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MORDRA, the evil cyborg queen, has kidnapped naïve space farmer, MOON STARCHILD, who thinks he's the chosen One. In this scene she is preparing to marry him to consolidate her power over the empire.

MORDRA, evil cyborg queen

MOON, 17, idiot.

MORDRA

Ah, there you are. I hope that you are being treated well.

Breathes heavily Hoo Pah Hoo Pah -

MOON

Your majesty.

MORDRA

No need to be formal: Your highness will do.

MOON

Your highness.

MORDRA

So look – I know this can be awkward, that's why I suggested this date.

Breathes again – Hoo Pah Hoo Pah -

MOON

Do you have a cold?

MORDRA

Allergies. Really does a number on my sinuses.

MOON

Oh. I feel like we're learning so much about each other.

MORDRA (*chuckling*)

That's the point of the date.

MOON

Have you gotten any word from my friends yet?

MORDRA

What friends?

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The ones that you said you were freeing if I agreed to marry you?

MORDRA

Oh right. Um... yeah they're fine.

MOON

That's a relief.

MORDRA

But I don't want to talk about them, I want to talk about *you*. I want to get to know the real Moob.

Hoo Pah

MOON

Moon.

MORDRA

Your name is Moon?

MOON

Yes. I'm named after the moon.

MORDRA

Ohhhh. Yeah that makes more sense.

MOON

Can I ask you something? Why do you want to marry me?

MORDRA

Someone's got low self-esteem.

MOON

I don't but –

MORDRA

Why do you think I want to marry you?

MOON

Because... I'm super nice?

MORDRA

Oh definitely yeah. That's what I noticed about you in the ten or fifteen seconds I got to know you. I was like, 'this guy, he's got *something*, you know what I'm saying?'

MOON

Because I'm the Chose One.

MORDRA

Yup. That's it. That's why I chose you. Thanks for explaining that.

MOON

But...

MORDRA

Also love at first sight. True Love.

MOON

Are you sure?

MORDRA

I mean you might look at me think, 'she's an evil queen and I'm just a stupid farm boy, what do we have in common? She's beautiful and amazing and intelligent and I'm dumb and ugly and smell bad. She's powerful and strong and I'm basically worm vomit.' But let me tell you something: True Love doesn't respect boundaries. True Love doesn't knock at the door, True Love kicks the door in and grabs you by then throat and shakes you like a vicious dog. Then True Love bodyslams you on the floor and kicks your teeth in. That's what Love is. It doesn't say, 'I need to love someone who's remotely on my level, it says, *no*, I'm gonna love who I'm gonna love, and no one can stop me from claiming what is *mine* and ruling the galaxy forever – in a romantic sense.

MOON

Huh.

MORDRA

I mean, what's the point of being a Cyborg Queen if I don't have a Cyborg King to share it with?

MOON

Am I gonna be a cyborg?

MORDRA

Figure of speech. You see, like any modern woman, I may have a galactic empire, an unstoppable army, and an impenetrable space fortress – but what I really want... is a family.

MOON

Wow.

MORDRA

Yup. So one look from you melted this cyborg queen's fusion-powered heart. Think about that, mister. All right I've got to get ready for the arrival of the Empress. You just stay here and look cute.

She bops his nose.

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MOON

No you stay cute.

He bops her nose.

MORDRA

Touch me again I kill you.

She stops herself –

I mean – ha ha ha that was fun and I definitely won't have you murdered.

She stops by the goons.

See to it that he doesn't leave this chamber.

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