

The Atlas Project Story Outline

Captain Jordan works for The Atlas Project. He has assembled a crew and has been giving a brief from The Atlas Project into a new assignment. The assignment is to investigate wormhole technology and return to the lab with the data collected. The trip will take a year to complete.

Day 1:

Towards the end of the trip Marcus, one of the scientists on the crew informs the captain that they have all the data they need in order to return to The Project Atlas lab. Not only will this data further advance space travel but the captain and crew will receive a nice bonus in credits (the currency) on return. Marcus warns the captain again that he believes that this type of travel could be seriously dangerous without proper and extensive testing, he argues that perhaps they should keep some of the data from The Atlas Project until they agree that the company will make sure to test the science thoroughly. Captain Jordan dismisses his worries and promises that The Atlas Project scientists are very trustworthy. Marcus later records this in the crew's Log.

The captain is excited to return and logs this information in the captain's log. He informs the crew of their next destination Gantor-B17, the moon that The Atlas Project's lab is located.

Day 2:

The next day The Atlas Project announces via the news of their exciting new project. They call the construction of the wormholes 'tunnelling' and it will revolutionise travel.

Quill Ragon is also aboard the ship; he was hired by Captain Jordan who persuaded The Atlas Project team to take him on in a strictly scientific role. The Atlas Project was apprehensive to take Quill on as he is next in line to be CEO of Ragon Industries the news reports. However, Captain Jordan successfully convinced them since Quill is an accomplished astrophysicist and would be a merit to the team. Quill is aware of what he has been working on over the last year, he just didn't expect it to impact his future company in the way it did.

Day 3:

The news begins to report that Quill's company that specialises in public space travel has seen its stocks fall as new methods of travel developed by The Atlas Project appear to be the advancement everyone has been waiting for. Quill records his thoughts in the crew's log but is in positive spirits.

Adora is the ship's engineer and she is a bit quirky in that she meddles with the ship's workings constantly. She gets into an argument with Drew over meddling in the AI room. Drew warns her that the AI is sensitive, and she could cause issues with the ship's working if she continues. Adora points out that she has a master's in AI technology, but Drew makes it clear that she is head engineer, and he is head AI technician. The AI notes this argument in the AI Log.

Later Drew teaches Marcus about AI error codes and how to alter the AI Log in emergencies. Marcus has an interest in AI tech and so Drew and Adora promised to teach him some useful things to pass the Hurtlock AI Technician course.

Day 4:

Marcus attempts to convince Jordan to withhold some of the data again using the Hurtlock scandals in the news the previous day as an example of companies rushing production and testing in favour of profit. Jordan once again dismisses Marcus and reiterates that The Atlas Project is trustworthy.

Marcus places his AI error notes inside a pen, so he doesn't lose them.

Day 5:

The AI Log notes Quill on an incoming call from his father. The stock prices for Ragon Industries begin to fall further.

Another company X-gen is caught in a scandal in the news. An employee attempts to steal data from The Atlas Project.

Adora is caught tinkering in the Emergency Control Facility, a part of the ship that can control the navigation, access the AI Log (but unable to edit) and control the ship's airflow. Hurtlock S.H.I.P.S provides a ship navigation guide to visualise the interior of the ship. Captain Jordan can hear her working on the computer as the captain's quarters are next door. He calmly but firmly warns Adora to stop tinkering with his new Hurtlock ship.

Day 6:

Quill panics for the future of his company, his father has instructed him to act to save it. He is faced with a dilemma, he can either delete the research data, but that would mean that it would only take a year for The Atlas Project to discover it all again. Or he could steal it and use it for his own company, attempting to persuade the public that it has been a secret project in the works. He thinks it over.

The crew notes Quill's absence for the day and strange mood, but they assume it is due to the news of his company lately.

Meanwhile Adora has stopped tinkering. Both herself and Drew are tasked with maintaining the engine health. Marcus is compiling the data. He decided to deliberately leave a small section out which he intends to use as a bargaining chip to get The Project Atlas to sign on for safety measures. Captain Jordan discovers this, and an argument ensues. Jordan has been an upstanding captain for many years and is not about to ruin his reputation or his bonus pay check. Marcus accuses him of not caring about the life that could be lost or affected if The Atlas Project fails to keep to standards. Jordan as a doctor is hurt by this sentiment and records his thoughts in the captain's log.

Later in the night, the majority of the crew have retired. Adora and Trix have stayed up to watch a movie in the recreation room. Cassie is checking the navigation room to make sure the course is set appropriately before going to bed. Marcus returns the data back into the core file and decides to trust Jordan's decision, he is located in the laboratory. Drew and Gordon are playing cards in the crew quarters. Quill is with the captain in the captain's quarters discussing what the captain plans to do next after the current job. All of which is recorded by the AI Log.

By 11.30 almost all crew members have returned to their cabins. Quill heads to the Emergency control facility. Being that this is the room meant to survive if anything happens to the ship, it also means the data collected is stored and can be collected here. Quill begins to download the data. Captain Jordan can hear him using the computer and opens the door to investigate, Jordan sees Quill downloading the data, knows instantly what is happening and lunges at him. Quill panics and throws him backwards. He shuts the air tight door and twists the locking mechanism, however he twisted it too fast and locked it into an emergency position meaning the ship's AI assumed a breach within the captain's quarters. The ship then depressurises the room in order to prevent oxygen loss from the rest of the ship. Quill struggles to open the door again, without Hurtlock emergency training he is unable to do so.

Captain Jordan struggles for air and furiously bangs on the door until he falls silent. Quill rushes down to the AI room to access the AI controls and unlocks the door, He then runs back up to find the captain dead. He picks the body up and places it in the bed as if he died in his sleep due to a malfunction. Quill closes the door and returns to the AI room. He deletes the last door access data which records crew movements. These now show up as error codes. Quill returns to the crew quarters after disabling the **AI.Log** for five minutes.

The next morning at 7:30 Trix the ships accountant and manager walks into Jordans room for their morning meeting but finds Captain Jordan dead in his bed. Trix immediately leaves the room and locks the door. She calls the authorities and then The Atlas Project to report what has happened.

Once the authorities arrive, she informs the crew of what has happened. Quill panics and breaks the memory stick and attempts to brush the bits into the ventilation system located by his bedside.

A bodily AI **autopsy** is recorded immediately using data from Jordans Immune bots and a full autopsy is performed immediately on return to Gantor-B17. Once the body was discovered it took the crew 2 hours to reach The Atlas Project's lab.

The investigators suspect foul play due to the manual operation of the emergency door; an AI error code suggested this. The crew were then interviewed, and the ship fully searched.