

"The Awakening of Thorus"

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CHYRON: At the edge of the Zio galaxy, in the orbit of planet Thorus, 07:34 AM

INT./EXT. SPACESHIP - 07:34 AM

ZAP. Spaceship exits warp. ERRO sits in a flight deck, overlooking planet Thorus. A multi-function display shows current speed of 8645 km/h, distance of 36,549 km from the planet and status in pilot mode. A navigation display shows a waypoint to the middle of the planet. An engine indicator shows normal data for fuel temperature and flow, the electrical system and flight deck's temperature and pressure.

ERRO

(relieved, satisfied)

Ahh, finally! Told you I will find it.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

I never doubted you, sir.

ERRO

(doubtful)

Do not lie, Ethan. I can hear mistrust in your voice.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

You did not program me to lie, sir. I do not have such abilities.

An engine indicator unexpectedly starts to light up red.

ERRO

(uncertain)

I also described you as "extremely talented" in your name, so you never know.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Actually, I do, sir. I'm looking at my settings and a chance of uncertainty is currently at 0.0004683492647...

ERRO

(interrupting, annoyed)

Alright, alright, I get it. Stop with the numbers.

An engine indicator more intensively lights red.

ERRO

(curious)

The planet looks beautiful from here. Calm as well. Never a good sign.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

I am detecting a high intensity of ray crystals in the middle of the planet, sir. Just as we expected. The waypoint is already set.

ERRO

(excited at first, suddenly suspicious)

Then let me show you the proper way of landing. You just watch, I'm pretty sure I can do better than... Wait... Why is that red light blinking so much?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

That would be the engine indicator, sir.

ERRO

(nervously)

And what does the engine indicator tell us, Ethan?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

It shows data for fuel temperature and flow, the electrical system, and flight deck's pressure, sir.

ERRO

(slightly panicked)

And what happens if it blinks rapidly like it does right now?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)
That would mean something is wrong with
the engine, sir. Would you like me to
check for possible issues?

The multi-function and navigation display also start to
disfunction. Camera gradually starts to shake.

ERRO

(panicking)
PLEASE DO!

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)
It would seem we are losing power and
pressure due to inaccurate variables we
currently have for the engine system,
sir. I believe the fall of this space
vessel is inevitable.

The camera starts to shake intensively.

ERRO

(insulted and panicking)
HEY! FIRST OF ALL, IT IS A SPACESHIP!
SECOND OF ALL, WHY DID YOU NOT NOTICE
THIS BEFORE?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)
It was your wish to fly this time, sir.
You had to manually input the power
variables when you entered the pilot
mode. That was also when I lost all
contact and control over the engine
system.

ERRO

(terrified)
ETHANNNNNN!!!

The camera's field of view shrinks, and the spaceship
quickly crashes into the planet's forest area.

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CHYRON: The forest of planet Thorus, 10:58 AM

EXT. THORUS' FOREST AREA (CRASH POINT) - 10:58 AM

Erro manages to get out of crashed spaceship. It seems E.T.H.A.N. successfully activated security protocols just in time. The spaceship is heavily damaged but is still able to fly short distances.

ERRO

(overwhelmed, relieved)

Phew, that was fun. Told you I know how to land.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Sir, we crashed.

ERRO

(relaxed)

Please, Ethan. We are both alive and the engine light doesn't even blink anymore. Now, what's our status?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Security protocols managed to protect almost all main systems, but the engine was damaged sufficiently. We will need to fix it if we want to fly again. I'll run an analysis of your suit's functions, sir.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Your boosters seem operative. Try reaching these rocks. (Press Space once to jump or twice to double jump)

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Your teleporter sustained some damage, but should work, nonetheless. Try reaching the rocks outside the boosters' range. (Aim with the marker and press and/or hold E to teleport)

ERRO

(thoughtful, excited)

Hmm, it will be hard to find spare parts in this wilderness. Wait... We are here for the ray crystals, right? If processed, they contain enough energy to make a jump. The engine doesn't need to work, we just connect them to its core.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Our ship is not built for it, but theoretically we could use ray crystals' energy to make short jumps. The Atmos Station is not that far away. We could resupply there.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Your suit is online and functioning, sir. Remember, you can use your boosters and teleport at the same time. (Press and/or hold E mid-air to reach far-fetching places)

ERRO

(excited)

See, our plans almost didn't change at all - we get the crystals for the Acquisitor and get some extra for our trip. If we fail, at least he won't be able to kill us since we'll be stuck here forever! Now, set the waypoint, and let's find some crystals, shall we?

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