

FISH TO MARS

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The science conference Scene 1

Song: Outrage

Prologue on screen

Menneskene har et desperat behov for mineraler for å opprettholde det enorme konsumet av høyteknologi. Etter å ha utarmet jorden har menneskene gått løs på planeten Mars, men arbeidsforholdene der oppe er livsfarlige og et opprør er på gang.

People have a desperate need for minerals to maintain the enormous consumption of high technology. After depleting the Earth, humans have started on the planet Mars, but the working conditions up there are deadly and a rebellion is underway.

SIGN: 1st Interplanetary UN Gene-Tech Summit

QUEEN BITCH DRAGON TROLL FROM HELL:

Welcome to the First Interplanetary UN Gene-Tech Summit. We have the pleasure of introducing our keynote speaker, won't you please welcome Dr Lola Larsen,

LOLA

This little lungfish is the computer of the future. In its genes we can store an unbelievable amount of digital data.

Some of you may find this disturbing..

LOLA, JAMES, JACKIE

Long ago, before we were here, Late sleepers came spreading DNA

ARNOLDX

I'm warning you, pathetic creeps so destructible, irradiating sequences I'm protecting to survive and thrive

LOLA, JACKIE, JAMES

To thrive

ARNOLDX

To survive

LOLA, JACKIE, JAMES

To survive, Devonian age of fishes, Four hundred, Million years ago

ARNOLDX

You are not the master race, this is not the final place, A galaxy of future homes, you can build them in your bones

LOLA

We are not the master race, this is not the final place, A galaxy of future homes, you can build them in your bones

JACKIE, JAMES

Aqua vita, Aqua vita

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ARNOLDX

The secrets of our universe are hidden in the Greeter's cells

LOLA

You look to me and biology to save your Martian Colony, New humans mutate adapt and relate like our pioneer ArnoldX

JESUS JOSEFSEN (loud and confident)

Wow. Wow. Wow. Why don't you give her a round of applause? I feel like I am disturbing Mary in the stable. Can I be a wiseman bringing gifts? What about a ticket, a ticket to Mars?

JAMES and JACKIE

He is a wiseman bringing you gifts? a ticket to Mars? He is a wiseman bringing you gifts? a ticket to Mars?

LOLA

Mars is a dying space, a corporate ego-place where you and your people exploit our race.

Who are you anyway, coming on my stage without telling your name? Let's hear it!

JAMES and JACKIE

He is a wiseman bringing you gifts? a ticket to Mars?

JESUS

I am Jesus Josefsen, leading the M-I-S the Martian Initiative, financing the place. I have always been a fan of yours it's people like you we need, experienced explorers. You should bring your little friend.

LOLA

This guy doesn't travel business class, no corporate logos on his skin. He's got the world's data embedded in his genes stable in DNA. Leave my stage!

JESUS (dismayed)

The Mars colony is dying, there are deformations all over. You are right, he may hold the key to where these mutations are coming from, to where these mutations are coming from.

LOLA

If you had listened you would know what people need to survive on that planet of yours. You didn't believe me when I sent you my report saying, THIS is your key to survival. If you had read his DNA by now the mutations would not be a threat
A biocomputer could sniff out an attack - Fish to Mars now?? What has changed?

JESUS

HE FOUND SOMETHING

LOLA

Arnold X?

JESUS

HE FOUND SOMETHING

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LOLA
So the video was correct?

JESUS
HE FOUND SOMETHING

LOLA
Has he send you a test?

JESUS
He found something
When you are faced with a choice for the future of your race, you can rage with your voice
But your actions leave a trace

JACKIE, JAMES
The Martian lives on and we carry on this corporate game The Martian lives on
and we carry on this corporate game - He found something! He found something!

Song: Walk on Water

LOLA (alone with lungfish, her friend)
It's the third time I wake this night walk to the bathroom, restless mind I need, a glass of
water. Swallow it down, check my phone, It's the feeling of never being satisfied It's a
turmoil that pulls me down. But like you I wake in the middle of the night wondering what, to
do with my life and what to become? and I fold my hands and pray to my god and wish
tomorrow never comes or at least wait for a day,
Cause I'm not ready to walk on water I'm not ready for it yet I'm not ready to walk on water
I'm not ready for it oh walk on water yeahhh walk on water
But like you I wake in the middle of the night wondering what, to do with my life and what
to become? and I fold my hands and pray to my god and wish tomorrow never comes or at
least wait for a day,
Till I'm ready to walk on water Till I'm ready to walk Till I'm ready to walk on water Till I'm
ready to walk I Think I'm ready now.

MIS Headquarters Recruitment office Scene 2

Song: Sign Up

JACKIE, JESUS, JAMES
Sign up! Sign up! Sign up for the killer tour! Sign up for the glory days! Make a place in
history! Make them scream your name! Sign up!

JAMES
Don't bother if it's in a dome (Sign up!) Don't bother if it's dark and cold (Sign up!), Come
use your PhD! Sign up for science fame!

JESUS, JACKIE, JAMES
You'll be leaving in the evening, It's not a short trip – how to pack your bags?
You'll be flying live on TV, No show if we chuck our guts
You'll never wanna come home, never be alone, On this flight to Mars

(SIGN UP flashes on screen)

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ALL

Sign up for the killer tour! Sign up for the glory days! Make a place in history! Make them scream your name! Sign up for the killer tour! Sign up for the glory days! Make a place in history! Make them scream your name!

JESUS

Lola be the biggest hit, Our queen in the Martian mist

ALL

Ruling Mars Colony, Be all we want to be! Lola! Say it one more time Lola! Tell us of your find! This rock makes history, Make my engine scream!

JESUS, JACKIE, JAMES

We'll be leaving in the evening, It's not a short trip – how to pack our bags?
We'll be flying live on TV, No show if we chuck our guts, we'll never wanna come home,
never be alone, on a flight to Mars

Sign up for the killer tour! Sign up for the glory days! Make a place in history! Make them scream my name! Sign up!

Song: Fossil overture

FISHCORT

Dreams became reality the siren song of stars, Space X, Mars One, Virgin Interplanetary
Stocks rose to the sky higher than foolishness, Vanity of humanity, melting ice caps,
Terraforming, Ancient rhymes from Devonian times, a riddle in rock to unlock.

LOLA

Oh! A fossil of a lungfish!

FISHCOURT

With greetings from Arnold X!

LOLA

I thought you guys hated him for stopping you?

FISHCORT

He maybe a little weird But you know
HE FOUND SOMETHING!

JESUS (singing)

You are right, it may be the key to where these mutations are coming from

FISHCORT (partly singing, pulls out pipette)

The key is CRISPR technology! and a little bit of lungfish

LOLA (holding onto her lungfish)

It won't save you

FISHCORT

It could save ArnoldX. I read your report about the DNA- A FORTUNE FOR US ALL!

JESUS

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You were right all along

JAMES, JACKIE
He's a wiseman bringing you gifts, Your ticket to Mars!

LOLA
Arnold? He didn't tell me. HE FOUND SOMETHING!

On the R/V Gadfly spaceship

Scene 3

Music: Take-off
Everyone wakes except LOLA.

Song: Metal & Meat
JAMES
Have you done all your preparations, boy? We're in an emergency! Emergency!

JACKIE
How would an alien greet us?

JAMES
How would an alien greet us? Shake off your dreams and join us! What if Arnold is there?

FISHCORT
Already dead!

JACKIE
See those stars - Are we on Mars?

JAMES
We're not that far

JACKIE
Still she sleeps, What is her fate?

JAMES
It's time to wake!

FISHCORT
There's so much more, It's a science war, Who will score Fish to Mars?

JAMES
I got 42 postdocs and No social perks. Who is this Lola? Who is this girl? When does she work? Born in Norway Made her way Highly educated And highly overpaid!

JACKIE
Oh my god, don't treat her like a fool, If we want success on Mars She's our living tool.

JACKIE
Her deep sleep is given by her genes, Engineering, gene-gineering, Just biology
Toxic dreams in hydrothermal vents

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Is Arnold really still the same? Is the creature safe?

JAMES
Don't wake the sleeping brat

FISHCORT
She gets the glory and I get the work, I slaughter, I slaughter

JAMES
Fish or Arnold XXXXXXXXXXX!

FISHCORT
Biotechnology Healing the broken shell, Our mission still on track
But oo a little tiny bit of DNA from Mars, Synthetic secrets copied endlessly in time, It would look so good for me.
But there would be no point without the creature's cells, Seeing Jackie clinging like she has no friends, Or a postdoc in the same show, who cares? It's all about the calibration.....

JAMES
I love this cold decision from This hot lady

FISHCORT
You definitely got a job when we get back to Earth.

Song: High Heel Bomb
JAMES
She's such a lady, She's such a baby, She's all I need, More than a captain, She captured my mind, Watch me jump to my feet To this one-leg beat
Oooh she's such a perfect baby Ooo my favorite kind of lady
She's all I need, A black leather queen, Fishcort, you're my high heel bomb

FISHCORT
I gotta warn you I might be hot But cold as ice When I'm on top So watch your hand When I'm in command This steaming queen will burn you Pretty pretty boy

JACKIE
Ooo she's such a perfect baby Ooo my favorite kind of lady All we need Is adrenalin. This black leather queen Needs a high heel bomb

ALL
Ooo she's such a perfect baby Ooo my favorite kind of lady She's all we need On this RV This black leather queen Is a high heel bomb

JAMES
And I'm gonna serve her

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RECORDED VOICE: "Landing in 30 seconds. Please secure all loose objects. Welcome to Cyano City. Enjoy your stay on Mars."

Cyano City

Scene 4

Song: Cyano song

LOLA

Look at what this fame has brought us, Dust and dirt for dreams, Ad-u-la-tion and mu-ta-tion
Nothing's what it seems
Nothing so sacred nothing so real As empty destiny Life has taken many turns and now this
turn takes me

PÅL

Can you heal me, hold me, help me Leave this biosphere?

ALL

You're the last one, Fading fast one On this mining frontier

LOLA

Nothing so tragic nothing so real As empty destiny

JAMES

Has something happened? is something lost? There's a smell in the air

LOLA, JACKIE, JAMES,

Cyano cyano one-celled factory Cultured in these greenhouse walls Air for a century

FISHCORT

Nothing so toxic nothing so old As pro-ter-o-zo-ic cells, Sym-bi-o-sis and psy-cho-sis ,
Together they can meld.

PÅL

(coughs)

JAMES

Let him breathe, carefully, He will show the discovery

ARNOLD X (from offstage)

A Black smoker A black smoker

PÅL (scared)

It's where it sleeps, It's where it feeds

LOLA

We brought the key to unlock

ARNOLD X

A Black Smoker A Black Smoker

JACKIE (to Pål)

FISH TO MARS

Show us the way, show us the way, No time to sleep- Don't fade away

ALL

Cyano dreams Got a hold of me, In the name of science

PÅL

You should pack up and leave

JACKIE

Leave? What do you mean by Leave?

FISHCORT

The show is just begun, The rattle and the hum, mission stage one and the coward wants to run?

PÅL

You don't know fear, He's hiding there, I've felt his stare In a dark nightmare

JAMES

Is he DEAD OR ALIVE?

ALL

In the name of science We signed up for this. We go to that Toro dome Your cradle of fear!

JACKIE

To see if Arnold is there!

JAMES

You should not fear Coz I am here Brave to the bone Not a science clown Dig me down I'll find you a town With traffic lights In neon nights

LOLA

Is he Dead or alive?

ALL

DEAD OR ALIVE?

In the name of science We signed up for this Let's go to the Toro dome You lead us down Down down down down

The Walk of Extremophiles Scene 5

PÅL

This is it....!

LOLA

This looks like the source of a fossil
Your fossil is fake

FISHCORT

WHAT? Nonsense

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LOLA

You will regret this. Let's find Arnold X

FISHCORT

Stop! I am in command here.

LOLA

Listen, you fool, He broke your rules he ran to the cave to survive and thrive

FISHCORT

You are not the master race, this is not the final place A galaxy of future life, I will build them with your bones

LOLA

The secrets of our universe are hidden in the creature's cells
That's why you want the lungfish? You don't care about ArnoldX?

LOLA (to Pål)

Thank you, I'll take it from here. James! Jackie! Let's go!

LOLA, JAMES, JACKIE

Blood red star, The warring god of Mars Elements and molecules buried underground, Grim and cold Hostile to your soul But melted like a human heart May come to be your home
Vastitas borealis Vastitas borealis

LOLA

Turn off your lights

JACKIE

WOW! How can this be?

LOLA

Bioluminescence! Light from a living source. Take out the lungfish, Jackie!

JACKIE

Ok

LOLA

Let's start the conversation!

JAMES

Whoops!

LOLA

Keep calm. Everybody keep calm.

JAMES

HE FOUND SOMETHING...

ARNOLDX

I told you not to come!

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Song: The Walk of Extremophiles

ARNOLDX

Knowing the secret Crushing my spirit Feeling the tug of mutations in blood
It crawls in my mind, makes me divine, We crossed a line, Eternal in time, A gathering storm
People hold on, Revolt, revolt
We walk as Exiles through worlds of Extremophiles, Revolt! Revolt!

A decade ago I came to this dome I signed up like you on the MIS show
Lies and deceit, We flew with the fleet, Trusted in Jesus and mining machines. REVOLT!
REVOLT!

JAMES

We're overwhelmed by the story you tell We signed up like you Not knowing the truth
Our guide is gone the lungfish went on, Me, Jackie and Lola Under Fishcort's command

ARNOLDX

Fishcort?

I obey The Greeter Lord of water, Bites in the night, I obey the Late Sleeper, More than a
fossil It's still alive

JACKIE

Alive?

LOLA

You found something?

ARNOLDX (sung)

A hydrothermal vent where all life begins

LOLA (pushes away James)

In the name of science I signed up for this I will go to the Toro dome and lower me down
Down down down down

Song: Toro Dome

FISHCORT

Is it new, is it old? Is it full of gold? Toro toro loco quorum quorum loco deos vitam vita
Gloria, Aurum, ferum, serum, jorum, forum solum habemus spectare Tartarus
A goldmine to exploit, fortune for us all

JAMES

A fortune for us all

FISHCORT

I may fall in love But you fell for it all one day you'll get old Immortals need no soul

ARNOLDX

This is the devil's call Turn turn, while there's time to turn just the creature's touch may
doom the Earth

FISHCORT

Toxic, toxic talking nonsense nonsense, we are standing on the riches of humankind

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ARNOLDX

Listen to yourself, you are under the Martian spell

FISHCORT

A fortune for us all! I may fall in love But you fell for it all One day you'll get old Immortals need no soul

ARNOLD X

JESUS, CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

THE FINAL FISH

Scene 6

Song: When the vault opens

JESUS

When you stand over the cave you must know deep down inside there is a place there is a space where the science has no name you must greet what you meet though this cave can be your grave

FISHCORT, JAMES, JACKIE

The Martians live on! We carry on this corporate game, The Martians live on! We carry on this corporate game

JESUS

When the vault opens

FISHCORT, JACKIE, JAMES

When the vault opens

JESUS

When the vault opens

FISHCORT, JACKIE, JAMES

When the vault opens

ARNOLD X

When the vault opens!

JESUS

This is why I gave her a ticket to Mars and believed in her science all the time This is why I gave her an expedition This is the image I dreamed of seeing my Martian Madonna. I have loved Lola all my life! Maybe now she will understand me and my corporation, we mean no harm

FISHCORT

Make acquaintance with me I was your leather queen I made you believe in the Martian Dream. You may be richest on Earth But I am queen of this world If you want some returns Madonna must burn

JESUS

Ancient rhymes From Devonian times a riddle in rock to unlock

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ARNOLDX

If you want to Meet the Greeter Genetic keeper Say hello to my little friend

JACKIE, JESUS, JAMES

If you want to Meet the Greeter Genetic keeper Say hello to my little friend

JAMES, JACKIE

Shut up shut up shut up you crazy Fishcort Shut up shut up shut up you crazy Fishcort

ARNOLDX

I was here first I taste your thirst The ego state of mind I know your kind
This ecoworld has its own terms It's the end of the line for your fossil mind

JESUS

Your ancient rhymes and Devonian times Your riddle in rock

ARNOLD X

It was faked and fucked

ALL

If you want to Meet the Greeter Genetic keeper Say hello to my little friend
If you want to Meet the Greeter Genetic keeper

ARNOLD X

Say hello to my little friend

music: Outrage

ARNOLD X

Outrage! Outrage!

Song: Have I sinned?

FISHCORT

And yet I have this feeling Unsure and slowly creeping My measure of success May leave
an awful mess

JESUS

You made a riddle in rock to unlock Ancient rhymes from Devonian times
You made a riddle in rock to unlock Ancient rhymes from Devonian times

JAMES, ARNOLD X, JESUS

You made a riddle in rock

FISHCORT

Have I sinned? Have I failed Have I broken your grail? Have I sinned? Have I failed? Have I
sinned? Have I failed?

JESUS

In retrospect I see it My wish to own the Greeter his DNA would be our way to greater fame

FISH TO MARS

And yet I have this feeling Unsure and slowly creeping My measure of success May leave an awful mess

FISHCORT

Have I sinned? Have I failed? Have I broken the grail?

ALL

You made a riddle in rock to unlock Ancient rhymes from Devonian times

FISHCORT & JESUS

Have I sinned? Have I failed? Have I sinned? Have I failed?

Song: The Late Sleepers

LOLA

Late long sleepers Heroes in the dark Like the ancient sailors on crusade to Mars
Somewhere on their Path to knowledge Millenia of time Changed an ancient shore
Long before Mankind.

Will they wake when we arrive? Will they rise and will they hide? Will we fight and will they die? The late long sleepers

Will they wake when we arrive? Will they rise and will they hide? Will we fight and will they die? The late long sleepers

FISHCORT

la la la la Lungfish gone on before us Lalala Lungfish gone on before us

LOLA

They left Greeters Sleep until we're nigh, Left to find among us A future brighter light.
Somewhere on their path to knowledge Millennia of time Changed an ancient shore
Long before mankind

Will they wake when we arrive? Will they rise and will we hide? Will they sleep or will they die? The sleeping Greeter?

ALL

Will they wake when we arrive? Will they rise and will we hide? Will they sleep or will they die? The sleeping Greeter! And drop by drop the ice caps melting underground Gamma radiation chases life to caves unfound. Will they wake when we arrive? Will they rise and will we hide? Will they fight or will they die? The late long sleeper

ALL

There is no way out Feeling there's no doubt
Life must adore us Like no one before us Time will defend us
Cause we are the Martians We are the Martians NOW!
There's so much more, It's a science war! Who will score Fish to

FISHCORT

Mars?

THE END

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