Day 6
Mine

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Two men in suits. One man, 3, has just rolled out of bed.

1
So, there's a mine?

2
Yes.

1
I thought there were more.

2
More mines?

3
One mine.

1
I remember many mines.

2
Many?

3
Yes! There are many landmines. Surrounding the opening of the mine.

2
Yes!

1
A mine field.

2
Yes.

1
But one mine.

3
Two.

2
One.

3
There's another mine.

2
Not in this draft. We changed it.

3
I didn't change it.

2
We did.

3
I didn't.

2
(to 1)
There's only one mine.

1
Could there be two mines?

3
Of course there could! There were before.

1
Gold mines.

3
Dicronium.

1
Dicron...

3
Ium.

1
Is that made up?

3
Yeah?

1
I thought this took place on earth.

2
It does.

3
Well, it's an earth-like planet.

2
No earth-like, it IS earth.

3
Since when?

2
We made the change.

3
Whose idea was that?

2
Mine.

3
Then it makes no sense to have Dicronium mines on earth.

2
That's why it's a gold mine.

3
Surrounded by landmines.

2
Yes,

3
On earth.

2
Yes.

3
Can I make a suggestion?

1

Certainly.

3

What if it wasn't earth? What if it was an earth-like planet? And there's this precious metal.

1

Dicronium.

3

Yes. And there's a planetary civil war between the Carvens and the Planids.

2

There are no Carvens. No Planids. It's on earth. No Dicronium mines.

3

Gold mines.

2

Yes.

3

Who owns the gold mines? Remind me.

2

The humans.

3

Just "the humans."

1

There's Jake. A young man.

2

He owns the mine.

3

A young guy owns the mine.

2

Inherited.

3

Inherited. From his parents that died?

2
Yes.

3
In... a mining accident?

1
That's good!

3
They stepped on a land mine.

1
That's perfect!

3
Poetic.

1
Very.

3
And who's after the mine?

1
(To 2)
That's the robots, right?

3
Robots?

2
Probots.

3
Probots?

2
Yes.

3
This is on earth, right?

2
Yes.

3
Where did the robots---

2
Probots.

3
Where did the Probots come from?

2
Their planet.

3
And why are they after gold?

2
They need it for their machine.

1
To return home.

3
And the Probots... They're bad?

2
Very.

3
Cause a lot of destruction?

1
Oh yes.

3
And they just want the gold for their machine? So, if they get the gold, they go home? And all the destruction ends?

2
Yes.

3
So, why doesn't Jack--

2
Jake.

3

Why doesn't Jake give them the gold so they can just leave? Wouldn't you? If the world was in danger and all that needed to happen was for you to give some gold to the alien robots, wouldn't you give it to them?

1

Yes. I would. That's a very good point.

3

It seems we haven't, I'm sorry, but it looks like we haven't quite worked through all this. How about I do a pass on this. Maybe we don't use the Probots. Maybe we could use, oh, I don't know, just spitballing, some lizard people.

1

On earth?

3

Well, I suppose it doesn't have to be on earth. Maybe we can put it somewhere exotic.

1

Audiences love exotic.

3

Avatar didn't take place on earth and people flocked to that.

1

Flocked.

3

How about I go through things, get a draft going, get it back to you tonight?

1

You could get that done?

3

Definitely.

1

Well, I'll let you get to work on that. I look forward to reading it. It's been a pleasure.

3

Oh no, the pleasure is all mine.