

# **Attacked in Space**

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400 Headwords



# CHAPTER 1

Ila worked on a **spaceship**. The spaceship was new. It was called the Morning Star. It looked for exciting things.

The Morning Star had a **crew**. The crew were the people on the ship. They did the work. They had jobs. There were lots of different jobs on the Morning Star. Ila's job was to **fix** things. She was an engineer.

Ila loved her job. She liked to fix things. But she was bored because the ship was new. New things do not break, so there was nothing to do. Ila was bored. She wanted something exciting to happen.

Suddenly, a man arrived. He looked upset. Ila was surprised.

“Come quick, Ila!” said the man. “There is an **emergency!**”

Ila was excited. She wanted something to happen, and now there was an emergency!

“Is it a big emergency?” said Ila.

“Yes,” said the man. “Everyone is very **upset.**”

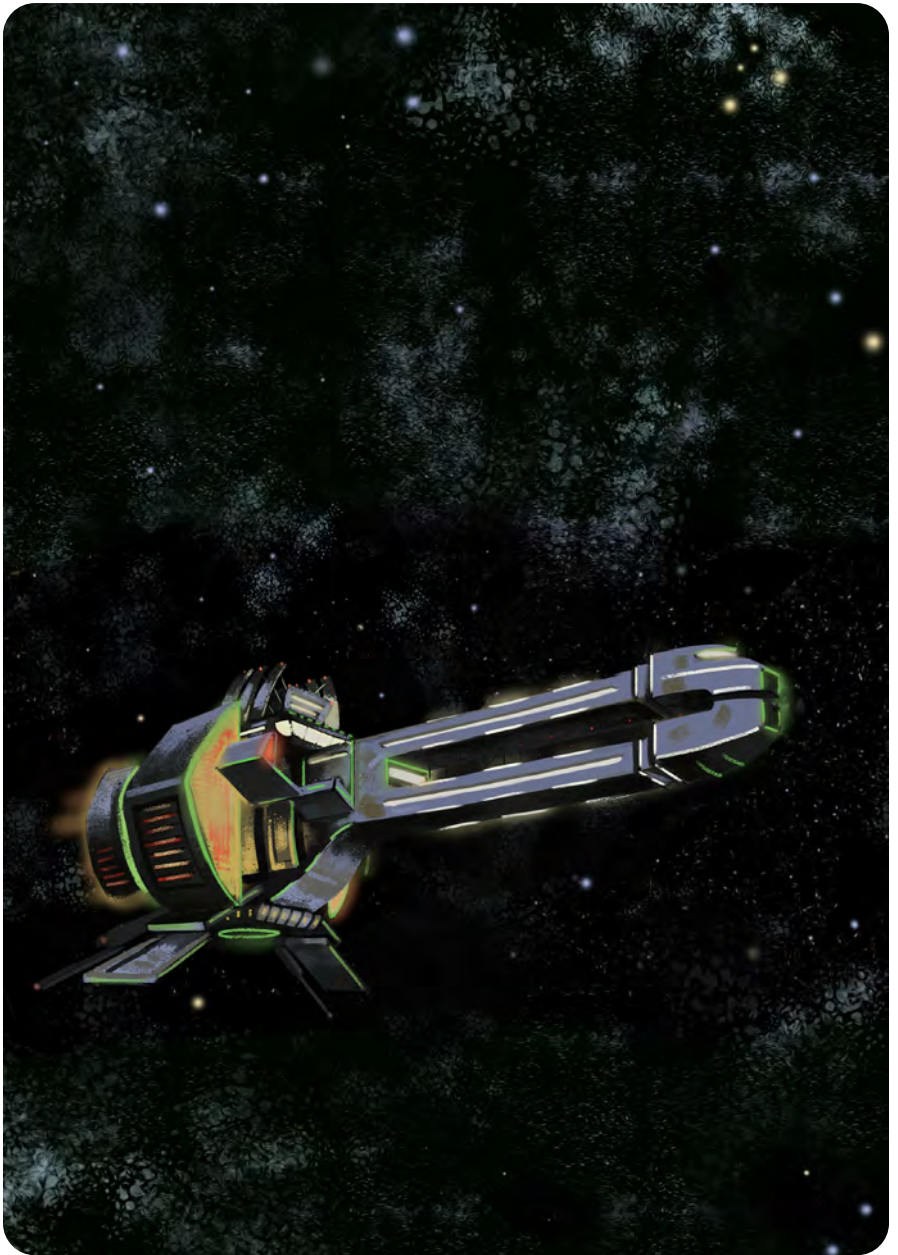
**spaceship** (noun) a vehicle that carries people through space

**crew** (noun) the people who work on a ship or aeroplane

**fix** (verb) to repair something

**emergency** (noun) an unexpected situation that requires immediate attention

**upset** (noun) sad; not happy



*The spaceship was new. It was called the Morning Star.*

Ila ran to the emergency. It was far away. She ran fast. She ran up the stairs. She ran down the corridor. She ran around a corner. Uh-oh! She **ran into** Jorvik. Jorvik was **cross**.

“You are going too fast!” he said. “You need to slow down!”

“I’m sorry,” said Ila. “There is an emergency!”

“Where is the emergency?” said Jorvik. “I am head of security! I need to go to the emergency too!”

“This way,” said Ila.

They went to the emergency together. They ran fast. Ila was faster, so she got there first. There was a **crowd** of people.

“Excuse me, please,” said Ila. “I am here to fix the emergency.”

The people were happy to see her. The emergency made them very sad. They moved out of the way. Ila saw the emergency. She was surprised.

Jorvik arrived and looked around.

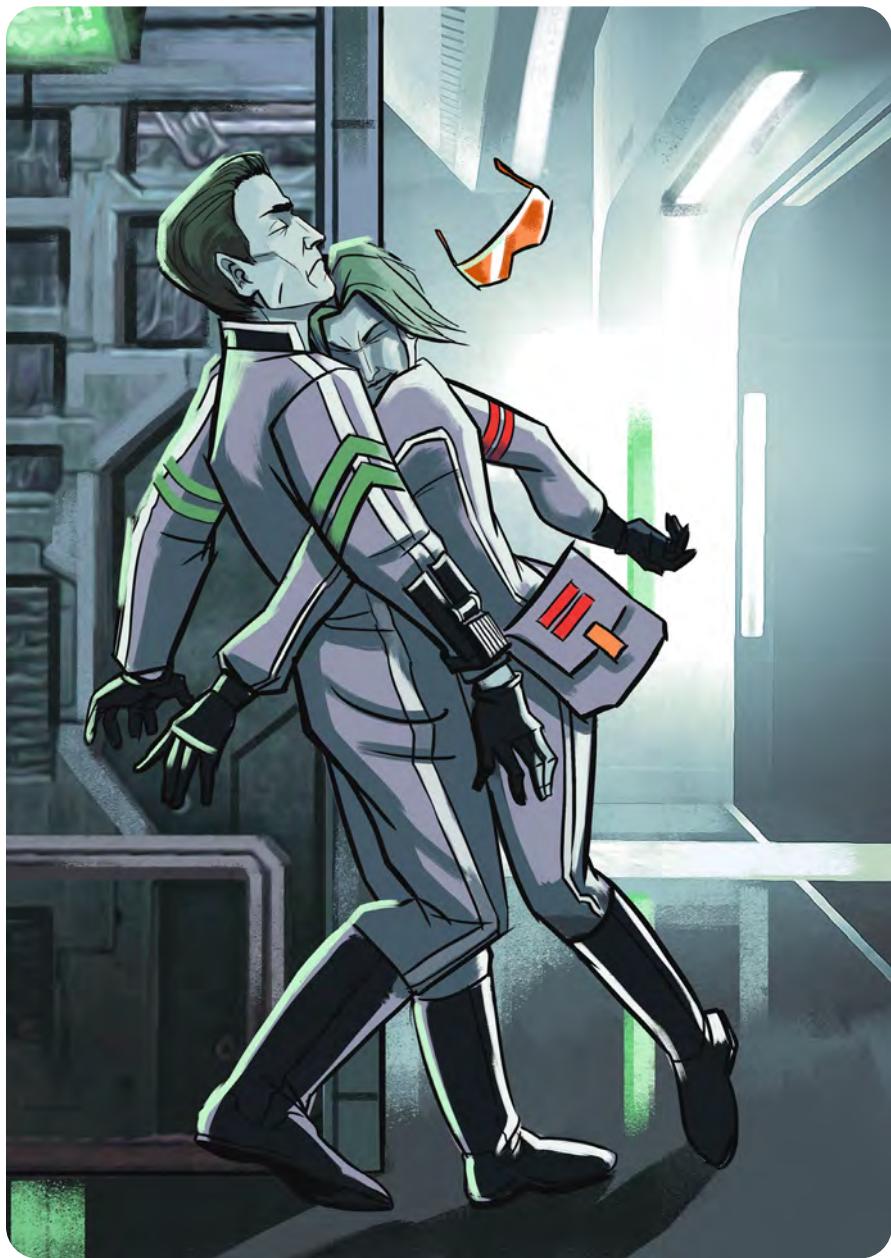
“Where is the emergency?” he said.

“Here,” said a woman. “The coffee machine is broken!”

**run into** (phrasal verb) to meet someone by chance

**cross** (adjective) angry

**crowd** (noun) a large number of people in one place



*She ran around a corner.  
Uh-oh! She ran into Jorvik. Jorvik was cross.*

Ila worked on the coffee machine. Jorvik was nearby. He was bored.

“This is not an emergency,” said Jorvik.

Jorvik was head of security. It was his job to keep the ship and the crew **safe** from danger. He loved his job. He liked danger. But he was bored because the ship was very safe. Safe things are not dangerous, so there was nothing to do. Jorvik wanted something exciting to happen.

Ila **nodded**. Yes. She was bored too. They both wanted something exciting to happen. It was slow and boring on the ship.

“Would you like a cup of coffee?” said Ila.

“That was quick,” said Jorvik. “You are a very good engineer.”

Ila shook her head. No.

“It was not broken,” she said. “The crew did not **turn it on**.”

**safe** (adjective) not in danger, free from danger or harm

**nod** (verb) to move your head up and down as a way of saying "yes"

**turn on** (phrasal verb) to start or operate something by pressing a button



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## CHAPTER 2

Kori was in the control room. The control room is the most important room on the ship. The **captain** of a ship works in the control room. The captain is very important. The captain tells the crew what jobs to do. It was Kori's job to look after the captain.

The captain came into the control room. He sat in his special chair.

“What is happening?” he said.

Kori looked at her computer. It had lots of information.

“Nothing is happening, Captain,” said Kori.

“Nothing?” said the captain.

“The coffee machine was broken,” said Kori. “But engineer Ila fixed it.”

“Good,” said the captain. “Can you go and get me a coffee, please?”

**captain** (noun) a person who is in charge of a ship or an aeroplane



## Quiz-2

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs.

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1. Ila ..... up her bag. **pick / picks**
2. Jorvik ..... his coffee. **spill / spills**
3. Smoke ..... the corridor. **filled / fill**
4. Ila ..... to look at the emergency. **go / went**
5. The invader ..... Ila in the leg. **shoot / shot**
6. She ..... her foot last night. **hurt / hurts**
7. He ..... down and hit his head. **fall / fell**
8. The explosion ..... the engine. **breaks / broken**
9. They ..... down the corridor  
because they were in a hurry. **ran / run**
10. The captain is ..... under his chair. **hiding / hide**

## Quiz-2

Choose the correct answer.

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1. They gave medals to the ..... soldiers after the war.  
a) bored                      b) brave                      c) frightened
2. When you don't hold your cup straight, you might ..... your drink.  
a) sink                      b) spill                      c) sip
3. Come quickly! There's an .....!  
a) emergency              b) interest              c) internet
4. The young space cadets were very .....  
to visit the Space Centre.  
a) unhappy              b) angry                      c) excited
5. I agree with her, so I ..... my head.  
a) shook                      b) nod                      c) frown
6. I was ..... when my cat died.  
a) upset                      b) funny                      c) perfect
7. The children's Halloween costumes were very .....  
a) tasty                      b) friendly                      c) scary
8. The old, rotten floor was not ..... to walk on.  
a) broken                      b) safe                      c) dangerous
9. I will ..... the broken tap.  
a) break                      b) help                      c) fix
10. A captain tells the ..... of a ship what to do.  
a) crew                      b) guests                      c) passengers