get a job.

LAWYER

And you can both part ways amicably. Okay?

Simon thinks a beat.

SIMON

Why do we have to get divorced in the first place? I mean, really, we-

ANGIE

Because you're a delusional narcissist who won't ever stop going on about how the world is flat and everyone is thicker than you for not seeing it. That's why.

The lawyer looks confused yet amused.

LAWYER

You think the Earth is flat?

SIMON

It is flat.

DAUGHTER

No, it isn't, dad.

SIMON

What do you know, you're 5.

DAUGHTER

Age has nothing to do with intelligence or education.

SIMON

Intelligence doesn't make you say the Earth is round, education does.

LAWYER

What?

SIMON

Think about it, the first things they teach you in school is that $1+1=2$, and the Earth is round, and that's why it is so suspect.

DAUGHTER

But dad, 1+1 is 2.

SIMON

I know it is, honey, but the world isn't round.

DAUGHTER

I don't get it.

ANGIE

Neither does he, honey. Look, just sign the damn papers and you won't have to see our 'Filthy Globeheads' ever again if you don't want to.

SIMON

Fine. I'll sign.

He grabs the paperwork and begins to sign.

SIMON (CONT'D)

But you remember this, when the world is proved to be flat and you realise how big of an idiot you have been, don't think you can come crawling back to me. Okay?

ANGIE

I'm seeing someone else.

Angie gestures a **SPECTACLED MAN** sitting outside the room. He waves back.

SIMON

What? But we're married.

Angie grabs the paperwork back.

ANGIE

Not anymore.

She gets up and leaves with her daughter.

DAUGHTER

Bye dad.

Angie and her daughter leave with the Spectacled Man. Simon sits in defeat for a second until the Lawyer speaks.

LAWYER

(amused)

Flat Earth. Jesus.

INT. COCK N BULL PUB - AFTERNOON

Simon and Nick are sitting drinking.

NICK

What do you expect? Globeheads run the world. Wanna get somewhere in this life? Sell your soul and be prepared to say the Earth is round. Doctors, Lawyers, Teachers, Politicians, they're all the same.

SIMON

And the new guy she's seeing, he looked like a real nerd, you know? A real specky nerd.

NICK

(amused)
Yeah?

SIMON

Yeah, like the kind that probably pledged allegiance to the round Earth.

Nick laughs at the unfunny joke.

SIMON (CONT'D)

And has it tattooed on his bottom or something.

Nick laughs harder.

SIMON (CONT'D)

And, right around the hole because even though he believes it's round, he still knows that deep down it's a crock of shit.

They take a drink and change the subject.

NICK

Did anyone win the lottery last week?

SIMON

No, so it's up to 350-million or something. Twice as high as it's ever been.

NICK

Bloody hell. Imagine what you could do with all that money.

SIMON

Get 'The Earth Is Flat: Deal With It' beamed on the side of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and the White House, like the Bat-signal.

NICK

Buy TV airtime to broadcast real Earth exposure docs like 'Implausaball'.

SIMON

Buy a TV station and broadcast the truth on repeat, 24/7.

NICK

Bug Neil de Grasse Tyson, NASA and all their employees and expose them all.

SIMON

Strap Neil de Grasse Tyson and all his Globehead friends to rockets and fire them straight at the dome.

Nick squints at the dark turn of the conversation and waits a beat before he speaks.

NICK

Well, at least you don't have to constantly repeat the cold hard facts to her anymore. You can save that for the show. Speaking of which--

Checks his watch.

NICK (CONT'D)

We should be getting a move on.

SIMON

Yeah.

They down the rest of their drinks and make to leave.

EXT. COCK N BULL PUB - NIGHT

Simon and Nick exit the pub nice and merry and begin home.

NICK

So, are we gonna get one then?

SIMON

What?

NICK

Lottery ticket?

SIMON

Seriously? There's more chance of them admitting the Earth is flat tomorrow than us winning.

NICK

Yet someone wins every week.

SIMON

Good point.

The two beeline into a shop.

INT. SHOP - NIGHT

Simon and Nick are at the Lottery stand deciding their numbers. Simon is holding the pen to select the numbers.

SIMON

6. Thousand miles from the Earth to the Sun.

Nick nods agreeingly and Simon crosses out his choice on the ticket.

NICK

8. Inches per mile squared the Earth would dip if there were a curvature.

Simon nods agreeingly back and makes the selection.

SIMON

9. Hours it would take to travel direct from Chile to Johannesburg on a curved Earth.

He crosses off the '9' on the paper.

NICK

12. Countries that originally signed the Antarctic Treaty.

Simon selects the number.

SIMON

7. Nations that have claimed
portions of Antarctica as national
territory.

NICK

2. Hundred foot Ice Wall.

Simon smiles and notes the number. Nick reviews them.

NICK (CONT'D)

2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12.

They shrug their shoulders and hand the paper slip to an
Indian **SHOPKEEPER** behind the counter.

He puts it into the machine and waits for it to print.

SIMON

(to Indian Man)

The Earth is flat.

SHOPKEEPER

So's my wife's chest.

Simon and Nick give an apologetic 'Oh' and the machine prints
off their ticket.

SHOPKEEPER (CONT'D)

£2, please.

Simon and Nick each hand him £1. He processes their ticket
with an odd look then hands it to them.

SHOPKEEPER (CONT'D)

Good luck.

SIMON

Thank you.

NICK

Night night.

The Shopkeeper smiles out of politeness until they're both
out the door.

SHOPKEEPER

Fucking Flatheads.

A BIG BOOBED **INDIAN WOMAN** appears from a door behind him and
hands him a hot drink. He takes it with a smile.

CUT TO:

CLOSE ON:

A COMPUTER MONITOR as an animated title sequence opens a Flat Earth.

We switch view of the live-stream image of Simon and Nick hosting a YouTube show from home. **USER COMMENTS** appear in real-time on the right-side of the screen.

NICK

People "knew" the Earth was round before NASA because they were told so repeatedly, without proof, just maths. But when you test the maths they get angry because it's like challenging a religion. They can't show you themselves the way we can. They might be able to say "Well with these math you can prove the Earth is a globe." But we can use our own eyes and say X is Y amount of miles away and so should be hiding Z amount of curvature, yet we can see it. And they can't handle it.

NO BODY: "How can I see for myself the earth is flat with a simple experiment?"

SIMON

And as the saying goes 'Seeing is believing'. If there was a curvature, we'd be able to see it and buildings would always lean away from the observer, but they don't, they go straight up.

Nick reads from the comments.

NICK

'No Body' wants to know what experiment he can do at home to prove the Earth is flat.

MR. LOGIC: "Far away buildings behind the curve can be seen through the bending of light to create a mirage."

SIMON

No Body can go and bloody RESEARCH and find out then, can't he? Idiot. Don't come on here and ask for advice, go out and do a research you bloody fool.

Mr. Logic's comment is suddenly replaced with '*(comment removed by administrator)*'.

NICK

Yes, there are many experiments one can do to prove the shape of the Earth and one need only look on YouTube for dozens of examples.

MR. LOGIC: "Asking you a question to find something out IS research, you pleb. What school did you get kicked out of?"

SIMON

Exactly, why don't you watch one of the many documentaries on the subject instead of asking us to spoon feed you everything?

Mr. Logic's comment is again suddenly replaced with '*(comment removed by administrator)*'.

ARTHUR EDISON: "Clearly these 'question askers' are globeheads who think they can fool you, but you're too smart for them"

BOOM ROASTED!: "Clearly you don't have an answer or you'd have told him. You're just too dumb to remember the already dumb 'experiments' you have seen in your propaganda videos."

NICK

With the million hours of Flat Earth literature there is now, both in video and word form, there really should be no reason to ask us anything at this point.

SIMON

Yes. Buy a book, you noob-tards. You know, one of these!

Simon holds up a thick book.

SIMON (CONT'D)

What's a matter, too many pages for you? What school did you get kicked out of?

Simon SLAMS the book down by his side. Nick doesn't react, used to it, he sits with a smile.

NICK

Yes, Arthur, they think they can fool us but they just aren't up for the challenge.

Boom Roasted's comment is replaced with '*(comment removed by administrator)*'.

WIPE TO:

Simon and Nick are on the phone with a **CALLER**.

SIMON

The Joshua Nowicki 'mirage' picture was taken from across the Michigan lake, and it clearly shows a highly visible Chicago skyline. a skyline that shouldn't be visible on a globe Earth due to the official curvature that would exist.

CALLER

It's called a mirage because it's not really there, it's--

SIMON

What do you mean 'Not really there'? It's right fucking there for you to see, you muppet.

CALLER

You can see it from there because cold air low over cold lake water with warmer air above it created just the right conditions for a were just right to allow for the bending of the image to make the skyscrapers viewable despite curvature.

SIMON

Bollocks. The image is clearly proof that the Earth is flat, otherwise you wouldn't be able to see it from there. Fuck the conditions, it has nothing to do with it.

CALLER

Oh, really?

SIMON

Yes, really.

CALLER

Okay, if that's the case, then why can't you see the skyline everyday then?

Simon pauses a moment then speaks.

SIMON
Because of refraction and thick
air.

CALLER
What?

SIMON
Fuck off!

Simon hangs up on him.

WIPE TO:

A **NEW CALLER** is on the line.

NEW CALLER
If the Earth is flat, why do
different continents see different
constellations in the nights sky?

NICK
Ah, good question. That's because
the sky is a dome with what you
think is space and stars and such,
projected onto it, just like a
planetarium.

NEW CALLER
But who would control such a--

SIMON
One question. Next caller.

Simon hangs up and the **NEXT CALLER** comes on the line.

NEXT CALLER
Why can't we see land for thousands
of miles if the Earth isn't curved?

SIMON
Err, because building are in the
way, the air is dirty and the human
eye isn't strong enough. You
flaming idiot.

NICK
Plus, we do have hills in the way,
because when we say 'flat' we don't
actually mean like a pancake,
obviously mountains and such exist.

NEXT CALLER

There's no need to be insulting, I was just asking a question--

SIMON

Oh, go away, you idiot.

Simon hangs up.

WIPE TO:

NICK

And that's all the time we have today on the show, but we'll be back same time tomorrow, as usual.

Simon suddenly speaks very pleasantly.

SIMON

Here to play us out is our favourite Scotman, Kevin. Goodnight.

A VIDEO of **KEVIN** filmed with a camera phone plays. He is in his kitchen with a basketball next to a glass of water.

KEVIN

Right, you filthy globe-fuckers, listen up, alright? This basketball is your fake Globe Earth, and this glass of water is the ocean. Water always finds its fuckin' level. Okay? So watch.

Kevin pours the glass of water over the basketball.

KEVIN (CONT'D)

See? The water doesn't stick to the sides. It doesn't magically orbit the ball, it just falls the fuck off onto the table and finds its level with the Earth. Flat. If gravity were real, then by your theory the water would stick to the sides of the ball, but instead it slides off and goes all over the counter. And as you can see, on the counter it's flat. Not curved, there's no curvature, it's just flat. You stupid Globe-hugging cunts. Fuck off.

He turns off his camera.

EXT. SCHOOL PLAYGROUND - DAY

Simon is filming Nick as he runs up to the edge of a playground and starts shouting at a bunch of Primary School **CHILDREN** (7-11) over the fence.

NICK

Hey, kids. Are you having a good day? It's sunny, isn't it?

They're not paying any attention.

NICK (CONT'D)

Listen, the Sun isn't 94-million miles away, it's 6,000 miles away. Not in space. Space isn't real. You don't live on a ball, the Earth is flat. Your school is lying to you in an attempt to indoctrinate you to their religion. Large bodies of water do not curve. Okay? Research flat Earth. Check out our YouTube channel and verify it for yourself.

Nick throws some flyers over the fence.

NICK (CONT'D)

The floor is not moving a thousand miles an hour. It isn't moving at all. The Earth is flat and we are under a dome. Like The Simpson's Movie. You guys like The Simpson's? We do, we love it, and we love you, all of you. We just want to share our love with you.

A **TEACHER** has noticed them.

NICK (CONT'D)

Research Flat Earth.

(to camera)

That's how you do it, right there.

The Teacher points them out a **SECOND TEACHER**.

SIMON

Let's get out of here.

NICK

Yeah, we got 'em.

They bail the other second teacher begins calling the police.

EXT. PARK - DAY

Simon and Nick are eating sandwiches on a park bench.

NICK

I'm thinking of writing a book.

SIMON

Oh yeah? What about?

NICK

Flat Earth. Like a 'Flat Earth For Dummies' style book that contains all the basic information, that answers every question we get asked in the stream. Then, whenever someone asks 'Why is this' or 'Why is that' I can just say 'Well, the answer to that question can be found in my new book 'A Globeheads Guide To Actual Reality' by me, Nick Krueger. Not the actual title, but, you get the meaning.

SIMON

I bet I could do that. Write a book. Never tried. Don't see the point. Globies don't really want the answers they ask for so they won't bother reading anyway.

Nick is obviously hurt by the comment to tries to ignore it.

NICK

And not just the basic information either, but, put my own theories in there, like the Earthquake thing Haddon liked.

SIMON

Better get there before he does.

NICK

That's what I was thinking. I mean, if he thinks he can write a book based on an idea he just heard, then surely I can do something with it, 'cos it's mine.

Simon is paying more attention to his food than Nick.

SIMON

These sandwiches are a bit rank aren't they?

NICK

Yes.

SIMON

Do you wanna come over for tea?

NICK

Love to.

They bin their sandwiches and stand to leave.

A group of **TEENAGERS** on bikes appear and ride around them in a circle around them as they power walk to avoid trouble.

The **LEADER KID** speaks first.

LEADER KID

Alright, Flattards. What you wankers doing on our patch?

NICK

Yep. We were just leaving, thank you.

A **SECOND KID** chimes in.

SECOND KID

Yeah, haven't we told you before? You got a problem learning basic information.

A **THIRD TEEN** answers the question.

THIRD TEEN

Of course, they have. Dickhead thinks the world is flat, for fucks sake.

SIMON

It is flat, actually. Despite what your third rate education tells you, you Globe Earth moron.

Nick nudges Simon.

THIRD TEEN

What did you call me, you flat Earth twat?

The Third Teen gets off his bike and steps in front of Simon, cutting him off. The others get off their bikes and surround the pair, stopping them in their tracks.

SIMON
Nothing. I didn't say anything.

LEADER KID
Yes, you did, you liar. You called
my man a moron. Didn't he?

The Teenagers agree.

TEENAGERS
Yeah!

SECOND KID
Can't call me man a liar and get
away with it.

SIMON
I'm sorry, you education and isn't
what it should be and I apologise
if you feel you have been offended.
Now, if you wouldn't mind--

Simon gestures that they kindly move out of the way.

LEADER KID
Prove it. Say the Earth is round.

SIMON
Um, no.

THIRD TEEN
Yeah, say it's round or get a slap.

SIMON
No. I won't do it. It's not.

SECOND KID
Slap him.

THIRD TEEN
Say it's a globe and we'll let you
go. Won't we, boys?

TEENAGERS
Yeah!

SIMON
I won't say it.

LEADER KID
Say it, or we'll kick you in and
make you eat dog shit.

The Leader Kid gives a gentle kick to a fresh dog turd by his feet. Simon looks at it and thinks a beat. He looks at Nick then back at the Leader Kid.

SIMON

The Earth is a flat as your mum's chest, you Globetard fuckwit. RUN!

Simon PUSHES the Leader Kid out of the way and makes a run for it. Nick follows closely behind.

The Teenagers look at Nick and he runs after Simon, pushing two of the teens out of the way as he does.

LEADER KID

Get 'em!

The Teenagers give chase across the park all the way across to the fence.

Simon and Nick attempt to jump a couple of fences. Nick runs at it and swings his legs over it but lands on top and falls backwards. Simon catapults himself off a slide to make the jump over but the Leader Kid grabs his ankles mid-air causing him to fall face first into the ground.

The Teenagers surround the pair and beat them on the ground.

INT. SIMON'S PARENTS KITCHEN - AFTERNOON

Simon and Nick sit at the dinner table with Simon's parents, with fresh black eyes and other bruises. They eat in silence until Nick breaks it.

NICK

So, Simon tells me you're going on a cruise.

MUM

Yes, an around the... plane trip, next month. We've not been on holiday for a while so we thought we'd treat ourselves and give Simon the house to himself for a little while.

NICK

Captain Cook travelled around the plane once. Around the Antarctic. It took him 3-years to do so, proving the Earth a flat disc encircled in ice. Otherwise, it would have taken a month.

MUM

Really? Interesting.

Dad begins eating his lunch faster.

SIMON

Not as interesting as Nick's theory that life on Earth proves it a disc, as there's no life on planets in our solar system, therefore showing that rotation must stop life from being possible. Isn't that right?

NICK

Exactly.

Mum tries to be polite.

MUM

(to Nick)

Oh. And do you have a lot of theories?

Dad starts eating as fast as he can.

NICK

Oh yes. I have seven completely unique flat Earth theories that may finally put the final nail in the coffin of the round Earth lie. But we need money to put together a presentation to show it to the world. Not just present the theory and as is but, actually go out there and prove it as well, so it can't be denied.

Dad finishes his food.

DAD

That's me done. Time for the lottery.

Dad leaves the room as fast as his legs will take him.

Simon, Nick and Mum sit in silence for a moment.

SIMON

(to Nick)

Closet Globehead.

Mum smiles, uncomfortably.

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Simon and Nick are sitting either side of Mum in front of the TV. The Euro-Millions lottery draw is playing. Dad is sitting in his own chair.

The air is uncomfortable... for the parents.

DAD
Don't you boys have a show to be
getting on with?

SIMON
No, that was last night.

DAD
Oh.

Dad exhales, gets up and walks over to a cabinet.

The TV VOICE announces the numbers as they are drawn.

TV VOICE
And now the balls are released and
we await the first number.

Dad sits back down and pours himself a large glass of wine.

We cut back and forth between the ticket and the numbers
being drawn.

TV VOICE (CONT'D)
And the first number is 6.

SIMON
6. Thousand miles from the Earth to
the Sun.

Dad takes a drink.

TV VOICE
And the second number is 8.

NICK
8. Inches per mile squared the
Earth would dip if there were a
curvature.

Dad takes another drink.

TV VOICE
And the next number is 9.

SIMON
Hours it would take to travel
direct from Chile to Johannesburg
on a curved Earth.

NICK
And that's 3 numbers.
(to Mum)
Money in the bank.

Mum smiles.

TV VOICE
And 12 is the next number.

NICK
Countries that originally signed
the Antarctic Treaty. That's 4
numbers.

Dad downs the rest of his wine and half refills his glass.

SIMON
How much is that?

NICK
I honestly don't know, I've never
looked into it.

TV VOICE
And number 7 is up next.

SIMON
Nations that have claimed portions
of Antarctica as national
territory. This is weird.

Dad fills his glass to the top of the glass then drinks.

TV VOICE
And the final number tonight to win
that record jackpot is...

The last number drops. 2.

TV VOICE (CONT'D)
2.

NICK
Hundred foot Ice Wall.

SIMON
Hundred foot Ice Wall.

Nick looks down at the ticket as he and Simon sit staring at
the TV.

MUM

So, how many number did you boys
get?

NICK

All of them. We won.

Nick hands Simon the ticket. He double checks with the
screen. He smiles.

MUM

What? You won?

Simon flashes the ticket to his Mum. She checks the numbers
and confirms the win to Dad with a Nod.

DAD

(genuinely excited)
You'll be moving out then. Let's
celebrate. I'll get another bottle.

Dad flashes a smile and heads back to the drinks cabinet.

MINI MONTAGE

The four celebrate the win in slow motion to the tune of
"Money, Money, Money".

INT. PRESS ROOM - DAY

Simon and Nick stand with Lottery representatives to a large
group of **RANDOM REPORTERS** waiting to ask questions.

REPORTER 1

So how does it feel to be the
recipients of the largest Euro
Millions jackpot there has ever
been?

NICK

Well, I don't know about him but,
to me, it feels pretty damn good.

SIMON

Pretty damn good this side too.

NICK

Like fate.

SIMON

Or destiny.

NICK
Aren't they-?

SIMON
The same thing, yeah. But seriously, not to sound to braggy or arrogant or anything but I really can't think it could happen to two better people than ourselves. I mean, we really do go above and beyond for everyone around us and we never get any thanks for it so it's about time we were rewarded, actually.

NICK
'Above and beyond'.

Nick winks at the inside joke the pair have as the reporters roll their eyes at Simon's arrogance.

REPORTER 2
Really? And what is it that you do for people, exactly?

SIMON
Never you mind. You'll find out.

REPORTER 3
So how did you react when you saw that you'd won this huge amount?

NICK
We cracked open a bottle of wine and painted the walls red with it, if you know what I mean.

REPORTER 3
No, I don't actually.

REPORTER 1
So what will you do now that you've won, will you keep working or do something else, what is it that you did, exactly?

SIMON
It doesn't matter what we do, or did or might have done, what matters is what we do next.

REPORTER 3
And what will you do next? How do you plan on spending the money?

Simon and Nick take a look at each other with a smile before revealing their plan.

NICK

We are going to use the money to prove that the Earth is not a sphere.

The reporters react as if not knowing what 'sphere' means.

SIMON

That means flat. We're gonna use the money to prove the Earth is flat. You filthy, Globeheaded, retards.

Silence hits the reporters and cameramen lower their equipment as they struggle to take in the surprisingly serious statement.

INT. NEWSROOM - DAY

A **NEWS READER** reports on the announcement with the previous press conference his screen-in-screen. (Intercut between the two)

NEWS READER

That was the announcement made by the two winners of the latest Euro Millions jackpot winners just hours ago. They had this to say.

The news shows a continuation of the previous scene.

NICK

The Earth is not a sphere but a plane, and the lie that is the ball Earth theory's days are numbered.

SIMON

Yeah. You really think we're all on a ball, spinning through space at thousand of miles an hour, but we can't feel anything? That the solar system itself is also spinning in a different direction faster still, and we still can't feel anything? All this spinning and you can still make a pyramid of cards without it constantly falling down? Are you serious?

REPORTER 1

Yes.

NICK

And that's the problem with the world right there.

SIMON

Exactly. 'Cos you're an idiot, and that's what we do for you people. We go out of our ways to expose to Globe Earth for the bullshit that it is in exchange for ridicule.

REPORTER 2

But the world is round, we've seen--

SIMON

Pictures of it?

REPORTER 2

Well, yes.

NICK

NASA photoshop creations to fool the world it is not the center of the universe.

SIMON

They even admit it's photoshopped.

REPORTER 3

No, they don't.

SIMON

Yes, they do.

NICK

Oh, I think you'll find they do.

SIMON

You fucking moron. All NASA images are fake. Just look into their logo and what it really means, you great dope.

The audio fades out as the news reader chimes in.

NEWS READER

Well, some people call the lottery an idiot tax, and with tax, sometimes comes rebates.

INT. TV STUDIO - DAY

TV presenters **HOLLY WILLOUGHBY** and **PHILIP SCOFIELD** sit on the sofa and address the camera. Simon and Nick are their guests.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

Hello and welcome back to the show. Now, last Saturday night the U.K saw it's biggest ever Euro Millions Lottery prize being won after 17-weeks of rolling over. It was won by a pair of friends collecting over £344-million. More than double the previous record.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

But, despite the uncommonly large jackpot they collected, that wasn't the biggest part of the story. No, that was reserved for them vowing to use up to 99% of the money, in order to prove that the Earth is, in fact, flat. They join us here this morning. Good Morning.

Philip turns to Simon and Nick and the next couch.

SIMON

Good Morning.

NICK

Good Morning.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

So, you pick your numbers, you lay your money down and you win. Of all the things in the world you could do with the money, why did you choose to spend it on... this?

NICK

Proving the Earth is flat?

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

Well, it's not, is it? It's been documented again and again.

SIMON

'Again and again' she says.

NICK

What, by Globeheads at NASA?

PHILIP SCOFIELD

Globeheads? What is a Globehead, for goodness sake?

NICK

You, mate, you're a Globehead.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

Well, all our heads resemble globes, even yours.

SIMON

A Globehead is someone who wrongly believes the Earth is round.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

Oh, 'wrongly' believes.

SIMON

Yes.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

So what are those of us that rightly know the Earth is round called?

NICK

Idiots.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

Oh God.

NICK

The fact is, for hundreds of years people knew that the Earth was flat-

PHILIP SCOFIELD

Before science?

NICK

But then came a bunch of people who wanted to act like they had some kind of special information that no one else knew.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

Scientists. You're talking about scientists, right?

NICK

They wanted to appear special and more intelligent than everyone else, so they created the lie of the round Earth--

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

You're partially right--

NICK

I'm all right, thank you.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

For hundreds of years people did in fact think that the Earth was flat, but with advancements in our knowledge of science, mathematics and technology, we have been able to concretely prove the shape of the Earth.

SIMON

Really?

(to Nick)

I thought this was supposed to be an interview, not a televised statement just to and on our behalf. Aren't we lucky?

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

Well, I'm sorry, but it's true.

NICK

It's not true.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

We've been to determine the Earth's shape since before we could leave the planet.

NICK

We can't leave the planet.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

Excuse me?

NICK

We can't leave the planet.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

What do you mean 'we can't leave the planet'?

SIMON

The Earth is under a dome, and space isn't real, therefore we can't leave the planet. It's that simple.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

'It's that simple'? You're that simple.

NICK

Oh look, resorting to insults because you can't handle the message, so rather than address and tackle the subject at hand you attack the messenger. Very mature.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

Okay then, let's tackle the issue.

NICK

You just failed that, mate, and the whole flat Earth saw you.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

How can you say space isn't real when we've been to it?

NICK

Oh, you've been to it, have you?

PHILIP SCOFIELD

Well, no, not me personally but us as in Mankind.

SIMON

Sure, NASA says we've been to space therefore we've been to space. Case closed. I'm so glad we met, now we can throw all our hard research out of the window, go against logic and agree with you that the Earth is round, because you said so.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

God, it's like talking to child.

NICK

Yes, it is like being interviewed by children.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

Okay, okay, let's just stop a minute and calm down. Collect our thoughts and soldier on. Simon.

SIMON

Yes, Holly.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

You say that we've never been to space because we can't because space isn't actually real.

SIMON

Yes, I did.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

How do you explain this? And do you understand how people could think that that is an unbelievable thing to think?

SIMON

I do. Absolutely. After all, world leaders and media have been promoting the idea of a round Earth in all of us since we were born. They put globes in schools, in cartoons and movies. Hitler once said, 'Make the lie big, make it simple, keep saying it, and eventually people will believe it'. Something like that. Not that I'm a Hitler fan, of course. He was a Globehead.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

Right, but is space isn't real, then where is the Sun?

SIMON

The Sun resides no more than 6,000 miles away, within the dome itself.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

Okay, so what about the Moon?

SIMON

The Moon is a hologram and always has been.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

What the f- Okay then how do you explain the fact that the Moon has been seen since the beginning of Mankind, before we even had technology?

SIMON

The Moon is a hologram.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

No, I heard that, I'm asking how it can be a hologram.

NICK

And you are choosing not to hear the answer.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

If the Moon is a hologram then how do you explain Solar Eclipses?

NICK

The Moon is a 3D hologram and so does physically cover the Sun when it passes in front of it.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

Seriously? Is the Moon a globe at least?

NICK

It's an artificial globe projection, so technically, but not really as it's not real.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

Is the Sun real?

SIMON

Yes, but it's much smaller than NASA says it is.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

How big is it?

SIMON

The same size as the Moon.

Holly and Philip sit in stunned silence a beat.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

Okay, but, how do you explain that space isn't real?

SIMON

I'd say go research and find the answer for yourself.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

Well, she is researching by asking you the question in the first place, fact is you just don't have the answer because space is real and we've been there?

NICK

Really? When did you last go?

PHILIP SCOFIELD
Oh, fuck off.

Simon and Nick chuckle at the outburst.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY
Okay--

PHILIP SCOFIELD
I'm sorry. I didn't mean to swear
and I apologise to any and all
offended by my language. It's just
that one can only listen to such
rubbish for so long before one gets-

NICK
Triggered?

PHILIP SCOFIELD
Oh fuck off!

Simon and Nick burst out laughing.

PHILIP SCOFIELD (CONT'D)
I'm sorry, I'm gonna go over there
for a bit.

Philip gets up and leaves the set.

SIMON
The fact is, some people just
can't handle the truth, and the
truth is, the Earth is flat and you
can't prove otherwise.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY
Right.

NICK
But, if you at home think you can,
then feel free to join us on our
live stream tonight at 8pm GMT, and
if you can prove the Earth is
round, we will award you with £1-
million. Cash. No questions.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY
Seriously? £1-million?

NICK
Yep.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY
Just to prove the Earth is round?

SIMON

Well, there are other ways you
could earn that money, if you're up
to it, that is.

Simon flashes Holly the creepiest smile possible.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

Oh, fuck off.

Holly gets up and leaves the set. Nick looks away in denial
of what just took place and Simon stares into the camera.

INT. DARK OFFICE - DAY

In a gloomy office filled with people on the computers at
their desks, **OSCAR DWIGHT**, paces around the room addressing
his camera phone like The Joker.

A dead eyed man in his late 30's with spiky blonde hair, he
resembles Jake Busy's crazy villain in 'CONTACT'.

OSCAR DWIGHT

So, the powers-that-be see my progress
and the threat I present to their
globe Earth lie, that they have fixed
a lottery in England and ensured two
Globeheads posing as Flat Earthers won
in order to, quote-unquote, 'prove'
the Earth flat, to only, no doubt, do
the complete opposite and, quote-
unquote, 'prove' the Earth is a globe
in an attempt to shut up the
intellectual minority and shut down
all debate on the true flat Earth
subject. But they can't. Not as long
as I am alive will they ever come
close to silencing me. No sir, not
ever. Not until I have breathed my
last breath will I ever become silent
on the subject of flat Earth. I am the
reason flat Earth is a concept in the
public consciousness in the first
place. It's my baby. My creation.
Before me, no one was talking about
the idea of a flat Earth. It wasn't a
thing. I created it. It's mine. And so
no one will prove the Earth is flat
before me. Over. My. Dead. Body.

His eyes go wide and teeth grit as he turns off his camera.

CUT TO:

WEBCAM IMAGE

A very cheery **CHUBBY INDIAN MAN** is speaking to his webcam. He is holding up a piece of blank paper and a marker pen.

CHUBBY INDIAN MAN
Okay globies, listen up. Okay, if
you have round Earth, like this--

He draws a circle on the paper.

CHUBBY INDIAN MAN (CONT'D)
And you have gravity pulling down--

He draws a downward arrow in the middle of the circle.

CHUBBY INDIAN MAN (CONT'D)
And man is on top, gravity keep him
on--

He draws a stick man on top of the circle.

CHUBBY INDIAN MAN (CONT'D)
'Kay? but, if man goes go to
Australia or something, 'cos of
gravity--

He draws a second stick man upside down at the bottom.

CHUBBY INDIAN MAN (CONT'D)
Man fall off and into space, see?
So if gravity is real and Earth is
globe, if man go to Australia then
he fall off the world. See? Bloody
silly globeheads. Go back to
school.

WIPE TO:

SIMON & NICK'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Nick is talking to a **FEMALE CALLER**.

NICK
Why is it called GPS in the first
place and not EPS for Earth?
because it's one of their subtle
indoctrinations to get you to
believe in a globe a Earth.

FEMALE CALLER (O.S.)
But if it were called EPS then
you'd say 'Why isn't it called GPS
if we're on a globe? Because it's
not a globe.' There's no winning
with you fucking people.

SIMON
Don't fucking swear, you little
whore.

WIPE TO:

NICK
What's your question, Malcolm?

MALCOLM (O.S.)
Hi. You said the Black Swan proves
the Earth is flat.

SIMON
That's right. You can see it from
10-miles away so it should be
hidden by curvature if we live on a
globe, but we can see it.

MALCOLM (O.S.)
But curvature is only 8-inches per
square mile, which means only 4-
feet over 6-miles, so only the
bottom few feet should be hidden.
And you wouldn't notice something
as small as a 4ft drop from 6-miles
away.

NICK
Yet we can see the base and the
second platform farther in the
background.

SIMON
Exactly.

MALCOLM (O.S.)
But your camera is filming above
water level, so you're actually
reducing the curvature effect.

SIMON
Fuck off, Globehead. Next caller.

NICK

Well, we have a video caller, but it doesn't say we're it's coming from. Let's see...

Nick clicks a button and an **ASTRONAUT** appears in the video-in-video.

ASTRONAUT

(smiling)

Hi, this is David Appleby calling from the International Space Station. In space. Which is real.

SIMON

(amused)

The International Space Station, you say? Really? You mean that thing supposedly made of aluminum which has a melting point of 660C, yet is supposedly floating around in the Thermosphere which is apparently 2,000C, and yet it feels 'cold'? That International Space Station?

ASTRONAUT

Exactly.

SIMON

What's your pretend question, NASA shill?

NICK

Yeah, Ass-tronaut.

SIMON

Good one.

ASTRONAUT

If I'm not in space looking at the globe Earth, where am I and what am I doing?

SIMON

In front of a NASA green screen being held up by wires looking trying to fool the world. But what did Lincoln say?

NICK

'You can who some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time...'

SIMON

'But you can't fool all the people
all the time.' And we are the
people you can't fool all of the
time.

ASTRONAUT

True, you do that all by yourself.

SIMON

Exactly.. No, wait.

NICK

Hey, I've got a challenge for you.

ASTRONAUT

Go for it.

NICK

If you're really in space, and the
Moon is real, why don't you take
that camera, turn it around and
show it to us?

ASTRONAUT

You got it. Hey Keith, he wants to
see the Moon. Can you help me out?

KEITH (O.C.)

Sure thing.

The Astronaut moves the camera around to show a window in the
background.

ASTRONAUT

Okay, get ready.

NICK

On the edge of my seat.

KEITH (O.C.)

Hear we go.

The Astronaut smiles and **KEITH** floats by in the background
with his arse hanging out flashing the camera. The face of
the Man in the Moon drawn on his buttcheeks. The Astronauts
breaks out laughing.

SIMON

Funny. Looks more like Uranus.

CUT TO:

MONTAGE 1

EXT. BUS STATION - DAY

Simon addresses Nick's video camera.

SIMON

Hello friends, and welcome to our
across the plane tour of the world.
On a mission to conclusively prove
to the less intelligent people of
Earth that it is, in fact, flat as
a pancake. Not a globe, but flat.
So, please, join us on our journey.
The chat is open and everyone has
been unbanned. So go nuts,
globetards. The truth is not be
censored.

The image shrinks into a box on the left of the screen with
live **USER COMMENTS** on the right as the pre-recorded edit
premieres on YouTube. Genuine observations and mocking
comments appear in response to the presentation through, with
Flatheads battling Globeheads along the way.

WIPE TO:

SIMON AND NICK BY A LAKE.

Nick presents.

NICK

So, if we lived on a ball Earth,
we'd be able to see some form of
curvature, right?

SIMON (O.S.)

Right.

NICK

And yet, if we take a simple
standard school issue 30 centimeter
ruler and hold it up to the level
of the water, we should see it,
right?

Nick pulls out a 12 inch ruler.

SIMON (O.S.)

Sounds plausible.

NICK
Okay then, let's see.

Nick holds the ruler out flat and Simon zooms in on the level. It lines up with the horizon in the background.

NICK (CONT'D)
Well, Simon, what's the verdict?

SIMON (O.S.)
Hmm, Nick, I don't know, it seems to be level, and therefore flat, to me.

NICK
(sarcastically)
Really? What a surprise. Well, what if I turn it towards the other side, what then?

Nick tilts it slightly and Simon's camera moves with it to re-measure the level at another angle.

SIMON (O.S.)
Mm, nope. Still flat.

NICK
Oh. Strange. Flat Earth 1, Globe Earth zero, I guess.

SIMON NOW ADDRESSES THE CAMERA.

SIMON
Okay, so the ruler test failed, but maybe it was too small a scale. So let's up it, with a few feet of string.

Simon holds up a ball of string and moments later it is pitched into the ground to create a 10-foot long level. Their camera runs down the length of it, with the horizon level with the string in the background the whole time.

SIMON (CONT'D)
How about now, is that better?

NICK (O.S.)
Hmm, nope. It's still level, and therefore flat.

SIMON
You don't say? Hmm, Flat Earth 2, Globe Earth zero, I guess.

NICK IS BY THE SEA

Nick is standing in front of a boat that is about to depart.

NICK

If the Earth were a globe, then
this boat behind me would
eventually disappear on the curve,
which it can't 'cos there isn't
one. But, benefit of the doubt,
let's see.

A MOMENT LATER

The boat is no longer behind Nick.

NICK (CONT'D)

Now, I know what you're thinking,
'The boat is gone, the Earth is a
globe'. But, our eyes are only so
strong and so can only see so far,
but a camera on the other hand...

Simon zooms in to the background and the previously
disappeared boat comes 50% back into view.

SIMON (O.S.)

Oh, look at that, it's back.

NICK

You don't say?

SIMON (O.S.)

I do. And for those that are going
to say you can only see half the
boat because it's going over the
curve, you're wrong. That's
actually called refraction and so
the boat only appears to be going
over a curve, but really it's just
getting smaller.

NICK

Three nothing flat Earth.

SIMON ON A BEACH

SIMON

Here we are in sunny France, and as
you can see we have a beautiful
clear day.

(MORE)

SIMON (CONT'D)

The white cliffs of Dover are over 30-miles away and so shouldn't be visible from here because of supposed Earth curvature, but, if we zoom in in the direction of the cliffs--

Nick zooms in and the top of Dover's White Cliffs come into view.

NICK (O.S.)

Four nil.

NICK IS IN THE BACK OF A HELICOPTER

NICK

If the Earth is round, then we should be able to see a curve. Time for a maximum altitude test, please pilot.

The chopper takes off into the air and we're soon as high as it will go.

NICK (CONT'D)

Well, I don't see a curve. How about you?

SIMON (O.S.)

Well, I don't see a curve from this side, let me check out the other side.

Simon aims the camera out of another window.

SIMON (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Nope. No curve. But let's not say five-zero yet, let's see if we can go higher.

NICK

(worried)

Higher?

SIMON IS SELF SHOOTING IN A HOT AIR BALLOON

Nick is screaming to himself in the background.

SIMON

Well, the helicopter test was okay, but this is better, but, as you can see, no curve.

Simon holds up a ruler in front of the camera to show the horizon is level.

SIMON (CONT'D)
Unless my eyes deceive me. How
about your eyes Nick?

Simon turns the camera to reveal Nick sweating and look terrified as he clings to the basket.

SIMON (CONT'D)
Nick?

NICK
(screaming)
No. No curve.

SIMON
Then I guess we're just not high
enough yet.

NICK (O.S.)
I'm peeing. I'm peeing.

Nick starts crying.

NICK IS ON A PLANE

A drunk Nick is drinking champagne on the plane.

NICK
Well, we're at 33,000 feet and
still no curve in sight. And look,
proof--

Nick points to a spirit level laying on his arm rest.

NICK (CONT'D)
As you can see, there is no curve.
Conclusive, undeniable evidence of
a flat Earth.

SIMON
And for those monkeys watching that
think they've seen the curve of the
Earth from a plane themselves,
that's the result of the curved
windows that just make things look
curved. Nice try, Globies.

NICK
Hey, 'Knock Knock'.

SIMON
Who's there?

NICK
Allah akbar.

A **WORRIED PASSENGER** panics in the background.

WORRIED PASSENGER (O.S.)
What?

Simon quickly turns off the camera.

CUT TO BLACK -
END MONTAGE:

INT. PUB - NIGHT

Simon and Nick enter the mostly empty establishment and walk up to the bar.

In the background, a **BEARDED MAN** sitting with **VARIOUS FRIENDS** recognises them and points them out to his group.

The Bearded Man and his **GIRLFRIEND** approach them.

BEARDED MAN
Excuse me, gentlemen.

NICK
Yes.

BEARDED MAN
Hello, pardon me for asking, but,
are you the two mens who are
winning the lottery and questing to
show that the Earth is flat?

SIMON
We are indeed.

BEARDED MAN
Excellent. My friends and I are
always wondering about the subject,
after all, Holland is the flattest
place in the world, you know.

NICK
We do indeed. That's why we came
here for our experiments.

BEARDED MAN

Great stuff. Please, we would be fascinated to be learning your theories on the subject.

SIMON

Well, I don't know if you'd be ready for the truth, to be honest.

GIRLFRIEND

Oh no, we are always ready.

BEARDED MAN

No please, we would be willing to buy your beers in exchange to hear your thoughts and theories on the subject.

Nick seems to smell a set up.

BEARDED MAN (CONT'D)

And you know, YouTube is always hiding the real flat Earth videos in the favor of showing the debunking and mockery videos to hide the truth from the people. So it would be nice to hear from real experts, like yourselves.

Nick's interest is hooked. He gives Simon a look.

NICK

You know what? How about we get the drinks in and share our ideas?

BEARDED MAN

Oh, even better, thank you.

NICK

Beers all around is it?

BEARDED MAN

Oh, yes please, for sure.

Simon and Nick turn towards the barman to order and the Bearded Man walks calmly back to his friends with a quiet "JACKPOT" look success about him.

The various friends look at each other with contained smirking satisfaction. The Bearded Man pulls over a nearby table and his friends clear the empty glasses from the table.

Simon and Nick walk over each carrying a tray over beers and place them down.

DISSOLVE TO:

LATER

Simon and Nick are sitting with the Bearded Man and his friends a while later. Many new empty and half empty beer glasses have refilled the pushed together tables.

Nick uses pint pots and beer maps to create a flat Earth map on the tables.

BEARDED MAN

So, the Sun is actually just 32-miles in diameter?

NICK

Yes, the Moon too. They're just closer than we're told, which also explains eclipses.

SKEPTICAL FRIEND

So, if the world is flat, and the Sun enclosed in a dome with us, why don't all countries experience Sun rise at the same time?

Simon uses a pocket torch to show the movements of the sun.

SIMON

Well, that is because the Sun isn't as strong as they say so as it gets further away, because of perspective, it only appears to rise and set as it gets further away and closer.

NICK

I mean, think about it, if the Sun were as big and strong as they say it is, then we'd have light at nighttime because the light would shine out from the sides of the Earth.

GIRLFRIEND

How so?

NICK

Well, shine a torch, the Sun, and put your finger in front of the light, Earth, you block some of the light, but the unblocked light goes out from the sides. So why don't we see that at night?

SIMON

And how else do you explain the fact that we don't have 12 even hours of sunlight and nighttime if we were on a globe spinning at a constant speed?

The group's **SKEPTICAL FRIEND** chimes in.

SKEPTICAL FRIEND

Hmm. So, on a flat Earth, if the Sun is going over us instead of around us, why does the sun never travel over our heads?

NICK

Oh, it does if you are in the right part of the world. But you have to be at the equator. We see it going around us because of our location closer towards the centre.

BEARDED MAN

Right. Makes sense.

SKEPTICAL FRIEND

But if the sun goes around the middle of the flat Earth at the equator, then how do you explain 24 hour sunlight in the Antarctic?

The room goes silent a moment as Simon and Nick are stumped. The Bearded Man breaks the tension.

BEARDED MAN

More drinks!

GIRLFRIEND

More drinks!

SIMON

No, I think we'd better be off, actually.

The pair stand and put on their coats.

BEARDED MAN

No, stay, we want to hear more.

SIMON

No, we have to be up early in the morning. Our friend is firing himself up in a rocket to prove the Earth is flat.

NICK

Yes, it'll be streamed live on our YouTube channel, bright and early at Sun rise.

SKEPTICAL FRIEND

I thought you said the Sun didn't actually rise.

Simon looks annoyed.

SIMON

Bye.

Simon and Nick leave.

VARIOUS FRIENDS

Bye.

The Bearded Man slaps the Skeptical Man's head.

INT. CAR - NIGHT

A mysterious figure follows Simon and Nick down the dark street and watches them go into their hotel.

The driver is Oscar Dwight and a car full of three **CRONIES**.

EXT. FLATLANDS - DAY

In the middle of a wide open desert-Esq. area, Nick is filming Simon as they stream their live show in front of a Rocket.

SIMON

Hello faithful viewers and welcome to a very special edition of the show. Today we are here in flat and sunny Holland for launch day. I'm joined by the one and only Haddon Ford, good to see you again, Sir.

Haddon Ford steps into frame.

HADDON FORD

Good to you again, too. And thank you very much for the very generous donation towards completion of my rocket. I can't have done it without you.

NICK (O.C.)

Oh, you're more than, welcome. Anything to help the cause.

SIMON

Quite. Now, you're not actually an engineer, are you?

HADDON FORD

No, I'm not.

SIMON

So how did you go about building a rocket to launch you into the unknown without any kind of scientific background?

HADDON FORD

Well, I just read a few books. It wasn't hard. See, the Globeheads like to pretend that in order to be good at something, that you have to go to college, remember everything you're told and understand everything you're told, get a bachelors, Masters, Doctorate . But really, you just have to follow the guidelines written in their own books when you read that information. Nothing more.

SIMON

And you've proved it by building your own rocket.

HADDON FORD

Exactly. Materials plus instructions followed correctly equals success.

SIMON

Right then, without further ado, why don't you go change into your flight suit and we'll get down to proving the Earth flat.

HADDON FORD

You got it.

Haddon leaves to change.

A CAR pulls up. Oscar Dwight emerges from the back filming himself with his camera phone.

SIMON

So, for just a small donation of \$50,000, we are about to see the world in all its glory. It's very flat glory. Tomorrow, every TV show in the world will be talking about this very historic moment, about to take place right here--

Having positioned himself, Dwight interrupts, shouting into his phone.

OSCAR DWIGHT

Ladies and Gentlemen, lend me your ears. And while you're at it, lend me your eyes too--

Simon and all turns to see Oscar.

OSCAR DWIGHT (CONT'D)

--Because these people gathered here today intend on deceiving your eyes by attempting to show you that the Earth is in fact actually, a globe, as we know it isn't.

As Oscar distracts everyone, two of his cronies wonder over to the rocket. They pretend to take pictures with it, then when no one is looking, one of them takes a screwdriver to a PANEL, pops it opens, CUTS something inside then puts the panel back in place but doesn't close it all the way. They walk away from the rocket unseen.

OSCAR DWIGHT (O.C.)(CONT'D)

Sure, they say they're here to prove the Earth flat, but that's just a ruse. Their real intention is to show the opposite, as they are CIA agents, given the winning lottery numbers in order to explain away their government-sized budget to try to fool the world of its true shape.

(MORE)

OSCAR DWIGHT (O.C.)(CONT'D)

Sure, they can send a rocket into the sky and show you images of a round Earth, but those images will be fake, CIA created CGI images, the exact same that NASA use to fool the majority of the world, day in day out. But not us, we will not be fooled. For we know the truth. We know that the Earth is flat, and nothing they can show us will ever convince us otherwise.

Haddon returns in his flight suit. He stands next to a confused looking Simon and Nick. He sees Oscar.

HADDON FORD

Oh, this fucking clown. Right, shall we get on with it?

NICK

Lets.

Oscar continues to shout random nonsense in the background as the boys go ahead with the launch.

Haddon climbs up a ladder and into the rocket.

HADDON FORD

One small step for Man, one giant leap, for Flat Earth.

Haddon fires the ignition switch and his rocket LAUNCHES into the air. Something blanket-like rips away from it during take off and falls to the ground.

Haddon addressing his camera as he is thrust into the air.

HADDON FORD (CONT'D)

And we're off. Off into the air to see God's Flat Earth in all it's glory. Nothing but flatness for as far as the eye can see. Exposing the globe Earth lie for good. Once and for all.

The spectators investigate the fallen object: The parachute.

HADDON FORD (CONT'D)

Today marks the beginning of the end of the round Earth delusion, and the death of all that deny a Flat plane.

The rocket finishes it's upward trajectory, comes to a stop and begins to fall back to Earth.

Haddon pulls a cord for the parachute but nothing happens. He looks at a small monitor on his wrist. It reads: ERROR.

He looks up and sees that there is no chute to save him and panics.

HADDON FORD (CONT'D)

(screaming)

Oh my God, what have I done? I wasted my life. I did it all for the money. The money and fame. I was never happy. Not once. I didn't even get laid that much. And all the women were ugly. Oh God, what was I thinking? The world is round. It's obviously round. Oh, I've my life. Flat Earth is a lie. It's a liiiie--

The spectators watch on in horror as Haddon Ford falls to the Earth at freefall and CRASHES into the ground.

The two Cronies watch on from the sidelines, less horrified.

CRONY ONE

(to Crony two)

Now he's a Splat Earther.

Crony 2 holds back a laugh.

INT. TV STUDIO - DAY

Philip Scofield and Holly Willoughby are sitting with guests, **NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON** and **BRIAN COX**. Philip addresses the camera.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

So, as you may have heard, at the weekend, a man called Haddon Ford was killed in a crash when he tried to blast himself off into space in order to prove the Earth is in fact, flat. Here to talk about it with us, well actually, they're here to talk about their new show 'To The Stars' but, how can we not talk about that when this has happened?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

I know what you mean.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

I mean, in this day and age there are people who believe such crazy things, I mean, how can that be?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Well, sadly, with the internet, and a whole world of information at your fingertips, there are always new falsities being put out there for people to discover. And sad to say, there's no shortage of idiots out there to believe in such madness.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

That's right. I mean, people think it's okay to believe the world is flat and that the people who believe it should just be left to it because they're not hurting anyone, but really they are. I mean, they're killing themselves.

BRIAN COX

That's right. I mean, we obviously can't go around like dictators, telling people what they can and can't believe, but we also have to take a look at the damaging impact that such ideas and people have on those around them. I mean, some of these people have children and they're going to brainwash them into being just like them, sadly.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Exactly. This guy had the brains to make his own rocket, but not the smarts to use the same basic math involved in the creation of that rocket in order to see that he could figure out the shape of the Earth on paper without going anywhere.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

Right. And why shoot yourself up in a rocket when you can just get on a plane which goes even higher for cheaper?

BRIAN COX

Exactly, you can see the curve off the Earth from an everyday flight.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Um, no actually you can't.

BRIAN COX

Yes, you can, I've seen it plenty of times.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

You may think you have but no commercial plane goes high enough to see the curve.

BRIAN COX

Yes, it does, I've seen it.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Um, not from a plane you haven't.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

No, you're wrong, you can. I went on Concord to 65,000 feet and saw it myself.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

No civilian will ever see it because you can't go high enough commercially.

BRIAN COX

Yes, you can. It can be seen at 70,000 feet.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

(to Neil)

So you know what I saw and I don't?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Exactly.

PHILIP SCOFIELD

Oh, fuck off.

Holly buries her face in her hands as everyone starts shouting over each other.

CUT TO:

CLOSE ON :

A COMPUTER SCREEN. Simon & Nick's YouTube channel. They live stream their response via camera phone.

NICK

So, even the so-called "Experts"
can't even agree with each other.

SIMON

And if "Experts" can't agree with
each other, then what makes them
"Experts" exactly? How do they get
that title to begin with?

NICK

Cornflake box tokens?

SIMON

Sounds about right. So, with that,
we'd like to invite Neil de Grasse
Tyson to debate us live. If he
thinks he's up for the challenge,
that is.

INT. ANOTHER TV STUDIO - DAY

Neil de Grasse Tyson is being interviewed by **ANOTHER
PRESENTER.**

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

I don't debate people. I just don't
do it. People tend to think that
the winner of a debate is the more
charismatic person, who had the
better vocabulary, so spoke better
and showed more patience. But a
person lacking patience or a wide
vocabulary, and cursed with zero
charisma, can be on the right side
of an argument but be thought of as
having lost a debate because the
person with no argument spoke
better. So, I feel, that if I have
the correct argument that I should
not debate people who may not be up
to the challenge of--

BACK TO:

SIMON AND NICK'S CAMERA PHONE STREAM.

SIMON
We thought he's find a way to
bottle out from debating us, so we
have an offer.

NICK
We're offering \$1-million to debate
us. Just for an hour.

INT. DIFFERENT TV STUDIO - DAY

Neil de Grasse Tyson is standing next to a **DIFFERENT PRESENTER.**

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
I have money, so that's not really
something that can be used to bait
me into something I've no interest
in doing--

BACK TO:

SIMON AND NICK'S CAMERA PHONE STEAM.

SIMON
\$1-million dollars for him
personally and \$5-million for any
Globehead charity of his choice.

NICK
I believe he supports 'Doctors With
Borders' if I'm not mistaken.

INT. FINAL TV SUDIO - DAY

Neil de Grasse Tyson sits with a **FINAL PRESENTER.**

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
A million for me and 5-million for
Doctors Without Borders? One hour
and they'll come to me? Hmm.

INT. CITY HALL - DAY

Simon and Nick are sat debating Neil de Grasse Tyson in front
of a large watching crowd ready for a debate.

SIMON
Tell me something.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
Sure.

SIMON
If the Earth is a globe, then why is there a 1,000 mile section of the Nile that only dips only 1-foot?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
Does it?

SIMON
Yes.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
Well, I didn't know that. But, if that's true, how do you explain the dip in the first place, if not for a curved Earth?

SIMON
Always answering a question with a question.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
And what about the rest of the Nile, huh? How much does that dip?

Simon arrogantly smiles looking away, ignoring the question.

WIPE TO:

LATER

NICK
If 'Flat Earth' is such a silly subject, then why does YouTube pull non-offensive videos on the matter? Why do they put 'debunking' videos in the top results when you do a search on the subject? In fact, why do they promote such videos above videos, even when you type in the exact video title on the issue?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
And yet they allow 24/7 flat Earth live streams.

SIMON
Doesn't change the fact or answer
any of his 3 questions.

WIPE TO:

LATER

SIMON
Gravity isn't real.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
Um, yes it is.

SIMON
Prove it.

Neil picks up a pen and drops it onto the table.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
Gravity.

SIMON
That proves nothing.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
How else do you explain it? What else
could cause the pen to hit the table
if not a force pulling it downward?

NICK
The Earth travelling upward at the
rate at which you call free-fall.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
You serious? Gravity is 9.82 meters
per second in the first second,
19.6 m/s in the second and so on. A
falling object falls at a faster
and faster rate the further of a
distance it has to fall over.

SIMON
Oh, really? And yet I remember
being taught that solid objects
fall at the same rate not matter
what their weight, but this is
apparently no longer the case as
the Globeheads story has changed
over the years.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Or you were so amazed by the thought of a feather falling at the same rate as a piano that you failed to hear the obvious follow up about acceleration over time afterwards.

SIMON

Really?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Free-fall isn't one constant speed after the first second. Gravity increases the speed of an objects fall to the ground, whereas Flatties say it's 9.9 meters per second as a constant. Which is provably not true.

NICK

Maybe the change in impact speeds can be explained by something else.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Such as?

Nick quickly thinks something up on the spot.

NICK

Maybe the upward motion pushes the air up against the object and so keeps the lighter object in the air for longer. The higher the object, the more air the is underneath it and stop the more upward pressure the rising air has on the object and so the more time it takes to impact the ground below it.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

If the Earth were rising, wouldn't the clouds hit the ground? Can we agree clouds are in fact up there?

SIMON

Clouds floating and objects falling is all to do with Density and Buoyancy. Not gravity.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Buoyancy requires gravity to be a thing, and if it was due to Density then things would go up when released due to the pressure gradient because pressure gets less dense as you go up.

Neil shakes his head in amazement.

WIPE TO:

LATER

Neil is getting a little frustrated with the Flatheads.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
What do NASA have to gain from
promoting a globe Earth if it's
actually flat?

NICK
Oh, I don't know, how about a daily
budget of \$56-million?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
And what do you think that money is
spent on if not thousands of employee
wages, equipment and experiments?

SIMON
Lots a lots of CGI. That's it. I
mean, what else have we ever got
from NASA except photo-shopped
images of Earth?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
Um, well they invented Camera phones,
CAT scans, Land Mine Removal, Foil
blankets, Water Purification Systems,
Home Insulation, Wireless headsets,
Memory foam, Freeze Dried Food, Baby
Formula, Adjustable Smoke Detectors,
Artificial Limbs, Computer Mouse,
Portable Computer.

NICK
Really? They can invent all that
and map the entire Moon, 'quarter
of a million miles away' ... but
they can't fully map Antarctica,
which is right here on Earth? Weird
that, wouldn't you say? Why haven't
we mapped this, warmer and easier
to get to place? And the 'Too cold'
excuse doesn't hold water.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
Well, we have satellites to map the
Moon, and--

SIMON

Oh, you can't point those same
'satellites' at the, much closer,
Earth? Fuck off.

NICK

They can't because satellites aren't
real. That's why they are supposed to
be half the size of a plane, yet
appear twice the size in the sky even
though they're supposed to be much
further away. There are no
satellites, and that's why there are
no pictures of a globe Earth. Because
there isn't one. The Earth is flat,
otherwise, planes would have to dip
their noses every 5-minutes in order
to stay level with a globe Earth,
otherwise fly off into space.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Jesus Christ.

SIMON

Watch your language.

WIPE TO:

LATER

Neil is starting to lose his patience.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Planes couldn't fly off in to space
because they use the Atmosphere to
fly. At cruising altitude the plane
sits in a band of air pressure that
curves with the Earth, which allows
the plane to fly, with the engines
thrust and the lift of the wings
staying constant. Without an
Atmosphere, the plane could not
fly. And if the Earth were
constantly travelling upward, as
you say, at 9.9 m/s, then planes
would have to point their nose UP
every 5-minutes or risk being hit
by the rising Earth. Wouldn't they?

SIMON

That's not true.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
 Of course it is. If the Earth is travelling upwards, as you say, then it would only take 1,000 seconds for a plane to go from 30,000 feet to being hit by an Earth travelling upward at a rate of 32-feet per second. So in less than 16.5 minutes.

The pair stay silence.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON (CONT'D)
 Also, if Earth is rising as opposed to gravity being real, then why does a hammer hit the ground before a feather dropped at the same time if the ground is actually travelling towards them both at the same time?

NICK
 Asked and answered. Upward motion pushes the air against the lighter object, keeping it in the air for longer.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
 You just came up with that theory. It's not even been tested.

NICK
 Neither has supposed gravity.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
 Oh, my God.

SIMON
 See, he admits God is real.

WIPE TO:

LATER

Neil is at the end of his tether.

NICK
 If gravity is real--

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
 Which. It. Is.

SIMON

Not proved. Then why, with such huge gravitational pulls, why don't the Earth and the Moon pull each other into a collision?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Did you even go to school?

SIMON

If the Moon's affect on Earth is so strong that it can make the seas tides rise and fall, why don't they smash into each other?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Go back to school and find out.

SIMON

See, he's avoiding answering the question because he can't.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Can't be bothered. I'm just here for the charity money. That's it.

NICK

And when it comes to the Moon causing the tides to rise and fall from it's 'gravitational pull', then why does it not have the same affect on all bodies of water? Why don't we see streams, rivers, canals and backyard ponds also rise with the seas?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Does anyone have an Aspirin?

NICK

Isn't it more likely that the Earth experiences a 'breathing' type effect, whereby land under the ocean opens up, lowering the sea levels during the day, and closes back up again at night, forcing the water out of the crevice and thus make the levels rise?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

You know what? Let's make that a Scotch.

WIPE TO:

LATER

Neil is calming himself down with a drink.

NICK

Okay. If the Earth as you know it is at the middle of the observable universe, left to right, top to bottom, any way you measure it, the absolute middle of a giant bubble of space, matter and existence, and we cant see out of this bubble because--

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

The light from these places hasn't had enough time to reach us yet.

NICK

Exactly! So--

Nick draws on a white board to visually demonstrate his question.

NICK (CONT'D)

If the 'Big Bang' occurred here - and we are here - in the middle of what we know as the 'Observable Universe' then why can't we see what was created before?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Asked and answered. Because light from these places hasn't had enough time to reach us yet.

NICK

So, places created before us in our section of the universe haven't had time - but places created after us have?

Everyone sits in silence.

NICK (CONT'D)

Huh? And not only that, but we are at the centre of the centre? The middle of the middle? The atom of all known existence... but it's the same distance to the edge in any given direction?

(MORE)

NICK (CONT'D)

It's not that we're - here - in an area of rapid expansion, with light coming in our direction from the original point of origin, in a shape that would not be in the sphere we currently 'know' of, but one that is not neat and even at all. Whether space is real, or an intelligent life-form created light show projection, there can be no argument, we are the centre of the Universe.

Nick drops his pen to the ground like a microphone.

NICK (CONT'D)

(to Neil)

Density.

Nick sits next to a very pleased Simon as Neil stares at the whiteboard, trying to figure out the answer.

CUT TO:

MONTAGE 2

1. Simon and Nick are praised and cheered by Flatties and other curious people as they walk the street.
2. YouTube videos read "Flat Earthers Stump NASA Shill" with another is titled "Neil de Grasse Tyson DESTROYS Flatheads". The results favour the Flatheads.
3. Media cover interesting Flat Earth questions. A poll finds that more people are swaying towards the flat Earth argument since the duo made their announcement.
4. A group of celebrities are shown to now be questioning the shape of the Earth.
5. NdGT says the whole world has gone mad for siding with them and that the Big Bang Theory has not been proven wrong.
6. Simon and Nick are interviewed on various shows. They're asked how and when they're going to prove the shape of the Earth: Soon.

END MONTAGE

INT. HOTEL CONFERENCE ROOM - NIGHT

Nick and Simon stand facing each other at opposite sides of a large Flat Earth disc model.

NICK

So, how we gonna do this?

SIMON

Well, we're not going up in a rocket, that's for sure.

NICK

No. What about a boat? We both get on one and sail opposite directions around the Antarctic. 18 day trip if the world is round, passing each other after 9.

SIMON

But a year in reality because it's not, so--

NICK

Good point.

SIMON

How about we strap two cameras to a rocket, facing forward and back, and send it into 'space' so that the back facing rocket shows the true shape?

NICK

The Government would never give permission for us for a private launch because we're not Elon Musk, in on the cover up.

SIMON

True.

NICK

We take a private plane and fly out from New Zealand to the Falkland Islands--

SIMON

There's nothing for us to land on when we end up on the Antarctic--

NICK

Of course.

SIMON

And the flight path is illegal so we'd just be shot out of the sky.

NICK

Shit. You're right. We need something that satisfies the Globeheads as well as us normals.

(beat)

Maybe we should have them provide a list of ways to prove the Earth's shape. That way, when we prove them wrong, we've done it their way and there's nothing for them to complain about.

SIMON

They'll find a way. They always do.

Nick thinks a moment before speaking.

NICK

Listen, I've been thinking. Maybe we should accept the possibility of gravity being a real force, but it doesn't pull things downward.

SIMON

What? Are you serious?

NICK

Now, I know it's a big step, but--

SIMON

Step? It's a giant jump off a giant cliff is what it is.

NICK

I know it's controversial--

SIMON

Yeah, emphasis on 'Con'.

NICK

I know, I know--

SIMON

Clearly you don't or you'd know you're talking crazy. Are you turning to the dark side or what?

NICK

No, I was just think about what Neil was saying--

SIMON
Neil? What, is he your best mate
now or something?

NICK
Now come on, you're being silly.

SIMON
Oh I'm being silly, Gravity Boy?

NICK
I'm just saying--

SIMON
That gravity might be real, even
though there's not a shred of
evidence to prove it.

NICK
I never said there was. I--

SIMON
But you want to accept it as a
concept?

NICK
Only based on what he said about--

SIMON
I don't care what he said.

NICK
I know, there has never been any
evidence of gravity--

SIMON
Because it doesn't exist.

NICK
Right, but in order to convince the
Globies of a flat Earth--

SIMON
We don't need to convince those
idiots of anything at all.

NICK
Well, yes we do if we want to prove
the Earth is flat. That's who we're
trying to prove it to in the first
place.

SIMON

They won't listen, we prove it all the time with every episode of the show.

NICK

But they still think it's round.

SIMON

Because they don't listen, like I said. Which you'd know if you were listening yourself, but you weren't because you're turning into one of them.

NICK

Look, all I'm saying is that we--

SIMON

That we go back on everything we've been saying for the last 10-years, thereby discrediting ourselves and everything we've ever stood for in the process, go against every sane and rational Flat Earther on the plane and become a mockery of the movement, forever pointed at by that twit Oscar Dwight and never been taken seriously ever again by anyone. No, we're not fucking accepting fucking gravity because it's not fucking real. End of story.

NICK

(giving in)

Okay.

SIMON

Good. For God's sake--

Nick changes his mind and decides to stand up for himself.

NICK

No, wait, why do you get to decide what we do and don't do? Who put you in charge?

SIMON

I did when you starting saying things like 'Let's accept gravity'.

NICK

No, you've been pushing yourself to the front of every video and every interview since this started, before even. And it's my theories you've been pushing and in a way that doesn't give credit where credit is due in order to make it seem like a collaborative effort--

SIMON

Oh, now who's seeking the limelight?
(mocking)

'Please sir, pay attention to me because I came up with an idea that's blindingly obvious once you think about it.'

NICK

Yeah? Well if it's so 'blindingly obvious', then why didn't YOU come up with it?

Simon stands grinning like an idiot with no answer.

NICK (CONT'D)

Exactly. Because you've never had an original idea in your life, but you like to act as though everything that comes out of your mouth is your own original thought and no one else could ever come up with such a thing themselves, even though you got it from someone else in the first place.

Simon shakes his head as he continues to smile without answer. He struggles to find the words to answer back.

SIMON

You- don't know- what you're talking about-

NICK

Yeah, shake your head then go home and shake your dick, you wanker.
I'm going out.

Nick storms out.

Simon is left standing alone, hands on hips looking around.

INT. HOTEL BAR - NIGHT

Nick sits drinking alone at the bar. A **SEXY WOMAN** spots him from across the way, walks over and pulls out the chair next to him.

SEXY WOMAN
(referencing the chair)
Do you mind?

NICK
No, go ahead.

SEXY WOMAN
Thanks.

She sits.

SEXY WOMAN (CONT'D)
So, why are you drinking alone?

NICK
My partner and I had a little argument and so, I just needed to be alone for a while.

SEXY WOMAN
Oh. You're married.

NICK
Oh, no. I mean my business partner. We're on a little crusade of sorts, or, at least we were. I'm not so sure anymore.

SEXY WOMAN
Crusade, you say?

NICK
Yes, we were out to-- you know what? It doesn't matter. Drink?

SEXY WOMAN
Oh, Champagne, please.

Nick waves over the **BARMAN**.

NICK
Bottle of your most expensive Champagne, please.

The barman goes to get the Champagne.

SEXY WOMAN

Oh. 'Most expensive'.

NICK

Yeah. I say, if you're gonna have Champagne, have the best or don't bother.

SEXY WOMAN

Quite right. So, what were you and your partner arguing over? If you don't mind me asking.

NICK

The existence of Gravity on a flat Earth.

SEXY WOMAN

Oh. Well, that's a highly debatable area of the topic.

Nick slowly turns his head towards the mysterious woman as the barman returns with a bottle of Champagne.

SEXY WOMAN (CONT'D)

I mean, every object has a gravitational pull but not the Earth if flat, even though it's massively bigger than anything else--

A smile comes over Nick's face.

INT. SIMON'S HOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

Simon is sitting on the bed with his laptop talking to a **HUSKY VOICED WOMAN** on 'Slut Roulette'.

HUSKY VOICED WOMAN

So, are you single?

SIMON

Yeah, I got divorced a month ago.

HUSKY VOICED WOMAN

Oh, poor baby. Did she hurt you?

SIMON

Nah, not really. I was thinking of getting rid of her anyway. She wasn't intellectually stimulating enough for me.

HUSKY VOICED WOMAN

Really?

SIMON

Yeah. Get your tits out.

HUSKY VOICED WOMAN

Ooh, you're a naughty boy, aren't you?

SIMON

Oh yes.

Simon pulls out a bottle of lube and starts greasing up his hands.

HUSKY VOICED WOMAN

That'll be 10 credits.

Simon types away on the laptop and a 'JACKPOT' sound comes from the computer as the funds are received by the other side.

SIMON

Show me.

HUSKY VOICED WOMAN

Oh, okay, are you ready?

SIMON

Fuck yeah!

He reaches under the covers and handles himself. The Husky Voiced Woman pulls down her bra revealing an obviously fresh boob job. Not nasty, but the scars stop them from being nice.

SIMON (CONT'D)

Oh yeah!

Simon begins furiously beating his meat under the covers with a surprisingly angry look on his face.

HUSKY VOICED WOMAN

Ooh. You like?

SIMON

Oh yeah.

(angry)

Yeah!

HUSKY VOICED WOMAN

You want to see more?

SIMON

Yes. YES!

HUSKY VOICED WOMAN

10 more credits.

Simon types away on the keys again and the same 'JACKPOT' sound effect plays as the funds are acquired by the model.

HUSKY VOICED WOMAN (CONT'D)

Thank you.

The Husky Voiced Woman turns around and peels off her underwear, revealing her flat ass.

SIMON

Ooh! Shake it for me. SHAKE it for me.

She does, much to his pleasure.

SIMON (CONT'D)

Oh yeah. YEAH! You are so FINE!

HUSKY VOICED WOMAN

Why, thank you.

SIMON

Oh God, you make me so erect! How much to just take it all off and jam something up yourself?

HUSKY VOICED WOMAN

Ooh, so forward. Um... 100 credits.

SIMON

Okay.

Simon makes the transfer again and continues with his angry wank. The Husky Voiced Woman reaches out of shot and pulls a Cucumber into frame, much to Simon's delight.

SIMON (CONT'D)

Yes! Stick that thing right up your twat!

HUSKY VOICED WOMAN

Well, I can't do that just yet as I'm still a pre-op...

SIMON

(miming)

Pre-op?

HUSKY VOICED WOMAN
But I can stick it in here...

As Simon begins to approach climax, he Husky Voiced Woman reveals her dick and takes aim at her arsehole with the Cucumber.

Simon tries to look away, left and right so's not to look directly at it as he cums.

SIMON
(confused)
Oh! Oh! OH! AUGH!

Simon falls out of bed

SIMON (CONT'D)
Fuck.
(justifying to himself)
It's not gay if they've got tits.

HUSKY VOICED WOMAN
No, it's not gay.

SIMON
Fuck off, you!

Simon slams the laptop closed.

INT. SEXY WOMAN'S HOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

Nick and the Sexy Woman enter, kissing. They quickly begin undressing themselves and each other until they're down to their underwear.

NICK
Give me one second.

SEXY WOMAN
Okay.

Nick rushes into the En Suite and closes the door behind him.

INT. EN SUITE - NIGHT

Nick gives himself a high-5 into the mirror and flexes his muscles before running a towel under the tap and washing his armpits... and balls and ass-crack.

INT. SEXY WOMAN'S HOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

Nick returns to the room with a 'bra to the face' welcome back.

SEXY WOMAN

Now these are round. And real.

The Sexy Woman pushes her breasts together with a look in her eye.

Nick looks at the sexy woman's bare boobs and reacts as if he's slowly figuring out the answer to a puzzle. He approaches her and holds her boobs together himself then smiles as if he just figured out the answer to a puzzle.

He flashes her a big grin then jumps her.

INT. HOTEL CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

Simon is playing like a child, flying a toy rocket over his flat Earth model. The door opens and Nick walks in. Simon quickly drops the toy like he's been caught doing something. He picks up the toy and pockets it. Nick stops opposite him.

SIMON

How was your night?

NICK

Not bad. Met a girl in a bar. Took her to bed. Got a new theory during a tit wank.

SIMON

During a--

NICK

Yeah.

SIMON

Nice. They must have been some impressive tits.

NICK

Yeah, they were.

SIMON

So what's the theory?

NICK

Oh, it's an expansion on the gravity idea, so, you wouldn't be interested.

Simon stands a beat as Nick looks at the Flat Earth model deep in thought then breaks the silence.

SIMON

So, what is it that Neil said that made you consider gravity?

Nick looks at Simon to see if he's being a dick but he seems to look sincere.

SIMON (CONT'D)

Just out of curiosity.

Nick believes he's interested.

NICK

Okay. What did he say about gravity? That every object, no matter how big or small, be it 'Planet, person or paracetamol' had a gravitational pull, even if it couldn't be measured.

SIMON

Right.

NICK

But he also said that gravity could not exist on a flat Earth. So something as small as a pill can have gravity, but something as big as Earth couldn't, even though much bigger and the same shape? That makes no sense.

SIMON

Right.

NICK

And he never said that gravity is created by a globe Earth spinning.

Simon is listening.

NICK (CONT'D)

If we also have gravity, well, we aren't spinning, right? And he gave that cop-out 'answer' that gravity was the 'curvature of space and time'. Pfft.

SIMON

What a load of bollocks.

NICK

Right. Maybe he said that because they're too afraid to admit that even they don't know what it is yet.

SIMON

So gravity doesn't prove a globe Earth, but a globe Earth isn't needed for gravity to exist?

NICK

Exactly. Maybe they say gravity couldn't exist on a flat Earth because they've convinced enough people that gravity is real, so if gravity is real, then a globe Earth must also be. That's how they're getting them. So if we take away the idea that it needs to be round in order for gravity to exist by pointing out their obvious lies, there will be people out there smart enough to figure it out.

SIMON

They didn't figure it out yet.

NICK

I only figured it out yesterday.

Simon shrugs.

SIMON

So, did you get a picture of her tits?

Nick gives a Devilish grin and pulls out his phone. Simon looks at the screen.

SIMON (CONT'D)

Fucking hell.

(beat)

Send that to me.

EXT. FOOTBALL FIELD - DAY

Simon addresses his camera phone as he walks the pitch. Nick is directly behind him, marching along with a big smile on his face.

SIMON

Good afternoon Flat Earthers and all you unfortunate Globeheads from all across the plane. The time has come for all the world to see--

NICK

The 'Flat' world to see!

SIMON

Yes, the Flat world to see, the true nature, the true shape of this Earth we stand on. Live, at a free--

NICK

Completely free!

SIMON

Completely free Flat Earth event, live from 'Queen's Auditorium' on Saturday the 2nd of May. Not only will we present the facts kept from the people by mainstream media--

NICK

And buried by YouTube!

SIMON

And buried by YouTube, but we will be sending a rocket into--
(finger quotes)
"Space"

NICK

With cameras front AND back!

SIMON

With cameras front and back showing the Earth as the rocket gets further away from the Earth, until it hits the Firmament itself, to show us what we're really standing on.

NICK

Not only that but we will be presenting an original theory of gravity which doesn't contradict already known facts and still allows for a Flat Earth. Fuck you, Neil de Grasses Tyson!

SIMON

Are we trolling or are we serious?
You'll have to turn up to find out.

NICK

Yes, but don't worry if you can't
make it, because it will be
broadcast live on YouTube for all
the Flat Earth to see!

Simon & Nick smile for the camera and sign out with a Flat
Earth hand gesture.

INT. DARK OFFICE - DAY

Oscar Dwight paces around the room addressing his camera
phone.

OSCAR DWIGHT

Well, I said it from day one. These
two lottery winning clowns have
announced that they are prepared to
accept gravity, yes that's right
accept gravity, as a real force at
their little propaganda parade
presentation next month, as they
plan to present a batch of 'New
theories' cooked up by Hollywood
CIA agents to try and steer us away
from the truth that we're getting
too close to. That I'm getting too
close to. Therefore proving that
they are, as I said from the
beginning, nothing but a couple of
CIA paid shills out to try and make
the movement, my movement, take a
step backwards by trying to get us
real Woke ones who look at the
world and see it for what it is,
Flat. Close our eyes and stop
seeing what the Globeheads can't.
But it won't work. Not only will
they not succeed in getting us to
accept gravity, but they won't
prove the Earth is flat. They're
out to perform an illusion, and as
God is my witness, I will not stand
by and let them try and trick the
world. I swear on my life.

Oscar stares close up into the camera more wild-eyed than
usual.

EXT. QUEEN'S AUDITORIUM - DAY - ESTABLISHING

INT. QUEEN'S AUDITORIUM - DAY

Simon take centre-stage of the large room and addresses the many people, skeptics and flat Earthers alike in attendance.

SIMON

In the beginning, there was nothing. Then, it exploded. We're told that the Universe was created after a Big Bang occurred during a time when nothing existed. But if nothing existed, then what exactly was it that exploded?

(beat)

They say that everything in the Universe exploded out of something as small as a marble... but what created the Marble in the first place?

(beat)

Now they say that it is not only a possibility, but a near certainty that we are living inside of a simulation.

(beat)

Why is it okay to theorise that the entire universe is a simulation... but not that the Moon is a hologram?

(beat)

That everything you have ever seen or heard isn't real and never existed... but not that the Earth is flat? That you, I, and everyone else in this room and in existence, is a CG creation inside of a computer... but not that the Government is lying about the shape of the Earth?

(beat)

Because we are living under a lie. A false reality, created by man, to hide the existence of God, in order to make money and stop from seeing our creator with our own eyes.

(beat)

But today, we will show you the truth the have been keeping from you, once and for all.

A large screen turns on behind Simon and begins a visual presentation to his every word.

SIMON (CONT'D)

In the 1800's, a boat carried a flag down a flat stretch of water called the Bedford canal. When doing so, it did not disappear over the mythological 'curve' as it should have on a proposed ball Earth. When the flag reached its destination, 6-miles away, it should have, at 8-inches per square foot curvature, should have been 16-feet below the viewers eye-line. Hidden behind the 'curve', but it could still be seen. How do you explain this except for it taking place on a flat Earth?

DISSOLVE TO:

LATER

SIMON

Satellites aren't real. That's why you never see a picture of one being made. It's always a computer generated rendering of a supposed satellite. And using what we know to be true from basic shadow puppets, if there were satellites, and planets, in 'space', between the Sun and the Earth, then as the shadow of a hand is small when next to a wall in a living room, and the same shadow larger when moved closer to the light bulb, then we would constantly be in darkness as their shadows blacked out large spots on Earth as they blocked out light from the Sun. But there are no shadows, as they're are no satellites. Just CG cartoons drawn up by NASA.

DISSOLVE TO:

LATER

SIMON

I don't know if the Sun is a star, or if stars are even real, but what I do know is that the Sun is not 96-million miles away. It is much closer. Tracking the Sun's rays back to its origin point, we can see it is actually only 36-miles away. Completely within our grasp. Same goes for the Moon. Not 236,000-miles away, but roughly the same distance as the Sun. I don't know what the Moon is, if anything, but it's the same size as the Sun and within our grasp.

DISSOLVE TO:

LATER

SIMON

They feed us propaganda imagery like the 'Red Bull Space Jump' where they send Felix Baumgartner up in a high altitude balloon to 128,000 feet, or 39,000 kilometers, whichever you prefer. Or as they call it, 'The Edge of Space', just to have the world watch in order to reenforce the Globe Earth lie. But their own images prove their lie a falsehood.

The image of Felix Baumgartner standing in the Red Bull pod appears on the giant screen.

NICK

If this image of a globe Earth were real, taken from the known height of this video, that would mean that our supposed 'planet' was no bigger than the size of Arizona. But as we know, it's not. They use fish-eye lens in order to distort the true image and make the flat Earth appear round by curving the picture.

(MORE)

NICK (CONT'D)

And then they mock us Flat Earthers and those that they are fooling by having an image-in-imagine from a separate camera, taken at the same time using a non-fish-eye lens that shows the same Earth, but this time, in all it's flat glory.

The large screen is turned off.

NICK (CONT'D)

When we expose NASA lies using their own images, by showing a picture of the U.S from a round Earth image, superimposed over a different image of a round Earth that exposes the fact that the scale would make the equator just 5,000-miles across, we gets idiots like LieManDan trying to make the exposure look stupid by adding the same U.S image over a golf ball, as if the two are comparable.

(beat)

But sadly, some people don't see what's right in front of their face, or don't believe what they do see. Or, in some cases, believe something that isn't real, just because they can see it. Like an animation of a satellite... or Simon here. Wait, did I say 'here'? My mistake, because Simon isn't actually here. Are you Simon?

SIMON

No.

Simon's image FLICKERS like a faulty projection.

NICK

See, while you think this is Simon because you see it with your own eyes and are introduced to it as Simon... that doesn't mean it really is.

SIMON

That's right, Nick. You see, when you have enough money, like us, you're able to do some very fun things with video.

(MORE)

SIMON (CONT'D)

Like create yourself as a hologram,
and talk to people from miles above
their heads.

Simon's now obvious hologram disappears and his true image
appears on the giant screen, live from a massive weather
balloon heading for space.

The audience look on in awe.

NICK

Yes, we were going to do a live
launch from Queen's Auditorium and
go straight up, but then we learned
it would take 4-hours to get to
where we want to go. And while I
like answering questions, 4-hours
is more than I can be bothered
with, to be honest. So for the last
three and a half hours, Simon has
been slowly floating up towards the
dome in our very own pod, in his
very own, specially designed
'space' suit. And very soon, we
will have the first images of the
flat Earth on which we all live,
and there's nothing they can do to
stop us.

The Flat Earthers in the audience CHEER.

Oscar Dwight grits his teeth in anger.

SIMON

Not unless they want to shoot me
out of the sky on live stream and
get the whole world questioning it.

NICK

Exactly, so, while Simon heads
towards the Firmament, it's time
for a little Q&A.

Spot lights appear on two microphones at the front of two
lines of people waiting to ask questions in the aisles.

QUESTION ASKER 1

Why do you really say the Earth is
flat when everyone knows it's a
globe, is it for fame?

NICK

Does any flat Earther here think
the Earth is a globe?

Flat Earthers yell "Nooo!" From the crowd.

Nick ignores the question asker and looks to the other microphone for the next question.

QUESTION ASKER 2

If the Sun is within a dome and your high altitude images show a black sky above it, what makes the sky appear blue from ground level, if not Sun-rays passing through an atmosphere?

NICK

Hmm. Why is space so cold if that's where the Sun is?

QUESTION ASKER 2

That doesn't answer my question.

Nick turns back to first microphone.

QUESTION ASKER 3

If the Earth is flat, then how do you explain 24 hour Sunlight in the Antarctic?

NICK

There is no 24 hour Sunlight in the Antarctic. There can't be. If there were Sun 24 hours then why would it be minus 57 degrees and as cold as minus 136 degrees?

QUESTION ASKER 3

Are you serious?

NICK

Next question.

QUESTION ASKER 4

Do you believe in Global Warming?

NICK

Of course. Global warming is the result of our CO2 output being trapped inside the dome, creating heat and causing the Earth to warm. Global Warming proves the Dome Earth.

QUESTION ASKER 5

If the Earth is flat, why do people in the Northern Hemisphere see different constellations than people in the Southern Hemisphere?

NICK

Being that the Earth isn't a ball, there is not Northern or Southern Hemisphere. Thank you.

He points to the next person in line.

QUESTION ASKER 6

Similar question: If people in South America, Australia and Southern India are facing 'outwards' towards the Antarctic, why do they all see the same constellations?

NICK

The fact that you used 'finger quotes' for outwards shows that your question isn't a serious one, and so deserves no answer.

'Boo's sound from the Globe Eathers in the audience.

NICK (CONT'D)

(giving in)

But because I'm a nice guy, I'll answer anyway.

He thinks a beat then speaks.

NICK (CONT'D)

The same way people thought the black and gold dress was blue and silver. Different eyes see different things, and this can be aided to see what people want you to see with subtle things like the use of light differently in different areas on Earth. Next.

QUESTION ASKER 7

If we are in a dome container, gravity doesn't exist and balloons go up due to buoyancy... what causes balloons to explode at high altitude? Wouldn't the pressure be the same throughout the dome and stop them from exploding?

NICK

Now, we've been giving some thought to the idea of gravity, and it's got people worrying that we're CIA plants sent to turn the movement to the dark side, but it's not true. I have said in the past that I don't feel like I'm spinning on a ball at a thousand miles an hour, to which a Globe believer once said to me 'Well neither does the fly in the car going 80-miles an hour.' To which, I have to understand that, and so it's because of things like this that I have sat down and given it some deep thought...

(beat)

That and I had the idea... whilst I was with a lady.

(smiles)

Male audience members on the Flat Earther side of the room 'WAHOO' his sexual accomplishment.

The Globe Earth side of the room laugh into their hands.

NICK (CONT'D)

So. Gravity. We're told that the Earth is a globe and that it spins at thousands of miles an hour... but not that that is what creates gravity itself. We know ourselves that we live on a disk, and therefore the landscape is round, though not globular. So the Earth is 'round' but under a dome. Kind of like a snow globe--

An image of a snow globe appears on the screen behind him.

NICK (CONT'D)

And the inside of a snow globe is flat and round... and called a snow globe. This is, I believe, how they can say the Earth is round and that we live on a globe. Because we are, in fact, living on part of a globe. Just not quite as advertised.

Nick points to an image of the globe Earth on the big screen.

The flat Earthers in the audience laugh at the sight of it.

NICK (CONT'D)

But a globe is a ball. And a snow globe is half a ball. So what if mass attracts other mass, and we weigh the same at ground level wherever we go because beneath us there is a layer of something in the ground that creates gravity. Kind of like how Anvils float in Mercury rather than sink, maybe the Earth contains a material that has the opposite effect. Not only that, but that thing creates gravity on the other side? And what do I mean by 'other side'? Well, as I said, a globe has two sides, not one.

The large screen shows an image of a snow globe with a second, upside down, snow globe underneath it to make a full globe.

The crowd 'Ooh'.

NICK (CONT'D)

What if some of that NASA money is actually going to trying to get to the other side of the world? After all, why else would they dig 8-miles down if not to get somewhere they know exists? And why can they only go 8-miles down if not for something like gravity crushing the equipment to the point of it being unusable to dig further?

Flat Earthers nod in awe at the idea.

NICK (CONT'D)

Is this other Earth where aliens come from? Have they made it through and we're trying to get to them the same way? We don't know. It's just a theory.

The audience applaud.

NICK (CONT'D)

Thank you. Next question.

Oscar Dwight steps to the microphone, as crazed as ever, commanding everyone's full attention with his over the top way of speaking/shouting.

OSCAR DWIGHT

Gravity. 'Coin Theory'. What a bunch of CIA, NASA shill bullshit. Tell me, did they give you the winning lottery numbers in advance, or did they just pretend that you'd won in order to set you up in front of the world to lead the blind to 'proof' of the fictional globe Earth?

NICK

No, we won fair and square--

OSCAR DWIGHT

Sure you did.

NICK

We did, and this is just a theory to explain the possibility of proposed gravity and how they say round and globe Earth with a straight face.

OSCAR DWIGHT

Straight face? They do it with a straight face for the same reasons you do. Because you're soulless beings who are out to lie to the public. This public.

Oscar turns to address the audience.

OSCAR DWIGHT (CONT'D)

Ladies and Gentlemen, don't believe these con-men. They're only here to show you fake images of a globe Earth, as they just showed you, they have the money to create hi-tech illusions made to trick you that you are seeing something that you aren't, as they've already shown you. They're doing exactly what they say NASA do.

Nick nods to nearby **SECURITY**.

OSCAR DWIGHT (CONT'D)

They have the means and the motive to fake a globe Earth so that they can take more and more of your money. Don't believe anything they show you.

(MORE)

OSCAR DWIGHT (CONT'D)
Not even if they show you the flat
Earth, they will have faked it and
still be hiding things from you.

Security take hold of Oscar and begin dragging him away.

OSCAR DWIGHT (CONT'D)
Only I can show you the flat Earth.
Me and only me. It's my destiny. My
destiny!

SECURITY GUY 1
Okay, buddy.

The security guy takes the microphone from him and drag him
away kicking and screaming (ad-libs).

NICK
I think it's past somebody's
bedtime.

The crowd laugh.

Nick smiles and turns to the other microphone.

NICK (CONT'D)
Who's next?

Neil de Grasse Tyson steps to the microphone. He's drinking a
beer and seems a little annoyed.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
Yeah, I got a question. If the
'dome' shows a Planetarium-style
light show, how can we predict
certain things flying by in the
night's sky if we're not the ones
controlling the show?

Nick smiles at the floor.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON (CONT'D)
Huh? Also, how can a plane be
observed disappearing over the
curve if there isn't one?

Nick grins out the side of his face.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON (CONT'D)
Nothing? Okay, you say the Sun
doesn't rise or set--

NICK
It doesn't.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
 Okay, then how do you explain
 images of a GIANT half Sun in-say-
 Africa?

Nick closes his eyes, smiles and shakes his head.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON (CONT'D)
 No answer? What a surprise. Okay,
 you say you believe in gravity now--

NICK
 Possibly.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
 So you no longer believe that
 Blueberries floating in a glass
 disprove gravity?

NICK
 That could be buoyancy.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
 Or that flames from a fire disprove
 gravity by going upwards?

NICK
 They still could.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
 Oh my God.

NICK
 Tell me, if the Earth is a globe
 then why does the horizon always
 rise to eye level?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
BECAUSE it's round. There would be
 no horizon if the Earth were flat.
 Horizon is based on personal
 perspective and so doesn't 'rise'
 at all. Horizon is where the sky
APPEARS to meet the ground. It
 doesn't actually ever really meet
 it. The horizon IS the curve.

Nick smiles and shakes his head.

NICK
 Excuses, excuses.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
 Oh my God.

NICK

Don't take the Lord's name in vain. Can I ask you a question?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

You just did, but go ahead, ask another.

Neil takes a drink.

NICK

How does the air not get sucked into space if space is a vacuum?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Because of the atmosphere. We went through this.

NICK

Ah yes, atmosphere. That big invisible thing that couldn't possibly hold anything in because it's not tangible, like the physical dome.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

The physical dome that you don't have a single picture of.

NICK

The atmosphere that you don't have a picture of.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

You can't photograph the non-physical.

NICK

A vacuum cleaner can't suck the air out of a football because of a physical barrier.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

The atmosphere is more like a really thick bubble that allows us to pass through it--

NICK

(interrupting)

A bubble is water, so if that were true we'd pop our atmosphere just by sending a single rocket into 'space'.

Neil holds his beer to his forehead in frustration.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
Motherfucker, you're dumb.

NICK
But you're the one losing control.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
You can put your finger through a bubble without bursting it if you do it slow with a wet finger.

NICK
So you can go through the 'atmosphere' if you go through it slowly? How slow does a rocket go, exactly?

Neil loses it.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
That's not what I was saying, you fuckbag!

NICK
Ooh, very educated language.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
Shut up.

NICK
About as educated as your true science background, Math and Geography, no doubt.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
Okay, Flerfer, here's a question, and you can choose to ignore it like a little BITCH, or you can face it like a man.

NICK
Fire away.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
If the Sun and Moon are actually, as you say, only 6,000-miles away, then why can't you yourself, with all your money, get there and show it to be whatever the hell it actually is, if the Earth is flat?

Nick thinks for a beat.

NICK
Maybe we will.

Nick gives a 'Cut' gesture to a **STAGE HAND** and they fade out Neil's microphone.

NICK (CONT'D)
Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, it's time. Our very own 'space' man is approaching his destination and we can go over to him now. Simon, can you hear me?

Simon's giant face appears on the giant screen behind Nick from a camera within his spacesuit helmet and on board cameras facing outwards towards Earth and space.

SIMON (V.O.)
Loud and clear, my friend.

Neil speaks into it but nothing sounds as Nick speaks over him. He taps the microphone to no response then retakes his seat with his beer for the rest of the show. Upon this sight, the Stage Hand turns the mic' gain back up to continue the show then heads off stage towards the toilets.

NICK
So, Simon, you've been floating around up there for the better part of 3-hours now. Any evidence of a geometric sphere edge horizon formally known as 'Earth Curvature'?

SIMON
Err, let me see... um... nope.

NICK
Any evidence of Axial rotation, of the Earth-based variety?

SIMON
Hmm, I'd have to say no again.

NICK
Okay. Any evidence of distance to the Sun?

SIMON
Ah yes, I can see the Sun from where I am.

NICK

And how far away would you say it is from where you are?

SIMON

Well, it's very bright so hard to keep an eye on... but it's not 93-million miles away, I can tell you that.

NICK

So, what is the view like where you are?

SIMON

Well, Nick it's flat. Very-very flat.

The flat Earthers cheer.

SIMON (CONT'D)

I mean, I'm not going to lie to you wonderful people, I never would, there are many-many hills and mountains I can see from here. But on the whole, it looks very much like a flat Earth collectable plate I have at home. Just a massive, disc-like object, that spans a great vast distance.

NICK

Flat you say. Hmm. And if you could speak to NASA right now, what would you say?

SIMON

Um, Houston, we have a problem. The promoted round Earth theory has been proven wrong and people are about to find out that you've been lying to them for the last 70-years. So what the hell are you gonna do about it when they come for you all with nooses?

The flat Earthers cheer.

Nick smiles.

SIMON (CONT'D)

I have a question.

NICK

What's that?

SIMON

How does everyone like my non-fish-eye lens cameras that show things exactly as they are and without an artificially created curve?

The flat Earthers cheer, clap and whistle like a cult at Simon's broadcast images on the large screen.

NICK

They are beautiful pictures, Simon. Really great imaginary. I'm sure NASA are pooing themselves. Pardon my language.

SIMON

Exactly. If the Earth were round then Felix Baumgartner wouldn't have had to film himself with a fish-eye lens in order to make the Earth appear round if the so-called curve were actually visible from the 39 kilometers he jumped from. He'd have used two identical cameras that showed the Earth, like me. His in-pod camera showed the Earth as being flat, just as mine does, because it is. But his outer camera showed a manipulated image because the motherfucking Earth, is motherfucking round, and we're about to motherfucking prove it, because I'm just going past 39,000 kilometers and all I see is flat. I am officially the highest any real person has ever been. Eat that Bum-gardener.

The flat Earthers ROAR in celebration at his claim.

Neil looks up at the comment with worry in his eye. He approaches the microphone.

NICK

Yeah, someone will be crying into their cereal tomorrow morning, that's for sure.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Um, excuse me?

Nick looks down at him.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON (CONT'D)
Is that altitude accurate?

SIMON
Is that Neil de Grasses Tyson
again?

NICK
It is. Persistent, isn't he?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
I just want to know, are you really
past 39-kilometers?

SIMON
And counting? Why?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
What altitude are you planning on
jumping from, exactly?

SIMON
Jumping? Oh we never said anything
about jumping. No, we're in this
for the glory of showing the flat
Earth, there's no jumping planned.
Sorry.

NICK
Sorry.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
But Baumgartner jumped from the
edge of space, almost the highest
altitude man can go without an
assisted return. If you don't jump
soon you'll be stuck in orbit with
the planet.

SIMON
Er, plane, not planet. And if
you're worried for us then I guess
that must mean we're close to the
Firmament. How far away is it from
here? 5 kilometers more? 10? Must
be getting close.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
No, listen, orbit begins at 42.162
Kilometers.
(MORE)

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON (CONT'D)

Anything after that and you will be stuck in orbit for a longer amount of time that you have oxygen for. You'll die up there. You have to jump.

NICK

Well, isn't that nice. He's scared for you Simon. Afraid for your safety. Isn't that nice of him?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

I'm serious.

SIMON

Oh yes, we know. You have genuine feelings for us. You're not afraid of us finding the Dome and exposing your lies for all the world to see, at all. You've not dedicated your life to mocking us for what we believe.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

I've not done any such thing--

SIMON

No, of course you haven't. You didn't call us a couple of morons wasting money that could be put to better use in a debate, at all.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

You paid me to debate you.

NICK

But not to insult us.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Well, when you say stupid things--

NICK

I think you'll find it was you that said the Earth was round.

Simon laughs.

SIMON

Owned.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Okay, just say for one single minute that you are round and that the Earth is round--

SIMON

A heliocentric model isn't possible. It defies logic and reason.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

If it's round, as we say--

SIMON

It isn't.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Then what we say about gravity and orbit and getting stuck in it from certain altitudes must also be true. Right?

SIMON

But you're not telling the truth.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Okay, but if we were then those things would be true if you just used logic and reason, and if you ignore them then you are risking your life on an idea--

SIMON

I don't accept logic and reason, I accept evidence.

Neil looks at Simon dumbfounded.

SIMON (CONT'D)

And the evidence says the Earth is flat. The evidence says it, logic and reason say it, and my eyes say it.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

Wait, I thought you said you don't accept logic and reason?

SIMON

Oh, be quiet, you. Now, what was that altitude you said orbit began at, again?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON

42.164 killometers.

SIMON

Yep, aaand... just past it. Oops. I guess I'm stuck up here forever.

Neil looks genuinely sad.

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
Simon?

SIMON
Yes, NASA shill?

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
I'm genuinely sorry.

SIMON
(sarcastically)
Okay, mate. Thanks for your
concern. Nooot!

NEIL DE GRASSE TYSON
Even if you jumped now, there's no
guarantee that you'd ever return to
Earth. Not alive at least.

SIMON
Oh well, I guess I'd better just
stay onboard my special balloon
then and you can sit down and stop
interrupting the show. Okay?

Nick laughs and Neil retakes his seat.

The wiring on Simon's camera's are covered in ice. The images
blink in and out for a beat before cutting off completely.

NICK
Er, Simon, we're having a bit of
technical difficulties. You're
cameras seem to have stopped
working. Can you still hear us?

SIMON
Yes, loud and clear. Which cameras
aren't working?

NICK
Um, all of them.

SIMON
What, at the same time?

NICK
Yes, actually. Funny timing that,
don't you think?

SIMON

I think that means they're on to us. They must have hacked into the stream and stopped the broadcast in hopes of hiding the truth having learned what height we're at. But don't worry, we still have audio and that's good enough.

NICK

Quite.

DISSOLVE TO:

LATER

Simon's balloon ROCKS as it hits something, big.

SIMON

What the f--

He looks to the side to see what he hit.

It slowly comes into view.

A SATELLITE.

His eye widens in horror at the sight. His jaw hangs low.

SIMON (CONT'D)

(to self)

They're real. Satellites are real.

NICK

Simon, are you okay? We heard a bump. Did you hit something?

Simon stares at the satellite as he slowly ascends above it. As he looks at it with the Earth in the background, the curve of the planet comes into full view. Round.

NICK (CONT'D)

Simon? Can you hear me?

Simon is speechless.

He stares at the land and seas below as they get smaller and smaller.

Nick's words are nothing but a background hum as the true shape of the Earth slowly sinks in.

He looks at his oxygen supply: 1%.

Tears form around his eyes as he looks on at the beautiful image of Earth below him.

Nick's voice slowly becomes more clear as Simon begins to snap out of it.

NICK (CONT'D)

Simon, if you can hear us, please let us know. We heard a large bumping sound and we haven't been able to establish contact with you since. Maybe you can hear us and can't communicate back, who knows?

SIMON

I can hear you, Nicholas.

NICK

Ah, great stuff. We thought we'd lost you for a second. So, what is your current altitude?

Simon blinks the tears free from his eyes.

SIMON

Maximum.

NICK

Um, I'm sorry, can you say that again, please?

SIMON

Confirm, I have reached maximum altitude. I have reached the dome.

Sounds of shock and awe sound from the Auditorium.

SIMON (CONT'D)

Yes, I have reached the Firmament and can see the full flat Earth in all it's glory, ice walls and all.

One side of the room CHEER in delight as the other side call bullshit.

SIMON (CONT'D)

I can see the ice walls, all the way around the disc and through the dome to the other side.

NICK

Great stuff, Simon. And what theory is correct?

SIMON

What? Oh, um, the... may other
lands theory is the correct one.

The crowd cheer and rejoice.

SIMON (CONT'D)

I can see many many other lands of
all shapes and sizes. There's one
the shape of a Koala bear, we'll
call that one New Ireland, I guess.

NICK

What else? What else can you see?

SIMON

Well, there's one the shape of a
can, like a can of pop or beer.
And... another one that looks like
a bookcase, that's a hard to
explain one.

Tears continue to fall from Simon's eyes as his lies to his
friends who stand hanging off his every word and taking
notes.

SIMON (CONT'D)

And there's another one, shaped
like a bottle of HP sauce. There's
one shaped like a duck. One shaped
like a cauliflower. A tap. A
partially eaten sandwich. And a
kitten laying on it's side,
reaching out for a piece of string.

NICK

Simon, are you okay up there? How's
your oxygen?

He looks at the levels: 0.5%

SIMON

Oh fine, it's fine. There's plenty.

NICK

Great. And what else can you see?

He looks down at the Earth and takes one last breath.

SIMON

A gap. I can see a large gap in the
Firmament. I'm moving towards it
now. I'm heading straight for it.
I'm-- I'm gonna go through it.

NICK

What? Through it? You mean to the other side?

SIMON

Yes, why not. To the other side. There's nothing on this side but NASA lies, oppression and mockery for Flat Earthers. But on the other side, they'll know who we are. They'll be able to share what the dome was put in place for and by whom. And I'll be the first to find out the truth.

(beat)

I'm approaching the gap now. I'm coming right up on it.

(beat)

I've reached it. I'm going through. I'm going through.

The flat Earthers cheer and hug each other in celebration of his 'achievement'.

SIMON (CONT'D)

Okay, I'm on top of the Dome now. I'm out of the pod and sitting on the Firmament looking down on you all.

NICK

Simon, the chances are we're going to lose connection with you one you slide over the other side, so in these last monumental moments, is there any last thing you'd like to share with the world?

Simon thinks long and hard before speaking.

SIMON

No matter what your interests are, no matter what simple or complicated thing you find fascinating, you will always come across people who think it's stupid and weird for you to be into. People who will try and talk you out of having anything to do with it because it's not what they're into. And you shouldn't. Just because someone else doesn't see things the way you do, doesn't mean you should stop.

(MORE)

SIMON (CONT'D)

No matter how crazy your interests may seem to the outside world, even if it's your own friend and family and the majority of the population. If it's what you're interested in then it's yours to pursue. Your life belongs to you and so is up to you what you choose to do with it. So if you want to build something people say is impossible, go somewhere people say can't be gotten to or fly without wings, go for it. Because what else are you going to do with your life? The same as everyone else, day-in day-out and be exactly like everyone else around the world? Where's the fun in that? Do what makes you happy and forget what anyone else has to say. As long as you're not asking anyone to follow you then you're not doing any wrong. You get one life to live so make sure you live it the way you want and don't let anyone stand in your way.

Both sides of the Auditorium wear looks of agreement.

NICK

Beautiful. Wise words. Ones that will no doubt, now live on forever as you journey forward into the great beyond.

SIMON

'The Great Beyond'. That'd make a good title for a book.

NICK

It would. Maybe you'll write it on the other side.

Simon looks at the Earth with tears in his eyes.

SIMON

Yeah. Maybe. Well, I'm about to take the long slide down and see what's on the other side. Bye old friend. May we see each other again soon.

NICK

Absolutely.

SIMON

This is Simon Dunning, signing off.
See you next episode.

Simon turns off his microphone and instantly starts crying out loud like a spoiled, giant baby who can't have his own way. It's very over-the-top.

The flat Earthers sing and dance in small groups and take pictures with each other.

Nick jumps in front of Neil de Grasse Tyson and gives him an up close 'Wanker' fist shake. Neil raises his eyebrows and face-palms as Nick moves on to celebrate with the Flerfers.

Simon continues to cry, long and hard until they become shorter and shorter as his oxygen gets so low that he begins to hallucinate his own personal happy ending.

Simon's vision sees the Earth flatten out into a disk shaped object with the flat Earth map appearing in all it's glory before Simon's dying eyes.

His cries turn into laughter as he sees what he's always wanted to see.

SIMON (CONT'D)

It's real! IT'S REAL! I knew it! I
was right! I WAS RIGHT! They were
all wrong. NASA lies! NASA LIES!
It's a projection! You just have to
go higher to see the truth! There
it is, the flat Earth. I knew it
was flat! I knew it! LIFE WELL
SPENT!

He laughs himself into a happy, open-eyed unconsciousness as his oxygen runs out and he begins to orbit the Earth.

INT. TV STUDIO - DAY

Nick is being interviewed by Holly and Philip.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

So.

NICK

So.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

Simon went up, like he did, and--

NICK

He confirmed the flat Earth.

Nick smiles proudly.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

But did he though? I mean, we didn't see anything--

NICK

We heard it though. Everyone heard it. Eye witness account.

PHILIP SCOFFIELD

But was he telling the truth, though?

NICK

Of course he was, he's not the lying type. Never has been.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

Okay, we heard it but that doesn't make it true, though, does it?

NICK

Listen, I promise you, he wouldn't lie. He's not NASA. Now, I know you're globe people, so your brains automatically want to go against what he confirmed to you because it goes against everything you've ever been told to believe, and that's okay, it's to be expect--

PHILIP SCOFFIELD

But we just heard a claim, and a claim isn't proof of anything. He went up to prove a flat Earth, gave his life to do so--

NICK

He didn't give his life.

PHILIP SCOFFIELD

And you're no closer to proving a flat Earth now than you were before you won the lottery.

NICK

Look, he didn't give his life. Okay? He's not dead--

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

He is, he's in space somewhere just floating around dead. I'm sorry but it's true.

NICK

No he's not. He's through the Firmament and on the other side, exploring new worlds, seeing what no one else here has ever seen, bringing the truth to the others or spreading word of the dome Earth experiment and finding out who is responsible for it and why.

PHILIP SCOFFIELD

With what resources?

NICK

What resources? We won the lottery. Did you not hear?

PHILIP SCOFFIELD

But he wouldn't have any money in any such 'other' world, would he?

NICK

He took his debit card with him.

Holly buries her heads in embarrassment.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

Oh no.

Philip looks at Nick with a blank expression then turns to camera.

Nick recognises the silence and breaks it.

NICK

You'll see. When I go up. You'll see.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY

What?

NICK

When I go up. I'm going to go up and follow Simon into the next world and take video cameras designed for NASA space craft. Supposedly. Ones that are supposed to withstand the coldest of temperatures.

PHILIP SCOFFIELD
You can't be serious?

NICK
As serious as a heart attack. You
wait and see.

HOLLY WILLOUGHBY
Do you have life insurance?

EXT. DESERT - DAY

Nick straps a rocket to his back with the help of **TWO AIDS**.
Nick addresses the camera.

NICK
It was done once and the ignorant
masses still tried to deny the
obvious truth, but this time, there
can be no denying what's about to
be shown. The world will watch and
stand in awe at what I do here
today. This moment will live on in
internet history forever and ever.
Now, are we ready?

One of the two Aids gives a 'Thumbs' up and back up.

NICK (CONT'D)
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Nick clicks the thruster and EXPLODES on the spot in front of
everyone. Everyone stands in shock and awe, covered in Nick's
blood.

Oscar Dwight walks passes by and looks at the camera.

FREEZE FRAME.

FADE OUT:

FADE IN:

EXT. SPACE

Simon's dead, frozen corpse floats towards us with the Earth
in the background. As it finally reaches us, the curve of his
helmet HITS the camera with a quiet 'Dome-on-Dome' sound
effect as we...

CUT TO BLACK: