

# Moon Landing

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## MOON LANDING

The scene is the first moon landing. Neil Armstrong has just emerged from the landing craft.

ARMSTRONG

That's one small step for me, one giant...

(banging sound)

Ow! Son of a bitch!

MISSION CONTROL

Neil? Are you there? What happened?

ARMSTRONG

I stubbed my damn toe. God damn it! Can we take that again?

MISSION CONTROL

Okay. Just get back in the lander, and we'll try it again.

ARMSTRONG

Ready?

MISSION CONTROL

OK. Moon Landing, take two. Go ahead, Neil

ARMSTRONG

That's one small step for me, one...uh... Huge?

MISSION CONTROL

It's "giant," Neil. One giant leap for mankind.

ARMSTRONG

(pause)

Goddammit. Sorry. I guess I got a little flustered.

(mutters to himself)

...small step for me, giant leap for mankind...

MISSION CONTROL

Come on, get a hold of yourself, Neil.  
Just relax and be natural. Let's try it  
again.

ARMSTRONG

Hang on a sec. I've got to take a leak.  
I'll be right back.

MISSION CONTROL

(long pause)

Neil? Are you there? Neil?

ARMSTRONG

That's one giant leak for me.

MISSION CONTROL

OK, Neil - let's stop kidding around up  
there.

ARMSTRONG

All right. Here goes. Ahem. That's ONE  
small step for ME, one GIIIIANT leap  
for manKIND!

MISSION CONTROL

Ah, Neil? Want to tell me what that  
was?

ARMSTRONG

That's dramatic interpretation. I just  
gave it a little inflection. Make it  
sound more powerful.

MISSION CONTROL

(sighs)

Listen, Neil. You're a great astronaut.  
I mean that sincerely. But you're not  
an actor. Okay? So if you wouldn't mind  
just saying the line, without any  
inflections, then maybe you can get on  
to collecting rocks and sticking flags  
in the ground and whatever the hell  
else you're supposed to be doing up  
there, because it sure as hell isn't  
acting!

ARMSTRONG

Hey - who's on the moon, here? Me or you?  
Maybe you'd like to come up here and do  
this yourself? Is that what you'd like?  
Cause otherwise, I'm gonna say the line  
however the hell I feel like saying the  
line! Got that, you wiener?

MISSION CONTROL

Neil...

ARMSTRONG

That's one small step for me, and zero  
small steps for you weenies down at  
mission control! Hey - there's another  
small step for me! Oop! And there's  
another. I got you three to nothing in  
small steps, boys. You lose.

MISSION CONTROL

Neil...

ARMSTRONG

That's one small fries for me, one  
large coffee and a cheese Danish for Al  
back in the lander.

MISSION CONTROL

Neil, you've made your point.

ARMSTRONG

Okay, okay. This time for real. Ready?  
That's one small step for man, one  
giant leap for mankind. Okay?

MISSION CONTROL

Close enough.

ARMSTRONG

All right. I'm gonna go see if I can  
find some moon rocks.

MISSION CONTROL

You do that, Neil. Over and out.

Blackout.