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INT. SIL'S HOUSE / BEDROOM - DAY

ON SCREEN DISPLAY

SIL (13), a teenage girl in PJs, messy hair, appears on screen. She's looking at something O.S.

SIL  
This is a disaster. Roy, play  
timelapse.

The image is replaced by a timelapse of a dish with a block of slowly melting butter. A set of magnifying glasses near it. Days 1 to 6 appear on screen.

SIL (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
Roy, stop. Update eyes to recorded  
position.

Sil appears on screen for a moment before the angle of the camera updates and a dish with a block of completely melted butter appears in the center of the screen.

SIL (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
Roy, take photo.

The viewer flashes slightly. Day 7 appears on screen.

SIL (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
Roy, look at me. Record video.

A red dot flashes on screen and the camera focus on SIL.

SIL (CONT'D)  
Day seven of science experiment.  
The butter suddenly melted. Goodbye  
Earth. Roy, stop. Off.

The camera goes to BLACK.

SIL'S BEDROOM

Sil buries her cheeks in her fists, frustrated. In front of her, a small six wheeled robot with a big camera as an eye rests on the table near the plate with the melted butter. There's a huge poster of Earth on the wall.

Sil's mom, BEK (38) and dad, POL (39) appear at the door frame. Both wear a gray Engineer uniform with a helmet.

BEK  
Sil, honey, you are late for  
school. How is your experiment?

SIL  
A disaster. The butter just melted.

BEK  
Just melted? That's strange. Any of  
your conspiracy theories?

Sil thinks for a moment.

SIL  
The Sun is exploding?

Bek laughs gently.

POL  
You'll have to think of something  
better. Don't worry, hon. Next year  
you'll do it. Let's go.

Bek and Pol leave the room.

SIL  
Mom!

BEK (O.S.)  
Yes, honey?

SIL  
What does Earth look like?

BEK (O.S.)  
It's the most beautiful place in  
the Universe.

Sil sighs. Puts Roy in her bag. She looks out the window. The  
gigantic Sun fills half of the black sky.

SIL  
The most beautiful place in the  
Universe.

INT. SCHOOL CLASS - DAY

The five students of the class, including Sil, watch TIR (13)  
finishing his presentation. All of them have a Roy on each  
desk, recording the class. A holographic display of The Solar  
System fills the room. The Sun is highlighted.Â

Tir points at some small dots inside the orbit of Mercury.  
They flash.

TIR  
Our Solar Farms provide the  
necessary energy to Earth and the  
Moon...

A strong beam of energy links the Farms with Earth. a smaller  
one flies to the Moon.

TIR (CONT'D)  
... and the new colony of Mars.

A very thin beam of energy links the Farms with Mars.

TIR (CONT'D)  
With the current structures we can  
provide energy for 50 years more.

Tir finishes. The students clap politely. BAR (24), the energetic teacher, claps enthusiastically. He also wears an Engineer suit.

BAR  
That was fantastic, Tir. Thank you,  
very much.

Tir sits with a proud smile on his face.

BAR (CONT'D)  
So today, we had a great  
presentation about our Solar Farms  
and an interesting theory about why  
butter disappears.

Students laugh. Sil wears a poker face.

BAR (CONT'D)  
Remember that the winner among all  
the Farms will get a trip to Earth  
with their families.

Students hoot, excited.

BAR (CONT'D)  
That will be all.

Students gather their things and prepare to leave. Sil puts Roy in her bag.

BAR (CONT'D)  
Sil, please come to my lab.

Sil rolls her eyes, sighs.

INT. LABORATORY - DAY

Bar sits at his desk. A surprised Sil sits in front.

SIL  
What do you mean I'm right?

BAR  
I was curious about what you wrote  
in your paper so I just checked.  
There have been some unexplained  
energy surges.

SIL  
Is it the Sun?

BAR  
No. There haven't been any solar  
flares in the last weeks. The surge  
was in the link home.

SIL  
Earth?

BAR  
Mars.

SIL  
There's nothing on Mars.

BAR  
I know. The colony has just been  
founded. The problem is--

SIL  
Earth is not getting this energy

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