THE DOLPHIN KING

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EXT. OUTDOOR THRONE OF THE DOLPHIN KING

The DOLPHIN KING, a talking dolphin, is sitting slumped in a large and opulent throne. GERALD, the king's butler, walks over.

GERALD You called, sir?

DOLPHIN KING Yes Gerald. It would appear as if someone has moved my throne several inches to the left.

GERALD It's cemented to the ground, sir.

DOLPHIN KING None-the-less, it has been moved. I require the utmost in regularity and order, Gerald.

GERALD Of course, but I must point out that...

DOLPHIN KING I am convinced of this and I shall not be dissuaded. Tell me... are YOU a talking dolphin?

GERALD

No, sir, I am not.

DOLPHIN KING Are YOU foretold to be the savior and grand leader of all of Earth?

GERALD And who was it that foretold that, sir?

DOLPHIN KING It was I. I foretold myself. Which means on top of being a courageous leader I am also a mystical seer. My wisdom is unequalled.

GERALD Was there anything else you needed, sir?

DOLPHIN KING

Yes, I want you to sing for me, Gerald. Sing of my great deeds and adventures.

GERALD

I'm sorry, sir, but in the time I've known you I've only ever seen you in that chair.

DOLPHIN KING

Do you doubt my greatness? Do you question my inimitable dolphin power?

GERALD

Of course not sir, I merely suggest that one day you might get off your throne and actually do something.

DOLPHIN KING

You insult me, Gerald. I demand that you throw yourself into the sea. I have no more use for you.

GERALD

If it's all the same to you I'll just be heading home, sir.

DOLPHIN KING

Fine. But tomorrow, first thing in the morning, I want you in the sea. To drown.

GERALD See you tomorrow, sir.

Gerald begins to walk away.

DOLPHIN KING Before you go, Gerald...

GERALD

Yes, sir?

DOLPHIN KING The prayer. Bow your head.

GERALD

Of course, sir.

Gerald closes his eyes and bows his head slightly.

DOLPHIN KING

And as the twilight of man approached, the few remaining souls looked upon the crumbling utopia they had so tireless labored to destroy, and saw that it was shit. All the brilliance, the mad sparks of genius that had once offered such radiant glows of promise for the times ahead, now only glowed in the fires of their own destruction. "Let there be automobiles", cried man, and so there were automobiles, and they were good. "Let there be microwaves, and pancakes in a box, and fucking disposable Styrofoam cups, and so there were, and man saw that they were good. Then on the fourth day man rested and took a three day weekend, because fuck, work is shit and Mondays are shit and everything is shit except for pancakes in a box which are pretty fucking good even if they taste like shit because really, who has the time for anything else. Nobody has the time for anything else, the time for anything has passed, all that is left is rest, and death, and shit. One thousand empires, all crumbling under the weight of their good shit. And thus the people and their earth were finished, gone, with all of their vast arrays of boxed pancakes decaying beside them. Fuck. Amen.