

STARGATE ATLANTIS
"LETTERS FROM PEGASUS"
EPISODE #117
DIALOGUE CONTINUITY SCRIPT

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TIMECODE DIALOGUE

START TIMECODE 01:00:00:00 AT FIRST FRAME OF PICTURE

RECAP

01:00:00:00	TEYLA: (V/O): Previously on Stargate Atlantis...
01:00:02:26	BECKETT: It's headed for the city.
01:00:03:28	WEIR: What's it doing?
01:00:04:28	ZELENKA: It's scanning us.
01:00:08:02	WEIR: Now, the dart sent a transmission deep into space, and then it self-destructed...
01:00:11:08	WEIR (CONT'D O/S): Before we could get to it.
01:00:12:22	ZELENKA: We scanned the area with our deep space sensors--
01:00:14:08	SHEPPARD (O/S): What are those?
01:00:15:10	ZELENKA (O/S): Wraith hive ships.
01:00:16:12	ZELENKA (CONT'D): Three of them.

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01:00:17:06 SHEPPARD: Where are they headed?

01:00:17:29 WEIR: If they maintain direction and speed, they'll be over our planet within two
 weeks.

END OF RECAP

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01:00:29:13 WEIR (V/O): Well, we knew they...

01:00:30:17 WEIR (CONT'D): Were coming. At least now we know when.

01:00:32:16 SHEPPARD: That's something.

01:00:33:17 MCKAY: That's something?

01:00:34:24 SHEPPARD: It means there's still time, Rodney. There's no reason to panic...

01:00:37:22 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Yet.

01:00:39:13 TEYLA: Where there is time, there's hope.

01:00:40:23 WEIR: Agreed. So, recommendations?

01:00:42:25 BECKETT: Other than panic?

01:00:43:25 WEIR: Other than panic, yes.

01:00:45:15 FORD (O/S): I realize this might...

01:00:47:08 FORD (CONT'D): Not be cool, but we should consider M7G 677.

01:00:50:17 WEIR: As a possible evacuation site?

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01:00:52:18 FORD: No, ma'am.

01:00:53:18 FORD (CONT'D): I'm suggesting we take their ZPM.

01:00:56:11 WEIR (O/S): Their only means...

01:00:57:15 WEIR (CONT'D): Of protection from the Wraith?

01:00:58:13 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): A planet...

01:01:00:02 WEIR (CONT'D): Populated mostly by children?

01:01:01:19 MCKAY (O/S): He raises...

01:01:02:13 MCKAY (CONT'D): A valid point. We've already established that the ZPM is
 nearly depleted, but it could be of some limited use...

01:01:07:16 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): To us.

01:01:08:16 FORD (O/S): You asked for suggestions.

01:01:09:13 FORD (CONT'D): It's a matter of survival.

01:01:11:17 WEIR: I see. Well, we're not quite there yet, and as long as I'm in charge...

01:01:16:15 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): We will never be there.

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01:01:18:02 TEYLA: I agree, Dr. Weir. If this is to be our end, it is best we face it with both
dignity and honor.

01:01:23:15 MCKAY: To that end, I actually have an idea...in addition to panic.

01:01:25:24 SHEPPARD: Let's hear it.

01:01:27:03 MCKAY: It's really a long shot, but I think it's most likely worth the effort. Of course, it'll mostly be my effort, so--

01:01:32:20 SHEPPARD (INTERRUPTING O/S): What--

01:01:32:27 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Is it?

01:01:33:28 MCKAY: I think we can send a message back to Earth through the stargate.

01:01:37:03 BECKETT: Excuse me?

01:01:38:14 WEIR: I thought we didn't have enough power.

01:01:39:28 MCKAY: Not to send a person, no.

01:01:41:08 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): We'd never be able to maintain the wormhole long enough...

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01:01:43:03 MCKAY (CONT'D): But I think if we were able to tie together all of our power generating capabilities, we might--and I emphasize might--be able to establish a wormhole long enough to send a message.

01:01:51:09 SHEPPARD: How much time are we talking about?

01:01:52:23 MCKAY: Well, approximately 1.3 seconds, give...

01:01:55:20 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Or take.

01:01:56:25 BECKETT: That's not much time.

01:01:57:28 FORD: Time enough to say S.O.S.

01:01:59:18 MCKAY: Don't be so analog.

01:02:01:04 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): 1.3 seconds...

01:02:02:05 MCKAY (CONT'D): Is more than enough time to send a message in the form of a high compression data burst.

01:02:05:11 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Now, I helped refine the encoding...

01:02:06:27 MCKAY (CONT'D): For the U.S. Air Force a few years back. Colonel Carter should...

01:02:10:00 MCKAY (CONT'D): Be able to decipher it on the other side.

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01:02:12:00 SHEPPARD: You're suggesting this now?

01:02:13:00 MCKAY: Because it probably won't work, and there's a very good chance it could
 overload our Naquadah generators in the process.

01:02:17:19 SHEPPARD: Well, then we can't take the risk.

01:02:20:06 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): No power, we won't have a chance in hell.

01:02:22:01 MCKAY: There are three Wraith hive ships on the way, Major.

01:02:25:10 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Desperate times call for desperate measures.

01:02:27:14 MCKAY (CONT'D): Besides, I've spent the last few days working out ways of
 minimizing the risk.

01:02:31:02 WEIR (O/S): Assuming...

01:02:32:27 WEIR (CONT'D): It's possible, how much information could we send?

01:02:35:28 MCKAY (O/S): Everything.

01:02:37:07 MCKAY (CONT'D): I mean, mission reports from all the senior staff, a ton of stuff
 on Atlantis, things we've learned in Pegasus...

01:02:42:19 FORD (O/S): All that.

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01:02:44:00 FORD (CONT'D): One second?

01:02:44:29 SHEPPARD: 1.3.

01:02:46:11 MCKAY: You jest, but if I can finesse the compression ratios, you'll be looking for
 things to add.

01:02:55:10 WEIR: Do it.

01:02:56:11 MCKAY: Doing it.

01:03:13:04 SHEPPARD: Elizabeth...you realize

01:03:14:23 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): That if Stargate Command was able to send help--

01:03:17:24 WEIR (INTERRUPTING): I know.

01:03:17:28 WEIR (CONT'D): They would have. But still, we have a responsibility to report
 what we've learned here, about Atlantis...

01:03:23:19 WEIR (CONT'D): About the Ancients.

01:03:24:19 SHEPPARD: The Wraith.

01:03:25:02 WEIR: Exactly. We have to warn Earth.

01:03:27:11 SHEPPARD: Even if it's the last thing we do?

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01:03:30:05

WEIR: Especially if it's the last thing we do.

END OF TEASER

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01:04:53:20 WEIR: They don't seem threatening as dots on a screen, do they?

01:04:56:20 SHEPPARD (O/S): Which is why we need to do recon and see what we're up against firsthand.

01:05:00:08 WEIR: How?

01:05:01:10 ZELENKA: I've been tracking their progress. The Wraith ships apparently go in and out of hyperspace periodically, either because their hyperspace technology is limited, or--

01:05:08:20 SHEPPARD: Or they're stopping to feed along the way.

01:05:11:13 ZELENKA: The point is, the pattern is predictable. I can guess with some certainty that they'll be making stops...

01:05:17:27 ZELENKA (CONT'D): Here, here, and here.

01:05:21:02 WEIR: Even so, those ships are light years away. How do you expect to reach them by puddle jumper?

01:05:25:16 SHEPPARD: We fly to a stargate on a route that Zelenka thinks...

01:05:27:21 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): They're going to drop out of hyperspace...

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01:05:29:05 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): And we watch them pass by.

01:05:31:14 WEIR: That's good.

01:05:32:29 SHEPPARD: You know, I have my moments. Teyla and I were just deciding which planet to go to.

01:05:37:10 TEYLA: I am familiar with the people of this world.

01:05:39:22 TEYLA (CONT'D): Their stargate...

01:05:41:05 TEYLA (CONT'D): Is in the open and so accessible by ship.

01:05:43:26 WEIR: And you think you can remain undetected by the Wraith as they go by your position?

01:05:47:18 SHEPPARD: Stealth mode. They won't even know we're there.

01:05:50:12 WEIR: Okay, go, get what intel you can, and get back before Rodney sends his message. I need the both of you here.

01:05:56:13 SHEPPARD: Won't even stop at the duty free.

01:06:05:20 (STARGATE POWERING UP)

01:06:21:19 WEIR: In the off chance you get the idea to take the Wraith ships on yourself,

Major, I am hereby ordering you not to.

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01:06:28:04 SHEPPARD: Believe me, you don't have to.

01:06:30:04 WEIR (V/O): Still...

01:06:31:07 SHEPPARD: Don't take on an alien armada singlehandedly. Understood.

01:06:52:05 ORIN'S SON: Father, Teyla's here!

01:07:05:29 ORIN: Teyla!

01:07:07:02 TEYLA: Orin...it has been many days.

01:07:09:15 ORIN: Too many. Look at you.

01:07:11:29 ORIN (CONT'D): You're so different.

01:07:12:29 TEYLA: Much has changed since my last visit.

01:07:17:17 TEYLA (CONT'D): This is Major John Sheppard and Orin.

01:07:21:00 SHEPPARD: Pleased to meet you.

01:07:23:16 ORIN: The harvest is still months away.

01:07:25:14 TEYLA: Yes, I know. We have not come to trade...

01:07:29:19 TEYLA (CONT'D O/S): But to deliver a warning.

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01:07:31:04 TEYLA (CONT'D): We have reason to believe the Wraith may be on their way.

01:07:34:16 SHEPPARD (O/S): We don't know that...

01:07:36:05 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): For a fact but we're about to go and find out.

01:07:38:13 ORIN (O/S): Yes.

01:07:39:21 ORIN (CONT'D): It seems they're awakening everywhere.

01:07:41:11 TEYLA: You should tell your people to take precautions in case they do come.

01:07:44:24 ORIN: I will, but you know as well as I do, Teyla...

01:07:48:20 ORIN (CONT'D): That the Wraith will track us down...

01:07:50:14 ORIN (CONT'D): Wherever we go. There will be no escape.

01:07:53:07 SHEPPARD (O/S): What about through...

01:07:54:07 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): The stargate?

01:07:55:14 ORIN: The cullings are taking place on many worlds. None are safe.

01:08:00:06 ORIN (CONT'D O/S): Even we have taken in...

01:08:01:09 ORIN (CONT'D): Refugees.

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01:08:02:11 TEYLA: If they do come, stay far from the stargate.

01:08:05:23 TEYLA (CONT'D O/S): Take your family...

01:08:06:29 TEYLA (CONT'D): To the far tree line there...

01:08:08:27 TEYLA (CONT'D O/S): And wait for us.

01:08:10:13 SHEPPARD: Teyla...

01:08:12:08 TEYLA: One family, Major. That is all I ask.

01:08:17:17 SHEPPARD: I'm sorry...

01:08:19:13 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): Orin, I can't...

01:08:20:26 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Make that promise.

01:08:22:12 TEYLA: It will be the very least we can do.

01:08:27:25 SHEPPARD: If there's time.

01:08:28:28 TEYLA (O/S): Then we must hurry.

01:08:39:18 ORIN: Children...

01:08:40:03 ORIN (CONT'D): We must prepare.

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01:08:43:07 WEIR: All right, we have our city specs, mission reports, and tactical assessments
all ready to go. What else?

01:08:49:20 MCKAY: Well, I've included a ton of data that we've been able to decipher from
the Ancient database.

01:08:53:18 WEIR (O/S): Really?

01:08:54:08 WEIR (CONT'D): That is incredible.

01:08:56:11 MCKAY: Well, the algorithm I've devised is extraordinarily efficient...

01:08:59:12 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Yes.

01:09:00:23 EXPEDITION MEMBER #1: Oh, please.

01:09:01:10 WEIR (O/S): It must be...

01:09:02:03 WEIR (CONT'D): In order to fit all that data into 1.3 seconds.

01:09:04:11 MCKAY: .3 seconds, actually.

01:09:07:10 WEIR: We have a whole extra second to fill?

01:09:09:14 MCKAY: Mm, a whole extra one, yes.

01:09:17:00 WEIR: Is it enough to include personal messages?

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01:09:20:26 MCKAY: Uh...sure. I mean, several hours of video. Much more...

01:09:24:09 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): If it was strictly audio.

01:09:25:20 WEIR: I think it'd do wonders for morale. Especially now.

01:09:28:29 FORD: I could tell my grandma what I've been up to all this time.

01:09:31:01 WEIR (O/S): Well, if your grandmother...

01:09:32:25 WEIR (CONT'D): Had security clearance, yes, you could...

01:09:34:15 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): But for now, you can tell her...

01:09:36:14 WEIR (CONT'D): That you're well and that you miss her.

01:09:38:14 MCKAY (O/S): This is all...

01:09:39:26 MCKAY (CONT'D): Very charming, but I have work to do.

01:09:41:23 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Shouldn't I, um...

01:09:43:00 WEIR: Lieutenant...

01:09:44:14 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): Maybe you'd like to handle this.

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01:09:46:03 WEIR (CONT'D): Give everybody a few minutes on camera to send a personal message to their loved ones.

01:09:50:08 FORD: I'd love to, ma'am.

01:09:51:01 WEIR: Off you go.

01:09:57:00 MCKAY: As soon as Zelenka and I can get Jumper Four's engines tied into the grid, we should be able to do low power dry run.

01:10:02:11 WEIR: Good.

01:10:03:25 WEIR (CONT'D): Rodney?

01:10:04:25 MCKAY: Mm?

01:10:06:01 WEIR: You don't want to send a message to anyone?

01:10:07:04 MCKAY: You know what? Maybe with all my spare time, I'll just record a message myself...

01:10:12:06 MCKAY (CONT'D): Hmm? You?

01:10:14:10 WEIR: Yes.

01:10:15:10 MCKAY: Good, good.

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01:10:26:04 SHEPPARD: This wasn't supposed to be a rescue mission.

01:10:29:16 TEYLA: Orin was a good friend of my father.

01:10:31:17 SHEPPARD: And I agreed to warn him.

01:10:34:01 TEYLA: If someone close to your family, a dear friend, was in danger of being
 taken by the Wraith, would you have not done the same?

01:10:40:08 SHEPPARD: Not if it jeopardized the mission.

01:10:44:03 TEYLA: So in fighting the Wraith, we are to give up that which makes us different
 from them?

01:10:47:09 SHEPPARD: I agreed to stop and pick him up if there was time, but only if...

01:10:51:26 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): There was time.

01:10:54:10 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): I'd like to be saving everyone in the damn galaxy if we
 could.

01:10:57:09 TEYLA: One man and his children are not every person.

01:10:59:13 SHEPPARD: I agreed to help if there was time.

01:11:04:02 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): You can only fight the battles you can win.

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01:11:12:13 SHEPPARD (O/S): Whoa.

01:11:17:01 (WHOOSHING)

01:11:24:14 (WHIRRING)

01:11:47:16 SHEPPARD: Let me get this thing turned around.

01:11:56:17 TEYLA: They're heading for the planet.

END OF ACT ONE

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ACT TWO

01:12:19:24 FORD (V/O): Okay, recording.

01:12:20:28 FORD (CONT'D): Plenty of battery. So why am I not seeing anything? Oh...stupid.

01:12:28:14 (BEEP)

01:12:39:15 FORD: Okay. Hi, Grandma, Grandpa. It's me, Aiden, obviously. I'm talking to you from a place far, far from home. I'm good, though. You don't have to worry. Life here is pretty routine.

01:12:59:07 (GUNFIRE)

01:13:00:21 (HISSING)

01:13:03:21 (SCREAM)

01:13:04:04 (BLAST)

01:13:09:08 FORD (CONT'D): I'm hoping that I'll be able to get home sometime soon, but, you know, if I'm stuck here a while, I want you to know that I'm good. I'm doing things, I'm seeing things I never thought I'd see.

01:13:27:25 (SCREECHING)

01:13:33:25 (BLAST)

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01:13:40:12 FORD (INTO CAMERA CONT'D): I wish I could tell you all about it. Who knows?
 One day, maybe I'll be able to, but I want you both to know...that you're
 right here. Always. All the time.

01:14:00:17 SHEPPARD: I'm sorry, Teyla. Even flying full out, we're just ahead of the armada.
 I can't risk putting down for Orin or his family.

01:14:06:20 TEYLA: I see.

01:14:08:27 SHEPPARD: I'll take us out of stealth mode for the pass through. Dial the gate.

01:14:14:23 (CLANK)

01:14:16:08 SHEPPARD: Hang on.

01:14:18:01 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Incoming wormhole.

01:14:26:17 TEYLA: I have heard stories of the Wraith dialing in...

01:14:28:14 TEYLA (CONT'D O/S): To prevent their victims from using the...

01:14:29:28 TEYLA (CONT'D): Stargate as a means of escape.

01:14:31:09 SHEPPARD So we're stuck here.

01:14:33:04 TEYLA: Once the ship is rendered invisible again, we will be perfectly safe.

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01:14:36:28 SHEPPARD: I'm worried about getting the intel about the Wraith fleet back to Atlantis.

01:14:40:14 TEYLA: They will keep dialing in through the night at the very least, but if we wait in the location I told Orin and his family to meet us, then--

01:14:48:14 SHEPPARD (INTERRUPTING): That's where I'm headed.

01:15:00:04 BECKETT (V/O): I must warn you, I'm not very good at this sort of thing.

01:15:01:19 FORD (O/S): Well, don't worry. The only people to see it is going to be your family.

01:15:04:25 BECKETT (V/O): Aye, and you, and the U.S. military.

01:15:07:04 FORD (O/S): Well, give it a shot.

01:15:08:20 BECKETT: What shall I say?

01:15:09:25 FORD: Uh..."I miss you. I wish you were here."

01:15:15:15 BECKETT: I wish who was here?

01:15:16:27 FORD: I don't know. Who do you wish was here?

01:15:18:26 BECKETT: Nobody. I wish I wasn't bloody here!

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01:15:20:05 FORD: Doc, I've got a lot of people I've got to get to.

01:15:22:13 (SIGHS)

01:15:23:20 BECKETT: All right, uh...I suppose I could say hello to my mother.

01:15:28:19 FORD: Good. There you go. All right, you ready?

01:15:32:01 BECKETT (V/O): Okay, go. Hello, Mum. I hope this message finds you well. I trust
 your petunias are in full bloom by now. Oh, and I do hope you're keeping
 up with the ointment I gave you.

01:15:45:29 BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): If you've adhered...

01:15:47:10 BECKETT (CONT'D): To the regime, the fungus should have cleared up by now.

01:15:51:10 BECKETT (CONT'D): What's wrong?

01:15:52:19 FORD: Dude. Fungus?

01:15:54:01 BECKETT: On her toenails. I thought you said no one would watch this except my
 family.

01:15:57:13 FORD: Yeah, but--but fungus?

01:15:59:05 BECKETT: What, then, shall I talk about?

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01:16:00:17 FORD: I don't know. It's your mother. Tell her you love her.

01:16:02:15 BECKETT: No, no, I can't do that. I go all emotional.

01:16:04:26 FORD: So?

01:16:06:05 BECKETT: She's very delicate...

01:16:07:13 BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): My mother.

01:16:08:17 BECKETT (CONT'D): As sweet a soul as you'll ever meet, as pure as the driven
 snow. If I get upset, then she'll get upset and I can't...

01:16:14:25 BECKETT (CONT'D): Have that.

01:16:16:03 FORD: It's not like we're live, Doc. I mean, if you don't like what we put on tape
 the first time, we can always do it again.

01:16:20:08 BECKETT: We can?

01:16:21:18 FORD (O/S): Sure.

01:16:23:12 BECKETT: Oh. Well, I suppose I could do that, then.

01:16:26:11 FORD: All right.

01:16:29:01 (BEEP)

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01:16:30:15 FORD: Here we go.

01:16:32:23 BECKETT: Um...Mum...I miss you terribly.

01:16:47:07 BECKETT (CRYING): I can't do this!

01:17:01:22 SHEPPARD: Come on, Orin, show up.

01:17:07:25 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): What?

01:17:09:13 TEYLA: Not long ago, you would have blithely left him behind.

01:17:12:03 SHEPPARD: Well, the situation has changed.

01:17:18:05 TEYLA: Earlier today, Lieutenant Ford suggested we steal from a community of
 children.

01:17:21:18 SHEPPARD: It's because they have a ZPM, and we could bring them back.

01:17:24:25 TEYLA: Only to face death in Atlantis?

01:17:28:13 SHEPPARD: Look, Ford and I are military. We've spent a lot of our lives training
 how to survive.

01:17:33:02 TEYLA: I have spent my life surviving the Wraith.

01:17:35:07 SHEPPARD: Part of that training is knowing who you can save and who you can't.

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01:17:38:17 TEYLA: And that decision is yours alone?

01:17:40:29 SHEPPARD: I said that I'd wait for your friend if there was time. Now there's time.
 What else do you want from me?

01:17:50:20 TEYLA: Too much, I fear.

01:17:54:29 SHEPPARD: It's going to be a long night.

01:17:59:07 (WHIRRING)

01:18:03:24 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH)

01:18:05:20 FORD (O/S): Failsafe.

01:18:07:23 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH CONT'D)

01:18:10:07 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH CONT'D V/O)

01:18:12:17 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH V/O CONT'D)

01:18:17:24 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH CONT'D)

01:18:21:25 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH CONT'D V/O)

01:18:25:19 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH V/O CONT'D)

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01:18:27:09 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH CONT'D)

01:18:32:24 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH CONT'D V/O)

01:18:36:05 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH CONT'D)

01:18:38:26 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH CONT'D V/O)

01:18:41:28 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH V/O CONT'D)

01:18:44:20 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH V/O CONT'D)

01:18:48:04 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH V/O CONT'D)

01:18:49:23 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH V/O CONT'D)

01:18:53:10 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH CONT'D)

01:18:58:04 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH CONT'D V/O)

01:19:00:14 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH V/O CONT'D)

01:19:02:01 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH V/O CONT'D)

01:19:05:12 (ZELENKA SPEAKING CZECH CONT'D)

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01:19:07:19 FORD (O/S): You didn't say anything that would require security clearance, did you?

01:19:12:10 ZELENKA: Security clearance?

01:19:14:09 (WHIRRING AND SHOOTING)

01:19:23:19 SHEPPARD: This is hard to sit and watch.

01:19:26:07 TEYLA: There is nothing we can do.

01:19:27:18 SHEPPARD: Oh, we could do a lot. It would just be the last thing we ever do.

01:19:31:26 TEYLA: We are far outnumbered and the gate is still inaccessible.

01:19:36:23 TEYLA (CONT'D): But if we save Orin and his family, we will have done something.

01:19:43:22 SHEPPARD: Something.

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ACT THREE

01:20:05:02 BATES: I'm going to miss you, kiddo. I can't wait to get back home and take you to a basketball game and watch Kobe and Shaq take another title home for the Lakers.

01:20:18:24 BATES (CONT'D): That's it.

01:20:19:28 FORD: That's it?

01:20:21:07 (BATES SIGHS)

01:20:23:14 BATES: What else am I going to say to the kid?

01:20:24:18 FORD: He's your little brother, Sergeant.

01:20:25:24 BATES: And I'm probably never going to see him again. Why make it worse than it has to be?

01:20:28:16 FORD: That's not what this is about, man.

01:20:30:16 BATES: That's exactly what this is about.

01:20:35:18 BATES (CONT'D): Don't sweat it, Lieutenant. I'm happy I got the chance to say
goodbye.

01:20:39:01 FORD: Yeah, but you didn't say it.

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01:20:40:13 BATES: Not in so many words.

01:20:50:15 MCKAY (O/S): Lieutenant Ford...

01:20:51:18 FORD: Ah, you ready to record your message?

01:20:53:09 MCKAY: Already done. Actually, I took the liberty of doing mine in private. Now, it
 may require some editing.

01:20:59:01 FORD: Editing?

01:21:00:03 MCKAY: Yeah, I went on a bit.

01:21:01:04 MCKAY (CONT'D): Actually I used the entire tape.

01:21:03:01 FORD: You talked for an hour?

01:21:04:04 MCKAY: See, I found it rather therapeutic...

01:21:05:14 MCKAY (CONT'D): Actually. Now, I'm fairly confident I've come up with several
 valuable insights.

01:21:08:11 MCKAY (CONT'D): In fact, I'm sure of it, but I've only slept six hours in the last few
 days, so, um...

01:21:13:14 FORD: Who's it for?

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01:21:15:09 MCKAY: Humanity in general, my sister...look, I don't expect you to cut it down to just a few minutes. I mean, there is gold...

01:21:20:01 MCKAY (CONT'D): In here. So just make sure mine's last...

01:21:21:24 MCKAY (CONT'D): And that way, if it gets cut off, fine, but if the gate holds the connection a few extra milliseconds, then we won't have wasted the time.

01:21:25:28 FORD: Well, I'll look forward to it.

01:21:28:16 MCKAY: Well...enjoy.

01:21:32:05 FORD: Gold...

01:21:41:14 (CLEARs THROAT)

01:21:42:25 MCKAY: And in five...four... three...this is Dr. Rodney McKay speaking to you from my base of operations in the lost city of Atlantis, located deep within the Pegasus galaxy. I record this message on the eve of our darkest hour. As I speak, an alien armada of Biblical proportions is on its way, bent-- dare I say hell bent, in keeping with the metaphor--on our destruction. We will do our best to stave off their attack, but I am afraid that defeat is all but inevitable. I and the other members of my team face the most horrific deaths imaginable as our very lives are--are sucked from our chests in a--in a...a horrific...okay, um...okay, starting again, starting again. Um, Ford, just cut that, all right? What about, uh...

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(01:22:42:21) (BLAST)

01:22:48:21 SHEPPARD: What is that?

01:22:50:15 TEYLA: I've never seen such a thing.

01:22:54:11 SHEPPARD: I'm going to check it out.

01:22:56:23 TEYLA: You may be discovered.

01:22:59:11 SHEPPARD: I'll make a point not to.

01:23:00:15 TEYLA: Major--

01:23:01:17 SHEPPARD (INTERRUPTING): I just want to see what...whatever that is.

01:23:03:22 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): Just stay here...

01:23:05:00 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Until Orin and his family show up.

01:23:15:10 (PEOPLE SHRIEKING AND SHOUTING IN DISTANCE)

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01:23:24:23 MCKAY: And in five, four, three...my friends, I'm Dr. Rodney McKay of the Atlantis Expedition, and as the facts of our heroic struggle against the Wraith and our untimely demise are already known to you, in that light, I'd like to pass along some final thoughts. Now, my extensive education, training, and firsthand experience in the field of astrophysics has given me a unique perspective that few on Earth--or, well, on any other planet, for that matter--can match. I'd like to take a few moments now to pass along that perspective to you. I'll begin with a few observations on a subject that is both near and dear to my heart. Leadership.

01:24:14:10 WEIR: Mr. and Mrs. Markham, my name is Dr. Elizabeth Weir, and your son was a member of my expedition team.

01:24:22:20 WEIR (CONT'D V/O): It is...

01:24:24:15 WEIR (CONT'D): With deep regret that I have to inform you that he was killed in the line of duty just a few days ago.

01:24:30:20 WEIR (CONT'D V/O): He died in the defense of others, and his sacrifice may have saved many lives...

01:24:36:04 WEIR (CONT'D): ...and her keen curiosity are just some of the qualities that your daughter displayed during her duties as scientist on my team. She and several of her colleagues died suddenly just a few weeks ago. I am not at liberty to reveal the cause of her death, but I can tell you that during her time here...

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01:24:54:13 WEIR (CONT'D V/O): Dr. Dumais was a part of...

01:24:56:22 WEIR (V/O CONT'D): Something very profound.

01:24:58:20 WEIR (V/O CONT'D): She saw...

01:25:00:02 WEIR (V/O CONT'D): And did things she never would have dreamed of
before...you can be proud of your son, knowing that he...

01:25:03:00 WEIR (V/O CONT'D): He died bravely, while defending others.

01:25:06:06 WEIR (CONT'D): I confess, I didn't know him as well as I could have, but I do
know he was well liked and very well respected among his peers...

01:25:13:20 WEIR (CONT'D V/O): And I was told of how often...

01:25:14:24 WEIR (V/O CONT'D): He spoke of his family.

01:25:18:19 WEIR (V/O CONT'D): I do wish I could tell you more.

01:25:23:06 WEIR (CONT'D): I'm sure you understand, as a military family.

01:25:33:19 (BEEP)

01:25:35:12 FORD: Are you done, ma'am?

01:25:40:10 WEIR: Just give me a moment, please, Lieutenant.

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01:25:43:09 MIKO: I am keeping busy with my job. I work hard, like everyone else, to ensure
the success of this expedition, and also to please the leader of our
science team--

01:25:54:06 MCKAY (V/O): No, no, no, no, no.

01:25:55:15 MCKAY (CONT'D): This sequence first, and then the secondary code. Unless
you're intentionally trying to blow us up, in which case, excellent work.

01:26:01:14 MIKO: He does not always remember my name...

01:26:03:11 MIKO (CONT'D V/O): But I have enjoyed working for him very much.

01:26:06:10 (SPITS)

01:26:07:15 MCKAY (SHOUTING): What is this? What is this? Kiwi? Who made this? Did you
make this?

01:26:10:09 MIKO: He's a very honorable and brave man.

01:26:13:09 MCKAY (SHOUTING): Ow! Ow! Okay, cramp, cramp, cramp, cramp, cramp...

01:26:18:00 MIKO (V/O): Until then...

01:26:19:04 MIKO (CONT'D): I will continue to serve at his pleasure.

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01:26:22:00 MCKAY: I once caught mono kissing a girl in Algebra Club. I missed an entire month of school. Still, the kiss was, uh, something, so it was probably worth it. April Bingham. Cute blonde. Good. See, I love blondes. Especially with the, uh, the short hair. Mm...Samantha Carter, if you're watching...the torch is still burning. Sadly, soon to be extinguished, but, you know, you should know I think you are just so...well, you're great, you're really, really great, and I would go so far as saying that you're the hottest scientist I've ever worked with. In fact, there's probably not a night that goes by that I don't find myself, uh...okay, Ford, let's lose that, and let's get back to, uh...leadership.

01:27:21:06 (PEOPLE SHOUTING AND SCREAMING IN DISTANCE)

01:28:23:04 KAVANAGH: Who all will be watching this?

01:28:24:25 FORD: Uh, anyone you're sending it to.

01:28:25:29 FORD (CONT'D O/S): Family, friends, loved ones.

01:28:28:19 KAVANAGH: Will anyone from Atlantis be viewing this?

01:28:30:07 FORD: No, messages are private. You can get as mushy as you want.

01:28:34:22 KAVANAGH: All right. Uh, this is a message is for General Jack O'Neill of Stargate Command.

01:28:42:18 KAVANAGH (CONT'D): I feel it is my duty to inform you...

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01:28:44:20 KAVANAGH (CONT'D): Of what I consider to be serious errors in judgment
among the leaders of this expedition...

01:28:48:26 KAVANAGH (CONT'D O/S): Most notably, Dr. Elizabeth Weir. Her actions have
repeatedly...

01:28:54:15 KAVANAGH (CONT'D): And recklessly exposed the people of this expedition to
extreme danger, leading us directly to the grave situation we currently
find ourselves in.

01:29:03:28 FORD: You know what?

01:29:05:01 FORD (CONT'D): How about I leave the room, and let you record your whining in
private?

01:29:07:20 KAVANAGH: Fine.

01:29:14:01 KAVANAGH: I've been keeping a record of Dr. Weir's questionable activities,
which I would like to detail for you now.

01:29:18:17 (SCREAMING IN DISTANCE)

01:29:47:11 (SHIP WHIRS BY)

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ACT FOUR

01:30:09:16 MCKAY: Never cared for dogs. Too much work, too needy, too unpredictable. I mean, you leave one door open, the tiniest of little cracks, and they're gone. You look for them, you put up flyers, it's no use, and since your father refused to pay for a license, the animal shelter has no way of tracking him. You know, God knows what happened to that little guy. Now, cats...now, that's a whole different story. I mean, cats are self-sufficient, they're dependable, you shake the box, they come running. The cynic would say it's because of the food, but my cat, see, I truly believe he enjoys my company. There's something very comforting about coming home from work at the end of the day and having a familiar face waiting for you, you know? Still, I digress. Where was I? Uh...right. Leadership.

01:30:52:22 (WHIRRING)

01:30:56:08 (SCREAMING AND SHOUTING IN DISTANCE)

01:31:28:14 TEYLA: Over here!

01:31:31:19 TEYLA (CONT'D): It is all right. I am a friend. Please...

01:31:34:01 TEYLA (CONT'D): Hurry. This way.

01:31:36:18 TEYLA (CONT'D): Hurry. This way.

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01:31:54:09 TEYLA: How many of you are remaining?

01:31:55:20 ARJA: I don't know. The Wraith are everywhere.

01:31:57:25 TEYLA: Here, drink this.

01:31:58:27 TEYLA (CONT'D): It is water. Orin...

01:32:02:20 TEYLA (CONT'D): Have you seen him?

01:32:05:05 ARJA: Not since before the Wraith arrived. Thank you.

01:32:10:01 ARJA (CONT'D): We must go now. The Wraith...

01:32:11:10 ARJA (CONT'D): Will find us.

01:32:12:10 TEYLA: No, they will not. Our ship has a shield, which makes it invisible to them.
 You are safe here.

01:32:17:23 TEYLA (CONT'D O/S): Just rest.

01:32:20:16 TEYLA (CONT'D): We will leave soon.

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01:32:32:04 WEIR: Finally, I would like to say something to the families of every member of this expedition. I wish I could tell you more about what your loved ones are doing, and someday, I hope you find out, because you will be amazed, but I will tell you that I could not be more proud of each and every one of them. Their heroism has amazed me.

01:33:07:23 (GUNFIRE)

01:33:16:27 (BLAST)

01:33:24:00 WEIR (CONT'D): Their resourcefulness has staggered me.

01:33:35:05 WEIR: Rodney, go!

01:33:36:08 MCKAY: Going!

01:33:41:08 MCKAY: Now!

01:33:48:16 WEIR: We face a terrible enemy and an uncertain future, but if we are never
heard from again, know that your loved ones did not face that uncertainty
alone. We are facing our future together.

01:34:11:02 (PEOPLE SCREAMING AND SHOUTING IN DISTANCE)

01:34:24:20 TEYLA: Major...

01:34:30:18 SHEPPARD: It's pretty ugly out there.

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01:34:33:24 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): Is this Orin's family?

01:34:34:23 TEYLA: No.

01:34:37:10 TEYLA (CONT'D): They have not seen Orin since the culling began.

01:34:40:18 SHEPPARD: Well, the village is pretty much wiped out.

01:34:54:28 SHEPPARD: The gate just shut off.

01:34:56:20 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): We should be able to dial up and get out of here before
 the Wraith...

01:34:59:04 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): Can do anything about it.

01:35:01:17 TEYLA: Please, Major. Give Orin more time.

01:35:04:10 SHEPPARD: If he was able to get here, he would be here by now.

01:35:06:14 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): We've got to get back.

01:35:09:27 TEYLA: Then go. I will stay and search in the daylight. You can return for me later.

01:35:13:14 SHEPPARD: You can't do that.

01:35:14:20 TEYLA: I consider Orin as family, Major. I am sorry if you do not understand what
 that means--

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01:35:17:26 SHEPPARD (INTERRUPTING): I understand it, Teyla, but that's not the point--

01:35:20:06 TEYLA (INTERRUPTING): With you or without you, I am staying.

01:35:25:27 SHEPPARD: You won't make it.

01:35:29:24 TEYLA: Then I ask that you stay as well, just a little longer.

01:35:35:01 TEYLA (CONT'D): Allow something good to come of this.

01:35:41:17 SHEPPARD: All right. We'll give it a little more time.

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ACT FIVE

01:36:06:17 BECKETT: I know you worry about me, Mum, but somehow, we've found a way to rise to each challenge, so I wouldn't fret about my safety. It's the people here, from dozens of countries, all connected by a single bond--we represent the people of Earth, and if there's one thing I've discovered about we Earthlings, we're a scrappy bunch. I wouldn't be surprised if I bring--

01:36:27:27 FORD (INTERRUPTING O/S): Doc, you can't say "Earthlings." Your mother doesn't have security clearance.

01:36:31:20 BECKETT: She knows I'm from Earth, son. It's not a bloody secret.

01:36:34:05 FORD: Oh, right.

01:36:35:06 BECKETT: Sorry, Mum. Anyhow...

01:36:37:06 KAVANAGH: Authorized using a prisoner to test an experimental drug, in clear violation of the Geneva Convention...authorized lowering the stargate shield when the authenticity of the incoming travelers was clearly in question.

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01:36:48:18 MCKAY: That's another sight I'll die without having seen. See, to be fair, when you've traveled as much as I've traveled, you'd think that missing Niagara Falls would be no big deal, but you know what, it gnaws at you. There's a lot of movies I wish I'd seen. Won't see now. Never saw *Grease*, even though I had a thing for Olivia Newton-John when I was a kid. Always wanted to see *Gandhi*. Only saw the first half of *The Sixth Sense*. Always wondered how that ended. My sister...Ford, if you cut everything else, just--just, um, keep this part, okay? Jeannie, it's your brother, Rodney. Obviously. I want to say, um...I want to say something, uh...family is important. I've come to realize that, because the people here have become a sort of a--kind of a surrogate family to me. Now, I know what you're thinking. I've never really been the poster child for that kind of sentiment, but when one's contemplating one's own demise, one tends to see things more clearly. I really do wish you the best, you know, and I'm sorry we weren't closer. Perhaps, um...if by chance I make it out of this, perhaps one day we can be, and I would like that. Now, if there's time, I'd like to go back to the subject of leadership.

01:38:16:26 SHEPPARD (O/S): Someone's coming.

01:38:33:12 TEYLA: Orin!

01:38:36:02 TEYLA (CONT'D O/S): Orin...

01:38:37:22 SHEPPARD: How big is his family?

01:38:39:29 TEYLA: He must have met up with others along the way.

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01:38:41:13 SHEPPARD: That's going to be a problem.

01:38:43:01 ORIN: I didn't think you'd still be here.

01:38:44:20 TEYLA: We would not have gone without you.

01:38:45:23 ORIN: We found others on the way, and even more further behind.

01:38:48:07 SHEPPARD: How many more?

01:38:49:26 ORIN: 12, perhaps more.

01:38:52:24 (PEOPLE SCREAMING)

01:38:52:20 ORIN: In here!

01:38:54:20 ARJA: This way!

01:38:56:08 ARJA (CONT'D O/S): Quickly!

01:38:59:10 SHEPPARD: Wait, wait, wait, wait!

01:39:01:05 (WRAITH DARTS SCREECH PAST)

01:39:06:25 SHEPPARD: All right, we'll fit as many people as we can!

01:39:08:20 TEYLA: Hurry. Come on.

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01:39:10:12	(SCREAMING)
01:39:15:07	(SCREAMING)
01:39:18:18	TEYLA: Hurry.
01:39:20:13	ORIN: Come on!
01:39:20:11	ORIN (CONT'D): Run!
01:39:24:23	TEYLA: It's all right. It is all right.
01:39:27:26	(BLAST)
01:39:28:28	SHEPPARD: Get down!
01:39:35:00	(DARTS WHIZZING BY)
01:40:04:14	TEYLA (O/S): Are you all right?
01:40:04:13	ORIN (O/S): Yes. I'm fine.
01:40:36:04	WEIR: Are our guests comfortably settled in?
01:40:38:02	TEYLA: Yes.
01:40:39:07	WEIR: Good. So tell me. How bad is it?

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01:40:45:20 SHEPPARD: Bad.

01:40:50:18 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Each hive ship acts like a carrier group, with cruisers and hundreds...

01:40:55:14 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Of darts escorting it.

01:40:57:18 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Grodin's downloading the sensor readings right now.

01:41:01:12 TEYLA (O/S): I have never witnessed...

01:41:02:20 TEYLA (CONT'D): A culling that took so many.

01:41:04:10 SHEPPARD: We saved a few. That's worth something.

01:41:10:00 WEIR (O/S): Rodney...

01:41:10:07 WEIR (CONT'D): Are we ready to send our message?

01:41:12:13 MCKAY: When you are.

01:41:14:01 WEIR: Okay.

01:41:21:24 WEIR (CONT'D): Lieutenant Ford is just finishing recording personal messages from all the team members. If you'd like--

01:41:26:29 SHEPPARD: I'm good.

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01:41:30:14 WEIR: Okay.

01:41:30:21 WEIR (CONT'D): Well then, along with a short note of my own, I took the liberty of recording messages to the families of the people we've lost.

01:41:36:15 SHEPPARD: That's a good idea.

01:41:37:15 WEIR: But there's one in particular...

01:41:38:21 WEIR (CONT'D): I thought maybe you'd like to do yourself.

01:41:45:01 FORD (O/S): Okay, whenever you're ready, Sir, go ahead.

01:41:52:10 SHEPPARD: I'm not sure if Colonel Sumner's parents are still alive. I'm not sure he even has a family back there. Not all of us do, but if he does have family, they should know that he died with honor and courage in the performance of his duty. He carried the burden of a leader, and he carried it well. I didn't get the chance to know him well, but I know this...considering the type of man he was and what we're up against, yeah, I wish he was still here.

01:42:33:25 WEIR: Not a day goes by that I don't think of you, Simon. There's so much I want to tell you and share with you, but I can't. I know this is unfair. So much you don't know, and putting your life on hold for me...so don't. All I ask is you take care of yourself, and know that, wherever you are, my heart is looking after you.

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01:43:10:06 BECKETT: So take care of yourself, lots of sleep, remember your daily walks, and keep up with your prescription. Well, that's about it. I'll say goodbye now, and, Mum, I do love you.

01:43:27:28 FORD: Bye, Grandma, Grandpa. I miss you.

01:43:30:26 BATES: Goodbye, bro.

01:43:32:20 (ZELENKA SAYING GOODBYE IN CZECH)

01:43:35:11 MIKO: Goodbye.

01:43:37:16 WEIR: Goodbye, Simon.

01:43:39:23 SHEPPARD: Goodbye.

01:43:51:02 TECHNICIAN: We have unscheduled off-world activation!

01:43:57:24 TECHNICIAN (CONT'D): Receiving transmission.

01:44:03:10 TECHNICIAN (CONT'D): Who's it from?

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01:44:08:07

CARTER: Atlantis.

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