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## Gangstar vs Aliens

**Context:** *The purpose was to create seven narrative missions themed around aliens set in the pre-established world of Gangstar Vegas. The Gangstar franchise is Gameloft's version of Grand Theft Auto for mobile devices.*

*The missions had to be designed in such a way that players could play them at any point during or after the main campaign and the story would still make sense. Cut-scenes and conversations had to average at most a minute in length. The dialogue was voice-acted.*

*In this mission, Jason and E-man have teamed up with some aliens who crash-landed on Earth and are about to assault a secret government base.*

### MISSION 5: BELLY OF THE BEAST

Jason, E-man and the aliens meet in a parking lot outside Vegas, getting ready to infiltrate the government base.

ALIEN

Thanks for helping us out! You don't know what this means to us!

JASON

As long as you can stop the mind-control, we're happy to help.

E-MAN

And... do you think I could pilot your ship for a bit?

ALIEN

Sure, why not? We'd love another crash-landing!

E-MAN

Stupendous!

The gang drives over to the base.

JASON

So... what do we call you? Alien-person? Outer-spacey man?

ALIEN

We have evolved beyond the need for something as base as individual names. Where we come from, we are identified by--

JASON

How about Steve?

E-MAN

Steve! I like it!

STEVE

What?! No! Weren't you listening?

E-MAN

Uh-oh, Steve's getting agitated.

STEVE

My name is not...! We don't HAVE names!

JASON

Don't worry about it, Steve! So how are you going to stop the mind-control?

STEVE

Your government built the mind-control device using technology stolen from our ship!

E-MAN

The slot machines!

STEVE

Well, whatever those things are, we can shut them down from our ship.

The gang arrives at the base exterior.

JASON

Alright guys, there it is. Stay low.

They manage to get inside the base.

JASON

Okay, we're gonna have to be careful in this base...

E-MAN

Don't you think it'll go faster if we split up?

STEVE

Not a bad idea, Earthling!

JASON

All right, fine -- but make sure to keep your head down!

E-man runs off.

STEVE

If nothing else, his snooping will cause a distraction that will help us!

A man-in-black spots them and raises the alarm.

MIB

What the...! Code C-35! Code C-35! Red alert!

JASON

Damn it!

PA ANNOUNCEMENT

Red alert! Intruders detected! Red alert!

JASON

Well, looks like we'll be the distraction!

Steve and Jason fight their way through the base.

JASON

Your ship... what does it look like?

STEVE

It's big, it's saucer-shaped, and it's made from an alloy that can't be synthesized in this solar system! What did you want, the license plate number?

JASON

How do you know it hasn't been broken down for parts?

STEVE

Impossible! The mind-affecting wave-form is linked directly to our neural interface generator. Taking that apart would immediately disable all devices based on our technology!

JASON

So wait, why did you come to Earth with a mind-control device?

STEVE

What? Oh, that wasn't for you Earthlings. That was for the Andromeda-3 world-eaters that were hiding out behind your moon.

JASON

Oh, okay. Wait, what?

They reach the flying saucer in a hangar.

STEVE

There's my ride! Listen, you hold these guys off while I go warm up the engines!

JASON

Don't take too long!

Jason fights off waves of enemies as the ship starts up.

STEVE

It worked! We are back in business!

JASON

Great! Throw down a ladder or... open a hatch or something!

STEVE

Pitiful human! Did you really think we were peace ambassadors?! With mind-control and weapons?! C'mon! Now the invasion of Earth can continue!

JASON

Steve, you asshole! Don't do this!

STEVE

HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!

Steve flies the saucer out of the hangar as E-man shows up.

E-MAN

Hey! Where's he going?!

JASON

That alien bastard betrayed us!

E-MAN

Aw man! And here I was going to gift him these futuristic coffeemakers I found!

E-man shows Jason what is obviously two jet packs

JASON

What? Where'd you get those?

E-MAN

Behind some protective cases that said "Warning: Prototype." Why?

JASON

Those don't look like coffeemakers.

PA ANNOUNCEMENT

Warning! Self-destruct initiated! Evacuate immediately!

JASON

These are jet packs! C'mon, they're our best bet for getting out of here!

E-MAN

We will soar out of here in a blaze of caffeine!

JASON

Not coffeemakers!

Jason and E-man fly through the base as it explodes around them.

E-MAN

I can't believe Steve betrayed us! After all we did for him!

JASON

I guess just because you're from a higher race, doesn't mean you're any less of an asshole!

E-MAN

I find that oddly comforting!

Jason and E-man fly safely out of the base.

Outside, E-man's jet pack malfunctions and sends him flying out of control.

## MISSION 6: LEAF ON THE WIND

In this mission, Jason must fly around following a tracking signal to E-man's location.

He finds E-man stranded on an arch beneath a bridge.

## MISSION 7: GET OFF MY LAWN

Jason is driving with E-man.

JASON

All right, you ready to go kick some alien ass?

E-MAN

Do you even think those aliens have asses?

JASON

Better kick 'em all over, then, just to make sure.

E-MAN

I think I saw the military in the desert surrounding the UFO. They might be able to help!

They drive over to the desert military base. The UFO is there, surrounded by military who have cordoned the area. Jason is stopped by a military general.

GENERAL

Sorry, sir. No civilians past this point!

JASON

I've got a bone to pick with the driver of that UFO.

GENERAL

You crazy, boy? That's a gad-damn alien ship!

JASON

Yeah. And it's time to knock it out of the sky.

GENERAL

Well lookit you, Mr. Tough Guy -- ready to take on the alien menace and save the human race!

JASON

Yeah? And why aren't you doing anything?

GENERAL

Hands are tied; got orders to hold fire 'til we can send in volunteers to place these airstrike beacons.

JASON

Volunteers?

GENERAL

Top brass doesn't want us risking our boys to an unknown enemy. Can't do nothin' 'til they figure somethin' else out.

JASON

Hell with that, I ain't afraid of them. Gimme one of those.

The General hands Jason the beacons.

GENERAL

Give 'em hell, soldier!

Jason walks off to fight the UFO.

GENERAL

He is so fuckin' dead.

Jason fights Steve who is piloting the UFO.

JASON

I'm coming for you, Steve!

STEVE

You'll never stop us, you inferior primate!

Jason destroys a generator that powers the UFO's force-field.

STEVE

Oh, I'll bet you think you're clever for doing that! I doubt you'll be able to do it again!

Jason destroys the remaining generators.

STEVE

Oh damn... Uh, well, it's not like he'd know to place a beacon in the beam of light or anything... What? What do you mean the mic's still on? OH SH--!

Jason places a beacon in the beam of light and the UFO is hit with air-strikes.

STEVE

You'll never stop us! Never! Ouch! Agh! AaaaAAAA--!

The UFO explodes as the crowd cheers. In the background, a man-in-black drives off.

We cut to the inside of a casino where gamblers are pulling slot-machine levers in unison, beams of pulsing energy surrounding their heads. After a beat, the light dissipates and everyone looks around in a stupor.

CIVILIAN

Oh... Oh wow! We're free, finally!

CIVILIAN

Finally! Haha! Finally!

CIVILIAN

We're free to go home! To leave!

CIVILIAN

Yes, home! Leaving! Uh... Hmm.

CIVILIAN

Maybe... Maybe after a few more pulls.

CIVILIAN

There's no rush.

The gamblers go back to pulling the slot machines.

We cut to Jason and E-man in the desert, looking up at the sky.

E-MAN

So there really is life out there... You think we'll ever see them again?

JASON

No idea, E-Man, but if we do... we'll be ready to kick their asses back into space.