

Abort

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FADE IN:

INT. SPACESHIP, BRIDGE

CAPTAIN ELIAS stands center of his ship's bridge facing a wide-screen monitor of an ALIEN SHIP which dominates almost every inch of the viewer.

COMMANDER WILLIAMS stands to his right at a station analyzing data.

The ship's bridge has SEVERAL CREW located at various stations around the oval shaped deck, who all wear a black and silver uniform that separates them from their superiors who wear green and black.

The Captain signals to the Commander to cut the com, whilst he maintains a visual on the ship.

CAPTAIN ELIAS
We're not getting anywhere.

COMMANDER WILLIAMS
Maybe they've not come for a chat,
treat them as hostel?

CAPTAIN ELIAS
(Nods)
Raise shields.

The Alien Ship fires a rocket directly at the bow.

The Captain returns to his seat.

CAPTAIN ELIAS
Brace for impact!

The ship SHAKES, people lose their balance, FUSES blow. He turns to look at Commander Williams who nods and presses a button on the station.

CAPTAIN ELIAS
Red alert!

COMMANDER WILLIAMS
Abandon ship, evacuate immediately.

Commander Williams immediately leaves his station and stands next to the lift door and waits for the crew before entering.

CAPTAIN ELIAS
Computer, initiated self destruct
sequence, five minute count down.

COMPUTER
Self Destruct initiated.

BRIDGE

The Alien Ship fires another rocket. Captain Elias stands center of the bridge and makes a ship announcement.

CAPTAIN ELIAS
Abandon ship, make your way to the
escape pods. Aban-

The rocket hits it's target which shakes the ship and knocks Captain Elias off his feet. He smacks his head with a loud thud off the edge of the Captain's Chair behind him.

Blood tickles slowly down his neck. He gingerly touches his head then looks at his fingers before wiping them on his uniform.

He tries to stand up quickly but looks more like a drunk finding his feet.

CAPTAIN ELIAS
Aaa-baan d d don sh sh sh ip.

COMPUTER
Four minutes to self destruct.

LAUNCH BAY, ESCAPE PODS

Commander Williams stands at the entrance of the bay as people continue to pass through.

He furrows his brow in response to the captain's announcement.

He presses a button on an intercom next to the door.

COMMANDER WILLIAMS
Captain, are you okay? Are you
hurt?

A few moments pass, no response.

The ship's crew have stopped entering the bay. Commander Williams walks center of the bay looking left and right at the pods to check that each one's occupied.

He reaches the final two, checks his watch and stops. A slight smile brings an upbeat tone to his vice.

COMMANDER WILLIAMS
Three minutes thirty two.

He walks over to an intercom.

COMMANDER WILLIAMS
Captain, stop the self destruct
sequence, three minutes thirty
two. A new record.

SILENCE

COMPUTER
One minute to self destruct.

COMMANDER WILLIAMS
Captain, respond!

BRIDGE

Captain Elias slouches in his chair. He raises his head to Commander Williams distorted voice breaking intermittently over the intercom.

He presses a button on the arm of his chair.

CAPTAIN ELIAS
Com com com man man derr errr Wi
Wil liams.

COMPUTER
Thirty seconds to self destruct.

LAUNCH BAY, ESCAPE PODS

Commander Williams once happy grin turns to concern. He presses the intercom button once more.

COMMANDER WILLIAMS
Computer, what's wrong with the
captain?

COMPUTER
If I were you I'd escape now or
bend over and kiss your ass
goodbye.

Commander Williams shakes his head in disbelief.

COMMANDER WILLIAMS

Shit.

COMPUTER

Ten nine...

Commander Williams races to the pods looking through each window and sees each pod blasting away.

COMPUTER

Eight seven six...

Commander Williams reaches the last couple of pods and sees his last chance of escape, escape away from him.

COMPUTER

Five four three...

Commander Williams falls to his knees and closes his eyes.

COMMANDER WILLIAMS

Nooo!

BRIDGE

CAPTAIN ELIAS

Ab ba ba ba

COMPUTER

Two one.

SILENCE

EXT. SPACESHIP

The ship explodes into a million pieces with no Alien ship in sight.

FADE OUT.