WISE MEN SIDE

KASPAR

Melchior! Balthasar!

MELCHIOR and BALTHASAR come running in from opposite diagonals immersed in their primary sources. MELCHIOR carries a huge book and BALTHASAR carries charts.

MELCHIOR

Yes, Kaspar. Delving deeply!

BALTHASAR

About to break through!

MELCHIOR & BALTHASAR (over each other)

MELCHIOR: It will be Stunning! BALTHASAR: Smashing!

They collide and fall in a heap.

KASPAR

Collect yourselves! We must not lose a moment. We must find the star.

BALTHASAR
(scrambling)

The star?

MELCIOR

The star? Did you say the star?

BALTHASAR

Hmm, let me see—

MELCHIOR

It's got to be-

KASPAR

Well?

BALTHASAR
(Comes over to Kaspar's table)

I'll take a look-

MELCHIOR
(Follows)

Here in my book.

KASPAR

How am I supposed to find it, if I don't know where to look. But maybe, let me do some math. Take the stellar --

BALTHASAR

Take the stellar-

KASPAR

Composition.

MELCHIOR

Composition.

KASPAR

Add the orbit

BALTHASAR

Add the orbit

KASPAR

Of the earth.

MELCHIOR

Of the earth.

KASPAR

Square the distance

BALTHASAR

Square the distance

KASPAR

Of the angle

MELCHIOR

Of the angle.

KASPAR

Times the hyper-

BALTHASAR

Times the hyper-

KASPAR

--bolic force.

MELCHIOR

--bolic force.

KASPAR

Oh, regulate

MELCHIOR & BALTHASAR

Oh, regulate

KASPAR

The gravitation

MELCHIOR & BALTHASAR

The gravitation

KASPAR

And add a factor

MELCHIOR & BALTHASAR

And add a factor

KASPAR

We'll call fudge.

MELCHIOR & BALTHASAR

We'll call fudge.

MELCHIOR

Could we start from the beginning? I'm confused.

BALTHASAR

Please.