

TEST SQUADRON VIGNETTES
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PART ONE

The Bridge of TEST Squadron's flagship Constellation, the *Needs A Name*. Captain MONTOYA sits at the helm, staring out into space.

MONTOYA

This is it.

Around him are his loyal crew.

CREW #1

Yes. This is it.

CREW #2

Yeah!

MONTOYA turns to them. His eyes are blazing with determination! He sticks a space helmet on his head.

MONTOYA

Now!!

The rest of the crew grab helmets and put them on also, and they race to the airlock and one by one leap out into empty space. Close on MONTOYA as they float away from the ship. He's got a single tear running down his face.

MONTOYA

She was a fine ship!

We see a wide view now, as the three TESTes float out into space. The *Needs A Name* is pointed right at a giant Vanduul mother ship, headed for a crash! Flanking them are dozens of Auroras, all headed in at ramming speed.

MONTOYA

Glorious victory comes at a cost, my friends.
Now where's my beer? This calls for a drink. Seung? Baron?

The two crewman stare at him blankly.

CREW #1

I thought... you had it?

MONTOYA turns to look at the ship as it zooms away. Horrified.

MONTOYA

Nooo!

Their floating bodies are silhouetted in a magnificent explosion as the *Needs A Name* crashes into the Vanduul ship. MONTOYA reaches out to it impotently. For a moment the view rests on the mothership as the dozens of auroras begin exploding against it. After a beat, MONTOYA sighs.

MONTOYA

All right, well... at least we did some damage.
Let's go home. Where's our ride?

Close on CREW #1's face. He doesn't know. Close on CREW #2's face. He doesn't know either! Close on MONTOYA'S face, staring blankly.

MONTOYA

Come on guys.

Wide shot of the three of them against the black backdrop of space, barely visible as the light of the myriad of explosions fades. They are alone in the darkness.

MONTOYA

We can do better than this.
We're TEST Squadron!

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