

DRAGONQUEST

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FADE IN:

EXT. SPACESTATION ON AN ALIEN PLANET - DAWN (DAY 1)

We slowly revolve around a highly technologically advanced spaceship. Through tinted glass we view obscured shadows of its occupants.

[An unrecognizable murmur is created by the crew in anticipation of their departure. The Occupants speak a strange language, translation is available on the screen.]

ZHARIC (V.O.)

It's long past time I introduced our newest and youngest members to the crew.

BRUXLUS (V.O.)

Do you think the younglings are ready for this?

ZHARIC (V.O.)

They don't understand the dangers of wormhole travel and I think it's best we keep it that way.

MOBOLUS (V.O.)

You were wise to keep the younglings a secret from the rest of the crew. It would've been a distraction during training.

ZHARIC (V.O.)

I never wanted to include them but we can't ignore the facts. If we're unable to reopen a wormhole a young crew would be crucial in the event of a long voyage home.

[Moving away from the ship we lose focus, (*technically there is no need to lose focus since this is a computer animated script but I felt it added realism to the language deciphering*) as focus is reacquired the verbal alien communication is in English with translation removed from the bottom of screen.]

CUT TO:

INT. DRAGON SHIP

We enter through a window and focuses on cuddles (These 3 "cuddles" have large eyes, a small beak, fluffy fur and wings. Their colors are yellow, white, and pastel blue. They are robotic pets for a child and are approximately one foot in diameter).

SHAYBHA, SALIZE and ZEEKROK have gathered.

SHAYBHA (O.S.)

Ok Salize, it's time to turn off you Cuddles.

SALIZE (O.S.)

C'mon cuddles, I need everyone to get in the travelling case.

All 3 cuddles fly into the bag. We remain focused on the bag as the cuddles bounce around.

ZEEKROK (O.S.)

Mom, do you think we'll see any aliens?

SHAYBHA (O.S.)

I don't know, but wouldn't that be an extraordinary experience?

ZEEKROK (O.S.)

It sure would.

SALIZE (O.S. WHISPERS TO HER CUDDLES)

Please extend your power switch.  
Passcode is 56734.

Salize reaches down and powers off each Cuddle. As she does we capture her finger.

SALIZE (O.S.)

All set mom, they won't bother anyone during lift off.

SHAYBHA (O.S.)

Thank you Salize. Keep them packed away and turned off until I tell you otherwise.

SALIZE (O.S. WHISPERS TO HER BAG)

The cuddles and I are very excited to be travelling into outer space.

SHAYBHA (O.S.)

So am I Salize, so am I.

CUT TO:

EXT. DRAGON SHIP

Faint images are barely visible through tinted glass.

ZHARIC (V.O.)

This is your last opportunity to  
abandon this mission.

As you all know wormhole exploration is  
a recent discovery and unpredictable at  
best. We are only the second crew to  
enter a wormhole, the first mission a  
failure, the crew never heard from  
again.

Everyone here deserves to know why I'm  
asking you to join me on this dangerous  
mission... a mission which is far more  
urgent than the public has been led to  
believe (pause). Our planet is dying.  
Pollution has already deteriorated our  
atmosphere beyond recovery. If a new  
inhabitable planet is not found within  
2 years then millions of lives will be  
lost.

You are all aware why you were chosen:  
you're the best and the brightest.  
Leave now, and I will not judge you  
poorly.

No one relinquishes their post.

ZHARIC (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Thank you all. Shaybha, it's time to  
bring in your younglings.

Shaybha enters the cabin with Zeekrok and Salize at her  
side.

[Zeekrok is the equivalent of a 10yr old boy on earth,  
Salize is the equivalent of a 6yr old girl.]

ZHARIC (V.O.)

I would like to introduce Shaybha's  
younglings: Zeekrok and Salize. They  
will be joining us.

MIZVAKYE (V.O.)

Captain, do not question my loyalty but  
why must we include children on this  
mission?

ZHARIC (V.O.)

It has always been my intention to include them. Probes sent through our wormhole have not returned. It's feasible a wormhole to this galaxy is one directional. At maximum speed it will take over 300 years to return without wormhole travel. Cryogenic chambers will preserve our crew during the voyage home but we must rotate shifts.

ZEEKROK (V.O.)

When do I get to navigate the ship?

ZHARIC (V.O.) (LAUGHING)

We'll talk once you shed your adolescent scales.

SALIZE (V.O.)

What about me?

ZHARIC (V.O.)

Same goes for you Salize.

ZHARIC (V.O.)

Now, let's take our seats and prepare for liftoff.

CUT TO:

EXT. SPACESHIP LAUNCH PAD

The spaceship lifts-off and we have a full view of the ship's futuristic features and the magnificent alien city it leaves behind.

EXT. OUTER ATMOSPHERE

As the ship departs the atmosphere we capture a glimpse of an alien planet overwhelmed with pollution.

A short distance from the planet the ship opens a wormhole. After a moment of hesitation the ship enters the wormhole. We enjoy spectacular visual effects during the trip.

BEGIN TITLES

SONG PLAYS AS TITLES FLASH ALONG BOTTOM OF SCREEN. MAJORITY OF SCREEN SHOWS THE SHIP TRAVELLING THROUGH THE WORMHOLE (A SUPERNATURAL LOOKING ROLLER COASTER).

SONG ENDS

CUT TO:

EXT. CASTLE COURTYARD IN ENGLAND - MID MORNING (1200 AD)

OSBERT, a knight dressed in black armor furiously attacks WILLIAM, a slightly smaller knight in silver armor. The wooden long swords prove its only a training exercise. Both contestants' skills with the sword place them on a level few could ever reach.

OSBERT

Your skills have improved a great deal peasant.

WILLIAM

Do you speaketh a compliment Osbert?

OSBERT

Surely you jest. Peasants are not worthy of my compliments.

William dodges out of the way and narrowly avoids a blow to his helmet.

WILLIAM

Careful Osbert, I'm beginning to think you don't like me.

Osbert catches his breath and notices the king limping into the courtyard.

OSBERT

Ah, I see the King ventures out of the courtroom to watch his pet.

William launches a tremendous attack on Osbert.

WILLIAM

Once upon a time I believed you were the strongest knight in this land. Yet despite all your years of training we still stand here locked in battle.

Osbert counters with an attack of his own. As William is driven back Osbert strikes with a strong two handed overhead blow. William blocks the blow but Osbert backhands William across the face then sneakily trips William, sending him off balance into the castle wall. The crash jolts William's sword free.

OSBERT

You dare mock me? You will never be my  
equal. You're nothing... ..more  
than a fortunate peasant

Osbert holds William to the ground by sword point.  
Clapping can be heard in the background

KING

Peace, break thee off Osbert. Well  
done, very well done.

Osbert halts his attack, and takes off his helmet.

OSBERT

(whispers to William)  
Your time will come, pet.

Osbert walks off. Bowing briefly to the KING as he exits  
the courtyard.

The King approaches William as he slowly gets up from the  
ground and takes off his helmet.

WILLIAM

As you can see my king, I still have  
much to learn if I am to be your good  
liege.

KING

You are too hard on yourself William.

WILLIAM

If I am to be your guardian it is my  
duty to train my sword to equal those  
of any man who walks this land.

KING

I see remarkable skill and agility in  
your swordmanship. In all my kingdom  
there is but one man who could best  
you. I feel safe in your company.

CUT TO:

EXT. PLANET EARTH

The alien ship orbits earth.

[At this point we haven't seen a member of the crew. We  
catch glimpses of the crew, a hand here... a shadow there.]

CUT TO:

INT. SPACESHIP WINDOW WITH A VIEW OF PLANET EARTH

ZHARIC

Navoloc, we've done it. Your readings of this planet show it's rich in natural resources and contains a suitable atmosphere.

[A murmur of excitement fills the crew]

NAVOLOC

Zharic... you're not going to believe this. Initial scans show structures across the surface of this planet. They are primitive, but prove intelligent life does exist.

ZHARIC

When will the probes be in position?

NAVOLOC

They've entered the atmosphere moments ago. I'm sending the images to the view screen.

CUT TO:

INT. SPACESHIP IN FRONT OF THE VIEWSCREEN

An enormous cat-like eye of an alien is revealed as the creature stares at the viewscreen. Their eyes change focus as they begin to take in Earth's beautiful wildlife & scenery which flashes simultaneously on every individual section of the view screen. The following footage is revealed: a bear swooping a fish from a raging river, giraffes running across African grasslands, Red kangaroo and her joey in Australia, etc.

ZHARIC

Absolutely amazing!

NAVOLOC

Sir, I've found the most advanced region of this planet. Perhaps these inhabitants would be best prepared for our arrival?

ZHARIC

Don't tease us Navoloc, put it on the full view screen.

The entire view screen displays the castle courtyard where William and Osbert were fighting moments ago. The alien crew watch Osbert, riding on his black stallion, lancing dummy straw soldiers.

MOBOLUS

A crude but effective form of combat.

ZHARIC

They remind me of the ancient times in our civilization.

NAVOLOC

I fear they will not meet us kindly.

ZHARIC

We have no choice. Shaybha, prepare to enter the atmosphere, time is not our luxury.

SALIZE (TO SHAYBHA)

Can I turn on my Cuddles now?

ZEEKROK

Salize, don't bug mom with your Cuddles. Can't you see she's working?

SHAYBHA

Once we land you can turn your cuddles on Salize but make sure you keep them close to you.

CUT TO:

EXT. DRAGON SHIP IN EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE

The ship passes through Earth's atmosphere and lands along England's rocky coast several miles away from the closest village.

CUT TO:

EXT. SPACESHIP, SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND - DAY

A ramp descends from the spaceship. The door opens and we have our first full view of a dragon as ZHARIC exits the spaceship. Once Zharic steps outside the spaceship and onto the ramp he stretches his massive wings and launches into the air. The other Dragons follow his lead. Each dragon varies in size and color.

Descriptions:

Zharic is a gold scaled male dragon approx 100 feet in length with a regular build. His rank is Captain and equivalent to 60 years old.

BRUXLUS is a scarlet red scaled male dragon approx 110 feet in length with an athletic build. He is Lieutenant of Security and equivalent to 35 years old.

MOBOLUS is a metallic blue scaled male dragon approx 95 feet in length with a athletic build. He is Lieutenant of Operations and equivalent to 40 years old.

NHASS-T-LHASS is a dark green scaled male dragon approx 90 feet in length with an obese build. His position is computer engineer and is equivalent to 25 years old.

XOMBALAR is a yellow scaled female dragon approx 50 feet in length with a regular build. She is the medical officer and equivalent to 50 years old.

XANIER is a blue and black speckled male dragon approx 80 feet in length. His position is communication specialist and he is the equivalent to 30yrs old.

CHAKNAH is a black scaled male dragon approx 30 feet in length. He is the ship's engineer and equivalent to 25yrs old.

MIZVAKYE is an orange scaled female dragon approx 70 feet in length. She is a security personnel and equivalent to 30 years old.

NEZBIT is a purple scaled male dragon approx 60 feet in length with an obese build. He is backup navigator and equivalent to 30 years old.

NAVOLOC is a light green scaled male dragon approx 60 feet in length. He is the ships Science officer and equivalent to 50 years old.

Shaybha is a brown scaled female dragon approx 75 feet in length. She is the ships navigator and equivalent to 40 years old.

Zeekrok is a rainbow scaled boy dragon approx 12 feet in length. He is equivalent to 9 years old and Shaybha is his mother.

Salize is a rainbow scaled girl dragon approx 6 feet in length. She is equivalent to 6 years old and Shaybha is her mother.

BRUXLUS

I've never tasted anything like this  
air, it's so pure and clean.

All the dragons are spiralling through the air except the  
younglings.

CUT TO:

EXT. DRAGON SHIP RAMP - DAY

Zeekrok is waiting on Salize. His sister is busy releasing  
her 3 cuddles from a frontpack (similar to a backpack) and  
turning them on so they may join her in flight.

SALIZE

Glad to see everyone is awake.  
Softilicious, I want you to run  
diagnostic test 1.

SOFTILICIOUS, the yellow cuddle, launches into the air to  
perform a quick flying maneuver, lands, then hums in  
recognition of a successful test.

SALIZE (CONT'D)

Good, now I want to see Snowy run  
diagnostic test 2.

SNOWY, the white cuddle, darts back and forth in the air,  
lands, then hums in recognition of a successful test.

SALIZE (CONT'D)

Ok, now it's Blue Monster's turn. Let  
see diagnostic test 3.

BLUE MONSTER, the blue cuddle, jumps into the air while  
completing several back flips. Blue Monster hovers for a  
moment, lands, then hums in recognition of a successful  
test.

ZEEKROK

Hurry up Salize, let's catch up to the  
others.

SALIZE

C'mon Cuddles, I need to practice my  
flying.

CUT TO:

EXT. IN THE SKY ABOVE THE DRAGON SHIP - DAY

A few moments after the younglings launch into the air Zharic makes an announcement.

ZHARIC

That's enough time to stretch your wings. I want to see a formation right now.

CUT TO:

EXT. DRAGON SHIP - DAY

In front of the spaceship the dragons land and form a half circle around Zharic.

ZHARIC (CONT'D)

Although the inhabitants of this planet are primitive we must remember we are their guests. Our mission is to gather intelligence on these creatures and whenever possible form a bond. Our goal is not to conquer, rather to live in harmony and share this planets wealth.

NAVOLOC

With you permission I'd like to stay with the ship. There might be another wormhole in this galaxy to get us home.

ZHARIC

Very well, but your first priority is studying the technological state of these humans. We must learn if they pose any threat to us.

NAVOLOC

You'll have my full report in 5 days.

ZHARIC

Sorry Navoloc but expeditions are departing tomorrow. You'll need to present your finding to Mobolus, Bruxlus and myself tomorrow morning.

NAVOLOC

I'll start deploying satellites immediately and work through the night.

ZHARIC

I am dividing the team into 3 groups.  
Group leaders shall be Mobolus, Bruxlus  
and myself.

Mobolus will study inhabitants of this  
land, should the ship require  
assistance your team will be the first  
contacted. Go ahead and select two  
team members.

MOBOLUS

I'd like to work with Xanier & Chaknah.

ZHARIC

Bruxlus, you will head 500 clicks to  
the South. Our scanners show those  
inhabitants to be equally advanced.

BRUXLUS

yes sir, I'd like Mizvaky and Nezbit  
to join my team.

ZHARIC

Very good. Shaybha, I need you and  
your younglings to stay behind and  
manage communication between all three  
teams. Stay close to the ship and lift  
off at the first sign of danger. We  
can't risk any damage to our only  
transportation back home.

SHAYBHA

Did you two hear Zharic?

ZEEKROK & SALIZE (IN UNISON)

Yes mom.

ZHARIC

I will lead a team equipped with jet  
packs to the far east. I'm taking  
Nhass-t-lhass & Xombalar.

SHAYBHA

Will you be taking the scout ship?

ZHARIC

No, I want a closer look at this land.

Zharic turns to Zeekrok and Salize.

ZHARIC (ADDRESSES THE YOUNGLINGS)

While we're gone I want you two to listen to your mother and stay close to the ship.

SALIZE

I don't want to go near the humans, they look like monsters from fairy tales.

ZEEKROK

I bet the humans like to eat little dragons for dinner.

SHAYBHA

That's enough Zeekrok, I don't want you scaring your little sister. Salize, just remember the humans can't fly so you have nothing to worry about.

ZHARIC

We must learn everything we can about these creatures. With enough samples of their verbal and written language our ships computer should be able to decipher their language.

XANIER

Imagine the possibilities if we're able to establish communication with this alien species.

ZHARIC

Let's not get too far ahead of ourselves Xanier. We've had a very exciting day and earned ourselves a banquet. Mobolus, Bruxlus, & Navoloc please begin scouting for fresh food.

CUT TO:

EXT. SOMEWHERE NEAR THE OCEAN - LATE AFTERNOON

Mobolus, Bruxlus & Navoloc are flying in a tight formation. The scouting mission rapidly approaches the ocean. They are breathless once they reach the water. Navoloc has the scanners and takes the lead...

NAVOLOC

The scanners must be wrong, it shows millions of fish in these waters.

Suddenly a whale emerges from the ocean, she is calling to her calf who emerges 40 feet away.

NAVOLOC (CONT'D)

Amazing, these creatures are communicating to one another. Their brain waves are advanced, they appear too intelligent for food.

Bruxlus points to a school of fish.

BRUXLUS

What about those...

Navoloc takes readings from his scanner.

NAVOLOC

The neuro-analyzer show they are incapable of intelligent thought and the meat is high in protein. Toxic reader shows no signs of any harmful substance.

MOBOLUS

That's all I needed to hear.

Mobolus dives towards the giant school of fish. He pulls up inches from the water and drops a net. Bruxlus is right behind Mobolus and drops a second net close to the first.

CUT TO:

INT. INSIDE THE OCEAN - LATE AFTERNOON

The nets quickly close by forming an upside down tear-drop shape to capture the fish. The furthestmost point in the water fills with air and turns into a flotation device. The float tube slowly rises to the surface of the water.

CUT TO:

EXT. ABOVE THE OCEAN - LATE AFTERNOON

Bruxlus and Mobolus swoop down and grab each net (full of fish) with their hind claws.

BRUXLUS

Navoloc, radio ahead so the others will start preparing the cooking pots. Why don't you see if you can find some firewood?

NAVOLOC

Good idea.

Navoloc speeds ahead, we lose track of him as he flies toward the ship.

CUT TO:

EXT. STONEHENGE - LATE AFTERNOON

Navoloc is on the ground staring at Stonehenge in amazement. He's takes readings from a handheld device and scratches his head in confusion.

                  NAVOLOC (MUMBLING TO HIMSELF)  
          Amazing, this stone layout is  
          remarkably similar to the ancient  
          Boonah religious site back home.

A number flashes on Navoloc's handheld device.

                  NAVOLOC (CONT'D)  
          Unbelievable! This formation is over  
          two thousand years old, that's roughly  
          the same age as the formation from  
          Dragonina.

Navoloc continues scratching his head in confusion.

CUT TO:

EXT. OUTSIDE THE SPACESHIP - DUSK

Shaybha has a flame thrower sitting on her right shoulder beside her jaw. She presses a button on a remote in her hand and flames shoot out towards a firepit. A gigantic pot full of fish is sitting on the fire.

Dragons are relaxing around the fire.

                  SHAYBHA  
          Anyone for seconds?

Chaknah flies over to the pot.

                  CHAKNAH  
          I'll take some.

Mizvakye extends his giant wing and knocks Chaknah over.

                  MIZVAKYE  
          Sorry Chaknah, I didn't see you there.  
          You'll just have to wait until I've had  
          my share of seconds.

                  XANIER

Mizvakye, why must you abuse your size difference against Chaknah.

CHAKNAH

Her jujitsu mastery doesn't scare me half as much as her bad breath.

MIZVAKYE

It's not my fault I couldn't see you. I know gnats back home bigger than you, you should be happy I didn't squash you.

ZHARIC

Chaknah and Mizvakye, break it up! No seconds for my team, We'll be departing for a new continent early in the morning and need to prepare for a long day. Mobolus & Bruxlus you should prepare your teams to leave by noon.

MOBOLUS & BRUXLUS

yes sir.

ZHARIC

Navoloc, you'll need to setup detection devices around the ship before nightfall.

NAVOLOC

They're already setup and I'm running a final diagnostic right now.

ZHARIC

Good! I'm retiring for the evening. I want everyone to be safe tomorrow. Good night.

CUT TO:

INT. FRENCH MONASTERY AT EDGE OF A CITY - DAWN (DAY 2)

Gregorian chanting comes to an abrupt halt as the monks witness unnatural shadows from Bruxlus's team flying above the stained glass windows.

CUT TO:

EXT. FRENCH MONASTERY - DAWN

Monks run outside and shout in despair at the dragons.

FRENCH MONK

Mon deux, gargoyles?!

The city erupts into chaos as Frenchmen look to the skies, shouting in fear.

CUT TO:

EXT. CITY IN FRANCE - DAWN

Bruxlus's team continues to fly over the city. Nesbit, a dragon beside Bruxlus takes readings from a scanner.

BRUXLUS

What do the scanners say about their language?

NEZBIT

Their dialect has significant differences than the area (England) where the ship landed.

BRUXLUS

Good, we'll setup camp on the southside of this city and begin our analysis.

CUT TO:

INT. FRENCH FOOD CART - DAWN

An established food market lies just outside the town. A man selling fish attempts to impress his clients with his large assortment. At first the crowd seems very impressed and the trader is very pleased. Dragons land behind his cart and suddenly the crowd screams and runs away in fear.

The confused man looks at his fish and scratches his head. He smells the fish and shrugs his shoulders still not understanding the crowds reaction. Then he smells his underpits and winces at the foul odor.

A dragon head peers around the cart and smiles at the man. He immediately faints, falling outside his cart.

CUT TO:

EXT. FRENCH FOOD CART - DAWN

The man is lying outside his cart asleep. His nose is nestled in his armpit and he begins to wince at the foul smell. He comes to and stands up facing the town. He turns around and faces the dragons and screams at the top of his lungs. He runs into town as fast as his chubby legs will carry him.

CUT TO:

EXT. HIMALAYAS - DAWN

Zharic's team is speeding across a Himalayan mountain range with the assistance of jet packs clipped under their wings.

ZHARIC

Is everyone staying warm enough?

XOMBALAR

These new thermal jackets are great, I barely even notice the change in weather.

NHASS-T-LHASS

I am getting a little hungry.

ZHARIC

So am I, we'll land soon and take a quick break.

CUT TO:

EXT. COUNTRYSIDE IN ENGLAND - MORNING

Mobolus leads his teams flight through big puffy clouds. They reach the outskirts of the castle where William and Osbert were training. Mobolus hears a faint scream from a woman in a nearby mountain pass.

CUT TO:

EXT. CARRIAGE - MORNING

Two robbers approach a fair maidens carriage. The driver is tied up on top of the carriage.

ROBBER #1

Remember, Osbert wants the girl alive.

ROBBER #2

You get the rope and tie her up while I pillage the carriage for gold.

ROBBER #1

Nay, I don't trust your grimy little hands with the gold. Why don't you tie her up?

ROBBER #2

Let's be reasonable, we shall both  
scour the carriage for gold after we  
tie up the maiden.

ROBBER #1

Well said, very well said.

ALYSSA, the woman in the carriage screams again as she sees  
the robbers approach her carriage.

Led by Mobolus, Team 2 descends upon the carriage, scaring  
the living daylights out of the thieves. The robbers mount  
their horses and speed away from the Dragons.

The Dragons stare at Alyssa inquisitively from 40 feet  
away.

ALYSSA

Hail Mary, mother of God...

Mobolus approaches Alyssa and stops with 20 feet. He  
points to himself.

MOBOLUS

Mobolus.

Mobolus's speech terrifies Alyssa, she screams then hops on  
top the carriage and races toward the castle.

Mobolus turns to the other dragons.

MOBOLUS

Was it something I said?

CUT TO:

EXT. SOMEWHERE IN ASIA - MORNING (DIFFERENT TIME ZONE)

Zharic's team is exhausted after a ten-hour flight with  
turbo packs and few breaks. The team approaches a  
populated city in the Chinese empire.

ZHARIC

I know many of you are tired but we  
need to show these people we mean no  
harm. Let us entertain the city with  
aerial maneuvers.

The three dragons loop, dive and perform spectacular  
maneuvers in the air... a sort of 'dance on air'.

CUT TO:

INT. CHINESE TEMPLE - MORNING

A chinese EMPEROR and his entourage are praying on the fifth floor of a temple when the dragons are first spotted.

PRIEST #1  
Emperor, make haste to the window.

The emperor and his men rush to the window. They watch in awe as the dragons maneuver through the air. The emperor's child, a toddler, laughs in delight at the spectacle.

The toddler walks to the balcony for a closer look. The child is enthralled by the dragons and unaware how close he is to the edge.

PRIEST #2  
What are they?

EMPEROR  
Don't you recognize them, they are the dragons from our ancient records.

While they are talking the emperor's toddler points to the dragons and takes one more step toward them. He loses his balance and begins to fall.

CUT TO:

EXT. ABOVE THE CHINESE TEMPLE - MORNING

ZHARIC  
No!

Zharic spots the child in danger and dives towards the temple. The child falls from the 5th floor, the ground fast approaching him.

Zharic swoops down and has enough time to save the child by bouncing him from the top of his webbed wing inches above the ground. Zharic turns around in the air and catches the child in his belly with his front claws. This act forces Zharic to collapse his wings, falling hard to the ground, rolling over backwards several times until he eventually stops.

CUT TO:

EXT. GARDEN OUTSIDE THE CHINESE TEMPLE - MORNING

The other Dragons surround Zharic in the hope he's not injured.

NHASS-T-LHASS  
Zharic, are you alright?

ZHARIC  
I think so.

XOMBALAR  
And the child, does it need medical  
assistance?

ZHARIC  
No, the child is very lucky.

Zharic opens his wings to reveal the unharmed child to his  
team.

The emperor runs out of the temple towards the dragons.  
The emperor approaches Zharic as the other Dragons make  
way. Zharic holds the baby out to the emperor. The  
emperor grabs his child, gives him a joyous hug and thanks  
the dragons.

EMPEROR  
Thank you! Thank you!

CUT TO:

INT. ALYSSA'S BEDROOM INSIDE THE CASTLE - AFTERNOON

William knocks on the door.

ALYSSA (O.S.)  
Come in.

WILLIAM  
I came as soon as I heard. Are you  
hurt?

ALYSSA  
No, but it was a very troubling ordeal.  
It took my father an hour to calm me  
down.

WILLIAM  
Yes, I know. I briefly spoke to the  
king and he told me you were unsettled.

ALYSSA  
Oh William, I'm so happy you're here.  
I don't want to be alone right now.

William and Alyssa walk over to her vanity. Alyssa sits  
down.

ALYSSA (CONT'D)

Forgive me if I comb my hair, it helps to calm me.

Alyssa begins combing her hair.

WILLIAM

Would you be willing to run through your ordeal?

ALYSSA

It was awful, first I was attacked by thieves. Then dragons descended from the sky and surrounded me, I surely thought I was doomed. Somehow I managed to escape before they could impede the carriage.

WILLIAM

Amazing, I always believed dragons were mere fantasy. You're sure they were dragons?

ALYSSA

Yes, I do truly wish they were nothing more than fantasy.

WILLIAM

I'm glad you escaped but I'm curious why the dragons chose not to chase down your carriage.

ALYSSA

I don't know, they sat down and watched me ride away.

WILLIAM

What about the thieves, were they eaten by the dragons?

ALYSSA

I don't think so, the beasts scared them as much as they did me. I think the thieves vanished into the woods.

WILLIAM

Very puzzling, why would they save you from thieves then let you escape unharmed?

ALYSSA

Perhaps they ate their fair share of maidens for breakfast earlier this morning.

WILLIAM

Perhaps they meant you no harm. After all, their introduction allowed you to escape.

ALYSSA

Next time they're hungry I fear I won't be so lucky.

WILLIAM

I must say these dragons rouse my curiosity. More importantly, I fear pandemonium is seeping into the city as more reports of dragon activity arrives. Perhaps I shall investigate further.

ALYSSA

You truly are the bravest knight in the kingdom. After all, it was your courage that saved my father when he was attacked in the spring...

DISSOLVE TO:

FLASHBACK TO A SMALL ROAD A HALF DAYS RIDE FROM THE CASTLE  
- DAY (4 MONTHS EARLIER)

William is dressed in peasant clothing and he's driving a beaten up cart Southbound, towards the city to sell carrots. William is singing to his two horses about his dreams of becoming a knight. While singing he picks up a stick and mock battles the air.

CUT TO:

We find the king with his favorite hawk and a small band of soldiers.

The king is talking to his bird, 'Swiftly' while scratching it's chin.

KING

Swiftly, hunting with you is a pleasure  
I seldom enjoy as of late.

The King throws his arm in the air and the bird takes flight to the West. As Swiftly flies over the hill 20 enemy

soldiers appear on the western crest rapidly approaching the king.

KING'S SOLDIER

To arms, to arms, we are being attacked!

As the King and his knights mount their horses the enemy soldiers descend upon them. Swords are drawn and a fight occurs, the king and his men are outnumbered 2:1.

CUT TO:

EXT. SMALL FIELD OUTSIDE THE CASTLE - DAY

William's cart reaches the crest of a hill and he quickly notices his king is being overwhelmed. William slaps his horse into a full gallop

William pulls out his bow and his aim is true as he unleashes arrows which strike the ground in front of enemy soldiers causing them to trip. William knocks down several more enemy soldiers as he plows his cart into the thick of battle. This has a domino affect throwing several more troops to the ground.

Suddenly William is thrown from his cart when the left wheel strikes a stone. Immediately he picks up a sword and races to defend his king. He arrives just in time as three soldiers overwhelm his king. William throws himself on all three soldiers, knocking them to the ground.

William and the King stand back to back as they defend themselves against the attackers.

KING

Are you a knight?

WILLIAM

No, I am nothing more than a loyal peasant.

KING

You fight with great strength and skill.

William and the King manage to de-sword their current attackers. However, William spots another group approaching. William throws the king onto a horse and they escape into the woods.

CUT TO:

INT. WOODS IN ENGLAND - DAY

William and the king dismount and hide in an old tree stump. William slaps the horse and it races down the path as a diversion.

Moments later more enemy knights ride past. The king sneezes and the last soldier (a man with long red hair) stops his horse and turns around. With his crossbow ready he comes very close to finding William and the king. However, he eventually loses interest and hops on his horse. William and the king exit their hiding spot.

WILLIAM

Sire, I will see you sit on your throne today. I hold this duty as I hold my sword, both to my god and to my gracious king.

CUT TO:

INT. BEDROOM INSIDE THE CASTLE - DAY

ALYSSA

Your bravery is why my father will grant you knighthood at the fall festival.

WILLIAM

What do you speaketh of?

ALYSSA

Tis true, he put me in charge of arranging the festivities after the ceremony.

WILLIAM

My dreams will come true at last.

ALYSSA

I cannot think of anyone who is more deserving of such an honor. But a knight is more than a warrior. He should be able to handle himself in any courtroom. If you like I can teach you proper etiquette.

WILLIAM

Thank you Alyssa, I would be honored.

William bows after an awkward pause with Alyssa.

WILLIAM (CONT'D)

I will prove to the king he has made a wise decision. I will find these dragons and ascertain their true intentions.

ALYSSA

Oh William, please be careful. It sounds like a rash and bloody deed.

WILLIAM

I do not intend to engage the dragons by myself. I only seek knowledge for the king.

CUT TO:

EXT. CASTLE COURTYARD IN ENGLAND - DAY

William is exiting the castle walls and entering the outer city. A teenager is hopping after William, his left foot stuck in a foot harness keeping him off balance as he's trying to mount his horse.

MERLIN

William, hold up.

William grabs the reins of MERLIN'S horse pulling it to a stop.

WILLIAM

Merlin, where do you think you're going?

MERLIN

I presume the same as you, to examine the dragoncamp.

WILLIAM

The Master Wizard gave his star pupil permission to leave?

MERLIN

Not in so many words... he thinks I'm visiting a sick uncle.

WILLIAM

Dragon pursuit will be teeming with danger, let me go alone. Besides, if you were injured the Master Wizard would never forgive me.

MERLIN

Wait, here me out. I'll stay a safe distance away and do whatever you tell me. I've made potions which will keep the dragons at bay.

WILLIAM

A very compelling argument What potions do you have there?

MERLIN

Holy water, skunk scent, and a secret weapon should the need arise.

WILLIAM

Very well, you've been a friend to me since I entered the city as the kings guardian. Besides, I don't think you would listen even if I did send you away. If I let you ride with me you must promise to heed my word.

MERLIN

I promise.

WILLIAM

Very well, looks like I have a travelling companion.

CUT TO:

EXT. CITY IN FRANCE - DAY

FARMER #1

As chancellor of this city I demand you do something about these beasts.

FARMER #2

Cows and pigs are missing and we've been unable to tend our farms. Eventually the city will starve.

CHANCELLOR

Very well, Captain prepare your men. You will drive these beasts from this land.

The CAPTAIN gulps in fear. He salutes the chancellor and walks toward his men.

CUT TO:

EXT. BRUXLUS'S DRAGONCAMP OUTSIDE A FRENCH CITY - DAY

BRUXLUS

It's been a full day and we haven't  
come close to communicating with this  
primitive species.

NEZBIT

Sir, men are approaching from the city.

BRUXLUS

At last.

Bruxlus launches himself into the air, he flies out to  
greet the soldiers and lands twenty feet in front of them.

CUT TO:

EXT. FRENCH SOLDIERS - DAY

The captain pulls down his visor.

CAPTAIN

The beast is attacking. Charge!

Bruxlus easily evades the lances of the soldiers by  
launching himself into the air.

BRUXLUS

We must teach these humans a lesson  
they will not soon forget.

CUT TO:

EXT. SKYWARD ABOVE THE FRENCH SOLDIERS - DAY

Several dragons knock off riders from horseback by scaring  
their horses or by simply pushing them off with their heads  
and wings as the dragons fly along side the horses. The  
scared soldiers run into each other providing comic relief  
for Bruxlus's team.

CUT TO:

INT. ENGLAND CASTLE THRONE ROOM - NIGHT

The King holds a meeting in his throne room. MAYNARD, a  
large man stands to the kings left side. The MASTER  
WIZARD, a tall elderly bearded man stands to the kings  
right side. Other members of the court are standing off to  
the side.

KING

My friends and countrymen, I have called you together to discuss these dragons which now roam our lands.

The crowd begins shouting...

COURT MEMBER #1

We must appease these creatures with a sacrifice!

COURT MEMBER #2

Assuredly they are spawns of Satan. We must get down on our knees and pray god strike them down.

A whirling sound emanates from the background.

CUT TO:

INT. ENGLAND CASTLE ENTRANCE TO THE THRONE ROOM - NIGHT

Osbert is waving a mace in the air. He scares the crowd by suddenly smashing several vases on a table. Osbert leaves the mace implanted on the table and approaches the king.

OSBERT

We have but one true choice... fight. Sire, these hideous creatures must be driven from your land. I request the honor of leading the kings army against his foes.

MAYNARD

Perhaps Osbert is right, the dragons may readily depart this land with a show of force.

OSBERT

Peasants have spoken tales of a ship that floats on air. It's a half days ride to the East. I will prepare the men immediately.

KING

No, you will only take a small squadron of men to investigate. I will not relinquish my kingdom to dragons but it would be unwise to leave the castle unguarded.

OSBERT

Sire, surely you jest. To defeat these creatures I require the full might of your army.

KING

Careful Osbert, it would serve you well to remember it is I who commands this kingdom. At dawn your squadron will depart to collect information, then I will evaluate the fate of these creatures.

CUT TO:

EXT. WILLIAM AND MERLIN'S CAMP - MORNING (DAY 3)

The sun creeps over William and Merlin's makeshift tent hidden in the woods near the dragon camp. William's face is twitching as he dreams.

WILLIAM (WHILE DREAMING)

Alyssa, you are the fairest maiden in all the land.

William begins to make kissing sounds in his sleep. Merlin splashes water on William's face and he immediately awakens.

WILLIAM (CONT'D)

What's going on?

MERLIN

Shhhhh, you were dreaming aloud. I figured it was time you woke up before you gave away our position.

WILLIAM

Are the dragons still there?

MERLIN

Yes, they awoke a short time ago.

WILLIAM (HESITATING)

You heard me dreaming?

MERLIN

A little.

WILLIAM

Well, it was nothing more than a dream. Commoners aren't allowed to court the royal bloodline.

MERLIN

You know, it's none of my business but I've often seen Alyssa watching your sword drills in the afternoon.

William grins.

WILLIAM

Really?

MERLIN

C'mon William, let's get a closer look at the dragons.

CUT TO:

EXT. WOODS NEAR THE DRAGONCAMP - MORNING

WILLIAM (WHISPERING)

Last night I thought my mind was playing tricks on me in the darkness but there is no denying it today. Dragons do exist.

MERLIN

Ay, 'tis very strange indeed.

WILLIAM

I think it's time I approach their camp. The king must be informed of their intentions.

MERLIN (GULPS IN FEAR)

I will be by your side.

WILLIAM

Stay here Merlin, I won't put you in immediate danger.

MERLIN

I'm terribly afraid of these dragons but I must go with you... my potions will help if the dragons were to attack. If you like, I will stay near the forest. The branches are thick, it would be impossible for them to chase me.

WILLIAM

Very well, it's time we go introduce ourselves. Help me adorn my armor.

CUT TO:

EXT. 100 YARDS FROM THE DRAGONCAMP - MORNING

William and Merlin gallop up a hill just ahead of the Dragon camp. Once they reach the crest, a flying Dragon almost collides with their horses. The near collision spooks Merlin's horse sending him crashing to the ground along with his portions. The skunk scent portion breaks-open, dousing Merlin's clothes with the foul odor.

WILLIAM

There's no way I'm letting you anywhere near the dragoncamp smelling like a skunk. I'm sorry my friend, you've got to stay behind.

MERLIN

For once I'm not going to argue, I'm going back to the creek to wash up.

WILLIAM

You're too clumsy for your own good Merlin.

MERLIN

I know, it's something the master wizard reminds me of everyday. William, be careful... don't let them smite you. I don't want to lose a good friend to a dragon's belly.

CUT TO:

EXT. INSIDE THE TEMPORARY DRAGONCAMP - MORNING

William gallops into the dragoncamp alone, his sword his only comfort. William's horse begins dancing nervously within 100 feet of the Dragons so William dismounts and ties his horse to a tree. He walks the remaining distance into the Dragoncamp.

CUT TO:

INT. INSIDE THE TEMPORARY DRAGONCAMP - MORNING

Mobolus and the other dragons have been alerted of William's presence and discuss the situation as he approaches.

MOBOLUS

I don't want anyone to make sudden moves. This is the first opportunity we've had at contact. We cannot afford

a mistake. Xanier, is the recorder ready?

XANIER

Yes, and I believe our camouflage recorders have sufficient verbal data from the outlying communities. All we need now is samples of their written word for the ships translator.

William cautiously enters the dragoncamp and stands his ground as the dragons form a massive half circle around him. He stares at each dragon through his headgear, trying his best to exude confidence. The awkward silence becomes unbearable, finally William speaks first...

WILLIAM

What purpose sent you here?

No reply, the Dragons continue to stare at him in a menacing yet inquisitive manner. William shows a brave front by taking off his headgear and staring each Dragon in the eye while repeating his demands...

WILLIAM (CONT'D)

Why have you invaded my kings lands?  
What is it you want?

MOBOLUS

We come as friends.

William is shocked to hear a dragon speak but he is unable to understand the strange alien language.

Mobolus steps forward and draws geometrical figures in the ground with his long fingernail.

WILLIAM (WHISPERING TO HIMSELF)

I think I'm beginning to understand...  
drawings are a common language.

William points to his horse and draws a rough sketch of the horse with a stick.

MOBOLUS

Excellent, now I will draw my name in the ground. XXXXX (it's written in their alien language).

Mobolus underlines his name in the dirt and points to himself and he repeats it over and over.

Suddenly one of the other Dragons screeches loudly and leaps into the air. William jumps back and readies his sword. The other Dragons show significant discomfort. William quickly determines the source of the distraction as he gets a whiff of a foul odor from upwind. He turns to see Merlin spying from a nearby tree.

WILLIAM

Merlin, what are you doing back there?  
Come hither!

MERLIN

I had to make sure you didn't need my help.

WILLIAM

Your stench has upset them. You might as well come out of hiding.

MERLIN

I'm sorry.

As Merlin steps closer one of the larger Dragons begins fanning his wings, successfully deterring the odor.

WILLIAM

You don't have to worry about them eating you, apparently dragons don't like skunk scent.

Again Mobolus underlines his name in the sand and points to himself as he sounds it out.

MOBOLUS

M O B O L U S

WILLIAM

What is he trying to do? Is this a greeting?

MERLIN

I suspect our dragon friend has spelled his name.

Merlin picks up a stick and spells out his own name. He underlines his name and points to himself.

MERLIN (CONT'D)

M E R L I N

Mobolus points to Merlin.

MOBOLUS

Merlin.

Now Mobolus points to himself

MOBOLUS (CONT'D)

Mobolus.

The Dragons are visibly excited which prompts Merlin to continue spelling. His next word is William. Then he points to William and says...

MERLIN

W I L L I A M

MOBOLUS

William.

Xanier is writing down the words. He shows Merlin his notebook and spells out the words

XANIER

Merlin... William...

MERLIN

Hold on, somewhere I have a scroll which lists ingredients I should be collecting for the Master Wizard.

After a quick search of his pockets the scroll is found. He shows it to the Dragons who proceed to cheer him loudly.

Mobolus slowly stretches his hand towards Merlin's scroll.

MOBOLUS

Merlin...

MERLIN

I think the Master Wizard would understand considering the circumstances.

Merlin hands the list over to Mobolus. The Dragons handle the paper with great care.

The dragons turn their focus to the scroll and William turns to Merlin.

WILLIAM

I must report what we've learned to the king.

MERLIN

Yes, and I think I'll visit the library. They seem very curious over our written word.

WILLIAM

Come on stinky, let's go find that river.

CUT TO:

EXT. RIVER IN ENGLAND - DAY

Merlin is almost completely submerged in a river attempting to wash off the skunk scent. William is kicking rocks on the far bank.

WILLIAM

Make sure you don't miss a spot.

William kicks a rock and watches it land amongst several horse tracks.

WILLIAM (CONT'D) (WHISPERING TO HIMSELF)

What's this? It looks like a small army was here recently.

MERLIN

Did you say something?

WILLIAM

Hurry up Merlin, I think it's time we make our departure.

CUT TO:

EXT. HOME OF THE EMPEROR - NIGHT

Zharic and his team are preparing to feast at the Emperor's home. The Emperor turns to a servant.

EMPEROR

We shall feast with my new friends until their bellies are as happy as Buddha. But first, the festival in their honor shall begin.

The servant bows to the Emperor and walks over to a giant gong. He strikes it 3 times and the street festival commences in front of the Emperor's house.

CUT TO:

EXT. STREET IN FRONT OF EMPEROR'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Chinese villagers celebrate the new guests with life-sized dancing Dragon puppets in the street. 10 people are operating each Dragon puppet.

CUT TO:

EXT. EMPERORS YARD - NIGHT

Upon seeing the giant Dragon puppet the dragons turn to one another inquisitively.

ZHARIC

Is it possible these people created these puppets after our arrival?

NHASS-T-LHASS

Perhaps, if they worked through the day.

While servants of the emperor serve food and drink the dragons ponder the mystery of the puppets. Drink is served in large vases covered with images of Dragons.

ZHARIC

The pictures on these vases look very old. Xombalar, are you thinking what I'm thinking?

XOMBALAR

Yes sir, I'm calibrating the isotope analyzer right now.

NHASS-T-LHASS

It's impossible these primitive creatures ever visited our planet.

XOMBALAR

You're not going to believe this. If these readings are correct then this vase is approximately two thousand years old.

NHASS-T-LHASS

If only we could communicate with these creatures. There are so many questions to ask. We should return with the ships translator.

ZHARIC

Agreed. But perhaps we can diagnose this on our own. We all know wormhole

travel is erratic. Some scientist believe that catching the wrong thread could take you into a different time line.

NHASS-T-LHASS

We thought the first mission was lost.

ZHARIC

Yes, but what if Zimbob's ship reached earth, two thousand years in the past.

NHASS-T-LHASS

Why wouldn't they return and report their findings?

ZHARIC

I don't know. Perhaps they perished in the wormhole during the return voyage. Or perhaps they never left this planet.

NHASS-T-LHASS

How do we get to the bottom of this?

ZHARIC

At first light we will return to the spaceship. Further scanning of this planet is required. If their spaceship is still here then we'll find it.

CUT TO:

EXT. CASTLE COURTYARD - DAY

William and Merlin hastily ride toward the castle at a full gallop.

MERLIN

If it's all the same to you I'd like to be excluded from your meeting with the king.

WILLIAM

Still worried about repercussions from the master wizard?

MERLIN

It's wise to stay on his good side. Otherwise I could find myself cleaning kitchen pots for the next month.

WILLIAM

Your secret is safe with me Merlin.

William rides into the castle hoping to greet the king immediately. Instead, William runs into Maynard inside the courtyard.

MAYNARD

Where are you running off to William?

WILLIAM

I have news of the dragons for the king.

MAYNARD

The king is not feeling well and is under strict bed rest. May I be of assistance?

WILLIAM

After hearing Alyssa's dragon encounter I felt compelled to learn their intentions.

MAYNARD

And, what did you learn?

WILLIAM

They do not speak our language so communication was difficult. However, I believe they come in peace.

MAYNARD

That is good news, the king has lost a great deal of sleep over them. However, I have worrisome news to share. After hearing reports of enemy troops in the forest we dispatched a scout. Unfortunately, he failed to return with news.

WILLIAM

That explains the tracks I saw by the river. If those horses were carrying soldiers then someone may be planning at attack on the castle and using the forest as cover.

MAYNARD

We need to learn their size and capability. Didn't you hunt in the forest when you were younger?

WILLIAM

Yes, I know those woods very well.

MAYNARD

I know you just returned but I can think on no one more capable to investigate than you. Would you do this service for your king?

WILLIAM

Yes, but please relay my message to the king. It's important he learns the dragons appear to have peaceful intentions. I will give him the full story when I return.

Once William leaves the advisor mumbles to himself.

MAYNARD

Ahhh William, so loyal and predictable. Too bad you'll never see your precious king again.

CUT TO:

EXT. SPACESHIP, SOMEWHERE OVER THE OCEAN - DAY

Zharic and his team are streaking across the sky with their jet packs. Zharic radios ahead to the ship.

ZHARIC

Shaybha, we'll arrive in 2 hours. Schedule a meeting with all teams upon my arrival.

CUT TO:

EXT. CASTLE COURTYARD - DAY

A wagon sits in the courtyard with several books lying across the bottom. Merlin walks outside carrying a pile of books stacked over his head. He's walking towards the wagon and is startled by Alyssa.

ALYSSA

What are you doing with all those books?

Merlin loses his balance, trips over a pitchfork and drops the books.

MERLIN

Alyssa, you startled me!

ALYSSA  
Let me help you.

They begin picking up the books and putting them in the wagon.

MERLIN  
Have you seen William?

ALYSSA  
No, I was hoping to see him but he left. Maynard wouldn't tell me where William was going. He said it was a secret mission. I wonder if he saw any dragons?

MERLIN  
I'm sure William will share every detail with you upon his return.

ALYSSA  
You're one of the most inquisitive people I know. Why aren't you more interested in the dragons?

MERLIN  
It's none of my business.

ALYSSA  
That doesn't sound like the Merlin I know. Where have you been all day?

MERLIN  
Visiting my sick uncle.

ALYSSA  
Hmmm, why are you looking for William?

MERLIN  
I have a message for him, can I leave it with you?

ALYSSA  
I 'spose so.

ALYSSA  
Tell him I leaving to visit our new friends with a stockpile of books.

ALYSSA  
Something doesn't make sense... you saw the dragons, didn't you?

MERLIN

Shhhhhh, please keep your voice down.  
The Master Wizard would ring my neck if  
he heard I didn't visit my uncle.

ALYSSA

I'm worried sick over William, please  
tell me what you know. I'll keep your  
secret.

MERLIN

Alright, I was with him when we met the  
dragons.

ALYSSA (LOUDLY)

You met the dragons?

MERLIN

Shhhhhh! I don't know where the  
Master Wizard is but he can hear a pin  
drop a mile away.

ALYSSA

Did they try to eat you?

MERLIN

No.

ALYSSA

Well, what happened?

MERLIN

William and I travelled to the  
dragoncamp west of the city to see the  
beasts with our own eyes.

ALYSSA

How did they greet you?

MERLIN

They are intelligent creatures and  
treated us warmly. Unfortunately their  
language is incomprehensible.

ALYSSA

Is that why you're taking all these  
books?

MERLIN

Yes, they expressed interest in our  
written word. I'm going to try to  
teach them how to read. I'm sorry, but

it's time I got on the road. I'll need daylight to read the books.

ALYSSA

I'll give your message to William when I see him. Please be careful Merlin.

Merlin hops on the wagon and leaves the city gates at a gallop.

CUT TO:

EXT. SPACESHIP, SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND - LATE AFTERNOON

Zharic and his team land outside the ship.

ZHARIC

It's good to see everyone again. Mobolus and Bruxlus, give us a briefing of your missions.

MOBOLUS

We had no luck making contact until Day 2 when we were approached by a warrior and his companion. We established primitive communication with the two humans, their names are William and Merlin but we know nothing more. We've also collected 80 hours worth of local dialogue using surveillance devices setup throughout villages. We were unable to detect a written language in the village but I have evidence it is used by their scholars. If we could obtain samples of their written word it may be enough for the ship's translator to decipher their language. I left Xanier and Chaknah at the campsite in case our two friends returned.

BRUXLUS

We were not as fortunate. We travelled South and had little luck with the humans. They were too scared to talk and repeatedly attacked us. After Nezbit's wing was wounded by arrows we returned to the ship to avoid further attacks.

ZHARIC

Our mission was a success and our hosts treated us very warmly. Fifty hours of dialogue was captured. I would like to

return and study their written dialogue with the ships translator. Nhass-t-lhass, why don't you show the group of the strange artifact we've found.

Nhass-t-lhass removes a vase from his frontpack.

NHASS-T-LHASS

This vase was used to serve us water.

XANIER

That looks like Lucnesse!

NHASS-T-LHASS

Your right, it does. Which is why we were shocked to find out it's over two thousand years old.

BRUXLUS

How is that possible?

NAVOLOC

I've been studying wormholes since they were first discovered. Some scientist believe they have the ability to warp the fabrics of time.

BRUXLUS

If Lucnesse and her fellow crew members used the cryogenic chamber there's a chance they might still be alive, right?

NAVOLOC

Yes, I'll start extensive scans of this planet for any signs of their ship. Maybe we overlooked something in our early scans.

CUT TO:

EXT. INSIDE THE DRAGONCAMP - LATE AFTERNOON

Chaknah is walking near the woods while Xanier is sitting down playing a solitaire card game.

CHAKNAH

Xanier, come over here. I think I've found a honeybee hive.

Xanier pulls out a scanner.

XANIER

You're right, and the readings show  
it's safe to eat.

CHAKNAH

My grandfather used to tell me stories  
of hives he discovered when we was a  
little boy. Honey was one of the  
rarest and most delicious treats ever  
found on our planet. Unfortunately  
uncontrolled pollution made them  
extinct over a hundred years ago.

XANIER

I call dibbs on the first one.

Xanier flies to the bee hive and removes it from the tree  
branch. Immediately bees swarm out of the nest. Xanier  
hold the hive up and pours the honey into his mouth.

CHAKNAH

Stop, that's not how you harvest the  
honey.

XANIER

Don't worry, I'll save you a little.

Bees are unsuccessful stinging Xanier's scales but they  
quickly find a vulnerability... his tongue.

XANIER (CONT'D)

Oowwwwwwwwwwwwwwwww, help me. Do  
something Chaknah.

CHAKNAH

I tried to warn you. Now don't move,  
I've got the freeze ray on the lowest  
setting. This will numb your tongue  
and should wear off in 20 minutes.

Chaknah blasts Xanier's tongue.

XANIER

Danks awot.

CHAKNAH

You're welcome.

CUT TO:

EXT. DRAGON CAMP - LATE AFTERNOON

Merlin attempts to drive his cart into the dragoncamp but  
his horses become startled when they see the dragons.

MERLIN

Whoa... easy there, slow down.

The horses come to a halt and Merlin ties them to a tree.

MERLIN (CONT'D)

Which book would the dragons most  
enjoy?

He grabs a small stack of books and walks over to the  
dragons.

XANIER

Mehwin

CHAKNAH

You're still a little tongue tied, why  
don't you let me handle communications.

CHAKNAH

Merlin.

Merlin flashes a big smile.

MERLIN

Where's Mobolus?

Chaknah turns to Xanier.

CHAKNAH

Let's see if we can communicate with  
hand gestures.

Chaknah points to Merlin's books and makes a gesture  
imitating the opening of a book.

MERLIN

Yes, I thought you might want to see  
more books.

CHAKNAH

Xanier, can you setup the video  
translator?

MERLIN

Here's goes nothing...

Merlin walks up to Chaknah, sits down beside him and begins  
to read from Homer's, "The Iliad". Moments later the video  
translator begins hovering over his head while he's  
reading.

CUT TO:

EXT. SPACESHIP - SUNSET

Zharic is relaxing in his cabin room listening to music when his headset beeps. He turns down the music.

ZHARIC

Go ahead.

NAVOLOC (O.S.)

Commander, I've found the probable location of Zimbob's ship.

ZHARIC

What do you mean probable?

NAVOLOC (O.S.)

The signal is very weak which explains why it wasn't revealed in initial scans. We've received no response to repeated hail attempts.

ZHARIC

I need you to stay here and research wormholes in this galaxy. I want you Nhass-t-lhass to lead a scout team to investigate.

NAVOLOC (O.S.)

They'll need to take excavation equipment from the main ship.

ZHARIC

Give them whatever you believe is necessary. Tell Nhass-t-lhass to select another crew member for the mission and leave as soon as possible.

ZHARIC (CONT'D)

Navoloc.

NAVOLOC (O.S.)

Yes commander?

ZHARIC

Tell Nhass-t-lhass to be careful.

CUT TO:

EXT. INSIDE THE DRAGONCAMP - SUNSET

2 books lay beside Merlin and he is about to wrap up another.

MERLIN

"So joyous now to her the sight of her husband, vivid in her gaze, that her white arms, embracing his neck would never for a moment let him go..."

Merlin closes "The Odyssey".

MERLIN

Well, it's getting dark and I'd better be going now. I don't know if you understood anything but you seemed very enthusiastic over my reading.

Xanier turns to Chaknah.

CHAKNAH

Let's give Merlin a video corespondent.

XANIER

Good idea, I'll go to the other side of the camp and you show him how to turn it on.

CHAKNAH

Good to hear your tongue is working again.

Chaknah hands the flat panel to Merlin. Chaknah draws a picture of the flat panel in the ground then points to the on button in the drawing. Merlin pushes the on button and a picture of Xanier appears.

MERLIN

what magic is this?

XANIER

Merlin.

Merlin turns to Chaknah with a confused look. Chaknah draws another flat panel. He points to the first flat panel and says...

CHAKNAH

Merlin.

Then Chaknah draws a line to the second flat panel and points to it.

CHAKNAH (CONT'D)

Xanier.

MERLIN

A magic talking box, thank you. I'll be back in a couple days to collect my books.

Unable to understand Merlin Xanier and Chaknah smile and wave goodbye. Merlin turns and walks to his horse and cart.

MERLIN (CONT'D)

I must be crazy. If they lose those books the kings librarian is going to tan my hide.

CUT TO:

EXT. FOREST - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SUNSET

The sun is quickly setting and Merlin is no where near the castle.

MERLIN

I'm tired... it's been a long day and I need to get some rest. It's such a beautiful night, instead of rushing back to the castle I think I'll find a nice oak tree and catch some sleep.

CUT TO:

EXT. OUTSIDE THE SPACESHIP - NIGHT

Xanier and Chaknah glide into camp as the scout ship lifts off.

XANIER

Where are they going?

MOBOLUS

To look for Zimbob's ship... it's a long story.

CHAKNAH

We've got some pretty exciting news of our own. Merlin returned to the campsite.

MOBOLUS

What happened?

XANIER

He read several books into the video translator and left us 30 books. These books along with communication we

captured in the villages, and his readings should provide enough data for the translator to decipher.

MOBOLUS

Amazing! I'll inform Zharic then brief you on the scouting mission.

XANIER

I'll start the translation process. With any luck it'll be done by morning.

CHAKNAH

Mobolus, any leftovers? We didn't get a chance to break for dinner.

MOBOLUS

I think so, check the mess hall.

CUT TO:

INT. SCOUT SHIP SOMEWHERE OVER ASIA - MORNING

NHASS-T-LHASS

Slow down Mizvakye, we're close. Head due South 2 clicks.

MIZVAKYE

I don't see anything

Scanners begin to blink & beep quickly. An outline of the missing ship flashes on the monitor beneath the mountain.

NHASS-T-LHASS

This is it, takes us down.

MIZVAKYE

Where are they?

NHASS-T-LHASS

Buried inside this mountain. They must have used it as a shelter.

MIZVAKYE

I'll warm-up the excavation equipment.

NHASS-T-LHASS

There's a tunnel which must have caved in centuries ago. It looks too unstable, we'll have to dig a new route.

CUT TO:

EXT. DRAGON SHIP AT MOUNTAIN - MORNING

Nhass-t-lhass parks the scout ship along side the mountain. Nhass-t-lhass and Mizvakye unload excavation tools and begin tunneling towards the buried ship.

CUT TO:

EXT. ROAD OUTSIDE THE CASTLE - NIGHT

Back in England, Osbert and his dragon patrol come across a TRAVELER hiding in a tree.

TRAVELER

Sir knight, thank the lord you've arrived.

OSBERT

What are you doing in that tree old man?

TRAVELER

I'm hiding. I dare not make a run for it or the spawns of Satan might see me.

OSBERT

I'll give you something to be afraid of if you don't explain yourself.

TRAVELER

Forgive me sir Osbert, truly I do fear them. For I am not a brave man such as yourself. Several hours ago I witnessed unholy creatures emerging from a ship floating on air.

OSBERT

Did they look like dragons from fairy tales?

TRAVELER

Come to think of it, yes. Yes they did!

OSBERT

Where did you see these creatures?

TRAVELER

At the crest of this hill turn east. It's a short ride.

Osbert turns to his troops.

OSBERT

We've found them. Prepare your weapons  
and ready your shields. We're not  
leaving without the head of a dragon.

Osbert and his troops ride toward the hilltop. Behind them  
the old man shouts.

TRAVELER

God speed sir Osbert, the bravest  
knight in all the land!

CUT TO:

EXT. DRAGON SHIP - NIGHT

The Dragon ship fades in and out of the heavy fog. Osbert  
and his men are hiding along the tree line. Osbert turns  
to his sergeant (also on horseback).

OSBERT

Take half the men and approach from the  
west. Tonight we will make these  
dragons food for worms.

CUT TO:

INT. DRAGON SHIP CONTROL ROOM - NIGHT

Detection devices have set off the ships alarm. Zharic  
rushes into the control room. Faint shapes of Osbert and  
his men are barely visible in the heavy fog.

ZHARIC

Mobolus, are these the same humans you  
encountered at your dragoncamp?

MOBOLUS

I don't think so, but it's hard to be  
sure.

ZHARIC

The 5 of us will investigate but we  
need to be extremely careful. We must  
greet these humans with open arms.

CUT TO:

EXT. DRAGON SHIP - NIGHT

Zharic, Mobolus, Bruxlus, Shaybha and Chaknah exit the ship  
forming a circle outside the ship's ramp. Each are  
equipped with large flashlights to search the dense fog.

OSBERT'S FOOTSOLDIER (SHOUTING)  
Beware, these creatures have captured  
the sun.

Upon hearing the soldier shout Zharic and his comrades  
shine their flashlights towards the noise.

Scared by the bright lights the soldier curses and runs  
away into the fog.

ZHARIC  
They're not familiar with electricity.  
Don't shine the light in their eyes.

On horseback Osbert's captain darts in front of the group  
then disappears into the fog. Startled Zharic rises to his  
hind legs while looking for the source of the disturbance  
behind him. This action leaves his soft underbelly  
exposed.

Osbert surprises Zharic from within the thick fog...

OSBERT  
(whispering to himself) Across  
all the land they will tell  
stories of this day. The day  
I slayed my first dragon.

Osbert's notices Zharic is missing a scale on his  
underbelly and drives a lance through Zharic's chest.

Tragedy has struck and the scene erupts into chaos. Upon  
seeing Zharic's injury Bruxlus howls and leaps into the air  
searching for the attackers.

Mobolus and several other dragons attempt to assist the  
injured Zharic.

SHAYBHA  
Zharic, don't move. We'll take care of  
you.

XOMBALAR  
He's hurt bad! I don't have the  
medical equipment on board to handle  
this type of trauma.

SHAYBHA  
Can we use the freeze ray?

XOMBALAR  
Can't risk it. With his internal  
organs exposed the hard freeze might

kill him. We've got to get him into  
the cryogenic chamber immediately.

CUT TO:

EXT. DRAGON SHIP - NIGHT

Several dragons have gathered around Zharic.

SHAYBHA  
(in tears) Mobolus, Zharic is asking  
for you and Bruxlus.

MOBOLUS  
Quickly, I need you to find Bruxlus.  
He was heading South West after the  
soldiers.

Shaybha leaps into the air in the direction Mobolus  
pointed.

CUT TO:

EXT. DRAGON SHIP - NIGHT

Mobolus crouches next to Zharic's head. Xombalar has  
already removed the lance and is attempting to stop the  
bleeding.

ZHARIC (WHISPERING)  
In my absence you and Bruxlus will lead  
the crew. Do not hold the humans  
accountable for my injury. Their  
ignorance is understandable.

XOMBALAR  
Mobolus, we don't have long.

ZHARIC  
Promise me you will not retaliate. We  
must develop a harmonious relationship  
with these humans.

MOBOLUS  
I promise. Now you must go, Xombalar  
is going to put you in the cryogenic  
chamber until we can better treat your  
wounds.

Xombalar and the others put Zharic on a floating cot and  
rush him into the ship. As he reaches the ship Bruxlus  
swoops onto the scene.

BRUXLUS  
Where's Zharic?

MOBOLUS  
His wound is severe, Xombalar's putting  
him into the cryogenic chamber.

BRUXLUS  
This cursed fog is hiding our enemies.  
I'm getting a flamethrower.

MOBOLUS  
Zharic left us both in charge.

BRUXLUS  
Fine, then help me avenge him.

MOBOLUS  
We can't.

BRUXLUS  
Why not?

MOBOLUS  
Zharic's final wish was for us to  
maintain the peace. He believes the  
humans attacked out of ignorance.

BRUXLUS  
Our law clearly states those guilty of  
attempted murderer shall receive the  
death penalty.

MOBOLUS  
It's our law, not theirs. Zharic  
understood this. I need you to do the  
same.

Bruxlus takes a deep breath and looks up at the sky for a  
moment.

BRUXLUS  
We know so little about these  
creatures. As we learn more of their  
nature a war may be inevitable.

MOBOLUS  
Give them a second chance, it's what  
Zharic wanted.

BRUXLUS  
Very well, I will halt my quest for  
justice but we must be ready to protect

ourselves. I do not trust these creatures.

CUT TO:

INT. KING'S COURTROOM - EARLY MORNING (DAY 4)

Osbert returns to the castle. He enters the courtroom with his sergeant at his side and helmet in hand. The king and Master Wizard are in a deep discussion while the other court members gossip about the dragons.

OSBERT

Members of the court, I have urgent news.

KING

Osbert, do they truly fly?

OSBERT

Yes sire, much like bats. We found their lair, it's a strange ship floating on air. Surely it was demon spawn magic.

KING

What do you make of this Master Wizard?

MASTER WIZARD

A ship floating on air... this magic is far beyond my knowledge sire.

OSBERT

My lord, let me speak of the horrors we saw last night. The beasts attacked my men forcing us to defend ourselves.

KING

What happened?

OSBERT

A half dozen dragons attacked my men with demon light. In the chaos of the battle I found myself face to face with an enormous beast, over 100 feet long. Without a moment to waste I saw a weakness on the creatures chest and I ran a lance through its evil heart.

KING

Tremendous victory sir Osbert. How vicious was the dragon attack?

OSBERT

We were lucky to escape with our lives. I could not win a victory with a small squadron of men so we regretfully retreated.

MASTER WIZARD

It sounds as if we have no choice but to slay these dragons.

OSBERT

Yes, we must prepare ourselves for war and protect the good people of this kingdom.

KING

Why does fate send these dragons to my land, could doomsday be near? I have no choice... I shall call to arms all available men. We will strike this evil from our land.

MASTER WIZARD

I will begin creating potions immediately.

KING

Osbert, go down to the armory. You will commission the blacksmith to devise weapons to slay these beasts. He is at your disposal.

OSBERT

Most humbly do I take my leave, my lord.

The King turns to Osbert's captain.

KING (CONT'D)

You will sound the horn of Valere. We must begin assembling the men immediately. Maynard, where is William?

MAYNARD

My lord, this afternoon he left to investigate a disturbance in the forest. He should be back shortly.

KING

Very well, Tell him I request his presence immediately upon his return.

CUT TO:

EXT. INTERIOR OF THE CASTLE - DAY

Osbert walks through a castle hallway. He checks to make sure no one is watching then opens a door.

MAYNARD

Did you make sure you weren't followed?

OSBERT

Yes, there's no chance we'll have any unwelcomed visitors.

MAYNARD

Good, our hired mercenaries are ready to attack and are awaiting news in the forest.

OSBERT

We couldn't have planned this any better. I'll lead the king's army against the dragons leaving an empty castle ripe for the pickings.

MAYNARD

I'll disable the drawbridge so our mercenaries won't have any difficulty entering the castle. They will eliminate the king and his royal bloodline then loot the treasury.

OSBERT

Which will only be half full with the remaining gold hidden in a secret chamber.

MAYNARD

You'll return with the army and the mercenaries will run away as planned.

OSBERT

Leaving me the hero and without any heir to the throne I'll take the throne.

MAYNARD

And I shall become the richest man in the kingdom next to you, my future king. However, there are two potential flaws in our plan.

OSBERT

Surely you jest.

MAYNARD

What if you don't return from your battle with the dragons?

OSBERT

Now that our plan is unfolding there's no need to risk my health. Instead, I'll lead the army on a wild goose chase until we hear word that mercenaries have entered the castle.

MAYNARD

Brilliant, sir Osbert. I believe I've taken care of the other flaw in our plan... William.

OSBERT

William? I despise that man! That meddling peasant ruined our previous ambush of the king. What's he done now?

MAYNARD

He visited a small dragoncamp west of the city and returned requesting a meeting with the king with news the dragons were peaceful. Luckily, I was able to intercept him.

OSBERT

Where is he now?

MAYNARD

I sent him after our mercenaries.

OSBERT

You did what?

MAYNARD

No need to worry, I immediately dispatched a courier loyal to us to warn the mercenaries. William won't make it back to the castle alive.

OSBERT

Maynard, you're well worth your weight in gold.

CUT TO:

EXT. SOMEWHERE IN THE HIMALAYANS - EVENING

After digging for hours Nhass-t-lhass and Mizvakye have finally reached the spaceship. Mizvakye cuts a hole in the ship and they enter.

CUT TO:

INT. ZIMBOB'S SHIP - EVENING

They are greeted by a pitch black dusty room. Their flashlights scan the room and they continue walking through the ship. They enter the control room and are greeted with the skeletal remains of a large Dragon.

NHASS-T-LHASS

We've got to find out what's happened here.

MIZVAKYE

By the looks of this dust and cobwebs I'd say this ship has been down here for hundreds of years, if not, thousands of years.

Nhaas-t-Lhaas installs a temporary power generator. He's still unable to activate the ship's power.

NHASS-T-LHASS

I don't understand why the ship hasn't regained power.

MIZVAKYE

Try this...

Mizvakye slaps the computer terminal. A whirl of dust fills the air but the ships computer starts.

NHASS-T-LHASS (COUGHING)

Why didn't I think of that?

Mizvakye removes centuries worth of dust from the main monitor.

NHASS-T-LHASS

Let's see here, we'll listen to all logs marked critical.

INT. DRAGON VIEW SCREEN - EVENING

A dragon appears on the view screen.

TWIKTENESE

Day 1. The ship was badly damaged once we emerged from the wormhole. We may

have collided with debris during our voyage.

DISSOLVE TO:

FLASHBACK: EXT. PLANET EARTH

DESCRIPTION:

TWIKTENESE is an albino scaled male dragon approx 80 feet in length with a thin build. He assumes command after other crew members perish in the crash. He is equivalent to 65 years old.

KIKWITI is a yellow scaled female dragon approx 60 feet in length with an athletic build. Her position is security officer and is equivalent to 35 years old.

MENANON is a brown scaled male dragon approx 55 feet in length. His position is medical officer and is equivalent to 30 years old.

LUCNESSE is a rust scaled female dragon approx 35 feet in length. Her position is communication specialist and is equivalent to 40 years old.

TWIKTENESE (NARRATOR DURING FLASHBACK)

Only 4 Dragons survived the crash;  
KiKwiTi, Menanon, Lucnesse and myself.  
I am the lead ranking officer after  
Zimbob's death and have assumed  
command. All communication devices are  
destroyed which means we're completely  
cutoff from our home world. Tomorrow  
we will bury our fallen comrades.

The wormhole opens to omit a badly damaged ship. The ship begins to spiral towards earth. The crew is in a frenzy trying to regain control of the ship.

CUT TO:

EXT. HIMALAYANS - DAY, 800 BC

A shepherders face becomes terrorized as he stares at the sky. He turns to run and behind him we see a spaceship drop from the sky. As the spaceship heads due North the shepherd yelps in fear and chases his flock as far away

as possible. High pitched "Bah's" erupt from the sheep at their annoyance of moving so quickly.

CUT TO:

EXT. DRAGON GRAVE SITE - DUSK, 800 BC

The surviving dragons mourn outside a gravesite.

FADE TO:

WHITE

INT. DRAGON VIEW SCREEN, PRESENT DAY

TWIKTENENESE

Day 3. Although we haven't witnessed any dangers on this planet we've buried the ship inside a mountain as a precaution.

DISSOLVE TO:

FLASHBACK: EXT. HIMALAYAN MOUNTAIN - DAY, 800 BC

Despite their injuries dragons roll the spaceship over hundreds of smooth trees lying on their sides. Some dragons are seen pushing while others pull the spaceship with ropes. The spaceship is rolled into a large cavern.

CUT TO:

EXT. HIMALAYAN MOUNTAIN - DAY, 800 BC

TWIKTENENESE (NARRATOR DURING FLASHBACK)

This planet's resources exceed all our expectations. With any luck a second ship will arrive in a few weeks. This is the perfect planet for dragon recolonization.

FADE TO:

WHITE

INT. DRAGON VIEW SCREEN, PRESENT DAY

TWIKTENENESE

Day 15. Amazing news...

DISSOLVE TO:

FLASHBACK: EXT. WOODS OUTSIDE A HIMALAYAN TOWN - DAY, 800 BC

TWIKTENESE (NARRATOR DURING FLASHBACK)

During the last reconnaissance missions we've found intelligent life on this planet. It's impossible to communicate with these creatures with our translator damaged beyond repair in the crash. Lucnesse is very curious and spends a great deal of time watching them.

Lucnesse and Twiktenese are perched on a mountaintop a short distance from the town. They are watching a mother and daughter pick mushrooms near a forest.

TWIKTENESE

Why do you find these creatures so interesting?

LUCNESSE

We were once primitive like them. These are the first self aware creatures we've come across in our universe. What if there's no one else?

TWIKTENESE

With the state of our planet we both know the majority of our population will be forced to relocate to this planet. It's up to the great council to decide our relationship with these humans.

LUCNESSE

I've seen them laugh and cry. Their minds are capable of incredible emotions. Right now their intelligence is limited by poor education but perhaps one day we may see them technologically surpass us.

TWIKTENESE

Perhaps, but it's unlikely they will let us move to their lands without resistance. You know it'll be difficult to find peace with them.

LUCNESSE

We must try. After all, they are intelligent and most importantly they are self aware.

Suddenly Lucnesse notices a snow leopard creeping up on the daughter.

CUT TO:

EXT. SNOW LEOPARD IS GETTING READY TO POUNCE - DAY

The cat leaps in the air to attack the little girl but Lucnesse arrives just in time to catch the cat by his long tail.

LUCNESSE

Why don't you go find a nice yak to snack on?

Lucnesse drops the snow leopard on a nearby mountain. When he returns he finds the daughter's mother throwing rocks at Twiktenese.

TWIKTENESE

How's that for gratitude?

LUCNESSE

She doesn't know you don't mean her harm. She's probably trying to protect her child.

TWIKTENESE

Come on, let's get out of here before her aim improves.

Both dragons depart into an enormous sunset.

FADE TO:

WHITE

INT. DRAGON VIEW SCREEN, PRESENT DAY

TWIKTENESE

Day 420. A momentous occasion is upon us...

DISSOLVE TO:

FLASHBACK: EXT. HIMALYAN WATERFALL - DAY, 800 BC

TWIKTENESE (NARRATOR DURING FLASHBACK)

Menanon and KiKwiTi exchanged wedding vows today. They are ready to start a new life together with KiKwiTi promising motherhood is not far off. The newlyweds have decided to move into caves off a nearby mountain. Lucnesse has returned from his extended travels in Asia for the happy day.

Menanon and KiKwiTi perform an enchanting dance in the air. This ancient ritual is part of their wedding custom. Once they land Twiktenese steps forward and places KiKwiTi's right hand in Menanon's right hand. Then Menanon's left hand in KiKwiTi's left hand. Menanon and KiKwiTi stare deep into each others eyes and smile.

FADE TO:

WHITE

INT. DRAGON VIEW SCREEN, PRESENT DAY

TWIKTENESE

Day 500. Get over here Menanon. I want you to enter this log.

Menanon is bursting with pride as he addresses the log camera.

MENANON

I'm happy to announce KiKwiTi has given birth to 3 healthy eggs.

DISSOLVE TO:

FLASHBACK: INT. MENANON'S AND KIKWITI'S LIAR - DAY, 800 BC

Menanon enters the liar with a handful of fish in a net.

MENANON

I brought you dinner.

KiKwiTi smiles.

KIKWITI

Menanon, you know I'm able to hunt. I'm not nursing the babies yet.

Menanon walks over to KiKwiTi and hugs her as they stare at their giant spotted eggs.

MENANON

I'm just practicing to be a good father.

FADE TO:

WHITE

INT. DRAGON VIEW SCREEN, PRESENT DAY

TWIKTENESE

Day 520. The younglings have hatched!

DISSOLVE TO:

FLASHBACK: INT. MENANON'S AND KIKWITI'S LIAR - DAY, 800 BC

TWIKTENESE (NARRATOR DURING FLASHBACK)

Menanon and KiKwiTi are the proud parents of two healthy females and one handsome male. The father is bursting with pride and only manages a short visit to share the good news. I will pay my respects to the happy family tomorrow.

Menanon and KiKwiTi hear a crackling sound emanating from the nest. The eggs are shaking, finally a small dragon nose breaches one of the shells.

KIKWITI

It's happening. The first dragonians ever born on this world.

Menanon and KiKwiTi remove broken shells from the dragonians.

FADE TO:

WHITE

INT. DRAGON VIEW SCREEN, PRESENT DAY

TWIKTENESE

Day 550. Tragedy has struck!

DISSOLVE TO:

FLASHBACK: EXT. MENANON'S AND KIKWITI'S LIAR - DAY, 800 BC

TWIKTENESE (NARRATOR DURING FLASHBACK)

Human savages snuck into Menanon's cave while he was away and murdered KiKwiTi and the younglings.

Humans hide amongst the rocks as Menanon steps outside the cave and leaps into the air in flight. The humans gather at the mouth of cave. And quietly sneak into the liar with their weapons held high. KiKwiTi's scream echoes across the mountain range.

FADE TO:

WHITE

INT. DRAGON VIEW SCREEN, PRESENT DAY

TWIKTENESE  
Day 552. Menanon is overwhelmed by  
anger.

DISSOLVE TO:

FLASHBACK: EXT. HIMALYAN TOWN - DAWN, 800 BC

TWIKTENESE (NARRATOR DURING FLASHBACK)  
He won't talk to me and has stolen a  
flamethrower from the main ship. This  
morning he attacked the town where the  
murderers reside.

The sun begins to rise over the Himalayan town. Menanon  
flies towards the town wearing a flame thrower on his  
shoulder. While flying over the town he begins igniting  
rooftops (this gives the appearance he is breathing fire).

FADE TO:

WHITE

INT. DRAGON VIEW SCREEN, PRESENT DAY

TWIKTENESE  
Day 557. Our good friend Menanon is  
dead.

DISSOLVE TO:

FLASHBACK: MENANON'S AND KIKWITI'S LIAR - NIGHT, 800 BC

TWIKTENESE (NARRATOR DURING FLASHBACK)  
We found his remains this morning. It  
appears he was attacked while sleeping.  
I have given up all hope that we can  
live in harmony with these savages.

Hundreds of screaming townsmen pour into Menanon's cave  
seeking revenge. At first it appears Menanon is able to  
fight them off as several people are thrown out of the  
cave. However, the crowd continues to pour into the cave  
relentlessly.

FADE TO:

WHITE

INT. DRAGON VIEW SCREEN, PRESENT DAY

TWIKTENESE

Day 850. Lucnesse and I no longer believe a second ship will find us. To be rescued from this planet is nothing more than a dream. Despite the dangers Lucnesse has left to further explore this planet.

DISSOLVE TO:

FLASHBACK: EXT. SKY ABOVE THE HIMALYAN MOUNTAINS - DAY, 800 BC

TWIKTENESE (NARRATOR DURING FLASHBACK)

It's been 200 days since Lucnesse was last seen, I fear he may have been killed by these savages. This planet must be cursed.

FADE TO:

WHITE

INT. DRAGON VIEW SCREEN, PRESENT DAY

TWIKTENESE

Day 920. Lucnesse returned this morning.

DISSOLVE TO:

FLASHBACK: EXT. DRAGON GRAVE SITE - DUSK, 800 BC

TWIKTENESE (NARRATOR DURING FLASHBACK)

He claims to have established contact with Emperor Chen from the East. I showed him the graves of our fallen comrades and warned him that this worlds inhabitants will bring nothing but death. Lucnesse disagreed, in frustration I told him to choose between the humans and me. He left, I fear I will not see him again.

Twiktenese and Lucnesse stand in front of the graveyard. Several wild flowers are on the graves.

*Once narration is finished dialogue between Lucnesse and Twiktenese becomes audible.*

LUCNESSE

For thousands of years our scholars  
have wondered if intelligent life  
exists outside our planet. Now we know  
the answer is yes. Studying these  
creatures is the chance of a lifetime

TWIKTENESE

Don't you see, these savages bring  
nothing but death. Look at the graves  
of your fallen comrades.

Twiktenese points to the grave site.

LUCNESSE

Our friends died because the humans  
feared us. I've seen them interact  
with each other, they are capable of  
great kindness.

TWIKTENESE

I cannot bear to bury another comrade.  
Don't leave me alone on this miserable  
planet.

LUCNESSE

I've made friends with an Emperor in  
Japan. I sense no ill will from this  
human.

TWIKTENESE

He will wait until you've fallen asleep  
to attack.

LUCNESSE

Violence ruled our ancestors for tens  
of thousands of years but we learned to  
be tolerant of one another. I'm asking  
you to be tolerant of humans.

TWIKTENESE

I will not. And neither will you, I'm  
ordering you to stay away from the  
humans.

LUCNESSE

Twiktenese, you can't be serious.  
We're the only remaining survivors and  
you want to pull rank? I won't let you  
do it.

TWIKTENESE

Fine, I won't pull rank. Instead, I'll  
give you an ultimatum. You must

choose... stay with me and the safety  
of our ship or live with the humans.

LUCNESSE

Please don't make me choose.

Twiktenese reaches down and picks a flower from a grave and  
hands it to Lucnesse.

TWIKTENESE

Your home is here.

Lucnesse lowers her head in deep thought and pauses for a  
moment.

LUCNESSE (WHISPERS)

I'm sorry, Twiktenese.

Lucnesse launches herself into the air heading east.

Twiktenese watches her fly away with a tear falling from  
his eye.

FADE TO:

WHITE

INT. DRAGON VIEW SCREEN, PRESENT DAY

TWIKTENESE

Day 2179. This will be my final log.  
I'm tired and have lost my will to  
live. I haven't ventured out to hunt  
in weeks and my body is quickly  
deteriorating. I haven't seen Lucnesse  
since we argued over the humans and I  
fear she is dead. If this message  
should reach another dragon I pray you  
stay away from these savages. Tell my  
family I miss them dearly.

FADE TO:

BLACK

INT. SPACESHIP IN ENGLAND - DAY

SALIZE

Mommy, when will Zharic return?

SHAYBHA

Oh Sweetie, Zharic is sleeping in the cryogenic chamber.

ZEEKROK  
He'll wake up, won't he?

SHAYBHA  
He's hurt very badly. We can't risk waking him until proper medical equipment is available.

ZEEKROK  
Why did the humans hurt him?

SHAYBHA  
Who told you this?

Zeekrok looks at the floor in an attempt to avoid his mothers gaze.

SHAYBHA (CONT'D)  
Zeekrok, did you say something to your little sister?

ZEEKROK  
I heard Bruxlus and Nezbit talking.

SHAYBHA  
The humans hurt him because they were frightened.

SALIZE  
Will they hurt me?

SHAYBHA  
I don't know, but to be on the safe side you should stay away from them. Zeekrok, make sure you keep a close eye on Salize.

SALIZE  
Don't worry mom, my cuddles will protect me.

CUT TO:

INT. SPACESHIP, CONTROL ROOM - DAY

Shaybha, Mobolus and Bruxlus are sitting in the control room.

NHASS-T-LHASS (O.S.)

Main control this is Scout ship, do you read?

SHAYBHA

Nhass-t-lhass, it's good to hear your voice. How was your trip?

NHASS-T-LHASS (O.S.)

Disturbing, very disturbing. I think we should call an emergency meeting.

BRUXLUS

This is Bruxlus, we'll meet you outside the ship. When will you arrive?

NHASS-T-LHASS (O.S.)

We should be there in 15 minutes.

CUT TO:

EXT. SPACESHIP, SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND - DAY

All the dragons have gathered outside the ship. The scout ship lands next to the main ship. Scout team exits. Nhass-t-lhass and Mizvakye are greeted by their comrades.

NHASS-T-LHASS

We bring dark news, you should send the little ones away.

SHAYBHA

Zeekrok, Salize I want you to go play in the ship.

ZEEKROK

But mom...

SHAYBHA

I don't want to hear any argument from you two.

Zeekrok and Salize fly into the ship.

NHASS-T-LHASS

Where's Zharic?

MOBOLUS

He was injured by the humans.

NHASS-T-LHASS (MUMBLES A DRAGON CURSE)

Dookaryiah. How bad is it?

MOBOLUS

He's in the cryogenic chamber.

NHASS-T-LHASS

Cryogenic chamber? We've got a medical lab, what's he doing in there?

XOMBALAR

Last night, in the cover of a dense fog, human soldiers pierced Zharic's lung. The injury is beyond my expertise.

MIZVAKYE

Then we're too late.

CUT TO:

INT. SPACESHIP, SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND - DAY

ZEEKROK

I need to borrow one of your cuddles.

SALIZE

What for?

ZEEKROK

A top secret mission. Maybe I shouldn't tell you... you're too little for secret missions.

SALIZE

No I'm not. Here, you can use Softilicious.

ZEEKROK

Softilicious, I have an important mission for you. I want you to hide near the adults and relay their discussion back to us through Blue Monster. Do you understand?

Softilicious acknowledges by shaking up and down.

ZEEKROK (CONT'D)

Good, be very careful and remember no one can see you.

Softilicious, the yellow cuddle, hovers in the air as his hummingbird wings rapidly flap and quietly sneaks out of the ship.

CUT TO:

EXT. SPACESHIP, SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND - DAY

Softilicious hides in the branches of a tree to overhear the scouting teams report. Softilicious extends an antennae and acts like a transmitter relaying everything back to Zeekrok and Salize through Blue Monster.

MOBOLUS

The ships been there over two thousand years? How is that possible?

NAVOLOC

If they traveled outside the wormhole wave, even for a moment, they could have been sent into a different time line.

NHASS-T-LHASS

Once inside the ship we were able to listen to all critical logs. It was disturbing to say the least... only Twiktenese, Lucnesse, Menanon and KiKwiTi survived the crash. The ship was damaged beyond repair forcing the survivors to create a life for themselves on this world. Menanon and KiKwiTi got off to a good start exchanging wedding vows and were the proud parents of 3 hatchlings. Shortly thereafter Menanon, KiKwiTi and their hatchlings were murdered by humans. Filled with fear Twiktenese wasted away in the ship.

BRUXLUS

Twiktenese was a close friend to my family, this is an outrage. These humans are truly evil to attack our friends. What ever happened to Lucnesse?

NHASS-T-LHASS

We found no signs of Lucnesse. Twiktenese assumed she was also murdered by humans.

BRUXLUS

If Zharic knew this he wouldn't have forgiven the humans. Zharic would have allowed our laws to be carried out. Immediate justice, with the penalty fitting the crime.

MOBOLUS

You don't know what Zharic would've done with this knowledge.

BRUXLUS

Are you deaf? Weren't you listening to Nhass-t-lhass's story? Humans must be taught to fear us.

MOBOLUS

Bruxlus, you're getting carried away with your emotions.

BRUXLUS

Hatchlings were murdered! Where is your sense of justice?

MOBOLUS

Our mission does not include a war with this planets inhabitants.

BRUXLUS

I will not standby while they attack us one by one. These humans will feel my Wrath. I will put a fear into them so great they will never harm another dragon.

MOBOLUS

You're too unstable Bruxlus. I'm relinquishing you of joint command.

BRUXLUS

You can't take away my post, I have the right to contest your judgement. Who feels we can no longer sit idle while our kind is attacked? We must take the initiative and make these savages fear us. If you're with me then step forward.

Nhass-t-lhass and Mizvakye step forward.

NHASS-T-LHASS

I saw what happened to the other ship's crew. I fear these humans would do the same to us.

MIZVAKYE

Just like they did to Zharic. I'm with you Bruxlus.

BRUXLUS

Anybody else?

The other dragons lower their head, Mobolus is the only one willing to meet Bruxlus's harsh stare.

MOBOLUS

You don't have enough votes to take control of the team. You must defer to me.

BRUXLUS

Not so fast, Nezbit and Shaybha's votes must be counted.

CUT TO:

INT. SPACESHIP IN FRONT OF THE MONITORS - DAY

Shaybha is listening to the conversation and doesn't notice a computer terminal override warning message flashing on her monitor.

SHAYBHA (SPEAKING THROUGH HER HEADSET)

Nezbit's vote is irrelevant, I'm casting mine with Mobolus. He has the majority.

CUT TO:

EXT. SPACESHIP, SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND - DAY

MOBOLUS

It's official, I have the groups confidence. Now I'm ordering you to stand down.

BRUXLUS

No, I'd rather take my chances than trust an inexperienced coward of a leader.

MOBOLUS

You're talking about mutiny.

BRUXLUS

Then so be it.

Bruxlus shoves Mobolus aside as he begins to walk away. After he has taken several strides Mobolus flies over his head landing in front of his path.

MOBOLUS

For the safety of this mission I can't  
let you leave.

BRUXLUS

How do you plan to stop me?

Bruxlus attempts to push past Mobolus again but this time  
his hand is caught by Mobolus's hand.

CUT TO:

INT. SPACESHIP IN FRONT OF AN OVERRIDE MONITOR - DAY

Nezbit is furiously typing on a keyboard when he is  
surprised by Shaybha.

SHAYBHA

What are you doing Nezbit?

NEZBIT

Running a maintenance check of  
engineering, I wanted to make sure the  
ship is fully operational.

SHAYBHA

Stop what you're doing.

Nezbit ignores Shaybha so she points her freeze gun at him.

SHAYBHA

Don't push another button or I'll turn  
you into a popsicle. I know you're  
trying to override the ship and hand it  
over to Bruxlus.

Nezbit turns around to face Shaybha with a smug smile.

NEZBIT

I would never do such a thing. I was  
just running a health check on the  
ship.

Unnoticed to Shaybha Nezbit quietly reaches out with his  
tail and clicks the execute button on the keyboard behind  
him.

SHAYBHA

Somehow I don't believe you. Why don't  
we step outside.

NEZBIT

Sure, after you.

SHAYBHA  
No, I don't think so. You first.

CUT TO:

EXT. SPACESHIP CONFRONTATION WITH BRUXLUS AND MOBOLUS - DAY

MOBOLUS  
Don't do this Bruxlus!

SHAYBHA  
Be careful Mobolus, it looks like  
Bruxlus was planning to take over the  
ship with a little help from Nezbit. I  
found him trying to override the  
security system.

MOBOLUS  
Alright Bruxlus, I've got to put you  
under arrest until we can sort this  
mess out.

BRUXLUS  
I won't submit to you.

Mobolus and Bruxlus continue to grapple with one another.

MOBOLUS  
You leave me no choice. Shaybha, I  
want you to immobilize Bruxlus for 10  
minutes.

Shaybha adjusts the settings on her weapon and points it at  
Bruxlus. Just before she fires Nezbit knocks the weapon  
out of her hand with his tail.

BRUXLUS  
If you stand with me then rally at the  
scout ship.

Bruxlus escapes Mobolus's grip and leaps in the air heading  
toward the scout ship but Mobolus grabs his tail and pulls  
him back down. As Bruxlus is yanked from the air he turns  
and kicks Mobolus across the jaw.

Nezbit flies into the scout ship and the other dragons draw  
their weapons on one another. Nobody fires.

MOBOLUS  
Shaybha, get back to the main controls  
and shut down the scout ship.

BRUXLUS

Nhass-t-lhass, Mizvakye get to the  
scout ship.

Nhass-t-lhass, Mizvakye, Xombalar and Navoloc draw their  
weapons on one another. Nhass-t-lhass and Mizvakye slowly  
walk towards the ship while pointing their weapons at  
Xombalar and Navoloc.

Nezbit fires up the scout's ship engines.

NAVOLOC  
Don't take another step.

MIZVAKYE  
Let's not turn this into a war. Let us  
leave, we may yet find a peaceful  
settlement.

Nhass-t-lhass and Mizvakye continue to slowly walk  
backwards toward the ship.

Mobolus and Bruxlus continue to battle.

MOBOLUS  
Bruxlus, I'm not your enemy.

Mobolus and Bruxlus are in a wrestling grudge match, the 2  
largest dragons are locked in hand to hand combat.

BRUXLUS  
You're standing in the way of justice.  
Our law dictates a murderous act  
requires justice.

Locked in hand to hand combat Bruxlus leaps to the side and  
flaps his wings forcing Mobolus to lose his balance.  
Bruxlus takes Mobolus's momentum and throws him into a  
tree. The tree cracks in half but Bruxlus is unable to fly  
away because Mobolus is still holding his tail.

MOBOLUS  
It's not their law. Zharic knew this  
and gave his command to leave these  
creatures be.

Mobolus blocks a Bruxlus punch then head butts Bruxlus in  
his stomach knocking him back several feet.

BRUXLUS  
Zharic didn't know what these humans  
did to the survivors of Zimbob's ship.  
Zharic's attempted murder is a sign of  
things to come.

Mobolus narrowly avoids Bruxlus's claws as he swipes at Mobolus's head, in doing so Mobolus is forced to let go of Bruxlus's tail. Bruxlus immediately uses his tail to trip Mobolus. This gives Bruxlus a chance to escape into the scout ship while dodging gun fire from Navoloc and Xombalar.

CUT TO:

INT. DRAGON SHIP - DAY

Shaybha and the other dragons join Mobolus and watch the scout ship depart.

SHAYBHA

Nezbit inserted a virus into the main ship's computers. I no longer have access the scout ships navigational controls. More importantly, he's blocked access to our own navigational controls. I'm sorry Mobolus, it's my fault, I should've secured the computer.

MOBOLUS

It's not your fault, there's no way we could've predicted this turn of events. Can you fix it?

SHAYBHA

Yes, but it'll take some time.

XANIER

What do we do now?

MOBOLUS

We must prepare for battle. Xanier, make sure all freeze rays are fully charged. Shaybha, try to debug the ships computers.

XANIER

Mobolus, are you positive these humans are worth a civil war?

MOBOLUS

No, I'm not. But Zharic was. As he lay injured at my feet he pleaded with me to have patience. He understood human ignorance should not be held against them. It is his wish that we learn to live in harmony with these creatures. We will not give into our

rage for vengeance. Instead, we will defend the humans... not because we want to, because it's the right thing to do.

FADE TO:

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EXT. ROAD IN THE FOREST - DAY

Merlin is riding his cart on a dirt road in the woods when William suddenly emerges on horseback from beneath thick undergrowth.

WILLIAM  
Greetings Merlin.

MERLIN  
My goodness William, You startled me. Why were you hiding in the woods?

WILLIAM  
Maynard sent me to investigate rumors of enemy soldiers.

MERLIN  
Did you find anything?

WILLIAM  
Yes, I followed the tracks we stumbled upon by the river. There are over two hundred mercenaries camped in the forest. I heard you cart and hid until I was sure you were friend and not foe.

MERLIN  
Very troubling news. What did the king say when you told him about the dragons?

WILLIAM  
The king was not feeling well but I asked Maynard to inform the king the dragons appear friendly. He promised to speak with the king once he awakened.

MERLIN  
I'm sure the king will be anxious to hear about the mercenary soldiers. Why haven't you left?

WILLIAM

It's a good thing I spotted you, I was on my way back to the castle to warn the king when I spotted an ambush near the edge of the forrest. It appears the mercenaries control all roads to the castle.

MERLIN

The king must be warned. What can we do?

WILLIAM

I plan on waiting til the cover of night then take my chances with the mercenaries.

MERLIN

Why would they risk an ambush if they're planning to invade? It doesn't make sense.

WILLIAM

Good question, I hadn't thought of that. By the way, where have you been? Visiting the dragoncamp again?

MERLIN

Yes, they were so intrigued by our written word I couldn't resist bringing books from the king's library.

WILLIAM

What happened?

MERLIN

I read several books to Xanier and Chaknah then let them borrow half the kings library. I finished late last night and decided to catch some shut eye under an oak tree.

WILLIAM

You'd be easy pickings for the mercenaries in that cart. Why don't you unlatch your horse so we can travel faster.

MERLIN (SIGHS)

Good idea, although riding horseback is not one of my talents, as you've seen.

As Merlin saddles his horse William notices a lone man with long red hair merging onto the path ahead. It's the same red haired man William encountered during the skirmish when he saved the king.

William draws his sword.

WILLIAM (CONT'D)

Stay here Merlin. I'm going to get some answers.

William kicks his horse and chases after the red haired man. RUFUS pulls out his cross bow and aims it at William. William is able to pull up his shield just in time to block the arrow.

WILLIAM (CONT'D)

Nice try but you're not getting away.

William catches up to the soldier and knocks him off his horse and into a briar patch.

RUFUS

Oooooowwwwwwwwwww!

William dismounts his horse.

WILLIAM

What's your name?

RUFUS

I'm not telling you anything.

Merlin arrives at the scene and stumbles off his horse.

MERLIN

Looks like he's stuck in a prickly predicament

William picks Rufus's cap off the ground and pulls a feather out of the cap then takes off Rufus's shoe.

RUFUS

What are you doing?

WILLIAM

You're too uptight, you need to learn how to laugh.

William begins tickling Rufus's foot. He begins to laugh creating involuntary movement. Whenever he moves thorns dig into his skin.

RUFUS

Heee, heee. Oooooowwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwww!  
Stop, please stop. Hahhh, hahhh. My  
name is Rufus.

WILLIAM

Hello Rufus, nice to meet you. Where  
were you going?

RUFUS

I'm only a courier. I was simply  
trying to do my job and deliver a  
letter.

Merlin reaches into the saddlebag and pulls out a scroll.  
He unravels the scroll and reads it aloud.

MERLIN

YOUR MESSAGE IS CONFIRMED. KING'S ARMY  
WILL LEAVE BY MID MORNING TO ATTACK THE  
DRAGONS. OUR ATTACK ON THE CASTLE WILL  
BEGIN AT NOON.

WILLIAM

I beseech you, who were you going to  
deliver this letter to?

RUFUS

I don't know.

Rufus looks away in disgust. William smiles at Merlin and  
starts tickling Rufus's feet again.

RUFUS

Heeee, heeee, heeeee. Owwww, Owwww,  
Owww. Haaaa, haaaa, haaa. Ok, ok,  
I'll tell you anything.

WILLIAM

Who were you going to deliver the  
letter to?

William threatens the courier's feet with a feather.

RUFUS (CONT'D)

Wait, Maynard or sir Osbert

William and Merlin turn to look at one another in complete  
disbelief.

WILLIAM

Maynard or sir Osbert?

MERLIN

Maynard never relayed your message to the king. Osbert and Maynard probably convinced the king to send his army outside the castle walls to attack the dragons.

WILLIAM

Leaving the castle vulnerable to attack.  
We've got to warn the king!

RUFUS

Ha, you'll never make it. We have ambushes set up across the land.

WILLIAM

I'll leave at nightfall, it's our only chance to warn the king.

MERLIN

What about the dragons?

WILLIAM

If we hurry we can make it to the dragoncamp this afternoon. Then I'll wait til nightfall to make a run for the castle.

William and Merlin hop on their horses. While Merlin is mounting his horse it starts moving and pulls Merlin legs into a split.

MERLIN

Wait!

Merlin drops the scroll and tries to grasp the horse with both hands. The scroll begins rolling down a hill toward a creek.

WILLIAM

Nooooo!

William tries to grab the scroll but it slips into the water and is swept away.

RUFUS

Heeeeeehheeeee. Owwww

WILLIAM

Merlin, you've got to be the clumsiest wizard's apprentice throughout the land.

RUFUS  
There goes your proof.

MERLIN  
I'm so sorry William.

WILLIAM  
It's alright, it was an accident.  
Besides, I have faith the king will  
believe me.

Merlin successfully, albeit awkwardly, mounts his horse.

MERLIN  
I'm ready, lead the way.

WILLIAM  
Can you handle a full gallop?

MERLIN  
I'll try my best. What about Rufus?

WILLIAM  
He's not going anywhere.

Merlin and William gallop away.

RUFUS  
Hey, don't leave me here.

A furry little caterpillar walks off a leaf and onto  
Rufus's toe.

RUFUS (CONT'D)  
Go away!

It slowly crawls under his foot. Rufus tries not to laugh  
and begins turning red from the pressure.

RUFUS (CONT'D)  
Giggling. Owwwwwww. Haaaaahaaa.  
Owwwwww!

CUT TO:

EXT. OLD DRAGON CAMP OUTSIDE THE CITY - LATE AFTERNOON

William and Merlin ride into the empty dragon camp.

WILLIAM  
Where are our friends?

MERLIN

I don't know, they were here when I left last night.

WILLIAM

We don't have time for a wild goose chase. Before dark I've got to scout the best route back to the castle.

MERLIN

Wait, maybe we can use this magic box.

WILLIAM

What does it do?

MERLIN

I'm not sure, I think it talks to the dragons.

WILLIAM

Let's give it a try. How does it work?

MERLIN

I push this knob.

The transponder turns on.

MERLIN (CONT'D)

Hello? Xanier? Chaknah? Mobolus?

Snowy and Softilicious fly by the view screen on the dragon ship.

WILLIAM

What was that?

MERLIN

I don't know.

The cuddles hear a noise and turn around. They hover over the transponder and chirp at William and Merlin.

WILLIAM

They're looking at us. What do we do?

MERLIN

Maybe they know where the dragons are. Where is Xanier? We need his help!

The cuddles chirp amongst themselves then turn to the transponder and shrug.

WILLIAM

Let's try again later. Until then, I think it's a good idea we find a safe place to await nightfall.

MERLIN  
very well.

Merlin turns to his transponder.

MERLIN (CONT'D)  
Farewell.

Merlin puts his transponder back in his saddlebag.

CUT TO:

INT. SPACESHIP MESS HALL - LATE AFTERNOON

Snowy and Softilicious race to find Salize. Once they find Salize they annoyingly begin nudging her.

SALIZE  
Be good, don't make me turn you two off.

The cuddles steal food from Salize and fly away. Salize chases after them and catches up to them in front of the transponder. Before she can turn them off Snowy hits the replay button. Salize watches the video of William and Merlin attempting to contact Xanier.

CUT TO:

INT. SPACESHIP IN FRONT OF THE COMMUNICATOR - LATE AFTERNOON

Salize, Xanier and Mobolus stand in front of the monitor watching the replay.

XANIER  
The ships translator is making great progress thanks to Merlin's data input. The language conversion should be nearing completion.

MOBOLUS  
Now's the perfect opportunity for a live test. Go ahead and move the deciphering software to the communication necklaces.

XANIER

If it works this will be a monumental occasion. Our first chat with this planets inhabitants.

MOBOLUS

We should be able to find them through the signal on their transponder.

XANIER

I'll leave immediately.

MOBOLUS

I'll be going with you, it's not safe to travel alone. Everyone else will be left to guard the ship.

SALIZE

Can I come?

MOBOLUS

You've been a big help Salize but I want you to stay with the ship where it's safe. Can you do that?

SALIZE

Sure, I can follow orders. When you return be sure to tell my mom, she doesn't think so.

MOBOLUS

I will.

CUT TO:

EXT. AIRBOURNE ON THE WAY TO THE CASTLE - LATE AFTERNOON

Xanier and Mobolus are flying through the air searching for William and Merlin.

XANIER

We're getting close. They should be 1 click ahead.

MOBOLUS

I see them.

CUT TO:

EXT. MERLIN AND WILLIAM ARE ON HORSEBACK - LATE AFTERNOON

Xanier and Merlin glide overhead landing 100 feet in front of William and Merlin.

WILLIAM

Looks like they found us after all.

MERLIN

Hello Xanier. Hello Mobolus.

XANIER

Merlin... William

William and Merlin dismount and approach the dragons. Xanier places necklaces in front of William and Merlin. Then Xombalar and Mobolus don their own translation necklaces.

WILLIAM

I 'spose they want us to put these on.

MERLIN

Must be some kind of gift.

Once William and Merlin put on the necklaces Mobolus gives them a big smile.

MOBOLUS

It's good to see you again William and Merlin. Are you well?

WILLIAM

How did they do that?

MERLIN

They didn't speak those words, they came through the necklace.

MOBOLUS

I understand this might be a bit of a shock to you.

WILLIAM

You can understand us as well?

XANIER

Yes, my necklace translates your words. The necklaces you're wearing translate my words.

MERLIN

How is it possible?

XANIER

ahhh, Merlin. Always the inquisitive one. It's a computer software but that's an explanation for another day.

WILLIAM

We came to warn you our king is sending an army to attack your vessel. He has been misled by traitors that you are a threat to his kingdom.

MOBOLUS

Why would traitors want to harm us? What is their motive?

WILLIAM

Maynard and Osbert are the traitors. Their motive is the absence of the king's army. While the army is attacking you their cohorts will eliminate the king and his royal bloodline. No doubt they hope to ascertain the king's wealth and power upon Osbert's return to the castle.

MOBOLUS

Last night soldiers attacked our camp and severely injured our leader, Zharic. Do you know of what I speak?

WILLIAM

No, what did the soldiers look like?

MOBOLUS

Here, let me show you the video recordings.

The transponder's screen shows Osbert and his men outside the dragon ship.

WILLIAM

It's Osbert, we only discovered he's a traitor a few hours ago.

MERLIN

Come with us back to the kingdom. Now that we've discovered Osbert and Maynard's true intentions you can help us convince my king you come in peace.

MOBOLUS

Time is not on our side, we're trying to find renegade dragons who want to avenge Zharic's attack.

WILLIAM

Osbert and Maynard have already convinced the king to send all

available soldiers against your dragoncamp. Without your help I fear more blood will be shed.

MOBOLUS

Too much blood has already been spilled, I will assist you William.

WILLIAM

All the roads have been blocked by mercenaries, we'll have to wait til nightfall to sneak back to the castle.

MOBOLUS

There's little time to waste. I've got a much quicker alternative.

CUT TO:

EXT. MOUNTING THE DRAGONS - LATE AFTERNOON

MERLIN

I don't know if this is such a good idea William. I have enough problems staying on my horse.

XANIER

You can slide in between my spines. I won't let you fall.

MERLIN

I can't believe I agreed to this.

Once William and Merlin have mounted Mobolus and Xanier the dragons lift off. Merlin starts screaming as the wind rushes by him.

WILLIAM

This is great.

MERLIN

Are you kidding, if men were meant to fly we'd have wings.

The exhilarating ride nears completion as they approach the castle.

CUT TO:

EXT. NEAR THE CASTLE WALLS - LATE AFTERNOON

As William, Merlin, Mobolus and Xanier reach the castle they discover Bruxlus's rebel group attacking the city. Bruxlus and his crew are fully armed with flamethrowers, armor and guns within the castle walls.

MOBOLUS (RADIO)  
Shaybha is the ship mobile yet?

SHAYBHA (O.S.)  
No, I'm still trying to clean out the virus.

MOBOLUS  
I want you to remain at the ship with your children. Send Navoloc, Chaknah and Xombalar armed and ready for battle to my location immediately.

SHAYBHA (O.S.)  
What's happened?

MOBOLUS  
Bruxlus and his team are attacking the castle. We've got to help the humans.

SHAYBHA (O.S.)  
With turbo packs they should be there in a couple of minutes.

MOBOLUS  
Tell them to bring water canvases. And Shaybha.

SHAYBHA  
Yes?

MOBOLUS  
Tell them to hurry!

William, Merlin, Mobolus and Xanier watch a wooden catapult launch a giant stone at the airbourne dragons. Bruxlus narrowly avoids it then attacks the catapult with his flame thrower.

MERLIN  
The city is in flames, we've got to do something! Will you help us?

MOBOLUS  
I hoped it would never come to this... but we are left with no choice. When the others arrive we will engage our former colleagues in battle.

WILLIAM

Fare thee well dragons. I've got to protect my castle and king. There's not a moment to lose.

MOBOLUS

I'll give you a ride to the castle walls. But first I've got an idea, Xanier come over here...

William and Merlin hop on Mobolus's back, Mobolus flies to the castle wall and his passengers dismount.

WILLIAM

I will seek out the king to warn him of Osbert & Maynard's plot.

William and Merlin run towards the center of the castle. William hops onto a small catapult and launches himself up the castle wall.

MOBOLUS

Be careful!

Mobolus grabs several empty barrels from a cart and lashes them together. He fills them with water from the moat and flies into the castle to put out flames spreading across thatch homes. Nhass-t-lhass spots Mobolus, seeing him vulnerable he immediately attacks. Mobolus flees into the woods narrowly avoiding the freeze ray blasts.

NHASS-T-LHASS

Not wearing your protective gear Mobolus, you're making this too easy.

Just as Nhass-t-lhass is about to get a clean shot on Mobolus Xanier comes out of hiding and shoots Nhass-t-lhass with a freeze ray. Nhass-t-lhass manages to land as the freezing process gradually takes affect over the course of 10 seconds.

MOBOLUS

Nice shot Xanier.

CUT TO:

EXT. AIRBOURNE ABOVE THE CASTLE - LATE AFTERNOON

Bruxlus, Nezbit and Mizvakye fail to notice Nhass-t-lhass's disappearance. They're too busy concentrating on the city's inhabitants.

BRUXLUS

The humans are listening to that man.

Bruxlus points to the king.

NEZBIT

He must be their leader.

BRUXLUS

There's no better way to strike fear into these creatures than kidnapping their leader.

NEZBIT

I agree, consider it done.

Nezbit flies toward the king, the king's armed guards rush in front to form a protective wall. Nezbit easily pushes the knights away with a couple swipes of his tail. The king is left unprotected as Nezbit approaches.

The king unsheathes his sword.

KING

I will not surrender.

Nezbit snarls as he inches closer to the king.

CUT TO:

EXT. NEXT WALL OVER - LATE AFTERNOON

William puts his sword in a banner, as his sword cuts the banner he falls to the king's balcony.

WILLIAM

Long live the king!

Nezbit looks up too late. William lands on Nezbit's head knocking him hard against the stone flooring.

WILLIAM

Hurry sire, make haste to the stairwell. The dragons' too big to chase you inside.

William puts himself between the dragon and the king's exit.

KING

Be careful William.

Nezbit recovers from the slight concussion and crouches while he considers the best way to pounce on William. The king's guards have recovered and attack Nezbit but are

easily fended off. As Nezbit turns his attention back to William he's surprised when William's shield catches Nezbit square on the jaw.

WILLIAM

That had to hurt.

A tooth falls from Nezbit's mouth. Nezbit growls.

NEZBIT

You will pay dearly for that human.

[William can hear Nesbit's translation]

Nesbit snatches Williams' shield with his tail and crushes it in his hands.

WILLIAM

Ay, now I'm a little scared.

William avoids Nezbit's attack with some fancy footwork. Nezbit finally manages to pin William under a chair but the guards have recovered and come to his assistance. Realizing he's outnumbered Nezbit jumps in the air narrowly avoiding their swords. He disappears from their site.

GUARD

Are you alright?

WILLIAM

Don't worry about me, go protect the king!

CUT TO:

EXT. OUTSIDE THE CASTLEWALLS - LATE AFTERNOON

Navoloc, Chaknah and Xanier arrive and hand over armor to Mobolus and Xombalar.

XOMBALAR

Nhass-t-lhass has been frozen, however we still have 3 more dragons to immobilize.

MOBOLUS

Chaknah and Xanier, I want you to bring down Mizvaky. Xombalar and Navoloc, you two can handle Nezbit. I've got Bruxlus.

Chaknah fires up his freeze ray which emits a low hum.

CHAKNAH

Mizvaky'e been bullying me for months,  
I can't wait for a shot at her.

XANIER

Be careful, Mizvaky'e is a soldier  
trained in the highest forms of elite  
combat.

MOBOLUS

Before you engage our former comrades I  
want each of you to grab a water  
canvas. Human lives are in danger and  
need our help.

Mobolus clicks his radio button.

MOBOLUS (CONT'D)

Shaybha, we're going to engage Bruxlus  
and his team. Get the ship here as  
soon as possible. Everyone, be  
careful!

CUT TO:

EXT. AIRBOURNE ABOVE THE CASTLE - LATE AFTERNOON

Bruxlus spots members of Mobolus's group flying into the  
castle with water bags.

BRUXLUS

Mobolus has arrived.

MIZVAKYE

I don't see the main ship, Shaybha must  
still be working on my virus.

BRUXLUS

Then we still have a chance to defeat  
them. They have numbers but we have  
combat experience.

NEZBIT

Where's Nhasst-lhass?

BRUXLUS

Forget about him, focus on your  
opponents.

CUT TO:

INT. BURNING BUILDING INSIDE THE CASTLE - LATE AFTERNOON

A MOTHER and her children are trapped inside a burning building.

MOTHER

Children, on the count of 3 you need to  
scream as loud as you can. 1, 2, 3,  
HELP! HELP!

CUT TO:

EXT. ABOVE A BURNING BUILDING - LATE AFTERNOON

Mobolus hears the screams for help and hovers over the home. He dumps a huge canvas of water onto the building drowning the fire and saving the family.

The mother and children look up at their savior.

Mobolus notices Bruxlus's team has regrouped.

MOBOLUS

Get ready, here they come.

The other dragons drop water on flames then prepare for battle as Bruxlus's team approaches.

BRUXLUS

We have unsettled business to finish.

MOBOLUS

Wait, listen to me! We've managed to  
establish contact with two of the  
humans.

NEZBIT

I thought I saw a translator on one of  
them.

BRUXLUS

You are too gullible Mobolus. Once  
they gain your trust they will attack  
when your defenses are down.

MOBOLUS

That's not true. Let me introduce you  
to my new friends, we can still resolve  
this peacefully.

BRUXLUS

I don't think so.

Suddenly an arrow strikes Xombalar's armor and deflects harmlessly.

BRUXLUS (CONT'D)

You saved them from fire and yet these savages are willing to turn on you.

XOMBALAR

You've got them so terrified of dragons they're willing to shoot at anything with wings.

This time an arrow strikes Xanier between the wing joints of his armor plating. He falls from the sky and lands hard on a building.

BRUXLUS

Don't you see, these humans are nothing but evil. The only way to live with them is to conquer them.

Xanier pulls the arrow from his body and patches the wound by spraying it with a special gel. He launches into the air and rejoins Mobolus.

XANIER

I have friends amongst the humans. I will shed blood for them, whether it be from your hand or theirs.

MOBOLUS

We have you outnumbered.

BRUXLUS

I've told you before, we will not submit to your misguided leadership.

MOBOLUS

Then you leave me no choice.

Mobolus and Bruxlus draw their weapons and begin firing on one another. Several shots deflect harmlessly off their armor as they both perform tactical aerial maneuvers to avoid a direct hit. Bruxlus flies into a cloud with Mobolus right behind him.

MIZVAKYE

This is not our battle. We should let Mobolus and Bruxlus settle it.

NAVOLOC

It doesn't matter who wins, we won't follow Bruxlus.

NEZBIT

I was hoping you'd say that.

The remaining dragons draw their weapons and a gunfire battle erupts above the castle.

NAVOLOC  
Xombalar, try to flank Nezbit.

Xombalar begins circling behind Nezbit.

NEZBIT  
Mizvakye, they're trying to surround us. We should separate.

MIZVAKYE  
Good idea. I can take care of myself.

Nezbit circles around the castle while being chased by Navoloc and Xombalar. During the chase Navoloc hears cries for help and spots a villager trapped by fire. He pulls away from the chase and hovers above the fire putting out the flames with wind generated from his massive wings.

Nezbit notices Navoloc is distracted and quickly fires at the vulnerable target. The blast slips through a crack in Navoloc's armor. Navoloc lands as the 10 second freezing process begins to take affect.

NEZBIT  
You're next Xombalar.

XOMBALAR  
Let's see what you're made of.

Nezbit and Xombalar collide in the air. Surprised by the force of impact they drop their guns in the moat. Using his weight advantage Nezbit pushes Xombalar toward a castle wall.

NEZBIT  
If you surrender we can do this the easy way.

XOMBALAR  
You know Nezbit, you really do need to go on a diet.

As Nezbit is about to crash into the wall Xombalar manages to free herself and she clicks the turbo button on her jet pack. She rockets into a cloud with part of Nezbit's chest armor in her hand.

NEZBIT  
Ok, so she wants to do it the hard way.

CUT TO:

EXT. INSIDE A CLOUD - LATE AFTERNOON

Xombalar drops Nezbit's chest armor and pulls out a suction grenade and activates the timer.

XOMBALAR

I've got a surprise for you Nezbit.

Xombalar turns around and blasts toward the ground with her jet pack evaporating the cloud behind her.

CUT TO:

EXT. MOAT OUTSIDE THE CASTLE WALLS - LATE AFTERNOON

Nezbit is digging through the moat and pulls out his freeze gun.

NEZBIT

Here it is.

XOMBALAR

Hey Nezbit!

Nezbit turns around to find Xombalar headed right for him. The force of the collision knocks them both over and they eventually roll to a halt with Nezbit on top of Xombalar.

NEZBIT

It's time I put you on ice.

Nezbit points his freeze ray at Xombalar.

XOMBALAR

You first.

As a 3 second timer counts down Nezbit frantically searches for the grenade. He finds it just as it goes off.

NEZBIT

Noooooo!

At the start of the 10 second freezing process Nezbit leaps at Xombalar and grabs her tail. Xombalar has difficulty escaping Nezbit's grasp, the freezing process slowly creeps up Nezbit's arm towards Xombalar.

XOMBALAR

You don't know when to quit.

Xombalar manages to free her tail just as Nezbit's hand freezes over.

XOMBALAR (CONT'D)

Whew, that was close!

Xombalar turns around to see Nezbit's immobilized body, his frozen hand now grasping nothing but air.

CUT TO:

INT. CASTLE - LATE AFTERNOON

Through a window William spots the King's army preparing a counterattack on the dragons. William frantically searches for the king.

WILLIAM

Sire, I'm glad to see you're in good health.

KING

All thanks to you.

WILLIAM

Sire, please cease your attack on the dragons.

KING

Are you mad? Have you seen what they've done to my city?

WILLIAM

As we speak the dragons are locked in civil war above the city. Many of them are here to protect us. Let me show you.

William and the King walk to a window and witness the dragons locked in battle with one another.

KING

Why is my kingdom being overrun by dragons?

WILLIAM

You were attacked by dragons seeking retribution after Osbert attempted to murder their defenseless leader. The other dragons are my friends and are here to protect us. They understand Osbert's actions do not portray all of us.

KING

Osbert told me he was forced to defend himself. I must speak with him immediately.

WILLIAM

Sire, Osbert & Maynard wanted this war. Mercenaries are poised to invade your castle after Osbert leads your army against the dragons. I intercepted a courier's letter confirming the attack.

KING

Do you have the letter with you?

WILLIAM

No, it was swept away by a river. Sire, you have to trust me.

KING

The day you saved my life Osbert and his squad were patrolling the perimeter. It seems too much of a coincidence that he disappeared during the attempted ambush.

WILLIAM

Indeed. Sire, until you get to the bottom of this please cease your attack on the dragons before we injure our allies.

The king walks out to the balcony and addresses his army as they aim catapults and large crossbows at the dragons.

KING

Put down your weapons, many of those dragons are here to protect us.

OSBERT

The king is not feeling well. Ignore him and ready your weapons.

CAPTAIN

I saw dragons carrying water to fight the fire.

There is mumbling amongst the men, they are unsure how to react.

OSBERT

Ready, aim...

KING

No, I command you to put down your weapons and pick up water buckets. Your mission is to quell the remaining fires.

OSBERT

My king, William poisons you with his lies.

KING

Captain, place Osbert under arrest for treason. If found guilty his punishment will fit the crime.

OSBERT

I think not.

Osbert pushes the Captain down with his newly designed dragon lance. Osbert eludes several soldiers then jumps on two horses strapped together and attached to a small catapult on wheels. Osbert rides the horses through the castle walls for a quick exit.

OSBERT'S LOYAL FOOTSOLDIER

Osbert, wait for us.

As Osbert's loyal foot soldiers attempt to follow him they are surrounded and placed under arrest.

CUT TO:

EXT. CASTLE WALL - LATE AFTERNOON

Mizvakye is in a gun battle against Xanier and Chaknah. Despite a 2:1 ratio neither side is able to gain a strong advantage.

CHAKNAH

There's two of us and she's still managed to pin us down behind a wall.

XANIER

She's the best shot in her battalion, an expert sharpshooter.

CHAKNAH

Well, we've got to do something.

XANIER

I'm open for suggestions.

CHAKNAH

Cover me, If I can get to that castle wall I'm small enough to crawl under her line of sight and gain position on her.

XANIER

Ok, I'm ready when you are.

CHAKNAH

On the count of 3. 1 2 3!

Xanier provides cover fire giving Chaknah enough time to advance.

CUT TO:

EXT. CASTEL WALL - LATE AFTERNOON

Chaknah moves behind a tower to gain position on Mizvakye. He is about to take a clean shot when a maiden screams after seeing his face in her window. Mizvakye realizes it's a trap and immediately pins down Chaknah with gunfire.

MIZVAKYE

Nice try Chaknah!

She starts destroying Chaknah's cover and sees a clear shot at his tail. She changes the setting on her gun back to freeze and takes aim at Chaknah.

XANIER (SCREAMING)

Here goes nothing.

While Mizvakye is distracted Xanier surprises her. Xanier aim isn't precise and shots bounces off Mizvakye's shielding. Xanier crashes into Mizvakye before she has time to take aim at him. They begin wrestling on the tower.

MIZVAKYE

A full assault, I didn't know you had it in you.

XANIER

You left me no choice.

As Xanier and Mizvakye wrestle on the tower Chaknah is unable to get a clean shot.

CHAKNAH

C'mon Xanier, give me an opening.

Chaknah takes a shot which bounces off Mizvakye's armor. This causes her to slip and fall from the tower while wrestling Xanier. As they're falling together Mizvakye collapses her wings forcing Xanier to use all his wing strength to slow their dangerous decent.

XANIER

What are you doing?

Xanier's wings are unable to support both of the dragons and they begin falling dangerously fast. Mizvakye opens one of her wings which flips her on top of Xanier. Xanier crashes into a castle wall then falls into a hay wagon.

MIZVAKYE

You're going to have a nasty headache when you wake up.

Mizvakye walks over to pick up her weapon when Chaknah swoops down.

MIZVAKYE (CONT'D)

Better you than me.

CHAKNAH

Give it up Mizvakye.

MIZVAKYE

Lookie here, little Chaknah has me cornered.

Mizvakye inches closer to Chaknah.

CHAKNAH

Go ahead, take another step. Give me an excuse.

MIZVAKYE

Take it easy, I'm not going anywhere.

Mizvakye looks behind Chaknah.

MIZVAKYE (CONT'D)

Looks like the tables have turned. Bruxlus has you locked in his sights, put down you weapon.

CHAKNAH

I don't believe you.

Chaknah hesitates and looks behind him. As he does Mizvakye flips a switch on her flamethrower and a burst of flame shoots from her shoulder (from the side it looks like

flame is emanating from her mouth). Chaknah turns back around as Mizvakyé's flame melts the tip of his weapon.

MIZVAKYE

You always were a little too gullible.

CHAKNAH

C'mon, let's go. Just you and me.

Despite a 3:1 size disadvantage Chaknah menacingly raises his dukes and tail in preparation for a fight.

MIZVAKYE

You can't be serious.

CHAKNAH

What's a matter, you afraid?

MIZVAKYE

If you don't surrender there's going to be a lot of pain.

CHAKNAH

I'm not afraid of you!

As Mizvakyé moves in to attack she's shot by a freeze ray. She turns around to see Xanier lying on the ground with a ray gun in his hand. Mizvakyé screams as the freezing process begins. Xanier gives a huge sigh of relief once Mizvakyé is frozen.

CHAKNAH (CONT'D)

That was close.

XANIER

Sorry, I know you wanted a shot at the title.

CHAKNAH

Yeah, you really saved her.

Both dragons laugh.

XANIER

Urghhhhhh

CHAKNAH

You going to be alright?

XANIER

I think my left wing is broken. 10 minutes in the medical chamber and I should be as good as new.

CHAKNAH

I'm going to check on the others. Will you be alright by yourself?

XANIER

Don't worry about me, go see if Mobolus needs a hand.

Chaknah leaps into the air where he's immediately joined by Xombalar.

XOMBALAR

Everything ok down there?

CHAKNAH

Mizvakye is on ice. Xanier is injured but he'll live. How about you?

XOMBALAR

I'm fine. Both Navoloc and Nezbit are frozen.

CHAKNAH

Let's see if Mobolus needs our help.

CUT TO:

EXT. ABOVE THE CASTLE - LATE AFTERNOON

Mobolus and Bruxlus are locked in mind-numbing combat high above the air. Both are wearing jet packs which keep the combat scenes at a lightning pace. Suddenly they lose sight of one another as they disappear into a thick cloud (the temporary blindness allows them to carry on a conversation).

BRUXLUS

I must say your air combat techniques are quite advanced Mobolus. You would've made a fine soldier.

MOBOLUS

I don't need your compliment Bruxlus.

BRUXLUS

Instead of compliments how about some advice. Fighting a highly trained soldier with a freeze ray is a deadly game at this altitude. If frozen, there's a chance you won't survive ground impact. I'm not sure if you're dim-witted or if you have more courage then you know what to do with. I

recommend you return to a safe altitude immediately.

MOBOLUS

Nice try, but if I concede the sky you'll have little trouble picking me off. I understand the consequences but cannot allow you to continue your personal vendetta.

BRUXLUS

It's not a vendetta, I'm in the pursuit of justice.

Without warning Bruxlus slams into Mobolus which in turn forces Mobolus's to drop his weapon. Their momentum carries them outside the thick cloud. Bruxlus is unable to get a clean shot because Mobolus won't release his hand, which is holding the other freeze ray.

Bruxlus notices the arrival of Xombalar and Chaknah. Outnumbered, Bruxlus quickly disengages and sprints to the scout ship. Bruxlus locks the outer hatch in the nick of time as Mobolus, Xombalar and Chaknah arrive. They try unsuccessfully to breach the hull.

CHAKNAH

Dookaryiah (dragon curse).

MOBOLUS

we need to disable the ships navigation.

XOMBALAR

How do we do that?

MOBOLUS

Come with me.

CUT TO:

INT. SCOUT SHIP CONTROLS - LATE AFTERNOON

Bruxlus sits at the ships helm, starts the engines. He hears a loud bang as the ship quakes. Bruxlus pulls the dragons up on the view screen.

BRUXLUS

Now I've got you.

CUT TO:

EXT. SCOUT SHIP - LATE AFTERNOON

Bruxlus pulls the ship off the ground. Bruxlus finds it difficult to maneuver the ship because there is a tree wedged in the ships rudder. He still manages to open fire on Mobolus, Xombalar and Chaknah forcing them into the cover of the forrest.

Bruxlus shoots down a tree which falls on Xombalar. Xombalar turns to his friends.

XOMBALAR  
Stay back, I'm trapped.

CUT TO:

INT. SCOUT SHIP - LATE AFTERNOON

Through the viewscreen Bruxlus smiles as he watches helpless Xombalar.

BRUXLUS  
I've got you now.

As Bruxlus locks in on Xombalar and readies the freeze ray Shaybha arrives in the main ship. Shaybha places the ship between Xombalar and Bruxlus's scout ship.

CUT TO:

INT. MAIN SHIP - LATE AFTERNOON

SHAYBHA  
Not so fast Bruxlus.

Bruxlus roars with the rage.

EXT. MAIN SHIP - LATE AFTERNOON

With the arrival of reinforcements Bruxlus departs in the scout ship.

Shaybha turns the ship towards Mobolus and Chaknah.

SHAYBHA (SHIPS LOUDSPEAKER)  
I'm going after him.

CHAKNAH  
Mobolus, Xanier requires medical attention.

MOBOLUS  
I can't let you go Shaybha.

SHAYBHA

Why not? I've easily got the scout ship outmatched.

MOBOLUS

We have injured dragons requiring immediate medical attention.

CUT TO:

INT. SPACESHIP, CONTROL ROOM - NIGHT

Shaybha is adjusting controls at the ships helm.

MOBOLUS

Any luck locating the scout ship?

SHAYBHA

No, there's too much interference. Bruxlus must be inside a 10 mile radius to jam our scanners.

MOBOLUS

Park the ship in that field. We'll be close enough to the castle if he tries another attack.

SHAYBHA

At least we know he's not terrorizing some other town.

XOMBALAR

In the morning I'd like to head back into the city. The damage is severe and I'd like to assist with the rebuilding.

MOBOLUS

Good idea, but I want you to take Xanier and Navoloc with you. Bruxlus is too dangerous to risk travelling alone. I want everyone to maintain groups of 3 for safety.

XOMBALAR

We'll be back before sundown and will maintain radio contact once an hour.

SALIZE

They can take Blue Monster for protection. He's been my guardian for the last 2 years.

MOBOLUS

I appreciate the offer Salize but Blue Monster should stay here to watch over Softilicious and Snowy.

Mobolus turns to the rest of the crew.

MOBOLUS (CONT'D)  
Bruxlus is capable of anything right now so stay alert.

CUT TO:

INT. CASTLE BEDROOM - MORNING (DAY 5)

Alyssa enters with a large object covered by a blanket. She leaves it beside the door.

ALYSSA  
I saw you and Merlin speaking with the dragons this morning. How do you understand their strange tongue?

William holds up his necklace translator for Alyssa.

WILLIAM  
They gave us these special necklaces which translate their language.

ALYSSA  
Do they have names?

WILLIAM  
Yes, let me show you.

William holds out his hand for Alyssa and she gracefully accepts with a nod. They walk to a window and William points out each of the dragons as they help rebuild the city.

WILLIAM (CONT'D)  
The green dragon is Navoloc, I met him for the first time today. The yellow dragon is a female, her name is Xombalar. The big dragon with blue and brown freckles is Xanier, he's gave me this necklace.

ALYSSA  
I never thought it possible to rebuild so quickly. Their help is invaluable.

WILLIAM

They feel obliged to fix the damage caused by the other dragons.

ALYSSA

You have your riding gear on, where are you going?

WILLIAM

Xombalar recommended I ride over to her ship. She said Mobolus would like to speak with me.

ALYSSA

Will Xombalar and the others go with you?

WILLIAM

No, Merlin is here supervising their efforts. The king has already granted me leave.

ALYSSA

Did the king tell you of my surprise? He said he wasn't going to spoil it.

WILLIAM

Tell me what?

ALYSSA

I can't hold in the news any longer... at the spring festival my father will award you a coat of arms along with a land grant for your knighthood.

WILLIAM

I can't believe my ears, all my dreams are coming true.

ALYSSA

On behalf of the royal family I've been given the honor of selecting a crest for your coat of arms. It's a small token of appreciation for all your brave deeds.

Alyssa removes the covering to reveal a magnificent shield emblazoned with the image of a dragon.

WILLIAM

Alyssa, this is a splendid gift. I would be honored to wield this inspiring shield.

William gives Alyssa a hug. They appear ready to share their first kiss when Merlin bursts into William's room with a large piece of metal (fragment of dragon body armor).

MERLIN

Good, you haven't left yet.

William and Alyssa blush as they back away from each other. Merlin fails to notice the awkward moment.

WILLIAM

What have you got there?

Merlin hands Nezbit's chest plate armor to William (earlier in the story Xombalar ripped this armor off Nezbit leaving him exposed to her suction grenade).

MERLIN

It fell off one of the dragons during the battle. Xanier said I could keep it.

ALYSSA

Where did you find it?

MERLIN

I bought it from a trader. He found it outside the castle walls.

WILLIAM

It's as light as a feather but amazingly strong. What are you going to do with it?

MERLIN

Not sure, maybe I'll melt it then reshape it into a sword. I already have the perfect name... Excalibur.

CUT TO:

EXT. DRAGON SHIP - DAY

Salize is playing outside with her cuddles. Zeekrok is keeping watch over her.

ZEEKROK

Salize, you know we're supposed to stay within a 100 feet of the ship.

SALIZE

I'm just going to look at the birds. I won't go inside the forrest.

ZEEKROK

Why don't you send your cuddles into the woods to record the birds?

SALIZE

That's a good idea.

The cuddles land on Salize's arms and she whispers to them. They launch into the air and head into the woods in search of birds.

Blue Monster finds a nest with baby birds being fed worms by their mother. Blue Monster's eyes zoom in as it records the feeding.

CUT TO:

INT. WOODS IN ENGLAND - DAY

The other cuddles continue flying deeper into the woods. Softilicious finds a male and female bird sitting on a branch serenading each other with harmonious chirps. Softilicious hovers nearby to record the romantic scene.

CUT TO:

INT. WOODS IN ENGLAND - DAY

Snowy is sitting on a branch looking for birds when a giant owl emerges from the hollow of a tree. Snowy begins taking snapshots of the owl with its eyes. The female owl interprets Snowy's eye movement as courtship. The owl is love stricken with Snowy and follows it through the woods.

Unable to lose it's new admirer Snowy emerges from the woods a few hundred yards from Salize. The cuddle notices William entering the dragoncamp and flies over his head in recognition. Snowy retreats back to Salize with the owl landing on a nearby branch. Snowy starts whispering in Salize's ear.

SALIZE (CONT'D)

There is a human visitor approaching.

ZEEKROK

Where?

SALIZE

300 yards due east.

ZEEKROK

Let's go inside and tell the others.

SALIZE

But I don't want to leave Snowy's new friend.

ZEEKROK

Come on, they can play later.

CUT TO:

EXT. MAIN DRAGON SHIP - DAY

William rides toward the ship wearing light armor. He dismounts and is greeted by Mobolus (both are wearing translators).

MOBOLUS

It's good to see you are well William.

WILLIAM

All thanks to you and your companions. I am in your debt for saving my home.

MOBOLUS

We had no choice, the other dragons had to be stopped. Let us speak of happier things, how is the rebuilding coming along?

WILLIAM

Xombalar, Xanier and Navoloc have made extensive progress. Without their help it would have taken us months to rebuild.

MOBOLUS

Good. You will have our help as long as necessary, it's the least we can do.

WILLIAM

Have you had any luck finding Bruxlus?

MOBOLUS

No, we've been unable to locate his exact position. Until he's captured please be careful travelling outside the castle walls.

WILLIAM

And the dragons who attacked the castle, what is their fate?

MOBOLUS

They're the reason I asked you here.  
After they thawed out we placed them in  
a holding cell. They refuse to listen  
to me but I was hoping you might talk  
with them.

WILLIAM

Me? What would I say?

MOBOLUS

Tell them the truth about Osbert's  
betrayal. Help them understand his  
actions were independent of your  
leader.

WILLIAM

I'll try but I don't know if they'll  
listen. Especially the purple dragon, I  
chipped his tooth yesterday.

MOBOLUS

That would be Nezbit. Don't worry, he  
can't harm you now.

WILLIAM

I'll do whatever I can to help.

MOBOLUS

Thank you William. Chaknah, please  
take William to the holding cell.

CUT TO:

INT. DRAGON SHIP JAIL - DAY

Chaknah and William enter the jail area. Immediately  
Nezbit, Mizvakyé and Nhass-t-lhass rise in disgust.

NHASS-T-LHASS

What is the human doing here?

MIZVAKYE

Chaknah, have you lost your mind  
bringing him in here?

CHAKNAH

William would like to talk with you.  
Here, take these translation necklaces.

Chaknah hands a necklace to each of the jailed dragons.

WILLIAM

From the depths of my heavy heart I  
offer my sympathy for the attack on  
Zharic...

FADE TO:

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INT. DRAGON SHIP CONTROL ROOM - DAY

MOBOLUS

They actually thought William was  
trying to trick them? They are too  
stubborn in defeat.

SHAYBHA

Time heals all wounds.

MOBOLUS

Maybe, but that does us no good right  
now. I wanted their help convincing  
Bruxlus to end his standoff peacefully.

SHAYBHA

What's our next step?

MOBOLUS

Bruxlus must be found before he wreaks  
more havoc. Tomorrow I'll lead a  
reconnaissance mission into the  
forrest.

FADE TO:

EXT. DRAGON SHIP - MORNING (DAY 6)

Mobolus, Xanier, Chaknah, Zeekrok, Salize, Shaybha, Navoloc  
and Xombalar have gathered outside the ship.

MOBOLUS

Bruxlus still has our scanners blocked  
and thick foliage prevents an aerial  
search. Our best option is for Xanier,  
Chaknah and I to track down the scout  
ship on foot.

NAVOLOC

But that's exactly what Bruxlus wants  
you to do.

Several dragons begin complaining at once. Mobolus motions  
for them to quiet down.

MOBOLUS

I understand the risks but we don't have a choice, Bruxlus must be captured. I want everyone else to stay alert and remain near the ship or castle in groups of three or more.

ZEEKROK

I'm really fast in the woods, can I come with you?

MOBOLUS

You're a brave young dragon Zeekrok but I need you to stay here and protect your mother and sister.

ZEEKROK

Ok, but I'll need a freeze ray.

SHAYBHA (WHISPERING TO HERSELF)

They grow up so fast.

SHAYBHA

Maybe it's time you receive supervised training. Navoloc, would you be willing to give Zeekrok a course in weapon safety this morning?

NAVOLOC

It would be my pleasure.

ZEEKROK

Wow! Thanks mom, I'll make you proud.

CUT TO:

EXT. DRAGON SHIP - AFTERNOON

SALIZE

No!

ZEEKROK

Salize, I only want to borrow one of your cuddles this afternoon.

SALIZE

Tell me why and I'll think about it.

ZEEKROK

Mobolus and the others have been gone all morning. If Bruxlus ambushed them they may not have time to radio for

help. One of your cuddles could track them and report back to us.

SALIZE

Do you really think it's a good idea?

ZEEKROK

Yes, visual surveillance by a cuddle is much better than waiting for a radio transmission.

SALIZE

Ok, I'll send Softilicious. She can follow Mobolus's tracks and report back. Sorry Snowy, I think your new friend would miss you too much.

Salize hits a button on her watch to signal for Softilicious. Snowy is sitting on Salize's shoulder, they turn around and look up at the goofy owl. The owl hoots in delight as Snowy makes eye contact.

Softilicious suddenly lands on Salize's other shoulder. After Salize whispers to the cuddle it quickly disappears into the woods.

CUT TO:

EXT. WOODS IN ENGLAND - DAY

Mobolus and Xanier are patrolling the woods on foot. They occasionally lose sight of one another through the trees but manage to stay in communication with their headsets.

XANIER

This is like searching for a needle in a haystack.

Chaknah is small enough to maneuver around the trees during flight.

CHAKNAH

C'mon slow pokes, this could take days if you don't pick up speed.

Mobolus takes a swig of water from a cannister.

MOBOLUS

Don't get too far ahead Chaknah.

CHAKNAH

There's a waterfall 1 click north of you. I need to refill my water cannister, how about I meet you there?

MOBOLUS

Very well, we'll meet you there and break for lunch.

Mobolus switches his radio setting to the ship.

MOBOLUS (CONT'D)

Shaybha, this is Mobolus come in.

SHAYBHA (V.O.)

It's good to hear your voice. Any news?

MOBOLUS

No visuals yet. We're going to break for lunch, I'll be back in touch in an hour.

SHAYBHA

I copy, let us know if you need anything.

MOBOLUS

Will do, Mobolus out.

CUT TO:

EXT. SMALL WATERFALL IN THE WOODS - DAY

MOBOLUS

Chaknah, where are you?

XANIER

He probably found a honey bee's nest and keeping it all to himself.

MOBOLUS

I don't like this. Spread out but stay in visual contact and be prepared for anything.

EXT. CAVE IN THE WOODS - DAY

Xanier discovers Chaknah's footprints and follows them into a cave. Chaknah appears to be sleeping at the entrance of the cave.

XANIER

Wake up Chaknah, if Mobolus finds you sleeping he won't be pleased.

Xanier peers closer into the shadows of the cave and notices Chaknah isn't sleeping, he's frozen. Xanier gets ready to call out for Mobolus when Bruxlus emerges outside the cave pointing a freeze gun at him.

BRUXLUS (WHISPERING)  
Looks like somebody dropped his guard.

XANIER (WHISPERING)  
Bruxlus, you don't understand. The humans are our friends.

A large branch snaps behind Bruxlus. Without further delay Bruxlus shoots Xanier between armor plating then immediately turns around.

Bruxlus isn't quick enough to elude a bear hug from Mobolus which forces Bruxlus to drop his weapon. Mobolus steps on the gun smashing it into several pieces. Bruxlus retaliates with a reverse head butt which shatters Mobolus's headset.

CUT TO:

EXT. SMALL WATERFALL IN THE WOODS - DAY

Softilicious finally catches up to Mobolus and witnesses his confrontation with Bruxlus. Softilicious attempts to send a video signal only to discover it's jammed. The cuddle immediately turns around and heads back to the ship as fast as it's little wings will fly.

CUT TO:

EXT. CAVE IN THE WOODS - DAY

MOBOLUS  
Bruxlus, these humans are our friends. Surrender peacefully and you can see for yourself.

BRUXLUS  
You're foolish to trust them Mobolus. Everywhere I go I'm attacked by these humans.

Bruxlus pushes his legs against a large tree thrusting himself backwards and slamming Mobolus against the cave. Mobolus's grip is loosened allowing Bruxlus to open his wings forcing Mobolus to lose his grasp.

Bruxlus turns around to see Mobolus reaching for a freeze ray. Bruxlus fires his turbo rockets and slams into Mobolus before he's able to get a shot off. The force of the collision sends Mobolus crashing into a tree.

Stunned from the crash Mobolus drops the freeze gun. While Mobolus is dazed Bruxlus manages to pin him to the ground. Bruxlus wraps his tail around the freeze gun barrel and picks it up.

MOBOLUS

It doesn't have to be this way.

BRUXLUS

We each choose our paths days ago.

Bruxlus places the weapon on the ground then wraps his tail tightly around Mobolus's right arm. With his free left hand Bruxlus picks up the weapon and points it at Mobolus.

BRUXLUS (CONT'D)

Humans have attacked to many of my friends. I won't let it happen again.

Bruxlus pulls the trigger and nothing happens. This gives Mobolus a chance to grab a hold of Bruxlus's tail and pull it hard. Bruxlus's weight shifts to the right giving Mobolus enough momentum to push Bruxlus over.

Both dragons quickly recover and square off.

MOBOLUS

We reprogrammed our weapons, they no longer recognize your scales.

Bruxlus howls in frustration, throws the weapon into the woods and charges Mobolus.

The fighting has gone on for over a minute with both dragons sustaining injuries. Mobolus and Bruxlus are now fighting in the water just above the waterfall. Locked in hand to hand combat they fall over the waterfall together. Seeing the rocks below Bruxlus hits his turbo button on his jet pack and narrowly escapes impact. While in flight Bruxlus turns around and notices Mobolus in severe pain with a broken wing from his fall against the rocks.

BRUXLUS

Surrender and I'll see to it you receive medical treatment once I take over the main ship.

Mobolus summons all his strength and stands up. An impressive sight with water dripping from his scales.

MOBOLUS

Surrender? I've just begun to fight.

Bruxlus flies directly at Mobolus. Within 15 feet Bruxlus clicks his turbo button to deliver the knock out blow. Bruxlus is stunned when nothing happens and looks down at his fuel gauge only to realize he's out of gas. Mobolus takes advantage of Bruxlus's confusion and body slams Bruxlus. Mobolus drags an unconscious Bruxlus to a sand bed then disappears into the woods.

CUT TO:

EXT. DRAGON CAMP - DAY

Zeekrok is holding a gun with a computerized training muzzle. He eyes a target through the scope of his gun and squeezes the trigger. The muzzle responds: NEAR MISS, WIDE RIGHT.

SALIZE

Don't forget to breathe.

ZEEKKROK

I know, I just need more practice.

Softilicious emerges from the woods and heads straight for Salize and Zeekrok. He's in a very excited state.

ZEEKKROK

What's he saying?

SALIZE

He wants us to see a recording.

Salize pushes a button on the Cuddles back. Zeekrok and Salize watch the battle between Mobolus and Bruxlus.

ZEEKKROK

Salize, tell Softilicious to take me to Mobolus.

SALIZE

But mom says we can't leave.

ZEEKKROK

Mobolus is in trouble, there's no time to waste.

Salize whispers to Softilicious and it circles around Zeekrok then disappears into the woods. Zeekrok removes the training muzzle by shattering it against a rock then follows Softilicious into the woods.

SALIZE (SHOUTING)  
Please be careful.

ZEEKROK (SHOUTING)  
I will, go tell the others what happened.

CUT TO:

EXT. SMALL WATERFALL IN THE WOODS - DAY

Mobolus returns to the river bank holding his weapon only to find Bruxlus's body has disappeared. As Mobolus turns around Bruxlus crashes into him sending both of them toppling onto the other river bank. As they come to a halt Bruxlus lands on top of Mobolus both of them holding the gun. We capture a close up of the two dragon faces straining against one another. Suddenly a shot echoes and Mobolus's face becomes overwhelmed with shock as Bruxlus unleashes a menacing grin. A freezing crackle sound slowly grows louder. Bruxlus's eyes gleam over as the freezing process continues up his body. Mobolus quickly manages to push Bruxlus away as the freezing process ends.

EXT. WOODS IN ENGLAND - DAY

Unable to fly Mobolus limps toward the ship when he hears a distress call in the distance.

MOBOLUS  
Someone needs help.

Mobolus changes direction and limps toward the distress call.

CUT TO:

EXT. TRAP IN THE WOODS - DAY

Mobolus discovers a man trapped in a sink hole and attempts to assist. As Mobolus draws near a low chuckle erupts from Osbert as he removes a straw hat. Osbert swiftly cuts a camouflaged rope with knife. This triggers a hidden catapult which throws several heavy stones at Mobolus knocking him unconscious.

OSBERT

Your death will prove to friend and foe  
I am the mightiest dragon vanquisher to  
ever walk the land.

Using another rope Osbert slowly pulls himself from the  
sink hole. He whistles for his horse and nimbly mounts the  
animal as it approaches. Osbert trots over to a nearby  
tree where he grabs his extraordinary dragon lance.

OSBERT (CONT'D)  
I'm sending you back to hell.

Osbert kicks his horse and starts picking up speed. He  
lowers his lance and aims it directly at Mobolus's heart.

CUT TO:

EXT. WILLIAM RIDING A HORSE IN THE WOODS - DAY

WILLIAM  
Nooooo!

William jumps from his horse and lands in front of Mobolus  
with his new dragon shield. Osbert's lance strikes  
William's shield which throws William backwards but also  
knocks Osbert from his horse.

Osbert unsheathes his sword and attacks William. William  
is dazed but manages to draw his sword and defend himself  
in the nick of time. After a brief offensive Osbert stops  
to mock William.

OSBERT  
The king's pet is here to save the day?

WILLIAM  
I am no pet, simply a man who swore his  
allegiance to the king and you are  
nothing more than a traitor.

William attacks Osbert but neither side is able to gain an  
advantage in the duel.

OSBERT  
Perhaps I am a traitor. But I will be  
remembered as Osbert the Dragon  
vanquisher long after you and I are  
dead.

WILLIAM  
You're a fool Osbert, this dragon is my  
friend and I would give my life  
defending him.

OSBERT

That can be arranged.

Osbert and William continue exchanging sword blows. As William is driven back Osbert strikes with a strong two handed overhead blow (similar to their confrontation earlier in the movie). William blocks the blow and Osbert attempts to backhand William across the face. This time William is prepared for the move and catches Osbert's fist in his free hand. Osbert is caught by surprise and William quickly de-swords him. William pins Osbert against a tree with his sword.

WILLIAM

You're beaten, will you yield?

OSBERT

Yes, I yield.

Mobolus utters a moan and William turns to check on his friend. Once William has his back turned Osbert pulls a knife and goes after William. As Osbert readies a deadly blow he's hit by a freeze ray blast. As the freezing process takes affect Osbert turns around to discover Zeekrok holding a gun in the distance.

FADE TO:

INT. PRISON CELL WITHIN THE CASTLE - DAY

From his prison cell Osbert can see a large crowd gathered outside the dragon ship including William, Merlin, Alyssa and the king. All the dragons which defended the kingdom are outside the ship.

CUT TO:

EXT. DRAGON SHIP - DAY

Merlin steps toward Mobolus.

MERLIN

Farewell my friends.

MOBOLUS

I wish you well Merlin.

Merlin hands his translator to Mobolus then William steps forward.

WILLIAM

Will we ever see you again?

MOBOLUS

Inhabitable planets are rare but that decision is not mine, it is one for our elder council. I can only hope our paths cross again.

WILLIAM

As do I. You will be missed my friend.

William hands his translator to Mobolus. The crowd begins cheering as the dragons enter the ship. The ship lifts off and enters outer space. A wormhole is opened.

FADE OUT

THE END