

OVERLORD 44

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EXT. BEACH - DAY

Waves crash against a beach. The air is calm. All is still and peaceful.

VRRRRRRRRRRR. A diesel motor whirs under the noise of choppy surf and the bottom of the vehicle hammering the white caps.
Beat.

ANDERSON
Hey, Robinson

ROBINSON
What, Anderson?

ANDERSON
Have...have you ever been in combat before?

ROBINSON
Combat? I've barely even had training.

Beat.

ANDERSON
(to himself)
Yeah...same here.

WALLACE
Anderson...

ANDERSON
Yeah, Wallace?

WALLACE
I'm...I'm scared.

ANDERSON
Me too, Wallace...
(to himself)
Me too.

Beat. The Captain yells over the whirring engine.

CAPTAIN
Alright, men! What comes next for us is uncertain! No matter the outcome, no one will be able to look back on this day and say that we didn't give it everything we got! ISN'T THAT RIGHT?!

SOLDIERS
Sir, yes sir!

CAPTAIN
We're gonna give 'em Hell, aren't we!

SOLDIERS
SIR, YES, SIR!

CAPTAIN
Thaaaaat's right! Now let's take
ourselves our beach! Lower the ramp!

REEEEEEEEE! SPLASH! FTFTFTFTFT! The boat door drops into the water. Machine gun fire rips into the bottle neck of the exit. People dying left and right. Anderson jumps over the side.

His head goes under water briefly, he breaks the surface. His gasp for air is cut short. Back underwater again. To the surface again. BIG GASP. Splashing through through the water.

Chaos ensues. Mortars explode, gun fire everywhere, screams of agony, and bodies being shredded to pulp. Boots splash through the surf and make it to the beach.

ROBINSON
[screaming]
Though I walk through the valley...

BLAM! BLAMBLAM! He fires rounds into an enemy soldier. He cocks the gun.

ANDERSON
Are you crazy!? Get down!

ROBINSON
...of the shadow of death!

BLAMBLAMBLAM! Another enemy down.

ANDERSON
Robinson! Get! Down!

ROBINSON
I will fear-

SPLAT! Robinson is killed, body falls.

Soldiers are screaming all around. Agony. Shouting. Terror.

DYING SOLDIER 1
Help! Help me! Help me! Somebody!

Anderson runs to the screaming soldier.

ANDERSON
I'm here! I'm here!

DYING SOLDIER 1
I don't want to die alone.

ANDERSON
You're not alone! Take my hand!
What's your name?

DYING SOLDIER 1
It's...Fra...Frank...Meyers

ANDERSON
You got kids, Frank?

DYING SOLDIER 1
[trailing off]
Two. I've got...two ki-

BIG MORTAR HIT.

CAPTAIN
Anderson, he's gone! Get up that
beach!

Another mortar explodes. Anderson picks himself up and makes his way to the next czech hedgehog. Ricochets everywhere.

ANDERSON
(to himself)
Lord, please let me make it home to
Mary and the kids.

SLAM! His back against the metal structure.

ANDERSON (cont'd)
Captain! There's no cover from here!
Just open beach!

CAPTAIN
Look around, there's no cover
anywhere! Fish in a barrel!

ANDERSON
What do we do!?

Beat. Mortars. Gun fire. Death.

CAPTAIN
Wallace! Ramirez! Harris! and
Anderson!

WALLACE
Sir?!

RAMIREZ
Sir!

HARRIS
Yes, Sir!?

CAPTAIN
We gotta take out those nests! When
those machine guns get hot, they
gotta switch out the barrels. That
gives us a 2 - maybe 3 second window.
On my command, you keep your heads
down, spread out, and get to the base
of that cliff as fast as you can!

Beat. Close machine gun fire ceases.

CAPTAIN (cont'd)
Go! Go! Go!

The five men sprint for the seawall. Explosions. Whizzing
bullets and shrapnel. Machine guns start again. Harris and
Wallace are killed.

SMACK! CHINGG! Their bags and gear hit the sea wall as they
slam their backs against the rocks.

RAMIREZ
What the hell are we doin' here, man?

ANDERSON
(to himself)
Don't pick me. Don't pick me.

CAPTAIN
Anderson! Take a look around the
corner. There's a group of rocks on
the edge of an impact crater.

Anderson peaks his head around the corner just enough to
quickly get a glimpse of the mentioned landmark. CHKKKK
PFFFFFF KSSHHHHH! Bullets hit the rocks by his head. He
ducks back to cover.

CAPTAIN (cont'd)
See 'em?

ANDERSON
I see 'em!

CAPTAIN
On my mark, you run for that hole!
Got it!?

No reply. Beat.

CAPTAIN (cont'd)
Do you got that, Anderson!

ANDERSON
Yea- Yes, sir!

Beat.

CAPTAIN
Ramirez, with me! Cover fire! Now!

RAMIREZ
Yes, sir!

Beat.

CAPTAIN
NOW!

Anderson takes off! The Captain and Ramirez provide cover fire. The Captain's gun ceases suddenly.

CAPTAIN (cont'd)
WAIT!-

VROOO BSHHHHHHHH! A mortar hits Anderson. His legs are annihilated. EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE! Ears ringing. Muffled voices and sounds.

CAPTAIN (cont'd)
(muffled)
Ramirez! Get him out of there! I'll cover fire!

The Captain fires blindly into the cliff's foliage while Ramirez drags Anderson back to cover. The ringing begins to clear.

RAMIREZ
I got you! I got you! Stay with me!
MEDIC!

Ramirez gets Anderson back to the safety of the sea wall.

ANDERSON

I don't want to look... How bad is it?

RAMIREZ

Bad, man. I gotta get some tourniquets on your legs.

Ramirez rigging a tourniquet.

RAMIREZ (cont'd)

Say we actually take this beach... Then what?

ANDERSON

Then... we got a real shot at winning this war...and taking down...Hitler. If we do that...we give all these people a chance... to take their lives back, to rebuild...to grieve. That's what... I signed up for... anyway.

RAMIREZ

Then what? What about us?

ANDERSON

Well, I guess then... it'll be... our turn to... grieve.

Beat. Sounds start to fade and muffle.

RAMIREZ

Anderson? Stay with me! MEDIC!!
Anderson! Stay awake!

One last heavy exhale.

FADE OUT