

NEANDERTHALS DIDN'T GO TO MARS



Genre: Time Travel/Satire

Logline: After he helps to invent time travel, a shy man hopes it will impress a co-worker whom he secretly loves, but instead he's sidetracked when agents from the future arrive with really good news and really bad news about the new invention.

Tagline: Welcome to the story of the origin and fate of Mankind.

Synopsis: (with script page reference)

ACT 1

- 1 This is story about the past, the future and the present:
- First, we see NOH and LANAH, a young Neanderthal couple tending fire in a prehistoric land, almost 50,000 years ago.
- They watch mammoths and other creatures in the vast plain before them. Then they see a couple approach with a baby - and the baby is within what only modern humans would recognize as a carriage.
- 2 Now to 100 years into our own future, and a large government facility in Boston. At the Department of Time Travel Corrections (DOTTC), Secretary FRANKLY, 65, gets briefed by DR. CHARLES WHATSIDID, 55, and his Assistants, MARL, 30, and BRAKOWSKI, 35.
- They outline the "search for Eve" and "Barabbas' Comet", whatever those are. What's more, Dr. Whatsidid notes that today's mission is to visit people in the past who first discovered time travel.
- 5 "Well, do it; no reason to put it off any longer" says Frankly.
- 6 Finally, from this future setting, we return to just a few years into our own future - the day that time travel is invented!
- It is London, England, and SAM, 30, Electronics Engineer, assists PROF. ELLEN SOMALIL, 50, Astrophysicist, in a small university lab. Using a funny little experiment, Sam and Prof. Somalil finally prove that time travel to the past can work.
- 12 But within moments, Dr. Whatsidid and the other two team members of the DOTTC arrive from the future to crash the celebration!
- 19 After the initial, stunning revelations of who they are, the DOTTC explains to Sam and Somalil that they are there to help the inventors make all the mistakes they are supposed to make, in order to ensure that everything comes to be in the known future.
- Confused? Let's continue...