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**Episode 5: Crab Salad**

**Campaign Date:** 105-2437 to 110-2437

**The Crew of the Farragut:**

Patrol Leader (Captain) Karl Jenkins, Intelligence Operative (Pete)

Assistant Patrol Leader (Number 2) Victor Vector, Pilot (Craig)

Biff Brannigan, Gunner (Adam)

Scruffy, Engineer (Bob)

Space Cadet Wally Sparkenson, Astrogator (Andrew)

Cynthia Gorgeous, Medic (NPC)

Pablo Van Damm, Security Guard (NPC)

Space Cadet Ramses, Engineering Apprentice (NPC)

**Space Judge:** Dave N.

**With Special Guest Star:**

**Michael Caine as “The Plumber”**



**And:**

**Brenda as “Brenda”**



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*107-2437, M1*

The Farragut entered orbit around M1 and immediately found itself in the middle of a battle between 3 Spon-Gee Gatherers and 3 Crab People Heavy Escorts. The Farragut inflicted some damage on one of the Crab escorts, but then found itself facing one of them which inflicted some damage upon her with a spread of Space Torps. This barrage was joined by another barrage of larger torps fired from a Crab base from the surface of the planet. 7 of these larger torps struck the Farragut, but rather than exploding, each one drilled a hole in the hull and deposited 2 Crab Guy soldiers into the vessel.

Jenkins ordered the crew to rush to the ship's locker to fetch heavier armaments. As he was rushing up deck 2's central hallway, Scruffy was nearly killed by a pair of Crab Guys, but dodged at the last millisecond. He and Ramses managed to injure the Crab Guys severely enough so that they could reach the locker.

Once the entire crew rendezvoused at the locker, they managed to clear it and the med bay of crabs. Captain Jenkins was nearly killed in this action, but clean living prevailed. As the crew rearmed, they realized three things. First, the crabs were systematically trashing the bridge, living quarters and engine room. Second, the camera feed from the cargo hold had gone dark. Third, the rocket rifles were proving unexpectedly inaccurate.

Ramses and Scruffy rushed back toward the engine room, followed by Wally, Biff and Gorgeous. Jenkins, Victor and Van Damm went back up to retake the bridge. In the engine room, Ramses was killed by one Crab Guy, whom Biff shredded with a heavy auto-laser. Wally,

Scruffy and Gorgeous killed the other. Wally and Gorgeous began to drag Ramses' body back to Med Bay to place him in a stasis tube for possible later revival.

Meanwhile, as Jenkins and Victor entered the bridge, Van Damm stood guard at the door. A group of 4 Crab Guys rushed up toward them, and both Van Damm and Victor's rocket rifles missed on their over-watch shots. The crabs then immediately killed Van Damm. Victor immediately shut and locked the goddamn door to the bridge. Jenkins fails to get the feed to the cargo hold reactivated.

Biff then goes up to the mess from the engine room and fires down the hallway, killing one of the crabs outside the bridge. Wally drops Ramses' corpse, leaving it to Gorgeous, and takes the lift pad up to the bridge door where the crabs immediately begin to tear at him, and they would have killed him, if not for his lucky tube of bug repellent bursting and momentarily confusing them. Victor reopens the bridge door and he, Biff and Jenkins finish the remaining Crabs there. The crew then put Van Damm into a stasis tube and meet up at the engine room.

Victor is posted on the bridge and Scruffy in the engine room to handle necessary business for preparing to get the ship to go dark. Jenkins, Wally, Gorgeous and Biff enter the cargo hold to confront the unknown menace. Here they are greeted by a person who introduces himself as "The Plumber", together with his assistant Brenda. The Plumber says that he travels around in his capsule, which looks like a plumber's van with very dark windows, trying to fix things. He says that the crabs, and points to 2 stunned Crab People soldiers on the floor, have planted a biological mass-destruction device on the ship somewhere and it is critical that it be found and deactivated. If the crew can find it, the Plumber says that he can neutralize it.

Jenkins, with his interrogation skills, aided by Biff and his background in aliens, have Gorgeous wake up one of the crabs and begin to question it. Jenkins pretends that he is one of the crab's allies and that there's been a change of plans and the device must be moved. The crab is fooled and reveals that the device is hidden in the upper deck toilet. Jenkins orders Wally to go fetch it and they hand it over to The Plumber. He and Brenda leap into the van which immediately vanishes.

Now, Scruffy has finished repairing the drive damage, just in time for the ship to go dark. However, the Crab Escorts seem to have no further interest in the Farragut, nor does the base on the planet. The Crab Squadron proceeds to chase off the Spon-Gee vessels. The crew of the Farragut manages further repairs, and Gorgeous manages to revive both Ramses and Van Damm.

The scan of M1 is completed and there seems to be no inhabitants apart from the Crab People torpedo base. Since there is no local name, Jenkins gives the honor of naming it to Victor, who dubs it "Crab Soup." The Farragut then returns to Hercules Station for further repairs and extensive cleaning and fumigation.