

Pungo Luna

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EXT. SPACE

A space-trucker named LENNY is flying through space in his ship, PUNGO LUNA.

INT. PUNGO LUNA

Lenny jams out to some classical music, directing with his index finger. There is a violent impact and a loud noise. Red lights flash throughout the ship. Lenny runs back and forth pushing buttons and waving his hands.

The ship's computer, RITA comes in over the intercom.

RITA

Warning! Damage Alert: All
starboard-side rear thrusters have
failed. Warning! Warning!

Lenny runs to the window. A small ALIEN SPACECRAFT spins away from his ship, hurling to the nearby moon below in flames.

Lenny runs to the helm and pulls hard on the steering controls, to no avail. He looks in desperation to a glass box on the column behind his chair. It is labeled "EMERGENCY LANDING". Inside is a big red button. He smashes the box with his fist and resumes the controls.

RITA

Emergency Landing procedures
initiated. Please fasten all safety
harnesses and return your seats to
the full, upright position.

Lenny follows orders and holds on tight to the controls as the approaching moon grows larger.

EXT. MOON - DAY

With a few bumps and skids, Pungo Luna makes a safe crash landing.

INT. PUNGO LUNA, MOON - DAY

Lenny looks up slowly, then unfastens his harness. He flips a switch on the console. Lights flicker and the ship shakes a little, then dies out. He hangs his head in frustration.

Lenny opens the door to the ship and sees a small alien, DZINOK, surveying the damage to his own ship, which has been completely destroyed.

EXT. MOON - DAY

Lenny walks to the rear of his ship. There, Lenny notices a smoking panel next to the engines. He jumps up and down in anger, then picks up a rock and hurls it at his ship. The rock floats over to the ship and lightly bounces off, which makes Lenny angrier.

Lenny stomps over to Dzinok, shakes his fist at him, and points at his ship, which is still smoking.

Lenny stomps back toward the entrance of his ship, comes back with an enormous tool box, flings open the panel, and begins working.

Dzinok quietly walks up behind Lenny and tugs on his space suit. Lenny sharply turns his attention to Dzinok. Dzinok looks at Lenny and points at the tools. Lenny shakes his head, frowning and furrowing his brow at Dzinok, then puts his hand on Dzinok's face and pushes him away.

Dzinok walks back toward his ship, then turns around and starts back toward Lenny's ship. Dzinok steals a tool from Lenny's tool box while Lenny isn't looking and runs back to his ship. Lenny hears him. He walks over to Dzinok, snatches the tool from him, returns to his ship. Before he starts working again, Dzinok steals another tool. This time he walks over to Dzinok, snatches the tool, and smacks him on the head with it. Lenny walks back to his ship.

Dzinok slumps and sits down by his ship, sniffing and rubbing his head. He pulls out a little disc and presses a button. A hologram image of his wife and son appears, and he gazes at them, smiling a little, then sobs silently.

Lenny, still angry, pulls hard on a part inside the panel and it comes loose. He tosses it over his shoulder and replaces it with another one. Lenny looks over his shoulder at Dzinok, who is still sobbing a little. He puts a few more turns on the panel in which he is working, then slams it shut.

Lenny walks around the ship with his tool box and starts up the stairs.

INT. PUNGO LUNA, MOON - DAY

Lenny sits at the panel and flips switches. Lights come on and Rita comes on over the intercom.

RITA
Welcome back.

Lenny plops down on his chair and spins around to face the console. The sun is dropping below the horizon. He pushes the throttle forward. The engines rev up. Lenny pauses and glances to his left.

EXT. MOON - DAY

Dzinok still sits next to his broken ship with his hologram. The blinking lights from the ship flicker on and off his face. The sound of the revving engines drops, and Dzinok looks up. A strong, unnatural light falls on his face.

Lenny stands in the doorway of Pungo Luna.

INT. PUNGO LUNA, MOON - DAY

Lenny and Dzninok sit next to each other in the cockpit, pilot and copilot. They turn and look at each other and nod. They turn and look out the front windshield as the last sliver of the sun drops below the horizon.

EXT. MOON - DAY

Pungo Luna lifts off and flies away into space.