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EXT.CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REBELGRAD. MORNING.

Faustef walks to his office. He is slowing down as Thomas Wagner, his ex graduate student, is approaching him.

TOM WAGNER

Good morning, Professor Faustef.

FAUSTEF

Good morning, Tom! Where on Earth have you been all this time?

TOM WAGNER

Professor, we are all immensely proud of you. Salvation--achievement of immortality--once exclusively in the hands of the world religions, is now in the hands of a physicist. If you want to live forever, religions say, first you have to die. Doctor Faustef says, "You don't have to die, you just need to continue to live." For the first time physics and religion meet on the ultimate topic of the human existence; a physicist becomes the Savior.

FAUSTEF

There is a severe opposition to my work on immortality, as you know. Very quickly, the whole world will be involved. I'm far from budging under the pressure; the more pressure, the more resilient I become—it's the "mule effect." These days, I'm making numerous appearances in the media to explain my "Work," my Magnum Opus and its benefit for the human race.

TOM WAGNER

I was around, Professor; knowing that you would be passing by exactly at this time, I've decided to say hello to you and to set my watch by you; and of course, to learn more about the present status regarding your research on the

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TOM WAGNER (cont'd)

Faustefian immortals. I'm here with Doctor Jack Hillgrand. He's your guest.

FAUSTEF

Right! He's giving a seminar on the origin of life this afternoon. You'll be there?

TOM WAGNER

I will. Is Grace still as energetic and protective of you as I remember her being so?

FAUSTEF

Grace is the best secretary in the world.