

TITLE: THE LAST TRANSMISSION

Genre: Science Fiction

Characters:

- Maya Vegas (20): a young communications officer on a deep-space exploration ship. Constantly connected to the ship's social network.
- Noah Dust (21): navigation specialist and Maya's closest friend.
- Captain Rose Long (68): veteran astronaut and commander of the starship Horizon.

SETTING:

Year 2248. Inside the exploration spaceship "*Horizon*" traveling through uncharted space.

PANEL 1

Wide shot of the massive starship Horizon drifting through a colorful galaxy.

CAPTION: Deep Space. Year 2248.

PANEL 2

Inside the communications hub.

Maya sits surrounded by holographic screens filled with messages, videos, and alerts.

SFX: PING! PING! PING!

PANEL 3

Noah enters the room excitedly.

NOAH: Maya! Come see this!

PANEL 4

Maya barely looks up.

She continues scrolling through holographic notifications.

PANEL 5

Observation deck.

A breathtaking ringed planet fills the giant window.

NOAH: We discovered a new planet!

This could be the biggest find of the mission!

PANEL 6

Maya gives a distracted thumbs-up.

MAYA: That's amazing.

NOAH: Were you even listening?

PANEL 7

Noah walks away disappointed.

NOAH: Forget it.

PANEL 8

CAPTION: LATER THAT EVENING

CAPTAIN ROSE: Another busy day?

MAYA: Hundreds of messages from Earth.

Mission updates. Entertainment feeds. Crew chats.

PANEL 9

Captain Rose points to a framed photograph from her first mission.

CAPTAIN ROSE: When I was young, every moment out here felt extraordinary.

PANEL 10

Maya glances at the photo but immediately returns to her screen.

MAYA: That's nice, Captain.

PANEL 11

Suddenly every holographic screen vanishes.

SFX: FZZZT!

PANEL 12

MAYA: What happened?!

CONNECTION ERROR: Communication array offline.

Estimated repair time: 24 hours.

PANEL 13

Maya panics.

MAYA: Twenty-four hours?!

How am I supposed to stay connected?

CAPTAIN ROSE: Perhaps you'll discover something worth connecting to.

PANEL 14

CAPTION: The next day.

Maya walks through the ship without her digital feeds.

For the first time, she notices crew members laughing, scientists working, and stars outside the windows.

PANEL 15

She stops at the observation deck.

The newly discovered planet glows beneath the ship.

PANEL 16

Noah stands quietly looking out the window.

NOAH: Beautiful, isn't it?

MAYA: I can't believe I almost missed this.

PANEL 17

They sit together watching the planet.

MAYA: I've missed a lot lately.

NOAH: I know.

PANEL 18

Wide shot.

The two friends watch a meteor shower streak across space.

MAYA: I spent so much time connected to everything...

I forgot to experience anything.

PANEL 19

The communication system powers back on.

SFX: PING! PING! PING!

Dozens of notifications appear around Maya.

PANEL 20

Maya smiles and closes the holograms with a wave of her hand.

She turns back toward the stars and her friend.

CAPTION: Sometimes the most important discoveries aren't on a screen.

PANEL 21

Wide shot of the two friends looking at the newly discovered planet.

THE END.