

AVATAR

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Viperwolf got your tongue?

Learn some Na'vi to communicate while on Pandora.

Friend or foe?

All about ho's who in this crazy world. Find out here!

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Jake Sully

Assignment: Exploration Bodyguard

A paraplegic and former Marine who replaced his deceased identical twin brother as an operator of an "avatar."

Avatars are operated by genetically matched humans, used by scientists as a Na'vi-human hybrids to explore Pandora's biosphere.

While on exploration to collect biological data, Jake's avatar is attacked by a thanator and flees into the forest, where he is rescued by Neytiri, a female Na'vi.

Ultimately, all humans are expelled from Pandora and sent back to Earth, except for Jake. He is permanently transferred into his avatar with the aid of the Tree of Souls.

