

"Push forward". General Bavarian yells, yet over the constant explosions and thickening fog nobody hears his command.

"We need to go now!" Commander Cole yells back.

"We have the advantage, we can't stop now." The general says. Just then a huge starship springs out of hyperspace. For a few seconds the battlefield is completely silent and then there is chaos. The humans, in their oxygen masks and heavily armored bodies, sprint towards their only retreat.

In the command center of the alien starship sits general Hemerald, an alien general feared throughout the galaxy as one of the most skilled generals of all time. He waits, then gives the signal. "Fire."

From the sky, General Bavarian sees the line of fire through the cloudy sky and yells in despair "Run!!" But it is too late

Thousands of miles away all Jack can hear is a faint boom, followed by a louder one, and a louder one, and then "BOOM!!!" Jack is violently thrown around and he tries to scramble out of his house high up in the cloudy now dark sky. He makes it to his balcony and looking up he can see a slowly approaching shadow bigger than anything he has ever seen. Panicking, Jack runs back into his house through the broken wood and shattered plates. He throws open his front door and runs down toward the elevator only to see that it is broken. Frantically, he sprints down 23 flights of stairs.

To Jack's surprise he sees a huge army of half demon-half robot aliens marching straight toward him. Staring in shock at the massive army heading his way he suddenly heard a whisper from the building next to him. "Quickly come over here." Following the noise he was startled to see one of the aliens peering at him from the edge of the building. Studying the creature's face he could see that the alien was smaller and kinder than the aliens still coming closer. "Follow me,"

the little alien says. With a few seconds of hesitation Jack makes up his mind and decides to follow the little alien.

"Hey, what's your name?" Jack asks.

"I am Ruffnut." The alien replies. As they make their way towards the center of the city Jack becomes surprised to see no other humans on the walk to the central city. Jack asks

"Where are you from?"

"I am from Zoran." Replies Ruffnut.

"What is that planet like?" Jack asks.

"It was full of flowers and beaches, it was covered with beautiful gardens and was full of life, until they came. Ruffnut replies with a sigh. Just then Jack sees something move on the buildings above.

"Whatch out!!" Jack yells as he grabs Ruffnut and tumbles to the ground, just in time to dodge the burning spot of lava only inches away.

"RUN!!" Ruffnut screams as they sprint toward the nearest building. Blaster fire erupts as Jack and Ruffnut hide behind the tall building.

"We have to make it to the escape pods!" Jack yells. Ruffnut nods in agreement. "3,2,1, go!" They sprint toward the next building barely missing the hundreds of blaster bolts aimed at them.

"We are almost there!" Jack says over the blaster fire. They sprint toward the escape pods and open the hatch just in time as a heap of molten lava slowly slides off the protective glass of the escape pod. "Punch it!" Jack yells as Ruffnut smashes down hard on the blast off button. For a moment nothing happens, but then "ZOOM!" Jack and Ruffnut get blasted into the sky. "Holy Cow, that was very close!" Jack exclaims as they rocket into space.

“ We are not safe yet.” Ruffnut replies slowly. Jack looks up from the control panel to see a giant grey spaceship approaching above them. “ Fly away!” Ruffnut says. But it is too late, the large spaceship pulls them in with its ultra strong tractor beam. Smaller, one passenger spaceships surround them, guns ready to blast them to shreds.

“ You are surrounded!” A giant voice booms at them. Slowly, Jack and Ruffnut float into the giant fighter ship.

“ What do we do now?” Jack asks terrified.

“ We are going to have to escape, but not right now.” Ruffnut answers, a confident look in his eye. Their small ship finally enters the enemy ship and is immediately strapped down to the floor by a magnetic pulling device. Their ship door opens and two of the demon-like aliens step in covered in more than 60 types of blasters, knives, and bombs.

“ Come with me.” one of the aliens orders.

Jack’s prison cell was dark, moldy, and covered in bones of past inmates.

“ What do we do now?” Jack asks.

“ Be quiet for a second.” Ruffnut says searching around the cell.

“ It's no use.” A ruff voice says from across the hall. Jack looking over sees a human man about 6’7 feet tall covered in scars and hair. Jack instantly remembers who he is

“ Your General XsEt.” Jack exclaims.

“I was.” The General replies grunting. “ Now I’ve been left in this cell to rot.”

“ AHA!” Ruffnut yells in glee as he opens the cell door. “How do you do that?” Jack asks in shock.

“ I used to be a ....., don't worry about it I will tell you later if we get out of this mess.” Ruffnut says as he opens General XsEt’s cell as well. “ In all my years in this dark dungeon I have never seen a more talented lock picker.” The General says, also shocked.

“Thank you.” Ruffnut replies sheepishly.

“Ok, enough chit chat, how do we get out of here?” Jack asks.

“ Follow me, and be quiet!”

They sneak through the dungeon hallway creeping past guards and hiding behind walls every 30 seconds. When Jack finally makes it out of the dungeon he sees two other guards protecting the exit. “ Quick get in the vents.” XsEt whispers as he opens the vent door.

“Are you sure that's safe?” Jack asks, eyeing the vent suspiciously.

“ There's no time.” Ruffnut says as he climbs into the vent. Reluctantly, Jack follows with XsEt right behind him.

“ It's so dirty here.” Jack says, coughing a little bit.

“ Be quiet or we are going to end up in that even dirtier cell, or worse.” XsEt says in a hushed voice. As they crawl through the vents Jack could hear many aliens talking, yelling, and fighting each other. “ Over here.” XsEt says when they reach a fork in the vent.

“ How do you know where to go?” Jack asks.

“ I've tried to escape from here numerous times, sometimes the aliens got mad and ..... That's why I am the only one left.” XsEt says as he crawls through the long forgotten vents.

“ Hey what was that?” One of the aliens below asks his partner.

“ Nothing, I think you're hearing things.” The other alien replies. All three of them freeze until the aliens walk away.

“ That was close.” Jack sighs as the aliens walk away. General XsEt comes to a stop.

“ Down here, but be quick” XsEt pushes us aside and opens the vent. “Go!” he says. Jack and Ruffnut jump down from the vent and sprint toward the nearest corner, XsEt does the same right behind them.

“ Ok, now where do we go?” Jack asks.

“ We need to blow up the ship.” XsEt replies.

“What!?” Jack asks. “That was not what I was expecting.”

“Don’t worry, it's totally safe.” XsEt replies.“ all you have to do is get to the escape pods, I can handle myself.”

“What are you going to do, and what part of blowing a ship up is safe?” Ruffnut asks.

“ It doesn’t matter, now quick go, the escape pods are just around the corner.” Doing as he says Ruffnut and Jack rush over to the escape pods, but one of the passing aliens sees them out of the corner of his eye. “ This can't be. The prisoners are free, the prisoners are free.” He yells at the top of his lungs.

“ Run!” Ruffnut cries, and they sprint toward the escape pods. However, General XsEt remains hidden and sneaks away toward the front of the ship. A loud booming voice shouts

“ Security Breach, Security Breach!!!” Jack and Ruffnut sprint into the escape pod and turn on the vessel, bringing it to life. “Whoa! Is it just me or are these escape pods purposely made to make you vomit?”

“ Don't worry I got this.” Ruffnut says as he takes over the controls and jolts the escape pod out of the spaceship.

“ What about General XsEt?” Jack asks.

“ He knows how to handle himself and he knows what must be done.” Ruffnut answers.

A few seconds after finally getting the ship under control, Jack can see a dozen fighter spaceships zooming away from the giant cruiser.

“We got company.” Jack says.

“ Ok, you are going to have to be the gunner.” Ruffnut says. Just then there is a giant “BOOOOOOOOOM!!!!” and the whole pod shakes. “What was that?” Ruffnut asks, looking over.

“Oh boy.” Jack says in shock as he sees the giant chunks of ship debris floating around. “The ship, it just exploded.” Jack says.

“What about General XsEt? Do you see any escape pods or small aircraft?” Ruffnut asks.

“ I..... I think he's dead.” Jack says solemnly. “ But he did not die in vain, thanks to that explosion now those aliens can't destroy any more planets.” Jack says, trying to be optimistic. Despite that Ruffnut burst into tears, face in his palms. “Whats wrong?” Jack asks curiously.

“ It's that.....It's that the Morian, the aliens we have been fighting against, they rule not just your planet and my planet, they rule the whole galaxy, your planet was the last one left, now they have conquered the whole galaxy and that means that everything just got a lot harder.”

Far away in a spaceship much bigger than any planet sits a general and an alien war lord who has the power to wipe out entire solar systems with a snap of his finger, this monster is called Dune.

“Sir, we have received a signal that one of our juvenile cruisers has been destroyed in sector 76, planet CW6. What should we do?” The nervous general asks, his heart pounding.

“Is it the resistance?” a gruff voice answers.

“ I believe so sir.”

“ Then send planet X20.” the war lord says, as though it was nothing.

“I am very sorry sir but do you say planet X20?”

“ Did you not hear me, I will not repeat myself again.”

“ I heard you sir, it is just that planet X20 would obliterate the planet.”

“Is that not obvious, If it is the resistance we must crush them when they are exposed.”

“ But sir, Planet CW7 has very valuable minerals, crystals, and metals for our fleet. Using planet X20 would mean putting all these valuable resources to waste.”

“ Did I not make myself clear to you *General Spitz*, I said that I would not repeat myself, so if you care so much about this planet, then why don't you go visit it. Guards! Send this pitiful *General* to planet CW7, and make sure he gets there before planet X20, if you go late there will be nothing left of his *valuable* planet.” The warlord scoffs, rising to his full height of 41 feet.

“ No please I beg you, please I did not mean to be rude.” The general cries, as the heavily armored guards drag him across the floor with one hand.

“ I do not mean to be rude either, pitiful disgraceful *general*. And once that pitiful planet is crushed along with you and the resistance I will have full control over the galaxy, meaning that the ritual has begun!” And after that the mighty war lord gave a booming terrifying laugh that would break the ears of any human, bird, or mouse.

“ No please please have mercy great war lord Dune conqueror of worlds, killer of planets, please please have mercy.” The General Cries.

“ I will tell you one thing *General*,” Dune replies. “ and that one thing is *mercy is for the weak*.”

