Exit Five Stages - Left

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SS duel competition

fade in:

EXT. GOODMAN'S PLANE - DAY

An advanced-looking plane jerks side-to-side.

The tail - INSERT: GOODMAN'S GOOD PLANE

INT. GOODMAN'S PLANE - DAY

Millions of dollars got spent building this incredible cabin complete with computers, posh seating for SIX, bar, beds, kitchen and all the other works of the rich.

Alarm bells ring as DASTARDLY DAVE, (50), dressed in all black complete with the black hat, looks around, smiles.

DASTARDLY

Finally, after all these years, I've won. Your family will die. (shouts)

Your miserable family will die.

He picks up a parachute, slides it on.

DASTARDLY

You see, I've drugged every last one of your do-gooder family.

He forces open the emergency doors to the plane.

DASTARDLY

I knocked out the pilot, the co-pilot, and the autopilot. Don't you get it, RANDALL GOODMAN, you and your family die today.

He glances outside, peeks down.

DASTARDLY

You hear that alarm, that's to let you know that unless you change course, you'll fly into a mountain.

He bends down, opens a backpack, starts a TIME BOMB ticking - Two minutes.

DASTARDLY

why do I bother, you're a unconscious.

REVEAL - the unconscious SIX FAMILY MEMBERS peacefully sleeping. DAD (RANDALL) GOODMAN (55), great looking, fit; MOM (50) beautiful and fit; TWO SONS (30 and 27), chiseled chins, chips off the old block; and TWO DAUGHTERS (31 and 28), beautiful like mom; all rest peacefully, unaware of the doom in front of them.

DASTARDLY

Well, I guess I do like a good monologue, or Ten.

AUTOPILOT

Backup Autopilot will activate in ten seconds unless deactivated.

DASTARDLY

Backup? Your damn private plane has a backup autopilot in addition to the autopilot? Paranoid much?

The plane rattles as it goes through turbulence, knocking Dastardly off balance.

DASTARDLY

Whoa, oh, no, no!

Dastardly valiantly tries to right himself, but, a second turbulence sends him stumbling towards the doors.

He slams his hand against the door as his last attempt, manages to spin around, but, gets his leg wrapped up with the backpack cord the time bomb rests in.

Another turbulence and out he goes, followed by the backpack cords and the time bomb.

EXT. GOODMAN'S PLANE - SECONDS LATER

Dastardly falls from the plane.

He pulls the chute- activating it, causing him to briefly lift upwards.

DASTARDLY

I've done it. Finally, those goody-two-shoes are dead.

He claps.

DASTARDLY

Even if the Autopilot saves them, the time bomb will get em.

He swings his legs, feels something.

DASTARDLY

What the Hell?

He looks down, sees the backpack.

He sighs, scoffs.

DASTARDLY

You gotta be kidding me. How in the hell?

INSERT: FIVE STAGES OF DEATH - DENIAL.

He tries kicking it off. No luck.

He tries lifting his leg so he can grab it. No luck.

He tries rocking back-and-forth. Nothing.

He tries yelling at it.

DASTARDLY

Get off, get off, GET OFF!

He looks to the sky, sees the plane change course.

DASTARDLY

I'm gonna die. But, I don't wanna die. I refuse to accept this.

He spazzes trying to get the backpack lose.

INSERT: FIVE STAGES OF DEATH - ANGER.

DASTARDLY

Why do you mock me? Why? I don't deserve this. WHYYYY?

He childishly pouts.

INSERT: FIVE STAGES OF DEATH - DEPRESSION.

He cries like a baby.

DASTARDLY

But, I have too many plans to do. With the Goodman clan gone, I can take over the world.

(screams)

DASTARDLY (CONT'D)

it? It isn't my fault. This is on them. They caused this to happen.

He screams uncontrollably.

INSERT: FIVE STAGES OF DEATH: BARGAINING.

DASTARDLY

It's on them. God Damn it. I hate them so much. God, if you save me, I will do your bidding. I promise.

He yells towards the heavens.

DASTARDLY

Yo, God, you know that I was voted most likely to own the world by the time I was Twenty-Five, right? Can I get a miracle? Please?

A seagull flies by, poops on him.

DASTARDLY

Oh, come on. Allah, you there? Anyone? Hello, Hey? Oh, God Damn it. Wait, I didn't mean that.

He looks down at the ground below, not too far away, and he sees lots of people.

DASTARDLY

Wait, could those people help?
There won't be any time left. I'm really gonna die. It isn't fair.

(beat)

And they're gonna see me die...

He sobs heavily, then stops.

INSERT: FIVE STAGES OF DEATH: ACCEPTANCE.

DASTARDLY

Wait, all those people will die with me. Talk about going out with a bang. I can accept that.

He gets closer, realizes that those are all military.

DASTARDLY

Oh, yeah, this is sweet.

He lands in the middle of:

EXT. MILITARY TRAINING FACILITY - SECONDS LATER

He looks at the sign, scoffs.

DASTARDLY

Eat this, coppers.

He grabs the time bomb as it hits Zero. It buzzes, hisses, then groans. Smoke filters out as it falls apart.

Several Military people move in, one secures the bomb, looks it over, hands it to their commanding officer.

COMMANDING OFFICER

You idiot, you can't trust anything ACME puts out. And you got it on sale? Really?

INSERT: TOP LINE ACME PRODUCTS - HALF OFF.

THE END.