

**[Scene 3C]**

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You're caught between a rock and a hard place. On the one hand, continuing to progress on your own will make it hard for Emera to remain at the forefront of the space race - no matter how smart and brave Blue Phoenix's employees are, a private research firm is always going to have access to far less money than any government agency. You've been clean so far... maybe it's time to face reality and reassess whether your standards are too high.

On the other hand, you know a deal might be too good to be true. The easier choice now, that leads to big regrets further down the line?

And then again, it would be worth it if you could get to a moon. Once the firebird grasps the apple, nothing can hold it down.