

WILLing to Win

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Characters (in order of appearance):

- **Narrator #1:** Teller of the story on *Stardust* and Jupiter; flexible accent.
- **Doctor Lucas Horst:** A mostly unemotional doctor who arrives on Jupiter to discover a mystery; British accent.
- **Captain John Black:** The fearless captain of the *Stardust* space crew preparing for a sibling confrontation; American accent.
- **Navigator Tom Masters:** The likable navigator of *Stardust* on the Jupiter adventure with Horst; American accent.
- **First Officer Lustig Rhondson:** The cheery but temporarily paralyzed second-in-command; Southern accent.
- **Narrator #2:** Teller of the story on Mars and *Xool Yyyyp*; flexible accent.
- **Xyxyian:** A martian leader under Zozolinkyx's grip who trains to get back at the humans; martian voice.
- **Master Zozolinkyx:** The cruel and ruthless leader of the martians; martian voice.
- **Xoxla:** Another martian dispatched to destroy the *Mobile Module*; martian voice.
- **Yyyylit:** An accident-prone martian terrified of Master Zozolinkyx; martian voice.
- **Lieutenant Will Black:** The captain's estranged brother who attempts a daring mission; American accent.
- **Administrator Jerry Lilgen:** The administrator of the United States Space Administration who manipulates Will; deep, intimidating dialect.
- **Doctor Herb Johnson:** A former high official of the US Space Administration who is hiding a shocking secret; German accent.
- **General Judy Hollendale:** The general of a secret military; American accent, but flexible.
- **Head Navigator Paula Jens:** The head navigator of the secret military; snotty, stuck-up dialect.

Time & Place: Outer Space, 2020

Sound Effects:

- **Ambient Spaceship Noise**
- **Footsteps**
- **Big Crash**

- **Slime Explosion**
- **Spaceship Docking Sound**
- **Blast Door Opening**
- **Com Alert**
- **Com Out**
- **Blasting Sound**
- **Beeping**
- **Engines Winding Down**
- **Engines Cut Off**
- **Spaceship Landing**
- **Call Being Answered**
- **Call Hanging Up**
- **Slime**
- **Blasts**
- **Wheelchair Being Flipped Over**
- **Explosion**
- **Running Footsteps**
- **Wind**
- **Tea Party**
- **Feet Running on Ground**
- **Rocket Launcher Blast**
- **Big Spaceship Blasts**
- **Klaxon Alarms**
- **Jetpack Sounds**
- **Airlock Opening**
- **Airlock Closing**
- **Grenade Explosion**
- **Massive Slime Sound**
- **Snapping Sound**
- **Huge Explosion**
- **Banging on Door**
- **Electrical Blast**

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Scene One

(FX: Ambient spaceship noise. This occurs whenever anybody is inside of a spaceship.)

Narrator #1: Hello, and welcome to *Adventures of Stardust: Episode Two -- WILLing to Win*, brought to you on this day here in 1954, based in the unknown, futuristic times of 2020 in space. Captain John Black of the spaceship *Stardust* was sitting in his private cabin of the ship. He had been through a lot. One of his crew members, Sergeant-at-Arms Timothy Kingston, had been killed, First Officer Lustig Rhondson had been injured, and the captain nearly killed . . . all by martians. Martians that the captain and the crew members, assigned to land on Mars, had found. Martians who had capabilities to affect human thought. Luckily, Navigator Tom Masters shot one of the aliens, Xyxyian, with a rocket launcher called the *Explosive Trajectory*. The captain and scientific expert Doctor Lucas Horst were almost certain that he was dead, but they did not know martian biology. *Stardust* had left the planet and was now stuck in Mars' orbit. The forward thrusters on *Stardust* had become crippled, limiting their maneuverability. The captain was deep in thought when Doctor Lucas Horst arrived at his open doorway.

Doctor Lucas Horst: How are you doing, Captain?

Captain John Black: Holding onto a wing and a prayer, mostly. How about you? Have you recovered from that martian throwing you around?

Horst: Yes, I have. Thank you. First Officer Lustig is up now. He can't walk very well, so I put him in one of those technologically advanced wheelchairs we have on board. You know: the one that shoots lasers and can fly.

Captain: That's good. Thank you, Horst.

Horst: Please, Captain Black, call me Lucas.

Captain: Well, in that case, call me John. By the way, I haven't had a chance to thank you for saving my life back on Mars. Thank you.

Horst: Oh, I'm just glad that you survived.

Captain: You were willing to sacrifice yourself for me. Why, Lucas?

Horst: Well, for one thing, it was instinctual. But also, John, if we're getting completely honest here, I saved you because . . . well . . . you know that my parents and I were separated during the war and never found each other again when I was just six-years-old. So, I moved to London

when my grandparents found me, but still, I basically raised myself. And I never was interested in raising my own family. When I met you, I felt protective in a way that I never experienced before. Perhaps, it's what a father feels for a son, John.

Captain: Thank you, Lucas. (*Stammers.*)

Horst: (*Clears his throat.*) Uh . . . but, anyway, I wanted to ask you to tell me about Will.

Captain: What do you mean?

Horst: Will is in charge of the next mission here, correct? And it's a solo mission?

Captain: (*Back to business.*) Oh, yes. Yes. He'll be approaching Mars soon. He took off from Earth just a day after we did. So although I was able to communicate with Earth, there was no way to stop him. If all goes well, his ship will connect with ours tonight. . . .

Horst: Are you close to your brother?

Captain: Well, in the spirit of confessions, Will and I were always really close when we were kids. We're actually twins. Edward was our big brother. We all were like the Three Musketeers. When Will and I went into high school, he became the "cool kid", and I was just a nerdy cast-out. In college, everybody surrounded Will. I had very few friends. His behavior angered me, so I struck out at him.

Horst: What did you do, John?

Captain: (*A heavy sigh.*) I got him expelled. Stupidest thing I ever did. He hates me to this day for it. When I tried to apologize, he *threw me into a river*, knowing I couldn't swim. I almost drowned, but was able to get myself out. (*Sigh.*) Since then, we have never spoken on the rare occasion that we see each other.

Horst: I see. Let me know if there's anything . . . I . . . uh . . . can do.

Captain: (*Determined, forceful.*) No, it's time for me to try to mend this relationship. My close brush with death on Mars taught me that.

Horst: I understand. (*Awkward pause.*) Ah . . . well, I ought to check on Lustig. John, It actually means a lot that you shared that with me. Ah . . . good luck with Will.

Captain: (*Wanting to move on.*) And I need to check with Masters to see what the update is on the forward thrusters. Thank you, Lucas.

(FX: Footsteps.)

Scene Two

Narrator #1: Captain Black walked over to the bridge of *Stardust* to find Navigator Tom Masters, who was attempting to fix the forward thrusters.

Captain: What's the update on the thrusters, Masters?

Navigator Tom Masters: Well, it appears that they are completely damaged. It's sad to say, but with the condition that they are in, I don't think we'll be able to get back to Earth.

Captain: Are you serious, Masters? That can't be true.

Masters: Unfortunately, it is. We just don't have the parts needed. (*Excited.*) However, Captain, I have a plan. Would you like to hear it?

Captain: Yes, please.

Masters: We don't need to use the forward thrusters for *everything* since they're basically just for some specific maneuvering. It's the type of maneuvering we need to enter Earth's atmosphere. Captain, I did some research, I dug deep into the records trying hard to find a solution to our predicament, and I found something surprising: a very large ship had landed on Jupiter recently. The good news is: we don't need the same maneuvering capabilities to land on Jupiter. So we can head there, and hopefully find that ship. The ship likely has the parts to fix our problem! I can show you the details, Captain.

Captain: Are you certain that your information about this ship on Jupiter is accurate? This is shocking. It's been kept a secret. Yes, show me the details. If this is true, we need to make a move immediately.

Masters: I'm certain, Captain.

Captain: (*Sigh. Slightly talking to himself.*) Will is coming tonight. Someone must be here to greet him and update him on the condition of Mars. . . . OK, here's the plan: We'll detach the third major sector of *Stardust*, also known as the *Mobile Module*. Lustig and I can stay in that while orbiting Mars. You and Horst will take the rest of *Stardust* to Jupiter to discover what is going on.

Masters: Sure thing, Captain Black.

Captain: Great. Get to it right away.