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Importing H₂O from the Moon

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Techs required for this notebook: Rocketry. Turn to page 2.

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Sciencetown is in danger of a large H₂O shortage. H₂O from outside Sciencetown could be contaminated with the drone virus, so you can't just import H₂O from river outside the ScienceDome. It is widely known that there is some H₂O on the moon, though. You'll need to contact one of your LexBots in order to get it. Since you're already going to need to contact LexBots for your agriculture research, you should wait until your agriculture research allows you to contact your LexBots.

When you have a way to contact a LexBot, turn to page 3.

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Good. Now you'll need a LexBot to send to the moon. Contact a LexBot, and order it to come to Sciencetown. It will take 15 minutes to arrive. If you are already bringing in a LexBot for other purposes, you may be able to use that one. When you have an expendable LexBot in Sciencetown, turn to page 4.

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That is a slow LexBot. It will never be able to reach escape velocity and travel to the moon. You might be able to speed it up using a technique called Sciencepitch. You'll need to find someone who looks very strong. Hand them your slow LexBot and ask them to throw it across the room as hard as they can. If you shout "Science!" and spend 1 Science as they do this, your LexBot will become fast. If you do this, replace the word "Slow" on your LexBot card with the word "Fast." Then, turn to page 5.

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Required Technology: Rocketry

Now you will have to get your Fast LexBot to the moon. If you collide the LexBot into the moon fast enough, it will create a crater large enough to expose lots of frozen H₂O. To make your LexBot even faster, you will need to research Rocketry. Once you have done so, turn to page 6.

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Now you will need to fire off your rocket-powered LexBot! Go to the Satellite Room and roleplay setting up your LexBot for takeoff. Tell everyone in the area to duck, as this might cause some explosions. Then do a countdown and tell everyone what they see (a description of your LexBot taking off towards the moon). Tell them that a few seconds later, they see an explosion on the moon and a large splash. Then, tear up your Fast LexBot card and turn to page 7.

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You definitely saw a splash of H₂O up there! Now you must figure out how to get the H₂O to Sciencetown. Interview three scientists for 2 minutes each to help brainstorm. Ask them how they would get the H₂O from the moon to Earth.

You think that whatever you come up with, it will probably require another LexBot. Go to the Satellite room and tell another LexBot to come to Sciencetown.

Once these tasks have *both* been accomplished, turn to page 8.

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Hmm. Those were some interesting ideas. They have triggered a great idea – a tractor beam! A tractor beam could get the H₂O to Sciencetown. Every *fool* knows that tractor beams are made of lasers, and that they are generally blue. You'll need to find a source of blue laser photons. Once you have found this, turn to page 9.

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Once you have a LexBot and a source of blue laser photons, you must do two things. First, gather some blue photons from the RGB laser. Trap them in something opaque – your hand or a suit pocket should do. Then, use the particle collider to collide your LexBot with the photons. When you are done, you should have a LexBot capable of producing a tractor beam. When you have this, turn to page 10.

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In the interest of Scientific diligence, you must now look at the LexBot under a microscope to make sure the photons are attached. Once you have done this, turn to page 11.

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They look firmly attached! Great. Time to announce your amazing success to Sciencetown. Once you have done so, turn to page 12.

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You should now take your LexBot to TechSquare to set it up. Roleplay aiming the tractor beam at the moon, switch on the LexBot, and tell people what they see. Modify the LexBot item card to indicate that it now has a Sciencey blue tractor beam coming out of it and pointing at the moon. Congratulations, you have solved Sciencetown's H₂O problems!

The last thing you must do is present this proof of concept to Dr. Clayton Forrester.

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