

The year was 4231. It was going to be the final year that there would be life on earth, but nobody knew that yet. The day started off as a typical Monday for Harry. He woke up bright and early to get ready for work. He was the owner of an aerospace company and had the vital job of making sure that everything was working accurately and that all of his employees were doing their jobs correctly. This meant that when someone brought him a problem he was responsible for finding a solution and making sure that it was possible to fix it in the first place. This was a good thing because he was always open to fixing something or finding something to make it better. When Harry finally got to work, it was around 10 in the morning, he expected to find many different small problems that had happened over the weekend and that would be an easy fix, however, what happened was more than unexpected. When he finally made his way to his office he was greeted by one person who had a folder with a red mark on it that said classified he wasn't **sure what to think but he knew that it was going to be important.**

Harry questions, "Hi, what is your name and what can I help you with."

Mike answered, "Hello Harry my name is Mike and we have a problem."

"Ok, Mike I guess it's nice to meet you, want the problem?"

"The problem is that we have one year to get every person in the entire world to mars or the sun will cause the earth to heat up too much for us to survive.

Harry questioned, "You're joking, right?" He asked this as he was unpacking his bag

"I wish I was joking, however, if I was I wouldn't be here right now."

Harry thought to himself why would the government be here if they had a problem, after all, he didn't have nearly as many resources as them. Harry also just realized that they recently had to put a project on hold because they didn't have the funding. He then called for a meeting with the engineering team to find out more information about what is going on. He started the meeting by introducing Mike and giving a bit of background on the current situation.

Harry announced, “ Hello everyone, welcome, this is Mike and he has an interesting problem that we need to work on.”

Everyone started to whisper to each other about what it could be because they knew if a meeting was called that something really interesting was about to happen and they would need to pay attention. After Mike had told everyone what had happened there were people who didn't believe a word that he had just said and others that had questions and wanted to know why he came to them.

This is when one of the head engineers named Mark asked “What do you want us to do about it we're just a small company and we probably don't even have the resources to do anything!”

Mike asked Harry if they could talk away from the others, he needed to tell him something important.

Mike nervously said, “I don't have the approval to be asking for help.”

Harry questioned, “Why would you not be able to get approval, that doesn't seem right.”

“It isn't that I asked for approval and was told no, I didn't even ask”

“Mike, why would you not ask?”

Harry was starting to question the reliability of what Mike was saying until he answered the question.

Mike was now starting to walk back and forth as he was talking. “They told us that they didn't plan on doing anything about it, that they were just going to save themselves and leave everyone.”

“Mike I understand that we are in danger but what are we in danger from?” Harry questioned nervously

“Our team of scientists has discovered that the sun is expanding at an alarming rate and it has been happening for years now.”

Harry and Mike talked for days after that about possible solutions and things that they could do to try and help. However, after weeks of back and forth, they decided to get an engineering team to try and help, after all, they would be the ones responsible for the plan. After months of argument they finally all agreed on a final solution. That solution would be to build several different starships that would be able to take forty-five percent of the life on earth to mars.

This decision was not without its problems but the major problem with this idea is that it wasn't a team decision. It was chosen by the lead engineer named Mark. Mark convinced every person on the team except Harry that it was the only idea worth moving forward with. This was because Mark didn't care about others he only cared about himself and while the others were only able to think about how important it was to help the small number of people that they could he decided that he would save himself but make it appear that he was the good guy.

Finally, after 3 months of making plans and gathering materials without raising suspicion, it was time to build. Mark was explaining something to a worker as Harry approached.

Mark with excitement yelled “Harry”

Harry “ Hi Mark how is it going?”

“Hi Harry, the project is going great we just finished one of the three starships”

Harry's face was now much more serious “That's great but we need to talk”

Mark was starting to think about what it could be that he wanted to talk about because they weren't supposed to have a meeting for another two days. This was when he remembered that he had started to work on his plan of sabotaging the ships that morning.

Mark nervously said “sure, what is it that you want to talk about.”

“We need to talk about why we are a week behind schedule!”

Mark thought before he said anything because he knew that the reason they were behind was that he was working on his project at the same time and didn't care if they were behind schedule. So he told the most believable lie he could think of at the time.

“We're a week behind schedule because we had to wait on new equipment so instead we worked on more designs and I can assure you that we will make up for the lost time.”

Harry had always trusted Mark and he knew that if he said he was going to do something he would. Over the next 6 months, they slowly completed the last two starships and would be prepared to finally start testing them. It was important to test them quickly because they only had two months before they were planning on launching them. Mark also took this as his opportunity to test his own ship to make sure he was ready to escape. On the day of the test, he didn't show up because he was busy with his own test. Because of this, Harry knew that something was wrong with Mark because he never missed a test day so Harry called Mark to see what was going on

Harry “Hey Mark are you ok?”

Mark “Hey I'm not feeling well today”

“Oh I hope you feel better soon”

“Thanks I will make sure to watch over the test from here”

“Ok no problem just remember that we need these tests to go perfectly”

Mark pretended to cough and then said “Ok I will make sure everything is going to plan.”

The test of the starships went perfectly and everyone was extremely happy however Mark wasn't happy at all because his plan didn't work at all. After he found the problem he knew that the only fix was to steal a part from the starships that would render them useless but save him so after he thought about it more he did exactly what he needed to do to save himself. On the day of the launch, everyone was ready and it was both a good and bad day, however, after they all were ready to launch, they realized what Mark had done. After finding him about to take off. Harry rushed over to him and started to yell

Harry “Mark, it's not too late to save everyone, you don't have to do this.”

Mark “Harry I'm sorry but this is the only way this will work.”

“No it isn't, we can still save everyone. We need you and you need us, we're a family. You wouldn't be able to survive without us and we need your help. It isn't too late!”

After realizing what he had done he thought why would he do this and realized that his plan, after all, wouldn't work so finally after Harry and Mark argued for hours he decided that it would be wrong of him to leave everyone and decided it was time for him to help save everyone who had trusted him.