

ROBOTO
Level 5
Aboard the Argos

Game Script

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Begin Level 5 Opening Cinematic
Fade in:

OPEN SPACE

Silence, in the distance among the stars, the Space Station Eden glows a menacing red. The dying station's rotating sections, out of sync from extensive damage, twist against each other until the Eden's central axis finally snaps and the entire structure ruptures.

The fleeing Argos, the last human space warship, comes into view. Behind it, the Eden explodes in a silent burst of light. As the Argos nears, the silence is broken by the shockwave's lumbering roar.

The Argos grows immense as it approaches and shows it's true scale. As the ship passes by, a tiny glint at the stern grows into a humanoid figure. Robbie Conduit, fearless metal boy scout, is towing patiently by his wrist-tether behind the Argos.

Sora Geiger's voice crackles onto Robbie's com unit. She is overwhelmed, but in complete control. Just like always.

The gameplay camera takes over.

SORA (VO)

Sorry about this Robbie, you'll have to use the tether until I can convince the crew to let you in.

ROBBIE

That's OK, I'll just hang out here for a while.

SORA (VO)

Don't relax just yet, there's the possibility of *(Sora's com crackles with interference from the shockwave)* and extremely dangerous ... *(com cuts out)*

ROBBIE

Hello? Anyone there?

SORA (VO)

Robbie! Debris is *(com crackles)* watch out! *(com cuts out again)*

ROBBIE

This should be interesting. I hope the ship will be all right.

Debris from the Eden's explosion whizzes past Robbie and starts to hit the ship.

(The player begins and completes the Dodge the Dangerous Debris transition challenge.)

SORA (VO)

Robbie! Talk to me! Are you still out there?

ROBBIE

Just fine out here.

SORA (VO)

Oh thank god! When the debris came I didn't know.... Well, anyway, the Captain agreed to let you into the ship if you survived. They are opening a hatch for you now.

ARGOS HULL

Robbie/the player retracts the tether and walks along the ship's hull to the open hatchway. As this happens....

SORA (VO)

I should warn you, the Captain of this ship has been out in space for a long time. He's ... unique.

ROBBIE

Unique?

SORA (VO)

Yeah, he has his own way of doing things.

ROBBIE

Professor Eon once told me that everyone is unique and special in their own way.

SORA (VO)

Yeah. Sure! Well, he's definitely special.

Robbie enters the hatch of the Argos.

End of Gameplay, enter Cinematic camera

ARGOS BRIDGE

Red emergency lights glare throughout the interior of the Argos. The bridge's inputs and controls show signs of extensive use and repair. Maintenance access hatches lay open and nets of wires and cords wind in and out of the floor. A crowd is gathered in front of the main elevator. The doors open, Robbie and Sora emerge.

At the sight of the humanoid robot, the crowd begins to murmur suspiciously. An old, gaunt figure limps through the crowd with the distinctive clacks of a metallic peg leg and cane. The figure brusquely parts the crowd with a wave of his good arm.

CAPTAIN

Git back to work you dern leeches! We's got repairs what need completin!'

The crowd groans in protest but begins to disperse when the Captain starts violently waving his cane around.

CAPTAIN

I said git you tadpoles-suckin' parasites!

The crowd disperses, still murmuring.

SORA

Captain, this is Robbie, the robot I was telling you about...

CAPTAIN

I can see he's a robot, sugar-lumps!

SORA

He's the one responsible for saving the Asteroid Colony and defending the Eden just now...

CAPTAIN

Defending the Eden, eh? Nice job, sport.

SORA

Listen, he's saved my life more times than I can count! He's on our side!

CAPTAIN

I'll be the judge of that, honeybunches!

Sora makes a face. The Captain approaches Robbie. He peers closer and closer to his face until we can see them both in profile. The Captain raises a pointed index finger to Robbie's eye visor with agonizing slowness, then pokes it. Robbie flinches.

ROBBIE

Ouch!

CAPTAIN

What the hell kind of machine are you, boy?

SORA

He's ... special.

ROBBIE

I'm special.

CAPTAIN

We'll see about that. So, Tinny, tell me what happened on the Eden.

Robbie/the player begins a conversation event where he can choose between *Strong*, *Harmonious*, *Proper*, or *Comedic* responses to questions. Robbie and Sora will explain his most recent adventures on the Asteroid Fortress and Space Station Eden.

-Robbie/ the player will be rewarded for choosing *Strong* responses to the Captain's questions, and for giving *Harmonious* responses to Sora

Robbie/the player completes the conversation event.

Before the Captain can speak again, alarms blare and lights flash. Chrome Fiends appear on the main view-screen.

CADET

Fourteen attack pyramids on approach! Looks like a scouting group!

The bridge crew shouts orders and statistics at one another as they activate the ship's defense systems.

CAPTAIN

Dernit robot! These nano-things seem to keep finding you pretty easy, don't they?

SORA

Robbie can help!

ROBBIE

I can help!

CAPTAIN

You dern well better! You got magnet boots yet, tin man? Hey, get this kid some magnet boots!

The cadet grabs Robbie and they exit. A moment, then the Captain turns to Sora.

CAPTAIN

Special, huh?

SORA

One of a kind.

Enter Gameplay camera

ARGOS HULL

The gameplay camera takes over. Robbie/the player uses his robot fighting techniques and forearm crossbow to destroy the invading enemies in the *Chrome Fiend Attack* combat challenge.

The enemy chrome fiends burrow into the ship. Robbie/the player must destroy them before they can damage the Argos. He destroys all but one, but the last one disappears into the ship's hull. It quickly activates it's self destruct and an explosion shakes the Argos.

Robbie re-enters the ship.

ARGOS BRIDGE

The bridge crew busily works at their computers, but stop dead when Robbie arrives.

CAPTAIN

You dadburn pile of junk, you led them right to us. Hope yer happy.

ROBBIE

I'm sorry, I...

CAPTAIN

You're dern lucky no one was on that deck, er I'd have your bolts in a vice! What'choo doin'aroun' here anyway? No-good machine! Why don't you just jump ship and join yer little chrome friends!

ROBBIE

I am not that sort of machine...

CAPTAIN

Then what the heck are you?

ROBBIE

Let me explain ...

Before Robbie can speak, a different-sounding alarm blares and a different set of lights flash.

CADET

Captain! There's a problem in the engine room!

The elevator to the bridge opens and out bursts a rotund man and a strict-looking woman.

ROTUND MAN

Captain! The engine's overheating!
That explosion must have ruptured the cooling tanks!

STRICT-LOOKING WOMAN

Without those tanks the reactor core will overheat and explode, taking everything within four astro-clicks.

ROTUND MAN

Not even the escape pods will be enough to get us clear of the explosion.

CAPTAIN

Well, your the dern chief engineer! Gimme some options then!

ROTUND ENGINEER

The only way to stop this is to shut down the engine manually on the utility level, but it's much too dangerous. The entire area has been flooded with heat and radiation. Even if we had time to prepare ... its a suicide mission at best, sir.

The Captain's eyes narrow, a silence hangs over the bridge.

ROBBIE

I'll do it.

ENGINEER

(noticing the robot) My god, its the hero-bot! I heard about you! But you'd melt before you even got to the core, these are extreme temperatures we're talking about here.

ROBBIE

I assure you I'm rated for extreme conditions.

CAPTAIN

Send the dern robot then, we've got nothin' to lose. Both of you see 'im down there and show him the way.

Robbie, the engineer, and the strict-looking woman enter the elevator and begin to descend into the lower levels of the Argos.

As floors pass by, Robbie/the player begins a conversation event where he can choose between *Strong, Harmonious, Proper* or *Comedic* responses to questions. Robbie will learn that the strict-looking woman is actually the ship's science officer, who has managed to rescue some terrarium units (filled with plants and animals) from the Eden.

Robbie/the player will be rewarded for giving *Proper* answers to the Science Officer's questions and for giving *Comedic* responses to the Engineer.

The elevator reaches the bottom level. The area is dimly lit.

Enter Gameplay Camera

ENGINEER

Well, here we are. I'm uploading a map of the utility level onto your visor unit.

A map appears on Robbie/the player's HUD

ENGINEER

This entire level has begun to come apart, that map may not apply if the area's been damaged.
Good luck!

ROBBIE

(thumbs up) No problem!

Robbie/the player begins the *A Dangerous Path* platform challenge. As he progresses through the linear path of obstacles and platforms, the level areas begin to break apart.

Robbie/the player reaches the innermost engine room. Just before he can reach the manual shut-down switch, it sparks and explodes in front of him.

ROBBIE

Now what am I supposed to do?

GHOSTLY VOICE

You already knoooooow.

Enter Cinematic Camera

A vague ghost-like neon figure appears hovering behind Robbie. Professor Eon, 4 feet tall with a lab coat and a lightbulb for a head, is transmitting an image of himself into Robbie's visor unit.

PROFESSOR EON

You knooooow what you must dooooo.

ROBBIE

Professor?!

PROFESSOR EON

Hang on...

Professor Eon types numbers into his calculator, suddenly he comes clearly into view standing in front of Robbie

Still tweaking the ether-com. Robbie, the reactor core is going hyper-critical. You need to stop the energy build-up.

ROBBIE

I know! But how?

PROFESSOR EON

You, Robbie! You can absorb all the excess heat and cool the core!

ROBBIE

What?

Behind them, the reactor core glows white-hot and begins to melt.

PROFESSOR EON

No time for details, just jump into the engine core and do like I taught you.

ROBBIE

(thumbs up) No problem!

Enter Gameplay Camera

Robbie/the player jumps into the molten core of the reactor.

Enter Cinematic Camera

Concentrating, Robbie draws the excess heat from the reactor into his body.

Robbie climbs out of the reactor core. The area has returned to normal. The one difference is that now Robbie is glowing white-hot.

SORA (VO via Robbie's com unit)

Robbie! You did it! The crew is making repairs to the coolant system!

Sparks and sizzles erupt at Robbie's feet as he starts to melt into the decking.

PROFESSOR EON

Oh would you look at that! You know what? I probably should have seen that coming, Good luck, Robbie!

Professor Eon's image disappears

ROBBIE

I think I'm having some trouble here.

Robbie sinks waist-deep into the decking, a slurping sound.

SORA

What kind of trouble?

ROBBIE

I seem to have absorbed some excess heat.

Robbie disappears into the glowing hole. We follow him as he sinks through deck after deck.

CADET (VO intercom)

Dear God! The robot is melting through the decks!

CAPTAIN (VO intercom)

Attention crew, I'm sealing the lower decks. Clear all utility levels immediately! Get the heck out of there if you don't wanna get sucked into space!

SORA (VO com unit)

Robbie! Are you ok?

Robbie sinks through another deck floor. Slurps, sparks, and sizzles from the melting firmament.

ROBBIE

I'm going to be all right, I think.

Robbie melts through the last deck and emerges into space. His glowing form is dwarfed by the immensity of the Argos. Molten metal cools and hardens in the cold of space behind him. A moment of quiet.

SORA (VO com unit)

Robbie can you hear me! Tell me you're all right!

ROBBIE

I'm going to be all right....

Out of nowhere, dozens of Chrome Fiends and a Chrome Warship (fought in the previous level) appear before the Argos.

ROBBIE

...I think.

CADET (VO com unit)

Holy Moses! It's a Chrome Warship!

CAPTAIN (VO com unit)

Another friend of yours, Tinny?

SORA (VO com unit)

Robbie! You've got to do something!

ROBBIE

No problem.

Robbie/the player begins the *Epic Battle* combat event. Robbie/the player will use his tether to grapple-swing from one Chrome Fiend to another until he can reach the Chrome Warship and attack with a Super-Heated Space Punch. After three punches, the Chrome Warship is finally defeated.

The Chrome Warship tries to blow its reactor core. Before it can do so, Robbie flies at great speed directly at the Chrome Warship. His super-heated body dips neatly into the silvery hull, and soon emerges from the other side, hugging a disconnected reactor core in his arms.

The Captain and Sora watch Robbie on a view-screen on the ARGOS BRIDGE

CAPTAIN

That's one special robot.

SORA

One of a kind.