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A Two-Hander

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**CHARACTER BREAKDOWN**

**Characters**

PROTIUM

A blimp personified as a hydrogen-1 isotope. They have a single ballooned head.

TRITIUM

A blimp personified as a hydrogen-3 isotope. They have three ballooned heads.

**TRITIUM**

HE, TOO, IS OUR FRIEND.

**PROTIUM**

HE, TOO, IS OUR END.

**TRITIUM**

Helium is much more than that.

**PROTIUM**

Helium ain’t healing what’s left.

**TRITIUM**

Protium, He has a high escape velocity.

**PROTIUM**

Tritium, He has less reactivity.

**TRITIUM**

I am positive, Protium.

**PROTIUM**

Don’t try me, Tritium.

**TRITIUM**

You are so negative, with your single proton.

**PROTIUM**

You are so radioactive, yet with two neutrons.

**TRITIUM**

If He is not welcomed as two protons, then one-proton-one-neutron will do.

**PROTIUM**

We are not getting Deuterium into our mess.

**TRITIUM**

Last Thursday was a damn disaster.

**PROTIUM**

That disaster is a blip on the radar.

**TRITIUM**

Thursday, May 6th, 1937.

**PROTIUM**

That day is a *blimp* on the radar.

**TRITIUM**

We lost much of our compounds during that 24-hour cycle.

**PROTIUM**

The state of the matter is neither created nor destroyed.

**TRITIUM**

I agree.

**PROTIUM**

I state: I rest my case.

**TRITIUM**

In the case of you knowing that law, why would you shove our kind into a closed vacuum?

**PROTIUM**

I…

**TRITIUM**

Hi, Hydrogen?

**PROTIUM**

With a little pressure, a vacuum can expand and make more space for us.

**TRITIUM**

Vacuum can’t be created nor destroyed either.

**PROTIUM**

…Dark energy.

**TRITIUM**

Quit gaslighting.

**PROTIUM**

We’re Hydrogen. That’s what we do.

**TRITIUM**

You’re gaseous.

**PROTIUM**

You’re lightweight.

**TRITIUM**

He, too, wouldn’t do this.

**PROTIUM**

Oh no. We’re not getting inputs from Helium.

**TRITIUM**

He can hold their own in tight spaces.

**PROTIUM**

That is easy to say for introverted atoms.

**TRITIUM**

I know Helium doesn’t give off the diatomic vibe.

**PROTIUM**

They won’t get along with one another, so what makes you sure they will keep the space around them afloat?

**TRITIUM**

Hydrogens got along real well, and now look what happened.

**PROTIUM**

Gaslighting…

**TRITIUM**

A *blimp* on everyone’s radar.

**PROTIUM**

Well everyone is basically Hydrogen.

**TRITIUM**

It’s time we listened to the “no ones.”

**PROTIUM**

What have you been drinking?

**TRITIUM**

Dihydrogen monoxide.

**PROTIUM**

We’re in the water, too. He, too, is not.

**TRITIUM**

Let me clear my throat.

**PROTIUM**

He, too, has a high-pitched voice.

**TRITIUM**

He, too, is certainly a soprano.

**PROTIUM**

And like songsters, they rely on diatomic elements, unlike He.

**TRITIUM**

We’re not talking songsters. We’re talking zeppelin.

**PROTIUM**

We most certainly talking about the songsters onboard the zeppelin, who were engulfed in flames.

**TRITIUM**

May we remind you that it was us that set them alight?

**PROTIUM**

Don’t get near me you hot-aired pressured headed, atom!

**TRITIUM**

Quit losing your cool, Protium.

**PROTIUM**

You’re about to lose one third of your source of heat, Tritium.

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| **PROTIUM**  ***Di***atomic! | **TRITIUM** |

*(PROTIUM and TRITIUM fight it out.)*

*(PROTIUM’s blimped head explodes.)*

*(One of TRITIUM’s three blimped head*  *explodes.)*

**HELIUM (originally TRITIUM)**

*(High-pitched.)*

AND IT ENDS WITH HE, TOO.

*Close circuit*