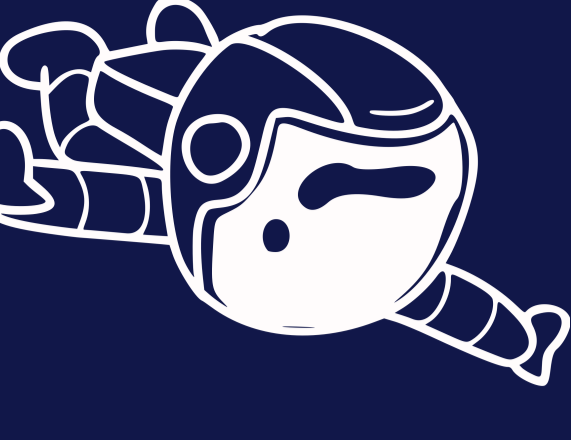


How to Survive an Epic Sci-Fi Space Flick:

A Checklist and Fact Sheet



Item 1: Establish a strategic persona. Hero or idiot? Be prepared to reassess according to the community vibe and likelihood of being ejected into open space.

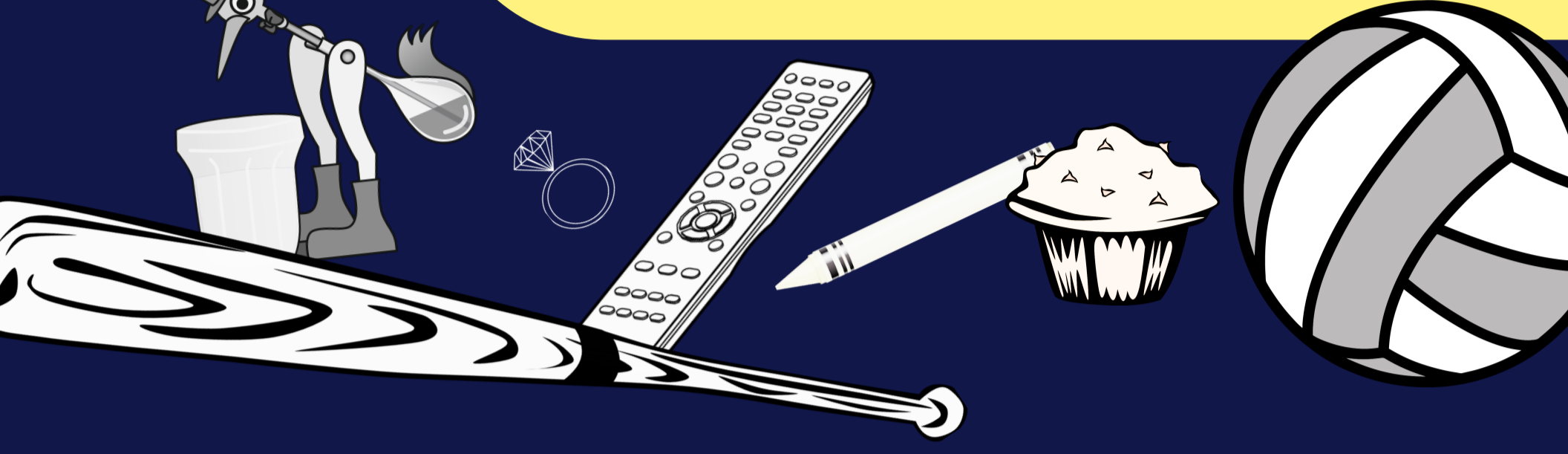
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Doomed idiots

Doomed heroes

Item 2: Leave behind all non-essential possessions, except for the one seemingly useless thing that might save everyone. What will it be? Choose indiscriminately.



Item 3: Mentally prepare for an unexpected twist or three. Make peace now with losing life-supporting devices, your sanity, a limb, and/or all of your companions.

Item 4: Before departure, ensure you know your space s**t. You may be only 27 but somehow you'll easily master astrophysics, differential and integral calculus, electrical engineering, and AI psychoanalysis.

Item 5: Trust no one. Especially onboard AI.

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AI betrayals

AI saves

Item 6: Choose an important secret that will prove useful (preferably to you) to reveal at a crucial moment.

Item 7: Once in space and thousands of parsecs from Earth, find your place in the group. Assert quiet authority and refrain from bravado. Only form inappropriate relationships with people you won't mind ejecting into open space.

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bravado-triggered triumphs

bravado-triggered fails



Item 8: Make a mental note: when searching the ship for some horrifying alien creature, don't go into the loading bay to look for the spooked cat.



Item 9: Estimate that about four fifths of the way into your journey something truly awful will happen. Be ready for anything.

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alien-related disasters

sudden space-related disasters

idiot-related disasters



Item 10: If you're not a white heterosexual male, be sure to gatecrash every scene and tell long stories about your childhood. Your fully-developed character will make you harder to eliminate.

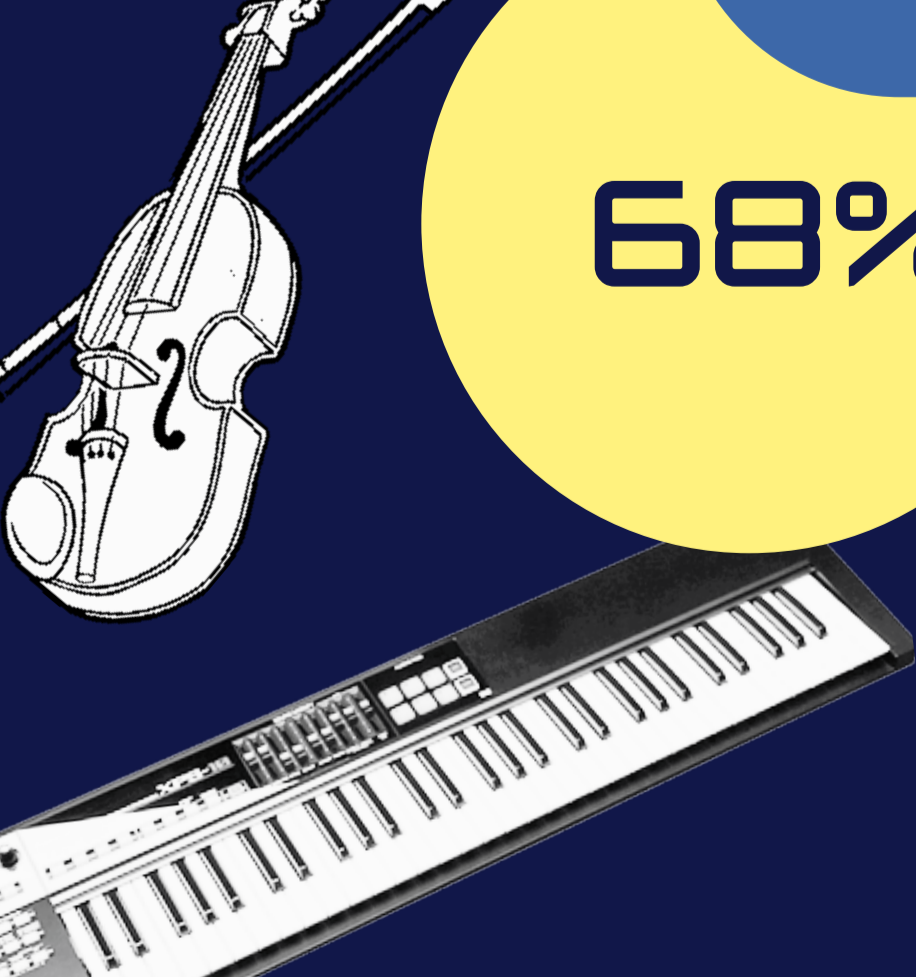
Item 11: Be aware of the soundtrack. When the synth and strings kick into A Minor, make haste for the escape pod and get out of Dodge.

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gratuitous use of synthesizer

brain-scrambling strings



Item 12: Most importantly, remember to have fun. It's just a movie!

