

Lunar Bill

A Short Play

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CAST: BILL GATES, Microsoft CEO
NED, Inside Bill's head
JUNE, his accountant

TIME: Present

PLACE: JUNE's office.

NOTE: Ned can be a voice over or an actor on stage,
preferably sitting on the Moon.

An office in downtown Seattle. Bill Gates is walking to meet with his senior account, June.

NED

Today's the day. I can feel it. Like fixing lost cluster chains. Can you feel it? Today we go to the moooooonnnn!!

BILL

Quit screwing with my hunger center.

NED

You promised!

BILL

I already ate so stop it.

NED

Egg McMuffin!

BILL

I can't.

NED

Wait. Somebody just had to reboot Windows XP.

BILL

64,000 bugs. Criminy.

Bill enters June's office.

JUNE

Good morning, Mr. Gates.

BILL

Morning, June. Sorry, I'm late.

JUNE

That's quite alright. How are you this morning?

NED

Hungry. Biscuits and gravy and sweet potato pie.

BILL

A little hungry.

JUNE

I can have something brought in, if you like.

BILL

No thanks.

NED

Wendy's double
bacon cheeseburger
and Big Frosty.

BILL

Wendy's double
bacon cheeseburger
and Big Frosty.

JUNE

Oh, well sure. If that's what you want.

BILL

No, no, no! It's too early for that.

JUNE

Oh, everything's open now. It's not a problem.

NED

Spicy chicken sandwich with extra cheese! Pow, pow! Johnny,
I got a hostage situation here. Call in the large fries.

BILL

No, no. I'm not hungry. Can we get started?

JUNE

Sure. I've pulled together your entire portfolio as you
requested.

She pulls out a big account book

NED

(sings)

Moon over Miami, shine on me from above.

BILL

(sings)
Like a melody, hum so neat, my sweet.

JUNE

Excuse me?

BILL

Sweet.

JUNE

It is sweet to look at, isn't it.

NED

Yahoo! Directions to the Moon please! Only 245,000 miles away, Bill! Take a right turn off Florida and keep going. Print it!

BILL

What's my bottom line?

JUNE

With stock, investments, cash. 245.

NED

The magic number!!!
(sings)
I'm going to the Moon in the morning.

BILL

(to Ned)
I'm not singing, stop it!

JUNE

Excuse me?

BILL

Is that liquid?

JUNE

Not all of it.

NED

(sings)
Blue moon, you saw me standing alone!

BILL

(sings)
Without a dream in my heart. Enough!

JUNE

Are you okay, Mr. Gates?

BILL

Yes. Fine. How much of that is liquid?

JUNE

After the securities, bonds, cap investment payouts, charitable contributions, you're around 196 and change.

NED

Close enough.

(sings)

I see a bad moon a risin'

BILL

(sings)

I see trouble on it's way.

(to June)

196 and change?

JUNE

Yes. \$196,321,103,442.31. To be precise.

She shows him the open account book.

NED

Ain't it wonderful what a little word processing can do.

BILL

Looks good.

JUNE

Thank you. It's an Excel Spreadsheet.

NED

Excellent Excel!

BILL

Great. Thanks for your time, June.

JUNE

Sure. Anytime.

Bill starts to exit.

NED

Wait! Wait just one astronomical unit! Today is the day, Bill!

BILL

(to Ned)

I'm leaving.

Wonder what happens next?

For a copy of the full script, email me at:

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Thanks!