

FLOWERS

Audition Side

KEY: My crew won't listen to me anymore. They think I'm responsible for all of this!

FLOWERS: Well, aren't you?

KEY: (Simmering.) Excuse me?

FLOWERS: A computer is only as good as its programmer. In my line of work, you don't blame the machine, you blame the person that built it. You're the legendary Captain Key, who's flown a hundred missions at the helm of the Starship Adventure. Everything that happens on these decks is according to your design.

KEY: (Exploding.) You think I don't know that? You think I don't know that everything that goes wrong on this ship is my responsibility? Why do you think I'm trying so hard to fix things?

FLOWERS: What I'm trying to say is you're fixing the wrong things.

KEY: (Dismissive.) Goodbye, Professor.

FLOWERS: You know, even if you do succeed in pulling us out of the gravity well by yourself, the Adventure is still going to change. (This stays KEY for a moment.) Even if you retire in protest; even if you succeed in convincing High Command not to follow through on Ensign Swish's proposal and everything you hope to accomplish today comes to pass, the Adventure is still going to change. Today, tomorrow, ten years... change is coming. Change always comes.

KEY: Why do you even care?

FLOWERS: Selfishly, I'm trying to make sure we don't die horribly.