

The 9th Wheel  
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## EXT.SPACE - LUNCH TABLE - NIGHT

All eight planets (MERCURY, VENUS, EARTH, MARS, JUPITER, SATURN, URANUS and NEPTUNE) all sit at a lunch table each with their own trays with food on them. The planets are all just round balls (of their size that they are in reality) with large, round eyes and normal sized mouths. They joke and laugh with each other.

URANUS

(Joking)

...and then I farted on him!

All the planets burst into fits of laughter at what Uranus has said. As they laugh Pluto - holding his tray of food - walks over to their table.

PLUTO

Hey, what are you guys talking about?

All the planets turn to Pluto and all go quiet. Pluto is smaller than all of them.

EARTH

(Awkward)

Oh...hey, Pluto...umm, how are you?

PLUTO

I'm great, Earth, thanks for asking. So, is there room for me to pull up a chair.

The planets all look at each other.

JUPITER

Look, Pluto, since you're not a planet anymore...well...we can't be seen with you.

PLUTO

(Sad, pathetic)

What?

SATURN

Pluto, it's not that we don't like you.

NEPTUNE

Not that we don't like you.

SATURN

It's just, now that you aren't a planet, we don't want to look bad in front of the other galaxies.

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NEPTUNE

Don't want to look bad.

SATURN

Will you stop repeating the last thing I say?

NEPTUNE

The last thing you say-

PLUTO

I can't believe this, guys. Just because I'm not a planet?

MARS

We have to look good, Pluto.

PLUTO

Is this what you think, Venus.

Venus is sweating a lot. The sweat rolls down his face and doesn't seem to stop. He pants because he is so hot as he wipes the huge dollops of sweat all over his face.

MERCURY

Are you okay?

VENUS

When I'm under pressure...I sweat.

MARS

You always sweat anyway.

VENUS

Well, I sweat more under pressure.

JUPITER

I think you should go, Pluto.

PLUTO

But I thought that we were friends.

EARTH

We are friends, we just can't hang out anymore. We'll still talk to you on MSN and stuff.

Pluto begins to shed a tear but tries his hardest to pull it back in. He takes a big breath in and slowly and sadly turns around and moves to a table far away from the other planets.

Jupiter turns to the rest of the planets.

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JUPITER

Thank god that's over, that was  
so awkward-

Suddenly, THE MOON appears holding his tray of food.

THE MOON

Hey guys, how are you all doing  
today?

MARS

Ohhh...this is awkward.

THE MOON

(Smiling)  
What's awkward?

CUT TO BLACK:

End Credits Roll.

THE END