

ROGUEMAKER

Official Trailer

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A klaxon sounds, and a robotic voice makes an announcement.

SHIP

(A) This is an emergency announcement to all passengers and crew. Please follow the guiding lights to the escape pods. There has been a malfunction. Please do not panic. Plutonic Flight 999 is equipped with the requisite number of escape pods as per Joint-Government law. There is a pod for everyone. Your safety is our priority.

The announcement repeats in the background.

LOWKEY

We'll make it through. It's gonna be okay.

WOH

Yeah.

MALACHI

The pods are connected by radio! We will be able to talk to you!

LOWKEY

Here, buckle this strap.

WOH

Yeah.

The strap clicks.

LOWKEY

I'll talk to you in a minute.

WOH

Yeah.

LOWKEY

Woh?

WOH

Yeah?

LOWKEY
Can you repeat after me?

WOH'
Yeah.

LOWKEY
It's gonna be okay.

WOH'
Yeah.

LOWKEY
No, 'it's gonna be okay.'

WOH'
It's gonna be okay.

LOWKEY
I've got the best bandmate in the
galaxy, so of course

The door to the WOH's pod shuts, muffling Lowkey's voice.

LOWKEY
it's gonna be okay.

A sound of the escape pod taking off, then silence.

SHIP
(A) Air, nominal. Pressure, nominal.
Temperature, nominal. Vital signs,
stabilising.

WOH'
What? Where am I?

LOWKEY
Is there anywhere to pee in these
things?

KUZHA
This is not exactly the start to my
Wander that I had imagined.

WOH'
I'm in an escape pod with an AI that
can't hear me.

STOWAWAY
It can't hear you either?

PASCAL

I'd like to say goodbye to my
husband before I die-

NO

You start talking like that, you're
as good as dead already.

TRIP

Pascal! Pascal!

KUZHA

Are you alright?

LOWKEY

Woó? Uh, hey? Anyone uh, anyone out
there?

WOÓ

Oh, I wish I could talk to Lowkey.

SHIP

(H) Connections may be spotty and
sporadic but I am still working to
get you in contact with the other
pods.

TARSUL

There's no sense walking around the
shadow, I'm not going to pretend to
make you feel better. These pods are
built to keep people alive while we
wait for rescue, and that's it. We
can't control anything in them. We
just have to wait.

PASCAL

An escape pod is hardly a death
sentence usually, there's air enough
in them that people can survive for
days. The real problem is the lack
of comms. Our pods were flung away
from the explosion at an incredible
speed, and with nothing to slow them
down, we're gonna Newton's-first-law
ourselves very far, very fast. We
already have. Every second we're
flung farther away from the
explosion site. Do you have any clue
just how insanely huge space is? Of
course you don't!

SHIP

(H) Hey there! Just wanted to let
you know that there is a lot of

interference in this part of space.

Ship is drowned out by static. Snippets of radio ads play in quick succession, overlapping. Parts can be made out.

DR SANG ANNOUNCER

On the latest episode of Dr Sang
Will See You Now-

DOCUMENTARY NARRATOR

For all those who ask, are we really
alone?

NEWSCASTER

But that's not all for Eccentric
news-

HARO'S COMMERCIAL

Haro's. The Burger Place. In Outer
Space.

KUTH MUDWO

Where did this ancient species come
from?

RACER

What's up spacers? This is-

ROW 12

From Gradient Entertainment and
Zhugg, it's Row 12-

DARCY FLEET

-interviews with the bands-

AMPT KRU

-chats with the fans-

DARCY FLEET

-and the latest hits-

ABOUT GARDENS

(singing)

Supercasanova!
Just this once we outshine the
galaxy

The radio is drowned out by static. Silence.

NO

Is it finally over?

Static.

PASCAL

Hello, can anyone - can anyone hear me? This is Pascal Almagest, passenger on Plutonic Flight 999.

The Row 12 ad begins to play again.

ROW 12

From Gradient Entertainment and Zhugg, it's Row 12: the latest edition of the game you know and love. Unleash your inner ancient Earth athlete in Row 12!

Several passengers make noises of disgust as the ad repeats. Finally, it fades out.

ALYSS

You'd think floating in an escape pod with no solid comms link is the one place in the universe you'd be SAFE from advertisements...

Debris can be heard striking a pod.

TRIP

What was that??
I bumped something! The pod bumped something! There's something out there!

KUZHA

The Groupelders do say to expect the unexpected during your Wander...

MALACHI

Plutonic are cheapskates on maintenance, everyone knows that. There's nothing we can do now but wait. Rescue'll be coming soon.

STOWAWAY

What if I told you it was sabotage?

MALACHI

What?

STOWAWAY

Sabotage, like someone-messing-with-the-flight sabotage!

MALACHI

Be very careful what words you're throwing around here...

NO

That's one of the first rules of being a spacer -- if the question has no good answers, it's better you don't ask it.

TARSUL

I need you to tell me, in detail, exactly what you saw as you made your way to your escape pod.

MALACHI

You let them go into the cockpit and reprogram Ship?!?

ALYSS

If you're seeing this, Pilar, then everything will have changed. You should know I tried to stop it and I failed. But I died doing something that mattered. For once in my damn life.

TARSUL

Trust me. I can last a lot longer without food or water than any of you.

ALYSS

Our coordinates -- *what are they??*

Electronic typing.

ALYSS

Fuck. We're too close.

EMMA

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TARSUL

Have you been listening to it? It's been speaking to us. Have you been listening to it?

Static starts up, playing a transmission where each word is a different voice taken from a different radio ad.

TRANSMISSION

It's - hopeless. It's - hopeless.
Look - up.

