

Mr. President, There's an Asteroid Headed Directly For The Earth: The Musical

-The Outline-

PART ONE

CALVERT, our geeky hero, is working at the White House Observatory when the asteroid alarm sounds. It's a false positive, triggered by a flying protoplanet that's going to miss earth by 328,000 miles.

As everyone breathes a sigh of relief, Calvert's horndog coworker, RAJESH, propositions the office sexpot, RITA. She gives him a maybe. Specifically, she says she'd go out with him if they were the last two people on planet earth. Rajesh takes note.

VICE PRESIDENT FULLBAG is getting fed up with Calvert's seemingly-useless asteroid observation program. One false alarm after another. Fullbag only pushed to fund the program because *Armageddon* and *Deep Impact* and freaked everybody out. But now, VP Fullbag explains, people have forgotten about those movies, so spending \$200 million to check for asteroids is no longer politically expedient.

(Political expediency is on Fullbag's mind because he's running for President. Cutting the asteroid program, Fullbag reasons, could win him favor with the voters. Which he desperately needs. See, Fullbag has a "women problem.")

Rajesh invites Calvert to the club—to blow off some steam (i.e., get laid). Calvert reminds Rajesh that they can't go, that they have to attend an astronomy lecture by DEREK HOPWOOD, a badass astronaut-turned-NASA spokesman. (Rumor is, Hopwood's only been into orbit once, and he spent the whole time vomiting.)

At the astronomy lecture, Calvert meets KAYLA. She misread a flyer and thought it was an *astrology* lecture. He's into her quirks; she's into his insecurities. He asks her out; she says yes.

Their date will prove to be the most devastating event in the course of human history.

PART TWO

Turns out Kayla's a stripper. She dances at a notorious club located under the U.S. Capitol Building. She hates her job. For years, she wondered how her life ended up this way. And then she discovered the answer: Astrology. Fate. It was written in the stars. (The alternative answer—that Kayla ended up here because of her own bad choices—is too much for her to face.)

Hey, guess who else is at the club. Vice President Fullbag. He's getting a lap dance, and he's having trouble following the 'No Touching' rule. So he gets kicked out. *Not good*, Fullbag realizes. *This will get out.*

Kayla visits the psychic bookshop and asks her astrologer coach, VERNA, whether things will work out with Calvert. Verna consults her Chinese Astrology charts. The answer is clear: Nope.

It's pretty simple, Verna explains: Chinese astrology says that the position of the planets determines our lives on earth...and Mars and Venus are just too far apart. Kayla is crushed.

Back at the White House, VP Fullbag tells Calvert that he's persuaded congress to cut all funding to the asteroid observation program. Fullbag knows the strip club incident will soon make front-page news, and he believes that returning 200 million to the taxpayers is a good way to save face. He warns Calvert that he'll be disconnecting the telescopes and shutting off the power at midnight.

Calvert meets Kayla for frozen yogurt, where he's met with more bad news: Kayla wants to break up. Well, she doesn't *want* to break up, but Verna told her to. Calvert says that astrology is bullshit and he persuades Kayla to give him a chance.

The date moves to the national planetarium and then to the Library of Congress. (Calvert has 24/7 access to both.) Despite—or perhaps because of—Calvert and Kayla's opposing world outlooks, they click. Kayla reveals that she's a stripper; Calvert reveals that hasn't had a girlfriend since high school. They sleep together, in the stacks, and they say, "I love you."

Immediately, Calvert gets a call. *The call.* It's from Rajesh, who's in the observatory, clearing out his things.

Something is happening.

Calvert rushes to White House telescope and observes the most dramatic astronomical phenomenon imaginable: *Mars and Venus are converging.*

Calvert sees no logical explanation. But there is an explanation. It's not logical, but it's simple: *Reverse astrology.* Meaning, Calvert and Kayla's love for each other is so pure and so perfect that it caused the planets to shift. Which sounds beautiful...until Calvert realizes that the planetary realignment has shifted the universe's balance of gravitational pulls, and now, the protoplanet that was supposed to miss us by 328,000 miles, *is on a direct collision course with earth.*

Calvert bursts into the Oval Office and alerts the President.

PART THREE

Vice President Fullbag goes on live TV and delivers the breaking news: He's a hero. Fullbag says that *his* asteroid observation initiative—"my proudest legislative accomplishment"—has uncovered an asteroid headed for the earth. Fullbag says that the President is currently meeting with generals and NASA scientists to figure out a way to stop the asteroid. Still, though, anybody with a good idea as to how to stop the asteroid should get in touch with the White House.

At the Pentagon War Room, the President, his generals, and NASA scientists buzz in Derek Hopwood. The President tells Hopwood that they need him to fly a rocket into the asteroid, thus exploding it. There's not enough time to program a rocket's trajectory; somebody needs to steer it manually. And, naturally, Hopwood is the man for the job. Hopwood is clearly terrified, but he's got a reputation maintain. So he agrees.

VP Fullbag gets a call. From Verna the astrologer. She's got a solution: Calvert and Kayla have to split up. Their breakup will push Mars and Venus apart, which will realign the universe's gravitational pulls, which will pull the asteroid back off course.

One problem: Calvert refuses to break up with Kayla. He maintains that astrology is bullshit and he says that if he's only got one day left to live—this asteroid is coming *fast*—he wants to spend it with the woman he loves.

So VP Fullbag has Calvert arrested. Fullbag then puts Kayla on a plane to Alaska. The objective: Get these two away from each other.

Awful idea, turns out; Calvert and Kayla's love for each other grows—absence makes the heart grow fonder—which accelerating the planets' converging and speeds up the asteroid.

Hopwood's spaceship is all set to blast off. But Hopwood's a no-show. Somebody needs to step up to the plate and take over the mission. Rajesh tells Rita that he'd do it in a heartbeat, if only he knew how to fly a ship. He didn't *mean* it, but when Rita volunteers to go with him and steer—she went to space camp—he can't exactly back down.

But he tries. A last ditch attempt: Rajesh says that needs to get permission from his parents before he undertakes the mission. Some traditional Indian honor thing (that he made up on the spot). Rajesh explains the mission to his parents. He explains that even if he saves the earth, he'll die.

Rajesh's parents think it's a *fantastic* idea. So Rajesh and Rita suit up and blast off.

Three hours to live.

PART FOUR

The asteroid isn't slowing down. It's speeding up, in fact. And the planets are getting closer and closer together. VP Fullbag hatches a new plan—a new way to destroy Calvert and Kayla's love...

Fullbag orders Kayla's plane back to Washington. When she lands, Fullbag tells her that Calvert is dead. She believes it. Fullbag consoles her. He brings her to the Lincoln bedroom. He sets up candles and wine and flowers. She's not impressed. He offers to massage her. She resists...until she drinks the drugged wine. She passes out. Lights off.

Rajesh and Rita are getting closer and closer to the asteroid. Rajesh is freaking out, which isn't doing much for Rita.

Back on Earth, Vice President Fullbag visits Calvert in his cell. Fullbag tells Calvert that he slept with Kayla. Calvert doesn't believe him...until he sees the night-vision photos. The Lincoln bedroom, the candles, the wine, and what appears to be sex. Calvert is heartbroken. Meaning...

Mars and Venus separate! The asteroid is drawn off course! The Pentagon War Room celebrates! And at the last possible moment, the President remembers to tell Rajesh and Rita to abort the mission and come home.

The Lincoln Center. Vice President Fullbag is presented with the first-ever Nobel Science/Peace Combo Prize. And now that his election is locked in, he takes the opportunity to brag about how he not only saved the world today, but also slept with a hot chick.

Kayla rushes the stage and reveals herself to be the hot chick in question. She says that Vice President Fullbag drugged her. And the one thing she remembers from her stupor is that Fullbag couldn't get it up.

Then Calvert rushes the stage.

Calvert: "He told me you slept with him!"

Kayla: "He told me you were dead!"

Calvert: "I love you."

Kayla: "I love you."

Calvert and Kayla kiss. The audience cheers.

And the asteroid, now back on track, smashes into the earth, destroying every living thing.

Shortly after, Rajesh and Rita land on the earth. Meaning they're the only two people left. Meaning Rajesh has a chance...