



# Moons of Uranus

(A TEXTSPLIT Novel)

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*In the beginning . . . from a certain vantage point, complex representation was confined to the speaking of a language. There was nothing beyond pure speech to place symbols for discrete items into a temporal setting.*

*We're in the year 2222 A.D.—in space.*

*Yet we're also, at the same time, in the early 15th century Near East—where a certain synthesis is being developed by multiple independent parties at once.*

## (PROLOGUE) THE WAREHOUSE

I said: Goddamnit J\_!!1

How do you not know this galaxy

Like at all? Didn't you fucking grow up here? I  
thought you were from this shithole solar  
system?! No

No

It's fine

I'm being dramatic

I know

Yeah

I guess it's just a little mind boggling to me

That's all

J\_!!1 said: I can't stop at any of these beams  
Ibrahim

I don't know what the hell is going on and I'm  
scared! I said: And you're going like 5200 in a  
3000! Christ

The last thing I need is another ticket in this thing  
Fucking slow down already will you? I can't afford  
another bump in my insurance before the end  
of this year at least

J\_!!1 said: I can't Ibrahim

Believe me I'm trying! You think I want to be going  
this fast

And through red beams! I said: Okay

Okay

Calm down

Let's calm down  
Then let's  
Take a sharp right down right here  
There should be a moon we can land on around  
here somewhere  
J\_!!1 said: I can geo-teleport us quickly if you want?  
I said: Let's do it  
Fuck it  
Yeah  
Do that  
J\_!!1 said: Okay  
It looks like a single-floor ranch  
Quiet neighborhood  
That's all I can target safely right now  
It's just this one spot for some reason  
I said: Then do it! Please! Before any cruisers start  
busting our balls over here! J\_!!1 said: Okay  
I think we're good now  
I said: What the hell is going on in there? J\_!!1 said:  
What do you mean? I said: That looks like  
Is that my grandfather sitting in the wheelchair in  
there? With a blanket laying over his torso?  
J\_!!1 said: Does he live around here? I said: He's  
been dead for over twenty years now  
So probably not  
J\_!!1 said: Looks like it's a party  
A whole group of people  
I said: Yeah

Looks like my damn great aunt is there too  
The one that never shuts up  
Ugh  
Is that my grandma? My uncle  
Fuck  
Even my dad's there? Shit  
Okay then  
I guess let's go in? See what the fuck is going on  
here  
J\_!!i said: All of that seems  
Extremely unorthodox? But roger that  
I said: Oh  
Hey guys  
What's uh  
Going on? J\_!!i said: Ibrahim  
Why are you  
My Grandma said: Ibrahim are you okay? I said: Of  
course I am grandma  
What do you mean? She said: You have your left  
hand just sitting idly in between my couch  
cushions  
My Dad said: Mom don't worry about him  
He just had a long day at work! That's all! I said:  
Oh yeah  
Yeah  
Totally grandma  
Let me just grab my hand here  
Remove it from your couch cushion and whatnot

Everything is totally fine with me  
My Grandfather said: Tha eho ta theatros! Tha eho  
poli! I said: Of course you do  
Why wouldn't you! My Dad said: Ibrahim! Whoa!  
My Uncle Chris said: Wow  
I never knew you learned the mother tongue like  
that  
I said: Really? Yeah me neither actually  
I guess it was just a  
Uhhh  
Lucky guess? Chris said: Honestly  
I didn't even know what he said  
I'm impressed! I said: Man  
You have  
A really nice tan Chris  
Like really nice  
You're dark as fuck man  
He said: Why don't you shake my hand then  
Hehe  
I said: Sure  
Why not? Yeah  
I guess I did kind of give you guys an Irish hello  
Is it the same meaning when it's a hello? As  
goodbye? Did the Irish not say hello either?  
You know the Irish? Chris said: Hehe  
I said: What  
What is this? Is this black duct tape? Are you  
wrapped in black duct tape Chris? Your entire

body is wrapped in black duct tape? So you don't actually have a tan at all do you? Chris said: Hahahahahahaha! My Grandma said: Hahahahahahaha! J\_!!<sub>1</sub> said: Ibrahim what's going on? I said: Just uhh  
Shut up for a second J\_!!<sub>1</sub>  
Let me handle this  
My Grandma said: Chris that's sooo funny! You are truly a little goon you know that?! Chris said: I did it for you ma! I said: By the way  
This is my associate J\_!!<sub>1</sub>  
He was actually um  
Driving us back? Randomly geolocated to this address  
Serendipitous I guess? My Dad said: Yeah  
We just got back from our vacation Ibrahim  
Remember? I'm glad you stopped by like you said you would  
I said: Oh of course  
My Grandfather said: Let's go to the warehouse in the back  
I said: Of course  
I'm totally down  
But do you mind if we just pop out to the car real quick? I think I may have left my wallet and my vaccine passport in there  
J\_!!<sub>1</sub> why don't you come help me look



Now please! J\_!!1 said: Is that really your family in  
there Ibrahim? I said: I don't know what the  
fuck is going on in there

But yes

They definitely seem to be my family

Although to be fair half the room is physically dead  
to the best of my knowledge

J\_!!1 said: Should we really go back in there then?  
To the warehouse? I said: The warehouse?  
Right right

What the fuck did he mean by that? My grandpa  
There's no warehouse in that house

Then again

To be fair? He did have Parkinson's before he died  
Curious

J\_!!1 said: But your dad is still alive

I said: That's true

J\_!!1 said: And he's in there? I said: Correct

J\_!!1 said: So maybe it's fine? As long as some of  
them are still alive? I said: Anything's possible

Listen

Wait

Yup

Yeah

I think I have a plan

Let's head back in

Before it seems too curious

Before it seems even forboding

J\_!!i said: Okay

I said: Where is everyone? Chris said: Follow me

They already went to the warehouse

I was waiting for you

What were you guys doing out there? Taking so  
long

I said: Oh wow

This is a

J\_!!i said: Really big warehouse? I said: Hey

Have you seen my grandfather? I wanna ask him  
something? Chris said: You mean my dad? No

But I'm sure he's around here somewhere

Why don't you two take a look

J\_!!i said: So what's the plan Ibrahim? I said: Well

I'm gonna ask my grandpa a grammatical question  
about the mother tongue

See what his vibe is like

Test out the vibes

J\_!!i said: Is that him? On top of that big shelf over  
there? Standing on the large shelf? Wearing a

Suit? And tie? I said: Yeah if he was like

I don't know

Forty nine or some shit

But yeah

I guess that's him

Hey! Grandpa! My Grandpa said: Ibrahim! Wanna  
help me move these boxes? Just kidding! I'll  
take care of them

Ugh  
Just another day  
I said: Hey  
Uh  
Grandpa  
By any chance  
Because we were talking in the mother tongue  
earlier  
Remember that? You said something and I actually  
comprehended it? With that in mind I was just  
wondering  
If you could clarify a grammatical issue I often  
encounter? In the so-called mother tongue? He  
said: Maybe  
What is it? I said: The use of our version of the  
In comparison to the mother tongue  
Specifically like in our mother tongue sometimes  
the the stays in front of the noun  
And sometimes it doesn't  
If you know what I mean? Like if I was to say the  
theater is good  
But the way we say it I would just say theater is  
good  
You know what I mean? He said: Ugh  
You're making my head hurt Ibrahim! I'm moving  
boxes  
Honestly  
I'm kind of busy with these boxes

Maybe there's a dictionary around here  
somewhere  
That might help you  
That could actually have the answer you're looking  
for  
J\_!! said: A dictionary? I said: Okay  
Well  
Yeah maybe I'll ask Dena  
J\_!! said: Who's Dena? I said: My fuckin great  
aunt  
She's probably around here somewhere  
J\_!! said: The one with the big gray afro right? I  
said: Yeah that's her  
J\_!! said: Isn't she over there with your dad  
I said: You know what? I'm glad you're here with  
me  
Feel like I'm going  
Just a little crazy! Let's go over  
My Dad said: No  
No  
Just leave it with me  
I'm telling you  
I know a guy who can get you double what this  
guy's offering! Dena said: I don't know Paul  
Do you think? My Dad said: Dena  
Just give me the jewel  
And I'll take care of it on my end  
I don't know why this has to be so difficult

I said: Dena? She said: Ibrahim? I said: Yeah  
I was just wondering if you could uhh  
Help me? I just have a quick grammatical inquiry  
Regarding our  
She said: Ibrahim  
Can't you see we're busy? Not right now  
Please  
Why don't you go ask your grandmother  
She likes little puzzles! I said: God this is getting  
like  
Really fucking annoying  
J\_!!1 said: Your grandma has the blonde hair? I said:  
Yeah that's her  
J\_!!1 said: Except she looks like  
I said: Why is she wearing all white? J\_!!1 said: She  
looks almost like a child  
I said: Like a little teeny bopper  
That's kind of weird  
She just like  
Pranced into the ladies room  
J\_!!1 said: Probably has to go pee or something  
I said: You know what? I'll wait for her to come out  
Then I'll just ask then  
J\_!!1 said: Yeah  
I hope you'd wait for her to come out of the ladies  
room Ibrahim  
I said: You know what I mean J\_!!1  
Shut the hell up

Although  
Technically in this warehouse  
I don't know  
maybe anything goes  
Let's sit down over here  
J\_!! said: Is that? I said: Oh hey Lexi  
Lexi  
This is J\_!!  
He's my business associate  
J\_!! this is my sister Lexi  
J\_!! said: I've never seen you hold a baby before  
Ibrahim  
I said: Well I try not to whenever possible  
J\_!! said: Do they usually cry that much? When  
you hold them? I said: Grandma! Hey  
I was uhhh  
Lexi  
Does he usually drool this much? I was just  
looking for you  
My Grandma said: Ibrahim! It's so nice to see you!  
I said: Likewise  
Ugh  
Yeah I just had like a super quick grammatical  
inquiry  
If that's okay with you? Run by you? Just a quick  
one? About our mother tongue  
She said: I can tell you exactly what you need to  
know Ibrahim

When it comes to grammar this is always the rule  
So remember it well! Play is play  
And things are things  
But there are regional differences too  
Now that's all you need to know  
J\_!! said: I don't know Ibrahim  
That kind of makes  
Total sense to me? I said: I have no idea what the  
fuck that means  
But it seems absolutely sensible to me  
Grandma? Your lipstick  
It's all smudged! She said: Oh  
Is it? I said: Yeah  
What the hell is going on? I saw you over there  
Prancing into the ladies room? So yeah  
I guess how about you? Enough about me  
Are you okay? She said: Well  
To be honest Ibrahim  
Lately? I've been feeling a bit out of sorts  
Like I'm out of place or something  
I said: Goddammit J\_!!  
I thought you grew up in this galaxy! Didn't you?  
Where the hell are we? J\_!! said: Wait  
Ibrahim  
Weren't we just in some warehouse or something?  
Where everyone was like aging  
But in reverse? I said: Don't try and change the  
subject on me J\_!!

Wait

That actually sounds kind of familiar

Was I holding an infant of some sort? A little baby  
or some shit like that? J\_!!1 said: Yeah your  
nephew

It looked just like your sister Lexi

It was uncanny! I said: I don't have a sister J\_!!1

Or a nephew

And I hate babies

Always pooping their pants and drooling

J\_!!1 said: Really? Because you specifically told me  
that it was your nephew

You even introduced me to

I said: My sister? That I don't have? That doesn't  
exist? Where the fuck are we over here anyway

Can you like geolocate us

Somewhere! J\_!!1 said: The only place I can map  
with any certainty is

It looks like a single ranch home

Quiet neighborhood? I said: Fuck it

Take us there

Before we get fucking pulled over in this solar  
system

I swear

If you get us in another fender bender in this piece  
of junk

I can't deal with another ambulance-chasing set of  
lawyers and their cunt y aides



Their all important subpoenas and little  
questionnaires! God  
J\_!!1 said: I'll get us there ASAP Ibrahim don't  
worry! I said: The fuck is that  
My grandfather in the window? Why is he wearing  
a full suit? J\_!!1 said: This is giving me hella  
deja vu  
I said: Hella deja vu? J\_!!1 said: What? I said: Since  
when do you say hella? J\_!!1 said: I don't know  
Been thinking about incorporating it into my  
vocab  
I don't know  
No good? I said: My grandfather's been dead for  
twenty years  
You know that? The fuck is he doing in that  
window  
J\_!!1 said: Maybe it's not even him  
I said: Memories  
They're funny you know that? What can you really  
do with them  
J\_!!1 said: I guess not much? I said: You spend half  
your adolescence trying to bang different girls  
right? You know J\_!!1? Then what? Years later  
Can't even remember half the ones you banged  
You think to yourself one day  
Remember that girl? Yeah  
I banged her

But you can't even remember half of what it was  
like  
It's just like  
An entry on a spreadsheet  
A matter of fact entry on a blandly color coded  
spreadsheet J\_!!  
That's all memories are in the end  
Everything we do  
Relentlessly transforms into dissipating memory  
Ugh  
Sickening  
J\_!! said: So should we go inside? I said: No  
Fuck that  
Even if it is  
My family? No that'll be a whole rabbit hole  
I don't have any interest in that right now  
What am I? Gonna start talking to my dead  
grandfather and shit? No  
Not today  
J\_!! said: Actually  
You know what Ibrahim? Nevermind  
I can finally geolocate normally again  
Should we just audible then? I said: Should we  
audible? No  
Let's go talk to my oddly middle aged grandfather  
and see how that goes  
I'm sure that will work out so well! Of course we  
should audible J\_!! Now please

Let's go

Is there anywhere half-decent to eat around here?

(01) THE IBRAHIM PASHA DELUXE  
IN ORBIT WITHIN THE  
GRAVITATION BOUND SOLAR  
SYSTEM OF THE SUN

I said: Should have I? Ugh

Maybe not actually

J\_!!1 said: Should you have what? I said: I don't  
know I'm just kind of

Second guessing

the whole Zmail I just sent off

Ugh

Just the ending though really

The rest is probably fine

I don't think there's anything potentially  
objectionable except the end

J\_!!1 said: Well how did you end it

I said: I put

Well I said lmk instead of let me know

You know that whole

You're familiar with acronyms? J\_!!1 said: It's a

That one's a little antiquated I believe? The lmk  
acronym? But yes

I said: I don't know

Now I'm just thinking

That maybe it was a tad informal for the content

For the recipient? Not that our work relationship is  
totally formal

I mean technically it's in reference to selling  
cocaine

In fact

Yeah

It's actually quite informal

Our work relationship I suppose

But it was just something

I don't know

I've been thinking about since I woke up this  
morning

Actually during my sleep as well

Maybe it's been gnawing at me for a bit

J\_!!\_ said: Right right

Um

Are we still planning to rendezvous with Carlito on  
the outskirts of Planet Nine? If so

What time should I schedule us for? I said: You can  
call it Pluto J\_!!\_

Planet Nine is just so

I mean

See? This is what I mean

To me that's too formal

Calling it Planet Nine

Instead of Pluto

We have

What

Are you trying to impress me with the formal  
 naming? Because I think we have a fairly  
 informal relationship  
 No? We're like best friends! J\_!!1 said: I don't  
 disagree entirely  
 I probably could have said Pluto  
 I said: Like  
 We can talk to each other as equals you know?  
 Despite the fact I'm your superior  
 Same thing I was talking about earlier  
 With the lmk versus let me know  
 I think lmk is fine  
 J\_!!1 said: But you wrote lmk initially right? I said:  
 Oh yeah  
 I wrote lmk  
 I said if you wanna meet on this next week we can  
 dock our ships around Uranus just lmk  
 Verbatim those were my words  
 J\_!!1 said: Are we even going to be around Uranus  
 this week? I said: Next week I was thinking we  
 could spend a little time around there? I'd like  
 to check out at least one or two of their inner  
 moons before we leave the solar system again  
 Particularly Antarctica  
 I had a  
 I made a brief appointment over there  
 Or no? Are you down? J\_!!1 said: No  
 That's perfectly fine with me

I just wanted to get it on the itinerary formally  
I said: See what I mean? Do we need a  
J\_!!1 said: If we were going to do that  
I'd put it on the  
I said: No good? Are they overrated? The moons of  
Uranus  
Because we don't have to  
I mean  
You would know better than  
J\_!!1 said: No  
They're fine  
I mean  
Maybe not my personal favorites  
In terms of moons at least  
Inner moons  
I said: Okay  
But we can still check them out? Personally  
I love Antarctica  
That's my favorite moon of Uranus personally  
J\_!!1 said: Sure  
If you want  
I said: Well  
Let's see what he comes back with  
J\_!!1 said: And what about Carlito? I said: What  
about him? J\_!!1 said: Should we still plan to  
meet him in the vicinity of planet  
Of Pluto? Like this afternoon? I said: Yeah  
That's fine

Let's just go ASAP  
Get this shit out of the way  
Fuckin Carlito



(02) OUTSIDE PLUTO BUYING  
SEVERAL KILOS OF COCAINE  
FROM ONE CARLITO BRIGANTE  
AT A SET RATE

Carlito said: Ibrahim

How are you

I said: I'm good Carlito

I'm not bad at all

I'm actually fine

So

Pluto eh? This is where we meet nowadays? Carlito

said: I prefer to call it Planet Nine

But yes

What about it? I said: This is where you wanna do

the drop? He said: Why not Ibrahim? It's

completely out of the way

Nobody comes to Pluto anymore

Seems apropos for a drug deal? I said: No

That's fine

I get it

Carlito said: It's almost like

I'm getting a vibe that you have a problem with it?

With being in the region of Pluto right now? I

said: I have the international pseudo-sheckels

Do you have the cocaine? He said: I have three  
kilos

That's what you wanted right? Our agreement? I  
said: I thought we said 3  
5? Three and a half  
He said: It was three  
Right? I said: I thought it was three and a half?  
That's what we agreed on  
Carlito said: We can do 3  
5  
But I'll have to charge you a premium for the final  
half kilo  
I was already earmarking that for hand-to-hands  
later this afternoon  
I said: Hand-to-hands where? He said: Mars  
Like Mars area  
I said: You're going all the way to fuckin Mars  
today? Okay  
I mean whatever  
That's fine  
I just don't want you selling hand-to-hand on  
Earth undercutting my wholesale  
You know what I mean? He said: No totally  
I would never do that Ibrahim  
That's just bad business  
You think I would do that to you? I said: No  
Not at all! Not you Carlito  
But okay  
Good  
Good

He said: So  
You want the 3  
5? I said: Eh  
I think I'll pass on paying a premium on the point  
five  
I have to pay a premium for the last half kilo? Let's  
just do the three  
He said: Okay  
That's fine  
Totally up to you  
J\_!!i said: Okay  
Ibrahim should I get the pseudo-sheckels then? I  
said: Yeah  
Go ahead  
What did we say? Three thousand? A thousand  
per? Carlito said: Ummm  
Well let's see  
For three and a half  
I think we were doing thirty five hundred for the  
three and a half? But then you said you wanted  
the three  
So I'd say thirty two hundred now  
I'd probably have to remove the volume discount  
for the extra half kilo  
I said: Wait  
So now you're charging an extra two hundred  
pseudo-sheckels because of a reduced volume

discount? Or upsell? But I told you I wanted  
the three and a half

Carlito said: Right

But I thought you said you just wanted the three

So I had to up the thousand pseudo-sheckels per  
kilo rate

That's for a minimum of 3

5

I said: But I want the 3

5

Carlito said: Like I said

Had I known

I said: I thought you did know

Carlito said: That's the thing though Ibrahim

I actually didn't know

I said: So now I lose the thousand per kilo rate? I  
wasn't even aware of any volume discount  
previously Carlito

Carlito said: Ibrahim

There's always a volume discount

The more you buy the less you pay per kilo

3

5 minimum for the thousand per kilo rate

I said: But now I have to pay a premium for the  
final half kilo? Carlito said: Yeah

Because I already earmarked that for hand to  
hands! I said: I don't know

I kind of feel like this 3

5 shit

That it was actually your fault

And that I should be able to get the 3

5 at 3

5

Carlito said: Ibrahim

What the fuck? This is basic economics! This is

Economics 101

Come on

Don't try and play me

I said: Play you? That's funny because now I feel

like you're explicitly trying to play me? Out of

an extra two hundred pseudo-sheckels? Like

egregiously so! He said: Ibrahim

Are we really going to do this? I said: J\_!!1

Just give him the thirty two hundred

This fuckin guy

J\_!!1 said: Roger that Ibrahim

I said: But Carlito

Next time

Next re-up

I'd like to discuss this volume discount bullshit

Because I've been operating off of one thousand

per kilo for like

I don't know

Years now? Carlito said: Because you've been

buying the 3

5 minimum

It's always been a volume-based pricing  
But okay  
That's fine  
We can talk about it  
I said: Yeah  
We'll talk about it

## (03) THE IBRAHIM PASHA DELUXE NOW EN ROUTE TO EARTH

I said: He's so full of

Ugh

Fucking shit sometimes! Carlito

That cunt

So frustrating

Volume-based pricing my dick

Fucking crumb

J\_!!l said: I don't know

I seem to vaguely recall

I said: Please

Don't fuck with me right now J\_!!l

Don't be imprecise in your speech

We both know you're not programmed to  
quote-unquote vaguely recall things

Or I do not

You know it

And I know it

J\_!!l said: That's technically true

I said: It's like me saying I can't feel my third  
thumb

Or

I don't know

That I vaguely ejaculated

If I don't you oh I just vaguely came what would  
you say? You'd be like screw you Ibrahim

And rightfully so! J\_!!1 said: I understand completely Ibrahim

It was certainly a faux-pas on my part

I said: We all make mistakes

J\_!!1 said: With that said

I should say that I definitively recall Carlito employing a volume-based pricing on previous transactions we've engaged with him

I said: What does that even mean? Volume-based? Like

Stop using awkward compound words to try and play me you know? It's like

What? You employ some vocab words and now you think I'll toss you an extra two hundred pseudo-sheckels? It's just bad business to me

J\_!!1 said: Volume-based pricing is generally speaking a fairly typical incentive employed by wholesalers

I said: See

that's what I mean J\_!!1

Hole-salers? This guy's a fucking homo anyway

So let's just head to Earth and drop this shit off

I hate passing through this solar system with a hot load in the trunk you know? No homo

J\_!!1 said: That sounds vaguely sexual Ibrahim

I said: Again with the vaguely!



04: IANNUCILLI'S COFFEE &  
SPIRITS IN MIDTOWN  
MANHATTAN ON PLANET  
EARTH

I said: What a shithole

Every year this city inches downward just a little  
more

Each revolution around this Sun Manhattan  
continues to reach into the boundless abyss of  
abjectly failed metropolises

J\_!!1 said: We're supposed to meet with our  
distributor at high noon I believe? I said: Yeah  
that sounds right

As it still Amelia? Our contact over there? J\_!!1  
said: Correct

Amelia Amerigo Vespucci

I said: Is she Spanish? J\_!!1 said: I'm not certain  
about that

I said: Is that her? J\_!!1 said: I believe so

I said: Nice toilet

Amelia said: Ibrahim

Great to see you again

I said: Likewise Amelia

Coffee? Or spirit perhaps? Because they have both  
here

It's part of the reason why I like the place so much

She said: Get me a hot and black if you don't mind?

I said: No cream? She said: Absolutely not

I'm lactose-intolerant

I said: Right on

Okay

Yeah

Can I uhhh get a hot and black? And get me an  
espresso too

Double shot

And a tall hot black

Make that tall

Yup

Por favor! J\_!!

Do you want anything? J\_!! said: Maybe an orange  
juice

I said: Orange juice? Yeah

And one uhhh

Yeah an orange juice

Medium is fine

Actually make that small

Those things are chock full of sugar aren't they?

So

Amelia

I realize the intergalactic value of the petro-hitler  
fiat currency is lower than it was last quarter

And with that in mind I wanted to state that  
upfront

That I feel your pain

I'm essentially an empath  
Yet with that said  
Your pain is in many ways our pain  
Fuel costs just to get here are literally raping J\_!!  
and I almost daily  
If not bi-daily  
So we were hoping  
We were hoping that keeping our current rate of  
700 petro-hitlers an eightball as static would  
work on your end? At least for this month  
Then of course we can reassess! And also we'll toss  
an option of paying 850 trumpsicles onto the  
table as well  
If that's more convenient on your end? I personally  
think the latter may save you some money in  
aggregate  
But obviously totally up to you  
Amelia said: While I appreciate that offer Ibrahim  
It's surely generous  
In its own way  
Yet I tend to disagree with the notion that our pain  
is your pain  
No  
Not entirely  
We were actually looking at  
Before we came here  
We actually set our price target at a maximum of  
800 trumpsicles an eightball

In terms of the petro-hitlers

Well

We have no interest in dealing in petro-hitlers at  
this time

I said: No I get that

It's a rough economy all over right now

For sure

I mean

How about this? Could J\_!!<sub>1</sub> and I settle for say

Maybe 835 trumpsicles per? If you bought say? An  
extra five eight-balls? I think that would be  
totally amenable to us

It's actually something commonly referred to as

I'm not sure if you've heard of it

It's apparently called volume-based pricing? She  
said: Hmm

I think we could agree to 835 trumpsicles if that  
were your flat rate

And we'd be willing to give you 825 as a so-called  
volume-discount and purchase the additional  
five eight-balls? I said: And the 825

That will not be retroactive

It will only apply to the additional five

Is that okay with you? Amelia said: That's fine

I said: Amelia? You've got yourself a goddamned  
deal! Amelia said: It's always a pleasure doing  
business with you Ibrahim

I said: Should we toast our coffees in celebration?  
A little caffeinated cheers perhaps? J\_!!₁ said:  
Ibrahim  
What's that?! I said: J\_!!₁ one second  
We're just finalizing a deal here  
J\_!!₁ said: But Ibrahim  
I said: One second J\_!!₁  
Please! Amelia  
As always  
By the way  
Are you by any chance of Old Spanish extraction? I  
wasn't sure  
The amerigo  
But then the Vespucci  
They strike me as vaguely Hispanic? I don't know  
Then the Amelia  
I feel like it could really go either way  
It's ambiguous but in a good way  
You know  
J\_!!₁ said: Ibrahim! Please  
Someone is taking off with our ship! Amelia said:  
Always a pleasure Ibrahim  
Here  
Take this! I said: Ahhh! That's exceptionally hot!  
Amelia?! What the fuck! J\_!!₁ said: Ibrahim  
some of that coffee is in my system now? I said:  
In your system? She tossed the whole  
goddamned thing in my face! J\_!!₁ said: What

should we do? I said: Go after her J\_!!1! Before  
they take off with our goddamned ship! Please!  
I gotta get a napkin  
I can't fuckin see shit! J\_!!1 said: Ibrahim  
I've confirmed that Amelia Amerigo Vespucci as  
well as her entourage have successfully fled the  
premises with the Ibrahim Pasha Deluxe  
I said: Fuck  
You can never trust a Spanish girl J\_!!1  
Especially with an ass like that  
We should have known better  
If she's even Spanish  
We should have known that this whole  
arrangement would come back to bite us  
Fuck! J\_!!1 said: We do have an insurance policy on  
the vessel  
Which may be a fact worth noting at this time? I  
said: It's worth noting but I'm almost positive  
we declined to extend the coverage to Earth  
because of the extra cost no? Can you check  
that? Would that be possible to verify? J\_!!1  
said: Good point  
Let me verify our records  
I said: Yeah  
Can we get another doubleshot over here  
Also

Is there any chance we can get a refund on that hot  
coffee? The bitch just tossed the entire thing in  
my face! Did you see that? J\_!!1 said: Ibrahim  
What are suggested next steps? In your opinion? I  
said: Confirm the insurance situation  
Scour web-8 for any background we can get on this  
Amelia cunt  
Are there any rub and tug joints still open on  
Earth? J\_!!1 said: I don't believe any with  
human masseuses  
Not that I can see on a cursory search of web-8 at  
least  
I said: I don't necessarily care what species the  
masseuse is  
But  
Ugh  
Then again  
I don't know  
Look out there? It's totally overcast now  
Starting to rain  
Eh  
It's too rainy to get jacked off right now  
Sure  
I wanted to relax myself  
Yeah  
Of course that's something that may aid us in our  
search

We can't perform a search like this with an  
abundance of abject bodily stress weighing us  
down

But this weather is just

It's just totally turning me off

J\_!!\_1 said: I couldn't find any massage parlors  
within a walking radius of this particular  
espresso shop

However it seems as though there's a gentleman's  
venue at the end of the block? I said: That's  
good to know

But not right now J\_!!\_1

Not this moment at least

Let me down this second espresso

You know mine spilled too

When she tossed her entire cup of scorching hot  
coffee into my face

I've barely had a sip of espresso

What a horrendous morning

What came back on our insurance? J\_!!\_1 said:  
Negative on the Earth coverage front

I said: Cunt

I was hoping that wasn't the case

Yet I was positive it would be the case

J\_!!\_1 said: One thing to consider here as well  
Ibrahim? Is that Earth has boycotted the police  
for now almost two centuries? I said: I'm aware



That's the double edged sword of selling coke here  
J\_!!1  
It's a supple market  
Sure  
Because it's essentially un-policed  
But insurance costs an arm and a nut because of it  
J\_!!1 said: What do you suggest? I said: This bitch  
has our ship and our shit  
We're gonna have to find her and obviously kill  
her? And not just kill her! We're going to have  
to make a fucking example of her  
I'm talking serious decapitation  
I'm not just talking about bing-bang lights out  
I'm talking eyes gouged out at least half a week  
before we let her die  
This twat is going to suffer at our hands J\_!!1  
She has to suffer now  
I'm gonna cut off both her big toes and stuff them  
in her eye sockets  
Then make her run laps around the Ibrahim Pasha  
Deluxe! J\_!!1 said: That sounds like a sound  
plan of retribution but  
I said: I'm gonna call Carlito  
Get us a rental vessel for a week on credit  
What I need you to do is scour the area for any  
brothers sisters mothers cousins she may have  
in the galaxy  
We need leverage in the meantime

Once we get back up and running via Carlito we'll  
start decapitating each one slowly until we find  
one that this cold-blooded bitch actually cares  
about

Then we'll negotiate some peace treaty and at that  
point go back on our word

Take her into custody

And torture the bitch

J\_!! said: Sounds like a plan!

## (05) PHONE CALL WITH CARLITO BRIGANTE

I said: So it's a full rental rate? There's no  
volume-discount? Carlito said: Ibrahim

Do you want a damn megapod or not? They're not  
free vehicles

I said: Obviously I want it Carlito

I fucking need it

Want isn't even the appropriate word here

I don't really have a choice

I'm just asking you to help me out a tiddly wink

A friends and family discount or some shit? He  
said: Oh wow

All of the sudden you're familiar with a plethora of  
discounts? That's funny because

I said: Friends and family is par for the course  
Carlito

It's very pervasive in the market place

He said: Fuck you Ibrahim

I'll give you a five percent discount

That's fine

Call it what you want

Friends and family

Cousins and cunts

I don't care

But I want it returned with a full tank

I want the meter at one hundred percent

98

6% and I'm billing you in full

I said: I'll take that! That's fair! Five percent will  
leave me more than satiated Carlito

Now when can you get it to Earth? Carlito said: I  
have a side business with my second cousin in  
Lower Manhattan

Rental spot

Where are

I said: I'm fucking in Manhattan right now

So that's perfect

I'm in Midtown

He said: It's called Flying Cars by Carlito

Ask for my cousin Julio

Tell him you talked to me

You should be in the system

He'll take care of the rest

I said: Wait

I'm in your system? As what? He said: As Dave  
Diablo

Use that name so he can find you

Tell him Dave Diablo is looking for a megapod  
with the five percent discount

You should be all set

I said: Okay good

Great! I just don't need my real name in any  
cocaine databases? Please and thank you

He said: Of course

Go see Julio

You should be all set

(o6) FLYING CARS BY CARLITO  
RENTAL AGENCY IN LOWER  
MANHATTAN ON PLANET  
EARTH

I said: Yeah

Five percent

That's right

It should be under uhhh

Diablo

David Diablo

Julio said: And you said a megapod? That's what  
you wanted? I said: Yeah

That's it

Model XYZ if you have it

That's the most spacious model you have on-site  
right? He said: Well

Actually

We might have something a little more roomy if  
you can wait til

I don't know

Like maybe later this afternoon? Maybe until end  
of day at latest? I said: How much of an  
upgrade is it? He said: Well

It's a custom-build so kind of hard to describe in  
standard terminology

But it should be a significant upgrade

Also with the potential of a rent-to-buy if that intrigues you at all? I said: What's the name of the model

He said: Ummm

Let me see what we have it listed as

Uhhh

It looks like it's an Abraham Kashi Deluxe? Or something? Does that ring a bell? It struck me as a little obscure as a model

But apparently it's actually half-decent

If a little dated

I said: A little what? Julio said: A little uhhh

I said: Yeah

Why don't we wait

We can probably put the megapod on hold for a few hours

For sure

J\_!! said: Ibrahim! Do you think

I said: How are you acquiring this thing anyway

Is this coming off trade? Is that the reason for the wait? Julio said: Ummm

Kind of? Kind of weird story actually

Some blonde chick came in earlier looking to sell it outright

I reached out to my cousin Carlito about a price

I said: What'd he say? Your cousin

I actually know Carlito by the way

Julio said: Oh really

You should have said something! I said: Yeah  
We go way back  
From high school and shit you know  
Julio said: Oh nice! Yeah you know Carlito then  
He told me buy it out if we can get it at a decent  
discount  
Then resell it full price  
Haha! I said: Oh  
That Carlito  
He's certainly something  
But yeah  
Can you maybe give the girl a call  
Bring her back here ASAP  
If we can get something more spacious I'd be more  
willing to even drop the five percent discount  
thing  
Even still bring it back with a full tank! He said:  
Sure  
Yeah  
I can definitely reach out to her  
J\_!! said: Ibrahim  
I said: That sounds great Julio  
Thank you so much! Yeah  
We'll be down the street  
You have my number right?



(07) JOE'S COLOGNE AND WINE  
SPRITZERS IN LOWER  
MANHATTAN

J\_!!1 said: How is it that none of these cologne  
bottles have caps? I said: And none have boxes  
either? Joe said: Which one you looking at? I  
said: Oh

Nothing in particular really I guess

But like this one

There doesn't seem to be a price? J\_!!1 said: On any  
of them really

Joe said: Okay

So that one

You want a box and cap? If you bought it

Hypothetically

Would you want the box and cap

I said: Probably? Joe said: Okay

With the box and cap it's actually a hundred and  
fifty trumpsicles

I said: And you have them? The caps and boxes?

Joe said: Sure

Of course

But what if you didn't want a box? I said: I don't  
know? Why wouldn't i? Joe said:

Hypothetically let's say

Let's say you said actually just give me the bottle

I'm just gonna throw out the box anyway

So just give me the bottle  
I said: Okay  
Joe said: Now if you didn't want a box I could give  
it to you for 110 trumpsicles  
A 40 trumpsicle discount  
I said: Really? Wow  
Joe said: And let's just say  
Let's just say hypothetically you didn't want a cap  
either? I said: No cap either? Joe said: Let's say  
you said  
What do you need a cap for? I'm gonna have to  
take it off every time I wanna give myself a  
spritze anyway  
Why do I need a cap? I said: Okay  
That makes some sense  
So what then? He said: Now if you didn't wanna  
cap either? Then I could probably give it to you  
for 75 trumpsicles  
So another 35 trumpsicle discount  
And half the original price  
I said: Wow  
That's like  
Yeah you're right  
A fifty percent discount  
Just because I didn't get a cap and box? Joe said:  
Yeah  
I mean it's more popular on the cologne side  
For guys buying for themselves

On the perfume side

I mean

The fuck? You're gonna buy perfume for your girl  
without a box or cap??? I said: Yeah that's kind  
of

I mean you can't give a girl perfume without a box  
and cap

Joe said: Now I've done it

Couple girls back

Gave her a perfume bottle with no cap for  
crypto-Christmas

I said Hey Dominica

Here take this

Gave her a gift bag with a perfume bottle with no  
box or cap

I said: No box either? Joe said: No box either

I said: What did you say? Joe said: I said Merry  
Christmas

What else? I mean think about it for a second

Is a cap making you smell good? Is the box a  
repository of fresh scent? I said: Not exactly

Joe said: Of course not! You're gonna toss them in  
the trash anyway! So why not save yourself a  
couple bucks

To let us dispose of the items for you

The items that you're going to dispose of anyway

I said: But I guess

I guess where I'm not totally following is

Like

What's in it for you? What makes these boxes and caps of such value on your end? Joe said:

Honestly? We're just trying to help you out

The consumer

Times are tough right now

It's a tough economy

For all of us

Prices are rising

Especially in the fragrance sector

The fragrance sector? It's absolutely brutal right now

Do you really wanna be paying almost two hundred trumpsicles for a fucking cologne bottle? To spritz on your nipples and shit? Or would you rather pay half that for the actual part of it you'll actually use? J\_!!<sub>1</sub> said: We actually had our ship stolen this morning

Joe said: Exactly! See what I mean? This economy

It's just crazy! The fuck are you gonna do now?

Pay 150 beans for a fucking cologne? Or are you gonna pay 75 and let me hold onto the cap and box for you? Which are totally useless anyway

When you think about it

I said: I mean

There must be some value there

Joe said: I mean even as a gift

A perfume

Sure

Like I said

Maybe you look like a total jadrool giving her a  
literal bottle of perfume

But half these girls nowadays? They're too busy  
waxing their shrimps to even know the fuckin  
difference? I said: Honestly Joe? That's a great  
point

Yet

With that said

I'm gonna sit on the bottle for 75 for a few

I'm gonna go ahead and meditate on that

We're actually potentially on the precipice of  
recovering our ship

We might be as close as a singular cunt pube away  
from it

So I wanna go touch base with a few people in the  
meantime

Before I go ahead and make any discretionary  
purchases

## (o8) FLYING CARS BY CARLITO

Julio said: Wait

What are you doing?! Amelia said: Ahhh!!!!

Ahhhhhhhh!!!! Ouch!!!! I said: Sorry Julio

I'm just um

Gouging this young lady's eyes out real quick? For  
stealing my custom ship! The Ibrahim Pasha  
Deluxe! Julio said: You can't like

Do that man!! In my shop?! I thought your name  
was Dave Diablo anyway! Amelia said:  
Aahhhhhhhhh!!!! Julio said: This is like a place  
of business

I said: J\_!!1

Now knock the bitch out please? We'll finish the  
job in orbit

She's ugh

Hurting my eardrums with all that noise

J\_!!1 said: Knock out successful Ibrahim

I said: God

Julio

Listen

I get it man

Maybe this is a chaotic scene to you

Blood everywhere

Your counter

It's all messed up

I hope you have like

An overnight maid service here or something?

Julio said: Like what the fuck man? That girl

She's like

I said: Tell your cousin Carlito to take it out of my  
volume-based pricing

The prick

He'll know what it means

Julio said: What about the rental? I said: What am  
i? Gonna rent my own ship? From you? No

Your cousin tried to play me

Unsuccessfully! Buying my own shit back at a  
discount and selling it full price

Take the mess and the lost business up with him

The ship and the bitch are mine now

## (09) THE IBRAHIM PASHA DELUXE (IN EARTH'S ORBIT)

I said: Amelia

Great to see you again

No pun intended

Now

The way I see it there are two ways we can do this

I try to be an upfront guy

I don't really enjoy lying to people except when  
absolutely necessary

Unlike you I guess

You're a bit of a liar no? But anyway

Since I've already basically obliterated both of your  
eye sockets and kidnapped you

At this point? I think we can go ahead and be  
honest with one another

Does that sound fair? So

Like I said

This can really go one of two ways

The first way is that you can tell me who it was  
that put this idea in your head

That you could rob me

For not only my cocaine

But for my custom-built spaceship

I mean ripping me off on a coke deal? Honestly

I'd still probably kill you

Especially on Earth

But maybe I'd be able



On a good day  
Maybe you could talk me into some sort of  
leniency plan  
Some payment plan in exchange for your petty  
little life  
But taking my fucking ship too?! In broad  
daylight?! As you tossed hot coffee into my  
fucking face!! I mean  
Now I have to make a damn example out of you  
Amelia  
I don't even have a choice in the matter anymore  
It's unfortunate  
So yeah  
Flip upward  
Rat your ass off  
And tell me who's feeding you these crazy notions  
That Ibrahim Pasha is a guy you can steal and rob  
from  
Give me the name  
Or the names  
And if you do that for me? Then I'll go easy on you  
Now  
I'm still going to kill you  
Either way I'm going to kill you  
But if you give me these names? Then you know  
It'll be quick and painless  
You'll die  
But you won't even know you're dying

All that pain you're feeling right now? Gone  
It'll be lights out  
As quick and painless as these things can be  
Now  
Do you have anything to say yet? Amelia said: I'm  
    sorry Ibrahim! Nobody told  
Um  
I was just  
I don't know  
I guess I just totally misread you! I said: Okay  
So it seems like you're a little ambivalent about  
    option one here  
So then there's option two  
Which it seems like you're leaning toward? Which  
    is you tell me you're PMS-ing  
You tell me this was just some kind of  
    misunderstanding  
That you misread me! That you deserve to live  
Which of course  
As I previously stated  
Just isn't going to happen  
That you deserve a painless death  
Blah blah blah  
Which  
Sure  
It's possible  
That painless death? But not if you don't tell me  
    who told you to go ahead and steal my fucking

spaceship! Amelia! Because if you don't tell me  
that  
And soon? Then I'm gonna cut off each one of  
your toes  
One an hour  
I'm gonna shave your head and paste the toes on  
there  
I'm gonna take three six inch knives and dip them  
in the coke your stole from me  
Then I'm gonna stab both your tits and belly  
button with them  
Then I'm gonna dump you right at that same  
shithole we met  
And I'm gonna place bets with J\_!!1 to see how long  
you actually live  
I'm gonna leave you there to die  
And I'm gonna kill anyone who tries to help you  
until you do  
Until you die a slow and painful death  
Do you understand me? Just let me know  
Who it is out there  
That's telling people like you  
That you can fuck with me  
That's all

## (10) JOE'S COLOGNE AND WINE SPRITZERS

J\_!!1 said: I would have never  
Never in a million years thought she was in contact  
    with the Abbasids  
Of all people? I said: It's concerning  
Frozen fucks  
Cryogenic assholes  
J\_!!1 said: I've never fully understood their anatomy  
If I'm being honest  
I said: Nobody has  
Rumor is fifty years ago they figured out how to  
    cryogenically freeze themselves while retaining  
    consciousness  
Essentially making themselves immortal  
But they've been so underground the past decade  
    who the fuck knows  
I don't know if they're just using body mules and  
    purely giving direction? J\_!!1 said: Well Amelia  
    said it was Uday Abbasid that she was working  
    with  
And it sounded like Uday in the flesh to me  
I said: Yeah  
And I felt bad too  
You know? Because if it was anybody but Uday  
If she'd whispered literally any other name than  
    Uday Abbasid? Then I probably would have  
    just killed her like I said

You know  
And not cut off her toes and all that  
But we need to send a message to Uday  
Right? That this type of shit  
That it's not acceptable? That it's actually  
unacceptable  
J\_!!1 said: Well  
Maybe you could have just killed her  
But then dumped her at the meet  
To send a message that way? I said: Uday doesn't  
understand anything but brute fucking  
violence  
But decapitory violence  
He only speaks in mutilations J\_!!1  
Fuck him  
He thinks he can start fucking with me now J\_!!1?  
That's what he's thinking now? Let me find out  
Let me see where he's at  
I'll pull his fucking large intestine out his ass!  
Fucking crumb  
See? It's aggravating me already  
Just thinking about it  
Just thinking about that cryogenic cocksucker  
makes my blood pressure spike  
It's horrendous  
J\_!!1 said: What are next steps then Ibrahim? I said:  
Right now? Nothing  
That's why I took the toes

That's enough for now  
You wanna infringe on me? I'm gonna brutally  
murder a bitch  
I don't give a fuck  
You think you can get cute  
Bring a Spanish bitch to a knife fight? Thinking  
I'm gonna give her a crack on the toilet because  
she stole my coke? My vehicle? No  
Not Ibrahim Pasha  
That's Uday searching for signs of weakness  
Thinking maybe I'm getting soft  
Hell no  
I'm gonna fucking mutilate the cunt  
Then the ball's in your court  
That's on you  
That little fuckin ice cube won't do shit now  
If he knows what's good for him  
He'll find a new mark now  
That's an easy business decision  
Joe said: You guys need another round of wine  
spritzers? I said: Do you have anything less  
sugary by any chance? This is good as like a  
one and done  
But not sure if I wanna chug a bunch of them  
You know? Joe said: We have a  
It's kind of like a Prosecco  
But with a spritz-like vibe? If that makes sense? I  
said: That sounds perfect

J\_!!1 said: Ibrahim don't forget  
We have that dinner tonight? For the annual board  
meeting? I said: Wait  
What board meeting? J\_!!1 said: For the Cocoa Leaf  
Trade Group you agreed to be treasurer for?  
The whole reason we came to Earth in the first  
place? I said: Shit  
Wait  
That's tonight? For some reason  
I was thinking that was next week  
Joe said: So we good for another round or  
? I said: Yeah  
Joe  
That's fine  
Let's do a quick second round  
Of that prosecco bullshit spritz thing  
Two of those  
But could we get the check with the drinks as well?  
We're in a bit of an unexpected rush  
unfortunately

(11) THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
PROMOTION OF LEGALIZED  
COCOA LEAVES ANNUAL BOARD  
MEETING AND DINNER ON THE  
UPPER WEST SIDE MANHATTAN

Alexandra said: And Ibrahim will be our treasurer  
yet again next year

So that's a yay

He's agreed to that

A repeat treasurer

Which is always a great help

And Bobby will be joining us as our new  
sponsorship coordinator! So that's another yay

And obviously I'll be taking over for Sheila as  
chapter president

Sheila said: I'm soooooo excited for you Alexandra!

Alexandra said: Excited for me? Or excited to  
be done!! Hahaha! Sheila said: Oh my god!

Hahaha! Alexandra said: Oh my god I'm just  
kidding! Sheila said: But maybe a little of

both?! Oh my god hahaha! Alexandra said:  
Hahaha! Oh my god

Sheila

I like love us

And I was so honored to work under you as vice  
president this year



And I'm soooo excited to have McKayla as my vice  
president this yearrrrrr  
McKayla said: oh my god Alexandra thank  
youuuuuuuuuu  
hahaha! J\_!!1 whispered: What do you think you're  
going to get? I whispered: the gnocchi is almost  
40 petro-hitlers here  
That's fucking insane  
J\_!!1 whispered: I noticed that too  
But it's on the Association's petro-hitler anyway  
I said: True  
Fuck it  
J\_!!1 whispered: I was kind of thinking about the  
tomahawk steak  
I whispered: And that's a buck twenty! Alexandra  
said: Now  
We did want to make one announcement before we  
start putting in our orders for appppssss  
For appetiiiiizzerrrrs  
And that isssss  
That the Abbasids have so generously already  
agreed to purchase an annual sponsorship at  
three times our suggested fee  
Which will be a huge help in financing our first  
half event schedule  
Ibrahim  
Do you think you could

Well obviously I'll put you in touch with my  
contact

But if you could work with them to secure the  
funds? However they'd like to transfer? That  
would be great! I said: Oh

I'm totally on it Alexandra! Just relay the contact  
information to me at your earliest convenience  
and I'll absolutely reach out! And yes

I agree

That's great news! The fact that the Abbasids  
would make such a generous donation this  
early in the calendar is a truly bullish sign for  
the year ahead

I'm so excited for the chapter this year! J\_!!  
whispered: The Abbasids? I whispered: I don't  
know what these fucks think they're up to but

Hold on

I said: I'm sorry

What was that Alexandra? Oh yes

The calamari is fine with us! We love squid! J\_!!  
whispered: The waitress here is pretty cute

I whispered: It's good to see your libido is finally  
starting to gain functionality J\_!!

J\_!! whispered: It really is

I actually have a feeling of

How do you usually put it? Of wanting to rail the  
shit out of her? I whispered: Same here J\_!!

Same here

Her accent alone is giving me half a bone  
J\_!!1 whispered: But back to the Abbasids  
I whispered: Right  
right  
I swear on my mother  
Let me find out it's Uday that's been reaching out  
That he's making this donation  
I'll rip his dick off his body and shove up  
Alexandra's ass  
Just to prove a point you know? Bobby said:  
Ibrahim! How's business? I said: Bobbyyy  
Robert? Great to see you again  
It's been a while hasn't it  
How've you been? Bobby said: Oh  
You know  
Busy as ever! I was actually up in Albany this  
afternoon  
By the new teleportation center they're building up  
there  
The one that can now fit up to three people at a  
time? You know  
Taking a client out to lunch  
Typical typical  
I said: Oh I've heard great things about that  
teleportation center! Bobby said: And now I'm  
back here  
You know  
This city

Really going to crud lately! I said: Yeah  
Honestly  
We don't even spend a ton of time on Earth in  
general anymore  
It's gotten so bad! He said: There's no police  
The cocaine is all black market  
And it's everywhere  
Why the heck would you come here?! When you  
could snort high grade federally inspected  
cocaine in the comfort of your own  
eco-territory on like half a dozen planets in the  
general vicinity? I said: That's kind of how we  
feel too  
To be honest  
Although  
You know  
There's always that nostalgia of Earth  
Bobby said: That's true  
That's so true! I'm thinking I'm gonna get the  
tomahawk steak! That sounds delicious! J\_!!  
said: Hey Bobby  
Just out of curiosity  
Do you know who the Abbasid contact is? Bobby  
said: You know  
I'm going to have to plead ignorant here  
I'm not sure I'm familiar with that name  
The Abbasids? I said: They're apparently the big  
donor this

They're also the group that's been cryogenically  
frozen for a few decades  
At least that's what I've heard  
It's the rumor in the air so to speak  
Bobby said: But like what does that even mean?  
Are they like snowmen now? Or? When  
Alexandra said it tonight  
That was the first I'd heard of it  
I said: I mean it's great for the chapter  
Don't get me wrong  
J!!l said: But it is a bit  
Bobby said: Odd I guess? If the cryogenically  
frozen thing is true? But yeah  
I'd have to plead ignorant on that one guys  
I have no clue who our point of contact would be  
there  
I said: I always found that Uday Abbasid to be a bit  
of a cunt  
Pardon my french  
Bobby said: See  
Now that you mention it  
Is there a Karim Abbasid? Is he a guy we would  
know? I said: I know Karim  
He's a nice guy  
But really  
I mean what are any of them doing really? If  
they're frozen with consciousness just  
somehow activated as well

Wanting to live forever

When has that ever ended well? Bobby said: Is it possible they're uploading their consciousness into other entities? I know that's been a rumor I've heard at least

Not about them in particular but others active in the space

J\_!!l said: Isn't that technically illegal though now? Bobby said: Oh it totally is! With the edict of 2177

But yeah

I guess that's why it's a rumor right?! It's spicy! Speaking of

I've heard nothing but great things about the jalapeno veal chop here! And it's only 77 petro-hitlers! I said: God

Inflation Here it has got

Just a little fricking bit out of control huh?! Bobby said: Oh absolutely! But that's actually a good deal for the veal chop

Seventy seven petro-hitlers? I said: J\_!!l

I'm glad we're gonna head back to the moons of Uranus for a few after this

The petro-hitler is a fucking disaster over here

Yeah

Umm

I guess

We're putting in entrees with the appetizers? Well  
in that case? I guess I'll go with the pesto  
gnocchi? Bobby said: Oh totally! Great choice  
Ibrahim! Yeah

Let me get the tomahawk steak

But yeah

Ibrahim

To your point

Before we ordered

Trumpsicles are even worse! J\_!!1 said: Yeah I'll do  
the

I said: He'll do the gnocchi too

Bobby said: Did you hear about that whole thing in  
Midtown this afternoon

I said: No

What happened? Bobby said: Apparently they  
found some drug dealer girl murdered in cold  
blood over at the coffee shop by 5th and 44th

Pretty gruesome scene from what I read

I said: Oh really? Wow

See what I mean? About the city nowadays? Bobby  
said: Yeah

Apparently all her toes were cut off

Her eyes were gouged out

And I heard she even had a pinky toe up each  
nostril! I said: Ew

Bobby

Not before the calamari gets here! Ugh

Bobby said: Some people man  
It's a flipping sick world out there  
I'll tell you that! I said: Tell me about it  
There are some real psychos out there these days  
It's actually scary man  
That's why  
Nowadays  
We like to stick around the moons of Uranus  
Zimbabwe  
Antarctica  
South Niger  
When we're in this neighborhood  
You know  
Bobby said: If they would just legalize fricking  
cocaine already? Then maybe this type of stuff  
would stop happening!



(12) THE IBRAHIM PASHA DELUXE  
IN THE ORBIT OF ZIMBABWE (A  
RATHER PLUSH MOON OF  
URANUS)

I said: Could it be

Karim? Abbasid? No that seems ridiculous

J\_!!1 said: Could it be any of the Abbasids? But just  
with their consciousness uploaded into another  
entity

I said: Uploaded into another entity that also reads  
as an Abbasid? I guess it's possible

The way Amelia was talking it sounded like she  
was in contact with Uday

But I mean if I was him

Uday

I don't think I'd voluntarily choose to upload  
myself into another bald guy with a hooked  
nose

J\_!!1 said: That's a good point

It strikes me as valid

I said: Right? Thank you J\_!!1

It's nice to be appreciated once in a while

Although the thought of it does bother me just  
slightly

J\_!!1 said: How so? I said: Well

If Uday is actually out and about in this solar  
system

As himself  
And these rumors of all of the Abbasids having  
cryogenically somehow frozen themselves  
Then I'm concerned it might prove difficult to kill  
him? Whereas if he was just inhabiting another  
corporeal entity I'd have no issue killing said  
corporeal entity  
I could easily get that done  
But I've never  
At least to the best of my knowledge  
I've never actually killed a cryogenically frozen guy  
I guess I'm just worried that Uday is now some  
kind of uber man  
That we might need to actually fuckin like  
Devise a new way to actually kill him  
J\_!! said: I'm also just a little flummoxed as to why  
the Abbasids would be donating to the Cocoa  
Leaf Lobby in the first place  
I said: To fuck with me? Or? For the same reason  
we're involved? J\_!! said: But we're involved to  
You know  
Actually undermine the group from the inside  
Whereas quasi-anonymously donating to the  
group  
I'm not sure how that undermines anything  
It almost seems like  
By donating to the group but having no influence  
to undermine it from the inside that

Maybe the Abbasids are trying to legalize cocaine  
on Earth? I said: Or they know legalization is a  
lost cause regardless? And they're doing it to  
just fuck with me

Uday specifically

J\_!!1 said: I don't know

It seems like there are cheaper ways to irritate you  
Ibrahim? I said: It's a fuck you type of fuck  
with you

J\_!!1 said: How so? I said: Well

They have fuck you money

And they want to flaunt it

In this particular instance via fucking with me

J\_!!1 said: Why even screw with you though  
Ibrahim? I'm not sure I fully comprehend the  
crux of the premise

I said: Well

Like I said

The shit with me and Uday? That goes way back

J\_!!1 said: Well

It seems relevant now? If not during our prior  
discussions? The true nature of this  
entanglement

I said: Do you really wanna know J\_!!1? Because

I don't know

To me

It's not even really that interesting

J\_!!1 said: It's not that I necessarily want to know

Maybe more that I feel it might assist me in  
    assisting you? I said: That's fair  
Fuck you for being so eloquent  
But that's fair  
Yeah  
Basically Uday and I used to  
We were plowing the same girl back in the day  
In a manner of speaking  
Some Neo-Circassian whore or some shit  
Or I mean  
To be exact  
Uday was dating her  
Fairly seriously at the time  
Then I began fucking her on the side  
Blah blah blah  
I keep railing her  
She starts talking shit to him  
Yada yada yada  
Then he proposes to her  
For like marriage and stuff  
J\_!! I said: And he married her? Afterward? I said:  
    More or less  
Well  
That's what one generally does after proposing  
    marriage  
Do they not? But I mean  
Yeah

He probably knew something was going on  
between us  
That I was piping her down to some extent prior to  
the proposal  
For sure  
But I don't know how much exactly  
J\_!!1 said: That seems bad  
So his wife  
I said: Well  
His first wife  
J\_!!1 said: His first wife had an affair with you  
Before he proposed to her  
I said: Well honestly she'd have to answer the affair  
part to be honest J\_!!1  
Because she told me she'd broke it off with Uday  
When I was first railing her that is  
She was giving me the whole  
Oh we're on a break  
Then eventually the whole  
Oh yeah  
Now we're broken up  
Yet to be fair  
When we were fucking after the engagement? I  
mean yeah  
That was obviously my bad  
That part is totally on me  
J\_!!1 said: Oh  
So you were still

Fornicating? After she got engaged? I said: Well  
Only until she got pregnant  
Yeah  
But after that I obviously cut it off  
J\_!!: said: Oh  
So she got pregnant? While you two were still  
I said: I mean to be fair Uday and I were both  
fucking her while she was engaged to Uday  
Not simultaneously  
But at separate times we'd pipe her  
So it wasn't just me  
And obviously I stopped after she got knocked up  
J\_!!: said: Okay  
Well this is informative Ibrahim  
I'm starting to see where the ill-will between you  
two is rooted  
I said: Yeah  
I mean  
Fuck Uday  
Guy's a fuckin piece of shit  
I actually loved that Neo-Circassian at the time  
Despite the fact that yeah  
She was acting like a total whore  
But even still  
She was like my first love  
Uday  
He really had some fucking nerve proposing to her  
like that

It really put everyone in an awkward position  
J\_!!i said: I mean  
Did you ever like  
Find out? I said: Find out what? J\_!!i said: Meaning  
If you both were fornicating with the  
Neo-Circassian  
Prior to said Neo-Circassian becoming  
impregnated  
Paternaly speaking  
I said: I mean  
It was probably his J\_!!i! But yeah  
To your point  
If she's blabbing about all that shit to him now?  
Giving him the whole  
Oh your first born son isn't your child  
All that type of nonsense  
Then sure  
Maybe that's why he's all of the sudden aiming for  
me again  
Although I doubt she would really do that  
At this point? Then again  
J\_!!i said: Hmmm  
I said: What J\_!!i? Oh I know  
I'm such a reckless guy sometimes  
I fail to properly take other people's feelings into  
account  
Etcetera etcetera

J\_!!1 said: They've really done a nice job with this  
moon

I said: Compared to Earth it's damn night and day

J\_!!1 said: I'll do some digging on the most recent  
known whereabouts of Uday

Also I'll try and see what I can find on the status of  
the Abbasids as a whole

Especially vis-a-vis the true nature of their  
cryogenic status

I said: Thanks J\_!!1

No seriously

Thank you

You know

You know I appreciate you

Right? J\_!!1 said: No

I do

I do

I said: And in the meantime

I'm gonna go deal with Carlito

I know he's gonna be pissed about that whole  
ordeal with his little cousin Julio

And his little Lower Manhattan rental business

Gouging out that girl's eyes in his cousin's rental  
spot

Ugh

I can hear him whining about it already



Yet I might take the escape pod over and see if  
maybe he's still hanging around outside Pluto  
anyway  
Better to address it early on right? Then let it fester  
and become potentially toxic?

### (13) OUTSIDE PLUTO

I said: Ah Carlito

I thought I might have found you around

Carlito said: Ibrahim? What the fuck?! I said: I  
know

I know

I'm sorry Carlito! I don't know what got into me

He said: You fucking gouged a girl's eyes out in my  
cousin's rental shop in Lower Manhattan  
Ibrahim? Right as he's about to buy a mint  
condition ship from her? Do you know what  
type of ripple effect that can have on a  
business? I said: Okay

Well

To be fair

It was my ship he was going to buy

She stole my ship Carlito

Okay? Which is why I did the whole eye gouging  
scene

And

Also

It's funny

Because Julio and you weren't talking about my  
ship as mint at the time

If I recall correctly? He said: So you have to go  
gouge her eyes out at my cousin's Ibrahim?  
There's nowhere else in Lower Manhattan you  
could find to gouge the girl's eyes out and make

an example of her? That's what I'm being told  
to believe here? I said: Well I had to do it  
somewhere Carlito! And it's not like I could do  
it just anywhere either

He said: You know

That's the thing with you Ibrahim

You're always resorting to violence

You're like

An inherently violent person

Why? We could have bought the ship back from  
the girl

Then

I don't know

Sold it to you at minimal markup

I said: Minimal markup? But again

Carlito

I'm not sure you're entirely comprehending this so  
let me reiterate it

It's my

Ship

So you'd expect me to pay for my own ship

That you bought off the black market? He said:

Well it's better than gouging a poor girl's eyes  
out! Isn't it?! I said: Is it? Maybe for you! For  
me? Poor girl? Fuck her

She wants to try and steal my shit she's gonna pay  
my price

And guess what? When you fuck with my shit my  
price is high  
With no volume-based discount either! He said: Oh  
nice  
So we're back to the volume-based discounts  
already! I said: Oh  
And by the way  
Carlito  
Your little cousin Julio  
You know  
I wasn't gonna bring this up  
I was gonna leave this little tidbit to the side  
Because I know I caused a whole mess at his place  
of business  
But you know  
When I asked Julio who authorized him to buy  
back this mystery ship that was obviously mine  
You know who he told me authorized it? Carlito  
said: Who did he say? I said: He said  
Let me think here  
His cousin Carlito told him to buy it! Isn't that  
Does that strike you as a bit odd? That you would  
be made aware that my ship is on the black  
market  
And instead of giving your old friend Ibrahim a  
call  
A quick head's up

A hey man is your ship on the black market? Are  
you okay? You instead go ahead and authorize  
him to buy it at a discount  
Then tell him to sell that same day? Carlito said:  
Julio told me it was an Abraham Kashi Deluxe  
he was buying  
Not an Ibrahim Pasha Deluxe Ibrahim  
I don't know what you want me to say? What am I  
telepathic over here now? Abraham Kashi  
Ibrahim Pasha  
Is it my fault the kid fucked up the name? I said:  
Oh right  
An Ibrahim Kashi deluxe  
In Manhattan  
A day after we make our sale  
And none of that struck you as odd  
or coincidental  
Or worthy of further inquiry? Carlito said: Here's a  
thing you might not know about me Ibrahim  
I actually do more with my day than wondering  
what you're doing  
I actually have other things going on  
On a daily basis  
Besides sitting on my futon in my eco-territory and  
placing my chin in my palm and wondering  
what Ibrahim Pasha is up to right now  
My world expands just a little bit beyond the  
mundane goings on of your life

Ibrahim Pasha

Ibrahim Kashi

Abraham Latke

I'm not spending half an hour on these names

Julio called me up

Said he had a hot piece he could pick up as a steep  
discount

Asked me for the greenlight

I gave it to him

I said: You're a real disingenuous prick Carlito

You know that? That's what I'm starting to realize  
about you

That

at bottom

You're an authentically disingenuous prick

That's actually who you are

You act as if you're this objective voice of reason on  
matters of heated dispute

When the reality is that you're little more than a  
disingenuous shill for your own petty interests

Carlito said: Oh I'm a disingenuous prick? A petty  
shill? Says who Ibrahim? Ibrahim the petulant  
child? I said: Fuck you Carlito

He said: No fuck you Ibrahim

I said: Okay

You know what? I didn't want to have to do this

But you're leaving me no choice

Carlito said: What? I said: I take back my apology

That apology from earlier? It's officially rescinded  
now

He said: Oh do you? You're rescinding your  
apology? I said: Yeah

I do

I just did

He said: That's nice

Real nice

Tell you what Ibrahim? Why don't you take it back  
Take back that apology

And shove it directly up your ass! Because that's  
where it fucking came from in the first place! I  
said: Oh yeah Carlito? That's where you think  
my apology came from? Up my own ass?  
That's interesting

Yeah

Maybe I will

Maybe I will take my apology and shove it up my  
own ass

But you know what? While we're at it

Why don't you take your volume-based pricing?  
Take that volume derived pricing? Toss it  
straight into a catheter

And shove it straight up your dickhole! Because  
that's where it belongs! Carlito said: Why don't  
you get the fuck off my moon?! I said: Oh I will!  
I'll gladly leave your little shithole Pluto moon

Gladly! And tell you what? As a bonus

And I'm gonna go find a nice little two-bit coke  
dealer of yours  
Somewhere in the solar system  
And I'm gonna bring him back here  
And then I'm gonna decapitate him too! I'll leave  
his body parts all over your moon for your  
Azalean maid to clean up you fucking prick! He  
said: Fuck you!



(14) THE IBRAHIM PASHA DELUXE  
(IN THE ORBIT OF THE  
ZIMBABWE MOON OF URANUS)

I said: J\_!!<sub>1</sub>

Just out of curiosity

What other wholesalers do we have in the system

Besides Carlito? J\_!!<sub>1</sub> said: Besides Carlito? I don't  
know

Maybe a couple? It's been quite some time since we  
used anyone different

He's been our main supplier for years now

Why Ibrahim

I mean

Why is that relevant? Right now

I said: I don't know

I've just been thinking

Eh

You know

Might be a decent time to switch things up

A change of pace

J\_!!<sub>1</sub> said: Really? I mean

You just apologized to the guy

And now we're gonna go and immediately switch  
suppliers? I said: No

I get that

But at the same time? This whole volume pricing  
bullshit

No  
Fuck that  
I just think  
You know  
Nothing against the guy personally but  
Like we can do better no? Just search the records  
for me  
Send out a few soft Zmails to some people? Will  
you? J\_!!1 said: Sure thing Ibrahim  
I can look  
I think it's been at least half a decade since we used  
anyone else  
At least for wholesale  
But maybe you're right  
Never hurts to test the market right? We don't do  
an inconsequential amount of volume monthly  
I said: Exactly  
J\_!!1 said: It looks like someone is attempting to  
dock  
Should I allow it? I said: Hmm  
I'm surprised  
This is a decent neighborhood  
Who is it? J\_!!1 said: He's saying it's an Amerigo  
Vespucci? I said: That sounds familiar  
Hmm  
You think it's a solicitation or  
J\_!!1 said: The ship structure doesn't strike me as  
outside sales

But you never know  
I said: Fuck it  
Let him in  
Maybe he actually has some good fucking news for  
us  
Amerigo Vespucci: Hello  
Good afternoon fine sirs  
The exterior of your vessel seems to read Ibrahim  
Pasha Deluxe  
So with that in mind  
I was just wondering if perhaps an Ibrahim Pasha  
is aboard? I said: Yeah  
I'm him  
Ibrahim Pasha  
And you said you're? Amerigo Vespucci said: I'm  
Amerigo Vespucci sir  
Yes  
I said: That name  
It sounds vaguely familiar to me  
J\_!! said: Um  
I think  
I said: So what's your business  
Mister  
Uh  
Vespucci  
Amerigo Vespucci said: Yes  
Of course

I just wanted to inform you of a recent event that  
     occurred on our adjacent moon of Antarctica  
 The moon Antarctica  
 It's the moon where I currently serve as Executive  
     Governor of the Judiciary Branch  
 I said: What happened? This event  
 Amerigo Vespucci said: Well  
 It's a bit of an odd occurrence  
 And I came to your ship because I had my assistant  
     look up well-reviewed so-called independent  
     disaster management entities in the Greater  
     Uranus region  
 And your business came up as quite well-regarded  
     in the region  
 I said: Yeah  
 We're fairly well-regarded as a clean-up crew  
 So to speak  
 And we offer a variety of adjacent services as well  
 But just to be upfront here  
 Our organization  
 It's chiefly just myself and my assistant here  
 J\_!!  
 Amerigo Vespucci said: And that's fine! That's  
     actually ideal  
 As we'd like any involved third parties to be as  
     limited in numbers as possible  
 I said: So then

What happened? Amerigo Vespucci said: There was what's apparently referred to as a plane crash

J\_!!l said: A plane crash? Amerigo Vespucci said: That's correct

I said: What's a plane? Amerigo Vespucci said: A plane

It's like an

I believe the correct term was aeroplane

Like an archaic flying Earth vehicle

One that while capable of achieving flight remains incapable of leaving the atmosphere

I said: What's the point of that? Amerigo Vespucci said: It's an archaic vehicle

I said: Oh right

Yes

You said that

Yeah I think

J\_!!l was that something I would have learned about in middle school history or some shit

J\_!!l said: I can check the databases based on your date of birth if you prefer

But off-hand I believe that's accurate

I said: But wait

How the fuck would an

What is it? An aeroplane? How would that crash in Antarctica? On your moon? In greater Uranus? If it's some old-school Earth shit

Amerigo Vespucci said: Well that's what we're  
trying to get to the bottom of Mr Pasha  
As it's clearly quite an odd occurrence  
But we'd  
Again  
We'd like to keep this as under the radar as possible  
So far we've identified a handful of survivors  
The vehicle says something about a place called  
Malaysia? Which I assumed to be an  
Earth-based locale  
Which my team seems to believe was a polity on  
Earth prior to the neo-qing dynasty's twenty  
second century expansion? But we haven't  
verified that  
At least not yet  
I said: J\_!!1 get on that as well  
Please  
Yeah  
Mr Vespucci  
This sounds like something my team would be not  
only qualified to take on  
But interested in taking on as well  
Have you interviewed any of the survivors yet?  
Amerigo Vespucci said: When I left my team  
was incubating survivors and providing each  
with necessary medical care

Up to and including respiratory adjustment  
surgeries to allow each to survive in  
Antarctica's atmosphere

I said: They couldn't breathe the Greater Uranus  
air? Amerigo Vespucci said: No

We found that odd on our end as well

I said: This must be some truly archaic shit then  
Well

In that case

I'd like to get over there and start talking to these  
people as soon as possible

If that's good with you? Amerigo Vespucci said: It  
was my hope that you'd say that Mr Pasha

Yes

We have a person of interest in particular we'd like  
you to speak with

Please follow my vessel and I'll lead the way to the  
crash site right now

(15) ON THE SURFACE OF  
ANTARCTICA, ONE OF THE  
MORE METROPOLITAN MOONS  
OF URANUS

I said: Something something 370

This is a weird ass craft

Kind of looks like a penis with wings

Looks like it uses what? Fucking exhaust engines?

I don't really know shit about actual flying and  
gravity and shit

But just at a glance

From a layman's perspective at least? Amerigo

Vespucci said: That's what we concluded as  
well

J\_!! said: And where are the survivors? How many

are there again? Amerigo Vespucci said: Well

There are a few as of right now

But as I said

One in particular that we'd like you to speak with

I said: Not that I'd want to

What

Travel in time? But if I did I'd at least want to land

on the moon with the best whorehouses in

Greater Uranus

Amerigo Vespucci said: That's a quite muted silver

lining for most of these passengers I'm afraid

Mr Pasha



Most of these people are in quite a state of shock  
Except for Mr Lin  
Who is the person of interest I'd like you to speak  
with  
He speaks Middle Mandarin  
And Old American English as well  
But we've equipped him with an auto-translator  
just to be safe  
I said: Let's go talk to him then  
See what the deal is here

## (16) INTERROGATION ROOM ON THE MOON ANTARCTICA

Amerigo Vespucci said: Ibrahim Pasha

Meet Edward Lin

The passenger I told you I'd like you to speak with

Edward Lin said: Mr Pasha

I said: Call me Ibrahim

And this is my associate J\_!!1

Edward Lin said: Okay

Mr Vespucci informed me of the current situation

Where our plane has landed

I said: And what is the situation? This is your  
plane? Lin said: Well

I said: I'm from an outside consulting firm

Amerigo gave me some information of course

But I'd like to connect all the dots on my end as  
well

Lin said: We're on a moon of Uranus

A developed moon

Named Antarctica

I said: That's correct

Lin said: And given that

When we took off from Malaysia

The origin of our craft

There was no such thing as a human-manned base  
on the moon

Never mind on a moon off of Uranus

I'm going off a general assumption that we've  
traveled some distance into the future

I said: It's hard for me to confirm or deny that  
given that I have no idea where you came from

Where do you believe you came from? Lin said:

This flight took off in March of the year 2014  
AD

I said: Interesting

That's uhh

Quite some time ago Mr Lin

Lin said: It seems it

I said: And how do you presume this occurred? Lin

said: Well

I'm acting

Somewhat as a whistleblower here

So I'd like some assurance that I'll be provided  
protective custody

Or an equivalent of protective custody in your  
epoch? If I were to inform you of the entirety of  
the situation from my perspective

I said: The moons of Uranus are generally speaking  
an independent body politic

Both Amerigo and I are representative members of  
the body

I can't guarantee anything beyond the fact

If what you tell me is verifiable and accurate

That I'll do everything in my power to prevent any  
possible reprisals from being executed against  
you

Of which I don't personally know of any

But also

I mean

If you came from 2014 AD like you claim then who  
would really be gunning for you right now? All  
of those people are beyond fossils at this point

Unless you went back

Or were planning to go back? But that's frankly  
beyond my paygrade pal

Lin said: Okay

I suppose that's fair enough

I can always

Sure

I can yearn for more

But given the circumstances

Yeah

I guess that's a fair enough deal

I said: My word is the best deal you're gonna get at  
this point my Lin

I'm biased

I always am

But that's my biased two cents

Lin said: Well

The reality of the situation was that this was a  
planned trial

The People's Republic of China  
Which you may be familiar with? I said: I assume  
it's some ancient Chinese dynasty or some shit?  
The details don't matter that much  
Yet  
So go on  
Lin said: Well  
The CCP  
The Communist Chinese Party of China  
They'd enlisted myself  
Along with a few others  
Who unfortunately perished in the crash here  
They enlisted me to equip this flight with a few  
technological  
Uhhh  
Quirks  
The intention of these quirks was to modify the  
craft so that a partner of the CCP  
So that they could then deploy certain  
technological phenomena  
To interact with said quirks  
And help the craft achieve a modicum of time  
travel  
So once I was on board  
Then this certain partner of the CCP was to deploy  
drone-like vessels that would create a certain  
type of wormhole around the flight  
Using my quirks

To create some sort of iteration of time dilation  
that  
Frankly  
Was above my paygrade to fully comprehend  
Now it was my understanding at the time  
That this wormhole was to transport the ship  
through time  
Yes  
But through time only to the degree of six or so  
hours Earth time  
That the pilot would put in a flight path  
I would turn on three transponders prior to  
take-off  
And then the partner-drones would create the  
wormhole  
The flight would travel say six hours ahead in time  
And then we would land on Earth  
In the year 2014  
I said: So obviously this plan very clearly went  
awry  
Because you crashed into the second most popular  
whorehouse on the third largest moon of  
Uranus  
Not on Earth in 2014  
Lin said: I'm not sure exactly where it went awry  
But yes  
It seems like we traveled  
To put it lightly

A bit further in time and space than we anticipated  
I said: Have you been able to communicate  
through time? Back to your people? Lin said: I  
mean  
We just crashed a 747  
Then I was immediately detained by Mr Vespucci  
I haven't had a ton of  
I said: I mean before the crash  
You must have known some shit was off when you  
entered the atmospheres of Greater Uranus  
No? Lin said: My phone was totally out of service if  
that's what you mean? As soon as we  
completed our jump through the wormhole my  
first reaction was to check my phone  
To try and send a message to my contacts  
Unfortunately that was not an option  
I said: What's a phone? Lin said: Oh  
Well it's  
I said: I'm fucking with you  
I know what a phone is  
But tell me  
Before we get too deep here  
Before we get into the more  
Um  
Serious elements here  
What's your previous world like  
Earth in the year 2014

Lin said: You really want to know? I said: Fuck  
yeah  
Lin said: Well  
See  
Well first off  
America still exists? I said: This is fucking America  
my friend  
You're in it  
Lin said: Okay  
So  
Wow  
Interesting  
But yeah  
Like the thing was  
I was actually kind of? A double agent  
Sure I was Chinese  
And I worked for the CCP and all that  
But I was also raised in America  
Went to school in Boston  
Got a few degrees  
I said: We were literally just in Manhattan  
How was it back then? Lin said: Well it's hard for  
me to compare all that much  
As I've spent most of my time in this  
Room  
But to put early twenty first century America and  
Earth into perspective  
Social media



Basically ummm  
Internet message boards  
They'd taken over the cultural discourse  
Books had essentially stopped being read at scale  
Internet porn just absolutely took off  
When I was growing up  
Mr Pasha  
Believe it or not I jacked off to actual magazines  
then modem based internet  
My modem at least  
Where short videos could take days to download  
By 2014 the amount of the full-length pornographic  
videography was literally limitless  
I can only imagine what effect it would have on  
future generations  
I said: I can take a gander  
You're probably looking at it  
Lin said: At the time  
Umm  
Let's see  
What else? Well  
We were all worried about a thing we called  
climate change  
Human beings changing the climate of the planet  
And causing disastrous results  
I said: How could you not  
Lin said: Right? It was a major concern  
I said: No

I mean  
How could you  
As a species not contribute to fluctuations in the  
planet's overall climate? Lin said: Right  
Yeah I guess  
So that was a huge concern  
I said: Temperatures are always fluctuating  
And large swathes of people are always dying  
Planets to the best of my knowledge don't really  
give two shits  
He said: And obviously there were adversarial  
tensions somewhat growing  
Beneath the surface at least  
Between America and China  
And we also had our first black president  
If you're familiar with the notion of black people  
I said: Black people? It sounds vaguely familiar I  
guess  
Lin said: A man named Barack Obama is finishing  
up his second term back home  
Personally I think he's a bit of a mixed bag as a  
politician  
Maybe even a bit of a conman  
But it's still an inspiring story  
In my era at least  
I said: The only inspiring stories are ones  
essentially centered around conmen  
But yeah

You know  
I think that's probably enough? I've probably heard  
    enough  
About the 2014 thing  
All that stuff  
Lin said: Oh  
Okay  
I said: I mean  
I don't want you to  
Like it'll probably just get depressing for you if you  
    keep going  
No? Lin said: Yeah  
I guess I can be prone to nostalgia  
That's an astute point  
I said: So you were a double agent in this epoch  
Kind of? If I'm understanding correctly  
Lin said: I mean  
I was in a tough spot in a sense  
I said: No I get that  
I could use a guy like you  
So you were an American  
What? an American citizen they called it? Lin said:  
    I was in the Navy actually  
The water-based military? I said: Even better  
So you're a double agent  
You're working on essentially hijacking an aircraft  
    for what was it called again? Lin said: The CCP  
I said: For the CCP

And you do it  
But you fuck it up  
I mean not you necessarily  
The collective you  
Now  
My next question would be  
Was this technology you'd developed yourselves?  
    You seemed to be alluding to a third party that  
    was involved here  
Did they develop this technology for you? On your  
    behalf? Or was it a true partnership? Lin said:  
    Well  
I really didn't want to get into  
I said: But you will  
You don't really have a choice now  
Do you? Lin said: Right  
I guess not  
Well  
Long story short  
The CCP had come into contact with  
For lack of a better term  
I guess an off-world entity  
Or a  
I don't know  
Maybe an intergalactic organization of sorts?  
    That's how they presented themselves to us at  
    least

They called themselves a transdimensional  
caliphate  
I think that was the phrase  
I said: Interesting  
A transdimensional caliphate you said? Lin said:  
That's correct: I said: So what did  
What did they want from you? Lin said: In  
exchange for their technology they wanted us  
to do this thing for them  
This hijacking  
It was really a single transaction relationship  
I said: So they said to the CCP  
Hey  
We'll break you off with some of our technology  
But we want you to assist us in time-warping one  
of your own ancient planes? Lin said: Right  
Which obviously  
In the eyes of the CCP  
That seemed like an offer they couldn't refuse  
I said: Did they have names? These co-conspirators  
if you will  
Lin said: They called themselves  
Uhhh  
What was the name  
I'm drawing a blank  
I said: Think harder then  
Lin said: The Abbasids! It was the Abbasids  
Yes! That's what they called themselves!

(17)            EXTERIOR            OF            AN  
INTERROGATION    ROOM    ON  
THE MOON ANTARCTICA

I said: Look at this

J\_!!1

The fuck is this? Parked like this next to us like  
this? J\_!!1 said: I couldn't get a good look at the  
man himself Ibrahim

I did try though

I believe I saw him pull up

I said: The fucking guy is blocking half the exit

With his ugly ass forest green ship

Bitch

Did he tap our shit at all? J\_!!1 said: Negative

I said: I'm gonna spit on his rig anyway

Fuck him

J\_!!1 said: Gross Ibrahim

I said: Either way

I guess we have bigger fish to fry now J\_!!1

Don't we? This is actually getting serious

This is actually

It may be an act of war

J\_!!1 said: How so? What did the survivor have to  
say

That relates to our plight in particular? I said: It  
was the Abbasids

J\_!!1 said: The Abbasids

That what? I said: Yeah  
the Abbasids  
They've using their goddamned time warp  
machine again  
I can't believe that fucking piece of shit even still  
works! J\_!!i said: I haven't heard about time  
warps in  
I don't know  
At least a decade I'd say  
I said: Well they're doing it  
The Abbasids are  
They went back to 21st century Earth and made  
some kind of deal with the Chinese Communist  
dynasty or something  
They duped them obviously  
Tricked them into thinking they were giving them  
quote-unquote off-world tech when they were  
just using them as pawns to put a hit out on me  
With this ancient craft  
That's now destroyed the second most popular  
massage parlor on Antarctica  
J\_!!i said: But the plane didn't hit us  
I said: Not us  
That's true  
But they hit Wacky Jacky's Whack Offs here  
J\_!!i said: Oh  
I see  
So they must have miscalculated

But to your point  
I guess they were close to us  
But you're sure  
I said: No  
They didn't miscalculate J\_!!  
They weren't quote-unquote close at all  
They hit their intended target one hundred percent  
on the nose  
J\_!! said: I'm not sure I'm following  
I said: I had an appointment at the fucking  
Whacky Jacky's earlier today! Right at the time  
of the crash  
J\_!! said: Wait  
That wasn't on our calendar  
I said: It's never on our calendar J\_!!  
That's my spa time  
I keep a separate book for that  
Yet the Abbasids must somehow have gained  
access to it  
J\_!! said: So you were supposed to  
I said: Well  
I stood them up because obviously we still haven't  
moved Carlito's coke  
So for budgetary purposes I canceled  
Otherwise I'd have been getting my ass massaged  
there right as that little crusty Malaysian  
airliner warped into our time continuum and  
crashed into it! J\_!! said: This is bad Ibrahim



I said: It's an act of war J\_!!<sub>1</sub>  
That's what it is  
We're going to war J\_!!<sub>1</sub>  
I already told Vespucci I'm detaining Lin as a  
prisoner of war  
Once we get back in orbit we'll hit the war room  
and start to tally who owes us favors and who  
we can employ on at least on a mercenary basis  
We're gonna cryogenically fuck each Abbasid up  
their ass by week's end J\_!!<sub>1</sub>  
I don't want this lingering any longer than it has to

## (18) WAR ROOM OF THE IBRAHIM PASHA DELUXE IN THE MOON ANTARCTICA'S ORBIT

J\_!!1 said: I think the difficulty here is do we want to  
engage in a broad offensive

Or do we want to take a more guerilla tactic

I said: They tried to warp a jumbo jet through  
space-time and not only interrupt me getting  
my monthly tugjob

But also try and assassinate me in the process

How could we possibly not go all out on the  
offensive here? J\_!!1 said: Because we can't  
prove it Ibrahim

Not yet

I said: I don't know

I think it's pretty clear

J\_!!1 said: I don't disagree

But if the intent is to bring others onboard then  
we're going to need to make sure we have a  
convincing case

That going to war against the Abbasids is a  
justifiable act

I said: Okay

So what do you

J\_!!1 said: I suggest we go back down to Antarctica  
Ibrahim

That we work with Amerigo

And maybe canvas further witnesses  
You said yourself this Lin guy  
That he's a self-proclaimed double agent  
I said: Yeah  
On early 21st century Earth he is  
J\_!!1 said: That's what he says  
As a self-proclaimed double agent  
If we're going to bring others on board to go to  
war then we're going to need more than just  
the word of a guy  
Being detained on Antarctica  
Who's saying he just traveled through time as a  
double agent from 21st century Earth  
We need  
Ideally  
Someone who can link us directly to Uday  
Beyond just hearsay that could easily be construed  
as hysterical rambling  
I said: Okay J\_!!1  
Okay  
Alright  
You have a half-decent point here  
We can go back to Antarctica before we go full  
frontal  
Let's see if we can dig up something a little more  
Indisputable  
To add to Lin's testimony  
But if after this trip

If after this trip I'm satisfied? Then the initial plan  
proceeds as

Um

Planned

## (19) TITTIES & CLIT ON THE MOON ANTARCTICA

I said: You really can't argue with the breast bars  
on this moon

They're really top notch

J\_!!1 said: Amerigo should be here by now

Shouldn't he? I said: Ummmm

Yeah

He actually should be

Probably

Odd

Because he doesn't strike me as a Titty's & Clit guy

Then again

What is he? On the judiciary committee? Is that  
what he said? J\_!!1 said: How many more  
survivors did he say are willing to talk

I said: He told me

I think at least three before we descended back  
down

J\_!!1 said: Should we send a cybergram? I said: Give  
him another five

Then send him a Zmail

Valentina said: Hey guys! J\_!!1 said: Hi

We're actually waiting for

I said: Oh hello

How are you? She said: I'm good! What brings you  
guys in today? I said: Honestly

I haven't been to a tittie bar in

I don't know  
Probably weeks at this point  
We're just hanging out  
What's going on with you? J\_!!1 said: We're actually  
She said: Ugh! I'm just finishing up my shift  
Finallyyy  
I said: You want a drink or something before you  
go? She said: Ummmm  
Just a water is fine  
I said: You actually look  
Weren't you like  
Were you one of the massage girls here a while  
back  
Like I'm talking years  
J\_!!1 said: Ibrahim the water is twenty two  
microdimes  
I said: Fuck! For a water? I thought they'd just pour  
a glass  
She said: I know  
It's so crazy here nowadays! I said: Well whatever  
What does that say? Antarctic spring? Honestly  
It's probably worth the twenty two microdimes!  
I'm sure the water is incredibly fresh  
J\_!!1 said: We're still waiting on him? I said: Really?  
What the fuck? I did three songs back there  
J\_!!1 said: Is she  
I said: A midget? Yeah  
Legally she is

Midget ass J\_!!1? It's actually crazy J\_!!1  
It's wild  
She's from Azalea or some shit  
One of those red dwarf outpost shitholes  
J\_!!1 said: So should we cybergram  
I said: Fuck the cybergram  
And the Zmail for that matter  
She says to me back there  
Fully nude mind you  
She says to me  
You look familiar  
And I say  
Yeah I get that a lot  
She says are you an Abbasid by any chance? I say  
no  
Obviously I play dumb J\_!!1  
Like the name means nothing to me  
I play dumb and say no  
Who are they? Maybe I know them  
She says oh  
This guy Uday and his brother they come in like  
every Wednesday  
J\_!!1 said: Oh  
Really  
I said: Yeah  
So I say

Mind you her midget yet voluptuous ass is still  
pressed like a glove against my pelvis at this  
point

I say

Aren't they that cryogenically frozen family or  
something? And she says oh I thought so too!  
We bound on the cryogen thing

I say

They're nice guys though? She says they usually  
take me for a spin at the beginning of my shift

I like them enough

J\_!!: said: Oh

Really

She really said this? I said: I tell her

Between me and her

I'm investigating the weird crash from earlier in  
the week

Official police business

I tell her there could possibly be a benefit to her

If she could glean any info from those two fucks

I say they're not suspects

But you know if they're in the cryogen business?

Maybe they know something that could be of  
use to us in the investigation

So if they happen to come in

Next wednesday

J\_!!: said: So

I mean



That's great

But still

We're going to take a stripper's word? I said: Who said anything about her word J\_!!1? You're jumping to conclusions here

J\_!!1 said: Well

I said: I told her I'd shoot her half a g of microdimes if she puts a recording device up her ass next Wednesday

J\_!!1 said: And that was something she was amenable to? I said: And I figure you post up here in person on that Wednesday as well? You keep an eye out to see if Uday and his retard brother actually show up

Then I'll stay up on the deluxe and record her live  
I'll have her device recording live

But I'll also be making a duplicate in real-time on the deluxe

And listening in simultaneously

Just in the event we have some unforeseen issue retrieving the device after her shift

From her ass

J\_!!1 said: This actually

This actually sounds like a well thought out plan  
Ibrahim

I'm impressed

I said: Like I said

Forget Vespucci

Even if he stands us up today  
We don't need the guy  
I mean we can wait for him here  
For another drink here if you want? But we don't  
    need Vespucci if Valentina comes through  
In fact  
Might not be a bad idea to stay here for another  
Let me schmooze her a little more before we leave

## (20) MICRODIME & UNDER

I said: Yeah

Just piato soap

And that should do it

J\_!!: said: You want me to

I said: Just hold the spot in line

I'll grab it from the back

They keep the bigger bottles on the top shelves  
now

Like they're trying to sell all the smaller bottles at  
the same price? So I'll have to get on my tippy  
toes to make sure we can get the bigger bottle  
of piato soap

It's annoying

J\_!!: said: Okay

Then I'll just meet you in line? I said: Excuse me

Miss? An Antarctic Lady with her Small Son in a

Stroller said: Yes? Can I help you? I said: Yeah

I couldn't help but notice

That you're playing music right now

From your i-Spleen? She said: Yes? I am

And? I said: Yeah

And what is that i-Spleen at right now? Like max  
volume? She said: Maybe

What's it to you? It's not your i-Spleen

I said: Exactly

That's kind of the point I'm getting to I guess

It's not my i-Spleen

Nor is it the i-Spleen or anyone waiting in line here  
It's nothing to really miss  
Except that I have to listen to it out the native  
i-Spleen speaker  
Essentially against my will  
While I'm forced to wait in line to buy a bottle of  
piato soap my ship desperately needs right now  
She said: Oh  
So you want me to turn it down? That's what  
you're asking me? I said: I mean  
You don't think it's  
I don't know  
A little rude? That you're playing the soundtrack to  
Titties & Clit down the street? In public? As  
we're all  
In public  
Just trying to buy basic amenities here? She said:  
Well the store has no music playing  
So what difference does it make to you? If anything  
I'm doing you a favor  
Otherwise you'd be sitting in silence  
I said: And maybe I prefer silence! Maybe I'd like to  
be standing in pure unadulterated silence as I  
wait in line to buy my big bottle of piato soap!  
She said: But most stores play music sir  
So you're  
Respectfully speaking  
Talking out of your ass

I said: Yet respectfully  
That's a little different  
The scenario you just noted  
The store  
The store owns the building  
Or leases it  
Whatever  
So if they want to play music in the building  
The music young men get their penises sucked to  
down the street  
If they want to play that music at a high decibel  
level then frankly? That's their prerogative to  
do so  
It's probably inappropriate  
But it's an organized method of being  
inappropriate  
They've purchased the right to be inappropriate  
Because there's one store  
It chooses the playlist  
The playlist at the store was never intended to be a  
democracy  
If they  
The store  
If they choose to play no playlist then I'm content  
to shop in silence! But if we as individual  
customers  
If we all start blasting our favorite tunes from our  
i-Spleens

She said: Then so what? Go ahead! I don't care! I said: I'm sure you don't! Because I would never do that! And how could I anyway? Because you're already doing it! She said: So go ahead then! Like I said

Not my i-Spleen? Not my problem! I said: And you don't think that would be total chaos if I did?! If all of us standing in line here? We're just playing disparate music at max volume?! From shitty ass i-Spleen speakers?! She said: I have the i-Spleen-23 sir

Just because you see an Antarctic woman with her son in a stroller you automatically assume my i-Spleen is low-grade

Don't you? But these speakers are industry quality! Bet they're better than the speakers you have in whatever bunk-ass ship you drive

I said: Oh yeah

Industry quality! I'm sure! Listen

I don't know who sold you that line of horseshit? But it sounds like you're playing that song from inside a urinal! She said: Respectfully sir? Fuck you! The Cashier said: Sir

You can bring your piato soap up here? I said: Yeah Great example you're setting for your son

Swearing in public

Playing i-Spleens in public

Get a pair of fucking headphones why don't you?  
Since you're well-off enough to have the  
i-Spleen-28 with the industry quality speakers  
Then get headphones with them next time  
On behalf of all of us in line here? She said: Wow  
Wow  
You're a real asshole! The Cashier said: Sir please  
I'm ready! I said: Okay be right up!

(21)

Uday said: So how much to take you downstairs again? For I don't know

## What's the normal time-frame

Half an hour? Valentina said: For you? I could do  
350 microdimes for that

## A full half-hour

Uday said: Eh

Let me get another Ural Pale Ale and think about it

Valentina said: Of course! Uday said: You want anything

Valentina said: Maybe just a water? But hey

Can I ask you a question while we wait? Uday said:  
Sure hun

Valentina said: Because it's funny

I've been meaning to ask you

Did you guys hear about that

I think it's called like a plane crash? It happened like right across the street! So scary! Uday said: Haha! You heard about that huh? That's nothing to worry about

Valentina said: Really? Is that true



Because I've been scared! Like a whole ancient  
spaceship crashing into Jacky's? A lot of the  
girls are worried now

That it could happen here! Uday said: You wanna  
know the whole story behind it? I could  
actually tell you

She said: Really?! Wait

You know? He said: Know? Haha! Between me and  
you

Can you keep a secret? Valentina said: It's kind of  
my specialty

Uday said: I planned the whole thing

She said: Oh wow! No way! You Uday? That's  
really impressive

Wow! How could you even do that? Uday said: You  
really wanna know? Valentina said: I'd love to

Uday said: What's in it for me then? Valentina said:  
Well

If you tell me

Then maybe we can do 300 microdimes? I  
cybergrammed J\_!!1: We got this fucking cunt

This rat bastard

This dirty Jew

This son a bitch! He's about to cough up all the  
details to Valentina right now

As I'm sending this he's pouring his soul out to her  
like a total sucker! What a mark! J\_!!1

cybergrammed me: They've been drinking with  
her for almost two hours now  
They're probably fully inebriated  
This worked out as well as we could have hoped  
I cybergrammed J\_!!1: Yup  
Oh yeah  
Here it is  
I have it on record  
Officially on record  
Right here in The Ibrahim Pasha Deluxe! He and  
his eunuch uncle planned the whole thing with  
the 21st century Communist Party of China  
Recorded right up her ass! Haha! We're going to  
war J\_!!1 and I can't wait! And anyone who  
doesn't take our side on this now? They're pure  
fuckstains  
They're fascists J\_!!1  
And Valentina? She's totally wet for it  
For the whole anecdote  
I wish you could hear her right now  
It's grotesque really  
J\_!!1 cybergrammed me: Wait  
Amerigo Vespucci just walked in! Is that something  
you were expecting? I cybergrammeed J\_!!1:  
Fuck  
Absolutely not

Vespucci is there? Randomly? After he didn't even  
show for us last week? J\_!!1 cybergrammed me:  
He's here right now

Yes

I cybergrammed J\_!!1: Don't let him make you  
What the fuck would he be doing there today? Of  
all days

Did he mix up the weeks? That's impossible  
I haven't heard fuck all from him for days now

Either way

If he sees you there with Uday

That's

No we need to protect Valentina

Can't have people putting the pieces together of  
how we got this audio right off the back

J\_!!1 cybergrammed me: I agree

What should I do here? I cybergrammed J\_!!1: Go  
hug a fucking wall somewhere

Or better yet! Take someone

Take a girl downstairs for half an hour

Maybe even an hour! We're all set here now

Just stay out of sight until Uday and Amerigo clear  
the premises basically

Just keep out of his eye J\_!!1

stay out beyond the periphery

We don't need any unnecessary complications here

## (22) THE IBRAHIM PASHA DELUXE IN THE ORBIT OF THE MOON ANTARCTICA

I said: Did he make you? J\_!!<sub>1</sub> said: I don't  
Think so? If he saw me he definitely didn't  
approach

I said: Then again  
He might not even recognize you  
I mean

He mostly dealt with me  
Right? J\_!!<sub>1</sub> said: It's possible

I said: Okay

Well I got all of the conversation on tape up here  
right from Valentina's ass too

I already ipso-wired her the microdimes  
We should have the hard-drive tomorrow

If not I'll go down there and grab it from her on  
her shift

Uday on record saying he ordered the plane  
warped to Antarctica

Right where he knew I had an appointment

The question we still need to answer is

How did he know I had a Tuesday afternoon  
appointment at Whacky Jacky's? J\_!!<sub>1</sub> said:  
Want me to research on my end? I'd just need  
access to whatever system you booked the  
appointment in

I said: I've already cybergrammed the  
Guistianninis  
Asking for their support  
J\_!!\_ said: Something doesn't add up here though  
Ibrahim  
I said: What? Yeah  
Was the information about the Abbasids  
cryogenically  
Freezing themselves? Was that all bogus? Bullshit?  
J\_!!\_ said: Well  
Yeah that's a little odd  
But specifically in relation to our plight  
Vespucci not only showed up to the club  
Which seemed a little too coincidental to begin  
with  
But he actually went over to Uday and his brother  
Right before they all left  
They were talking  
Do they know each other Ibrahim? Vespucci and  
Abbasids? Vespucci was in the room when Lin  
fingered the Abbasids as the CCP contact  
Right? I said: That he was  
It certainly seems like  
I can't help but agree with the notion that Vespucci  
could be conspiring with the Abbasids behind  
our back

Then again? If that's the case why reach out to us  
in the first place? J\_!! said: Try and feel us out?  
See what we know? I said: Perhaps  
But either way it doesn't matter now  
We got what we needed by another route J\_!!  
It's slightly odd  
It gives off somewhat of a cunty stench  
I'll agree with you on that  
Yet it doesn't shift the larger point here  
That we're going to war with the Abbasids  
regardless  
We have cause now  
J\_!! said: So what next then? I said: If I can get the  
Guistianninis on board  
Then pitch the southern front  
I think that's enough of a fleet to break through  
Abbasid territory  
Once we get inside I'm confident we can breach  
J\_!! said: Or  
Or  
What if we went micro with it  
At first? What if we just took Uday out at  
Valentina's? Next Wednesday  
If it's successful and if anyone takes umbrage with  
the audacity of the hit then we have the  
recording as just cause  
But if it's unsuccessful

We still have the recording as just cause and can  
still recruit the same folks for larger scale  
combat

I said: You know

This is why I love your hard-wiring J\_!!1! You're  
prone to find these fucking loopholes

These minor oversights of mine

My hotheaded miscues! I'd just want to

I mean

Should we feel out the Vespucci angle? I just don't  
want unnecessary Antarctic heat on us

If we were to go the micro route so to speak

Because we'd be doing it in his jurisdiction

## (23) TITTY'S & CLIT (TWO MONTHS LATER)

I said: Twenty seven microdimes? For a Uralan  
Pale Ale? God

When will the price gouging end up here? It's all  
continuing to go downhill

J\_!!1 said: There's an odor as well

I said: It smells like cunt in here

That's what you're smelling J\_!!1

She hasn't shown up yet

Has she? J\_!!1 said: Negative

I said: Fuck

She's gone

That's what I think

What else is there to think really? Gone

Almost three months of kickbacks from her

Whoops! Right down the drain

J\_!!1 said: It would seem that way

I said: She seemed like such a

I don't know

Like such a sincere soul

It's hard to believe she would unrepentantly fuck  
us like this

You know? J\_!!1 said: I had a good read on her  
initially

I said: What's the temperature on the Guistianninis  
of late? J\_!!1 said: All diplomatic  
communication remains unanswered



I said: How long are they gonna be pissed over  
Vespucci? J\_!!1 said: My understanding is that  
it's a confluence of issues

I said: Not just that we killed him? Because I had  
no idea he was even an associate of theirs? I  
don't know how many times I can say that to  
them

J\_!!1 said: It was that

The killing of course

But then also the fact that we were trying to kill  
Uday unsanctioned

I said: Unsanctioned? But we had the just cause on  
the tapes! J\_!!1 said: But also that we weren't  
able to kill him

But then also that Amerigo was collateral damage  
And then also the word got to them about Carlito

I said: Ugh

Carlito? Fuck Carlito

J\_!!1 said: But it's essentially barred us from our  
cocaine revenue stream Ibrahim

Like I've said numerous times

Without a stable wholesaler for that stream of  
revenue? We're essentially running on fumes

I said: You're probably right

But all I know? All I know is that I don't know how  
much longer I can be confined to this moon  
J\_!!1

And if we can't even pimp out a few girls at this  
club? Then I don't know how many more lease  
payments we can make on The Deluxe  
J\_!!1 said  
2  
71 to be exact  
I said: Should we try and  
I don't know  
Make a more concerted peace offering? J\_!!1 said:  
We? I said: Okay  
You don't have to be a dick about it  
Man  
Midgets man  
Tough crowd  
Who would have thought a midget  
That they could have been so  
Cold-blooded  
J\_!!1 said: Midgets are people too Ibrahim  
I said: They just  
I mean  
They have the best pussies  
That's what  
Just makes it actually kind of  
I don't know  
Hurt? When they ruthlessly abandon you like this  
Is this? Hurt? Is this what I'm feeling J\_!!1? I'm  
unfamiliar with this emotion I think  
J\_!!1 said: There are other girls we could approach

I said: These whores can smell blood in the water a  
mile away J\_!!  
We need another approach  
We try and pimp out another girl we'll only end up  
pimping ourselves  
Possibly reconciliation? With the Guistianninis?  
But no  
Fuck that  
I can't reconcile with anyone while that prick Uday  
is still breathing  
I have a little too much pride for that I guess  
Maybe that's my fault  
Maybe that's  
I don't know  
Like a personality flaw of mine or something  
J\_!! said: Reconciling doesn't preclude  
I said: It does for at least a period of time  
If I reconcile with the Guistianninis now then  
there's no way I can clip any Abbasid for  
What? Years?! This prick's gonna be walking  
around with my name in his fucking mouth?  
My name?! J\_!! said: Okay  
But what's the alternative Ibrahim? We can't get to  
Uday as is either  
And refusing to reconcile with the Guistianninis  
To bend the knee  
Even if just momentarily

That's placing us further away from getting  
retribution than reconciliation would

I said: I need to ruminate on that

Shit

That's actually

You may be right on that

How can I get to Uday as is? Sitting at this bar  
downing 27 microdime Ural Pale Ales? J!!  
said: If we can barely make the lease payment  
on The Deluxe then how can we possibly take  
out a crowned prince of a Cryogenic Caliphate  
Ibrahim? I said: You know what? This slut isn't  
showing up

Let's just grab a drink back on the ship

Twenty seven microdimes for a Ural Pale Ale?  
Maybe I'll send a Zmail to Guido Guistiannini  
later tonight

(24) [Document Insert] The Uday  
Abbasid Mega Deluxe (in an  
Unknown Locale)

Uday said: Okay

So just hear me out then

Uncle Enes said: Okay

I'm listening

Uday said: We go back in time again

Okay? Uncle Enes said: I'm listening

Uday said: Can C\_D99 get that back up and  
running again for us? The time warp thing?

Enes said: I'd have to ask

But sure

I suppose maybe it's possible

Uday said: And what about the whole American  
terrorist thing

The nine eleven thing they were telling us about?  
We go back

Try to pitch that pre-secession American  
government on a direct energy weapon

They'll have to bite right? Enes said: The Ancient  
Chinese were easy enough marks

Uday said: But then we divert one of the planes

But this time

This time

We actually hit Titty's & Clit

We ensure that douchebag is there

And we destroy the whole damn club  
We can leverage Valentina  
You think we can? Enes said: We can certainly try  
I'm just concerned  
We've already paid her quite a bit as is  
Uday said: No  
Enes  
We leverage Valentina  
Bring her back around  
I know that fuckstain is low on funds  
Ibrahim? He has to be  
We use her  
Leverage her to make sure he's back in T&C's on  
the day we need him  
Enes said: I just don't want another missed plane  
on our watch Uday  
That's  
Not only is it embarrassing  
But it's politically untenable for us right now I  
think  
That's my concern  
Uday said: No  
Enes  
We bring one of our guys  
We send  
I don't know  
Maybe your brother Bashir or some shit  
Or we could even send Karim

I don't give a shit  
We send him or them or one of them  
Send them back as a hijacker  
To ensure the warp and the assassination are both  
successful this time  
We plant one of our own guys back in time this  
time  
Enes said: Bashir isn't going to want to  
Uday said: He won't have to  
I have a spare warp vest I can give him  
And if he's still against it I'll just make Karim do it  
But I think Bashir would be more effective  
I mean  
All he needs to do is just make sure the shit is  
going to hit Titty's  
Enes said: And so  
So then you're willing to sacrifice Valentina? Uday  
said: I mean  
It's not my first choice  
She's a nice enough girl  
You know I have a soft spot for those Azaleans  
But really  
What other option do we have? We got the guy's  
damn calendar before and he still weaseled his  
way out of our assassination attempt  
Fuckin guy is slippery Enes  
I know Ibrahim  
He's a slippery cunt

If nothing else he's slippery as all hell  
Enes said: Or  
The other option is  
And I know you're not a fan of this  
But we could also wait  
Uday said: For what? Old age? No  
No Enes  
Ibrahim has to go ASAP  
As  
Soon  
As  
Possible  
This lubricated cocksucker  
He won't be able to evade us again if we can get  
Valentina on board Enes  
Right? Even you have to admit that  
Because we need this resolved  
Then we can talk truce with the Guistianninis  
I don't know  
I think it just needs to be done  
Like right now  
Enes said: It's just  
You two are technically engaged  
You and Valentina? No? Uday said: No  
I get that  
It's a sacrifice on my part for sure  
Because I take holy matrimony as seriously as  
anybody



But  
You know  
I mean  
At the same time  
While it's not ideal  
On the other hand? We're all gonna go eventually  
Enes said: Hold on  
I'm getting a cybergram  
Okay  
No  
It looks like another ship is docking to us  
Uday said: What kind of cloak did it  
Enes said: It's Ibrahim  
His sidekick  
J-something-something  
He just informed me they've docked and  
pseudo-programmed a neutral hyperbridge for  
us to meet them on  
Uday said: Fuck it  
Let's get this shit over with

(25)      NEUTRAL      HYPERBRIDGE  
BETWEEN THE IBRAHIM PASHA  
DELUXE      AND      THE      UDAY  
ABBASID MEGA DELUXE

Uday said: Ibrahim

I said: Fuck you Uday

You have some balls

Uday said: I could kill you right now Ibrahim

Take comfort that I'm

I said: You kill me and I'll make sure I'll detonate  
both of our ships you fuckface

What? You forgot who you tried to assassinate? If  
I'm going down I'll make sure I take you with  
me

And if you miss again I'll make sure at least half  
your family is

If not dead

Then at least mangled beyond recognition

Uday said: And you wonder why people want to  
assassinate you

I said: I don't know

I think I'm a fair guy Uday

You send some little blonde twat to rob me on  
Earth

Thinking you're slick

Then you send some plane from prehistoric Earth  
to murder me in Greater Uranus? What kind of

oversized nut do you have out for me anyway?  
Uday said: Oh you don't  
I said: And by the way  
Aren't you two supposed to be like  
Fuckin cryogenically frozen or some shit? Fuck  
ever happened to that? Faggot  
Enes said: It's a hard-wiring  
Not a literal freezing you moron  
I said: But yet it only protects you from natural  
death  
Uday said: I don't know  
Are you ready to blow up both of our ships to find  
out Ibrahim? I said: But go on  
Uday said: Why do I want you dead you mean?  
Because I raised your fucking kid for a decade!  
Asshole  
Does that ring a bell? I said: And that's my fault?  
Uday said: It's not? I said: What about your  
Neo-Circassian whore ex-wife? That bitch  
broke my heart  
You know that? Uday said: Well that's the mother  
of my son  
I said: Technically she's the mother of my son  
Uday said: Exactly my point! I said: How do you  
think that makes me feel? You raising my son  
and shit? Probably teaching him all types of  
fucked up life lessons and shit

Uday said: How does it make you feel? You got off  
scot free the way I see it! I said: Oh yeah?  
That's how you see it huh? J\_!!1 said: Is there  
any way for you two to  
I know maybe it's a long shot  
But this  
My point is  
I said: Spit it out J\_!!1! This is between me and  
Uday  
J\_!!1 said: Well  
I'm just suggesting that  
It's becoming quite costly for both sides is it not? I  
said: No  
Fuck him  
Uday said: No  
Fuck you! Enes said: But to his point Ibrahim  
You know the Guistianninis  
They can't be happy  
J\_!!1 said: Yet are they happy with your side either  
Enes? Enes said: Well  
J\_!!1 said: That's my point  
This stalemate is having a material impact on the  
commerce of the greater solar system  
I said: I don't know  
Maybe if I got a sorry  
Like some kind of formal apology  
That could be a start

Uday said: You got a sorry? What about my  
illegitimate child! I said: Uday  
I didn't know that the whore was gonna keep it! I  
didn't even know it was mine! Uday said: Oh  
yeah  
Sure Ibrahim! You were just slipping your little  
ding-a-ling to my fiancée! But of course  
You didn't actually know anything! I said: She was  
tugging me by the pork-sword if anything  
Uday! If anything she victimized me  
Feeding me pounds of utter bullshit  
But no  
it's all about you  
Isn't it  
You conveniently forget the fact I've never even  
met my son! Uday said: You guys see? This is  
why this fuckin guy can't continue live  
This is why I've been trying my hardest to  
assassinate him for like a year now! I said: Yeah  
and you've done a great job Uday  
Congratulations  
Why don't you send another ancient plane into  
another jack shack  
Idiot  
You think I'm that dumb? Why don't you just send  
it into a donut shop next time  
You know how I love my sweets

Uday said: I've seen you eat an entire carton of  
dates in one sitting Ibrahim  
Why do you always have to lie like this? I said: I  
mean artificial sweets jackass  
Sugar from natural fruits is a different thing  
entirely  
Enes said: But to return to the previous point  
You two  
Is there some way that we could  
Uday said: Wait  
Enes  
You're not really buying into this truce bullshit? I  
said: And by the way  
Whatever happened to that Valentina? Uday said:  
Valentina who? I said: From Titty's & Clit  
You know who I mean  
The Azalean midget  
Uday said: I know a few midgets from that star  
system Ibrahim  
I said: Don't play dumb with me Uday  
Don't be a prick about this? Uday said: What? Are  
you like in love? I said: Not in love  
She's in debt  
To me  
Uday said: That doesn't sound like my problem  
She's an exotic dancer  
You know they can be flighty  
I said: Oh so now you do know her

Uday said: Maybe she took a vacation to the  
Azalean Red Dwarf Ibrahim? I don't know

like I said

It doesn't sound like something that falls under my  
purview of concerns

Enes said: A one year truce for both sides

Just to reestablish proper commercial channels

And get the Guistianninis collectively off of our  
behinds? Uday said: Enes you're fucking out of

I said: I'll take that deal

That's fine

But we need to shake on it

Right here on this hyperbridge

As a show of actual good faith for once

Uday said: You surprise me Ibrahim

I said: And I want to know the whereabouts of that  
midget stripper too

That's part of the deal

Enes said: For our part we'd like to run this by the  
Guistianninis

And have them bless it

To keep the volatile nature of you both in check

Uday said: Enes

J\_!!1 said: That's a deal on our end

I said: Reluctantly? I fucking actually agree

Can we shake on it douchebags?

(26) [DOCUMENT INSERT] THE  
DUAL FUNERAL OF AMELIA  
AMERIGO VESPUCCI AND  
AMERIGO VESPUCCI

Guido Guistiannini said: It is with great sadness  
that I stand here before you all

To bury the father and daughter Vespucci

Amelia Amerigo and her father Amerigo! Oh god!

How is this possible?! Both pillars of the  
Syntho-Sardinian communities that exist not  
only on Earth and Greater Uranus

But also throughout the remainder of our solar  
system to obviously lesser degrees

Oh god! The humanity! Leaving behind a mother  
Tina and a brother Tony

Amelia

She will be remembered as a girl who

Yes! She was a daddy's girl

Of course she was! But she was also a friend to so  
many

A person who

Despite her immense beauty

Her blonde locks and naturally well-proportioned  
facial features

Was never one to look down on anyone

Never one to bow down to pretense of any kind



She'd treat a leper and a king the same! And of  
course we know the related caliphates that  
originally developed into prominence on the  
Earth's artificial moon

We know they

On some level! Lay at the tippity top of the  
pyramid of responsibility for these crimes

But for now we put those concerns to the side

To celebrate the beautiful lives of Amelia and  
Amerigo

To rejoice in their multitudinous memories! Oh  
lord! Amerigo

Born a mere fifty five years ago to a mother and  
father

Tina and Tony

Who

While yes both suffering from severe dementia at  
this time

Remain alive! And for a son to perish prior to his  
parents? Lord have mercy on us all I say! Is it  
that not the most sordid thing of all! A son  
deceased before his father! A daughter before  
her mother! Oh lord! Fate can be a cruel thing

But revenge

It can be even crueler! Amerigo was a friend to  
many

Most of all to his son Tony

Who while starting and successfully growing his  
synthetic ziti business on Earth  
Has pledged a return to his birth place  
Greater Uranus! Our home! Where he'll continue  
his father's business dealings  
His judicial responsibilities as well  
While still remaining involved with his synthetic  
ziti ventures from a healthy distance  
In fact  
It's with great pride that I now hand the  
microphone over to him  
Anthony Amerigo Vespucci  
For him to pay his respects to both his father and  
sister  
Tony Vespucci said: It's with great sadness that I  
too stand before you all  
To pay my final respects to both my father and  
sister  
My sister  
Of course she could get a little out of control from  
time to time  
Amelia  
But to experience the brutal and unwarranted end  
that she did  
That despicable end  
Before she was thirty  
Before she even procreated?! It's unconscionable  
frankly

It's completely ridiculous  
I can't even shed tears at this podium  
Because it's too ridiculous to me to believe it to  
    have actually occurred! And my father  
A true leader of men  
A great man par excellence  
The last of a dying breed! To have him taken from  
    us before he could even experience the joys of  
    grandfatherhood  
It's a crime against trans-humanity is what it is! It  
    can be nothing else! Of course we'll celebrate  
    their lives today  
Of course we'll rejoice in their memory  
We'll celebrate them to an apropos degree  
We'll recall them in a manner that they deserve to  
    be recalled! Yet as much as you can celebrate  
    the lives of those who were taken from us far  
    too prematurely  
In the coming days and weeks  
We will  
We'll have no choice but to ensure that justice  
    above all things is served  
And I'll be asking for the assistance of this  
    community! Seated right here! In the  
    administration of this retribution! Of this  
    making things right! In the case of both my  
    father and my sister  
So that all of those

From the main culprits all the way to the most  
ancillary bit characters and adjacent  
participants are held fully responsible  
Fully and entirely responsible! Actually beyond  
fully and entirely responsible! Because a world  
without Amelia  
Without Amerigo? It seems like a bad joke to me  
A comment made in poor taste  
Yet distasteful comments and poor jokes hang in  
our air only momentarily  
To dissipate quickly enough into the many  
vicissitudes of our memory  
Yet the fact the death of my father and sister  
That they're now a reality of life? A pervasive and  
irreversible reality of our existence?! It's to me  
almost too much to bear!

## (EPILOGUE) THE IBRAHIM PASHA DELUXE IN ORBIT OF THE MOON ANTARCTICA

J\_!!1 said: Well I think that went well

I said: You know

It's not ideal

But it'll do

For now

Did you hear from the Guistianninis

J\_!!1 said: They've given us a preliminary  
agreement

However Salvatore

Our main contact

He did mention that the funeral proceedings for  
both the father and daughter  
that they're still technically ongoing

I said: Wait

The bitch from Manhattan? That we killed? That's  
Amerigo's daughter

J\_!!1 said: Correct

I said: And they're having a funeral service for  
them both? Right now? J\_!!1 said: Correct

But after that's completed Salvatore has assured  
me he'll get back to us

With an official confirmation that the one year  
temporary truce is agreed upon and complete

I said: As much as it sickens me to put my revenge  
on hold J\_!!  
And it does sicken me  
In this case I can't help but agree with you  
We can't exact proper revenge if our commercial  
interests are all fuckin upside down  
All goddamned topsy-turvy  
So on that front this momentary truce  
It should actually  
It'll be a downer  
Sure  
But long-term it's a necessary evil  
Ultimately a good thing  
J\_!! said: I agree Ibrahim  
In that we're in agreement  
And I'm confident Salvatore will come through for  
us

Fin.