

"PERPETUAL MOTION MACHINE"

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FADE IN:

We see the PERPETUAL MOTION MACHINE, spinning infinitely against a white background.

EXT. POWER STATION - DAY

We look up at a giant smokestack, spewing smog and pollutants into the atmosphere.

REPORTER (V.O.)

Since the industrial revolution, greenhouse gasses have been polluting our atmosphere. Since then, many attempts have been made to rectify this dangerous situation. In 2010, a group of young scientists think they have found a solution.

INT. TALKING HEADS - DAY

We see a man in his early twenties with slicked back hair and a suit.

SUPERIMPOSE: JEREMY ISSACS - IVY LEAGUE GRADUATE

JEREMY

So you get all these people and they come up with solar panels and wind farms and food energy. None of them work. I even know this guy right, who wanted to harvest energy from exercise bikes on that show... The Biggest Loser. It's complete rubbish. All of it. But we have come up with the answer. The perpetual motion machine.

REPORTER (O.S.)

I'm sorry?

JEREMY

It's a machine that produces an infinite amount of energy without any external...

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REPORTER (O.S.)
Yes, I know what it is but... Don't
they say that'd impossible?

JEREMY
No.

REPORTER (O.S.)
I think they do say that.

JEREMY
No they don't. That's just
speculation.

REPORTER (O.S.)
(skeptical)
Right.

Now we see another man in his twenties, this one even
slicker than the last.

SUPERIMPOSE: M. TUCKER - SPIN DOCTOR

TUCKER
Well, what happens is the
mechanistic dissimulator sends a
series of sinesis waves through the
schism paraplex and the
myshicalisobolic kaschphinctalator
spins at an andromacular rate which
means that the thinylatist produces
the most green, clean and
paramalistic energy in the world.

REPORTER (O.S.)
I'm sorry, a lot of that went over
my head.

TUCKER
Well I'm afraid that's the best I
can explain it, I'm not a
scientist.

REPORTER (O.S.)
Could I speak to a scientist?

TUCKER
A what?

REPORTER (O.S.)
A scientist. Someone who can
explain the technicalities of your
product more simply.

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TUCKER
They're busy.

REPORTER (O.S.)
Doing what?

A beat.

TUCKER
Stuff.

NEWS FOOTAGE

We see images of press releases, public relations and spin doctors.

REPORTER (V.O.)
However, despite the obvious benefits of the product, there have been some who have denounced it.

INT. TALKING HEADS - DAY

Now we see a significantly less slick looking man, in his forties.

SUPERIMPOSE: BOB BURNS - GREENPEACE SPOKESMAN

BOB
A perpetual motion machine?
Seriously? It's stupid and unrealistic. Like Sea Patrol.

REPORTER (O.S.)
But the perpetual motion machine could be the solution to the energy crisis.

BOB
I think that we should consider "alternatives" before we jump on the pseudo-science bandwagon.

We **FREEZE FRAME** on Bob.

REPORTER (V.O.)
Mr. Bob Burns has since been implicated in a scandal involving a stripper, weed and a dildo. He has declined to further comment.

EXT. STREET - DAY

A cameraman follows Bob as he tries to escape to his car. As he gets into his car he stressfully turns to the camera.

BOB
Get the fuck away from me you media hounds!

INT. TALKING HEADS - DAY

We're back with Tucker, the spin doctor.

TUCKER
These environmentalist types, they're scared for their jobs. If you build a power station, they say you're polluting the atmosphere, like a cow that's eaten too much grass. If you build a wind farm, they say it's killing the birds. The only reason anyone would doubt the perpetual motion machine is because they are scared for their jobs.

Now we're back with Jeremy.

JEREMY
It is my firm hope that given time, our product could become almost as popular as porn.

REPORTER (O.S.)
That's good to hear. Could you explain to me how the product works?

JEREMY
What?

REPORTER (O.S.)
The perpetual motion machine. How does it work?

A beat.

JEREMY
What?

CUT TO BLACK.

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"THE END"