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VORTEX

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FADE IN

EXT.THE SKY.NIGHT

Night falls, and a strange spaceship comes out of the sky and dives into the ocean. It settles at the bottom. A light immerges from the top of it. There's no full moon out. It was not noticed. It could avoid the radar.

EXT. BOAT.DAY

Daylight arrives. Bill and his wife Janet is settling on the boat while Fred, and his wife are unpacking their clothes down below.

BILL Janet? Did you bring the seasoning for the fish we're going to catch and cook?

JANET Yes Bill. I told you I wouldn't forget it.

BILL I know. I just had to ask.

FRED Bill? Where do you want us to put our equipment?

BILL There's a compartment underneath the bed. You can store your equipment

Janet went down below.

there.

JANET Is everyone ok down here?

ALICE

Oh Janet. This is going to be just the trip we've been waiting for. We should have done this a long time ago.

JANET

I know. Just because we're sisters doesn't mean that we should stay apart from each other.

ALICE

Yea, I know. It's good that our husbands could arrange the vacation time on their jobs for us. Especially since one is a doctor, and the other one is a cop.

Fred went up on top of the deck to meet Bill.

FRED

Hey buddy. Are you ready to cast off?

BILL

As soon as you can untie those ropes from the pier.

FRED

You got it.

Fred jumped off of the boat to untie the ropes. He tossed the ropes to Bill, who caught them. Then Fred climbed back on board.

FRED

Ok, my friend.

They both walked towards the bow of the ship. Bill took the wheel and started up the motor. The boat coasted out into the sea. He then sped up faster until he was at least a mile off shore. He stopped the motor. Let's raise the sails and let the wind do the rest.

FRED

Ok, Mate.

The sails were hoisted upwards, and the wind did the rest. The girls came up topside to join their husbands. After about two hours later, you couldn't see the shoreline.

BILL We might as well lower the sails and anchor off here.

Bill lowered the anchor into the water while Fred lowered the sails.

BILL Ok, break out the fishing rods.

The wives brought up the fishing gear for their husbands.

JANET I'll make some sandwiches for everyone.

ALICE

I'll help.

The men cast their lines into the water.

FRED You know Bill. This is the life.

BILL I know. We should do this once a year.

FRED It's so peaceful out here. Just being away from all of that crime. I even forgot that I'm a cop. BILL When ever I'm out here I let go of me being a doctor. It feels good just being an ordinary person.

The wives brought up the sandwiches and the beer.

FRED At least, DNR can't spot us this far out.

BILL Yea, that's the beauty of it.

The wives sat down on the chairs and started playing cards. It started getting dark.

JANET I'll turn on the lights.

Janet hit the switch, and the lights turned on. The boat was brightly lit.

ALICE This looks beautiful, Janet.

The sun had gone down. You couldn't even see the water.

FRED Hey I got a bite. It feels like a big one.

BILL Pull it in, Fred.

FRED

I'm trying.

BILL Put your pole into the holder that's on the front of the boat, and we'll try to hoist it in together. Fred had given the line some slack, so he could walk over and place it into the holder. The rod was secured. The line had stiffened up, and the boat was being pulled.

FRED

This must be a whale. It's the only thing that can pull this size of a boat.

The wives walked over to the side of the boat.

JANET

What's that?

They all looked at the water. There was a light in the water that was moving across the front of the boat. It went further ahead.

ALICE What's causing that?

BILL I don't know. I've never seen anything like it before.

FRED Neither had I.

BILL

What's it doing?

The light started spinning around. The water started swirling around.

ALICE Let's get out of here.

The water started rising. Only it wasn't rising normally. It started forming a vertical circle of water. Like a vortex and the boat was being pulled inside of it.

> BILL I can't break away from it.

FRED You got to, Bill. We're going through the circle.

BILL I know that and I can't turn it around.

The vortex was right upon them.

FRED Ok, we're going in.

BILL Girls. Go downstairs and hold on to something.

Janet and Alice ran downstairs to hold on to the railing that surrounded the boat. Bill and Fred were preparing themselves for the impact.

> BILL Here we go, Fred. Hold on to something.

The boat started spinning around the vortex. As it came closer, it started spinning faster.

FRED I can't hold on.

Bill grabbed Fred and tied his belt around his waist and the railing. The vortex was upon them.

BILL We're going in. Fred, hold on tight.

Fred held on tight and then they were all inside of the vortex. As soon as they were inside of it the vortex was gone, and the water was calm again.

BILL What just happened?

FRED I don't know. I've never encountered anything like that before. BILL I'll go check on our wives. Hold on to this wheel, Fred.

Bill went downstairs to check on Janet and Alice.

BILL Is everyone ok?

ALICE We're fine here. What happened up there?

BILL We're trying to figure that out ourselves.

ALICE Is Fred alright?

BILL Fred's fine. He's holding on to the wheel. You can come up topside if you like.

JANET I do like.

ALICE

Me too.

They all went topside to join Fred.

FRED

Is there rain in the forecast?

ALICE

No, why?

FRED Because the sky looks kind of peculiar, that's all. BILL Peculiar? Like how?

ALICE Look at it. The clouds are not right.

Bill looked up at the sky and so did the rest of them. The sky was clear except it looked kind of wavy. Behind them, the liquid vortex was dwindling into a mist. Then it was just a light fog.

> FRED There's fog all around us. Except in that direction.

BILL The ship's compass is not pointing anywhere. It's just going around in circles.

JANET So I guess we're lost.

ALICE

We can't even navigate by the stars since they're not there anymore.

FRED Hey Bill. Do you have any binoculars?

BILL

Yes. Why?

FRED What do you see straight ahead?

BILL I can't make it out. It looks like some kind of shoreline. I'll go get the binoculars.

Bill went down below to find the binoculars while the rest of the

crew stared over the bow of the boat, trying to make out if what they were seeing was indeed a shoreline. BILL Ok. I 've got them. Bill put the binoculars in front of his eyes to take a look. BILL Fred. You've got to see this. FRED What did you see? BILL Look for yourself. Fred put the binoculars in front of his eyes. FRED That is a shoreline but there's no island out here. JANET An island? BILL That's what it looks like. ALICE Let me have a look.My God, Janet. You've got to see this. Alice handed over the binoculars to Janet. JANET There's an island out there. How could we have missed it? BILL We didn't miss it. It's not supposed to be out here.

FRED

I've read somewhere that a volcano can rise out of the ocean at anytime.

BILL

Well maybe so, but Janet and I were just here last year and there was no sign of any volcanic activity going on.

FRED

Well, I suggest we go and investigate it.

ALICE

Just like a cop for a husband. Always sticking his nose into something that might one-day kill him.

FRED

That's what I've been trained for honey. That's why I'm a detective. If something strange is going on, I should detect it, ok?

JANET

Hey.Hey.There's no reason to argue with each other about it. We're on a vacation. I agree with Fred. Let's investigate it. We'll call it an adventure that we didn't plan on, but we went on it anyway, ok?

BILL Are you sure about this, honey? As sure as I want to be, dear.How about you, Alice?

ALICE Well, if you all are so set on seeing this thing, then I guess I'm in.

FRED I love you, babe.

ALICE

Yea, right.

BILL

Ok, I'll start up the motor.

Bill started up the motor and headed towards the island. They were about a mile away.

BILL Will you look at that thing. It reaches all the way up through that fog. You can't even see the top part of it. I suggest that we drop anchor here and ride the dinghy to the shore.

FRED

I agree.

Fred and Bill lowered the dinghy. Bill steady it for the ladies to climb in. After Janet and Alice had climbed in, Fred tossed the life jackets down to them.

> FRED You better put these on.

Fred put on his life jacket then climbed down into the dinghy.

BILL

Are we set?

EXT-THE ISLAND-DAY

They all said that they were ready. Bill started the motor. A short while later they were on the shore. They stepped out of the dinghy and turned around to look across the ocean.

ALICE This is all so strange to me.

JANET Yea, look at that ocean. It looks different.

FRED I can't get over at the way the sky look.

BILL Hey look over here.

They all turned around to look at what Bill was pointing at. It was a cave.

FRED I don't see anything else out here. I suggest that we go inside.

ALICE What if there's a bear in there?

JANET How could bears be here, Alice?

ALICE Well, suppose something alive is inside of there?

Fred reached around the back, inside his pants, and pulled out his cop gun.

FRED If something is inside of there we won't be defenseless against it. BILL Gee, Fred. We're supposed to be on a vacation.

FRED A lot of strange things can happen while people are on vacations.

BILL Let's go then.

INT.CAVE.DAY

They all walked inside of the cave.

FRED Does anyone have a flashlight?

BILL I have a lighter.

FRED Good. We can use that

so we don't trip over anything.

JANET The cave leads to a corridor, and it's going down.

The lighter started getting hot.

BILL Ow! That's it. There's

no more light. Wait a minute. There's light coming from somewhere over there.

They walked over to where the light was coming from. They were at the edge of an opening.

JANET My God! What is it?

FRED

It looks like a city. A whole city and look at the people. It looks like it's right out of a science fiction movie.

ALICE

Those aren't people. Lets get out of here.

Alice ran back into the cave. She was followed by the rest of them. When they came out at the other end they couldn't find the dinghy.

JANET What happened to the dinghy?

BILL

What happened to my boat?

ALICE We're stranded on this island and with those monsters.

FRED

Look around for the dinghy. It must have drifted with the current.

They all walked around the edge of the mountain.

BILL This is a dead end.

FRED

Here too.

JANET It's as though someone wanted us to stay here.

ALICE

Someone? You mean like those things in there?

JANET

I'm just being realistic. It's the author in me.

FRED

Well, someone took the boat for a reason. I'm beginning to believe that Janet is right.

VOICE FROM BEHIND There's no reason to be afraid.

They all turned around to see a skinny seven foot man standing in front of the cave. He was wearing a white robe and sandals.

FRED

Who are you ?

ISHTAR

I am Ishtar.

BILL What do you want with us?

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ISHTAR

Only to show you something and to let you take with you a message.

JANET What's the message?

ISHTAR

First, I must show you what you've been denying for so long.

ALICE Then will you let us go home?

ISHTAR I will send you on your way. Ishtar turned and walked inside of the cave. He was followed by the rest of them. Once they had arrived at the edge, Ishtar had disappeared.

> JANET Where did he go?

BILL

There he is.

Ishtar had turned to walk down the edge of the mountain.Apparently there was a passage way that goes downward. They all walked the path that Ishtar had taken and were soon at the bottom of the mountain. Ishtar was waiting.

> ISHTAR If you would follow me.

They walked into the city.

ISHTAR

Some of the people you see here have been here for thousands of years. Here, time does not exist. There is but one purpose and that is to maintain each culture. We've tried to make ourselves known to you but you act like we are not here. Take a look around. What Do you see? All kinds of people living together. They are from different planets and from different galaxies. They are your neighbors.

FRED

Ishtar? My people are not ready to meet visitors from another world.

ISHTAR Your world is going to face it's own doom in two years and we will live on top as the new species.Your people are so worried about us taking over the planet, they just choose to ignore our existence.

ALICE

Ishtar? What's wrong with the sky?

ISHTAR

This city was built under water and as you can see. An energy field is holding it all up in place.

FRED

Do you mean we are under water and the ceiling over our heads is the water?

Just then a little gray creature had walked up to Ishtar.

GRAY

Ishtar? Some of the mothers are getting tired of nurturing the children and the half-breeds are getting restless.

ISHTAR Come, follow me into the nurturing center.

They all walked into a large stone building. Inside were thousands of babies being nurtured by half-breed women, human women, alien women.

> ISHTAR A lot of the helpers came from different time periods.

You mean you can manipulate time?

ISHTAR

Yes. I can go back into your planets time period and take back people who are only seconds away from dying and bring them back here. Therefore, a paradox would not start.

ALICE

How long have you been here?

ISHTAR Since the dawn of mankind.

BILL

Wow. Were you here when The dinosaurs roamed the land?

ISHTAR

Yes, I've transported a lot of them to other worlds where they could survive. Man and beast in that time period could not live side by side. Mankind would lose.

JANET

What message do you want us to deliver to mankind?

ISHTAR

Asked for our help. Admit to our existence. Ask for us to appear and we will come with open arms. We Can save your planet and help you to grow. Be willing to except us as neighbors.

BILL

But our people will not listen to us if we start talking about you.

ISHTAR

You have to try. You see. We can't interfere, but if you invite us into your home we will see that you will prosper.

BILL

Ishtar? What if our people won't listen to us. Then what?

ISHTAR

Your planet will be doomed in two years.

BILL

Well, how can we get back? I don't know how we got here.

FRED The boat is gone too.

ISHTAR Your boat is waiting.

ALICE How can we find you if we get the right answer?

ISHTAR

Ask your leaders to announce it on your broadcast stations. Then we'll come.

JANET I guess we better go.

ISHTAR Yes. You should go. I'll pave the way for you to return home.

EXT.OUTSIDE OF THE CAVE.DAY

They all left through the cave and was out through the other end.

BILL Hey,there's the boat and there's the dinghy.

EXT-THE BOAT-DAY

They all ran to the dinghy. Got inside and made their way back to the boat. Once inside Bill started up the motor and they left towards the open sea.

> BILL There's only one direction to go.The direction where there's no fog.That's the only direction where I can see open water.

> > FRED

I'm for that.

They headed for the open fog that led to the open sea.

BILL I'm steering straight ahead.

JANET Go ahead honey. Lets get out of here.

A few miles out the water began to swirl again.

BILL Hold on tight. Here we go again.

The water started to rise and form a circular vortex that pulled them through. Once through the vortex the water was calm again. They looked back and there was no more island or fog. The sun

came out. Bill checked his compass.

BILL My compass is working again. I can take us home.

FRED

So Bill. What do you make of that?

BILL

That's just it. Were we asleep or did what we see really happen?

JANET

We couldn't have dreamed the same dream could we?

ALICE

Maybe we were suffering from mass hallucinations.

BILL

Look. All I know is. If we go and try to tell important people about what we had seen, we are going to be placed inside of a mental hospital.

JANET

You heard what Ishtar had warned us about. Are you going to stand by and let it happen?

FRED

Look. He said the world will be doomed in two years. Maybe things can change on their own. Plus,I'm a cop. I have a career to think about.

BILL Do we all agree that

nothing will be said about all of this? FRED I agree. ALICE Yea.Me too. JANET I agree also. ALICE Good. Right now, I just want to go home and take a hot bath. BILL Ok, home it is. EXT.THE DOCK.DAY Two years later.Bill, Janet, Fred, and Alice met on the dock. BILL Well, here we are again. I'm glad we decided to go on another fishing trip. FRED Yea, lets cast off. They all sailed out into the open sea. FRED

The sun is just right for fishing.

BILL What's that up above us?

JANET They're planes. Jet planes. Over fifty of them. Where are they going? BILL

Bring up the radio so we can hear what's going on.

Janet ran down to the bottom of the boat. She grabbed the portable radio and brought it up top.

JANET

I have it.

Janet turned on the radio. They all listened.

RADIO ANNOUNCER There are sixteen nuclear missiles heading towards the United States.I was told to tell you to go to your nearest bomb shelter. The United States had retaliated by launching nuclear missiles of our own. This is it America. I'm signing off.

BILL I don't believe this. Ishtar was right.

JANET

I don't want to die Bill.

Alice had placed her head on her Lapp and cried while Fred held on to her. The water started swirling around and a liquid vortex started to form.

JANET

Look. It's happening again.

They all looked up to see the giant vortex forming. They were being pulled in. Then suddenly a loud explosion and a bright light had appeared from behind them.

They turned around to see the buildings crumbling around the mushroom cloud. The shockwave was coming towards them. Along with a huge tsunami, but by then they were through the vortex. Everything had disappeared. The sea was calm again. ALICE

Did you see that?

BILL We all saw it Alice. Ishtar was right. If only we had tried to do what he had asked. Look. The island. It's straight ahead.

JANET

We're saved.

FRED

Come on Bill. Speed this boat up.We're going to our new home.

JANET We'll get to know our new neighbors.

EXT-THE ISLAND-DAY

They anchored the boat. Jumped into the dinghy and made their way to the island.

FRED I can see the cave.

ALICE I have the flashlight.

BILL

Let's go.

JANET I'm right behind you baby.

They all ran inside of the cave.

FRED It's this way.

They kept on running.

BILL Wait a minute.

JANET What's the matter?

BILL Something's not right.

FRED What's not right?

BILL There's suppose to be a blue light right about now.

FRED You're right. The edge of the cave should be right about here.

BILL Hand me the flashlight Janet.

Janet handed Bill the flashlight and Bill shined it straight down the opening of the cave.

BILL There's nothing down there.

FRED

What do you mean, there's nothing down there. They got to be down there.

JANET

Let me see. You all are not looking in the right place.

ALICE

They're here. They got to be here.Otherwise who sent the vortex? The battery power was dying out.

BILL Lets get out of this cave before the battery is completely dead.

They ran out of the cave.

ALICE What will we do now? We're stranded without food or water.

BILL There's food on the boat. It can last us for at least a week. Maybe something will happen by then.

JANET What's that out there?

They looked straight ahead and then upward. That's when they all started screaming.

The liquid ceiling was coming down around them. It started out by where the vortex had appeared. The wall was getting closer and soon it was upon them.

Their screams were suddenly muffled and they were crushed from the pressure of millions of tons of water.

FADE OUT

THE END