

TO THE SUN...ICARUS!

(like...TO THE MOON...ALICE)
(no? Maybe? Okay...)

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INT. DINING ROOM – DAY

A **MAN** IN A TOGA IS SEATED, READING THE PAPER TALKING TO HIS **SON**, ALSO IN A TOGA, WHO IS EATING CEREAL.

DAEDALUS

(angry)

Oh, so NASA is looking to put up a space probe to orbit the sun, and they didn't ask me? Well, I'll show them, I'll beat them at their own game.

ICARUS

Dad, can I go with you? Pleeaaasssseeee, I want to orbit the sun.

DAEDALUS

Icarus, I just don't think that's a good idea. Don't you remember how this ended last time? YOU MELTED MY WINGS! I'll go. I've been working on my greatest pair of wax wings for years.

ICARUS

(whining)

But Daaaa-aad.

DAEDALUS

You failed, and still got all the glory. No one even remembers how to spell my name...how hard is it to remember that there's an E after the A after the first D but not after the second A. D-A-E-D-A-L-U-S. It's not hard.

ICARUS

I still can't spell it.

DAEDALUS

You're not exactly the best gauge on the intelligence barometer there, Champ.

ICARUS

Well, YOU made the faulty wings.

DAEDALUS

Complain all you want, I'm going and that's final!

ICARUS

(pretending he doesn't care)

Yeah, okay, I could only imagine if you went. People would say, "Daedalus? Who? Ooooooh, right of ICARUS and Daedalus." But if I flew they'll be like, "Awesome! Kid Icarus is back!"

DAEDALUS

No one remembers that Nintendo game...it's all about the Wii.

ICARUS

Oh man, have you played the Wii? I'm actually really awesome at bowling. I'm not in real life, but on the Wii, I got a perfect game.

DAEDALUS

It really keeps you active.

(back to the task at hand)

Icarus, this journey is mine. You didn't heed my warning the first go-round, "Don't get too close to the sun."

ICARUS

What? I thought you said, "Don't get too close, son. " You've never been very affectionate or displayed outward exhibitions of love.

THEY SHARE A MOMENT

DAEDALUS

Icarus, I--

ICARUS

I just wanted to use your wings and make you proud. And I flew and I flew and I saw that shining orb, exuding warmth and love for ME and---

(getting choked up)

Yeah, maybe I did get too close to the sun, but those 8 seconds...before I plummeted to the sea when everyone thought I was dead, but have miraculously really been living with you in a bungalow on the isle of Crete because you were

ashamed to tell people the truth about your FAILED son...those 8 seconds... those 8 seconds held the most love I've every felt in my life.

DAEDALUS

Oh, Icky, I love you. Let's get you flying.

BEAMING WITH PRIDE, DAEDALUS OPENS HIS CLOSET...THERE ARE NO WINGS. DAEDALUS LOOKS AROUND.

DAEDALUS (CONT'D)

Okay, I know I took them out Tuesday. Then, I got out my wax put on a good varnish and put the wings right back.

ICARUS

Well, Dad, I was hoping you would say I could go, so I did some preparation.

DAEDALUS
(impressed)

Two waxings in one week?

ICARUS HANDS A GIANT BOX TO DAEDALUS

ICARUS

Actually, I thought I'd surprise you and I took the wings to get dry cleaned and pressed.

DAEDALUS OPENS THE BOX, PUTS HIS HAND IN AND PULLS IT OUT... FULL OF MELTED WAX.