

icy catastrophe

I woke up from bed, did my daily routine, and hoped it would be a great Day. I open the door and the cold air of planet 3245A hits me back to reality.

“Another day on this alien planet”

“Hey, Maxx!”

“Oh, hi there Jake, I didn’t see you there because of how white the air is in this place”

“You might never change Maxx, come on let’s go to the cafeteria” then we started walking to the cafeteria. As we walked to the cafeteria Jake told me something rather surprising.

“Did you know a new scientist is coming on the way”

“Really who?”

“Her name is Charlotte I think”

“Well that’s a relief”

“Yeah right the last scientist destroyed 12 lab equipment”

“Remember the time he almost blew up the whole camp”



“Yeah or the time he tried to mix brinewing organ with hydrolysate acid thinking it will make an acid able to freeze anything it touches, how stupid can he be hydrolysate acid is strong enough to dissolve human skin it will, of course, dissolve brinewing organs”.

Then Jake and I started laughing. This is why I was friends with Jake because he always finds a way to make me laugh, I still remember the first time we met. It was my first day on the planet.

“So, crew of planet 3245A we are getting a new member in the explorer section so tell us something about yourself Maxx, what are your purposes of being here”

“Well, the concept of exploring a planet where there is alien life excited me, and about myself. I like to read sci-fi books and I was always interested in geography” we heard an alarm go off.

“What’s happening?!”

“The containment unit broke and all the alien creatures we raised are getting out, come on team!”

Everyone that was sitting down stood up and ran at the speed of light. I ran right behind them to see a building with a huge hole on the side where water and alien creatures were coming out of it. I just stood there confused about what to do then a man screamed at me.

“Pass me the habitat builder!”

I stood there not knowing what he was talking about he said again more aggressively

“PASS THE HABITAT BUILDER”

I didn’t know what to do and I stood there like an idiot until another man came and passed a device to him which he used to build a wall. After everything was contained we when on a break and as expected nobody sat or talked to me they just called me stupid and laugh at me until one day Jake sat next to me.



“Hi, you are the new one, right?”

“Yes, I’m the new one. What do you want? , are you going to insult me like the others”

“what! no, they are just jerks, you should have seen them when they first started they saw one sea creature and didn’t want to go in the water until the boss forced them `` really?” “Yeah everyone always on the first day doesn’t know a thing about what's happening” he then started telling me jokes and teaching me how things work and that’s how we became friends.

We made our way to the cafeteria where everyone was sitting down talking about Charlotte, we sat at the back, and then the boss came.

“Well as all of you may know we are going to have a new member of our crew called Charlotte in the scientist section, Charlotte you may please come in”

When she walked in only Jake and I were not hypnotized by her beauty she has the most shining eyes in the world, her hair was more golden than gold, her smile radiates the whole room.

“Hi I’m Charlotte, it’s nice to meet you all” “so Charlotte can you, what are your purposes for being here and tell us something about yourself ” “well I was always interested in space and extraterrestrial creatures, and about myself well I like astronomy and I like to read non-fiction and yea that’s all” then we heard the words no souls want to hear

“Leviathan creature escape containment unit, all personnel help contain the creature”



Everyone got up from their chairs, some grabbed habitat builders, others grabbed stasis rifles, and others grabbed the thermoblade.

“What’s happening?”

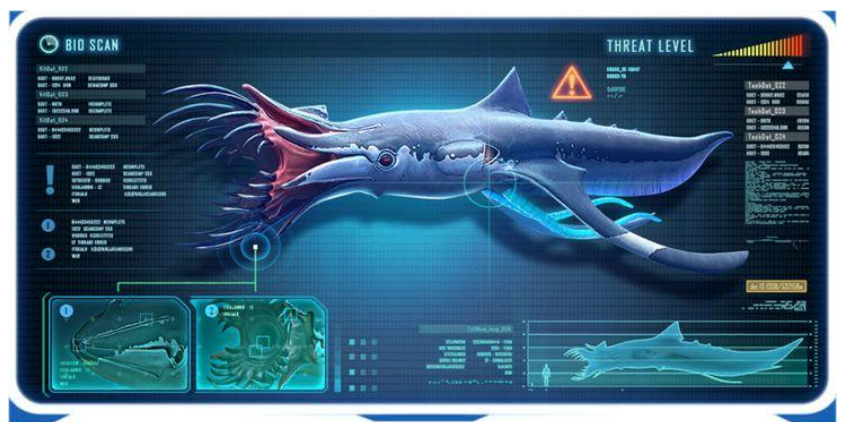


“Didn’t you hear a leviathan creature escape”

“A what!?”

ROAR!!!!

We all went outside to see it, the squid shark escaping out of its tank, a man approached it a little too close and the squid shark ate him whole. We could only hear his screams as we only stood there at the loss of our companion. Then I took one of the Stasi rifles of a man standing there and shot at it, freezing it in place. Everyone then got back to reality and started to contain the squid shark.



After 20 minutes the squid shark was contained and everyone went to take a break after what happened. Surprisingly Charlotte sat at Jake’s and I’s table.

“So who are you guys, you never said your name after what happened I saw both of you walk away”

“My name is Jake and this is Maxx”

“Nice to meet you, Jake and Maxx”

said Charlotte

“Because when the alarm went off about the squid shark escaping you knew what it was since your reaction was not a reaction on what is a leviathan if not a reaction of shock, you knew the dangers a leviathan is and when someone is new in here they don’t know what is”

“Maxx don’t you think you are going a little overboard”

“No Jake, I know exactly what I’m saying”

“Fine you caught me”

“What!” said Jake and I simultaneously

“I was fired from another company named SpaceX and came looking for a job here”

“Oh, I’m sorry I didn’t know”

“It’s ok”

“Do you want us to teach you how things work here?”

“that would be appreciative”

After lunch, Jake and I taught Charlotte everything she needs, about the creatures, the tools, how to deal with escaped contained creatures, how the vehicles work everything she needs to know.

The days passed and everything’s been fine, no creature has escaped, the explorations are always successful and Charlotte has been doing fine on her job, but every night I hear Charlotte outside building something, and well today she told us something that I didn’t know and shocked me and Jake.

“Hey guys can I tell you a secret”

“Yea what is it”

in a low tone, she said “Did you know there is a land roaming leviathan”

“A land leviathan, really Charlotte”

“It’s true, it is called The Ice worm it uses vibrations to detect its prey when it spots its prey it burst out of the ground and eats the prey and I think it roams this land”

“If it roams this land this facility would have been destroyed long ago”

“Yea but the ice worm roam this land after the facility was built”

“What are you trying to say with this”

“Yea what are you trying to say with this”

“I’m just telling you so you can be careful roaming this land”

“You know there is water right? we can hop it there anytime”

“Yea but it’s just so you can be careful while being in the land”

“Thank you anyways”

“Your welcome”

After what Charlotte said I could not sleep thinking that an ice worm would appear any time. Then I heard it again, Charlotte building something I didn’t know what it was but I have a feeling it was no good and I stood corrected the next day.

today Charlotte said that she had an announcement to make

“Hi people I wanted to tell you that I have built, I called it the thumper what it does it this you put it on the ground activated and”

she clicked the activation button and the thumper started making thumping the ground making loud noises, everyone was surprised but then we heard it

SCREECH!!!!!!

A screech never heard before, the Ground started shaking violently like something was underground.

“Well it has come”

“Who?”

Then we saw what Charlotte was talking about. The ice worm burst out of the ground



and ate 40 men in one bite 40!! We tried to use the stasis rifle on it but it didn't affect the ice worm, then used its one blazing horn to wipe the floor with some other men. we all started running except for Charlotte we could see parts of the facility flying to the water

“Why Charlotte, WHY?!”

“I'll tell you why I work for SpaceX”

“I thought you were fired from SpaceX!”

“That was a lie, I was sent as a spy to kill and destroy everything from Astroscale”

“But why did you tell us about the Ice worm?”

“Because-”

Before she could finish her sentence an ice worm came by and swallowed her whole, Jake and I saw the sea trucks parked in the bay and ran towards them, it was a close call but we made it. I was piloting the sea truck and he was sorting the low resources there were left. We started the sea truck and left the island we once called home.

“Well, it's only you and me now Jake, just you and me”.