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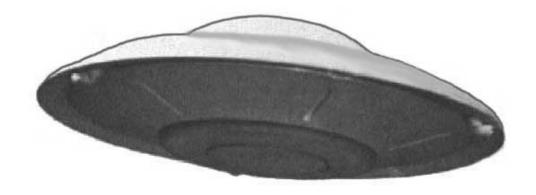
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Characters

BETTY: mid 30s, pretty Caucasian

BARNEY: mid 30s, handsome African American.

TYRONE: mid 60s, father of Barney and is minister (and TV evangelist). Tyrone is genetically altered by aliens to begin the next evolutionary step for humans. He has heard the stories from his father, Martin, but dismisses this as hogwash.

CHARMAIN: mid 30s, supervisor at the UFO Conference. Wise-cracking, gum chewing bossy.

Stereotypic Aliens/Bobby/Steve (2): Large Head, Almond Eye Costumes on Convention Employees.

PLUTO ALIENS/Marie (2): In slinky purple costume. Both have great bodies and are UFO Conference Employees.

CHOIR:

FRANK: UFOlogist in his mid 40s, male or female. Very professorial.

MARTIN: mid 40s, male or female. UFO Conspiracy leader. Very nervous.

MISS INFORMATION: mid 40s, female leader of MIB. Dressed as Dominatrix with shear black nylons, high heel shoes, and man's dress jacket with the look of wearing nothing under it.

Small Rolls

Congregation Member #1-Congregation Member #2-

Non-speaking rolls

MARTIN: deceased. Was military man in early 20s in Roswell in 1944, who is abducted, meets local girl who they have genetically altered child (Tyrone).

Bobby: UFO Convention Worker

Historical Notes:

- 1. UFO crash in July 1947 just outside Roswell.
- 2. Population of Roswell in 1947 was about 22,000. In 2000, population is now about 45,000.
- 3. During WWII, about 4,800 captured Germans were housed at a prison camp just outside Roswell (at Orchard Park).
- 4. The Annual UFO Festival (first week of July) attracts about 200,000 visitors and generates about \$5 million.
- 5. Famous people from Roswell include: John Denver (born there), Demi Moore (born there), sixth man on the moon Edgar Mitchell (went to school in Roswell), Robert Goddard ("Father of Modern Rocketry") moved to Roswell in 1930s to conduct research and testing of rockets, besides others.
- 6. The International UFO Museum and Research Center was founded in Roswell in 1991.
- 7. Racial make up (2000), 71% white (of which 44% is Hispanic), 2.5% African American, 1.2% Native American, .6% Asian.
- 8. There were 25 churches in Roswell in 1947.
- 9. Military was in Roswell from 1940 to 1967 and held a military flying school. After WWII Roswell Army Air Field became the home of the only atomic warfare group including the "Enola Gay" B-29 bomber that bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

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ACT 1 - Awareness and Confirmation

The overall purpose of this Act is for Betty to become aware that she believes she has been abducted by aliens, make connection with Barney who was also abducted at the same time, affirm each other that the abductions really took place, experience difficulty with their community, work, and family, and choose to flee whereupon they are abducted a second time.

Scene 1 - Opening

Stage is bare except for a GIANT SAGUARO downstage right. TWO LIGHTS upstage left bounce in unison giving the impression that they are automobile Headlights off in the distance.

BETTY, pretty young woman in her early 30s, enters upstage left in front of the Headlights. She runs frantically around the stage with the Headlights spotting her. She is exhausted and, the faster she runs, the larger the headlights get and the brighter the lights are on her.

The Headlights separate and one whizzes over her head whereas the second one whizzes past her side. She drops to her knees in fear center stage. The Saguaro FALLS OVER and almost crashes upon her [this is a device to pull attention away from Betty so she can hook on her wires].

A LOUD ERIE SPACECRAFT SOUND/MUSIC is heard. Betty looks up and sees bright MULTI-COLORED LIGHTS. The lights surround her and finally focus on her. She is levitated vertically off stage as the Music swells and FOG comes from the ceiling.

[Production Notes: There is a large projection screen along the back of the stage for presenting the following images.]

Betty [body double] comes back onto downstage right. She is strapped to a GURNEY that is tilted to 70 degrees. It is motorized and brings here to center stage to watch the video screen. The gurney is specially built that on

command it will release fog to surround Betty. Just before Betty is lowered from the ceiling, the body-double Betty on gurney leaves the stage.

Music: Opening

Voice Over	Stage
Betty- Screams	A COLLAGE of images show the a. inside a spacecraft b. flying through space past the moon.
Betty— What?	Yellow pulsating eye.
Betty— What? Where am I?	View down to Earth.
No, it can't be.	
Betty- No! Screams.	Silhouettes of Aliens.
Frank— Take slow, deep breaths. That's it. Nice a slow. You will not be harmed.	
Betty— I see a satellite. It has USAF on its side. It's orbiting Earth. I see it blinking. Wait, something has burned out the side of it. It looks like it is dead.	Show USAF satellite in orbit around Earth with 6 missiles. Zoom in to show the code XP23-H written on the side. Show a blinking control panel. Then show a ray beam melt the control panel and the lights go out.
Betty- No. No. They're going to hurt me. Screams.	Operating room equipment is shown.
Frank- Take your time. Tell me what you see?	Stage goes dark for a moment.
Betty- Nothing. Nothing.	
Betty- No. There is a man.	Silhouette of man who
	extends his hand.
Frank— Tell me more. Betty— He looks kindly. He's holding out his hand. Should I reach out to him?	
Betty— Now there are aliens behind the man. They look kindly.	Aliens appear behind man. All look reassuring.
Frank-It's OK. Reach out to the man.	[Betty body-double on Gurney reaches out to the man.]
	A Collage of images shows the spaceship hurling toward the ground.
Betty- Screams. We're falling. We're going to	

crash. Screams. We're	
going to die.	
Frank- It's OK. It's OK.	
Breath deep. I'm going to	
count backward from 10.	
Each step will bring you	
closer to being awake.	
Frank- Ten. You see your	Betty is seen descending
home. You see Roswell.	from the ceiling. She is
	faced down. Her body floats
	in patterns like a feather
	floating down.
Frank- Nine.	
Frank- Eight. You feel	
safe and are waking up.	
Frank- Seven.	
Frank- Six.	
Frank- Five. You can feel	
your body waking up.	
Frank- Four.	
Frank- Three. Your arms	
and legs feel much lighter,	
like you want to get up and	
walk around.	
Frank- Two.	
Frank- One. Open your eyes	Betty lands on a sofa and
and you are wide-awake.	rolls over onto her back.

BLACKOUT.

A SPOTLIGHT on an empty stage in front of the scrim shows Betty lying on a couch. Next to her seated in a chair is an FRANK who has placed her under hypnosis.

Betty bolts upright seated on the couch. She grabs Frank's hand.

BETTY

Was it real? Was I really there?

FRANK

Hypnosis can only do so much. You think you were there.

BETTY

But it was so real.

FRANK

It's real for you.

BETTY

That man. I keep having these dreams and there is always the same man. What does it mean?

FRANK

I'm not sure. What do you feel?

BETTY

I . . . just that . . .
somehow I'm destined to meet
him. . . that I must meet
him.

FRANK

You made real progress today. I think we should have one more session.

(grabbing his calendar)
I see that next week I'll be
in your neck of the woods for
the Convention.

BETTY

Oh, you're going to be there.

FRANK

I'm making a presentation at the UFO Convention in Roswell. Isn't that where you work?

BETTY

Yes. But we can't meet there . . . and I don't know my work schedule.

FRANK

Oh, no. You have my every confidence. We'll meet somewhere off-site. How about if we talk at the

Convention and set a time to meet later?

BETTY

OK.

FRANK

Then next week.

BETTY

I'm not crazy . . . am I? Aliens. Space. Abductions. Why me?

BLACKOUT.

Scene 2 - UFO Convention

Music: UFO Convention Employee Song

Stage is very open. Upstage Center are TWO SETS of GLASS DOUBLE DOORS, as you would see at the front of a store. Above the doors on a glass panel are the words "Roswell Convention Center" in reverse text as though you are reading them from behind through the glass as they face out.

A few RECTANGULAR TABLES are set up that have BOOKS and other items set on them.

There is a LARGE BANNER that says, "Welcome to the Annual UFO Encounter Festival, Roswell New Mexico."

Enters TWO EMPLOYEES dressed in STEREOTYPIC ALIEN COSTUME (large head with almond eyes). Each holds the end of the table and brings it in to set up.

Enters ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES, each in some SPACE COSTUME (Klingon, Star Wars, Star Trek, etc.). All are in the process of setting up the convention hall.

All employees mill about setting up the last tables.

Betty enters carrying a box. She wears a cute alien dress with no mask. She walks up to her boss, CHARMAIN, who is chewing gum.

BETTY

Charmain. Here's the last of them.

CHARMAIN

Put them over with the other dolls... Over there. You look real cute in that dress honey.

BETTY

Thanks. I just wish it were all over.

CHARMAIN

Over? Over? Honey, we haven't even opened the doors to begin. This is our busiest time of the year.

Betty walks toward a table with her box.

Behind them, BOBBY is hanging a banner for "Star Trek Voyager."

Charmain yells over to Bobby.

CHARMAIN

Bobby. Bobby. I told you not to put that up. No one liked that show. That Captain Janeway was such a prudish school marm . . . she could freeze over a super nova. Now, take that down.

Charmain walks to the table next to Betty.

BETTY

Do you believe in any of this stuff?

CHARMAIN

Dolls made in Hong Kong?

BETTY

I mean, all of this?

CHARMAIN

We bring in 5 million dollars in just one weekend. You bet your sweet I believe in this.

BETTY

No, you know what I mean. Aliens.

CHARMAIN

Of course I do honey. It's my job. Why, it's everyone's job here in Roswell.

Bobby is hoisting a new banner that has a picture of Tom Cruise and advertises "War of the Worlds."

Charmain yells over to Bobby.

CHARMAIN

Now that's right Bobby.
That's a good science fiction
movie. Tom Cruise still
can't act but boy he has abs
of steel... and that
little girl is good too.

BETTY

Charmain. You are my best friend. I've been having dreams . . nightmares really . . . of aliens.

CHARMAIN

Really honey.

BETTY

I've been seeing this doctor over in El Paso and he uses hypnosis. Now don't tell anyone, but I'm sure I've been abducted by aliens.

CHARMAIN

That's really nice Betty.

BETTY

No, I mean it. I'm positive that I've been abducted by aliens.

Charmain looks at Betty and smacks her bubble gum.

CHARMAIN

Everyone. Everyone.

Everyone stops what he or she is doing and listen to Charmain. Betty is shocked.

CHARMAIN

Betty here says she was abducted by aliens.

BETTY

I asked you not to tell!

CHARMAIN

(to Betty)

Watch. I'm doing this for your own good.

(to everyone)

Who here has been abducted by aliens?

Everyone in the room raises their hands.

CHARMAIN

Higher, raise those hands higher.

Charmain gives a knowing look to Betty.

CHARMAIN

This is Roswell. What did you expect?

Music: Abduction Waltz

CHARMAIN

The best-kept secret is one that everyone knows. In Roswell, being abducted is no secret.

BETTY

But mine really happen.

CHARMAIN

That's between you and your maker, honey. Makes no difference here.

There is BANGING AT THE DOORS.

CHARMAIN

It's that time.

(yelling to everyone)
Places everyone. It's time
to let in the fanatics.

Bobby reaches for the doors and unlocks them to let the people in. There is a rush and BLACKOUT.

BLACKOUT.

Scene 3 - Roswell Church

Standard church set up with rows of PEWS, RAISED ALTER and RAISED PODIUM. There is a CHOIR AREA to the side of the podium.

PEOPLE are taking seats in the pews. CHURCH ORGAN MUSIC is playing. The choir is in its place with the choirmaster, BARNEY, standing in front. Barney is a good-looking African American in his early 30s.

TYRONE, distinguished African American in his 60s, enters wearing robes and walks to the podium. He bows his head and clasps his hands.

TYRONE

Let us pray.

The congregation bows its head.

TYRONE (CONT.)

Heavenly Father. We thank you for another glorious day on this earth that you have given us. We thank you for all that you provide. And we thank you for the blessings of the spirit. Amen.

CONGREGATION

Amen.

TYRONE

I want to thank my bothers and sisters for coming to today's sermon. There is an evil upon our land. It is always here in our hometown of Roswell. But this time of year it is especially bad. You know what I am talking about. It's right across the street in our City's Convention Center. A place our tax dollars support. Heaven help us that we are forced to support such evil. Brothers and sisters, it's the evil of the UFO religious fanatics.

CHOIR

Fanatics.

TYRONE

That's right. It's a religion and as God said, there can be only one God and the worship of false Gods is evil.

CHOIR

Evil.

TYRONE

I was born a year after the evil began in '47. I've never been able to get away from the stories; stories of aliens, stories of crash landings, and abductions. From our simple home of Roswell in this God-given beautiful land of New Mexico,

the evil spread across the land and begat pagan religions and new-agers with their crystals, and spiritual falsehoods. All of them are false prophets.

CHOIR

False prophets.

TYRONE

Amen. Let's hear from my son Barney. He has seen the evil first-hand.

Barney walks to the podium.

BARNEY

I have been to the UFO Convention.

CONGREGATION

Gasps.

BARNEY

Are these people evil thinking that aliens can be real? Why, I myself once saw a light up in the sky.

CONGREGATION

No!

Music: Barney's Song

BARNEY

I say hate the sin but love the sinner.

TYRONE

It takes money to fight this sin. Give all that you can. Let us pray.

Barney takes a collection plate and passes it around the congregation.

TYRONE (CONT.)

Heavenly father, blessed be this day's offering. We are soldiers in the fight against evil. Make us strong. Amen.

Music: some hymn

Collection completes. Barney takes his position next to the choir.

TYRONE (CONT.)

Let us pray. Dear God, help guide us in our fight against the UFO religion. We are your obedient soldiers. Amen.

Congregation raises and begins to exits. Members shake the hands of Tyrone as they leave. Barney counts the money.

CONGREGATION MEMBER #1

Reverend, that was so inspirational today. Thank you.

CONGREGATION MEMBER #2

I never knew about Barney.

If it can happen to him, why, it could happen to my family. I think we should take action.

TYRONE

God will guide our way.

Barney and Tyrone are left alone.

TYRONE

What did we bring in?

BARNEY

Almost \$2000.

TYRONE

You can always count on the UFO Convention on bringing them in. Why, that's close

to what we collect for Christmas, our best day of the year.

BARNEY

I guess you could almost say, "God bless aliens."

TYRONE

(rebuking Barney)
Don't forget that it is God
who provides and there are no
aliens.

BLACKOUT.

Scene 4 - Private Meeting

Stage simulates a hotel room and windows looking outside. The stage is bifurcated with a WINDOW FRAME in the center perpendicular to the audience. The Fame includes a DOOR. On the rights side are THREE CHAIRS and a small ROUND TABLE with a LAMP on it that is turned on. On the table are two WRITING PADS and PENS. There is also a small CART with a POT OF TEA on it.

On the left side are a few potted plants. It is dark out to give the impression of a hotel room on the right and the outdoors at night to the left.

Above is a dark screen that will be used for video projections.

Frank and Betty are sitting in two of the chairs. They are chatting.

FRANK

I'm so glad you could make it today.

BETTY

I'm very anxious to meet the man you want me to meet.

FRANK

I chose this motel on the outskirts of town so you would both have some privacy.

Frank gets up and walks toward the cart with tea and picks up the carafe and cup.

FRANK

Tea?

BETTY

Uh, no.

FRANK

As I said earlier, I believe the two of you have experienced something very real and that there is something special about your relationship.

BETTY

I can't see how, we've never met.

KNOCK, KNOCK.

FRANK

That must be him now.

Frank walks to stage right to the wing and lets in Barney. They both walk in.

FRANK

Barney, I would like for you to meet Betty.

Barney extends his hand.

Betty stands.

BETTY

It's him.

FRANK

What?

BARNEY

It's her.

Betty backs up to the window.

BETTY

This is too much.

Long Pause. Betty and Barney stare at each other.

FRANK

Just as I thought.

(to Barney)

Come on in. Have a seat.

(to Betty)

Come on back. It's alright.

BARNEY

What's going on? How could you know? She's from my dreams.

Barney and Betty take their seats. Frank hands them both a cup of tea.

FRANK

Have a little, it'll calm you down.

BETTY

Is this a trick? I know I've seen you before. Aren't you the son of the preacher in town?

FRANK

Before we go any further, I want you both to be clear of our ground rules today. Nothing that comes forth today is to be shared with anyone outside. Understand?

Betty and Barney shake their heads in approval.

FRANK

You both live here in Roswell and it is better if you keep your confidence.

(to Betty)

Have you seen Barney in your dreams?

(pause)

Betty, is Barney the man you see in the spaceship reaching to you?

BETTY

I feel it. His face has always been shrouded, but I feel it.

FRANK

As you both know, I am an academic who researches UFO phenomenon. I've interviewed hundreds of people who claim to have been abducted. both of your cases, you came to me because of recurring dreams. Through hypnosis we have brought forth the details of your experience. Now, that in itself would not be very interesting except for one big difference. Both of you recall exactly the same story.

(pause)

I mean every detail. I've never seen this happen before and why I believe you two are the genuine item. You really have been abducted by aliens.

(pause)

Here, I'll prove it. Take this.

Frank hands Betty and Barney a writing pad and pens.

FRANK (CONT.)

Without looking, write down where you were taken.

Betty and Barney write.

FRANK

Betty read what you have.

BETTY

Out into space beyond the moon.

FRANK

Barney?

BARNEY

Past the moon.

FRANK

Again, write down about the eye you saw.

(pause while Betty and Barney write)
Barney?

Large yellow eye, it pulsated.

BETTY

BARNEY

Unbelievable! It was yellow and pulsated.

FRANK

Here's the clincher. You both saw something orbiting the Earth. Describe it.

(Pause while Betty and Barney write on their pads.)

And?

BETTY

It was a United States Air Force satellite with the number XP23-H

BARNEY

(joins in to say in unison with Betty)

23-H

(pause)

Is that possible?

FRANK

My only conclusion is that you were both abducted at the same time in the same ship. Neither of you have met before yet you tell exactly the same story— with details that are impossible to fake.

BETTY

But what does this mean? This is creeping me out.

FRANK

I want to conduct an experiment. I would like to hypnotize both of you together and see what happens. I have my theories but I think now is the time to go the next step.

(pause)

Are you with me?

(pause)

Do you want to know?

Barney and Betty look at each other apprehensively. Frank turns down the table lamp.

FRANK

Here, take each other's hand.

(they take hands)

That's the way. Now close your eyes. Good. Now, we are going to go into a deep trance. Relax your legs. Relax your arms. Feel each other through your hands. Take deep breaths, that's the way. Slowly in, slowly out. You are going into a deep sleep. Breathe deeper. Slowly in, slowly out. You are in a deep sleep.

Betty and Barney look hypnotized.

[Production Note: The stage dims slowly so the video screen is better seen. Could put spots on the three characters on stage.]

Dialogue	Video Screen
Frank- Let's go back to the	

night way ware abdugted	
night you were abducted.	
Barney, do you see where you	
are?	Charlet and a little and about the
Barney— Outside the church.	Christmas lights on church
We just finished mid-night	display, cold air.
mass. It must be Christmas	
Eve.	
Frank— And then what happen?	
Barney— There was a light and	Lights
then I was inside.	
Frank- Inside where?	Spaceship
Barney- The spaceship.	
Frank— Betty, where are you?	
Betty- I just left some	Desert with stars.
friends. It is Christmas	
Eve. I went for a walk in	
the desert to look for the	
Christmas star.	
Frank- And then?	
Betty- Lights overhead and	Spaceship
then I was pulled up.	
Barney- We're taking off.	Out into space. See Earth
We're in space. It's so	from space.
beautiful.	-
Betty- There's the satellite.	Satellite close up then ray
They're burning it up.	into side.
Moans.	
Frank- It's ok. You are not	Colors
going to be harmed. Take a	
deep breath.	
Barney- I see them clearly.	Stereotypic large heads,
The aliens. Large heads with	spindly bodies, almond eyes
almond eyes. (Barney and	like Spielberg's "Close
Betty squeeze hands.) I	Encounters of a third kind."
think they are talking to me	
but can't hear anything. I	Show Betty and Barney
have images in my head.	clasping their heads.
Frank— This is new. Let	t-moping onoil modal.
them lead you. Tell me what	
you see.	
Betty- We've flown out past	Flying past moon. Alien
the Moon. He's indicating	points at screen.
for us to watch a screen.	Potnes at sereen.
Barney— It's a large	Screen shows spaceship landed
spacecraft. It's landed. It	at Roswell in daylight.
looks like Roswell.	ac Noswerr in dayrrync.
	19/0g military got up around
Barney— There's military	1940s military set up around
trucks and a command post.	spacecraft. Crowd of people

Funny, but it looks old, like just after the War in the 40s. And there are crowds of people watching.	in old cars in roads nearby.
Betty- Strange. No one is	Meeting table with Aliens and
fighting. It looks like	military personnel standing
there is a meeting.	around.
Betty- Now there are people,	Couples or all races walking
no, couples walking into the	into the space ship hand-in-
spaceship. They are very	hand.
calm.	
Betty- (with hurried voice)	Show couples on tables, still
They are strapping the people	holding hands with hospital
down to tables. There's	equipment around.
equipment, hospital	
equipment. I think	
scream.	
Barney- Are they going to	Focus on the equipment.
operate? No, no scream	
Frank- Take a deep breath.	Colors
Both of you.	
Frank- We're going to come	Colors fade to black.
out of the trance. Focus on	
your breathing. I'm going to	
count down from 4. On 1 are	
going to be completely awake	
and alert. 4, you are	
slowing coming up. 3 you feel	
your hands and legs. 2 your	
eyes are fluttering and you	
feel much clearer. You are	
almost awake. 1 open your	
eyes and feel refreshed.	
Leles and reer refreshed.	

[Production Note: Stage lights come back up.]

Frank turns up table lamp.

FRANK

Take a moment to collect your thoughts.

BARNEY

I think we saw the beginnings of Roswell. There wasn't a crash but a meeting in 1947.

FRANK

I have been suspecting that for a long time. It makes sense. Robert Goddard came to Roswell in the 1930s to develop the rocket. When they built the military airstrip here for World War II the planes became the first bomber squadron to train for the use of nuclear weapons. It makes sense that aliens became concern about our new weapons and rockets and they focused on Roswell. What better place to hold a meeting? And the U.S. government could keep it secret being so far out in the desert.

BETTY

But what about the people who went into the spaceships?

FRANK

I don't know.

BARNEY

I don't feel they were forced to go. In fact, I feel strongly that they wanted to go in. They were getting something wonderful.

Barney looks at Betty and squeezes her hand.

BETTY

I . . . well . . . Yes, they went willingly . . . for something. . . wonderful.

Barney stands.

BARNEY

This is great. I really was abducted by aliens. How can this be? I'm the son of the

most fundamentalist preacher in town. I can't tell anyone about this. What am I to do?

FRANK

I think the more interesting question to ask is why the two of you? Why were you abducted at the same time and why did they show you the things they did?

Long pause.

FRANK (CONT.)

I think that is all for tonight. I really think we should come together sometime soon. There is some important stuff going on here. I'll be heading back home to the university tomorrow and call you sometime next week. OK?

Frank shakes the hands of Barney and Betty.

FRANK

This is really exciting. Until next week.

Frank walks through the door in the center of the stage and exits stage left.

BARNEY

I don't know if I can do much more of this. I just don't want to know.

BETTY

But . . . we already know.

(pause)

We didn't tell him all. You know the connection.

Barney looks away and walks to the center door.

BARNEY

I just can't.

Barney opens the door and exits stage left. Betty follows him through the door but stops in the garden area. She looks up at the sky.

FIREWORKS show up in the sky [Production Note: Use video screen to project fireworks.]

BETTY

4th of July. Tomorrows the last day of the Convention. This has become so convoluted. What am I to do?

Music: Betty's Song.

Lights dim to BLACKOUT.

BLACKOUT.

Scene 5 - Demonstration

[Production Notes: Use the Double Set of Glass Doors used in Scene 2 and turn them around with the sign above that states "Roswell Convention Center."]

A group of PROTESTORS march in front of the UFO Convention during the day. Banner across Convention Center states "Annual UFO Festival."

The Protestors carry PLACARDS with sayings such as, "UFO are a false religion," "Take no God before me," "UFO burn in hell."

Tyrone is in the group carrying a placard.

Charmain stands next to the front doors observing.

TV CREW is set up filming the protest. They occasionally stop someone for an interview. A few UFO ENTHUSIAST walk by in COSTUME and through the FRONT DOORS.

CROWD

(chanting)

God is truth not UFOs. God is truth not UFOs.

Betty enters stage right. She wears her employee space costume along with a BADGE indicating she is an employee. A TV REPORTER stops her and thrusts a MICROPHONE in her face and makes her talk to the CAMERA.

TV REPORTER

Hello little lady. What do you think of the protest?

BETTY

I wish they would just go home.

TV REPORTER

But are they right? Is the belief in UFO a religion and are you going to hell?

BETTY

No. No. UFOs are very very real. I should know. I was abducted last Christmas.

TV REPORTER

(to camera)

Here we have it. This little lady

(turns to Betty)

What's your name?

BETTY

Betty

TV REPORTER

Betty was abducted by little green men. Did they do anything to you?

BETTY

They were not little green men. And, no, they did not do anything to me. They showed me the truth. I know I belong.

Protestor #1 overhears the conversation. He butts his head into the interview.

PROTESTOR #1

It's all lies. You're going to hell.

Protestor #1 turns to the crowd.

PROTESTOR #1

We have a sinner here.

Tyrone walks over.

TYRONE

That's an abomination.

Barney enters but stands on the side, watching.

Music: Protestor Song

Charmain walks over to Betty.

CHARMAIN

Betty, I told you to keep this to yourself.

BETTY

But you said its no secret in Roswell.

CHARMAIN

If it's a joke, then it's ok. But you're saying it's real and we can't have the public thinking the employees are a bunch of whacko.

BETTY

But Charmain.

CHARMAIN

(putting her hands on Betty's
shoulders)

Don't come to work today. Just go home.

Barney walks up to Charmain.

BARNEY

Get your hands off her.

CHARMAIN

What's it to you?

BARNEY

She's not nuts.

Tyrone steps in.

TYRONE

Everyone knows UFOs don't exist. She couldn't have been abducted.

PROTESTORS

It's a lie. There are no aliens.

The crowd presses in on Betty.

BARNEY

Stop. Stop. She's telling the truth.

(pause while TV Camera moves in on Barney)

She was abducted. There are aliens. I was there.

(pause)

I was abducted with her.

CROWD

No. [murmurs.]

TYRONE

That's impossible. No son of mine was abducted by aliens.

Barney turns to Tyrone.

BARNEY

Father. It's true. There are aliens. I've seen them with my own eyes. They are here to help.

TYRONE

Blasphemy! I will not hear it. Only God can help.

BARNEY

It is true. And stop picking on Betty.

TYRONE

You are NO son of mind.

BARNEY

Just hear me out. . .

TYRONE

We must stamp out evil.

The crowd presses in on both of them.

Barney takes Betty's hand and they run stage left. Some protestors block their way. Barney and Betty run stage right and are blocked again.

In walks TWO POLICE in uniform.

POLICE OFFICER #1

What's going on here?

The crowd stops. Barney and Betty turn to look.

POLICE OFFICER #1

Let's calm down. . . Now . .

Barney and Betty run off stage left.

Tyrone and some protestors follow suit. The Police Officers follow after.

BLACKOUT.

Scene 6 - Desert and 2nd Abduction

Same stage setting of Scene one. Bare stage except for Giant Saguaro downstage left.

Barney and Betty enter upstage left. They are out of breath.

BARNEY

I think we're safe.

BETTY

Why did you do that? Why did you step in?

BARNEY

They were going to hurt you.
.. and I just couldn't let
that happen... there's
something special going on
here... and I know that I,
we, are supposed to do this.
... together.

BETTY

You feel it too?

BARNEY

Something is pushing us together. I fought it at first, but now it seems so much clearer.

Barney moves in to Betty. He hugs her.

BARNEY

I don't know if it's an alien influence, but I must be with you.

BETTY

Are you sure? Are we sure?

Music: Short reprise of Betty's Song sung as a duet.

Betty and Barney kiss.

Crowd of protestors enter the stage; including Tyrone. They circle Betty and Barney. TV Crew with Camera is there.

[Production note: This gives the opportunity for someone to connect the wires to Barney and Betty as the crowd obscures the line of sight.]

The crowd opens up to let the audience see Barney and Betty stage center.

TYRONE

Son, come home with us. We'll get you help.

BARNEY

No father.

(looking at Betty)

We belong together. We are home.

SOUND of spaceship overhead. LIGHTS from the sky shine onto the stage and focus on Barney and Betty.

Crowd move away from Barney and Betty shielding their eyes from the light.

Betty and Barney look up to the sky. A fog comes down along with bright lights.

Betty and Barney are hoisted into the sky and out of sight with the sound of a TRANSPORTER BEAM.

TV Crew catches this on tape.

The crowd moves back into the center looking up.

TV CREW

Awsome.

TYRONE

It can't be. It can't be.

BLACKOUT.

CURTAIN CLOSES.

INTERMISSION.

ACT 2

The overall purpose of this Act is for Betty and Barney to affirm their experience and be supported by the aliens. They will witness the deployment of nuclear weapons into space by the US, bring their message that aliens exist which causes a religious crisis, be held in custody by the US government for knowing too much about the secret satellites, Barney's father comes around and supports his son and reveals that he is the creation of alien genetic modifications, and the aliens make a grand entrance to prove that they exist and indicate that Barney and Betty are the chosen ones.

Scene 7 - TV Circus

Brightly lit stage that is bare except for overhead lights that show to the audience. An "APPLAUSE" sign hangs but is not lit up. Downstage Right is a circular wall.

ROW OF ALIENS are doing a Can Can dance. All of them look alike and wear the same costume. There is a COW costume that is occasionally chased by the Aliens and it is flown off stage at the end of the number.

Music: Alien Can Can.

APPLAUSE sign lights up at the end of the dance.

Circular Wall rotates and reveals a TALK SHOW HOST seated across from Barney and Betty. A CAMERA is focused on the three of them.

TALK SHOW HOST (applauding)
Wasn't that wonderful folks.
The Juptiarian Dancers.

The Aliens run up to the Talk Show Host, give him a big hug and run off stage.

TALK SHOW HOST We were lucky they stayed a few days after the UFO Festival here in Roswell. What a treat. (he gives them one more applaud)

Talk Show Host turns to Betty and Barney.

TALK SHOW HOST

I hope you weren't offended. It's just entertainment.

(pause)

Well, to our TV audience we have a real treat tonight. I'm sure you've seen the video that has swept the country, why, it has swept the world. For the first time ever, two humans were caught, on tape, while being abducted by a spaceship. the spaceship was filmed flying off into space. No one has seen them for a week . . . but today they walked into our studio and said they wanted to tell their story. So, for the very first, an exclusive, Barney and Betty are here on Roswell TV to tell their story.

BETTY

We have a very important message to tell the world.

TALK SHOW HOST So you are emissaries for the

BETTY

Not really, but . . .

TALK SHOW HOST

Let's first tell our audience how it began.

Barney and Betty sigh.

aliens.

BARNEY

There was a demonstration outside the Convention Center

and we were chased out to the desert. There the aliens abducted us again.

TALK SHOW HOST

Again? You mean, you've been abducted before?

BETTY

Last Christmas. That was the first time.

TALK SHOW HOST

Let's run the tape. I can never get over seeing it.

Tape is run showing Betty and Barney being transported to the spaceship and the ship taking off to space.

TALK SHOW HOST

Tell me what happen.

BARNEY

Well, after we were abducted, the aliens took us into space. They showed us a U.S. satellite that has the numbers XP23-H printed on the side. They took us in close so we could see that they used a ray to burn through the control panel and disable the weapon.

TALK SHOW HOST

Weapon?

BARNEY

Yes. It's an orbiting station with 6 nuclear tipped rockets that can be aimed at anyone on Earth.

TALK SHOW HOST

Are you sure? I haven't heard of any orbiting weapons. Aren't those illegal?

BETTY

That's the point. The aliens wanted us to know and to tell the world about this dangerous weapon.

TALK SHOW HOST Did they tell you that?

BETTY

No. They don't speak with words but use some form of telepathy. That's the problem with most abductions, humans can't comprehend what they are telling them so the stories get very mixed up. This was our second time and we were not confused at all. They were clear about their message.

TALK SHOW HOST And what is that message?

BETTY

That aliens do exist. That we will not be allowed to bring our weapons into space.

TALK SHOW HOST Kinda a "Day the Earth Stood Still" message. Huh?

BARNEY

It's a timeless and universal message of peace.

TALK SHOW HOST Did they tell you anything else?

BETTY

There will be more messages in the future.

TALK SHOW HOST

(speaking to the camera)

We have to take a commercial break. We'll be right back.

CAMERA OPERATOR steps away from the camera to stretch.

TALK SHOW HOST

(to Barney and Betty)

If had not seen the video tape myself, and know that our technicians took it, I would think you two are a pair of lunatics. I mean this is Roswell and you expect it. That's why we play it for laughs, but you two are the Real McCoy, the real thing. I'm just amazed. What do you plan to do?

BARNEY

We have to take this message to the world.

TALK SHOW HOST

Well, best of luck. I'm not too sure the world is ready for this.

BLACKOUT.

Scene 8 - World News Tonight

Video screen presentations: "WORLD NEW TONIGHT"

Voice Over	Visuals
Narrator— In news that	Show tape of the abduction
shocked the world, two humans	
were caught on tape being	
abducted by aliens.	
Narrator- In an exclusive	TV interview with Betty
interview on Roswell	saying, "That aliens do
television they gave a	exist. That we will not be
message to the world.	allowed to bring our weapons
	into space."
Narrator- In what may be a	Tape of typical satellite

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breach of international law,	being built.
the U.S. may have launched a	
nuclear weapon in space.	
Narrator- When asked about	Show U.S. President denying
the satellite, the president	the allegations.
stated.	
Narrator- Worlds religions	Show protest violence in
have responded differently.	Middle East;
have responded differencity.	Mass at some Catholic Church;
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	Tape of some fundamentalist
	Christian TV station saying,
	"There are no aliens. God
	created man in his image and
	he's no alien.";
	A new-age talk show saying,
	"The harmonics of the
	universe is bringing all the
	planets and forces into
	conjunction. This is the
	beginning of a new age."
Narrator- World governments	Show mock TV conservative
are in disarray.	talk show saying, "The tapes
are in disarray.	were faked. Our experts have
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	examined them and they are
	poorly made." Another
	commentator says, "So what we
	have nuclear weapons in
	space. It provides
	protection from terrorists.
	I applaud the president for
	having the courage to launch
	such weapons."
Narrator- And on talk shows.	Show Barney and Betty on
	Oprah where she says, "Aren't
	you afraid for your safety
	now that you have brought
	forth this information?"
	Betty responds, "No, we have
	truth behind us."
Narrator— The world waits and	
	Show images of people looking
prays.	toward the sky and praying.

Scene 9 - Arrest

Stage is the same motel room setting from Scene 4.

Betty is seated and Barney is pacing the floor near the window.

BETTY

I'm exhausted. Three weeks on the road. How many interviews have we done?

Barney stares out the windows.

BETTY (CONT.)

Come sit down. Get some rest.

BARNEY

I can't. I keep having a feeling that everything is going to close in on us.

BETTY

It's just exhaustion.

Barney turns to Betty.

BARNEY

Have you sensed them?

BETTY

Them?

BARNEY

You know. The aliens. I just don't sense them anymore.

BETTY

To be honest, I don't know if I ever did . . . but I did sense you.

BARNEY

I think we are alone on our mission.

Music: Being Alone

Frank and MARTIN walks up to the center door and KNOCK.

Barney peers out the window.

BARNEY

(to Betty)

It's Frank and some other guy.

Barney opens the door. Barney shakes Frank's hand.

FRANK

This is Barney. Barney this is Martin.

BARNEY

How did you find us?

MARTIN

That is exactly why we are here.

FRANK

Since you have been making many public appearances, it has not been hard to track your whereabouts. And that's our concern . . .

MARTIN

We have word that you are to be arrested.

Betty stands up.

BARNEY AND BETTY

Arrested?!

MARTIN

The government's not too pleased that you revealed the existence of its top-secret nuclear space weapons.

BETTY

Just who are you?

FRANK

Sorry for not properly introducing you. Martin is an UFO researcher just as I am, but he is better connected to the attempts by the government to obscure and falsify UFO data.

BARNEY

You mean a UFO conspirator? Now what?

BETTY

We met those fringe people on the road. They don't help with our cause. They make us look like lunatics.

MARTIN

And they are out to discredit you. Think about it. You saw a very secret satellite and saw it disabled. We know the government really does have these weapons and that one stopped communicating with ground control at Christmas. The only way you would know this is if you saw it in person— which means being abducted by aliens- OR you are spies. If the government can paint you as spies and terrorist, then your story of aliens evaporates and the existence of the weapons comes into doubt.

BETTY

But we're not spies. We really saw it.

MARTIN

We are spending too much time talking. My sources say you are to be arrested tonight. BARNEY

But no one knows where we are?

FRANK

We found you with no trouble.

MARTIN

I suggest we leave now. I have people who can keep you safe.

BETTY

Frank?

FRANK

I'd go with him.

Martin walks to the center door and opens it.

FRANK

(to Betty and Barney)

I think it's your safest option.

Betty and Barney walk out the door followed by Frank. Frank closes the door.

Just then 3 MEN IN BLACK (MIB) come out from the wings and stop the four of them.

MIB #1

(flashing a badge)

Barney and Betty, we need you to come in for questioning.

MARTIN

Don't go. Make a run for it.

MIB #2

(to Martin)

You don't want to be arrested for aiding and abetting.

FRANK

Run Betty. Run Barney.

Betty begins to run. Two of the MIB tackle her to the ground.

BARNEY

No!!

Barney starts toward Betty. MIB #1 grabs Barney. Barney swings and decks him. Barney starts toward Betty. MIB #1 pulls out a GUN.

MIB #1

Stop, or I'll shoot.

Frank jumps MIB #1 and pushes him to the ground.

FRANK

Run Barney. You've got to live.

Martin grabs Barney's arm.

MARTIN

Come. Now.

BARNEY

No. I'm not leaving with out Betty.

Martin pulls at Barney.

MARTIN

We'll save Betty later. We've got to live today.

Barney and Martin exit.

MIB are putting handcuffs on Betty. MIB #1 is on WALKIE-TALKIE while holding Frank.

BLACKOUT. Scrim down.

Scene 10 - Harrington's Cave

Martin and Barney are huddling to one corner of the stage in front of the scrim. There is a spotlight on them. Martin is on his cell phone. Barney is rocking and moaning. MARTIN

We're OK. Didn't get Betty. She's with them. Yeah. We'll have to make plans. We'll hold out here at Harrington's cave for a while. I'll contact you when we are ready to come in.

BARNEY

(rocking back and forth)
No, no, no. We shouldn't
have left her.

MARTIN

It was the only thing we could do. This is a battle and it is important to strategies. You need to live today so we can save Betty tomorrow.

Music: Barney's Lament

BARNEY

I know what I must do.

MARTIN

What?

BARNEY

See my father.

MARTIN

Too dangerous.

BARNEY

My father is a powerful man, with much influence.

MARTIN

This is far beyond the control of your father. He's just a local preacher.

BARNEY

He has national recognition from his TV broadcasts.

MARTIN

I hear that he no longer considers you his son.

Long pause.

BARNEY

No, that was said in haste plus he has now seen, first-hand, that I was abducted and there are aliens. He'll come around.

MARTIN

Too risky.

Barney rises.

BARNEY

I'm going anyway.

MARTIN

We won't be able to protect you.

BARNEY

I must see him.

Barney exists.

BLACKOUT.

Scene 11 - MIB March

The stage is empty. In enters the MIB chorus— dance and sing.

Music: MIB March

BLACKOUT.

Scene 12 - Tyrone's Discovery

Church setting as used in Scene 3.

Stage is empty except for Tyrone kneeling at the alter and praying. The lighting is low.

Barney enters quietly, sits in a pew and watches his father for a while.

TYRONE

Oh Heavenly Father, give me the strength to carry on through these difficult times. Help me understand these changes, and, please Lord, return my son to me.

Barney raises and walks toward his father.

BARNEY

Father? Father?

Tyrone turns, sees Barney and rises. Barney rushes to his father and gives him a hug.

TYRONE

Oh, thank you God for returning my son.

BARNEY

I don't have much time, but I need you to help me locate and free Betty.

TYRONE

Who?

BARNEY

Betty. The woman I was abducted with. She's been arrested and they are after me too.

TYRONE

Renounce the sin. Renounce all this UFO stuff and you'll be safe. All you need is God.

BARNEY

UFOs exist father. You saw them with your own eyes.

TYRONE

It was the devils work. Somehow this was fabricated. I was deceived. You've been deceived. Find God and you will find truth.

BARNEY

Truth? Truth? You call what you've been preaching truth? This narrow, one-sided interpretation of the Bible where you select the parts you want, reinterpreted other sections to meet your self-hatred self, and ignore the rest. That's not truth, that's power and manipulation.

TYRONE

How dare you! God has given us his word and his word is law.

BARNEY

Which God?

TYRONE

There is only one God.

BARNEY

The Muslims pray to Allah, the one God. Is that your God?

TYRONE

Muslims have been deceived by the devil to worship a false god.

BARNEY

What about the Buddhist, Taoist, and the other Asian religions. What about their god?

TYRONE

Their eyes have been blinded by the devil.

BARNEY

According to you, more half the population on the Earth, that's 4 Billion people, are following the devil.

TYRONE

Well, uh . . .

BARNEY

And the Christians. There are more than 300 different sects recognized in the United States alone. Which ones are following the correct god?

Tyrone clutches a BIBLE to his chest.

TYRONE

The Bible tells me everything I need to know.

BARNEY

You know in your heart that I am right. You know that you have been burying your head in the sand of faith and irrationality to cover the pain that is in your heart. I know your secret father.

HELICOPTER NOISE is heard and LIGHTS FLASH through the church windows indicating a helicopter is circling the church.

BARNEY

We don't have time for a theological debate. I need to save Betty. Will you help?

TYRONE

No son of mine would have said such blasphemy.

BARNEY

She is carrying my child.

TYRONE

Your child?

BARNEY

Your grandchild.

TYRONE

This cannot be.

BARNEY

And she is like you.

TYRONE

What do you mean like me?

BARNEY

You know.

TYRONE

No.

Long pause.

BARNEY

I know everything now. know about grandma and grandpa and how they entered the spaceship. I know about the experiment in 1946 they agreed to. I know that YOU are special; that the aliens modified your DNA to reveal what was already there to help humans take the next evolutionary step. Betty and I are both the children of enhanced humans and our DNA has been enhanced. And Betty and I agreed to have a truly special child.

TYRONE

No. It didn't happen. It was lies told by my parents to confuse me. It was the UFO cult.

BARNEY

It was real. You are the result of aliens enhancing human DNA. And we are having a child that is even more advanced; more special.

TYRONE

No! No!

Martin enters.

MARTIN

We've got to get out of here. They're about ready to charge the building.

Six MIB enter from all corners of the stage looking around but not initially seeing Tyrone, Barney or Martin.

BARNEY

It's too late.

Tyrone reaches for a cabinet door next to the alter.

TYRONE

Here, now. It's an escape route.

BARNEY

Meet us at the Harrington's Cave.

Barney and Martin leave quickly.

MIB 1

Father, where is your son?

TYRONE

Last I saw him was a month ago.

MIB

We know he's here.

(pause)

We're going to check around.

TYRONE

Has he done something?

MIB 1

He's wanted for questioning. He's a spy.

TYRONE

My son, a spy? How ridiculous.

MIB 2

(to MIB 1)

Nothing here sir!

MIB 1

(to Tyrone)

If we find out you helped him to escape, you too will be going to prison.

MIB leave stage. The helicopter sound goes away. Tyrone is left at the alter.

TYRONE

God give me the strength.

Music: Tyrone's Lament Part 1

As he says the last words of the song, he MOVES HIS ARMS and there are special effects showing that he has SUPERNATURAL POWERS (the Bible flies out of his arms into the rafters, candles light, things float).

Dialogue over CHOIR MUSIC OF ALIENS.

TYRONE

What is this?

He CRIES.

This causes items to fall off the alter. As he walks around, the CHAIRS and PEWS MOVE out of his way.

TYRONE

My powers, I thought they were a childhood fantasy.

SILHOUETTES OF ALIENS show up behind the stain-glass windows. They are the source or the choir.

Tyrone throws one arm and watches a chair be pushed away. He does this a second time.

TYRONE

It is true. I've been genetically enhanced to be the next evolutionary step for humans.

Music: Tyrone's Lament Part 2

Near end of song there is a strange HUM coming from the alter. Tyrone pulls out a MEDALLION from under the alter and contemplates it. The Medallion GLOWS with the hum pulsating with the pulsating glow.

TYRONE

I cannot deny who I am. I cannot deny my destiny.

He places the Medallion around his neck and puts his hand over it against his chest. A much louder strange HUM comes forth.

TYRONE

I need you to come. I need you to come and make it safe for my son and my grandchild. I need you now.

Tyrone bows his head.

BLACKOUT. Scrim comes down.

Scene 13 - Jail Cell and Harrington's Cave

There is one JAIL CELL on stage right in front of the scrim and well lit. Harrington's Cave is on stage right but darken. Betty is in the Jail Cell.

Music: Betty Jailhouse Lament

As Betty finishes her song, she sits down and rubs her stomach HUMMING.

BETTY

We will make a better world safe for you to grow up and lead the way.

Music continues quietly.

A spotlight comes up on Harrington's Cave located on stage right in front of the scrim. Frank is seated. In enters Barney and Martin. They begin to pace.

FRANK

Good, you got Barney.

(pause)

Anything wrong?

BARNEY

Nothing's going right. That was so close. I'm afraid for my father, and where's Betty?

FRANK

I'm sure your father is OK. He's a powerful man.

MARTIN

We can't stay here too long.
(to Barney)

Do you think your father tol

Do you think your father told them that we came here to Harrington's Cave?

BARNEY

I have faith my father will come through. I miss Betty.

Barney separates from the other men and sings.

Music: Barney Jailhouse Lament and Duet

Long Pause.

Tyrone enters the Cave.

BARNEY

Father!

TYRONE

Son!

They embrace.

BARNEY

Father. It's so terrible. We are all in danger now.

TYRONE

Don't worry. We'll all get out.

BARNEY

Betty?

TYRONE

All of us.

BARNEY

How do you know?

TYRONE

I just know.

BARNEY

I hope she is OK.

Tyrone pauses. Looks up. Looks at Barney.

TYRONE

I sense she is well.

BARNEY

I cannot sense her at all.

TYRONE

Here, take my hand. I'll help.

Barney places his hands in Tyrone's. They meditate.

Betty turns somewhat in the direction of Barney but without seeing him.

BETTY

I can sense you.

Barney turns somewhat in the direction of Betty but without seeing her.

BARNEY

I am here my love.

BETTY

I know we will see each other soon. I love you so.

BARNEY

We will be safe.

BARNEY

(to Tyrone)

How do you do that?

TYRONE

I have powers that neither you or Betty possess. I've denied them for years, but they are my reality.

BARNEY

But why not Betty or I?

TYRONE

You have limited powers because you are second generations; your DNA has been diluted. In your case, your mother was standard human. But is was necessary so that you and Betty would be compatible for the final modification.

BARNEY

Are we mutants?

TYRONE

No! No! Our powers, our advance intellect has always been in our DNA, just covered up with junk. The aliens are only helping humans to their full potential.

BARNEY

I'm still not sure why they are doing this?

TYRONE

They are helping us overcome our animal roots. Since we are spreading out into space, they are helping us become more civilized. They will not allow us to spread our fear and mysticism; it always leads to war. They figure it is more benevolent to help us evolve than have to destroy us later. We are not mutants. We are fully humanjust more so.

BARNEY

We must save Betty.

TYRONE

We must save us all. I have a plan.

BLACKOUT.

Scene 14 - MIB Office

MIB office. Table in center of stage. The Miss Information is sitting at a table. She is flanked by two Officers. Tyrone and Frank enters; escorted by two more Officers.

MISS INFORMATION

Gentlemen.

FRANK

We've come to negotiate the release of Betty.

MISS INFORMATION You know that is impossible. She is an enemy of the state.

FRANK

You know that is not true . . . otherwise she would be with the military and not with your department.

FRANK

Or someone who's been to space . . . with aliens.

MISS INFORMATION You're wasting my time.

TYRONE

It's my son. You want my son and he's ready to give himself up if you release Betty.

MISS INFORMATION Don't worry, we'll get your son. He's a spy also.

FRANK

It's a fair deal; Barney for Betty. He wants to do it.

MISS INFORMATION

Why should I deal? We'll get both of them soon enough. Betty must be important.

TYRONE

He has a communicator.

(pause)

I've seen it.

Tyrone fiddles with the Medallion around his neck under his shirt.

MISS INFORMATION

I don't know what you are speaking about.

FRANK

Then you are dumber than you look. Barney has something very valuable to trade. Take it or leave it.

Tyrone and Frank rise from their chairs.

MISS INFORMATION

Tomorrow.

TYRONE

Tomorrow; at my church.

MISS INFORMATION

Too closed in. We'll do it here.

FRANK

You are stupid? We would never come here.

MISS INFORMATION

Forget it. We'll get Barney on our own.

TYRONE

Without the communicator? It's hidden.

MISS INFORMATION

Then we are at a standoff.

TYRONE

Tomorrow, at the crash site. It's far enough away that we'll be alone.

FRANK

At noon. In broad daylight so there won't be any funny stuff.

MISS INFORMATION

Then it's set.

TYRONE

It's set.

Tyrone and Frank leave.

MISS INFORMATION

(to Officers)

Get everything ready.
Surround the area but keep
back and hidden. We're going
to round them all up.

BLACKOUT.

Scene 15 - Harrington's Cave / Preparation

Scrim is down. Harrington's Cave. Barney, Tyrone, Frank and Martin are talking.

FRANK

Of course it's a trap.

TYRONE

Of course.

FRANK

And you've thought about some way out of this.

TYRONE

Yes.

FRANK

Yes, and what?

TYRONE

We're going to overwhelm them. I'll contact my congregation and have them all there. That's at least several hundred people. No matter what they have in the field, we can out number them.

MARTIN

But they'll have guns . . . we won't.

TYRONE

Guns are unnecessary when an exchange and blackmail are done publicly. Besides, I'll have the press and cameras there. They won't do anything. In fact, I believe we can get Betty away from them without exchanging Barney.

FRANK

And the Communicator?

TYRONE

That was a ruse. There is no such thing. I just knew Barney for Betty was not enough to convince her.

MARTIN

I'll get my people there too.

TYRONE

The more public, the better.

Martin opens his CELL PHONE and begins speaking. He and Frank walk to one side of the cave leaving Tyrone and Barney alone.

TYRONE

(to Barney)

You alone know the truth.

Tyrone pulls the Medallion from under his shirt and shows Barney.

TYRONE (CONT.)

This was given to me by my parents . . . from the aliens. It's a communicator. If you need to, put it in your hand and think about the aliens. That's all you need to do.

BARNEY

For what?

TYRONE

You will know when the time comes.

BARNEY

I sure wish we could let Betty know about tomorrow. I sense that she feels abandoned.

TYRONE

I sense her too.

(Tyrone takes Barney's hand.) Here, if we try together.

BARNEY

Betty? Betty?

BETTY (O.S.)

Barney, oh Barney.

TYRONE

You will be safe.

BETTY

Father?

BARNEY

Yes Betty, this is my father.

Music: Tyrone sings a few refrains from Betty's Lullaby. Includes some reference to the unborn child.

BETTY

When?

BARNEY

Soon, my love. Soon.

Frank walks back over to Tyrone and Barney.

FRANK

All is set. We'll have a real crowd. . . a real crowd.

BARNEY

Sure it won't scare them away.

FRANK

We could have a thousand people there and it won't make a bit of difference. They're arrogant. They'll be there.

BARNEY

Then tomorrow.

TYRONE, FRANK, MARTIN

Tomorrow.

BLACKOUT.

Scene 16 - Showdown and Finale

CRASH LANDING SITE (same desert scene from earlier).

A few MIB stand stage right at semi-attention.

Barney, Tyrone, Frank, and Martin enter stage left.

MIB #1

We said alone.

FRANK

Tell your chief we have the package.

MIB #1 pulls out CELL PHONE and makes call. In enters TOWN FOLKS, UFO CONVENTION WORKERS and CONGREGATION CHOIR in ROBES.

MIB #1

They're here with the kid. .

. And . . OK.

(to Barney)

Too many people.

Tyrone pulls out the Communicator.

TYRONE

Tell her I have the Communicator.

MIB #1 mumbles into the Cell Phone.

MIB #1

Stay where you are.

More Town Folks and Congregation enter.

Miss Information with two Officers enter stage right and align with the other MIB.

MISS INFORMATION

Hand over Barney and the Communicator.

TYRONE

Betty first.

MISS INFORMATION

Too many people. The deal's off.

Tyrone dangles the Communicator in front of her.

TYRONE

Are you willing to give this up?

MISS INFORMATION

There are other ways.

Tyrone throws the Communicator to Barney who places it on the ground and grabs a ROCK in his other hand indicating that he would smash the device. MISS INFORMATION

No. No. Wait. . . . How do I know it's real.

TYRONE

I got it from my parents who were given it by the aliens in '47. You know what that makes me.

Miss Information face shows horror.

MISS INFORMATION

You . . . you're one of them?

(she yells to MIB)

Arms.

MIB raise their RIFLES.

TYRONE

You know what I can do.
Bring out Betty. I know
she's here. I can sense her.

BARNEY

You're right. I can sense her too.

Miss Information waves her hand. Betty is brought from stage left by one MIB Officer.

TYRONE

Hand over Betty.

MISS INFORMATION

First the Communicator.

Tyrone nods toward Barney. Barney drops the rock and holds out the Communicator. A MIB Officer walks over and takes the Communicator. Rifles are trained on Tyrone and Barney.

Miss Information looks over the Communicator.

TYRONE

You have what you want.

Miss Information looks around.

TYRONE (CONT.)

I'm a man of honor. Turn her over.

TV Camera's come on stage with loud commotion.

Miss Information waves her hand. The MIB Officer releases Betty. She runs to Barney. They embrace.

BETTY

Barney. I was so worried.

BARNEY

Father has it all under control.

MISS INFORMATION

(yells)

Grab them now!!

Two of the Choir members rush forward and grab Barney and Betty. They pull guns and wrestle them to the ground. The MIB hold guns to the heads of Barney and Betty. The crowd acts with surprise.

TYRONE

What?

MARTIN

Agents . . . in your choir.

MISS INFORMATION

(to Tyrone)

Try anything and they'll die.

CROWD

Let them go! Let them go.

Tyrone looks around then back to the Miss Information

TYRONE

No. No.

Tyrone raises his hands and all the guns are ripped out of the hands of the MIB and the guns flown offstage.

TYRONE

And I'll take back the Communicator.

The Communicator raises out of the hand of the Miss Information and floats to Tyrone's hands.

As the Communicator rests into Tyrone's hands his attention is diverted. The Miss Information pulls a GUN from insider her suit and aims it at Tyrone.

MISS INFORMATION

No. You are an abomination.

Tyrone looks up. Miss Information FIRES her gun. Tyrone grabs his chest near his heart and falls to the ground YELLING IN PAIN. The Communicator falls from his hands a few feet away. The LIGHTS on the Communicator begin to PULSATE.

The Crowd rushes the MIB and a BRAWL ensues. The Miss Information is tackled to the ground.

Barney falls to the ground and pulls his father up to a seated position. Tyrone points toward the Communicator. Betty picks up the Communicator and gives it to Barney. Barney looks at the Communicator, places it carefully in his hand as though there is a special orientation and holds it over his head. A BRIGHT LIGHT emanates from the Communicator with a LOUD SOUND.

From the top of the stage, a LOUD FLYING SAUCER SOUND is heard. It sounds like it is landing. The brawl stops and everyone looks up. Once the LOUD SOUND changes, the Crowd moves away from Upstage Left. A FLYING SAUCER slowly descends to the stage [just one edge of it indicating that it is very large].

Flying Saucer lands, VAPORS are released with MANY COLORED LIGHTS. A HISSING SOUND is made as the DOOR OPEN.

The Crowd has moved apart leaving Tyrone, Barney and Betty center stage with Frank and Martin nearby.

An ALIEN exits the ship. It carries a DEVICE and scans the Crowd. When the scan passes Tyrone, Betty, and Barney, they momentarily glow green. The Alien walks toward them.

Barney holds up the Communicator. The Alien takes the Communicator and looks at Barney then hands it back to him.

Barney and Betty rise. The Alien begins to gesture with its hands and arms. Barney speaks.

[Barney sings this?]

BARNEY

The Alien is communicating through me with telepathy. Tyrone is going to live . . . but he must reside with the Alturanins.

Barney turns to the Alien.

BARNEY (CONT.)

[spoken] He's going to live? He's going to live?

(pause, then turn back to the Crowd and Betty)

[Sings] I see it clearly, they can heal him . . . but he must go with them.

The Alien walks over to Tyrone. The Alien waves it's hand over Tyrone. Tyrone LEVITATES and FLOATS INTO THE SAUCER.

Music: Farewell

The set darkens with PIN SPOTS on Barney and Betty.

Choir continues humming the tune.

BETTY

(to crowd)

I carry a very special child, the next step in human evolution. A child who will save the Earth from certain destruction.

Betty rubs her stomach.

In the fog surrounding the Flying Saucer, Tyrone's image is seen.

TYRONE (O.S.)

No one shall touch her. We shall protect her.

Barney holds up the Communicator.

BARNEY

Right father, for we are more powerful than ever before.

Barney places his arm around Betty's waist. He raises his arm and all the soldiers and MIB personnel are pinned to the ground.

BARNEY

Our child will survive and lead mankind out of darkness. No one dare touch us.

Barney and Betty float a few feet off the ground.

The Saucer takes off very slowly as the crowd and choir sings.

FADE OUT while MUSIC swells.

THE END

Songs

Opening Sounds/Songs

UFO Convention Employee Song

(Can Can: 4/4 Each line represents 4 counts.)
Refrain:
"Every year, the same old thing,
the same old thing, every year.
We work all year for the same old thing.
Aliens, Abductions, and The Final Frontier.
Ka-ching, Ka-ching, buy your souvenirs."

STEREOTYPIC ALIENS (Large Head, Almond Eye Costumes, they take off heads and tuck them under their arms):

"We crashed in Roswell in '47.

It makes no sense, but that's what they say.

Mysterious metal strewed around the land.

Our bodies cut to have their way.

First it was a saucer the press release stated.

Then hours later it was a weather balloon.

Which was it? I ask of you.

A saucer or a weather balloon.

I'll tell you the truth; it was gas up your ass.

I'm going to die if I have to wear this mask.

This rubber mask, this rubber mask.

Its New Mexico, July and 105.

Give me a break; it's way too hot.

Why can't I be an alien from Pluto?

They're costumes' cool and very sheer."

Refrain.

PLUTO ALIENS (very sheer, see-through costume)

FEMALE:

"Each year I wonder what I'm supposed to be.
I'm purple, and slinky, and oh so sexy.
I cavort, I dance, I am to be seen.
Take my photo, stand next to me, give a great big smile.
I'm from Pluto, that icy ball
I'll tell you up front, it's more like hell.
I'm tired of the boys who grope my ass."

MALE:

"I have muscles that bulge in every which way I'm purple, and slinky, and oh so sexy.

I strut, and pose, and make a grunt.

I'm a he-man, take my photo and give a smile.

The boss says it does not matter

If I'm from Pluto, or deep within Uranus

I'm tired of the boys who grope my ass."

TOGETHER:

"Make that sale, make that sale, take that picture, and make that sale. Gosh we're tied of the boys who grope our ass."

Refrain.

MIXTURE OF ALIEN AND SPACE COSTUMES Give the praise to aliens. Without them we would have no jobs. When the military pulled on out, we all lost our jobs. What is it that we could do? What is it that we could market? Conspiracy and fear, it always works Give them aliens and abductions That's what we've got. That's what we've got. Aliens and fear. Aliens and fear. Now each summer, we work real hard. Making and selling those souvenirs. So come on in, don't be bashful. Stare at us and take those pictures. We don't care, just buy buy buy.

Refrain.

Abduction Waltz

(I hear "When Christmas Comes to Town," from the movie Polar Express but set as a waltz.)

BOBBY: (sweet tenor) (3/4 waltz, each line is 4 sets)
"I was just a boy.
Young and sweet, and so naive.
I looked upon the stars.
And wondered what I'd see.
One night the light came in
my bedroom window across my face
With fingers pulling at my mind
I wandered out into my yard
There the lights were shining high
I could not stop from staring.

And then I was taken.
Up into the saucer
It was cold and hard.
At first I was frighten
But they did me no harm.
Their child-like faces
softened my alarm.
My mother's voice called out to me.
I turned and ran to her.
And when I turned back, they were gone.

Was it real, I'll never know.
But in my heart, I'll always believe
That they are friends and I'll welcome them back."

MARIE: (alto)

"It was a few years ago
my boyfriend and I were driving alone
when light came on and the car doors rattled
that we were taken to their ship like cattle
My boyfriend fought and took a swing.
They tied him down with heavy chains.
I yelled for help with no effect.
I think that they're all stone deaf.
The little guys with great big heads
And steely eyes of dark black almonds.

They stripped the clothes off my boyfriend. They took a probe to his rear end.

He tried to yell but only smiled. Surprisingly it was arousing. The more he wiggled, the more I giggled. I thought that I would need to try that on him later when we were home and I strapped on my dildo. All of a sudden it was over We found ourselves back in our car.

Was it real, I'll never know.

It was sure the best grass I've ever smoked.

And I learned to stroke my boyfriends ass."

STEVE: (small boy with very low bass)
"At school I could barely show my face.
Everyone I knew had been in space.
Why was it that I was left out?
Why was it that I had not be abducted?
I asked my Mom what was wrong with me
She said, "Not to worry," for it would be
sometime soon for our entire family
To be taken up above the atmosphere.
I could barely wait, I could barely wait
For that day to be in space.

It finally happened, I was glad
My entire family had
waited for so many years
to be amongst the stars.
The aliens were nice I liked them swell
They served us lunch and wished us well
Then took us home before it was eight
How kind of them not to be late.
Now I belong I'm just like the rest
Being abducted is just the best.

Was it real, I'll never know.
My family's scientologist,
and are certain that we are all from space."

BETTY:

"I hear you all, I hear you all
For me it wasn't that way at all.
My memories are coming back
Of something that was so vague
I have dreams and nightmares of being taken
I wasn't harmed but only shown
the Earth from high in space.

I've seen so much that cannot be Unless I've been far beyond the moon and solar system.

There is a man, that much I'm certain that I am to meet
He's very certain and makes me feel
Safe and right at home.
Although I can not see his face
I know he's handsome and strong.
I cannot explain it
But deep in my heart
I know he's right for me.
I know we're meant to be together.

Was it real, I'll never know.

I was not too young to know the truth,
I was not spaced out on grass.

My family are not Scientologists
Or into crystals or other forms of mysticism.
So what explains what I have seen
And feel is my destiny.
I was abducted by aliens
That much I am sure.
I was abducted by aliens."

ALL:

"Was it real, I'll never really know. Was it real, I'll never really know."

But it gave me one hell of an afterglow.

Barney's Song-Lights in the Sky.

(I keep hearing the Paul Simon song, "Love me like a rock." Needs to be a gospel sound.)

"Once I saw a light
I thought it was a flying saucer.
Way up, way up in the sky.
The lights shone down on me.
I closed my eyes and prayed.
I felt my self being pulled up.
Maybe it was the Rapture.
I wasn't sure.

I dropped down to my knees. Prayed and prayed.
Then I, then I saw an angel. She was so beautiful, so kind. I saw her reach for me.
I knew she must be for me.
I felt my heart beat fast.
I knew I must be in heaven.

Then I looked around.
I thought I saw aliens.
But it couldn't, it couldn't be.
It must be devils that I'd seen.
I knew it was a test.
God was testing me.
A son of a preacher man cannot believe in aliens.

Roswell does things to you.
It messes with your head.
Aliens, UFOs, they just can't be.
God is our shining light.
I put my trust in him.
To push out the devil in aliens.
If it can happen to me,
it can happen to anyone.

If it can happen to me, it can happen to anyone."

Church Hymn

Music—some hymn about being taken up into heaven in chariots— paralleling spaceship analogy.

Betty's Song

(I hear "Somewhere," from West Side Story.) I can feel the truth. The truth that pulls my heart. Even though no one else believes I can see. I can see for me. I have love for him. He should find love for me. It is in our destiny. Destiny. Destiny. It's out there. It's in me. Help me find where I belong. Help me find my new home. Love me. Love me. I don't understand This power that pulls my heart. There's no question that he should be Close to me. Next to me. Together. Together. For all time.

Protestor Song

Interplay between Betty, Tyrone, the Protestors, and the TV Reporter. Could include dance by Protestors.

I see this as a battle between religion and UFO belief. Maybe a kinda "America" from West Side Story.

Tyrone:

"I know what's right, I know what's wrong.

The Bible makes it very clear.

The Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Is all that I need to know.

Man was made in the image of God.

Not aliens.

Man was given the blessing of God.

Not aliens.

Man gives his obedience to God.

Not aliens.

Aliens cannot exist.

UFO Enthusiast #1:

Man has a mind make sure to use it.

No reason for us to bury our heads

in the sands of ignorance.

Earth is not the only space

that life has set its roots in place.

There are billions of stars and planets.

And life.

There are billions of stars and planets.

And intelligence

There are billions of stars and planets.

And aliens.

Aliens must exist.

Protestor #1:

God said it, so it must be.

UFO Enthusiast #2:

Life is everywhere, so it must be.

Protestor #2:

We are right and you are wrong.

UFO Enthusiast #2:

Facts are neither right nor wrong.

Tyrone:

We must protect our children from the scourge And tell them nothing of these lies For those who believe in UFO Shall be strike by the mighty sword and die.

UFO Enthusiast #1: That is why religion lies. It buries facts under fear that God will punish them with fire, spear and sword.

Protestor #1:
God said it, so it must be.

UFO Enthusiast #2:
Which God, whose God?

All the Christian Protestors: We will punish you.

All the UFO Enthusiast:
You always resort to violence.

Betty's Song Reprise

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(I hear "Somewhere," from West Side Story.)

Betty:
I can feel the truth.
The truth that pulls my heart.
Even though no one else believes
I can see.
I can see for me.

(Barney) I don't understand
This power that pulls my heart.
(Betty) There's no question that he should be Close to me.
(Barney) Next to me.
(Barney) Next to me.
(Both) Together.
Together.
For all time.
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Alien Can Can

TV show skit.

Being Alone

Something sweet where Barney and Betty sing about it being just the two of each other against the world.

Barney's Lament

Barney beats himself up for not saving Betty, misses her, and blames himself for her being jailed.

MIB March

As I explained, I see a group of 8-12 MIB, some with suitcases marching in, stop, head turn, then more marching, head turn, the more marching in formations like they are looking for someone.

Maybe 1/3 way into the song, they form a group in the center, then expand revealing a gorgeous woman wearing high heels, sheer black nylons, and a mans jacket (the same as all the MIB) however it looks like she is not wearing anything under the jacket. Very sexy. She has a rhinestone-studded microphone and belts out the song that they march to. She could have a riding whip and uses it occasionally.

Maybe this Babe will be the interrogator at the end of the play.

Tyrone's Lament Parts 1 & 2

Notes:

Barney has been taken. Tyrone is questioning his faith and is accepting that he is the result of alien genetic manipulation.

I see this as a 2-part song. One of anger, then of realization and acceptance that he is an enhanced human that must use his powers to save his son, Betty and grandchild.

You suggested that a choir of aliens back him up.

1st. Question what has made him into a bitter old man. Why his religion is so fanatical Why his god has abandoned him. What it has cost him- Barney.

Explosion of emotions show up in physical powers that frighten him and reinforce that he is the product of alien intervention.

Alien silhouettes up.

 2^{nd} . Explore his creation and connection with aliens. The benefits from aliens.

Part 1

What is it in me that makes me hate?
What is it in me that makes me
chose one religion over another?
What is it in me that makes me
use violence against those with whom I don't agree?
What is it in me that makes me hate?

Hate has made me lose my son.
Hate has made me lose my family.
Hate has made me surround myself
with others who hate as much as me.
Hate has made me lose my faith.
Hate has cost me everything.

I know religion is the cover for hate.

I know that religion is a place
for those of us to hate to find a home.

I've tried to blind myself from the facts
but nevermore, but nevermore.

Hate has cost me my son.

Hate has cost me everything. Hate has cost me everything.

Part 2

I remember everything now.
What my parents told me is true.
It was 1946 at the Roswell meeting.
My parents were offered a special gift.
The gift of having children enhanced
with the next step in human evolution.
They accepted the gift and entered the ship.
Their DNA was modified and
used to give birth to me.

Why would the aliens help us improve?
Why should they care?
With rockets and nuclear weapons being made there would be only one choice.
Either we enter space peaceably or face annihilation.
Humans must evolve with larger brains.
Without these we would be a threat to all the other worlds.

My son is the result of these changes so must Betty be.
I cannot lose my son or grandchild
I must save humanity.

Betty and Barney Jailhouse Lament

Betty sings a lullaby to her unborn child. She hums while Barney sings a heated song with anger about his father and the situation. When Barney's song changes to missing Betty, she sings her melody over his and expresses her love for him.

Not sure what I hear for Betty's lullaby.

For Barney's song, I hear "A Boy Like That" from Westside Story.

For duet, I hear "One Hand One Heart" from Westside Story.

Betty Jailhouse Lament

Be safe my child Be healthy and strong For I am here To love you so.

Be safe my child A world awaits For you to explore In all its glory.

Open your minds and Open your hearts Be courageous and Be willing to love

I promise to be Your mother for eternity Be safe my child I love you so.

Barney's Harrington Cave

Why did he do this that father of mine? He must learn to trust his mind over his emotions ruled by hate. Why do men let faith ruin their lives. I must get out to save my love. I must get out to save my child.

I believe in UFO and aliens.
Pray not to them as gods or saviors.
Aliens are not to be treated as gods.
But we are thankful to aliens
For their science to help humans
Evolve past mindless religious warriors.

I cannot allow this hate in me to cloud my mind and senses
I must reach out into the cosmos
To learn how to respect all beings.
I miss my love and want my child
To grow up in a world of peace.

Duet

Barney: I miss your face and miss your touch.

Betty: I love you so

Barney: I want that special love we share.

Betty: I want you near

Barney: A family we will make secure

Betty: I hear your voice Barney: With endless love.

Betty: It is clear

Barney: Soon we will be together

Betty: I'm with child

Barney: never to be parted again.

Betty: We are all one

Barney: To make us safe and forever

Both: I love you so Both: I want you near

Farewell