

EXT. SPACE, VARIOUS SCENES

DEFENDER ZIK is piloting his spaceship through various random space scenes. We see his ship as he flies acrobatically from scene to scene.

DEFENDER ZIK (V.O.)
Hi! I'm DEFENDER ZIK, an adventurer from the planet Zoz. There's been a revolution in the galaxy, and my friends and I were at the centre of it!

He lands on an uninhabited alien world and gets out. He poses heroically, ready to explore a new world.

DEFENDER ZIK
This is the story of my adventures, as we brought peace and freedom to the galaxy!

CUT TO: INTRO

EXT. SPACE, ZERNABIAN PRISON SYSTEM

DEFENDER ZIK flies his ship into the system and approaches a Mars-like planet.

DEFENDER ZIK
It all started when I was exploring a new, uncharted star system. Us Zozians had been cut off from the rest of humanity for a thousand years. We had been the first people to leave Old Earth, and we had severed all contact. That changed when I unknowingly entered an inhabited system!

An ALARM goes off in Zik's cockpit. ZOOT's hologram appears in the air next to ZIK and gestures.

DEFENDER ZIK (CONT'D)
My proximity alarm went off, and my Colony Computer, ZOOT, informed me that the approaching ship didn't match any known type. I thought I had discovered aliens!

A Zernabian ship approaches Zik's ship. We don't yet see inside their cockpit.

DEFENDER ZIK (CONT'D)

They broadcast a warning to me - in English! That meant they were human after all. They told me that I had entered restricted Zernabian space and that I should leave. Now, where I was from, nobody would dream of claiming an entire star system as their own! I responded in a way that seemed appropriate to me.

Zik pilots his ship so that he swoops close to the cockpit of the Zernabian vessel. He flips the bird at the Zernabians who stare at him in surprise.

DEFENDER ZIK (CONT'D)

I don't think they appreciated that!

Out of nowhere, a second ship appears, and shoots at Zik's ship, damaging it close to the main engine.

DEFENDER ZIK (CONT'D)

They hit me with a kind of plasma charge that I'd never seen before! It knocked out my main engine, and caused severe problems in my guidance systems. They broadcast a final warning, threatening to kill me.

Both Zernabian ships are directly ahead of Zik, hovering in an aggressive posture. On Zik's ship, his cannons reveal themselves.

DEFENDER ZIK (CONT'D)

They wouldn't listen when I explained that I couldn't steer! They were about to kill me, so I decided it was time to defend myself!

Zik opens fire, and both Zernabian vessels are destroyed.

DEFENDER ZIK (CONT'D)

But I was still having troubles of my own! I was caught in the gravity well of the planet, and I didn't have enough time to regain control over my damaged ship! I was going down!

Zik's smoking ship plummets toward the desert surface of the prison planet. There is a lot of re-entry flames around the ship, and smoke pouring from the plasma blast damage.

DEFENDER ZIK (CONT'D)
I was in big trouble, and I didn't
even have a stuffed tiger with me!

EXT. PRISON PLANET - DAY

In a wide shot, we see a Mars-like landscape. In the background, about a kilometer away, Zik's ship streaks and smokes as it falls through the sky. In the mid-ground, we see AMELIA and TRENT looking away from the camera at the ship. We don't see their faces yet. Zik's ship disappears behind a ridge.

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INT. ZIK'S SHIP, PRISON PLANET - DAY

Zik's ship speeds to the ground, and we can see that he's struggling to control it. He manages to lift the nose at the last second, and the ship bounces and skids to a halt.

DEFENDER ZIK (V.O.)
I landed hard, but I managed to get
us on the ground in one piece. ZOOT
informed me that the outside
atmosphere was Earth normal, which
meant that this planet had been
terraformed.

Zik exits his ship, looking around at his surroundings and then examining the damage to the vessel.

DEFENDER ZIK
I was going to need help getting my
ship back into space, so I asked
ZOOT to send a message to my
mercenary friend JAMES ANCHOR. I
knew that his big warship, the
Kodiak, could handle the bad guys.
As I was examining the damage to my
ship, I heard another vessel
approaching!

Another Zernabian ship approaches menacingly and starts shooting at Zik.

DEFENDER ZIK (CONT'D)
The enemy ship opened fire on me,
so I dove for cover and fought
back!

Zik ducks and returns fire from behind some boulders, scoring a few direct hits. Before he can do too much, however, two CLONOID SOLDIERS appear on foot behind him and point their taser pistols at him.

DEFENDER ZIK (CONT'D)
I was handling myself well until
two soldiers got the drop on me! I
had no choice but to surrender.

Zik drops his gun and puts his hands up, and the CLONOID SOLDIERS approach carefully. The Zernabian ship suddenly has an engine fire and blows up! The CLONOID SOLDIERS turn their heads, surprised at the explosion.

DEFENDER ZIK (CONT'D)
While my captors were distracted, I
made good my escape!

Zik turns and engages his rocket pack, roasting one of the CLONOID SOLDIERS. He tries to fly away. The other shoots Zik with his taser, knocking him out of the sky before he could get far.

DEFENDER ZIK (CONT'D)
Their tasers packed quite a punch!
I had to fight this guy the old
fashioned way.

Zik shakes his head clear and turns to see the CLONOID SOLDIER taking aim at him again. He kicks the gun out of its hand and they fight.

DEFENDER ZIK (CONT'D)
The guy I was fighting seemed to
feel no pain! I was still dealing
with the effects of the taser, so
he got the upper hand on me!

The two combatants lock grips and are struggling against each other in a test of strength. The CLONOID SOLDIER slowly gets the upper hand, forcing Zik to his knees.

DEFENDER ZIK (CONT'D)
I was right at my limit! This guy
was really strong!

FREEZE FRAME

TITLE OVER:

Will Zik defeat the Clonoid? Find out next time on DEFENDER
ZIK!

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