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1. After tracking down an old enemy to kill him, this character muses that “perhaps it’s worse to leave you here, festering in your squalor.” In one film, the only time this character is observed to blink is right after he suffers a near-fatal wound. As a set of hangar bay doors slide open to reveal this character, a track titled for the “Noble End” of a man killed by this character begins to play, which starts with a trumpet fanfare. While riding a (*) half-donut shaped vehicle called Bloodfin, this character nearly ran over a small boy who was warned just in time to “drop.” Many years later, this brother of Savage Oppress assumed control of the Crimson Dawn crime syndicate. For 10 points, name this character who appeared as a hologram at the end of Solo, the Sith apprentice to Darth Sidious.

ANSWER: Darth Maul <STW> <VP>

2. This ship encountered a planet that travels to another universe and experiences 700 years of history in 11 hours. A character on this ship eats a whole mouthful of wasabi, a bite of a napkin, and a cactus without any discomfort. The captain of this ship frequently asks his security officer to knock down locked doors with her super (*) strength by saying, “can you open this jar of pickles for me?” Due to a misguided practical joke, this ship’s helmsman once woke up to discover his left leg had been amputated by Isaac, this ship’s robotic science officer. This ship’s captain was “nobody’s first choice” according to the admiral who appointed him, who also later appointed that captain’s ex-wife as executive officer. For 10 points, identify this ship led by Captain Mercer, played by Seth MacFarlane.

ANSWER: USS Orville <OTV> <VP>

3. This ship’s main weapons are Javelin disruptor torpedoes and the Thanix magnetic-hydrodynamic cannon. While living aboard this ship, a character sings the line “my xenoscience studies range from urban to agrarian” while performing a song in the style of (*) “I am the Very Model of a Modern Major General.” Deck 3 of this ship contains a memorial wall listing the names of casualties, as well as the medical bay operated by Dr. Chakwas. The line "I have to spend all day computing pi because he plugged in the overlord" was quipped by a pilot as he gave control of this ship to an AI voiced by Tricia Helfer, named EDI (E-dee). The original incarnation of this ship was destroyed in an opening level by the Collectors. For 10 points, identify this ship, the setting for the Mass Effect series.

ANSWER: SSV Normandy SR-1 [or SSV Normandy SR-2] <VGM> <VP>

4. In this film, a ship reconfigures its solar matrix in parallel for endothermic propulsion when its main engine is offline. A ship escapes from the main villain of this film by traveling through a magnetic minefield from the war of 12185 (twelve-one-eighty five). That ship is the NSEA (*) Protector. Fred Kwan confuses the word miner for minor when observing a group of tiny cute aliens, who suddenly turn vicious and eat the weakest of their group. At the climax of this film, the Omega-13 device is activated, reversing time by 13 seconds. The motto of this film’s main character is "never give up, never surrender!" For 10 points, identify this film starring Tim Allen, a spoof of Star Trek.

ANSWER: Galaxy Quest <MOV> <VP>

5. Description acceptable. This scene ends with a character speaking the sentence "This is for hens to laugh!" in Russian, which is an idiom for "this is very ridiculous!" A voice can be heard saying "scary monsters" at the beginning of this scene, followed by the film acquiring a blue tint that transitions back to full color when a man and a woman are simultaneously dropped by one (*) roundhouse kick. Security footage of it was scrutinized by a character who mutters "you guys always bring me the very best violence" and whose motto is "can’t stop the signal." Subliminal messaging in a weird octopus cartoon triggers a memory of Miranda, precipitating this scene. For 10 points, identify this scene that ends with River Tam being put to sleep after going on a rampage.
ANSWER: bar fight in Serenity [or the bar fight on Beaumonde; or the fight in Maidenhead, or descriptive answers mentioning River Tam fighting people in Serenity] <FIR> <VP>

6. The villain in this film once sums up his message to humanity as “I come in peace, I mean you no harm, and you all will die.” One scene in this film shows the President of the United States attempting to communicate with an alien spacecraft while playing “Axel-F” on a synthesizer. One of the title groups is led by General (*) Warren Monger and includes a Hugh Laurie voiced scientist and an amorphous creature voiced by Seth Rogen. For 10 points, name this film which sees one title group led by Galaxhar trying to obtain a rare mineral on Earth, while the other title group, including a Reese Witherspoon voiced Ginormica [jy-norm-ih-ka], tries to stop them.
ANSWER: Monsters vs. Aliens <MOV> <TE>

7. The 75 percent cyborg Osvald Teshik was executed for war crimes after this battle. A ship that later proved key to winning this battle was first stolen from Outpost 327 in the Zhar system, recaptured, then stolen again from Prefsbelt IV. After annoying her throughout this battle, the bureaucrat Emarr Ottkreg was executed by (*) Rae Sloane. In its aftermath, red-clad sentinels delivered posthumous messages from their creator to initiate Operation Cinder. Colonel Dyer was apparently killed during this battle when he was hit in the chest by a box of explosive charges, knocking him backwards over a railing. Iden Versio evacuated Inferno Squad to safety after seeing an explosion in space from the forest they were standing in. For 10 points, identify this battle that cost the Empire the second Death Star.
ANSWER: Battle of Endor [accept more specific answers that mention Endor; prompt on answers mentioning the second Death Star, Death Star II or the deflector shield bunker] <STW> <VP>

8. While using this technology, an entire ship’s crew was killed by a Hawking radiation firewall, twisting their bodies into contorted shapes. Before successfully using this technology to stop an attack on Corvan II, an unsuccessful use nearly caused a collision with an O-type star. A giant tardigrade-like creature nicknamed (*) “Ripper” was exploited to maximize this technology’s potential. A canister containing Prototaxites stellaviatori is loaded into the device that controls this technology, and a shipwide “black alert” is declared when it is about to be used. The saucer section of the ship this technology is located on spins rapidly before making a jump. For 10 points, identify this propulsion system which grants instant teleportation to the USS Discovery via a network of mycelium.
ANSWER: spore drive [prompt on partial answer] <DIS> <VP>

9. A member of this profession suggested that alien captives used their fictitious "insidious mind control powers" to escape an American military base. After "de-evolution" of the Enterprise crew in "Genesis," antibodies taken from a crewmember with this job reversed the effects of the virus. A person in this profession was engaged to Roger Korby, who died and was reborn as an android in the episode "What Are Little Girls Made of?" This job was held by (*) Alyssa Ogawa on the Enterprise-D, while another was frequently spurned as a love interest by Spock. For 10 points, identify this profession held on the original Enterprise by Majel Barrett’s character, Christine Chapel, who assisted Leonard McCoy.
ANSWER: head nurse [prompt on assistant; do not prompt or accept "doctor"] <STM> <VP>

10. A tornado on this planet disappeared to reveal a child named Shifu, who was a “harcesis” that possessed all of the knowledge of his parents. A funeral was held on this planet for the person who died in “Forever in a Day.” A message to this planet that consisted of a full tissue box was returned empty with the words “Thanks, send more” scribbled on the side. Klorel took possession of a native of this planet named (*) Skaara, whose sister Sha’re married Daniel Jackson. Before killing Anubis on this planet, Colonel O’Neil quipped “Give my regards to King Tut, asshole!” For 10 points, name this planet that was the setting of the Stargate movie, also the name of an ancient Egyptian city with a cult center for Osiris.
ANSWER: Abydos <SGA> <VP>
11. The 1988 remake of this film was the first original feature length film script written by Frank Darabont. The original film of this title, whose theme song was written by a thirty year old Burt Bacharach, was set in the two Pennsylvania towns of Phoenixville and Downingtown. A famous scene in this film saw patrons running for their lives out of the Colonial movie theater. An old man in this film pokes a meteorite with a stick until it breaks open, and an alien emerges and (*) engulfs his hand. Fire extinguishers are used to subdue the title entity of this film, which cannot endure the cold. For 10 points, identify this 1958 debut of Steven McQueen as lead actor, whose title entity can “creep and leap and glide and slide.”

ANSWER: The Blob <MOV> <TE>

12. The only time this article of clothing is seen on a non-male character is a single scene where the woman in question yanks some gizmo out of a socket, causing a bunch of locked doors to open and another character to remark, “girl knows her stuff.” After being accused of stealing this object, a character complains “I’ve had a pretty messed up day, alright” before being shocked for a second time. This object is pulled out of a ship that (*) crashed in the Goazon Badlands just before it sank into the sand and exploded. The person that originally owned this object insisted its new owner “keep it, it suits you.” For 10 points, identify this article of clothing gifted from Poe Dameron to a former stormtrooper, which is tan with red shoulders.

ANSWER: Finn’s jacket [or Poe’s jacket before mention, prompt on Resistance jacket or brown flight jacket by asking “who does it belong to?”] <STW> <VP>

13. A member of this profession flirts with Daniel Jackson in a library before pulling a gun on him, and is later hit by a bus because it is her first time on Earth. Shots of a grimacing member of this profession are interspersed with a narrative about an implied killing of a golden retriever. The Hazari species in the Delta Quadrant exclusively hold this profession. One of them notes that psychiatrists get psychoanalyzed before they get (*) certified, but they don’t make surgeons get cut on, and later mishears "are you Alliance?" as "are you a lion?" That character’s last line is "well, here I am" as he floats away in space after being shoved off Serenity. For 10 points, identify this profession of Jubal Early, who attempts to kidnap River Tam for a reward.

ANSWER: bounty hunter <CCL> <VP>

14. A member of this species once boasted of finding a lost puppy using internal sensors. That character passed a deliberately unfair test where she had to fight blindfolded. While undercover, a member of this species shared a common love for the burrito-like food Hasperat with Macias. It’s not El-Aurian, but a character wearing a purple hat tempts a member of this species to start jumping on a (*) bed after she is transformed into a twelve-year-old. On "Lower Decks," a member of this species died during a mission that involved the return of a Cardassian defector. Besides Sito Jaxa, another character of this species joined the Maquis in "Preemptive Strike." For 10 points, identify this species that included Ro Laren, who had ridges on her nose.

ANSWER: Bajoran <TNG> <VP>

15. Note: two answers required. One of these two characters tells the other, “you’re the most cold-blooded man I’ve ever known,” to which the other responds, “thank you.” These two characters disagreed over whether the quote “All I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by” was penned by Melville or John Masefield. An Eymorg left one of them for the other to find after surgically (*) removing his brain. During a disagreement over tribbles, one of these two characters says “I like them, better than I like you.” A fail tor pan ritual recovered the katra of one of these individuals from the body of the other after his death. For 10 points, identify these two people, one of whom performed a mind meld on the other before repairing a highly radioactive warp drive at the end of Wrath of Khan.

ANSWER: Doctor Leonard McCoy and Commander Spock [accept in either order] <TOS> <VP>

16. A silver triangular object inside this object is actually an actuator from a computer’s hard drive inserted by the props crew. This object is last seen on screen sitting on a table in a character’s personal quarters aboard the Finalizer. This object, which was changed to be perfectly symmetrical
for a (*) 2005 film, appears in the smoke at the end of a vision on Mortis as a character screams “Noooo!” This object makes a distinctive hiss as it is first put into place while a 2-1B medical droid looks on. A character frequently gazes upon this object whenever he feels the “pull to the light,” and by that point, it had been horribly burned from a funeral pyre. For 10 points, identify this object obtained by Kylo Ren many years after Luke Skywalker helped remove it from its previous owner’s head.

ANSWER: Darth Vader’s helmet [or Darth Vader’s mask; prompt on Darth Vader’s armor, accept Anakin Skywalker in place of Darth Vader] <STW> <VP>

**17.** While being led through a hallway, a character with this profession muses “I don’t suppose anybody’s going to feed my dog.” Aaron Kelly used a bomb to successfully kill a member of this profession, but was twice unsuccessful at killing his replacement. In a series finale, a character with this profession called it “poetic justice” that he was chosen to be President (*) of the Colonies. William Adama’s grandfather, Joseph Adama, had this job. After being accused of having no integrity by his father, Lee Adama resigned from the military to pursue this profession. A kleptomaniac in this profession that wore dark sunglasses all the time was played by Mark Sheppard, and was named Romo Lampkin. For 10 points, name this profession, members of which defended Gaius Baltar in court.

ANSWER: lawyer [or defense attorney; or logical equivalents] <BSG> <VP>

**18.** In this location, a character wearing aviator sunglasses watches a man he rescued from a stalled vehicle wake up on a hospital bed. The helium-3 mining Sarang Station is found at this location, and the stock of the company that owned that station plummeted after a man escaped aboard a helium transport. That man was eventually able to contact Earth after taking a (*) rover far enough from the jamming tower, only to discover his wife Tess died several years ago. In this location, Gerty the robot has a screen which displays a number of smiley or frown faces. That robot is voiced by Kevin Spacey, while Sam Bell is revealed to be a clone that has a lifespan of three years. For 10 points, identify this body that titles a 2009 film starring Sam Rockwell, set on the side facing away from Earth.

ANSWER: the moon [or the lunar base in the film Moon] <MOV> <VP>

**19.** During one trailer, the leader of this species says “now, at last, on this world, vengeance shall be mine” as a giant statue of an emperor is toppled. A member of this species that secretly orchestrated the One-Day War was named Abathur. In one scene, a member of this species, after hunting and eating prey, was shown growing two extra eyes. A member of this species implanted in the researcher Lasarra successfully took down an enemy ship before it could contact the (*) Golden Armada at Shakuras. Members of this species include ultralisks and mutalisks, and structures built by this species grow a dark purple substance on the ground nearby called creep. For 10 points, name this species led by Sarah Kerrigan as the Queen of Blades, who face off against Terrans or Protoss in Starcraft.

ANSWER: Zerg <VGM> <VP>

**20.** This character accidentally triggered a cave-in by shooting blindly at the ceiling during the Battle of Ajilon Prime. An alternate timeline version of this character was visited by an aspiring writer named Melanie on the night he committed suicide. While being interrogated, this character makes up a story about needing to find Willie Mays, a time traveler who never existed in historical documents until his (*) baseball card appeared at an auction. Tony Todd’s portrayal of an older version of him in “The Visitor” was critically praised. His experience at a field hospital during the episode “…Nor the Battle to the Strong” was the main feature in one of several articles he wrote chronicling the Dominion War. For 10 points, identify this son of Deep Space Nine’s commanding officer.

ANSWER: Jake Sisko [prompt on Sisko] <DS9> <VP>

**21.** A song titled for this object tells the story of Johnny, who was “a schoolboy when he heard his first Beatles song” and “made a record, went straight up to number one.” A YouTube video set to a song with this title depicts a spinning Emperor Palpatine causing all sorts of events throughout the Star Wars films. Bad Company wrote a song titled for one of these astronomical objects on their album Straight Shooter. The Australian electronic group Bag Raiders released a song with this title that became a meme for videos showing people continuously (*) falling. One of these objects is “leaping
through the sky, like a tiger defying the laws of gravity” in the Queen song “Don’t Stop Me Now.” For 10 points, identify this object that can be observed streaking through the night sky.

ANSWER: **shooting stars** [prompt on stars; do not accept “falling stars”] <WHM> <VP>