

"The Landing 3: Parts Unknown"
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EXT. SPACE

We see the planet Earth.

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Suddenly, we see a dot coming from where Nova Scotia would be on the earth. The dot gets bigger and bigger until we see it is a Meldarian spaceship. The Meldarian ship zooms off the screen.

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Then, we see another dot coming from the same place. It grows until we see it is a Verekran Dreadnought. It zooms off the screen.

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FADE OUT

INT. MELDARIAN SHIP - BRIDGE

Pegasyro and Pirolinea are watching a news show, while the kids are looking at the view screen, which is currently showing a map of the Milky Way and the ship's current position and coordinates.

PEGASYRO

Pirolinea, activate hyperwarp corridor.

PIROLINEA

Salh, pavakh. (Yes, sir)

CAROLINE

I never realized how beautiful space is.

MICHAEL

It's nice now, but it won't be if we hit an asteroid.

JENNIFER

It's a good thing those Verekran things aren't near here!

ANDREW

I would hate to think what they would do with us!

The ship starts rumbling as it goes into the mini-wormhole.
PEGASYRO accidentally drops his drink on the floor.

PEGASYRO

I must go and locate the central sanitation hose. But first, here are your translation pieces. They function very similarly to our translators, so we will be able to communicate in whatever language we feel.

PEGASYRO gives each of the children a translator piece.
The Children put on their translators.
PEGASYRO leaves.

MICHAEL

I've never seen a newscast from another planet! I'm going to check it out.

The ship comes out of hyperwarp, right ahead of the Verekran ship.

PIROLINEA

(Annoyed)

Of all the places this malfunctioning malady of a warp system could take us, it had to take us right in front of the Verekran dreadnought, within shooting range, I might add!

MICHAEL walks over towards the view screen with the newscast, and slips on the spilled drink. As he tries to stabilize himself, he inadvertently pulls a lever. Alarms start ringing.

PIROLINEA

OH NO! You have deactivated the cloaking device! Now the Verekran will surely find us! *Taxa kxatii!*

PIROLINEA starts grumbling things in Meldarian, e.g. ("Clumsy Human", "Why are they so careless?" "Careless Alien!").

JENNIFER

Nice going! Now we're going to be found!

CAROLINE

(Whimpering)

We're gonna die, we're gonna die!!

ANDREW

Don't worry Caroline. I'm sure that we're going to be...

The ship rumbles as the Verekran Dreadnought fires a phaser

at it.

ANDREW (cont'd)
Maybe you're right. WE'RE GOING TO
DIE!!

PEGASYRO returns with a shop-vac-like device that links up to
a central sanitation system.

PEGASYRO
What on Meldaria happened?!

JENNIFER points at MICHAEL, points at the slippery drink,
then falls and pretends to pull the lever.
MICHAEL rolls his eyes.

PEGASYRO (cont'd)
Oh. I see. That accident would not
have happened if did not have our
ship's budget cut. We were planning to
put protective casing around certain
controls, but...

PEGASYRO is interrupted by PIROLINEA.

PIROLINEA
...But the Meldarian administration
denied our request so that they could
put opulent new executive chairs in
the senate!

PEGASYRO
We have no time for this babble! We
must look at the present to solve this
crisis, not look at the past!
(To the children)
We never asked for your identities.
What are they?

The children say their names.

PEGASYRO
Excellent! Now that that little matter
is cleared up, I will each assign you
a position. Andrew, you will watch the
interactive map and give us coordinate
updates. Michael, you will give us
status updates. Jennifer, you can rest
for now, and Caroline you can work in
the food preparation area. Our
computer display systems will be
translated into your language so that
you can understand them.

CAROLINE
Hey, Jenny...

JENNIFER
For the millionth time, will you stop
calling me Jenny!

CAROLINE
(Annoyed)
Okay, fine, fine, fine! Now *Jennifer*,
want to trade jobs?

JENNIFER
(Hesitates)
Well...if you clean my room for two
weeks.

CAROLINE
(Insistent)
One week.

JENNIFER
12 days.

CAROLINE
Deal!

JENNIFER exits, and CAROLINE sits down.

CAROLINE
(Relaxed)
Ah...this is the life!
(Snores)

MICHAEL
(Professional)
Shields at 50 percent damage. All
other systems A-OK.

PEGASYRO
Activate whatever shields we have left.

PIROLINEA activates a control.

EXT. MELDARIAN SHIP
We see the shields go up.

INT. VEREKRAN SHIP - BRIDGE
DZOKZHO is sitting in his seat. Both are speaking in
Verekran.

DZOKZHO
WHAT! I thought that we had disabled
their shields! And why are we going at
50 percent power?!

TSASHDEQ
Power was overloaded when we broke

through earth's atmospheric border
without using the shields.

DZOKZHO

(Angry)

Why would you do a thing like that?

TSASHDEQ

(Annoyed)

I did it on your instructions, sir.
Perhaps it should be I who is asking
you that question.

DZOKZHO is clearly annoyed.

DZOKZHO

Don't. In any case...we must stop the
Meldarians from reaching their home
planet.

TSASHDEQ

Why?

DZOKZHO

(Annoyed)

Because, if we did not, then our
administration would not be very
happy, would they?

TSASHDEQ

I still do not understand.

DZOKZHO takes a deep breath, then starts to explain.

DZOKZHO

You know that 25 years ago, the
Verekran Alliance finished the
colonization project on Kalabar.
Well, ever since then, we have been
researching and scanning known space
for a new planet. Recently, we found
a planet called Gaia, which was
perfect for colonization, but we
discovered that a race known as the
Humans already inhabited it, *and* it
was also protected by the Meldarians.
The search continued, and we found,
mere weeks ago, that another Verekran
ship, the *Da-tsytsa-takh*, had
discovered the perfect planet. Its
coordinates are 5001.92. Our
government took the ensuing request
to the interstellar conference
shortly thereafter. All of the
delegates voted in our favour, *except*
the Meldarians. Apparently, they have

a nature reserve there. You know the senate's policy on colonizing a planet. All members must vote in your favour. So here we are today, blaming the Meldarians for 25 years of pain.

TSASHDEQ

I understand, sir.

INT. MELDARIAN SHIP - BRIDGE

ANDREW

They're getting closer!

PEGASYRO

Attempt to activate hyperwarp.

PIROLINEA

Right away!

The ship rumbles, then a loud ZAP! Can be heard.

PEGASYRO

What happened?

MICHAEL

Apparently, that last hyperwarp attempt shorted out the power. We are running on emergency power.

PIROLINEA groans, and then lowers his head, as if annoyed and nervous.

PEGASYRO

Pirolinea, this is no time to get nervous. You must be brave, *but not* like you were in cadet training.

PIROLINEA

(Annoyed)

You just had to bring that up!

PEGASYRO

What is our maximum speed?

MICHAEL

Maximum speed is 2.5 Terraknots.

PEGASYRO

Then go at that speed.

PIROLINEA

Yes, *pavaxh*.

(Yes, sir.)

ANDREW

I wouldn't recommend it. Just look

outside!

PEGASYRO

Computer, exterior view screen.

Everyone looks at the view screen. The view screen shows an asteroid belt.

JENNIFER comes out with a plate of cookies.

JENNIFER

Look what I made!

Suddenly the ship starts rattling.

CAROLINE wakes up.

CAROLINE

What did I miss?

ANDREW

I wouldn't look out now, but we're being sucked in by a wormhole!

PIROLINEA

Hyperwarp systems have just come online. A corridor is forming.

MICHAEL

Power is approaching zero percent. It appears that the wormhole is sucking up our power.

Dramatic music starts to play, building up and up AND UP UNTIL...

Everything goes black.

Voice of MICHAEL

It appears that we have no power.

Voice of CAROLINE

That's a no-brainer!

Voice of ANDREW

We should be in the wormhole in three...two...one...

Rumbling noises start.

Voice of ANDREW (cont'd)

...Now.

INT. VEREKRAN SHIP - BRIDGE

DZOKZHO

What is the latest status report on the Meldarians?

TSASHDEQ
Apparently, they have activated their
stardrive.

DZOKZHO
I see. Set course for star Epsilon
Eridani. But first, make a stop at the
nearest Verekran base so we can bring
a welcoming committee with us.

INT. MELDARIAN SHIP - BRIDGE

After a few seconds, we can see again.
JENNIFER's cookies are all over the floor in crumbs.

PIROLINEA
It appears that we have gotten our
power back.

MICHAEL
Those cookies look like something from
Yakagonzargoles!

ANDREW
Don't mention that word.

PEGASYRO
What is this..Yakagonzargoles place?

ANDREW
You don't want to know!

CAROLINE
Hey, look! We're approaching a
landmass!

PIROLINEA
That looks like a good place to make
repairs. Activate landing gear.

EXT. SPACE
We see the Meldarian ship approach a planet.

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The Rest of the opening credits roll.

EXT. DESOLATED PLANET
In between and at the bottom of two long canyons, the camera
watches the Meldarian Ship fly in-between the canyons.

EXT. TOP OF MELDARIAN SHIP
The camera, now in a first person view at the front of the
Meldarian ship, is showing a breathtaking flyby of the
planet.

EXT. PLANET

From the ground, the camera watches the Meldarian ship land on the rocky planetoid.

INT. MELDARIAN SHIP - KITCHEN

The camera pans along a shelf full of oddities and doodads, and then rotates to see JENNIFER, who is mixing up ingredients in a bowl.

A beep noise causes JENNIFER to pick up a microphone.

JENNIFER

Yes?

VOICE OF ANDREW

Could I have some water, please?

JENNIFER

What type? We've got...

JENNIFER says a list of many waters. Halfway through, the camera cuts to ANDREW, who is in the bridge wearing a headset and looking annoyed as JENNIFER continues to list the types of water they have. On the last water name, the camera cuts back to JENNIFER.

JENNIFER

Unfortunately, those are the only types of waters we have.

INT. MELDARIAN SHIP - BRIDGE

For this segment, the camera cuts back and forth between ANDREW and JENNIFER.

ANDREW rolls his eyes.

ANDREW

I'll just have that...uh...28th one you said.

JENNIFER

All right...Zalubrian Frottle Water it is!

ANDREW

Zalubrian? Frottle Water?

JENNIFER

I'll send it right up...if I can find it.

There is a click on ANDREW'S side as JENNIFER disconnects the line.

ANDREW takes off his headset and walks back towards where PEGASYRO, PIROLINEA, and MICHAEL are looking at a 3D hologram of the planet.

MICHAEL

If we want to find resources, I suggest we go to that forest over there.

MICHAEL points at a spot on the hologram.

PIROLINEA
(Frustrated)

No, no, no! If we want to have *any* hope of finding *any* Ytterbium, we must mine under that mountain!

PEGASYRO

The boy has a point, Pirolinea. Perhaps you may have forgotten that our mining tools were destroyed beyond repair after going through the asteroid belt before we arrived on earth.

MICHAEL

But I thought that Ytterbium had no uses!

PIROLINEA

It has more uses than you think it does!

ANDREW

I have two questions. First of all, why is there a sustainable ecosystem on a desolated planet, and second of all, what is a Zalubrian?

PEGASYRO

Computer, information file 970456.

The view screen shows an information file with various graphics and text.

PEGASYRO

The Zalubrians. They live on a planet fairly far from Meldaria. They are very patriotic.

PEGASYRO (Cont'd)

That is the answer to your second question. But I am unable to answer your first question.

PIROLINEA

Need I remind you, *pavaxh*, that we have a fistulicomm meeting with the Fleet Pramtu in five *si-keelatypa*?

PEGASYRO

Oh, yes. Humans, please stay here
while we have a short meeting.

PEGASYRO and PIROLINEA leave.
CAROLINE enters.

CAROLINE

This ship is the coolest! They've got
over 900 TV channels, and over 1200
radio stations!

MICHAEL

(Whispering to ANDREW)

Caroline sure has gotten used to this.
She went from not believing in 'alien
nonsense' to loving it!

ANDREW

Well, she might be taking it all in
right now, but let's just see what
happens when she gets spacesick!

ANDREW and MICHAEL chuckle.

CAROLINE

I heard that!

CAROLINE chases MICHAEL and ANDREW around the bridge a few
times, but then stops as a loud 'beep' sounds.

MICHAEL

Pegasyro told me that that means that
someone's trying to hail us.

ANDREW

Should we get it?

CAROLINE

(Sarcastic, then Serious)

Hello! This could be anybody! I don't
care if it's the intergalactic pizza
delivery guy, but I don't think we
should get that!

ANDREW

(Whining)

But it would be so cool to talk to
aliens!

MICHAEL

(Serious)

I think Caroline has a point. This
could be a hostile race, the Verekran,
the Zalubrians, the Kavrithalians, or
maybe it is a pizza delivery guy.

Maybe he's even from Yakagonzargoles!

ANDREW

Let's not even think of that! Oh, I
can't help it!

ANDREW waves his hand over a switch, which opens the Channel
to the Verekran.

DZOKZHO

(In Verekran, angry)

You cannot hide from us for very long,
pavaxh Pegasyro of the Meldarian
Preserver!

ANDREW

What did he say?

MICHAEL

I'm going to try to access the ship's
translation systems.

MICHAEL goes over to the communications console and fiddles
with the translation system.

CAROLINE

(Scared, but confident)

Why do you keep trying to kill us?

ANDREW

Yeah, why don't you blow up someone
your own size!

DZOKZHO

You Earthlings are the same size as us!

ANDREW

Arrgghh!

MICHAEL

Why are you being so hostile towards
us?

DZOKZHO

We are normally very peaceful. But
your annoying friends the Meldarians
won't let us expand to another planet!
We are angered at them because we feel
that they are trying to keep us from
becoming the great civilization that
we want to be!

MICHAEL

Have you ever talked about it to them?

DZOKZHO

(Angry)
Why should we keep talking to them?
They have caused us 25 years of pain!

ANDREW
Have you been to see a doctor?

ANDREW starts laughing, but when he realizes that no one is laughing with him, he stops.

DZOKZHO
(Furious)
This is no time to be funny,
earthling!

DZOKZHO pauses to see what the effect of his words have on the children. There are no reactions.

DZOKZHO (CONT'D)
Mark my words, earthlings! You
haven't seen the last of me! Till we
meet again.

There is a "beep" as the view screen goes blank.

CAROLINE
That guy scares me.

ANDREW
"Weird" was more the word I was
looking for.

JENNIFER Enters.

JENNIFER
What did I miss?

ANDREW, CAROLINE and MICHAEL give JENNIFER a serious look.

CUT TO:

INT. MELDARIAN SHIP - BRIDGE

The camera follows MICHAEL as he paces around the bridge.

MICHAEL
...And he said that the Meldarians
caused them 25 years of pain!

PEGASYRO
Perhaps we have. But we do have a good
reason why.

JENNIFER
And what reason is that?

PEGASYRO
You will learn when it is time.

PIROLINEA enters.

PIROLINEA
I have good news, *pavaxh*. Shields are
100% functional.

PEGASYRO
Good! Now...

MICHAEL
But you didn't fix the landing gear?

Everyone looks at MICHAEL.

PIROLINEA
I beg your pardon?

MICHAEL
The landing gear was destroyed on
landing.

PIROLINEA
(Angry)
I wish somebody had told me that!

MICHAEL
Sorry.

ANDREW, who is looking at his map console, turns around with
a nervous expression on his face.

ANDREW
(Nervous)
I hate to tell you this, but uh...um...

PIROLINEA
Just spit it out!

ANDREW
(Nervous, with sarcasm)
Our ship is right above a geological
fault line, which is about to break
open in 25 earth minutes!

PIROLINEA
(Furious)
WHY DIDN'T SOMEBODY TELL ME!!!!

ANDREW
(Annoyed)
Because, I only found out 5 earth
seconds ago!

PEGASYRO

Okay everyone; we've got a lot of work ahead of us. A landing gear repair normally takes about 30 earth minutes, so...

CAROLINE

(Scared)

WE'VE GOT TO WORK OUR HEADS OFF!!

From this point, there is no audio. The only thing we can hear is hectic and dramatic MUSIC. We will occasionally see shots of various SCREENS aboard ship, bearing a TIMER DISPLAY in English and Meldarian, which counts down from 25 minutes. Shouting and hurrying on the part of the characters is visible. A series of DISSOLVES and OPTICALS will reveal the following scenes:

24:56: PIROLINEA Leaves to get supplies.

22:34: PEGASYRO activates the shields.

19:22: MICHAEL realizes that some of the landing systems are still operational.

16:32: ANDREW watches the fault line start to form.

14:29: PIROLINEA returns with supplies.

10:09: The ship starts to rumble.

8:45: CAROLINE faints of fright.

5:00: The status screen shows the repairs to be 65% complete.

3:31: The repairs are 100% complete.

2:09: The fault line starts to break open the planet's surface.

0:59: After some confusion, the take off sequence starts.

0:16: Slow motion is used as the camera cuts to each person turning their heads to the camera.

0:01: The ship takes off just as the fault line opens. Phew!

We can now hear the audio again.

ANDREW

Phew! That was a close one!

JENNIFER

(Sarcastic)

Oh yeah!

EXT. SPACE

We see the Meldarian Ship fly away as magma spreads over the planet.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. MELDARIAN SHIP -- BRIDGE

ANDREW is looking at the map.

ANDREW

Land ho!

A big planet is visible in the distance. We can see many glowing lights on it.

JENNIFER
Don't you mean planet ho?

ANDREW
This is land, right?

JENNIFER
Whatever.

We see the Meldarian Ship heading towards the planet. The camera zooms out to see a number of Verekran Ships outside of the planet's atmosphere.

INT. VEREKRAN SHIP - BRIDGE

A number of Verekran are in DZOKZHO's ship.

DZOKZHO
(In Verekran, subtitled)
Quiet everyone, please. Thank you. I want you all on your best behaviours for tonight's diplomatic dinner on Meldaria. Tsashdeq and I will be at the dinner table, and I would like all of you to guard the hallways and listen and watch for anything suspicious. I am determined to find a way to get *Pavaxh* Pegasyro to give us that planet.

A number of people saying "Yes, sir" can be heard.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. MELDARIAN CITY -- LANDING BAYS

We can see the Meldarian Ship landing at a busy docking centre. As soon as the ship lands, a transport pod arrives. We see the children and PEGASYRO and PIROLINEA getting in to the Pod.

INT. TRANSPORT POD

PEGASYRO
(Command-like)
Meldarian command, central sector.

There is a "whirr" and a "click" as the sound of a motor starts. Through the windows of the pod, we can see the sights of the Meldarian City go by.

PEGASYRO (Cont'd)

I assume that you are wondering why I
am taking you to Meldarian central
command.

The children nod their heads.

PEGASYRO

Well, I thought it would be good for
you to see the Fleet Pramtu before
tonight's dinner of nations. You are
the delegates for earth, you know.

