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OPENING TITLESCAPTAIN BLUE (V.O.)

One man. A man who is different. Chosen by fate. Caught up in Earth's unwanted conflict with the Mysterons. Determined. Courageous. Indestructible. His name: Captain Scarlet.

For the superimposed staccato caption, replace "STARRING" with "INTRODUCING".

COLONEL WHITE (V.O.)

Captain Scarlet is indestructible. You are not. Remember this. Do not try to imitate him.

FADE IN:

INT. WORLD SECURITY COUNCIL

The delegates are seated on a large table - single row. A large TV monitor is positioned in the b/g.

DELEGATES

(murmuring)

The Chairman, sitting in front of the delegates, begins to speak. Colonel White sits next to him.

CHAIRMAN

Silence, please. That, gentlemen, was how Captain Scarlet died. The World Security Council has convened this meeting to look into the circumstances that surrounds Scarlet's death, and to investigate the reasons for his strange and seemly inexplicable behaviour.

HUMAN HAND: He flicks through a sheet of paper.

CHAIRMAN

I call on Colonel White, commander of the Spectrum organisation, to begin.

COLONEL WHITE

Certainly, Mr Chairman. I need add only one further comment. The reports you will see and hear are based on videotape recordings made at the time of action.

A General, with an exotic accent, raises his hand.

GENERAL

Mmm. Interesting. But one moment, Mr Chairman. As a mere conventional military man, I'd like to know something about this uh... "Spectrum" outfit.

CHAIRMAN

As we all know, the details of Spectrum are top secret. However, perhaps Colonel White could draw some broad outlines?

COLONEL WHITE

Gentlemen, Spectrum is the most highly progressive security organisation in the world today. Its prime function now is to combat the hostile sinister intelligence inhabiting the planet Mars. The intelligence whose primary object is to destroy Earth. The intelligence known as "Mysterons".

DELEGATES

(murmuring)

Colonel White knocks on the table, politely calling for attention.

COLONEL WHITE

Gentlemen, please, let me continue.

(beat)

Spectrum has its headquarters on Cloudbase. That is a stationary platform that I might liken to the deck of a giant aircraft carrier, held in permanent position forty thousand feet above the Earth, by development of the hover jet principle.

CHAIRMAN

I err, I think that broadly outlines Spectrum, Colonel. Perhaps we can begin with the real business in hand. The fate of Captain Scarlet.

Beat.

COLONEL WHITE

The story really starts with the expedition to Mars last October, lead by one of my own officers, Captain Black.

The Chairman presses the "Play" button on a videotape machine. The TV begins showing a -

DISSOLVE TO:

FLASHBACK

- of the MEV surveying the planet MARS.

(NOTE: The highlighted word **FLASHBACK** is an indication of changing the scenery to establishing archive footage from "The Mysterons".)

COLONEL WHITE (V.O.)

The Martian expedition had almost concluded a fruitless exploration, when it crossed a ridge and came upon a vast complex of strange buildings. We now know that this was the city of the Mysterons.

Cptain Black orders to fire at the Mysteron Complex, which then gets destroyed in a series of explosions.

BACK TO:

INT. WORLD SECURITY COUNCIL

Tape stops - screen goes black.

Zoom out to reveal the confused delegates.

COLONEL WHITE

From that point, gentlemen, radio communication was cut off. We knew nothing more until the expedition craft, with only Captain Black aboard, returned to Glenn Field. Before we could question him, he disappeared. We then received a clear yet baffling transmission over direct radio; a transmission I believe that was picked up all over the world.

STACCATO CUT TO:

MAIN TITLESMYSTERON (V.O.)

This is the voice of the Mysterons.

We know that you can hear us, Earthmen.

Our retaliation will be slow, but nonetheless effective.

It will mean the ultimate destruction of life on Earth.

It will be useless for you to resist, for we have discovered the secret of reversing matter, as you have just witnessed.

One of you will be under our control.

You will be instrumental in avenging the Mysterons.

Our first act of retaliation will be to assassinate your World President.

STACCATO CUT TO:

INT. WORLD SECURITY COUNCIL

Resume as before.

COLONEL WHITE

Now, our attention had to be focused on the protection of the World President.

(MORE)

COLONEL WHITE (CONT'D)

I put my subordinate, Captain Brown, in charge of operations to make our President's life secure. As second-in-command, I detailed Captain Scarlet...

DISSOLVE TO:

FLASHBACK

SALOON CAR: Captains Scarlet and Brown have a talk, before getting killed and taken over by the Mysterons.

COLONEL WHITE (V.O.)

A tire burst and crash, gentlemen. But both Captains reported to me miraculously unhurt.

DISSOLVE TO:

FLASHBACK

NEW YORK CITY: The World President has been placed under heavy protection by the Spectrum motorcade.

COLONEL WHITE (V.O.)

I had no reason for suspicion, then. It was Captain Brown himself who brought our World President safely to New York.

BACK TO:

INT. WORLD SECURITY COUNCIL

The word "Angels" seems to puzzle the General.

GENERAL

Angels, Colonel White? I don't quite understand.

Tape stops.

COLONEL WHITE

Five girl flyers we use as an operational strike force, General. The best. We keep two of them on standby all the time.

DELEGATES

(murmuring)

CHAIRMAN

Gentlemen, the instance of girl pilots is hardly unusual in this 21st century. Now please allow Colonel White to continue uninterrupted.

COLONEL WHITE

Thank you, Mr Chairman.

(beat)

Now we know that Captain Brown escorted our President to the Maximum Security Building.

Tape plays.

CUT TO:

FLASHBACK

MAXIMUM SECURITY BUILDING:
Captain Brown and the World President settle down inside, before the explosion.

BACK TO:

INT. WORLD SECURITY COUNCIL

Tape stops.

The delegates are shocked by what they have just watched.

DELEGATES

(murmuring)

GENERAL

Colonel White, what caused that explosion? Surely after the message security precautions...

COLONEL WHITE

(interrupts)

The Mysterons are a powerful force. Before his car crash, Captain Brown was one of my best men, but even after the crash I had no reason to suspect treason.

GENERAL

But how did he get the bomb in there? That's what I want to know.

COLONEL WHITE

Our videotape showed he had it hidden on his person. Luckily, the President noticed something unusual about Brown. There was smoke coming from his collar. If the President had been a second later in pressing the emergency exit button on his chair, then he would have perished in the blast.

HUMAN HAND: He flicks through his document onto the next page.

COLONEL WHITE

Videofilm told us exactly what happened. My next step was to transfer the World President to London.

CUT TO:

FLASHBACK

CLOUDBASE: Colonel White gives Captain Scarlet instructions on transferring the World President to London.

STACCATO CUT TO:

ACT BREAK

FADE IN:

FLASHBACK

CLOUDBASE: Colonel White orders Lieutenant Green to launch the Angels. They receive a report on the body of Captain Brown.

ANGEL 1 COCKPIT: Destiny Angel contacts Captain Scarlet, ordering him to return to Cloudbase. She launches a dummy attack, under Colonel White's orders.

BACK TO:

INT. WORLD SECURITY COUNCIL

Tape stops.

DELEGATES
(murmuring)

COLONEL WHITE
That, gentlemen...

GENERAL
(interrupts, clears throat)
Ahem!

The delegates stop talking.

GENERAL
Forgive all these interruptions, Colonel, but perhaps you could tell us... Pursuit Vehicle?

DELEGATES
(murmuring)

COLONEL WHITE
All over the world, General, we have SPV transport. Our agents keep them concealed, perhaps in garages, mock-out buildings of farms, and so forth. When needed, they're always ready for immediate use. Our officers claim them on production of a pass. May I continue?

GENERAL
Eh, of course, of course.
Forgive me.

COLONEL WHITE
Gentlemen, I would now like to hand over to Captain Blue, who took over the chase from this point.
(beat)
Captain Blue.

Captain Blue walks into the room. He stands next to Colonel White.

CAPTAIN BLUE
Thank you, sir.
(beat)
Well, I claimed our Pursuit Vehicle and noted the observational references, passed to me through Cloudbase from Destiny Angel.

CUT TO:

FLASHBACK

SPV: Captain Blue, driving on the M21, contacts Destiny Angel.

ANGEL 1 COCKPIT: Destiny Angel orders Rhapsody Angel to destroy the viaduct on the London road.

CLOUDBASE: Colonel White orders Captain Blue, the Angels, and Helicopter A42 to divert to the London Car-Vu.

BACK TO:

INT. WORLD SECURITY COUNCIL

Tape stops.

DELEGATES
(murmuring)

CAPTAIN BLUE
I can fill in this part from a sono-detector tape subsequently processed. The voice is that of Captain Black, the man we all thought had perished on Mars.

He plays the voice recording. We hear Captain Black's archived dialogue, communicating directly with Captain Scarlet.

The delegates react in confusion and surprise.

DELEGATES
(murmuring)

CAPTAIN BLUE
Sir, Mr Chairman, please.

CHAIRMAN
Quiet! Quiet, gentlemen. Allow Captain Blue to proceed.

The delegates quiet down.

CAPTAIN BLUE
Thank you, sir.
(beat)
(MORE).

CAPTAIN BLUE (CONT'D)

At that time, none of us had any idea that our Spectrum helicopter was in enemy hands.

CUT TO:

FLASHBACK

CAR-VU: Captain Blue orders Helicopter A42 to attack.

CAPTAIN BLUE (V.O.)

I was in touch with the pilot who seemed perfectly normal.

Helicopter A42 (now revealed to be in control of the Mysterons) fires at Captain Blue.

Destiny Angel shoots down Helicopter A42, under Captain Blue's orders. It crashes into the skypark.

BACK TO:

INT. WORLD SECURITY COUNCILCAPTAIN BLUE

It was then that I had to move in on my hoverpack for the final showdown with Captain Scarlet. Delay would have been fatal for the structure was already toppling, and the President's life was in grave danger.

CUT TO:

FLASHBACK

CAR-VU: With the skypark on the brink of collapsing, Captains Scarlet and Blue exchange fire before the latter gets shot and falls off the structure in agony.

BACK TO:

INT. WORLD SECURITY COUNCIL

Tape stops.

CAPTAIN BLUE

That, gentlemen, is all. I can now hand you back to Colonel White.

COLONEL WHITE

Thank you, Captain. Now, gentlemen, you know the circumstances of Captain Scarlet's death. I think we can assume that Captains Black, Brown, and Scarlet were all taken over by the mysterious agency of the Mysterons. The real problem is to find out how, and once this is ascertained...

We suddenly hear a few door knocks.

COLONEL WHITE

...er decide on a method of combat.

The door opens. Dr. Fawn enters and rushes past the Guard, in excitement.

CONFERENCE GUARD

Hey, this meeting is supposed to be closed in secret.

CHAIRMAN

It's Fawn, the doctor.

The delegates react in surprise and confusion.

DELEGATES

(murmuring)

CHAIRMAN

(stammers)

Dr. Fawn, surely... well...

DR. FAWN

My apologies, sir, but it's fantastic. After an 800 ft fall, Scarlet's alive!

COLONEL WHITE

Explain yourself, Doctor.

DR. FAWN

Well, as unbelievable as it seems, Scarlet's wounds are healing.

(MORE)

DR. FAWN (CONT'D)

Somehow, the Mysteron power's been broken by his fall. It is my opinion that with the aid of a specially-designed computer, Captain Scarlet can be brought back under our own control.

They all continue talking in great curiosity and relief.

DELEGATES

(murmuring)

GENERAL

Is this possible?

DR. FAWN

Yes, I think so.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. CLOUDBASE SICKBAY (ARCHIVE FOOTAGE)

Zoom in towards the newly retrometabolised Captain Scarlet waking up in bed.

COLONEL WHITE (V.O.)

In other words, the new Captain Scarlet could be our greatest weapon in fighting the Mysterons. As fantastic as it seems, Captain Scarlet is virtually indestructible.

FADE OUT:

END TITLES