



## Defenders of the Planet

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EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

### 1. Threat from Outer Space

Killer asteroids, solar flares and potentially lethal alien viruses are some of the dangers our planet faces. A small number of individuals and organizations have started to recognize this threat and are working to defend the Earth.

### 2. To Boldly Go

One of the greatest achievements of mankind has been to break free from Earth and explore the Universe. But this has not been achieved without risk or loss of human life. This second episode looks at the history of the space program and some of the sacrifices that have been made in the quest to explore the final frontier. The programme also looks ahead to the future of human space exploration, to the International Space Station and missions to Mars.

### 3. Rocket Man

We follow the astronauts of STS-106, the 99th NASA Space Shuttle as they prepare for their mission to the International Space Station. Focusing on one of the rookies of the mission, Dan Burbank, we see how astronauts learn to work, eat and sleep in space.