

EXT. DEEP SPACE

The vast expanse of outer space. A gas giant glows in the foreground, luminous stars dot the background.

A lone vessel passes across our field of view, an advanced alien spacecraft.

INT. ALIEN SPACESHIP, COMMAND DECK

The deck has a familiar setup: a large observation window and holographic workstations populated by a crew of purple aliens that look like humanoid stick insects - they stand upright on sturdy legs, have four arms working their tech, antennae, and expressive, intelligent faces.

SALEEK(male,30) accompanied by **ELDER-SAREEK(male,70)** approach **COMMANDER SABUNO(female,50)**.

The commander is staring glumly out into space.

SALEEK

Commander Sabuno, wisest, bravest
and most honoured, I have the
report on Sector-19B.

The commander continues to stare.

COMMANDER SABUNO

Something more interesting than the
mass copulation on Dextos this
time, I hope.

Saleek looks sheepishly at Elder-Sareek who remains serenely Zen.

COMMANDER SABUNO (CONT'D)

I do believe this is the dullest
sector in the galaxy! 88A was
glorious..interplanetary wars,
cannibalistic black holes, not to
mention the marauding planktonic
worm-clouds!

She turns to Saleek and notices he has not come alone.

COMMANDER SABUNO (CONT'D)

(To Elder-Sareek)

Elder-Sareek, you too have come.

Her antennae stand upright.

COMMANDER SABUNO (CONT'D)

That can only mean one thing!

(To Saleek)

Well, Saleek, spit it out! Your report - just the good bits!

SALEEK

Yes Commander, wisest, bravest and most honoured. We have identified a D-class planet facing an extinction level event.

COMMANDER SABUNO

Splendid! Bravo! Some action at last!

Saleek projects a visual of our solar system from his handheld gizmo.

We see the planets in orbit around the sun. He points to a bright object passing Saturn. It looks tiny next to the giant planet.

SALEEK

This interstellar object is on a collision trajectory with the planet D-562.

The commander's antennae drop a little.

COMMANDER SABUNO

It's not very big. I can hardly see it.

SALEEK

Approximately a quarter of the size of the target. This is no ordinary object, Commander. It is composed of a super-dense mineral compound undergoing fusion at it's core. It spins like a pulsar and is moving at great velocity. It is lethal to any rocky planetary body in it's path.

The commander is impressed.

We see the object's pathway mapped to Earth.

SALEEK (CONT'D)

It will impact in 700 tri-ons destroying the planet and it's moon in a catastrophic Split-Crunch event.

We see the object impact Earth, tearing through it, splitting the planet in half, the halves split into pieces. The pieces move apart, consumed in catastrophic nuclear explosions, enveloping the moon.

SALEEK (CONT'D)

The Split.

The graphic continues, the pieces then smash together under the force of gravity, coalescing into a new molten mass.

SALEEK (CONT'D)

The Crunch.

The commander cannot contain her glee.

COMMANDER SABUNO

It will be spectacular to behold!

She smashes her two fists into corresponding palms.

Elder-Sareek clears his throat, the commander checks her grin.

COMMANDER SABUNO (CONT'D)

(To Saleek)

D-class planet, you say?

Saleek nods.

SALEEK

Very primitive.

COMMANDER SABUNO

(To Elder-Sareek)

Elder-Sareek, I trust you have council on our role in this matter?

Elder-Sareek speaks slowly with the wisdom of an ancient wizard.

ELDER-SAREEK

Wisest, bravest and most honoured Commander, this planet is the only one in the sub-sector with complex life. I have studied it in great depth. The planet is called 'Earth' by the dominant species, who call themselves 'Humans'. They are destructive creatures, technologically backward, environmental polluters, and have a tendency to resort to violence at every challenge.

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ELDER-SAREEK (CONT'D)
They seem obsessed with finding
life on other planets, but haven't
learned to communicate with the
other species on their own planet
and choose instead to subjugate and
uh--

He looks around the deck, and lowers his voice.

ELDER-SAREEK (CONT'D)
--Eat them.

A low gasp of horror circulates the bridge.

ELDER-SAREEK (CONT'D)
Here is my full report and
recommendations.

He and the commander knock heads. Sabuno's eyes dart back and
forth as if she is reading.

COMMANDER SABUNO
Disgusting. Appalling.
Unbelievable!

She turns to look directly at Elder-Sareek.

COMMANDER SABUNO (CONT'D)
Yet, Elder-Sareek, you suggest we
destroy the object and save Earth?

ELDER-SAREEK
Yes, wisest, bravest and most
hounoured Commander, I do. Despite
their tragic behaviour, 'Humans'
have a great capacity to love and
it is my belief that they will
eventually harmonise with all life
on the planet. It is encouraged by
their religions and codified in the
mantras of their most popular
cults.

He stands tall, clears his throat.

ELDER-SAREEK (CONT'D)
(Singing to the tune of
'Friends')
I'll be there for you, 'cos you're
there for me tooooo..

They all stand staring at Elder-Sareek.