

## **A Singularly Privileged World (Businessman)**

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BUSINESSMAN

Oh, isn't that just ridiculous. I'd like to clear up a few things your teacher taught you in school. Let's start with Earth, shall we? Earth... it was never habitable, dear. That's just a lie created by the Martians, who envy what we have. They really are a detestable bunch. They go on and on about how bad Venus is, and how all we need to leave. But when you look at them? 1 in 4 of their children die of cancer. Every Venusian year.

*BUSINESSMAN chuckles, shaking his head.*

BUSINESSMAN (CONT'D)

Well, anyway... Earth has always been an uninhabitable heat bubble. Not as bad as the Venusian surface, but you'll find its conditions far from ideal. Sweltering temperatures, destructive weather patterns, and a chance to die from millions of diseases. "Disease." That's a word you don't need to think about, dear. Just be grateful you were born in the Venusian atmosphere. Clean, well-furbished, never too warm, and we're protected from the planets quirks.