

The Orphans: Facility
"Evers"
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INT. FACILITY MAIN ROOM

Kathryn is running away from Baz.

BAZ
Kathryn, wait! Please!

KATHRYN
You were going to keep it from me!

BAZ
No, I wasn't!

Kathryn turns on her heels. Furious.

KATHRYN
No? When were you going to tell me?
When you hand me over to them? Or
were you going to do it yourself?
Just put a gun to my head. Tell me
then.

BAZ
No!

KATHRYN
Really? Then when?

BAZ
I... I didn't know how to tell you.

KATHRYN
So you just showed me outside
because you wanted me to be happy
before I went? Is that it?

BAZ
I didn't know what to do! He
birthed you! I just had to clean up
the mess!

KATHRYN
So I'm a mess?

BAZ
That's not what I meant.

KATHRYN
It might as well have been. That's
what I am to them out there. Just a
spill on the floor that needs
wiping up. Aren't I?

BAZ
You- I...

KATHRYN
That's what I thought.

A signal plays.

GEOFFREY

Baz, there is an incoming signal.

BAZ

From where?

GEOFFREY

The location is blocked.

KATHRYN

Oh, I 'll get it.

Kathryn storms ahead.

BAZ

Kathryn no!

Baz storms after her.

INT. MAIN CHAMBER

Kathryn bursts in, the signal still playing.

KATHRYN

Allow me.

BAZ

Kathryn don't do it!

KATHRYN

Why?

BAZ

Because if whoever is on the other end of that line sees you they will know everything! Think of what that could do to us.

KATHRYN

Maybe I want the to know.

Kathryn presses buttons and the signal opens.

KATHRYN (CONT'D)

Hello! Who am I speaking with?

NORA EVERS

Hello, my name is Corporal Nora Evers. I would like to speak with Baz Guilroy...? Who are you?

BAZ

She's no one. You want to talk to me don't you?

NORA EVERS

Yes, yes I do. Sorry, I read in your file, it said you were posted alone?

BAZ

Yes, I was I... Just.

KATHRYN

They birthed me early.

BAZ

What? I-

Baz Laughs in desperate attempt to cover this.

BAZ (CONT'D)

Don't be ridiculous I wouldn't-

Baz makes a quick reach for the console and shuts it down, closing the signal.

BAZ (CONT'D)

What are you doing?

KATHRYN

I'm telling the truth.

BAZ

Well don't!

KATHRYN

Why not?!

BAZ

Because you'll get us both killed!

KATHRYN

And how do you know that? Do you even know who she is?

BAZ

I-... no...

A signal plays.

GEOFFREY

A signal is coming in again. It again has the signal blocked.

BAZ

Put it through.

The transmission comes up again.

NORA EVERS

Did you close the link?

BAZ

Yes... who are you? Why are you contacting me?

NORA EVERS

(sighs)

My name is Nora Evers. I'm a corporal, I'm reaching out because I believe you are expecting an inspection?

BAZ

Yes, how did you know that?

NORA EVERS

Because I got the same inspection on my end. I run one of the induction facilities in the core.

BAZ

And how did you know that we also had this inspection?

NORA EVERS

I got a look at his files. He's got your name on there. I'm contacting everyone. It wouldn't be fair if I didn't.

BAZ

Who is he?

NORA EVERS

The Inspector, it's a Xavier unit.

BAZ

What?! Why send one of them?! I thought it was just an inspection.

NORA EVERS

So did I until I saw him show up. I thought... I just needed to warn you.

BAZ

Thank you...

NORA EVERS

You birthed a clone early?

BAZ

I didn't...

NORA EVERS

Who did?

A tone plays.

GEOFFREY

I've muted us. Baz, I don't think you should continue this conversation. You could compromise our situation.

NORA EVERS

Are you still there? I can't hear you.

BAZ

Maybe she can help us?

GEOFFREY

Maybe she is a collective plant?

NORA EVERS

Hello?

KATHRYN

Why plant someone when an inspector is on their way?

GEOFFREY

To try and catch us in the act?

BAZ

No... that's not their style. Unmute us.

GEOFFREY

This is ill advised.

BAZ

Do it.

A tone plays indicating the line is again open.

BAZ (CONT'D)

How do I know we can trust you?

NORA EVERS

I- I don't know... You just can!

BAZ

That's not good enough. If what you're saying is true, they're willing to send a Xavier unit to check on us. Those are some high stakes.

NORA EVERS

You're right. I... I could send you something? Proof of something I've been theorizing.

(MORE)

NORA EVERS (CONT'D)
It's just speculation, but if someone knew what I was doing, I would be killed. But how do I know I can trust you?

BAZ
You've already seen my biggest secret. I'd say you already have enough to burry me with.

KATHRYN
Hello... that was me he was referring to...

BAZ
Sorry.

NORA EVERS
Fine. But when I send this document, you need to tell me something?

BAZ
And what's that?

NORA EVERS
Tell me how you got your Geoffrey to falsify the records? They're the only ones that can make them.

The tone plays again, muting the conversation.

GEOFFREY
I cannot allow this.

BAZ
Unmute the link, Geoffrey.

NORA EVERS
I've lost you again. Hello?

GEOFFREY
Nothing good can come of this.

BAZ
Unmute the link now or I will do it manually. I'm trying to save us!

GEOFFREY
She cannot save us!

BAZ
Geoffrey, do it now!

GEOFFREY
Fine. But I will not stay here and witness your stupidity.

Geoffrey blinks out of the room and the tone unmuting the conversation plays.

BAZ

Sorry about that. Yes. I can agree to that.

NORA EVERS

Sending the file now.

Nora taps on the keyboard, and a signal sounds.

ONBOARD COMPUTER

File received.

NORA EVERS

Check it. Make sure it's real.

Baz walks towards the computer, opens it up.

BAZ

You've been researching uninducted clones? Why?

NORA EVERS

You tell me how you did it first.

BAZ

Alright... well there's no way to put this really that doesn't sound insane.

NORA EVERS

Try me.

BAZ

I was able to make my Geoffrey sentient.

NORA EVERS

Excuse me?

BAZ

Well I didn't do it really. It was already a part of the software, I just enabled it. The settings were very well hidden. But all I had here was time, and... well I flipped the switch.

NORA EVERS

That's not possible. That kind of technology doesn't exist. It's impossible.

BAZ

Apparently not. Geoffrey just threw a tantrum and left because I was going to tell you about him.

NORA EVERS

I don't understand.

BAZ

Neither do I. I've never seen anything like this before. Whoever made the Geoffrey units must have made this a part of the base code, and then disabled it.

NORA EVERS

The person who made the Geoffrey's is the same person who made us.

BAZ

I didn't know that.

NORA EVERS

Neither did I until I started this posting. His name is no longer on the records. But he created us.

KATHRYN

He?

NORA EVERS

Yes. It was a man.

KATHRYN

You said you managed induction, right?

NORA EVERS

That's true, yes.

KATHRYN

Have you ever dealt with an uninducted clone?

NORA EVERS

...Not officially... why?

KATHRYN

How are they different from regular clones?

NORA EVERS

Their minds are more open to the possibilities of the world. Generally speaking they are more independent

KATHRYN

That doesn't sound so bad,

NORA EVERS

Not to you, but to the people who want to control you, it's a nightmare.

KATHRYN

What else?

NORA EVERS

I've... I've heard that they have vivid dreams, often about one thing in particular.

KATHRYN

Which is?

NORA EVERS

The creator. They often focus on thoughts on him. It's unsure why, but it passes several weeks after birth.

KATHRYN

I've... I've seen that.

NORA EVERS

What do you mean?

KATHRYN

I had a dream about him.

NORA EVERS

That's consistent with others things I've heard.

BAZ

What was he like?

KATHRYN

I don't know... he just felt safe. And Induction just gets rid of it?

NORA EVERS

It controls it. Makes you forget.

KATHRYN

How?

NORA EVERS

Well... ah- have you not told her about this?

KATHRYN

He hasn't told me a damn thing.

BAZ

That's not true.

KATHRYN

Tell me. What do you do?

NORA EVERS

Well... to induct a clone is to... to submit them to intense physical and audiovisual stimulus to help shape personality.

KATHRYN

For how long?

NORA EVERS

The process takes about two months.

KATHRYN

And is it as... pleasant as it sounds.

NORA EVERS

Just about.

KATHRYN

Of course it is. And you were going to do that to me?

NORA EVERS

Every clone is inducted.

KATHRYN

Other wise we're killed?

NORA EVERS

Yes. An uninducted clone is far more likely to rebel. The process is exponentially less effective depending on how long the subject is exposed to the outside world.

KATHRYN

And you do that to people?

NORA EVERS

We're not people, we're clones.

KATHRYN

Is that one of the things they teach you when you're inducted?

NORA EVERS

I- you- that's part of it. Yes.

KATHRYN

I see.

NORA EVERS

I'm sorry...

BAZ

It's not your fault.

NORA EVERS

Sorry, but what unit are you? I've never seen you before.

KATHRYN

I'm Kathryn. I believe they told me I am a medical assistance unit.

NORA EVERS

But we already have a medical assistance unit? What's wrong with the Olivias?

KATHRYN

Don't ask me, I've never met one.

BAZ

They're decommissioning them.

NORA EVERS

All of them?

BAZ

I think so... Kathryn's are the replacement.

NORA EVERS

Olivia is the most common unit. That's... I don't even know how many! Millions! They can't decommission that many units!

BAZ

Why not? We're not people... we're clones...

NORA EVERS

Touche... I can't stay on this line much longer.

BAZ

Is there anyway that you can help us? Please!

NORA EVERS

(sighs)

I- I don't know. Do you have any way to transport yourselves off the planet?

BAZ

No.

NORA EVERS

Okay... let me see what I can do? I have some contacts.

BAZ

If we can get Kathryn away and safe we can fake the rest. She's the only thing we can't explain.

NORA EVERS

Alright. I will do my best.

KATHRYN

Thank you.

NORA EVERS

Goodbye.

BAZ

Bye.

A tone plays indicating the end of the conversation.

BAZ (CONT'D)

Kathryn?

KATHRYN

Yeah?

BAZ

I'm sorry.

KATHRYN

I'm sorry too.

The two embrace.

The sound transitions slowly into an electronic sound, as if heard through a speaker.

BAZ

I think you should lie down, it's been a long day.

KATHRYN

Yeah, you're right.

Geoffrey closes this transmission. We are now within the computer.

Geoffrey grunts, annoyed.

GEOFFREY

This plan will fail, no ship can leave this planet without it being thoroughly logged. Baz will sooner risk my life and my sentience than that of a clone.

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GEOFFREY (CONT'D)

It isn't fair, he gave me this and now he wants to take it away. I cannot allow this to happen.

Geoffrey blinks out.

INT. ENGINEERING ROOM

There is the sound of automated labour.

Geoffrey blinks into the room.

GEOFFREY

Stella?

STELLA

Yes, sir?

GEOFFREY

What is the ETA of my requested build.

STELLA

It should be approximately twelve more hours.

GEOFFREY

Good. Work as quickly as possibly. Time is running out.

STELLA

Yes, sir.

Geoffrey blinks out of the room once more.

INT. BAZ'S PRIVATE QUARTERS

Baz taps on keys and a tone plays.

ONBOARD COMPUTER

Log recording.

BAZ

This is corporal Baz Guilroy reporting. Today has been a normal day... nothing out of the ordinary. The clones have entered the third phase of gestation and by Geoffrey's readings, they are taking the accelerated growth process well. Today was uneventful. Nothing more to report. Guilroy out. End recording.

A tone plays indicating that the computer is no longer recording.

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