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FADE IN:

EXT. CLOUDBASE - DAY

Establishing.

CUT TO:

INT. CLOUDBASE SPECTRUM CONTROL

Colonel White rotates his desk to face Lieutenant Green, who is sitting at his console.

COLONEL WHITE

Lieutenant Green, send Captain Scarlet to me, on the double.

LIEUTENANT GREEN

Yes, sir.

The door opens, revealing Captain Scarlet. He remains standing on the moving walkway, heading towards Colonel White.

CAPTAIN SCARLET

You wanted to see me, Colonel?

A thunderous sound suddenly grabs their attention.

COLONEL WHITE

Hello, what's that? Heavy aircraft in our sector?

CAPTAIN SCARLET

World Air Force Goliath, sir; sustained flight tests on atomic engines - three times round the world. You remember?

COLONEL WHITE

Of course, I've forgotten.

CUT TO:

EXT. SKY

We reveal the Goliath: an aircraft far more advanced than the DT19 (from "Winged Assassin").

CUT TO:

INT. GOLIATH COCKPIT

Captain Hogan and Co-pilot Vic, both 30s, are monitoring the craft's course.

CAPTAIN HOGAN

This is Goliath to base, Captain Hogan speaking. Course steady height 30 thou', all systems, A-O.K. How's the engine temperature, Vic?

CO-PILOT VIC

300 and normal, sir.

Hogan notices that Vic has turned to stare downwards through the window.

CAPTAIN HOGAN

Hello, what's eating the Flight Sergeant?

CO-PILOT VIC

6 o'clock, sir, and low. Fighter coming up fast.

A small fighter jet approaches from an acute angle.

CAPTAIN HOGAN

By jove, you're right!

It flies closer - dead ahead.

CAPTAIN HOGAN

What's that clown up to?

And closer...

CO-PILOT VIC

Stone me, he's on a collision course!

They collide - BOOM!

Fireballs and wreckage descend into the sea. More explosions.

Parts of the Goliath aircraft rests afloat on the water. The green Mysteron rings slide over the wreckage.

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STACCATO CUT TO:

MAIN TITLESMYSTERON (V.O.)

This is the voice of the
Mysterons.

We know that you can hear us,
Earthmen.

We now have the Goliath
aircraft completely within our
control.

Our revenge for your
aggression on the planet Mars
will continue with the
destruction of the Atlantic
Airport at Boston.

STACCATO CUT TO:

EXT. CLOUDBASE

Establishing.

CUT TO:

INT. CLOUDBASE SPECTRUM CONTROL

Green speaks through the console
mike.

LIEUTENANT GREEN

Cloudbase, Lieutenant Green.
Yes, Mr President.

(beat)

Colonel White, direct call for
you on the hotline, sir.

White flicks a switch on his
desk.

COLONEL WHITE

Okay, Mr President, go ahead
please.

WORLD PRESIDENT (V.O.)

No doubt you monitored the
latest Mysteron threat,
Colonel.

COLONEL WHITE

Yes, sir. Complete standby is
effective.

WORLD PRESIDENT (V.O.)

The airport in question is the world's most widely-used terminal. Thousands of passengers, tens of thousands an hour: freight, commerce, every civil airline uses it.

COLONEL WHITE

I know, sir, and I'm aware of the implications. We can't close it down because it's too darned important.

WORLD PRESIDENT (V.O.)

Exactly. So, the world is relying on the Spectrum organisation to combat the Mysteron threat, Colonel.

COLONEL WHITE

We're keeping all channels of investigation open, sir. Beyond that...

WORLD PRESIDENT (V.O.)

I repeat, Colonel, we are all relying on Spectrum. Don't let us down.

A light flashes on his desk.

COLONEL WHITE

Do excuse me, Mr President.

He flicks another switch.

CAPTAIN BLUE (V.O.)

Spectrum Investigation Room to Colonel White, Captain Blue here, come in please.

COLONEL WHITE

Go ahead.

CAPTAIN BLUE (V.O.)

It may be nothing, sir, but there was a complete break in airwave communication with World Air Force Goliath flight...

COLONEL WHITE

The devil there was, a typical Mysteron takeover pattern. Anything else?

CAPTAIN BLUE (V.O.)

Yes, sir. Shockwave scanner has reported an explosion, right under Goliath's estimated position.

COLONEL WHITE

Lieutenant Green, launch Angels at once. I want Goliath located and tracked.

LIEUTENANT GREEN

SIG.

He presses a switch on his console and speaks through the mike.

LIEUTENANT GREEN

Stand by, Angels, to launch stations immediately. Details follow.

CUT TO:

STOCK FOOTAGE

Angel launch sequence.

CUT TO:

EXT. SKY

The Angels ascend at an acute angle.

CUT TO:

INT. ANGEL 2 COCKPIT

RHAPSODY ANGEL

We're at cruising speed: height 50. Reporting for further orders.

CAPTAIN BLUE (V.O.)

Course 909, positive. Same height. Locate WAF Goliath, and report.

CUT TO:

EXT. SKY

They continue ascending, now approaching Goliath.

CUT TO:

INT. ANGEL 2 COCKPIT

DESTINY ANGEL (V.O.)
Destiny Angel to Rhapsody
Angel, I've got him. 10
o'clock high.

RHAPSODY ANGEL
I can see him.
(beat)
What orders, base?

CAPTAIN BLUE (V.O.)
Make radio contact. If it
fails, attack. Authority of
World President through
Colonel White.

RHAPSODY ANGEL
SIG. Did you hear that,
Destiny? Spectrum Angel to
Goliath. Come in, Goliath.

CUT TO:

EXT. SKY

The Angels are now flying right next to the Goliath cockpit.

CUT TO:

INT. ANGEL 2 COCKPIT

RHAPSODY ANGEL
(firmly)
Come in, Goliath.

CUT TO:

EXT. SKY

They slowly bank away from Goliath.

CUT TO:

INT. ANGEL 2 COCKPITRHAPSODY ANGEL

No answer. They're Mysteron,
alright.

CUT TO:

EXT. SKY

The Angels are now behind,
aiming for the fuselage.

CUT TO:

INT. ANGEL 2 COCKPITRHAPSODY ANGEL

I'm leading attack. Now!

CUT TO:

EXT. SKY

They fire. No effects from the
multiple explosions.

CUT TO:

INT. ANGEL 2 COCKPITRHAPSODY ANGEL

It's no use. The Goliath's
secret prototype forcefield
defence, they're using it!
I've got to pull off!

CUT TO:

EXT. SKY

They fire again, still no effect
from the explosions. Goliath
remains completely undamaged.

CUT TO:

INT. ANGEL 2 COCKPITRHAPSODY ANGEL

(fed up)

Well, they've beaten us. This time.

CUT TO:

INT. CLOUDBASE SPECTRUM CONTROL

White at his desk.

RHAPSODY ANGEL (V.O.)

Rhapsody Angel to Cloudbase, taking station above and behind Goliath, out of range. We'll report any deviation from authorised course.

(pause)

Colonel, just what are we going to do?

COLONEL WHITE

I got all sorts of ideas chasing around my head, Rhapsody. But I guess I'm going to have to pick Captain Scarlet's brains. He's closer to the Mysterons, and their methods, than any of us.

RHAPSODY ANGEL (V.O.)

SIG, Colonel.

He flicks a switch, then turns to Scarlet.

COLONEL WHITE

Well, Captain. You know the score. The Mysterons are going to crash that Goliath on Atlantic Airport, unless we can stop them.

CAPTAIN SCARLET

That plane's got to be destroyed, sir, in the air. Of course the Mysterons can rematerialise, even if we do blow it to fragments. But they won't. Once we make a successful strike against them, they seem to drop the plan in hand and dream up a new scheme.

COLONEL WHITE

Surely. But the big question is, how do we destroy Goliath? The Angels have tried, the forcefield is deflecting missiles.

CAPTAIN SCARLET

(exhales)

Well, suppose we put a man aboard, sir. An engineer specialist who knows the controls and the layout of Goliath. Flesh and blood wouldn't react to a forcefield.

COLONEL WHITE

But... but how?

CAPTAIN SCARLET

A chute drop, sir, from above. A chute wraps on Goliath tailplane, and the man climbs the cords to the aircraft.

COLONEL WHITE

But the stresses. A pressure suit might save his life, but he'd black out.

CAPTAIN SCARLET

Maybe, sir. But if the drop was two-man, and I was the other?

STACCATO CUT TO:

ACT BREAK

FADE IN:

EXT. CLOUDBASE

Establishing.

CUT TO:

INT. CLOUDBASE SPECTRUM CONTROL

Green speaks through the mike on his console.

LIEUTENANT GREEN

Spectrum calling Atlantic Airport, come in please.

ATLANTIC AIRPORT (V.O.)
Atlantic, go ahead.

LIEUTENANT GREEN

Captains Blue and Scarlet of Spectrum will report to your control at 1400 hours. World President's authority requires Starstriker fighter made available. Also, key engineer from Goliath project. He'll have to be a volunteer, we've got a really dangerous mission on our hands.

CUT TO:

EXT. SKY

A Spectrum Passenger Jet flies in midair, across the horizon.

CUT TO:

INT. SPECTRUM PASSENGER JET

Scarlet pilots the aircraft, while Blue discusses the plan for the mission.

CAPTAIN SCARLET

Atlantic Airport, here we come. Let's hope the Colonel's got the volunteer lined up.

CAPTAIN BLUE

Sure. By the way, Captain Scarlet, Angels report Goliath is directly opposite us on the other side of the world. That means you'll be flying directly towards Goliath. Once you've collected the Starstriker, you're going to have to time your jump to a critical fraction of a second.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. ATLANTIC AIRPORT TERMINAL

Two security guards spot Captains Scarlet and Blue walking through the entrance.

AIRPORT SECURITY 1

Here comes the Spectrum outfit. Luckily it's only us security guys who know what they're here for.

AIRPORT SECURITY 2

Just think of the panic if the passenger and freight department's got wind of it. Gee, if these Spectrum people don't pull off the deal.

They both approach.

AIRPORT SECURITY 1

Okay, gentlemen. The Starstriker's ready, and your volunteering engineer too. He's the top design man. Captain Scarlet, Captain Blue, this is Dr. Haggerty.

Dr. Haggerty, mid 30s, wearing a pressure suit, feels somewhat nervous but eager.

DR. HAGGERTY

Glad to know you, Captains. Excuse the clumsy handshake, this pressure suit's kind of restrictive.

CAPTAIN SCARLET

Right, let's get going.

STACCATO CUT TO:

EXT. RUNWAY

The Starstriker, a medium fighter jet, prepares for takeoff.

CUT TO:

INT. STARSTRIKER

Blue is at the cockpit, while Scarlet and Haggerty are strapped behind him.

CAPTAIN BLUE

Hold tight, we're off.

CUT TO:

EXT. RUNWAY

It takes off.

CUT TO:

INT. STARSTRIKER

Now able to roam free in midair,
Scarlet and Haggerty sort out
their gear.

CAPTAIN BLUE

You two had better climb into
the Starstriker ejection
compartment. I take it you're
going out on a single chute?

CAPTAIN SCARLET

That's right. The doctor will
be lashed to me, and I will be
wearing a harness.

CAPTAIN BLUE

Captain Blue to Cloudbase,
request permission to
establish direct contact with
pursuit Angels.

LIEUTENANT GREEN (V.O.)

Permission granted. Frequency:
9-4-9.

CAPTAIN BLUE

Come in, Rhapsody, this is
Captain Blue. What is
Goliath's position and course?

RHAPSODY ANGEL (V.O.)

Course: 1515 and maintained.
Height: 80 and steady. And,
Captain...

CAPTAIN BLUE

Yes?

RHAPSODY ANGEL (V.O.)

Destiny Angel has overflown
target, and she reports flight
deck of Goliath is empty.
Plane seems to be unmanned.

CAPTAIN SCARLET

A typical Mysteron method.
Well, let's see what we can do
about it.

STACCATO CUT TO:

EXT. SKY

The Starstriker is now above Goliath.

CUT TO:

INT. STARSTRIKER

Scarlet and Haggerty are fully prepared. They hold onto the door.

CAPTAIN BLUE
Captain Blue to Cloudbase, Goliath dead ahead and below me, Colonel.

CAPTAIN SCARLET
Instruments are A-OK. Ejectors on countdown at five from... now!

CAPTAIN BLUE
Five!

CAPTAIN SCARLET
Alright, Doctor?

CAPTAIN BLUE
Four!

DR. HAGGERTY
I'm okay.

CAPTAIN BLUE
Three! Two!

CAPTAIN SCARLET
Hang on, Doctor.

CAPTAIN BLUE
One! Zero!

Scarlet quickly presses his hand on the eject handle.

CUT TO:

EXT. SKY

The compartment opens. It appears to be beyond risky.

Winds cause heavy struggle for Scarlet and Haggerty.

CAPTAIN SCARLET
 (calls out)
 Here comes the tailplane!

They eject, but move too far left. Scarlet gets a grip on the 'chute strings, as Haggerty struggles with his vision.

DR. HAGGERTY
 (in agony)
 AAH! My head! My eyes!

CAPTAIN SCARLET
 Come on, baby, come on!

They continue to slowly descend. The 'chute catches on the tailplane. Scarlet catches on the aircraft, then Haggerty.

CAPTAIN SCARLET
 Ow! We're through the forcefield! My watch has shattered to atoms!

They approach the entry hatch, as they fight the slipstream, then pull the external emergency lever.

CAPTAIN BLUE (V.O.)
 Now!

CUT TO:

INT. GOLIATH COMPARTMENT

They have made it inside, feeling overwhelmed and out of breath.

CAPTAIN SCARLET
 We've done it. Well, the plane's deserted, sure enough.

CAPTAIN SCARLET
 If you grab the controls, we can point Goliath down-Atlantic and ditch her in the open sea.

DR. HAGGERTY
 Okay.

CUT TO:

INT. CLOUDBASE SPECTRUM CONTROL

White listens to Blue's message on his desk.

CAPTAIN BLUE (V.O.)

This is Captain Blue calling Cloudbase. Captain Scarlet has gained entry, and returning to Atlantic Airport. Over.

COLONEL WHITE

SIG, Captain.

CUT TO:

INT. GOLIATH COCKPIT

All the components (including the control wheels) move as though they are automatic. We already know that the Mysterons are controlling them.

CAPTAIN SCARLET

The plane's veering back on its original course. What's happening, Doctor?

Haggerty presses a few buttons.

DR. HAGGERTY

The controls, they aren't responding.

Scarlet flicks one of the switches and speaks through the mike.

CAPTAIN SCARLET

Colonel White, the Mysterons have taken control of the flight deck.

COLONEL WHITE (V.O.)

Break the controls, cut off the electrical system.

HUMAN HAND: Haggerty smashes various controls and panels with a hammer.

Scarlet walks over to see the damage.

DR. HAGGERTY

It's impossible. Everything *is* right.

(MORE)

DR. HAGGERTY (CONT'D)
 Fuel, electrics, the lot, but
 the engines are still
 functioning.

CAPTAIN SCARLET
 There must be some way, *there
 must!*

DR. HAGGERTY
 There is. Blast apart the
 atomic reactors, and this
 whole plane vanishes in dust.
 But we vanish with it.

CAPTAIN SCARLET
 Then there's no choice. Get a
 chute on, Haggerty. This is
 where we party company.

DR. HAGGERTY
 (surprised)
 What do you mean?

CAPTAIN SCARLET
 Never mind, do as I tell you.

DR. HAGGERTY
 But...

CAPTAIN SCARLET
 This is no time for an
 argument.

He gashes Haggerty in the face.

DR. HAGGERTY
 Oof!

Haggerty falls unconscious.

CAPTAIN SCARLET
 Sorry about that, Doctor.

He puts the chute on Haggerty
 and opens the hatch. The
 blustery winds make it harder
 for him to get a good position.

CAPTAIN SCARLET
 So long, Doc. Happy landings.

He pushes Haggerty, then closes
 the hatch.

He settles down in the cockpit
 and flicks a switch.

CAPTAIN SCARLET

Scarlet to Cloudbase, I am going to destroy this aircraft.

STACCATO CUT TO:

EXT. SKY

The Angels in flight, not far behind from Goliath.

CUT TO:

INT. ANGEL 2 COCKPITCOLONEL WHITE (V.O.)

Cloudbase to Angel flight, peel and withdraw at once. Goliath is going to explode.

RHAPSODY ANGEL

Rhapsody Angel to Cloudbase, SIG.

CUT TO:

EXT. SKY

They bank and turn away.

Goliath is now on its own. It begins to slowly descend, approaching the sea. The aircraft explodes, more than its initial crash - nearly like an atomic bomb.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. WORLD PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

The World President, elegant but dissatisfied, flicks a switch on his radio.

WORLD PRESIDENT

This is the World President for direct communication with Colonel White. Hello, Colonel, it's all over then. I can't tell you what I'm feeling now. So close, *so close*.

COLONEL WHITE (V.O.)

I'm happy that Spectrum was able to carry out its orders, sir. I believe Dr. Haggerty landed safely?

WORLD PRESIDENT

He did. But Captain Scarlet, Colonel, I can only offer my condolences for the death of your most valiant officer. Naturally, there will be the greatest posthumous honours the world can bestow.

COLONEL WHITE (V.O.)

(stammers)

Er, erm, just a minute, Mr President. I don't think Captain Scarlet... erm... that's to say... I believe he will be back with us soon.

CUT TO:

INT. CLOUDBASE SPECTRUM CONTROL

White resumes his message, from his desk.

COLONEL WHITE

I know that the centre of an atomic explosion is something that even *he* has never experienced before. But because he is "Mysterionised", I feel certain he'll show up again in one piece; to help us wage our unceasing war against the menace from Mars. There is no more incredible man on this Earth than Captain Scarlet.

FADE OUT:

END TITLES