

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 Dexxos 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 honoured 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.