

## THAT GUY HAS TO DIE

by JOHN COSPER

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** In a spoof of the old Flash Gordon serials, the hero's sidekick tells the hero that he has to die in order to help the hero save the day. A story that reminds us that Jesus died so that we could live.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** Crash and Bucky should be over the top and hammy. Bucky's acceptance about his fate should be unnervingly calm and cool, while Crash should be the typical "never leave a man behind" hero.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 3M

**TOPIC:** Why Jesus died for us

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Isaiah 53:5

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Sermon starter; can be used at Easter time

**CHARACTERS:**

CRASH - a space hero

BUCKY- his loyal, doomed friend

ANNOUNCER

**PROPS:** Laser guns, a stool with green material draped over it

**COSTUMES:** Sci-fi space suits, the kind used in the old 1930's movie serials

**SOUND:** Wireless mics if desired

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** The palace of the evil space emperor Zeus

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*Play space music.*

**ANNOUNCER:** And now it's time for another episode in the on-going saga of... Crash Carrington Saves Mars! When we last left our hero, he had infiltrated the palace of the evil Emperor Zeus, who had kidnapped his girl and taken the planet hostage. Together with his trusted friend Bucky, Crash makes a plan to end the conflict once and for all.

*A stool draped with bright green material is at center. Bucky and Crash enter, carrying laser guns.*

**CRASH:** Here, Bucky, let's take cover behind this control panel.

**BUCKY:** Control panel? I don't see a control panel. I just see a stool covered in green material.

**CRASH:** Shh! It's a control panel. We'll add it in using CGI later.

**BUCKY:** Oh, okay.

*They crouch beside the stool.*

**CRASH:** Okay, Bucky, we're almost there. Two more floors to go, and we'll be in the throne room of Emperor Zeus. We kill the bad guy, I get the girl, and Mars is saved!

**BUCKY:** That's great, Crash!

**CRASH:** Looks like there are only a few guards on this hall. I'll take the lead. You cover me.

**BUCKY:** Sounds great, Crash. But before we go, I just wanna tell you about my wife and kids again.

**CRASH:** About who?

*Bucky pulls out his phone/communicator.*

**BUCKY:** You remember my wife Helen, married ten happy years? And my kids, little Bucky Jr. and little Abbie? Aren't they adorable?

**CRASH:** Adorable, Buck. Now let's get--

**BUCKY:** Little Abbie just started space Kindergarten last week. Unfortunately, Emperor Zeus shut down all the schools the next day, trying to deny her an education.

**CRASH:** I know. That's why we need to get up there and kill him!

**BUCKY:** Then my kids can go back to school, and I can go back to my wife.