

Traitor Among Us: Third Person Edition

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## SCENE 1: 6 Lifeforms

INT: On a spaceship traveling through hyperspace towards Alpha Centauri. The crew-mates and the captain are resting in their cabins.

*Matt is sleeping in his cabin until an alarm goes off. OXYGEN DEPLETION. 95%. 90%. 85%. Matt wakes up gasping for air and falls out of bed as the alarm continues. 80%. 75%. 70%. Matt crawls across the floor to his cobalt blue space suit on the wall. 65%. 60%. Matt grabs his cobalt blue suit and turns on his oxygen tank. A plant sits on his shelf with its own O2 supply.*

*Matt runs out of his cabin and bumps into a crew mate, Drew. He is wearing a cerulean blue spacesuit.*

DREW

"Someone depleted the oxygen level, I'm gonna check it out"

*Drew continues to run towards the O2 filters.*

*The alarm stops. OXYGEN LEVEL CRITICALLY LOW.*

*Matt runs to the control and navigation room. There's no one inside and they're still on course for Alpha Centauri. He uses his radio.*

MATT (on radio)

"Meeting in the East control room."

*In the small cafeteria, Matt and the 5 crew mates are standing around a table.*

*Drew, Xhon, Jordan, Shubham, and Sergei. All wearing their spacesuits.*

*Xhon and Jordan wear a spruce green and emerald space suits. Sergei wears an azure blue suit and Shubham brandies a teal green suit. Drew dons a cerulean blue suit.*

XHON

"Drew and I got the O2 levels under control. They'll be back to normal in a few hours."

MATT

"Since we're all up, might as well do routine checkup on the ship to make sure we can make it to Centauri."

*Matt goes to Control room monitor and checks the path and time.*

MATT

"We're in dead space. No contact with Centauri. We definitely need to do a checkup."

SHUBHAM

"I've heard of hijackings happening in dead space."

MATT

"Yeah. Kepler-186 colony has been known for hijacking passing ships for their cargo."

*Matt pulls up Kepler-186 info. A blue cassowary insignia.*

MATT

"Keep an eye out for the blue insignia on any documents. Go in pairs when doing your tasks keep a watch for anything."

XHON

"Why would they hijack us?"

MATT

"We're carrying Ruthenium. Vital metal used in solar cells to harness the energy of nearby stars. Kepler-186 needs those cells to survive."

DREW

"Now that you mention it, the filters did look like they were damaged. It looked deliberate."

SHUBHAM

"How'd you know they were tampered with & it wasn't old?"

XHON

"One was shattered and hidden out of sight. Wires were pulled from the filters that sent that oxygen out of ship."

*Drew looks at Xhon then to Matt.*

SERGEI

"I'm sorry Xhon"

(beat)

"I don't trust you. I mean, you could've easily done it and said it was tampered"

XHON (sarcastically)

"Oh yeah, like I would want to sabotage this spaceship."

SHUBHAM

"hey hey no one is sabotaging anything alright. Take it easy."

SERGEI

"It's Xhon if we have any hijackers. Just a hunch. Trust me."

XHON

"Me?! What about you? Or Drew? Maybe he could've done it."

DREW

"What??? Why you putting me in this? I didn't do anything. You were with me dawg."

*The three of them squabble back and forth as the rest watch on.*

*Matt types on the computers searching for the number of lifeforms. Searching.....*

MATT

"Your tasks are on your heads up displays. Complete them in teams. Drew and Xhon fix the lights. Jordan and Shubham, take Medbay. Sergei check electrical."

**CUT TO:**

*INT: O2 level: 40%: Northwest MedBay - SAME*

*Everyone leaves the cafeteria. Jordan and Shubham walk down the towards the Medbay.*

JORDAN

"Shubham, I don't think I can do this. Was Matt saying something? I don't know what are tasks are."

SHUBHAM

"You did look zoned out and confused, but you usually look like that."

JORDAN

"Fuck you Shubham."

The clean floors reflect bright fluorescent light as they enter Med Bay. Shubham walks towards the console in the back that monitors everyone's health and contains their medical history.

SHUBHAM

"I said do you think, we'll find an imposter?"

JORDAN

"Maybe."

Jordan continues working on the inventory. He shifts through the cabinets making sure there's medicine for wounds and illness. Bandages. Looks good. Shubham's continues working on the medicine. Jordan holds a scalpel and looks at Shubham working on the console.

JORDAN

"I'm done here. Going to the engine room you coming?"

SHUBHAM

"Almost done"

The lights shut off immersing them in darkness. The console goes dark. Emergency red lights turn on casting everything in the blood red hue. The floor vents release water vapor in the ship casting a light haze floating on the floor. Their radios crackle.

SERGEI

"Electrical's been sabotaged. G-get- here.h-n"

The radio hisses and screeches. Then cuts out. Shubham takes out his radio. No response. Jordan tries his. Nothing.

JORDAN

"what the fuck just happened?"

The lights shut off immersing them in darkness. Emergency red lights turn on casting everything in the blood red hue. Jordan walks to the hallway. It's empty. Shubham's still at the console. Jordan walks back.

JORDAN

"we need head to electrical to fix the light."

SHUBHAM

"Check this out."

Shubham shows the biometrics of all crew mates. Matt, Drew, Xhon, Jordan, and Shubham's vitals are shown on screen. Their radios crackle on.

DREW (on radio)

"h-h-- hello? Anyone? Can-can- can you hear me?"

SHUBHAM (to radio)

"Loud and clear."

DREW (on radio)

"Fixed coms. I'm gonna have to fix the wiring in the individual rooms. I'm in the Northwest engine room if you need me."

The radio turns off.

SHUBHAM

"Alright, let's head to electrical."

JORDAN

"wait- look at the vitals."

*The vitals on screen look fine except for Sergei's. His vitals spike then quickly flatline.*

*Their radios hiss on again.*

XHON

"Get to electrical. Sergei's dead."

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CUT TO:

INT: O2 level: 40%, Control room and Engine room. - SAME

*Matt is checking the monitor and the course of the spaceship. He leaves for the engine room.*

*He finds Drew working on aligning the engines.*

DREW

"Need something? I'm about done here."

MATT

"I'm just checking the wiring here. Sergei's going to electrical"

DREW

"I didn't want to say this in front of everyone, but when I went to fix the O2, I saw Xhon leave the room. I fixed it, but I don't think anyone saw me or Xhon."

MATT

"Why lie? Saying he fixed it?"

DREW (shrugs)

"I couldn't tell you."

(beat)

"we still on course?"

MATT

"Yeah. 2 hours out of here."

(beat)

"Know where you're going next?"

DREW

"Electrical."

*Their radios crackle on. It's Sergei's voice.*

SERGEI

"Electrical's been sabotaged. Meet-t n- Cafe-ria. -did can-."

*The radio hisses and screeches. Then cuts out. Matt takes out his radio. No response. Drew tries his. Nothing.*

MATT

"Jordan, Shubham. Anyone?"

*No response.*

(beat)

"Comms are down."

*They look out the engine room and down the south hallway towards the electrical room.*

*The lights shut off immersing them in darkness.*

*Emergency red lights turn on casting everting in the blood red hue.*

**CUT TO:**

*INT: O2 level: 40% : Hallways, Electrical Room , O2 room, - SAME*

*Everyone leaves the cafeteria. Sergei's walking towards the O2 filters. He rounds the corner and sees Xhon leaving the electrical room. Xhon looks around and Sergei hides behind the corner and watches Xhon. Xhon begins walking in Sergei's direction. Sergei steps back a few feet and walks around the corner and bumps into Xhon.*

XHON

"Watch where you're going Sergei."

SERGEI

"Watch yourself Xhon."

*The two of them walk past each other. Sergei passes the south electrical room and turns the corner and stops. He waits for Xhon to leave then heads into the electrical room.*

*Xhon walks to the East O2 room to check them again. He swipes into the room and walks to O2 canisters. Oxygen level: 35%.*

XHON (to self)

"aaah shit"

*Xhon checks the canisters. They're ok. He restores Oxygen levels to 100%.*

*His radio crackles on. It's Sergei's voice.*

SERGEI

"Electrical's been sabotaged. Meet-t n- Cafe-ria. -did can-."

XHON

"Oh fuck."

*The lights shut off immersing him in darkness.  
Emergency red lights turn on casting everting in the blood red hue.  
Xhon turns around and heads towards electrical.*

*Xhon enters the south eastern hallway. As he walks the radio turns on.*

*The radio falls quiet. Xhon walks closer to the electrical and sees a shadow casted by the lights in the electrical room. The shadow's moving around in the room and disappears.*

*Xhon enters the electrical room. We stay outside in the doorway as Xhon enters the room. The room has a protruding wall in the middle that hides anything behind it. A viewer from the doorway only sees half the room. He heads for the junction box behind the protruding wall.*

*We see him round the corner disappearing from view. A few seconds of silence. We hear Xhon's radio crackle on.*

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## **SCENE 2: Tensions**

*INT: Oxygen Level: 35%. Electrical Room - CONTINUOUS*

*Everyone is standing in the electrical room. The red lights and haze are gone. It's a sideshow of everyone standing in the room. Xhon leans with his back against the right wall, arms crossed. Matt stands in background looking behind the protruding wall. Drew stands off to the left while Shubham and Jordan stand closest to the door way.*

SHUBHAM (to Xhon)

"You didn't see anyone else leave? Just a shadow moving?"

*Xhon shakes his head. The camera works its way to Xhon slowly revealing more of*

*what's behind the wall.*

MATT

"Where was everyone? I was with Drew in the engine room."

*The camera reveals Sergei's body on the ground. Blood trails from his mouth outside of the suit. A few feet past Sergei was ventilation and directly above him was the junction box.*

DREW

"Yes I was with Matt."

JORDAN

"Shubham and I were in Medbay."

SHUBHAM

"Could this be a hijacker? From Kepler-186?"

MATT (shrugs)

"I don't know maybe--"

JORDAN

"Xhon, could've killed Sergei. Then covered it up."

*Xhon steps forward.*

XHON

"What? Like I'd kill Sergei."

JORDAN

"You were arguing with him earlier."

XHON

"Maybe you killed him"

(beat)

"Or Matt killed him. I only heard Drew's voice on the radio. And Drew didn't mention working with Matt."

MATT

"I just said I was with Drew."

XHON

"Can anyone confirm it? Besides Drew?"

*The group stays quiet.*

SHUBHAM

"Well, if you are the imposter. Then you'd have some sort of identification... right? So we can search the cabins and the ship for it?"

JORDAN

"start with Xhon's"

SHUBHAM

"what about the body?"

JORDAN

"I can throw him in the trash chute."

FADE TO:

### SCENE 3: The Search

INT: Xhon's cabin.- located in center of the ship, beside electrical room

*Claustrophobic shot of the small cabin, size of a dorm. People don't have much room to move. Xhon stands on the far end of his cabin. Matt stands in the middle. Drew stands*

by the door. Shubham is searching through Xhon's small desk. Drew picks up a small trash can by the door and flips it. 10 ketchup packets fall out of the bag.

Jordan walks in the room and steps on the packets.

Jordan (picking up a packet)  
"Xhon...what the fuck?"

XHON (shrugs)  
"I like my meals wet."

They continue to search through everything and don't find any evidence.

MATT  
"Ok. Let's search mine now."

XHON  
"Forget it. What if it's none of us & we actually do have a hijacker?"

An alarm starts blaring. The lights flicker and the ship rumbles.

JORDAN  
"what the fuck is that?"

MATT  
"reactor meltdown."

The intercom speaks. 5 minutes till reactor meltdown. Everyone scrambles out of the cabin towards the reactors. As they're running towards the West Reactor room, the lights shut off. Only the red reactor meltdown warning lights are on. Then bright white lights start flashing, someone's sabotaging Medbay.

MATT  
"Jordan, Shubham, you take Medbay. Xhon and I will fix the reactor. Drew get the lights."

They split off.

CUT TO:

#### SCENE 4: Meltdown

INT: Reactor Room, 5 minutes seconds before reactor meltdown - SAME  
The red alarms are still blaring. A voice goes over the intercom, Reactor meltdown in 5 minutes seconds. Matt and Xhon are springing towards the west Reactor room. The lights still flicker. The camera stays behind them as they approach the door. 3 minutes, says the intercom. They reach the door. The reactor occupied most of the middle wall and reached to the ceiling. Matt sees the override fingerprint scanners on the left and right side of the room. 2 minutes. The ship begins to shake and metal rattles and groans from the force of the reactor. Matt runs left, Xhon runs right. 1 minute. The lights shut off casting them in complete darkness. The scanner is illuminated by backlight a red backlight. 45 seconds. They're running in the dark towards the scanner. Xhon reaches his scanner and places his hand on it.

XHON  
"MATT!"

No response. 30 seconds. Xhon tries to looking to the other side, but the reactor obstructs his view. The lights turn on. 20 seconds. The intercom stops and the red lights turn off. Xhon looks back and sees Matt standing at the other panel. They leave the scanners and walk to the exit of the room.

XHON  
"Why are you so damn slow?"



MATT

"I couldn't see. Good thing Drew got the lights."

(beat)

"We're good here. Let's check on Jor--"

*Jordan comes running into the room.*

JORDAN

"I thought you weren't going to make it."

XHON

"almost didn't if Matt WASN'T SO FUCKING SLOW!"

MATT

"Is MedBay fixed?"

JORDAN

"Shubham is handling it. He told me to make sure you guys could fix it."

(Beat)

"but he should be done by now..."

*Jordan takes out his radio. Shubham?. No response. Drew?*

DREW (on radio)

"yeah what's up? I'm in upper engine room"

*Shot of Drew's working in the engine room fixing the wiring there. He's in behind the engine standing atop a the floor ventilation.*

JORDAN (on radio)

"Have you seen Shubham?"

DREW

"I thought he was in Medbay."

JORDAN

"we're getting no response."

*He turns off the radio. Jordan, Matt, and Xhon walk towards Medbay with Matt trying his radio. Shubham!. Still no response. The three of the jog quickly towards the North Medbay. They pass Drew exiting in the engine room.*

MATT

"Shubham's not responding"

*Drew follows behind them.*

*They arrive at the MedBay to find Shubham dead by the scanning area. His body was hiding in the corner near an open floor ventilation shaft.*

CUT TO:

*INT: Medbay. 5 minutes before reactor meltdown - SAME*

*Jordan and Shubham are running towards the north Medbay from south electrical. The red alarms are still blaring. A voice goes over the intercom, Reactor meltdown in 5 minutes. They reach the north hallway. Medbay is 30 feet away. 3 minutes. Jordan and Shubham arrive in Medbay. The strobing white lights nearly blind them.*

JORDAN

"what the fuck is going on?"

SHUBHAM (shielding his eyes from white lights)

"I think it's the scanner."

*they slowly make their way to the back, shielding their eyes from the strobing lights. Shubham looks at the scanner.*

SHUBHAM

"I don't see anything wrong."

(beat)

"Here, you check it out. I'll check the kiosk for any corrupted info."

JORDAN

"Who the fuck cares?!! We're about to blow up if the reactor isn't fixed. Why does this matter?"

*2 minutes.*

SHUBHAM

"Ok. Go help them. I can take care of things here."

*Jordan takes off. Shubham continues working. The ship begins to shake and metal rattles and groans from the force of the reactor. 1 minute. The lights turn off shrouding Shubham in complete darkness. Only the light from the kiosk is on. It covers his face in a blue light. Shubham looks towards the entrance of Medbay and sees a light on in the hallway. 1 minute. The red alarms & white strobing lights stop. The intercom stops.*

*Out of the corner of his eye, he sees a shadow in the hallway. The lights cast a long shadow of someone walking. They reach the entrance of Medbay. Yet the room remains in darkness. The silhouette arrives at the entrance and turns towards Shubham and steps forward a bit.*

*Shubham peers through the darkness. The lights turn on  
It's Drew.*

SHUBHAM

"Drew what're you doing here?"

*Drew walks closer to Shubham.*

DREW

"Just making sure you're good."

SHUBHAM

"I'm good. Glad to see the reactor's not gonna blow up."

DREW

"yeah. You almost done here?"

SHUBHAM

"Checking our biometrics are good and yeah just gotta fix the scanner."

*Shubham points to the full body scanner in the corner near the corner floor ventilation shaft.*

DREW

"Cool. I'm heading to fix the rest of lights. Radio in if you need anything."

*Drew leaves the MedBay. Shubham continues working on the console. He pulls up everyone's biometrics. These are in real-time. We see all of the crew mates: Matt, Xhon, Drew, Jordan all good. He checks Sergei's biometrics. They're still reading.*

SHUBHAM

"that's weird. Maybe a bug."

*Shubham checks his own biometrics. They're flatlining.*

SHUBHAM

"Definetly a bug."

Shubham takes out his radio. Drew?.....no response.....Matt? Jordan? Nothing.

Shubham walks to the full body scanner. A smaller scanning device appears. Shubham holds his wrist to the device, it logs & records his ID and the biometrics stored in his wrist device. Then the scan begins. The camera stands with Shubham in the scanner. Shubham looks at the software and code of the scanner. His back is to the entrance of MedBay.

A quiet metal thud is heard behind us. Shubham looks behind him.

CUT TO:

INT: Engine Room - 5 minutes seconds to reactor meltdown - SAME

Drew runs back to the main electrical room while the rest take off. He checks and sees the upper engine is losing power. After fixing the wiring in the main electrical room, he bolts for the northwest upper engine room.

3 minutes. The strobing white lights combined with the red alarms make it hard to see. The lights turn off completely shrouding the entire place in darkness. Only a few emergency buttons and switches are on. Drew stops hallways to the upper engine room. He instead runs to the lower engine room, to the right of the reactor room.

Using his flashlight, Drew finds the junction box.

1 minute. He starts diverting power from the lower engine to the reactor room.

Footsteps are heard in the hallway. Drew looks back and sees Jordan sprinting to the reactor room Through a small gaps in between the metal fasteners, Drew sees the reactor room lights turn on. The red alarms turn off. Drew leaves and heads to the upper engine.

Drew is working at the junction box behind the engine large cylindrical engine. He stands atop a floor ventilation shaft. His radio crackles.

JORDAN (on radio)

"Shubham? Drew?"

DREW

"yeah what's up? I'm in upper engine room"

JORDAN (on radio)

"Have you seen Shubham?"

DREW

"I thought he was in Medbay."

JORDAN

"we're getting no response."

The radio clicks off. Drew stops working. I should check, he says to himself.

Drew jogs over to the MedBay. Only the upper engine room lights are on. Drew walks forward casting a long shadow that reaches the MedBay doorway. He finds Shubham working at the console. Shubham looks at Drew. The lights turn on revealing Drew and the entire Medbay room.

SHUBHAM

"Drew what're you doing here?"

Drew walks towards Shubham seeing the entire room.

DREW

"Just making sure you're good."

SHUBHAM

"I'm good. Glad to see the reactor's not gonna blow up."

DREW

"You almost done here?"

SHUBHAM

"Checking our biometrics are good and yeah just gotta fix the scanner."

*Shubham points to the full body scanner in the corner near the corner floor ventilation shaft.*

DREW

"Cool. I'm headed to engine room to fix the lights there. Radio in if you need anything."

*Drew leaves Medbay and heads back to the engine room.*

*After a few seconds, Drew exits and heads back to the upper engine room.*

*He finishes he's working in Medbay. As he exits, he bumps into Matt, Jordan, and Xhon.*

MATT

"Shubham's not responding."

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### SCENE 5: Imposters

INT: Medbay

*Everyone stands around Shubham's body. Matt looks at the body. Jordan is standing by the ventilation shaft looking in. Xhon and Drew stand off to the side. Matt finds his radio*

MATT

"His radio isn't damaged why didn't he pick up?"

*Jordan sees something in the ventilation. He picks it up.*

JORDAN (holding up a small device)

"Because of this. It's a jammer. Nothing would reach his radio."

*Matt looks at the device. There's a blue cassowary insignia on it.*

MATT

"We do have a stowaway. Something's picking us off."

*Xhon and Jordan looks around the room. Xhon looks at the cabinets. Jordan looks at the kiosk and checks the data on it.*

JORDAN

"Whoever it is, is using the floor vents to sneak up."

*Jordan looks at the health data. He tries to scan his wrist device. It shows a flatline on the screen.*

JORDAN (contin)

"The jammer also blocked the system from reading the wrist vitals."

DREW

"Now what? Just wait for them to kill us?"

JORDAN

"Check this out."

*Jordan looks at the logs of the kiosk. It shows everyone who's logged on the kiosk with their wrist device. The last log was Shubham twice.*

MATT

"Why did he scan twice?"

XHON

"His wrist band is still on his arm. Maybe it scanned twice when he fell?"

JORDAN

"No the system also tracks out vitals. It wouldn't scan if Shubham was dead."

XHON

"Oh yeah. Forgot about that."

MATT

"Drew where were you? Did you see anyone? You were the closest to Shubham."

DREW

"No one. I checked on Shubham when Jordan radioed me. He was alive then."

JORDAN

"I'm not buying it. Drew could've killed him before he left for the engine room."

DREW

"I didn't kill him. You saw me in upper engine room."

JORDAN

"Can anyone confirm that Drew was only in upper engine?"

MATT

"Wait Drew if you were in upper engine, then who fixed the lights in the reactor room?"

DREW

"I went to the lower engine room and diverted power to the reactor room so you could see. After it went dark, I diverted the power."

JORDAN

"So you just lied? You could've killed Shubham."

DREW

"I didn't kill Shubham."

JORDAN

"It's Drew. We should jettison him like we did Sergei. Can't have hijackers on board."

XHON

"I'm with Jordan. Drew's been acting suspicious."

DREW

"It's not me!"

*Everyone looks towards Matt. He stays quiet thinking.*

MATT

"I don't know. We don't have enough to go on."

JORDAN

"What do you mean? He's been separate from us the whole time. The only times I've seen Drew is when we found someone dead."

DREW

"Bro? What? What about Sergei? You found Xhon with the body that time?!!"

(beat)

"and I've been separate because Matt's been calling the shots."

JORDAN

"Maybe it's Matt... He has been calling the shots. It would be a good cover."

MATT

"It's not me. I was with Drew and Xhon, so I couldn't have killed anyone."

JORDAN

"Both people who were accused of killing someone."

*Jordan takes a few steps towards the door.*

"I can't trust any of you. I'm done."

*Jordan leaves Medbay. He walks towards the east control room. The room had a large table in the center with navigation controls on the far wall ahead of them. He walks to the navigation panel.*

*A small metal thud is heard behind him. Jordan turns and sees Sergei standing on top of the floor vent holding a switchblade.*

CUT TO:

INT- Medbay Xhon, Drew and Matt- SAME

XHON

"You just gonna let him go?"

MATT

"There's not much we can do. We need to make sure this ship makes it safely to Centauri. Even if there's something trying to kill us."

*Suddenly, the ship lurches sharply left. Matt, Drew, and Xhon fall down. Then the ship stabilizes.*

XHON

"The fuck was that?"

MATT

"Someone changed course?"

DREW

"I thought only you could do that?"

*Everyone gets up and heads towards the east control room.*

MATT

"Me or two crew members."

*They arrive at the control room. They see Jordan dead outside the room. His body half outside the room and half inside. The automatic doors can't close on him, they bounce open and closed.*

*They head inside the room.*

*The room had a large table in the center with navigation controls on the far wall ahead of them. They walk throughout the room. Matt walks to the navigation controls. Xhon and Drew walk to the other side of the table. Matt looks at the current course of the ship.*

MATT

"It's going to Kepler-186."

*He looks for his keycard so he can change course. Suddenly, he feels a sharp pain in his back. Matt fell to the ground in pain. He looks behind and sees an open floor vent.*

*Matt looks at the door and sees Sergei standing with with a bloody switchblade. Jordan stands in the doorway, the blood's still on his face. He stands by Drew's dead body.*

MATT

"Damn."

*Xhon walks to the navigation panel. They're on track to Kepler-186. Matt is still writhing from pain on the ground. In a few seconds, he dies from blood loss and pain.*

SERGEI  
"Let's go boys."

XHON  
"Nice job Sergei."

SERGEI  
"Bro I frickin' carried the team."

*The three of the of them stand in the room. The ship stays on course heading to Kepler-186.*

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