CYBERSPACE OPEN 2009 - ROUND 1 ENTRY

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INT. COMMANDER TERRIBLE'S AIRSHIP - BRIDGE - NIGHT

Metal, cold, sterile, yet undeniably *evil*.

COMMANDER TERRIBLE (30s), supervillain with wicked-looking mask and cape, oversees the bridge where various HENCHMAN tend to their stations.

ATKIN (20s)

One of Commander Terrible's henchmen. Slim, fit, handsome. He mans the

COMM STATION

Where a text message suddenly appears:

Henchgirl69 >> You son of a bitch. How could you?

ATKIN

Looks like a deer caught in headlights. He types nervously.

COMMANDER TERRIBLE

Stands and gestures dramatically.

COMMANDER TERRIBLE
Prepare for Operation: Scorched Earth! Ready the incinerators and missile launchers!

ANONYMOUS HENCHMAN
Yes sir, Commander Terrible!

COMM STATION

Shows Atkin's message:

Atkin-A-Boy >> Sharon, I can explain!

Followed shortly by Sharon's response:

Henchgirl69 >> I'm putting a stop to this.

COMMANDER TERRIBLE

LAUGHS the stock evil villain laugh.

COMMANDER TERRIBLE
Do it! Do it now! Scorch the land! Engulf the city in righteous fire! And let their heroes come, for they come... to their DOOM!

ATKIN

Frantically leaves the bridge, nearly tripping.

FLIGHT DECK

Flying machines are tended to by WORKERS.
Small ROBOTIC DRONES -- little boxes with wheels and one mechanical arm -- pick up and move stuff around.

SHARON (20s)

Works on one of the flying machines. She's beautiful, good looks hidden behind coveralls and goggles.

ATKIN

Enters the flight deck.
He sees Sharon, runs to her, but stops when

SHARON

Draws her sidearm and points it at him.
She ditches the goggles and shakes her head, disappointed.

SHARON
Verigon told me everything.

ATKIN
Now, Sharon, you know Verigon's a cunt! Now put the gun down and --

AN ANONYMOUS HENCHMAN

Notices the scene, but before he can intervene, suddenly

ADMIRAL AMAZING (30s)

SMASHES through the floor.
He's a superhero, mythic in stature.
His cape flows dramatically despite the absence of wind.

ADMIRAL AMAZING
(angry)
Do any of you know what you're doing? Do you!?

ANONYMOUS HENCHMAN
Oh shit! It's Admiral Amazing!

The anonymous henchmen and workers open fire.
The bullets bounce off Admiral Amazing, one ricocheting and nearly hitting

ATKIN

He flinches, and looks at Sharon pleadingly.

ATKIN
Do we really have to do this now?

SHARON
(nods)
Yes, Atkin, we have to. What would daddy do to you if he found out?

ATKIN
I know the Commander is your dad and you love him, but you haven't seen the salaries the other major supervillains offer! Galaxy Gopher pays 15% more and offers free dental!

PULL BACK TO REVEAL Admiral Amazing making short work of his opponents. Suddenly:

COMMANDER TERRIBLE

BURSTS through a wall, hands glowing with raw, *evil* energy.

COMMANDER TERRIBLE
Destiny commands us to meet this day, Admiral Amazing!

ADMIRAL AMAZING
You've gone too far this time, Terrible, burning innocents to death in their sleep! It's time I turned against my sworn oath. It's time... I *killed* you!

COMMANDER TERRIBLE
(laughs)
Then let this be our final battle!

COMMANDER TERRIBLE AND ADMIRAL AMAZING

CLASH spectacularly in mid-air, fist against fist.

SHOCKWAVES

RAVAGE the flight deck, destroying machinery. Atkin and Sharon are thrown off-balance by the QUAKING floor.

ATKIN

Seizes the opportunity; he rushes Sharon and disarms her. His hands on her shoulders, his eyes meet hers.

SHARON

Looks conflicted.

SHARON
Daddy's done so much for you, Atkin. He gave you a job even though you had no henchman work experience. And he's trying to do the right thing --

ATKIN
Sharon, every last one of these nutjobs is trying to "do the right thing." Your dad, in case you forgot, just torched a city in the middle of the night.

SHARON
(angry)
Don't call my daddy a nutjob!

Sharon shoves Atkin away. Tears roll down her face.

SHARON
We were supposed to be in this together!

She runs away, crying.

ADMIRAL AMAZING

Has Commander Terrible in a choke hold.

ADMIRAL AMAZING
You monster! Was it worth it? Was all this really worth it!?

ATKIN

Answers the question, despite not being its recipient:

ATKIN
Yeah, it was. And I'd do it again.

Atkin draws his sidearm, a custom piece the other henchmen don't have.
He sets the dial to "Superhero-piercing," points at Admiral Amazing, and SHOOTS.

THE BULLET

Rushes into Admiral Amazing's forearm and breaks skin. The forearm EXPLODES violently. Blood everywhere.

ADMIRAL AMAZING

Breaks the choke hold and SCREAMS in agony.

COMMANDER TERRIBLE

Fires an energy beam from his glowing hand, hitting

ADMIRAL AMAZING'S HEAD

Vaporizing flesh gives way to a skull, which then melts. The headless corpse collapses.

COMMANDER TERRIBLE

CACKLES triumphantly as he hovers towards Atkin.

COMMANDER TERRIBLE
Well done, Atkin! Nice shooting! So nice I'm not going to ask how you procured that weapon.

Atkin sheathes his gun and bows.

ATKIN
It is an honor to serve, Commander Terrible. But I have terrib -- er, I have *bad* news... about Sharon.

COMMANDER TERRIBLE
What!? Has something happened to my daughter? Is she injured?

ATKIN
No, it's not that. I... I didn't want to tell you this, because of how I... feel about her.
(sighs)
But I have reason to believe that she tipped off the late Admiral. I also suspect she's planning to defect to Galaxy Gopher.

COMMANDER TERRIBLE

Looks distant for a moment.

COMMANDER TERRIBLE
... That little *whore*!