



WHAT WAS THAT?

A MISSILE OR CANNON SHELL IMPACT.

WE'RE IN A BATTLE.



BATTLE?

WITH WHOM?

THAT'S CERTAINLY THE QUESTION.



TO FIND OUT, I MUST ABANDON THIS BODY, FREING ME TO EXPLORE AMONG OTHERS.



WELL THEN...

THE QUESTION IS POSED. SHOULD WE STAY HERE WITH THE CORPSE, OR GO JOIN THE FIGHT?





I THINK WE COULD OVERCOME THE FIRST BORN FLEET, WERE IT NOT FOR THE GIANT BLACK SHIP!

ITS ALIEN WEAPONS ARE BLASTING OUR SHIPS OUT OF THE SKY!



WE CAN'T PREVAIL AGAINST THAT MONSTROSITY!

I AGREE.

OUR BIGGEST CANNONS ARE USELESS AGAINST ITS ARMOR.



THEN WE'LL HAVE TO BRING IT DOWN FROM THE INSIDE.

OR BETTER YET, CAPTURE IT INTACT AND TURN ITS WEAPONS AGAINST THE ENEMY.



I'LL LEAD A BOARDING PARTY.

VOLUNTEERS?



IT WAS ALWAYS GOING TO COME DOWN TO US AGAINST THEM, AND IT SEEMS THEY OWE US A SHIP TO REPLACE OURS.

I THINK THE ENTIRE VENTURE CREW JUST VOLUNTEERED.



WE DID?



BRING US INTO ONE OF THEIR HANGER BAYS.

SINCE THEY'RE KIND ENOUGH TO LEAVE THE DOORS OPEN.



ONLY BECAUSE AN ENDLESS SUPPLY OF FIGHTER PLANES ARE STILL POURING OUT OF THEM.

DID YOU HAPPEN TO NOTICE THAT DETAIL?



JUST STEER AROUND THOSE PESTS.

EASY AS PIE.



OH WELL.

FORTUNE FAVORS THE BOLD--AS THE OLD DEAD PIRATE SAID.