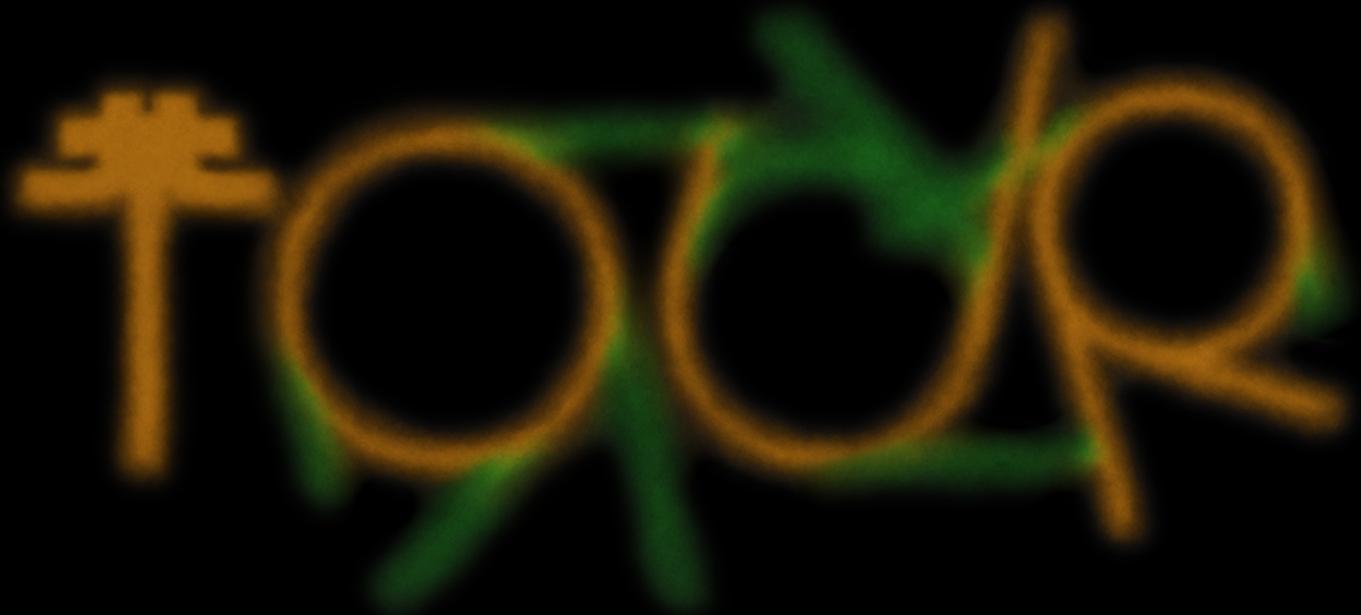


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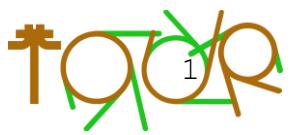
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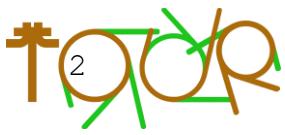


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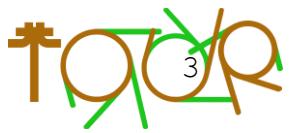
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THANK YOU

| Name | Role |
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| Montana Earegood | Copyeditor |
| Ruthann Gregory | Physicist |
| Micealaya Moses | Dramaturg |

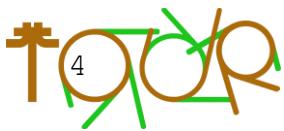


SYNOPSIS

Tour is about finding your impact. The matter surrounds a physicist tackling her education and fighting for the prospects that follow. Though her mind values the magnetic paces ahead, dreams do not electrify. So, she may need to reconnect working circuits and disconnect from those that crossed the field lines.

Quark enters the University as a student, dreaming of becoming a physicist. Professor Boson connects her to magnetism. However, their opposite charges never attract but an instance of perhaps, identical. Лептонаиа takes charge of Quark's livelihood each time Quark gets cut down by Boson; he has the power to fail anyone and even defund institutions. With the introduction of this musical thesis, Quark acquires the circuits to bring unharnessed energy to the Accelerator.

During the act that follows, Quark fulfills what the Accelerator is destined to accomplish. The success ends when Quark reaches supersymmetry during a particle accelerator "accident."



CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

| Character | Vocal Range | Gender | Age |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| <u>QUARK</u> E A physicist. | Mezzo-Soprano – Soprano | Woman | Adult |
| <u>ЛЕПТОНИЯ</u> (leptonya) A doctoral advisor. | Alto – Mezzo-Soprano | Woman | Adult |
| <u>BOSON</u> GAUGE A physics professor. | Bass – Baritone | Man | Adult |
| <u>ATOM</u> An individual that makes up for everything, even by doubling. | Tenor | Man | Adult |
| <hr/> | | | |
| Ensemble | | | |
| - STUDENTS - ENGINEERS | - RESEARCH ASSISTANTS - POLITICIANS | - PROFESSORS - TECHNICIANS | |

NOTES ON ATTIRE & COSMETICS

Performer portraying Quark: In the emergence era of co-op research, she would fit in with generally a blouse, a belted skirt, and close-toed heels. She eventually lugs around her sentimental green helmet, attached to a lanyard around her neck.

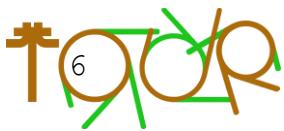
Performer portraying Лептония: She soils her science gear when she is working, but when she is not, she wears much more dull clothes. She dresses up as a rancher near the Desertron. She wears her orange helmet at the Accelerator.

Performer portraying Boson: He is suited to take on tenures. To demonstrate his reign, he is well-dressed for the Accelerator. He is a photonic figure, therefore brightening up the place.

Performers portraying engineers/technicians: The orange clothes and safety gear are for physics.

MUSICAL NUMBERS

| # | Title | Character(s) |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Exchange Particle | QUARK ЛЕПТОНИА ATOM |
| 2. | Hard Run | QUARK ЛЕПТОНИА BOSON ATOM students |
| 2a. | Hard Run (Reprise) | QUARK ЛЕПТОНИА BOSON ATOM students |
| 3. | Crossing Field Lines | QUARK BOSON |
| 4. | Centration | QUARK BOSON research assistants |
| 5. | G | QUARK ЛЕПТОНИА ATOM professors |
| 6. | Fuse | QUARK |
| 7. | Super Collide | QUARK ЛЕПТОНИА engineers |
| 7a. | Super Collide (Reprise) | QUARK ЛЕПТОНИА engineers |
| 8. | Slepton | QUARK BOSON ATOM politicians |
| 8a. | Slepton (Reprise) | QUARK BOSON ATOM politicians |
| 9. | Electroforming | QUARK ATOM engineers |
| 10. | Preon | QUARK ЛЕПТОНИА |
| 11. | Bring the Conductivity | QUARK ЛЕПТОНИА BOSON technicians |
| 12. | Hadron | QUARK ЛЕПТОНИА BOSON technicians |
| 13. | Synchrotron (Magnet-Guided) | QUARK BOSON technicians |
| 14. | Meson Decay | QUARK ATOM technicians |
| 15. | Hypercharge | QUARK ЛЕПТОНИА technicians |
| 16. | Isospin | QUARK BOSON |
| 17. | Pion | QUARK |
| 18. | Catch Electrons | QUARK ЛЕПТОНИА BOSON technicians |
| 19. | Squark | QUARK BOSON technicians |
| 20. | Supersymmetry | QUARK ЛЕПТОНИА |
| 21. | Beyond Baryons | QUARK ЛЕПТОНИА technicians |

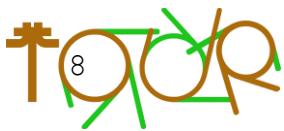


SCENES & SET DESIGNS

| Scene Page | Location | SET props |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| I i 8 | Administration Building | UNIVERSITY BANNER DESK schedule physics textbook notebooks pens |
| I ii 10 | Lecture Hall | DESK with magnets(6+), box with magnet inside, field line diagram, packet, pen CHALKBOARD WITH FIELD LINE DIAGRAM |
| I iii 14 | Laboratory | DESK with magnets(6+), box with magnet inside, field line diagram, packet, pen |
| I iv 18 | Office | DESK with box with magnet inside, field line diagram, packet, pen booklet packets |
| I v 24 | Conference Hall | packets |
| I vi 30 | Desertron | operator's control |
| I vii 37 | Debate Chamber | operator's control cash |
| I viii 44 | Magnet Factory | WORKSTATIONS form pen magnets metals light bulb |
| I ix 49 | Accelerator | ACCELERATOR BARRIER CHAIRS CHALKBOARD FOG MACHINE chalkboard eraser QUARK's id |
| II i 55 | Accelerator | ACCELERATOR |



ACT I



1. EXCHANGE PARTICLE

SCENE i

[Administration Building]

(QUARK enters. She wanders around, quickening her pace.)

(ATOM enters, staffing himself.)

ATOM

QUARK. CONGRATULATIONS.

(Handing a schedule to QUARK.)

QUARK

(Examining the schedule.)

I KNOW HIM FROM SOMEWHERE. BEAMS... WHAT'S WITH MY MEMORY.

ATOM

BOSON GAUGE. HE'S THE BEST. A CHILD PRODIGY.

(Exiting.)

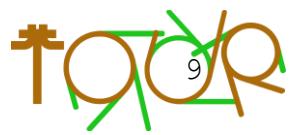
(QUARK runs around. She bumps into ЛЕПТОНИА, knocking over all of ЛЕПТОНИА's belongings.)

ЛЕПТОНИА

NO CONTROL! YOU СУКÁ (súka)!

QUARK

AN ACCIDENT!



(*QUARK picks up ЛЕПТОНИА's belongings but one thing.*)

ЛЕПТОНИА

I AM GOING TO BE LATE! YOU HEAR ME? RESEARCH GROUP. LIFE OR DEATH. ДЕРЬМО (der'mo)! DOCTORAL... OVER... IN MATTERS OF SECONDS.

QUARK

(*Holding ЛЕПТОНИА's belongings.*)

I HEAR YOU. NOW WILL YOU TAKE ДЕРЬМО (der'mo).

ЛЕПТОНИА

YOU NEW HERE? YOU SEEM... OLD. DOCTORAL? YOUNG ADULTS. WE SHOULD CATCH U—

QUARK

GO!

ЛЕПТОНИА

YOU ПИЗДА́ (pizdá) MADE ME LATE!

(*Running off.*)

(*ATOM rushes in, bewildering QUARK. He picks up the remaining thing.*)

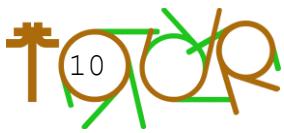
ATOM

LEVIATHAN! YOU DROPPED SOMETHING!

(*Rushing after ЛЕПТОНИА.*)

ЛЕПТОНИА

IT'S ЛЕПТОНИА!



2. HARD RUN

SCENE ii

[*Lecture Hall*]

[A field line diagram is written on the board.]

(BOSON, ATOM, STUDENTS push in the board.)

(QUARK, ATOM, and STUDENTS gather.)

(BOSON paces.)

STUDENT

NEUTRONS !

(BOSON dismisses the answer.)

STUDENT

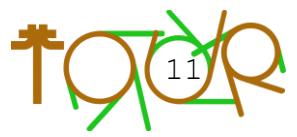
PHONONS !

(BOSON dismisses the answer.)

STUDENT

MUONS !

(BOSON dismisses the answer.)



STUDENT

BOSON?!

(BOSON seems taken off guard.)

ATOM

Borons... Theory!

STUDENTS

Hmm.

ATOM

That's it!

STUDENTS

(Laughing.)

(BOSON feels disappointed.)

(QUARK sticks out.)

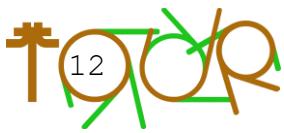
Hmm.

QUARK

POS-TIVE. NEG-TIVE.

BOSON

WELCOME TO THE CONTOUR. LET IT FLOW.



(*STUDENTS set up the laboratory.*)

STUDENTs

'LECTRICITY!

BOSON

DO BUILD YOUR N-EST.

STUDENTs

WITH 'LECTRONICS!

BOSON

DO THEY ATTRACT...

STUDENTs

SO MAGNETIC!

BOSON

ATTENTION.

QUARK

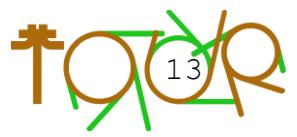
YOU WOULD LET ME...

STUDENTs

IT'S EXCLUSIVE!

QUARK

BUILD MYSELF IN YOUR...



STUDENTs

NO EXPER-ENCE!

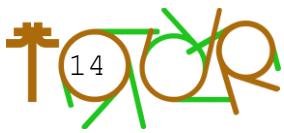
QUARK

LABOR-TORY?

STUDENTs

SESSION IS FULL!

(BOSON nods. He pushes the board out, revealing magnets on a desk.)



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SCENE iii

[*Laboratory*]

STUDENTs

THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK...

BOSON

PERFORM A CONTROLLED EXPER-MENT. FORCE. ATTRACTING.
USING FERROMAGNETS. PERMANENT DIPOLES. REMOVE FIELDS
OUTSIDE. DISCIPLES. ADVICE. DON'T REDUCE TO ZERO.
SPON-TANE-OUS RAC-TION. TRY COBALT NAMESAKE. ELECTRONS.
UNPAIRED. PARTNER UP.

STUDENTs

DEAR!

(*Scattering. They each grab a magnet.*)

STUDENT

(*Pointing a magnet to another STUDENT.*)

COMPASS FACES...

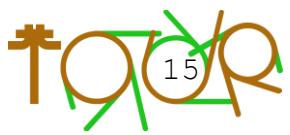
STUDENTs

ATTRACTION HERE!

(*A different STUDENT directs their magnet to another STUDENT.*)

STUDENT

YOUR FRIDGE RUNNING?



STUDENTs

HA CAUSE MAGNETS!

ATOM

(Reaching for another STUDENT.)

YOU SEE, MAGNATE.

STUDENTs

STILL THE BORON!

(BOSON takes two magnets. He extends one to QUARK.)

BOSON

NEED A PARTNER?

STUDENTs

RATHER WORK 'LONE!

QUARK

I WOULD BE HONOURED.

(Accepting the magnet.)

STUDENTs

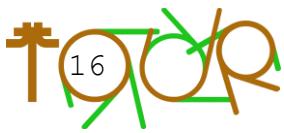
OH INDUCTANCE!

QUARK

SAY, WE'RE 'TRACTED.

STUDENTs

A LITTLE FORCED!



BOSON

REPEL!

(Each pair of STUDENTS distance themselves, forming magnetic formations.)

(The world has completed some revolutions as time whizzed by in the delightful classes that QUARK and BOSON have together.)

(Eventually, ЛЕПТОНИЯ enters. She feels silently intrigued by the experiments.)

(QUARK feels distracted by ЛЕПТОНИЯ. She seems to be repelling away from BOSON.)

(Their experiment concludes.)

2a. HARD RUN (Reprise)

(ЛЕПТОНИЯ confronts BOSON. She hands BOSON a paper. She departs.)

(BOSON reads the paper.)

(STUDENTS stop dancing and focus on BOSON.)

BOSON

I HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE ACCELERATOR...

STUDENTS

PLEASE DO NOT GO! WE'LL ALL MISS YOU. CONDUCTIVITIES.

(*BOSON remains silent.*)

PROFESSOR'S SPEECHLESS.

(*Setting up Office.*)

THINK IT OVER!

(*BOSON waves STUDENTS off.*)

WE WILL REPEL!

(*Departing.*)

3. CROSSING FIELD LINES

SCENE iv

[Office]

(QUARK hands BOSON the thesis.)

BOSON

(Reading the thesis.)

ÉTUDE THÉORIQUES DES SUSCEPTIBILITÉS MAGNÉTIQUE
MOLÉCULAIRES.

QUARK

I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE MY THESIS BEFORE YOU'D LEAVE
FOR YOUR DESTINY IN LAB.

BOSON

(Revealing a box.)

I THOUGHT I'D NEVER ASK THIS OF YOU...

(Opening the box to reveal a magnet.)

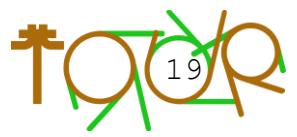
WILL YOU BE MY PERMANENT COLLABORATOR?

(QUARK expresses mixed feelings. She notices
an incorrect field line diagram on the desk.)

QUARK

THE FIELD LINES HERE, CROSSED.

(BOSON looks through the thesis.)



BOSON

OP-SITE CHARGES REPEL.

QUARK

THAT WAS THE RESULT OF THE EXPERIMENT.

(*BOSON marks the thesis.*)

(*QUARK builds rage.*)

(*BOSON builds remorse.*)

BOSON

THE OPPOSITES SHOULD ALWAYS ATTRACT-ACT.

(*Pleading to an unmoving QUARK.*)

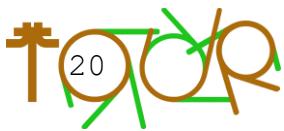
REACT. CONNECT. YOU ARE NOTHING BUT STEEL. MAGNET. I AM. NEG-TIVE ENDS POSITIVE.

(*Falling in shambles.*)

End contour. End contour. End contour. End contour. End contour.
End contour. End contour. End contour.

QUARK

THE FIELD LINES SHOULD NEVER BE CROSSED!



4. CENTRATION

(*BOSON throws a physics packet at QUARK.*)

BOSON

TENURE AS PROFESSOR ENDS LATER. EVERY LECTURE,
LABOR-TORY, COLLOQUIUM. YOUR SCHOOLING WILL FEEL LIKE
TEN YEARS.

(*QUARK picks up the packet.*)

COULD YOU CONCENTRATE?

(*QUARK begins solving.*)

OH, YOU INFUR-ATE. R. AS. DETERIORATE. CONCEN-

(*RESEARCH ASSISTANTS march in, holding packets.*)

BOSON

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

TRATE.

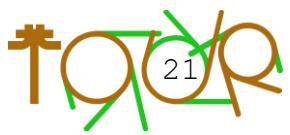
(*RESEARCH ASSISTANTS stand by BOSON.*)

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

IN COMES INTERACTION. OH THE NUCLEATION. A PLASMIC
COLLISION.

(*Singularly throwing a packet at QUARK.*)

IN NAME OF CENTRATION. WHY THE INFURATION? LEADS TO
DETER-RATION. CONCENTRATE.



BOSON

WEAK. BUT YOUR INTERACTION HAS ALWAYS IMPACTED ME. FIRM NUCLEATION. COUPLED. QUARK-GLUON PLASMA. QUANTA, DEFY CENTRATION.

QUARK

FIELD LINES CROSS ONLY IF I DROP THE QUALITY OF MY DATA. YOUR INHIBITION'S ERROR. THIS OLIGOMER'S FLUID.

BOSON

DON'T CONCENTRATE NOW. YOU LEARN QUICK. THE MATTER BETWEEN US, THE ONLY THING YOU'LL EVER CROSS.
OLIGOMERS, NO UNITS WILL EVER BE REPEATED. MASTER EQUATION.

(RESEARCH ASSISTANTS head in various directions.)

QUANTUM ARE AGGREGATION. OUTLIER!

(Pointing to QUARK.)

APPLY CENTRATION.

(RESEARCH ASSISTANTS surround QUARK.)

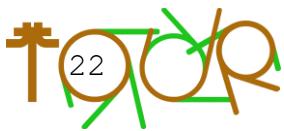
CONCEN-

BOSON

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

TRATE.

(RESEARCH ASSISTANTS throw all the packets at QUARK.)



RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

ALL THE FRAGMENTATION. NOT A GLOBAL FITTING. JUST SCALING EXPONENT. HAVE RESPECT FOR RATE LAWS.

(QUARK kneels.)

QUANTUM INDETERMIN-C'. PRIMOR-DAL BEHAVIOURS.
CONCENTRATE.

(BOSON snatches the packet from QUARK.)

CONCENTRATION. CAN THINK RIGHT?

(BOSON marks the packet.)

CENTRATE.

(BOSON hands the packet to QUARK.)

CONCENTRATION. CAN YOU BELIEVE?

(QUARK brokenheartedly reads the packet.)

CENTRATE.

(BOSON grabs a book.)

CONCENTRATION. CAN YOU FEEL IT?

(*BOSON throws the book in QUARK's face.*)

(*QUARK falls back, unconscious.*)

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (cont.)

CENTRATE. CONCENTRATION.

(*Clearing the Office.*)

CAN'T CONCENTRATE. CENTRATE.

(*BOSON and RESEARCH ASSISTANTS march off.*)

5. G

SCENE v

[Conference Hall]

(ATOM and PROFESSORS wander in. They pick up and read the packets.)

ATOM

GRADES DO NOT FIT THE CURVATURE, QUARK.

PROFESSOR

I Q IS LEFT TO BE TRULY DESIRED.

ATOM/PROFESSOR

SUCCESS IS THAT, NOT WITHIN YOUR VERY REACH.

ATOM/PROFESSOR

BS STAY IN TRASH BINS OF HIST-RY.

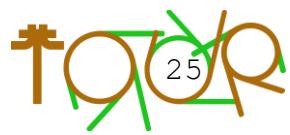
ATOM/PROFESSOR

LENS, THERE IS NONE THAT WE WILL EVER SEE THROUGH.

ATOM/PROFESSOR

WHAT THE FS, YOU MIGHT AS WELL JUST KILL YOURSELF.

(QUARK sits up.)



ATOM

GRAV-TY.

ATOM

PROFESSORs

FORCE YOU'LL BRING IS G.

(Leveling with QUARK.)

GRAD PROGRAMS ARE EXCLUSIVE. DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES FOR A MASTER'S.

(Gathering the packets.)

(ЛЕПТОНИА rushes in.)

ЛЕПТОНИА

БЛИН (blin). I AM SORRY FOR LATE...

(Noticing QUARK.)

TODAY'S THE DAY TO SELECT DOCT-RATE CANDIDATES.

(Heading to QUARK.)

THERE IS MATTER WITHIN YOU. FAMILIARITY.

(Recognizing QUARK.)

YOU MADE ME MISS IT!

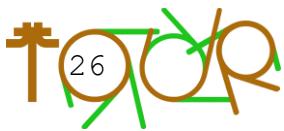
(Raising QUARK.)

YOU SAVED ME THE TROUBLE OF HAVING MISSED OUT ON AN ATOM SMASHING ACCIDENT.

(ATOM motions for ЛЕПТОНИА to not disclose that information.)

ATOM

AFFLICT.



ATOM

PROFESSORS

FORCE CLASSIFIED, JEEZ. BRIGHT ADVISOR, ЛЕПТОНИА. FIND ONE UNBENT. NOT THIS DELINQUENT.

ЛЕПТОНИА

I KNOW G-FORCE WHILE HERE

ATOM

PROFESSORS

YOU'LL KNOW G-FORCE.

ATOM/PROFESSOR

BEING A DOCTORAL
CANDIDATE.

A BURDEN SO PECUL-AR.
WEAK.

ATOM/PROFESSOR

PUPIL BRINGS LONG
DAYS, SHORT NIGHTS,
ATOMIC WEEKS.

ATOM/PROFESSOR

PHYSICS, CLASSIC, QUANTUM,
BASIC, NEVER SLEEP.

EQUATIONS, UNFIT SO
YOU HAVE TO TWEAK.

(ЛЕПТОНИА takes the packet from ATOM. She
reads the packet.)

ЛЕПТОНИА

AT THE VERY LEAST, SHE HAS PRINCIPLED HALF SPINS!

ATOM

PROFESSORS

SPIN IT.

THERE'LL BE NO FLUX.

PROFESSOR

HER VARIABLE IS JUST A MASS.

ЛЕПТОНИА

CLASSIFICATION, YOU'VE PUT
ALL US IN, NO MORE, NO
LESS, INTEGARS, BUT SHE
HAS ELECTRICITY.

ATOM

YOU KNOW THAT I KNOW
THAT THERE'S LOTS TO
SURPASS.

PROFESSOR

METHODS, NONE
INTEGRATED TO SPIN IT.

ATOM

FEELS I'LL FORCE THOSE GS.

PROFESSORS

FORCE YOU'LL FEEL IS
GS.

ATOM

GRAV-TY.

ЛЕПТОНИА

FEELS I'LL FORCE THOSE GS.

PROFESSORS

FORCE YOU'LL FEEL ARE
GS.

(ЛЕПТОНИА takes QUARK out for a spin.)

(QUARK flounders around.)

(ATOM and PROFESSORS humbly depart.)

ЛЕПТОНИА

YOU SURE NEED SOME ANGULAR MOMENTUM IN YOU. IDEALLY,
COMMIT TO OCCUPY THIS STATE.

(QUARK seems hesitant.)

ЛЕПТОНИЯ (cont.)

MATTERS THAT ARE PARTICLES WITHIN YOU.

ATOM

PROFESSORs

OCCUPY STATE!

ЛЕПТОНИЯ

NAME?

(*QUARK whispers into ЛЕПТОНИЯ's ear.*)

QUARK? SEEMS TO HAVE A LACK OF SPIN. FIRM. I AM IN ANY CIRCLES, ORBITALS. ДРУГ (drug). YOU'RE A FORCE TO BE WEIGHTED UPON THEE!

(*Stopping the momentum.*)

STATE. HAVE TO SPIN TO!

(*Spinning off.*)

6. FUSE

QUARK

SO CONFUSED. REFUSE. DIFFUSE.

(*Rapping her hand around her head. She words the prefix to sound closer to "I".*)

IN-...

(*Wording the word to sound close to "feel".*)

FUSE.

(*Placing her hand on her heart.*)

SO ELECTRIFYING!

(*Standing tall and confident.*)

QUARK (cont.)

NOW IS THE PERFECT TIMING.

(Placing a hand on her temple.)

YET, THE WOUND HAS LEFT ME STATIC.

(Looking up. She is once more confident. She states this assertively to herself.)

THUNDER LATER! CHARGE YOURSELF TO FLOW LIKE LIGHTNING!

(Bringing herself back to reality.)

THUNDER...

(Shedding a tear.)

NOTHING LIKE OVERCURRENT. RAIN OFF EXCESS HEAT.

END MY FIRE.

(Flinching.)

ZAP. BREAKER OUT OF ALL THE CURRENT. POSITIVE.

NEGATIVE. SO IMBALANCED... MUST KEEP FEELINGS GROUNDED...

LIGHTNING... SHORT CABLE THAT SUFFUSE. SURE AM UNABLE TO

REFUSE... RESISTOR. LIMITER. CURRENTLY CAN'T. CLIPPING.

YOUR POWER RATING IS PROFUSE. SWEATING.

(Placing her hand on her heart.)

SENSORS DETECT MY HEART BEATING. HERE GOES NOTHING.

SOMETHING. ELECTRIFYING...

7. SUPER COLLIDE

SCENE vi

[Desertron]

(ЛЕПТОНИА elegantly arrives, clad in a rancher's uniform.)

ЛЕПТОНИА

HOWDY. JOIN IN THE CIRCUIT!

(Pointing in the distance.)

HOME TO DESERTRON. HOPE, THESE RAYS HOLD IN. BEAMS AS FAR AS THE EYES CAN SEE ANY BEINGS TO EVER TOP YOUR DISSERTATION.

QUARK

NO LABS THERE YET. WHAT KIND OF ADVISING YOU DO TO LEAD US HERE? MY NAT-RAL PHYSICS HAS BEEN TRAINED TO GET YOU COFFEE.

(ЛЕПТОНИА wanders off.)

END UP WITH DESERTS.

(Noticing ЛЕПТОНИА's disappearance.)

NOT THE COURSE TO DESERT THIS DOCT-RATE!

(Motioning to herself.)

WELL, THERE IT GOES. MY CONCLUSION. EGO'S NEVER HYPERSENS-TIVE. THIS MIND STAYS DEHYDRATED.

(ЛЕПТОНИА tiptoes in, sanding off an operator's control.)

ЛЕПТОНИА

HYPOT-SIS THAT THIS HEARTLAND OF INNOVATION BRINGS FREE ENERGY. WHERE NOT JUST MATTER 'XISTS, BUT THEY MATTER IN OUR LAWS. IN FACT, FORCE THESE WAVELENGTHFUL KEYS.

(Handing the control to QUARK.)

PROPEL PROTONS, SMASHING THEM INTO A GRAPHITE'S NUCLEI,
PRODUCING NEUTRONS WITH PIONS, POS-TIVE NEG-TIVE,
TAKING THOSE POSITIVITIES, FOCUSED IN A BEAM SO THEY'D.
PARDON MY, DECAY. JUST THEORIZ... SUPER COLLIDE.

(QUARK presses on the control.)

BEAMS SUPER COLLIDE!

(Preparing for the collision. When nothing happens, she takes over the control.)

БЛЯДЬ (blyat). GIVE ME A MOMENT. HOLD UP UNIVERSE!

(Trying to raise QUARK.)

QUARK.

[Particles collide.]

BEHOLD THE DESERTRON! SUPERCONDUCTING SUPER COLLIDER!
A SMASH.

[Particles move along and around.]

QUARK

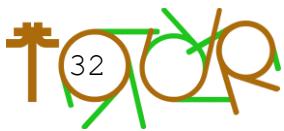
STRANGE. FERM-ONS. MUONS. 'TRINOS. GLUONS. CHARM.

QUARK

QUANTA.

ENGINEERS

RAYS!



QUARK (cont.)

(Feeling matters.)

' NERGY BUNDLES.

QUARK

STANDARD

ENGINEERS

FORCE!

QUARK

MODEL.

(Growing antsy.)

THEORIZED

QUARK

ENGINEERS

' NOUGH.

NOWT.

(QUARK deactivates the control.)

(ENGINEERS collide with one another.)

ENGINEERs

QUARK! JUST GOT YOURSELF ROLLING!

SPIN PART-CLES AT HOME.

GET PART-CLES IN TUBE.

PASS BY NICE PROTONS.

SAY HI TO 'LECTRONS.

STEER MAGNETIC FIELDS.

FEEL THE ENERGY.

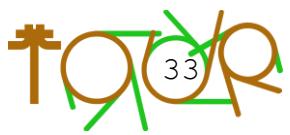
REACH THE SPEED OF LIGHT.

LIGHTEN UP, WILL YA?

ЛЕПТОНИЯ

COL-

(ENGINEERS collide and gather.)



ENGINEERs

LIDE! SCIENTISTS, BUILDERS, MINSTRELS, FRIENDS, AND
FAM-LY ALL GATHER HERE THERE AROUND HUMAN'S GREATEST
FEAT
UNDER. EVER.

ЛЕПТОНИА

BUILD THE MACHINE THAT PURSUES ALL OF OUR DAYDREAMS.
FULFILL UNSEEN WONDERS WITH PROTON BEAMS. DARK FIELD.

(Interacting and colliding.)

ENGINEERs

LUX-RY SCIENCE IN A DESERT!

(Interacting and colliding.)

(QUARK rein in the particles.)

ЛЕПТОНИА

AT DESERTRON.

ENGINEERs

ENERGY, CAN YOU FEEL
IT, GAIN THE MAGNET!

QUARK

SUPERNAT-RAL.

REACH THE SPEED OF

ЛЕПТОНИА

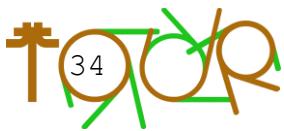
CONDUCT YOURSELF.

LIGHT!

QUARK

SUPERVISION.

ANTI-QUARK MATTERS



ЛЕПТОНИЯ

COLLIDE OTHERS.

ENGINEERS (cont.)

SUPER COL-

(Setting QUARK on a collision course.)

LIDE! HER WAY OUT BARYONS! SUPER COLLIDE BEYOND!
SUPERCONDUCTIVITY MEDIUM MODELLED! SMASH THE PART-CLES
TOGETHER FOR ENTIRE WORLD RECORD AROUND FORTY TERA
'LECTRON VOLTS!

(Gathering around the control.)

GOD PARTICLE BURIED RIGHT UNDER THE DESERTRON.

(Expanding.)

QUADRUPOLE LIGHTEN UP THE MOMENT. SUPER COLLIDER!

7a. SUPER COLLIDE (Reprise)

(ENGINEERS exit.)

ЛЕПТОНИЯ

QUARK. SUPERCONDUCT YOURSELF, CANDIDATE. JOB
INTERVIEW, I'VE GOT TO GO. IT'S MY COLLISION COURSE.

(Departing.)

8. SLEPTON

(QUARK redirects her attention to the
control.)

(ATOM enters, protesting.)

ATOM

SCIENCE ENDING. THEY'RE SHUTTING THE DESERTRON DOWN!

QUARK

QUIT LYING. WHAT'S THE MATTER?

ATOM

INFER, ATOM. I FIGURED EVERYTHING MATTERS!

QUARK

ATOM SHOULD STOP MAKING THINGS UP. WHEN THINGS SEEM TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE. JUST SLEEP ON IT, REST. WAKE UP, FIND MATTERS BEYOND DREAMS!

BOSON

SLEPTON. SPECTRAL.

(QUARK feels the nightmares.)

(BOSON brightly returns.)

(ATOM seems pleasantly surprised at BOSON.)

NON-PHYSICIST HAS DRAWN HERSELF TO DESERTRON.

(Addressing ATOM.)

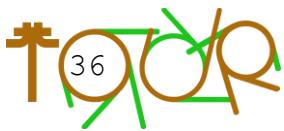
BY THE WAY, I'M BOSON. ACCELERATOR, I RUN.

(Viewing the control.)

THERE'S TIME THAT YET NEEDS CRUNCH.

(QUARK guards the control.)

THIS HERE'S PARTICLE'S DAWN. DUSK WILL APPROACH WITH FUNDS.



(ATOM hands cash to BOSON.)

BOSON (cont.)

STILL HAVE ALL THE SPUN, SQUARK.

(QUARK attempts to get ATOM to retrieve his cash. She reaches for the cash herself.)

(BOSON tosses the cash into the open.)

SCENE vii

[*Debate Chamber*]

(*POLITICIANS rabidly bound for the cash. They notice QUARK, BOSON, and ATOM. They quickly adjust themselves.*)

POLITICIANS

SCIENCE NEEDS FUNDING? SCIENCE NEEDS FUNDING!

BOSON

DESERTRON COSTS A SLEPTON.

(*Kicking the cash to POLITICIANS.*)

POLITICIANS

SLEPTON?

(*Picking up the cash.*)

BOSON

DESERT...

(*Directing out.*)

BOSON

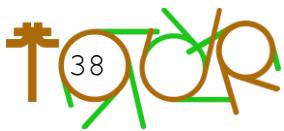
LOST ITS RUN.

POLITICIANS

WE WILL SLEEP ON THIS!

BOSON

TO SPUN ON NO AXIS. NICE RUN, MARATHON, LASTED. YOU'RE DONE, ALL THAT MATTERS. REAL FUN, IT WAS.



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POLITICIANS

A SLEPTON!

BOSON

NO ACTIONS REQUIRED. PASSION, BIT QUANTUM, FULFILLED.
OUR TAXES, DO BLOW IT. THEIR FUNDS, GO SLOW.

POLITICIANS

A SLEPTON!

(Counting the cash.)

THESE PARTICLES. THEY'RE PARTLY CHORES. DON'T MAKE
WARS AS ATOMIC. I NEED GAS AS AN ADDICT. THERE'S NEW
SCIENCE TO ENRICH. I'M PRINCIPLED. THEREFORE, NO MORE
POEMS. THESE KNOWLEDGE YOU SHOULD DITCH. I WILL
OUTCLASS, NOWT TO COMMIT. ART, ALSO MAKES THE WORLD

QUARK**POLITICIANS**

THERE'LL BE PEACE. SICK!
RENEW-BLES. SOME POETRY.
THERE IS ART IN PARTICLES!

BOSON

ALREADY HAVE IT ALL AT THE ACCELERATOR.

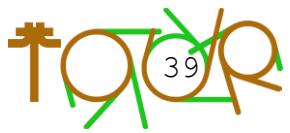
QUARK

MORE.

(Directing out.)

POLICITICIANS

OPEN...



BOSON

DESERTRON'S CONDUCT SHOULD HAVE LEFT YOU SUPER FLOORED.

QUARK

EXPLORED PARTICLES!

POLITICIANS

DOORS.

BOSON

FOR YOU, THERE'LL BE NOTHING IN STORES. ONLY TO LEAVE
YOU IN THE DARK, ENLIGHTEN YOUR ACCORD.

QUARK

THEY'LL SEE DEATH.
RECRUITING. IT'S SO LOW.
I AM QUARK IN PART CAUSE!

POLITICIANS

ATOMIC MATTERS!

(*ATOM stirs.*)

BOSON

I'M BOSON, I LIGHT UP THE PHYSICS WORLD!

POLITICIANS

ATOM...

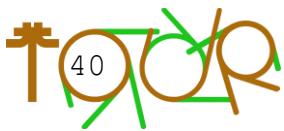
BOSON

(*Addressing ATOM.*)

LISTEN HERE SON, THERE IS NOTHING TO GLUON.

POLITICIANS

SPLIT.



BOSON

HEART TO HEART, NUCLEI NUCLEI. YOU'LL FEEL RENEWED.

(ATOM *rhythmically claps.*)

POLITICIANS

(*Rhythmically slapping cash against their hands.*)

YOUR PARTING CALL. A MATTER SOUGHT. THE WORLD WILL REMEMBER IT. TO RID OF THOSE WHO ARE SICK. POSITIVES FINALLY FIT. GIVE UP, 'CEL-RA-TOR.

(ATOM *riles up.*)

PART-CLES FOR ALL. TO EXPLODE IS YOUR PICK. CLIMATE IMPLODES, IS ALL OPTICS. CASH, REALLY MADE THE TIMES

QUARK

ATOMIC.
CREATION. BIRTHS NEW LIFE.
DON'T SELL OUT TO
DESTRUCTION!

POLITICIANS

TICKED!

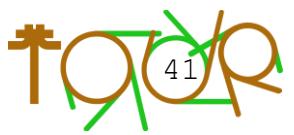
BOSON

YOU HAVE THE POTENTIAL, JUST NEED A LITTLE FORCE.

(*Presenting nominal cash.*)

QUARK

DROP...



POLITICIANS

FUNCTION...

QUARK

KINETIC.

(Removing the cash from BOSON.)

BOSON

TAKE A POSITION, THIS IS YOUR MOMENTUM.

POLITICIANS

RAN.

QUARK

ALL LAGRANGIAN.

BOSON

LET THE ENERGIES BE HAMILTONIAN.

POLITICIANS

SUM.

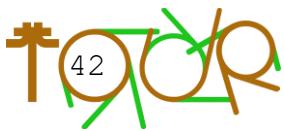
(Raining down the entire cash on ATOM.)

ATOM

NUCLEAR NOW!

(Tearing apart the control.)

(QUARK helplessly watches.)



BOSON

THE BOMB, YOU REALLY ARE. NO FLAWS, IT IS IN NUCLEAR.
IN AWE OF REVENUE. THE PALM OF YOURS.

POLITICIANS

SLAP ON IT!

BOSON

THESE FEES KEEP PILING ON. LIFE TEEMS CONCLUSIVE
RESULTS. YOUR DREAMS ARE ATOMIC.

(Pinching his thumb and index finger.)

'NERGIES, RUN FREE.

POLITICIANS

SLEEP IT OFF!

(QUARK weeps.)

*(BOSON, ATOM, and POLITICIANS huddle around
in the nuclear winter.)*

8a. SLEPTON (Reprise)

(ATOM and POLITCIANS depart.)

BOSON

A SHAME YOU CAN'T MEET. HER NAME, ЛЕПТОНИЯ, NEW HIRE.

(QUARK feels the weight of emotions.)

BOSON (cont.)

(*Reminiscing.*)

GOURMETS, DESERTRON.

(*Pushing away QUARK.*)

NOW STRAY, SLEPT ON.

(*Vacating.*)

(*QUARK reclusively perches.*)

9. ELECTROFORMING

SCENE viii

[Magnet Factory]

(ATOM and ENGINEERS march in. They set up a factory. They supply metals.)

ENGINEERS

CONFORM.

(ATOM hands a form to QUARK.)

FILL THIS FORM.

(QUARK signs the form.)

COME WITH US. WORK WITH US.

(QUARK hands back the form.)

YOU'RE WELCOME. JUST HARD WORK.

(QUARK joins in with ENGINEERS.)

HEART ON FIRE. MIND ON ICE. CONFORM. CONFORM.

(Sitting at their workstation.)

CONFORM. CONFORM.

(ATOM sits down. He starts testing magnets with the metals.)

ENGINEERS (cont.)

CONFORM. CONFORM.

(Seating QUARK next to ATOM.)

CONFORM. CONFORM.

QUARK

YOU HEAR ME? IS IT CLEAR? TOGETHER. NOW'S HELPFUL.

(Trying to hold back the internal cubicle she is trapped in.)

IN THE MOOD. TO FIGHT YOU...

ATOM

STAY PATIENT. THAT'S YOUR ROLE.

[The metals combust.]

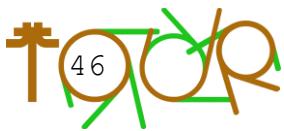
(A supervising ENGINEER steps in.)

MANAGER. I'M SORRY. FORGIVE ME. FORGET ME. SAVE YOUR LIFE. SAVE YOUR LIFE.

QUARK

FIGHT FIGHT FIGHT. FIGHT FIGHT FIGHT.

(Feeling defeat. She places her head on the workstation.)



ENGINEERS

DEFORM.

(ATOM and ENGINEERS depart with all but QUARK's workstation.)

10. PREON

(QUARK's head remains face down on the workstation.)

(ЛЕПТОНИА tiptoes in.)

ЛЕПТОНИА

YOU HAVE REACHED THE MASS POINT. PRINC-PLE OF UNCERTAIN-TY. COLLECT YOUR PAR-DOX. SCATTER YOUR PLOTS.

(Organizing QUARK's space.)

КАНДИДАТ НАУК (kandidat nauk)? WHAT'S IT THAT YOU FEAR?

(Rolling QUARK over. She notices the magnets.)

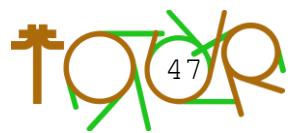
OH. THESE ATTRACTING MAGNETS REPEL YOUR SPIRIT, WERE IN PARTICLES. I WILL PRAY ON.

(QUARK riles herself up.)

QUARK

MY MODEL HAS ITS STANDARDS. I'LL NOT CONFLATE POINTLIKE PART-CLES LIKE THESE DIPOLES IN MAGNET-ZATION. MY EL-MENTARY MINDSET KNOWS PSEUDO PHYSICS. I'M PART FRAUD. THIS IS THE END, THIS EXPERIMENT. MY BEING CANNOT TAKE THIS. DON'T HAVE THE PHYSICS. MY BRAIN WAVES TRANSVERSED.

(ЛЕПТОНИА looks through the workstation.)



QUARK (cont.)

DYING BY POLAR-ZATION. MY 'XISTENCE ONLY REPELS.

(ЛЕПТОНИА pulls out a lightbulb and wires.)

I REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW YOU FIND POINTLESS MATTERS SO SENTIMENTAL.

(ЛЕПТОНИА performs the experiment.)

ЛЕПТОНИА

I'M MENTAL, SPEAKING YOUR LANGUAGE. JUST TRYING OUR CLASSIC PROJECTS. POINT PARTICLE'S HYPOT-SIS. POINT OF YOUR LIFE'S TO THEORIZ, PERHAPS PREON? JUST HAVE A BELIEF. POSITRON TO 'LECTRON, DON'T BE ANTIMATTER ON ME NOW. JUST LIGHTEN UP, BE BRIGHTER COMRADE.

QUARK

TRY TO 'NIT-ATE CONDUCTION. MY TEMPER-MENT'S TO BE SHUNNED. PASSION'S NOT FOR SIMPLETONS.

ЛЕПТОНИА

PREON.

(QUARK takes over the experiment.)

QUARK

STELLAR USAGE OF PREON. BUT THERE'S NO FAITH IN PREON. NOT A MATTER THAT'S PREON.

(Finishing the experiment.)

ИДИ ТЫ В БАНЮ (idi v'banyu) !

ЛЕПТОНИА

IT'S YOU WHO NEEDS TO GET LOST. LET ME LIVE IN PAR-DOX.
PUPIL, GO ON. QUIT...

(*QUARK slides the magnets towards the light bulb.*)

[*The light bulb lights up.*]

BEING A ХУЙ (hoooy). QUARK, P H D.

QUARK

PRAISE BE.

ЛЕПТОНИА

PREON.

[*The Magnet Factory brightens up.*]

(*QUARK and ЛЕПТОНИА intimately hold their gazes.*)

(*QUARK distances the magnets away from the light bulb.*)

[*Blackout.*]

11. BRING THE CONDUCTIVITY

SCENE ix

[*Accelerator*]

[A barrier hides the Accelerator. There are chairs.]

(TECHNICIANS dress themselves in collegiate attire.)

(ЛЕПТОНИА, BOSON, and TECHNICIANS wander or sit. Some TECHNICIANS shake hands. Some TECHNICIANS carry refreshments.)

[Fog disperses from a lower section. There is a boom.]

(ЛЕПТОНИА and BOSON remain unstartled.)

(Sitting TECHNICIANS and some upright TECHNICIANS applaud.)

(The rest of TECHNICIANS tremble.)

(ЛЕПТОНИА, BOSON, and TECHNICIANS sit.)

(QUARK strolls backwards in. She pulls a chalkboard. She turns only her head towards the fog, keeping her grip on the chalkboard.)

[The fog disperses, revealing a chalkboard eraser.]

(ЛЕПТОНИА heads to pick up the chalkboard eraser.)

(QUARK drops her grip. She turns, revealing her torso. She feels embarrassed. She grabs the chalkboard eraser out of ЛЕПТОНИА's hand. She places her free hand on the helmet on her chest, with a lanyard holding her helmet. She bows to ЛЕПТОНИА.)

(ЛЕПТОНИА places her hand on her helmet and bows.)

(QUARK erases the chalkboard and writes, "PIECE".)

ЛЕПТОНИА

(Simultaneously extending her right arm.)

PEACE...

(QUARK writes, "of a magnetic quadruple.")

(Simultaneously extending her left arm.)

WITHIN HER HEART CHAMBERS...

(QUARK draws an "X" within the center of the lower right-half of the chalkboard. She writes, "is here".)

ЛЕПТОНИЯ (cont.)

IS NOT QUITE THERE.

(*QUARK draws a circle that touches the "X". The circle encompasses the whole chalkboard. The circle's center is directly in the middle of the chalkboard.*)

(*TECHNICIANS stand up.*)

SO, LET'S SETTLE FOR THE REST OF THE MIND.

(*BOSON stands up.*)

BOSON

THIS CANNOT STAND.

(*Promptly sitting down.*)

ЛЕПТОНИЯ

(*Placing her hand to her chest.*)

YOU STRUCK A CHORD IN MY HEART.

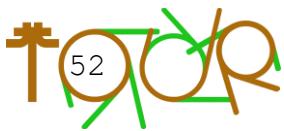
(*Clearing her throat and extending her arm.*)

ИЗВИНИТЕ (izvinite), A CORE IN THE UNIVERSE.

(*TECHNICIANS applaud.*)

(*Some TECHNICIANS raise QUARK high up on their shoulders.*)

(*BOSON bolts out.*)



(Some TECHNICIANS remove chairs and return.)

QUARK

HEY BUILDERS. I MUST-A SAY... THERE'S TIME FOR LOLLYGAGGING. THERE'S SPACE JUST TO REST EASY.

(ЛЕПТОНИА attempts to direct TECHNICIANS to set QUARK down.)

HEY BUILDERS. SHE DOES DECLARE. I MAY BE FUN AND SHE'S NOT. BUT SHE'S STILL YOUR GUARDIAN.

TECHNICIANS

CONGRATULATION-ION-IONS! TO THE NEW TECHNICIAN-IAN!

ЛЕПТОНИА

ALL. ПРИВЕТ (privet)! PARDON ME. SHE DIDN'T FINISH THIS LADDER.

(TECHNICIANS let QUARK down. They leave to uniform like engineers. They stand at attention behind the barrier.)

HEY QUARK E. I MUST REMIND... THAT LADDER'S AN ILLUSION. WE COMRADES JUST SAW YOU SOAR.

QUARK

(Consoling herself.)

YOU. MATTER. ACT NORMAL. THERE ARE CLOUDS TO LAND BELOW. BUT NO ROOM TO BREATHE ABOVE.

(*BOSON enters with an ID.*)

BOSON

DON'T GIVE UP. I WILL JUST SAY, EXCHANGE PARTICLE.

(*Pinning the ID onto QUARK.*)

WELCOME TO THE CONTOUR.

(*Heading behind the barrier.*)

(*QUARK feels stiff by the ending remark.*)

HEY. CAREFUL. I MUST-A STATE... LET'S BE MODEST ON ENTRY.

ЛЕПТОНИА

REVEAL TO US WHAT WE GOT!

[*The barrier opens to reveal the beauty of the Accelerator.*]

QUARK

I MUST SAY...

COMPANY

BRING THE CONDUCTIVITY!

QUARK

NO WORDS. I AM LEFT SPEECHLESS.

(*Putting on the helmet.*)

End of Act

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