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FAR OFF IN THE DISTANT SKIES OF WORLDS UNKNOWN THERE FLIES A SHIP CALLED THE KURGAN. ABOARD, SOME OF THE TOUGHEST SONS OF GUNS FOR HIRE THIS WILD UNIVERSE WILL EVER KNOW. THEY ARE THE MISERY LOVES COMPANY.

(theme!)

VO

The Misery Loves Company with Vannessa Crowelton in tow is heading towards the surface of the ravaged Crow-Folk homeworld. Their path of escape is blocked by a brewing intergalactic war they themselves inadvertently started.

BERNIE

This sucks. I wish we hadn't started an intergalactic war. I'm hungry.

CLYDE

If you hadn't blown up that moon--

BERNIE

If you hadn't angered the blood beast--

AHAB

If I hadn't left Fork to start a new age of horror on the Gladiator planet.

BERNIE

Well at least someone is taking responsibility. All in favor of this is all Ahab's fault

CLYDE

Aye

BERNIE

Aye.

AHAB

The ayes have it. I started an intergalactic war and now Bernie's hungry.

BERNIE

This is great news.

CLYDE

The best.

VO

The boys made their way to the ruins of the once large building they had once hid in. Above them, a massive space-police ship was careening towards the planets' surface. The blood beast meanwhile, had engulfed the Gladiator flagship. The cries of the damned had nowhere to go.

BERNIE

Talk about some fireworks.

AHAB

Kurgan, where are you.

KURGAN

A satellite orbit. I can send down a life raft. Be careful, it's the last one.

AHAB

Please do.

KURGAN

I'm sending it to your coordinates now.

BERNIE

Is this crow woman even any different than any other crow woman?

CLYDE

You really are kind of crow racist Bernie

BERNIE

They taste good man. I was just thinkin...

AHAB

You are not eating that woman.

BERNIE

We could put any crow in the world in here and no one would know the difference.

AHAB

Cobb would know the difference if you ate his diseased girlfriend. You don't know where that crow has even been, dude. Plus, we won't get paid, plus, on top of the space demon, the space cops, and the space gladiators, we'd also have cobb's crew of flim flammers tryna glib glob us.

BERNIE

I can imagine it at least.

CLYDE

But why would you want to.

BERNIE

So I can make a "Eating crow" pun.

AHAB

Oh, well.

CLYDE

Fair.

FORK

You sons of polarian fart miners.

AHAB

Huh?

VO

Fork, covered in some dark cosmic goop from the blood beast limped towards the Misery Loves Company.

FORK

First ya'll leave me to get ganked on planet forks gonna die, then you bring the SPACE COPS? and then you bring the BLOOD BEAST? Half my ships are gone! Almost all my dudes and ships are dead.

AHAB

We didn't bring the space cops, you literally invaded a planet with a full space police blockade.

FORK

Yeah and how was I supposed to know that.

AHAB

Why are you asking me this question. I can't help you Fork.

FORK

Ya'll are a bunch of stupid idiots. Everything you touch gets turned stupider than it ever was supposed to be.

BERNIE

We is not stupider than anythings ever gonna get.

FORK

What does that even MEAN Bernie! You're so stupid! You're so doggone dumb you can't even say how not dumb you are without sounding even dumber.

BERNIE

Don't call me *dumb*. Just cause my head is made of rocks don't mean it's full of 'em. I got a heart in here too. And you're breakin' it Forkster.

FORK

I want ya'll dumbass idiots to know something. I'm gonna kill the whole lot of you. First I was just bummed out you left me cause that sucks, but then you made me look stupid in front of my new crew, then you got blood beast goop all over me.

AHAB

To be fair, we didn't really actively do some of that. Like I said.

FORK

I had an awakening in my brain Ahab. When I got my hands on the power, when I saw what it was like. I'm gonna make you peasants walk the rings of a moon barefoot.

CLYDE

Sounds badass.

FORK

Just you wait. I'll make sure--

(SFX: Clang, glass crack)

BERNIE

Doggone ya'll just gonna let that rascal talk all night huh.

AHAB

Be careful with that tank you glob. Don't use it as a hammer.

BERNIE

Shoot fine. Whatever.

AHAB

Look, you already broke whatever the hell this light means.

BERNIE

I'm sure it's nothing.

KURGAN

Life raft approaching.

AHAB

When this thing lands, you gotta move fast. They're distracted right now but if they see us leaving they're all gonna fire.

CLYDE

Maybe we can use that.

AHAB

I see what you're thinking, but it's a life raft. Single engine. Barely enough room for us as it is. We're not going sky surfing on it.

CLYDE

Just saying.

KURGAN

Landing sequence activated.

(SFX: Ship lands)

AHAB

GO!

FORK

Command two... if anyones still alive... This is grand emperor Fork... there's a ship... going up. Shoot it with all your bullets.

BERNIE

He's calling backup.

AHAB

Haul ass you trash can, GO.

BERNIE

I'm not--

AHAB

GO!

VO

They quickly shoved themselves into the small escape vessel. Clyde had to shrink himself just to fit in with the cryopod and Bernie taking up so much space.

AHAB

Kurgan, go. This is all you.

BERNIE

Hey there's something going wrong with this life box thing.

AHAB

I told you to stop banging it into stuff.

BERNIE

Kurgan, what's this light mean.

KURGAN

Sensors indicate failing life signs within the cryopod.

AHAB

Great. GREAT.

(SFX: Explosion, metal shattering)

KURGAN

You're taking fire.

AHAB

Get us out of here!

(STATIC, voice breaks through)

COP 1

Misery Loves Company, you're in a world of shit.

AHAB

NO TIME.

(Sfx: beep)

CLYDE

I think we may have some big problems in our future guys.

BERNIE

What great insight you have, Clyde.

CLYDE

The better to spook you with, Bernie.

(Static, voice breaks through)

FORK

Ahab, Bernie, Clyde, you three have stepped into a world of shit.

AHAB

NO.

(SFX: beep)

BERNIE

Gee, you think Fork's alright?

AHAB

We can hope not. Kurgan, what are we looking like.

KURGAN

Heavy damage to life raft. Engines are failing, but you're going to make it unless something else strikes the--

(SFX: Heavy impact, roar)

KURGAN

Something else has struck the--

(SFX: ROAR)

AHAB

Blood beast.

CLYDE

Only part of it. The rest of it was on that capital ship.

AHAB

It doesn't matter how--

CLYDE

I got this.

VO

Clyde vanished through a small crack in the hull of the tiny ship. Moving as fast as he could, he reshaped himself around the life raft. Nothing more than a fistful of the bloodbeast had grappled onto the ships failing engine.

SFX: Roar

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Meanwhile, another ship approached rapidly from the other side of space.

SCHMUCK 3

Boy, it sure is hard piloting a ship with only one eye!

TECH GOON 1

That's why you have mine too.

SCHMUCK 3

Who would have thought that just a little bit after both of us were nearly killed by a smoke man we'd be happily married, on our way to the greatest honeymoon we could have ever imagined.

TECH GOON 1

Your dad, I'll never forget his face when he saw your eye was gone. His one eye just looked you up and down then filled with tears so heavy he could have put out a sun.

SCHMUCK 3

He finally saw what I'd always been trying to tell him. That I could be just as brave as he was.

TECH GOON 1

I'm so glad I met you. I'm so glad everything has worked out. C'mere you lug, I need some sugar.

SCHMUCK 3

Funny thing-- I do too.

(SFX: ding ding ding)

TECH GOON 1

What's that?

SCHMUCK 3

Uhhh... I don't know.

TECH GOON 1

What's THAT?

SCHMUCK 3

What's what

TECH GOON 1

ITS THE SHADOW MAN!

SCHMUCK 3

WHAT!

VO

Through the quick effort of the two pilots with three eyes between them, they managed to mostly avoid a full on collision between their ship and that of the Kurgan's escape pod. They did, however, completely obliterate the goopy shard of the bloodbeast which had risen at that precise moment to attack Clyde, sending it careening onto KRO-55, where as luck would have it, part of it, still alive, careened straight for Fork's wide open mouth.

FORK

I don't care if you have to use every last battery we have, SHOOT DOWN THAT SH-- (Sfx: gulp). Gah, wha.. what just... hrrrrrrrrrrgggggggggh!

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Meanwhile, Clyde stared in awe at the passing honeymooners cruiser. Here he stood, prepared for a final battle, when this mysterious guardian angel had done all the work for him. He knew what he had to do. He re-entered the life raft.

CLYDE

It nearly killed me, but I destroyed the blood beast with my bare hands.

BERNIE

You did!? We thought you was doing a heroic sacrifice thing.

AHAB

Yeah. Already had Kurgan take you off the payroll.

CLYDE

Against all odds, we did something. We saved this crow.

KURGAN

The crow woman is flatlining.

CLYDE

DAMN IT TO HELL.

KURGAN

As soon as you're docked with me, get that cryopod plugged in. It's losing power.

AHAB

We can we can we can just get us there baby.

KURGAN

The engine has failed. Life support aboard the Kurgan is also failing.

BERNIE

Since when is life support failing?

KURGAN

Company member Bernie, is this a bit.

BERNIE

.....No..?

KURGAN

I will not dignify that question with a response. Docking procedure initiated.

CLYDE

We're losing her.

AHAB

Get ready to burn those engines hard Kurgan.

KURGAN

Affirmative Company leader Ahab.

(SFX: Airlock or something)

KURGAN

You are free to enter the ship.

AHAB

Bernie, move it. Get her plugged in.

BERNIE

On it.

AHAB

Clyde, get us the hell out of here. Anywhere.

CLYDE

On it.

AHAB

Kurgan, give me a read on the situation. How's life support.

KURGAN

12% and falling. Backups will get us as far as the next system over. I am searching for the nearest inhabitable planet.

AHAB

Take us anywhere, I don't care how desolate as long as we can breathe.

KURGAN

Affirmative. I would recommend you put on an Environmental suit Company leader Ahab.

AHAB

Got it. I'll get it on now. Bernie, is she plugged in?

BERNIE

Doing it, doing it.

AHAB

Clyde?

KURGAN

Destination selected.

CLYDE

We're GONE.

(Alarm rings once)

KURGAN

Something is happening.

BERNIE

She's in there. I connected her up, she's good. This light is green. Is she alive?

KURGAN

I can't tell. Something is wrong.

(Static)

CROW KING

Hello intruders. If you've stolen this cryopod, you know by now that it contains the Queen of our Planetary Murder, Vanessa Crowelton.

AHAB

Oh no.

KURGAN

I can't do anything. Company member Bernie help me.

CLYDE

Controls not responding. I can't alter our flight path.

KURGAN

I am--- I am scared.

CROW KING

We placed our queen in stasis once the werecrow outbreak occurred to protect the bloodline and to ensure (unintelligible).

KURGAN

MOVE BACK TO LIFE RAFT.

(Alarm rings)

AHAB

What's going on?

KURGAN

Emergency procedure initiated, life support has failed.

AHAB

I thought you said we--

KURGAN

Goodbye. I will find you. Good bye. I will find you.

BERNIE

Kurgan?

AHAB

Kurgan respond?

BERNIE

Oh no, I know what to do. I know what to do.

AHAB

Get to the life raft right now.

BERNIE

Hang on, hang on.

CLYDE

Ahab what do I do.

AHAB

Get--

(SFX: Explosion, alarms)

AHAB

We're getting shot. It's done. Kurgans dead. We gotta go. Leave everything. BERNIE. Where the hell is he.

CLYDE

Should I--

AHAB

Leave it all Clyde, I need you more than anything on this ship, c'mon.

(Alarm)

BERNIE (running)

Wait, wait, wait, wait. (sfx: explosion, thud, gas.)

CROW KING

Anyway, your ship has been disabled. We wish you a safe departure from this life we all live, and may your journey into crowhalla be most excellent. Goodbye, assholes.

AHAB

Help me drag Bernie on.

CLYDE

What is in this backpack.

AHAB

Just pull! Damn it!

CLYDE

I'm PULLING!

VO

With all the strength they had left, the two of them managed to pull Bernie into the heavily damaged life raft. They ejected straight into a barrage of fire from all sorts of ships, big and small alike.

AHAB

We went too far this time.

CLYDE

Where are we headed.

AHAB

Search for something that won't kill us.

CLYDE

There's... oh, shit.

AHAB

What?

CLYDE

I can only find one planet we can reach besides KRO that could support life.

AHAB

So what, take us there?

VO

A barrage of fire assaulted the small cruiser. Clyde gunned the sputtering engine, and they headed for the last bastion of safety they could reach.

AHAB

Whatever it takes, just -- (SFX: Explosion)

VO

Hours later, Bernie came around, sporting a massive headache. He awoke to find himself in the smoldering wreckage of their life raft. Ahab and Clyde were nowhere to be found. He reached for his pack. It was also missing.

BERNIE

Ahab? Clyde?

VO

Bernie pushed some debris out of the way. He found something remarkable hitting his nose.

BERNIE

What... where am I?

VO

He exited the wreckage, and looked around. The sun here was blinding. He saw ruins of a great city all around him. Half wrecked statues of people... who looked just like him.

BERNIE

I'm... home?

VO

However, he was greeted by silence. The wind blew through the desert. Up ahead, he saw two figures moving towards him. As he looked, they waved frantically. It was at this moment that the remains of the life raft toppled, landing directly on his body.

BERNIE

Damn it.

VO

Stranded, without hope, and possibly without his friends, what will happen to the Misery Loves Company? Is the Kurgan dead? What about Ahab and Clyde? All these answers and more, NEXT SEASON IN THE ABSOLUTELY ROCK AND ROLL ADVENTURES OF THE MISERY LOVES COMPANY.