

WRITING EXAMPLES: “HORNS OF THE DILEMMA, PLAYER CHOICES”

Example 01: Existing Scene Options

“The Marvorga will attack both planets at once and you don't have the time or resources to defend both.

Which planet will you choose to save...and why?”

1. **Rationalist:** *“Logic dictates that you save the technologically advanced planet of Talea. Their technology, especially in the fields of starship and energy-shielding, has already helped advance humanity beyond measure and allowed your race to expand out into the wider galaxy. Their future advancements could help you win this bloody war with the Margovans, and perhaps save many other planets like Cormaron in the future.”*
2. **Theist:** *“You make the tough decision to save the less advanced planet of Cormaron. With its higher population count and proclivity for creating Art and Music that stirs the very souls of the faithful, you believe that saving these people will inspire the peoples of similar planets to rise up and resist the Margovan invasion. You say a silent prayer for the people of Talea before setting a course for Cormaron.”*
3. **Naturalist:** *“The weight of this decision is almost too great to bear, causing you to hesitate, unsure of the correct course of action... if one even exists. Losing either planet is unthinkable, so you make the nigh impossible choice to save both. This choice may cost you your own life, and that of your crew, by intercepting the Margovan Battleships before they split off to their separate destinations. You know your starship cannot withstand the firepower of two of their Battleships for long, however detonating your Star-Drive and sacrificing the ship could give Talea and Cormaron time to evacuate and save themselves.”*

Example 02: Outcomes

“After all is said and done, you take stock of the situation, and...”

1. **Rationalist:** *“You paid a heavy price letting Cormaron fall, with six billion lives lost when the planet was cracked asunder by the Margovan Planet-Smasher Cannons. However, the grateful Talean people you chose to save bestowed upon you powerful new armaments, turning the tide of the war in your favour!”*
2. **Theist:** *“You put your faith in the advanced Taleans when you chose to save the Cormarons, hoping against all odds Talea could be evacuated before the Margovans arrived. Your prayers were answered, and the hasty evacuation was a success! While you were saving the Cormarons, the Talean evacuation fleet made it to Earth with their new advanced weapons, providing them to humanity and turning the tide of war in your favour!”*
3. **Naturalist:** *“Through a combination of sheer luck, and a little bit of skilful piloting, you managed to keep the Margovan battleships engaged in a deadly game of cat and mouse, leading them away from both planets. However, it seemed as if your luck had run out, and their Ion-Cannons were moments away from turning you into space-dust... but at the last possible second the cavalry arrives! The Earth-Fleet warps in to save you using Talean shield-technology to block their fire, giving you the chance to regroup and perform a counterattack, turning the tide of war in your favour!”*