

THE LEADER



NAME: Ripley

AGE: Unconfirmed

STRENGTH: Tough as old boots 100

WEAKNESS: Prone to stropiness -5

SECRET WEAPON: Immortality 100

Our choice for the ultimate project manager: Ripley from the *Alien* film series

She's got it all. Team leadership skills (well, until the team's all dead), she's pretty resilient, as shown by the whole resurrection thing and she's able to take the initiative – who else can say they've thrown themselves into a pit of fire for the good of the project?

Here's an example of where Ripley uses the full extent of her project management talents during a rather stressful point in proceedings in the first film *Alien*:

Dallas: Something has attached itself to him. We have to get him to the infirmary right away.

Ripley: What kind of thing? I need a clear definition.

Dallas: An organism. Open the hatch!

Ripley: Wait a minute. If we let it in, the ship could be infected. You know the quarantine procedure. Twenty-four hours decontamination.

Dallas: He could die in twenty-four hours. Open the hatch!

Ripley: Listen to me, if we break quarantine, we could all die.

Lambert: Could you open the god-damned hatch? We have to get him inside.

Dallas: Ripley, this is an order. Open that hatch right now, do you hear me?

Ripley: Yes.

Dallas: Ripley! This is an order! Do you hear me?

Ripley: Yes. I read you. The answer is negative.