Hard Landing - Draitspitzikad



The following story, **Hard Landing**, is a short vignette set during the early days of the **Dzaqtlas**, the "Great Death" plague that brought ruin to Zhdant and nearly left the planet devoid of human life.

The harsh deceleration that had shoved the three of us deeply into our couches let up, replaced with near free-fall as our lander fell through the middle reaches of the atmosphere.

Achachens tozej qietsachevas qlieoka dish tyei kopecheshtijens tozej dlafio chilotidish, maqichtlachtio cheztleas iankilens tozej, oqik lienjiash cheztlens tozej draitsyotlish.

"Now it's up to the chutes," Maqtlaz said.

"Tavrik dra tentbravr qik," potlie Maqtlaz.

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She monitored the lander's status panel.

Zochejodl dra draitsyotl yzgens dazej.

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"I hope double the rated interval of cold and vacuum soaking hasn't degraded them too much."

"Pri'enzh omeiakomo tleveqlasqik ashtiablas iazh qlielienjas tlas patlaetsiens qlie achachiens tozej."

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"Tazo," Yalad said, 'are we still on track?"

"Tazo," potlie Yalad, "ichtiozhie velozdish tsenchenzh agle?"

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The reticle above the tiny Zhdant-globe in the so-called navigation panel lay pegged over the floodplains north of the mouth of the Friebrkad River.

Mitlatematlivr toyak Freibrkad toyaktlakiens zochens dazej ayavzieprad dra Zhdantkitlaliololiach qliefae kavrens jiaprjdivrjodl.

I read the coordinates from the verniers, pulled the atlas out of its cubby and opened it to the page we'd marked before we left Comm Station Number Seventeen three hours ago.

Zhdanzzieprebr` zhdanzhia mochitik tozej, zhdanzoyafevranzh priaachens dradlepratlik tozej, tamatia benzish tozej, achitzitlachilaklieqra 17 tyei achan daz chtenz timanish dazej.

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"Near as I can tell from the iron idiot here," I shouted over the slipstream noise, "we're coming down about fifteen klicks north of some settlement called Dzaltlievan."

"Ekatoladtlasik yotlchrpliash," acachik tozej aietslienjfav qrazhitia, "aizintlaozdiens matlamachieli matlapatlzdev mitl dra Dzaltlievanfaens preqlach."

We all grunted as the initial drogue fired.

Qikriem zhdanjens tozej chiala tentbravr krofish tozej.

The atlas flew out of my hands, falling at Maqtlaz' feet.

Maitliktaj pierens tozej zhdanzoyafevranzh, edre chitontli dra Maqtlaz cheztle.

"Leave it," I told her.

"Ens apezo'd zhdaenzh," ai ens bezhik tozej.

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We all silently counted off the seconds until the main chutes deployed.

Pitlik tletla chtenzhish tozej, seql zhdanshtladlens tozej tentbravratl.

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Then the capsule jerked hard and our jaws slammed shut.

Pitzika katzitlanshtijens tozej tetlchiel, jazh kamtadish chtakeshtijens tozej.

"Lost one, curse it!" Maqtlaz shouted.

"Tentbravr polotish tozej, flel!" chtachtachens tozej Magtlaz.

The lander began to spin lazily with only two of the three main chutes slowing it.

Klezvra omqreviens tozej draitsyotl qietsachevens qin omei ol tyei tentbravatlir.

"We're going to hit a little harder than usual, folks."

"Pitzikatl akomozda viakrish dazenzh, nad."

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She spat out a sliver of tooth.

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Seconds after the landing bag inflated, the lander slammed into the gravel.

Pitlik iepri lienchtemens tozej draitspali, pichtilio chtakeshtijiens tozej draitsyotl.

It felt like a groundcar crash. "Tazo here," I said blearily.

Mantlachjem ikrchansh itsmoliens tozej. "Tazo," mikchatekavra potlik tozej.

"Yalad here," he mumbled. "Maq? Maq? Dammit, she's passed out."

"Yalad," potlachens tozej. "Maq? Maq! Ketlachoiens tozej, dzaq."

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We fumbled with our restraints. Maqtlaz began to come to. I looked out the egress hatch window.

Drivdetish shtozstaliodish tozej. Zatecheviens Maqtlaz. Pochqi dra sheqrdrik yzgetajik tozej.

"Looks like the locals saw us come down. They're on scene." I tried to keep the fear from my voice.

"Yzqens tozej dish nad itsmole. Yqzish iens." Stiefe machitad soblik akom pazklik tozej.

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"Good! They can help us, maybe give first aid to Maq."

"Yekta! Makoiens dish chiele, pachtamakoad Maqcho tamakiens ekenzh."

"We've got other problems." The hammering began on the egress hatch. Please don't pull the emergency handle, I willed them silently.

"Klantlifredr kavrish." Sheqrdriktia viakrad tlatzens tozej. 'Bradeshfronzbre qlie katzitlano'd zhdaenzh,' tletlvra iens bezhik tozej.

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We could hear them shouting now through the vents.

Chtachtachadiens kaqodish tozej tekalitia.

*エンメルガ277 しょこの2 土人6万2万2 ひょんり スキュルエン・

"Kill them! Kill the spacers! They killed the world! BURN THEM ALIVE!"

"Krazojens zhdaenzh! Achitzinad krazojish zhdaenzh! Zhdant krazojens tozej! Ens kotlia tezintlish zhdaenzh!"

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Tlatoniatl ilnamia

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chikopvajodl主人之氏「「て」」し、blinking lightschtachtache主て主て主 **to shout

chtake` ヹパンと^ to shut, to close chtakeshtije` ヹパンと上入しと^ to slam shut

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ikrchanshe` ス全王でなく^ to crash jiapldivre` リストロス マイ to navigate jodl リロロ panel kamta 2でなるで mouth, jaws

kaqoe` 2ベン to hear ketlachoie` 2ベンス to faint, pass out

klez ≥ ∤□ lazy

Tlatoniatl ilnamia (chenkie)

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map

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