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1 EXT. PLANET ANTARES ORBIT - SPACE

1

A distant star system, Beta Sirius, far from earth - an orange sun, roughly two dozen planets, most of them gas bubbles or dead rock.

Antares - the only life supporting planet, circled by twin moons.

A scarlet glow sweeps across a gleaming spacecraft - in orbit over Antares' windswept desert surface -

A Star Shuttle - metal skin scarred by its long trans system voyage - lettering just readable: EARTH STAREX 401.

2 INT. MOVING SPACE SHUTTLE - SPACE

2

COMMANDER ADAM WADE, 30's, rugged good looks, turns to engineer/navigator JAKE CARPENTER, an African-American -

ADAM

Come on, Jake - there's got to be something down there! Gimme some readings.

Jake shakes his head in bitter frustration -

JAKE

Lower atmosphere radiation levels are too high. Without ground boosters we can't even detect an elephant.

ADAM

Still nothing from the base?

JAKE

Nope. White noise on all frequencies. Either they're dead, out to lunch, or...

ADAM

Or what?

JAKE

Just not in the mood to talk to us.

ADAM

After 900 years of no contact with earth? Who would've thought?

(beat)

Let's take a closer look.

He keys a landing path into his flight console.

Depressed, Jake glares at the barren landscape on his ViewScreen.

JAKE
I always said...

ADAM
... deep space colonization is a bad idea. I know. But from where I stand, the fact that we spread the human gene pool that far into the galaxy is actually a good thing.

JAKE
You're gonna tell them why we are here?

ADAM
(beat)
Not right away. I want to assess the situation first.

JAKE
What's to assess? Down there is probably mankind's last hope. If they don't play along, we're all royally screwed.

Adam tries to distract his partner.

ADAM
Stand by for entry.

3 EXT. PLANET ANTARES ORBIT - SPACE 3

The ship noses into the radiation charged atmosphere.

Metal skin glowing, it rockets down toward the red clouds that boil over the desert below.

4 INT. MOVING STAR SHUTTLE - DAY 4

The ship vibrates wildly. Suddenly, ALARMS BLARE, instruments go haywire!

Adam and Jake try to restore control, fingers flying over their flight consoles.

ADAM
Tell me you can fix this!

JAKE
Radiation knocked out all the NAV systems!

(MORE)

JAKE(cont'd)

Entry program's off line!
Remember flight school - manual
steering?

Adam grabs the control yoke that pops out of the console in front of him.

ADAM

Like riding a bull. Hold tight!

Adam and Jake quickly strap down in their seats. The shaking gets worse, the shuttle sounds like it's going to fall to pieces.

JAKE

I doubt that crashing into their
front yard will make us popular
with the colonists!

5 EXT. PLANET ANTARES ATMOSPHERE - DAY 5

Superheated by atmospheric friction, lettering melts off the Shuttle's glowing surface!

The ship noses straight down!

6 INT. MOVING STAR SHUTTLE - DAY 6

Adam hauls back on his bucking control yoke.

ADAM

I've got to bring the nose up -
burn forward thrusters!

They reach for their keypads as he counts down -

JAKE

3 - 2 - 1 - BURN!

They both hit their power controls!

7 EXT. PLANET ANTARES ATMOSPHERE - DAY 7

The ship's forward jets flame up with a ROAR.

8 INT. MOVING STAR SHUTTLE - DAY 8

ADAM

One last time, baby, one last
time.

On their ViewScreens, the rocky peaks rush up at them!

JAKE
Still too steep, Adam!

9 EXT. ANTARES SKY - DAY 9

Coming in low, the Shuttle paints a flaring white trail across billows of red cloud!

Its dive levels off, less than a quarter mile above the rocky hills!

10 EXT. HILLSIDE - DAY 10

The Space Shuttle screams in low over a jagged ridge.

11 INT. MOVING STAR SHUTTLE - DAY 11

Adam struggles with his controls.

ADAM
Jake - skids down!

JAKE
(seeing the ground
through the window)
That's gonna hurt.

He keys the skids - they brace for impact.

12 EXT. HILLSIDE - DAY 12

The Shuttle's landing skids deploy from ship's belly.

They smack the desert - the ship bounces back into the air.

It slams down on the rocks again, skidding across the valley in clouds of dust.

13 INT. MOVING STAR SHUTTLE - DAY 13

Adam and Jake hang on - the Shuttle rocks and rolls!

Shattered panels fly, shards of metal and plastic whiz across the cabin.

Control circuits explode in showers of sparks, smoke billows through the shattered deck.

ADAM
One last time, baby!