<u>SHADOW OF LIGHT</u>

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INT. SPACE SHIP, CORRIDOR - UNKNOWN

O.S. "Tranzformer" by Gorillaz

A small ROBOT, V-80, rolls down a dark corridor. His wheels
BUMBLE down the echoing hallway until he reaches a door
frame.

He scans it up and down, pauses for a moment, then looks to
his right.

He continues rolling on.

He reaches an open doorframe.

WINDOW ROOM - CONTINUOUS

A strong, faintly yellow-tinted light blasts through a large
window.

Inside the room is ANDY, a old man in a silver jacket. He's
seated behind a control pad, occasionally shifting glances
from the pad to the window.

V-80 rolls over to him, and looks up at him.

                    V-80
               (beeps)
          Let me up.

Andy is mildly startled by V-80, but quickly calms down.

                    ANDY
          Oh, yeah. Here you go, buddy.

He picks up the robot and places him on top of the control
pad's console, beside him.

The two sit in front of the window, which shows the dark,
star speckled beauty of outer space.

A single, bright spot lies at the upper left hand corner. A
black dot sits dead center of the glow.

EXT. SPACE SHIP - CONTINUOUS

The station slowly rolls in front of the emptiness of space,
and a black hole resides far beyond, casting a bright spot-
light upon it.

INT. SPACE SHIP, WINDOW ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Andy presses a few buttons on the module. He lets out a
hearty SIGH.

                    ANDY
          Isn't it beautiful, Vee.

                    V-80
              (beeps)
          I was.

                    ANDY
          So much power, and I got the
          opportunity to spend my life
          researching it first hand - see it
          with my own eyes.

                    V-80
              (beeps)
          It does seem quite powerful.

                    ANDY
          Well, if the mission commander's
          calculations were correct, the
          event should be taking place today.
          Aren't you excited?

V-80 turns his head to Andy.

                    V-80
              (beeps)
          No

Andy shakes his head.

                    ANDY
          Well, it's inevitable. I was sent
          here for this very purpose.

He slaps one button.

                    ANDY (CONT'D)
          I knew what I signed up for.

                    V-80
              (beeps)
          I didn't sign up for anything.

V-80 slowly returns his gaze to the window.

                    ANDY
          I know you didn't sign up for
          anything. But this is what you were
          programmed to do. . .

V-80 looks down.

Andy slouches and sighs.

                    ANDY (CONT'D)
          You shouldn't think so poorly of
          it. We're entering the next step.
          Every living thing goes through
          this, and we get to do it with
          spectacle.

                    V-80
               (beeps)
               (sad tones)
          But what if the next step is
          nothing?

                    ANDY
          Don't say that, there's gotta be
          something after. I spent my whole
          life on this work, a reward of some
          sort must be waiting for me.

V-80 looks back to the window.

Andy glances at V-80's power cable on the back right side of
his carriage.

Andy gulps, looks away, then sighs.

                    ANDY (CONT'D)
          Vee, look at me.

V-80 turns his head.

                    ANDY (CONT'D)
          I can try to get us out of here. I
          just have to push the station out
          of the event horizon fast enough.

V-80 perks up.

                    V-80
               (beeps)
               (happy tones)
          Really?

                    ANDY
          Yes, do you want me to?

                         V-80
                    (beeps)
               Please.

                         ANDY
               Alright, friend.

Andy begins pressing buttons randomly, glancing back and
forth at V-80's power cable.

A RUMBLE comes from outside the ship.

The black hole grows in size, slowly but surely.

                         V-80
                    (beeps)
               Hurry!

Andy reaches over to his far right.

                         ANDY
               Just gotta hit the boosters. . .

Andy uses his hand to flick off V-80's power.

V-80's head begins to snap, but quickly decelerates. The
light in his scanner dims to darkness.

The black hole is enormous in front of the window.

Andy looks out the window. Then to V-80.

                         ANDY (CONT'D)
               I'm sorry, buddy.

He returns to the window.

Time and space begin to warp, the light intensifies beyond
sight, and finally, darkness consumes the room.

The screen is left black.

END.