

INT. ZEPHYR-III / ESCAPE PODS - DAY

Kathy straps herself into her seat in the escape pod.

Anxiously she looks at the entrance door; *where's Claire?*

KATHY
Claire! Hurry!

CLAIRE (O.S.)
I'm coming, Kat!

Finally, she sees Claire moving through the door. But right as Kathy feels like she can stop worrying... metal pipes and pieces of wall crumble as easy as paperclips and paper *blocking Claire's path to the pod.*

SLOW-MOTION: Kathy's heart sinks into her stomach. Claire's face goes pale in fear. They look each other in the eyes in this moment suspended in time. And they both realize, without a shadow of a doubt: *Claire's not going to make it.*

NORMAL SPEED: From the depths of her soul, Kathy cries out to Claire. She tries to free herself from her straps and get out, when...

SYSTEM VOICE
Commencing escape pod 2 auto-lockdown.

The pod closes and locks shut. Stuck inside, Kathy cries out her sister's name as loud as she can.

In the other pod, Sarah is punching and kicking against the pod's window. Ryan tries to restrain her from destroying it. She cries out to Claire.

Claire's eyes are glistening as she sees Sarah kicking and screaming.

SYSTEM VOICE (CONT'D)	SARAH
Pod 1 deployment commencing	(cries)
in 3... 2... 1...	No go! Stop!

While Sarah still tries to get out and Ryan is holding her as tight as he can, their pod EJECTS down towards the surface.

Kathy is pulling every lever in her reach and pushing every button she can see. She cries out to her sister.

Kathy looks at her sister as the tears run down her face.

KATHY
Claire! Please just--!

SUBTLE SLOW-MOTION: Kathy halts her screaming. She sees Claire's face relax. Not with fear, but with a melancholic calmness to it. The type of calm someone exudes when accepting the inevitable.

The loud sounds of destruction fade away into the background. In this chaotic mess of a situation, it becomes very intimate as the two sisters gaze at each other. A fragile smile appears on Claire's face.

NORMAL SPEED: Kathy looks at Claire with eyes that seem to beg for her big sister to keep fighting and trying.

With watery eyes, Claire and Kathy look at each other - *and almost as if by poetic design, Moonbear floats in the background of Claire as they do so.*

CLAIRE
(softly, unfiltered)
Do your best, sis. I love you.

KATHY
(tears coming up)
I love you too. Please don't lea--

SYSTEM VOICE
Pod 2 deployment commencing in 3...
2... 1...

NORMAL SPEED: Kathy's violent fury returns as she cries out and tries to break the window down with her fists.

But as the timer counts down, Kathy is forced to stay inside the pod.

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Kathy is inside the escape pod as she punches the windows as hard as she can with her fists.

Claire is completely stuck behind the debris and has made her peace with what's about to happen.

KATHY
Claire! CLAIRE!

The timer ends. The pod SHOOTs out down below the ship.

KATHY (CONT'D)
(cries)
No!

Kathy sees Zephyr-III in the distance as the escape pod is rapidly going down. She stops fighting as she's forced to watch Zephyr-III becoming engulfed in flames. The ship breaks apart into hundreds of pieces. Everywhere parts of the ship burn up in the atmosphere and dissipate before her eyes.

Its LOW RUMBLING noise of breaking apart pierces through her pod with a delay.

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Kathy is racing to the surface with her escape pod at breakneck speed.

SYSTEM VOICE
8,000 metres to surface. Pod exceeding
optimum velocity.

KATHY
(through tears)
No, no.

Kathy has to push buttons/pull levers to try and steady to the pod, but nothing works as it should.

TRIGGER: *After the first two steps fail.*

SYSTEM VOICE
4,000 meters to surface.

KATHY
(through tears)
Come on!

TRIGGER: *After the second step fails.*

SYSTEM VOICE
2,000 meters to surface.

KATHY
(through tears)
Come on you piece of...

TRIGGER: *After the final step fails.*

SYSTEM VOICE
500 meters to surface.

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KATHY
(through tears)
No, no!

The escape pod CRASHES into the Martian surface.

CUT TO BLACK.