TROUBLE IN SECTOR 15

1st Speaker Tomorrow's World ...

Trouble in Sector 15. An audioplay, performed by form 6a.

introductory music

2nd Speaker Year 2040, Space Station Gamma 7, 3rd planet of Vega

3rd Speaker It was 8 o'clock. Gango, the robot, turned on the breakfast

machine and went to the children's room.

Gango Good morning, time to get up.

Jennifer Oh, go away, Gango! I'm having a phantastic dream about life

at the Intergalactic College. Only three more months of

computer school and I'll be there.

Nicholas I hate computer school. Lucky Mum and Dad. When they were

at school, they had real techers - now it's that boring screen

every day.

Gango Well, really, Nicholas. No 'Good Morning, Gango', no 'Have a

nice day, Gango', nothing! And now I suppose I'll have to wake up your mother and father, too. It's the same thing every

morning - boring, boring, boring.

3rd Speaker He opened the Captain's bedroom door.

Gango Breakfast time, Captain!

Captain Thank you, Gango.

3rd Speaker She stayed in bed a minute longer.

Captain Well, I'm afraid, I must get up now. I would really like an

exciting day today, but it will be an ordinary, boring day - it

always is.

2nd Speaker Suddenly there was a terrible noise. (sound!) Everything started

to shake.

Sanjay	What was that? What's happening? (emergency sound)
Captain	I don't know, I really have no idea. Let's (call signal)
2nd Speaker	The red emergency light flashed and then Station Control appeared on the big video screen.
Station Control	Hello, Captain. This is Station Control. Something terrible has happened in Sector 15. Can you go there at once?
Captain	I'll be there in about five minutes. And can you switch off that terrible emergency signal, please!
3rd Speaker	The Captain turned to her husband who was sitting on the bed.
Captain	I must go, Sanjay. They need me in Sector 15. Get ready and follow me as soon as possible.
Sanjay	OK, Deb.
2nd Speaker	The Captain put on her spacesuit and ran to the shuttle dock. (sound opf steps and sliding door) A technician was already waiting for her.
Technician	Morning, Captain. Your PX99 is ready to go. I've checked everything. Have a safe flight.
Captain	Thank you, Ben. Have you heard what exactly has happened in Sector 15?
Technician	No, Captain, sorry. I just heard that terrible noise and then I had a video call from Station Control. They told me to have the shuttle ready for you. That's all I know.
Captain	Never mind. I'll know more in a few minutes. (sound of slamming shuttle shuttle door) Shuttle Dock Control, PX99 ready for take-off.
Shuttle Control	OK, I'll open the doors of the shuttle dock now. And Captain,

What is it?

Captain

Shuttle Dock Control Er ... good luck, Captain. (sound of leaving shuttle)

2nd Speaker Only seconds later there was a call from Sector 15.

Sector 15 Control This is Sector 15 Control. Come in, Captain.

Captain Speaking. What is it?

Sector 15 Control Captain, you can't go to shuttle dock A. It is blocked by another

shuttle. Go to dock C instead.

Captain Alright. Dock Control C, can you hear me?

Dock Control C Yes, Captain. We've opened the door of the shuttle dock for

you. Just look for the green flashing light.

Captain I can see it. (sound of landing shuttle)

2nd Speaker Minutes later the Captain's PX99 was safely in the shuttle dock.

The outer doors closed and she left the shuttle. When the inner doors of the dock opened, one of her officers was already

waiting for her.

Captain What has happened, Natasha? What was that terrible noise?

Natasha A shuttle has crashed into the Space Station, Captain Baker.

Captain Are the astronauts hurt?

Natasha We don't know, Captain ... Ah, there is Jim.

2nd Speaker A young man came running to the Captain and Natasha.

(sound of running steps)

Jim They've got two of our people, Captain!

Captain They? What do you mean? Who are *they*?

Jim We don't know. But ... they are in one of the Power Rooms. And

... we've heard terrible scream from inside.

Captain OK, let's go there. I'll have a look myself. 2nd Speaker The three ran along the cooridors, round corners and along corridors again. Finally they arrived in front of a big door. Over it, there were 4 red emergency lights flashing. Jim That's the Power Room. They are in there. 2nd Speaker From behind the door they heard two men shout. 1st Man Help! Help! They're horrible! They'll destroy the Space Station, Captain! Save us, save us! 2nd Man 2nd Speaker The Captain pointed her laser at the Power Room door. But before she could use it Natasha stopped her. Natasha Don't do it Captain. We've no idea what is in there. Maybe it's dangerous. I must, Natasha. Think of the two men. They trust in me. Captain 2nd Speaker Then another man came running round the corner. It was the Captain's husband. Sanjay Wait, Deb. I'll come with you. Captain No, Sanjay, no. Wait here. I'll do this alone. If they are dangerous, you must take over my job in the Space Station. 2nd Speaker Before her husband could answer anything, the Captain's green laser went through the Power Room door like a knife through

butter. Sanjay, Jim and Natasha were stepping back and watching the scene. (sound of laser)

Then the Captain disappeared through the hole ... (pause, silent sounds)

4th Speaker

The Power Room was dark and full of smoke. The Captain looked around but she couldn't see anything. Then ... a noise. Something was moving in the corner of the room! She had her laser ready and stepped slowly forward. Again a noise. This time it was very close. (noise)

Captain

Who's there?

4th Speaker

Carefully she moved on - step by step. Then she saw something lying on the floor. It was one of her men!

1st Man

Is it you, Captain? Mike must be somewhere over there.

4th Speaker

He pointed to another corner of the room. Then his arm sank down and he closed his eyes.

Slowly the Captain moved on. Then she saw the second man. He was lying on the floor. His eyes were open, but he said nothing ... and he didn't move.

Again the Captain moved on. At the far end the nose of a red space shuttle pointed through the wall of the Power Room.

Captain

Hmm. That's one of the shuttles of the science farm on Gamma 8. What's it doing here ...? I'll call Station Control. They can find out with Gamma 8.

4th Speaker

But before the Captain could make her call, something suddenly moved from beside the nose of the shuttle. Slowly, the Captain turned and looked.

Then her face went pale as she couldn't believe what she saw standing in front of her ... it was a giant wasp!

From behind her there were steps and a voice shouted:

Sanjay

Is everything ok, Deb?

Captain

Don't come in, Sanjay. Stay with the others. I ...

4th Speaker

She stopped when the giant wasp started to move towards her. The Captain stepped back, but it had already touched her. She felt a terrible pain in her right arm.

Captain

Ouch!

4th Speaker

She felt a terrible pain in her right arm. And then a second giant wasp came out of the shuttle, and a third.

The Captain took the laser into her left hand and pointed it at the first wasp. (zap-sound)

The wasp stopped, fell to the ground, then disappeared.

Natasha Is everything all right, Captain?

Captain Yes, Natasha. Everything *will* be all right soon.

4th Speaker Again the laser pointed at one of the wasps. (zap-sound)

Then she fell to the ground. (sound)

Captain Tell Sanjay to call Gamma 8, oh, and call ... call the doctor ...

4th Speaker Then Jim entered the room. His laser pointed at the third giant

wasp and (zap-sound) it fell to the ground and disappeared.

Jim Natasha! Quick! Come and help me! The Captain ...!

2nd Speaker When the Captain opened her eyes again, there was a doctor and

two nurses standing at her bed. And there was her husband ...

Doctor Ah ..., there she is again.

Captain Doctor, what ...?

2nd Speaker The doctor stepped back and Sanjay came nearer.

Sanjay Are you all right, Deb?

Captain Oh, it's nothing, Sanjay. But tell me: What has happened?

2nd Speaker The doctor and the nurses silently left the room.

Sanjay Well, the giant wasp poisoned you when it touched you. But the

doctor was there right in time. He gave you an injection.

Captain But what about the giant wasps? Were they from Gamma 8?

Sanjay Yes, they came from the science farm there. Scientists on

Gamma 8 started an experiment on insects. But everything went wrong and three giant wasps could escape. They were intelligent enough to take one of their shuttles and fly to Gamma 7. If you

hadn't ...

3rd Speaker He stopped speaking when he saw that his wife had closed her

eyes again ... (music)