

GALAXY QUEST- excerpt

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Characters:

Jason, Gwen, Tommy, Fred, Alexander, and Guy (flying down to a planet in small spaceship.)

59 INT. SURFACE POD

Tommy pilots the craft as the pod approaches the beautiful and mysterious planet. Guy looks out the window nervously.

GUY

I changed my mind. I want to go back.

ALEXANDER

After the big fuss you made about not getting left behind on the ship?

GUY

Yeah, but that's when I thought maybe I was the crewman that stays on the ship and something is up there and it kills me, but now I'm thinking I'm the guy who gets killed by some monster five minutes after we land on the planet...

JASON

Guy, you're not going to get killed on the planet, okay?

GUY

Oh, I'm not? I'm not? Then what's my last name?

JASON

Your last name.

GUY

Yeah, what is it?

JASON

It's... I don't know.

GUY

No. Nobody does. Do you know WHY? Because my character Isn't IMPORTANT enough for a last name. Because I'm going to DIE five minutes in, why bother to come up with a last name for me?

GWEN

Guy, you HAVE a last name. We just don't KNOW it.

GUY

Do I? DO I? For all you know I'm just "CREWMAN #6"!  
(hysterical) Okay, it's FLEEGMAN! Guy FLEEGMAN! There! Now I'm a  
whole person! I can't die! FLEEGMAN! THEY CAN'T KILL ME NOW, CAN  
THEY? CAN THEY?

Jason slaps him.

GUY

See? I'm the hysterical guy who needs to be slapped, and then I  
die!

ALEXANDER

(sighs)

Are we there yet?

60 EXT. SURFACE POD

The pod makes its way toward the surface.

61 INT. POD

The ship shakes as it lands. Everyone exchanges anxious glances.  
As they set down everyone applauds, complimenting Tommy on the  
landing. Tommy looks away, shamed.

TOMMY

Autopilot.

Everyone looks away, disappointed. Suddenly the HATCH opens with  
a loud PHHHHT of air decompression. Fred has opened it.

GUY

What are you doing! You don't just open the door! It's an alien  
planet! Is there air!? You don't know, do you!

Fred sniffs the air.

FRED

Seems okay.

Guy sighs.

62 EXT. PLANET SURFACE - DAY

The six exit the craft tentatively. Guy looks around,  
apprehensive.