

TRAJECTORY

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INT. VIRGIN GALACTIC SPACESHIP TWO PAX COMPARTMENT - EVENING

TED, MIA, PROF BULLER and MR BLACK busy themselves in the confined, sterile compartment in preparation for flight.

CAPTAIN (O.S.)

...and that, ladies and gentlemen,
is the briefing completed. I'd just
like to extend a special welcome to
Ted and Mia who recently announced
their engagement. They are our
first engaged couple to spend
Valentine's night in space.

Ted and Mia smile, kiss intimately and take their seats. Mr Black winces.

TED

Nervous?

MIA

A little.

TED

I'll protect you my darling.

Mr Black makes eye contact with Prof Buller who nods in response.

DISSOLVE:

INT. VIRGIN GALACTIC SPACESHIP TWO PAX COMPARTMENT - NIGHT

Craft is in flight. Lights flash through windows and compartment vibrates.

TED

(screams)

Get this fucking thing on the
ground! I'm going to die. I'm going
to die. Argh!

MR BLACK

Ted, you disappoint me.

PROF BULLER

I've got all I need. We're done
here.

EXT. LIBRARY PHOTO OF SPACESHIP TWO

TV report shows photo of SpaceShipTwo parked on airport apron. Head shots display when character names are referenced.

NEWS REPORTER (V.O.)

FAA officials are praising passengers onboard a space tourism flight for subduing a fellow passenger who allegedly endangered the flight. Millionaire businessman Mr Amund Black on the flight with his daughter, Ms Mia Black, said that passenger Ted Smith panicked as the flight progressed. Also onboard Professor Mike Buller, a behavioral psychologist from Columbia University, said Mr Smith rejected offers of reassurance and lashed out at passengers and crew. He reported Mr Smith making threats and demanding a change to the flight plan. Passengers restrained Mr Smith allowing a safe return to Earth where he was arrested by awaiting police. Federal law prohibits disruptive behavior on civilian flights and Mr Smith has this morning been charged with affray and criminal terrorist behavior - the first such case on a civilian space flight. The case is expected to be brought to trial in a matter of weeks with passengers being called to witness.

EXT. CAR PARK - MORNING

Mr Black stands next to luxury executive car and talks to Prof Buller. Mia sits in the car waiting.

MR BLACK

Getting rid of potential sons-in-law gets more expensive each time Professor.

PROF BULLER

Yes.

(Beat)

I'll send you my expert witness report ahead of the trial, but we can safely say this one's done.

MR BLACK

Good work professor. Till next time.

THE END