

Between the planets

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...A loud explosion. Glass splinters sting into the air. A flash as bright as if you are looking right into the sun ...

Another galaxy. 350 years later. The radioactive radiation illuminates Taylor's polyethylene suit in their space capsule. They are number 568 who have wanted to return to planet Earth since the nuclear war in order to contain radioactive radiation. Every team before them failed in the attempt to do so shattered 3.4 million miles before reaching the Earth. Taylor is the great hope for leading people back to Earth.

They and almost seven billion other beings that were developed with the highest cognitive properties to gently lead mankind back to Earth thanks to the latest genetic engineering of the Radio Force. Only then can they continue to reproduce and win the fight for survival.

Taylor is part of the Radio Force – the most powerful institution on the planet XA31.80 – which regularly sends its genetic tests like Taylor to Earth in the fight against radiation. XA31.80 is a not very large planet whose surface approaches Earth by 200,000 miles every minute. So, there is not much time before XA31.80 has reached critical proximity to Earth and disappears from the galaxy forever. Mankind has already disintegrated to the ground like grains of sand due to the nuclear war.

In their polyethylene suits, they are standing in front of the window. Earth's radiation is increasing.

“How much uranium do you still have?”, Kyle asks from the Radio Force Technology Center.

“Not much left. But enough” Taylor responds when they look at the display, which shows 298,000,000 cubic meters.

Taylor is approaching Earth. Despite its polyethylene coating, the radiation deforms the capsule into a wrinkled pea.

“Reduce your speed! You are getting faster and faster!”, says Chief Hayden to Taylor.

Warning lights flash in the cockpit. The energy of the Earth pulls Taylor toward it more and more. They are threatened with what happened to 567 beings of their own kind before. But it works. The capsule succeeds in reducing its speed and falls as a tin can on a destroyed airfield of a military airport. This is exactly where they must be. Taylor looks around the battlefield. Due to the gamma waves, the remains of the ground hangars swim before his eyes. Next to them is a melted wreck of a fighter jet. It must have been here. Taylor manages to store the remains of the nuclear explosive devices in a safe box. Because of the enormous energy that still exists here, the box begins to contract.

A signal reaches the technology center. The attempt must have been successful. Initial measurements show that the Earth's atomic energy has decreased by three quarters. Sufficient enough to now return the first people back to Earth. Less than twenty minutes later another capsule starts from the Radio Force Technology Center towards

Earth. What initially seems to be successful can be seen a little later in the increasing number of speed indicators.