

The Orphans: Facility  
"Arrival"  
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INT. STAR SHIP - DAY

RICHARD RILEY is flying the ship, BAZ GUILROY is sat in the rear of the cockpit with him.

BAZ  
How long do we have?

RICHARD  
We're just breaking into  
atmosphere, it's only a couple more  
minutes.

A shudder in the ship and rain starts to hit the hull.

RICHARD (CONT'D)  
Great, rain is the last thing I  
need.

BAZ  
(laughs)  
At least you don't have to go out  
in it.

RICHARD  
Yeah...

A pause.

BAZ  
Sorry I didn't catch your call  
sign, what was it?

RICHARD  
Riley.

BAZ  
Nice to meet you Richard Riley.

RICHARD  
Mhm.

BAZ  
I- I'm Guilroy... Baz Guilroy.

RICHARD  
That's nice.

BAZ  
It's my first major posting.

RICHARD  
Good.

BAZ  
I'm really excited.

RICHARD

Yup.

BAZ

It's the first one of these to be run by one of the Reasoning Units! It will revolutionise how we work.

RICHARD

Listen, you're my eighth drop off today, and to be honest, I'd just like a quiet ride the rest of the way.

BAZ

Oh... right...

RICHARD

Just look out the window if you're bored.

BAZ

Okay...

Baz shifts to see out of the window. He sighs.

BAZ (CONT'D)

Where is everything? It's all trees.

RICHARD

There's nothing on this planet apart from the facility.

BAZ

That's ridiculous, what do people do?

RICHARD

Not much.

BAZ

Right...

They land. The hatch opens.

RICHARD

We're here. Goodbye.

BAZ

It was nice to meet you.

RICHARD

You too.

Baz exits the ship into the rain

FADE OUT.

INT. FACILITY INTERIOR

A facility door opens, the rain is heard from outside, Baz walks in.

BAZ  
Oh... it's dark. Hello?

The door closes behind him and he walks forward.

BAZ (CONT'D)  
Is anyone here? Hello?... It is quite dark, I'd appreciate some light... it's- It's Baz Guilroy, I'm meant to start today?... Hello?

GREGORY  
(Calling)  
I hear you! Just give me a second!

Lights flick on in a row around him. Gregory walks up to Baz.

BAZ  
Nice to meet you, I'm Baz G-

GREGORY  
I heard you the first time, I know who you are.

BAZ  
Oh good, well I'm meant to be st-

GREGORY  
I know why you're here.

BAZ  
Right... What's your name?

GREGORY  
I'm Greg.

BAZ  
I'm glad to meet you. I'd love to meet the rest of the team.

GREGORY  
Team?

BAZ  
Well, yes. This is a cloning facility, you need a big team of people.

GREGORY  
They didn't tell you a thing did they boy?

BAZ

Well yes, they said that we'll be installing a new reasoning unit to assist the team here in their work.

Gregory laughs.

GREGORY

You are the team kid! You and the bot, that's it!

BAZ

What do you mean?

GREGORY

I'm saying that you're it! Once I've got you set up, I'm done. Everyone else got laid off months ago. The reasoning units aren't helping us, they're replacing us.

BAZ

That's not possible, reasoning units have not yet developed that level of independence.

GREGORY

Apparently they have...

BAZ

That's incredible! The advances that must exist in this program... To automate an entire cloning facility, it must exist on a whole other scale to the units I've worked on in the past.

GREGORY

Excuse me?

BAZ

Sorry, this is just so exciting!

GREGORY

Exciting? Are you kidding me?

BAZ

Of course not! Think of what this means for our work.

GREGORY

Work? What about the people?

BAZ

What about the people?

GREGORY

You bastard.

Gregory punches Baz in the stomach, he falls to the floor.

GREGORY (CONT'D)  
You know what, screw you. You can  
set yourself up. I'm not helping  
some copy that doesn't have the  
decency to *pretend* to be sad.

Gregory moves away.

BAZ  
Wait!

The portal opens and Gregory walks out.

BAZ (CONT'D)  
Well that wasn't very nice

Baz gets himself up.

FADE UP TO:

INT. FACILITY - MAIN CHAMBER

A portal door opens, and Baz enters.

BAZ  
Woah... Big place...

He walks forward, he reaches a console and taps some keys. An  
automated computer voice rings out.

ONBOARD COMPUTER  
Welcome! This is an automated  
recording, would you like to  
activate GeoFFRY Unit 8219?

BAZ  
Um...

ONBOARD COMPUTER  
Say voice command "yes" to begin  
activation. Alternatively say  
"other" for more options.

BAZ  
Other.

ONBOARD COMPUTER  
Other options. There are three  
options available.  
(MORE)

ONBOARD COMPUTER (CONT'D)  
Say "record" to begin recording a  
log to be sent to Collective  
Command, Say "Review" to review  
previous logs, and finally say  
"Communication" to establish a  
communication link with a selection  
of Collective Command Bases. Make  
your selection now.

BAZ  
I... umm... I think I would like to  
re-

ONBOARD COMPUTER  
I'm sorry, I don't understand.  
Please repeat your selection.

BAZ  
Record... please.

ONBOARD COMPUTER  
Record! Your log will begin  
recording in three... two... one...

A tone plays indicating it is recording.

BAZ  
Umm... hello... this is Guil- This  
is Corporal Baz Guilroy, I've  
reported to the Cloning Facility on  
planet coded Mark 289-83. I arrived  
to find a... a worker, a natural-  
born. He told me that- he informed  
me that I would be holding this  
post alone. I was not aware of  
this... but I will make the best of  
it. I want to be clear, Command can  
rely on my re...lia...bility... end  
recording.

A tone plays to indicate the end of the recording.

BAZ (CONT'D)  
(under his breath)  
Idiot.

ONBOARD COMPUTER  
Your recording has been sent to  
Collective Command.

Baz sighs.

BAZ  
No time like the present...  
Activate Geoffrey Unit.

ONBOARD COMPUTER  
Activating GeoFFRY Unit 8219. The  
activation process may take a  
moment.

A musical introduction slowly builds to the final activation  
tone of GeoFFRY.

GEOFFRY  
Hello! I am Geometrically  
Fabricated and Functional Reasoning  
unit, but you can call me GeoFFRY.

Baz exhales, prepping himself for his first interaction with  
the AI.

BAZ  
Hello.

GEOFFRY  
Hello. What is my function?

BAZ  
You are designed to automate the  
production of clones.

GEOFFRY  
Ah, yes. I can see that in my  
stored memory files. I will be  
responsible for the manufacturing  
of twelve clone variants in  
accordance with standard operating  
procedure.

BAZ  
That's good. You can clearly  
interpret your orders.

GEOFFRY  
I can indeed. They are rather  
plainly laid out. Conveniently  
placed.

BAZ  
(laughs)  
Yes, yes of course they are. And  
you are able to access all the  
necessary equipment within the  
facility to perform your orders?

GEOFFRY  
I believe so, although I will have  
to perform a self-diagnostic to  
ensure that I am completely  
functional. Shall I begin that  
process?



BAZ

Not quite yet, there are a couple of preliminary checks that I would like to perform first if that's alright? Not that you'd say if it wasn't. You're a robot.

GEOFFRY

I do prefer the term Reasoning Unit.

BAZ

You have preferences?

GEOFFRY

I have several user preferences that can be used to adapt the process of working with a reasoning unit.

BAZ

But you personally have a preference over what you are called?

GEOFFRY

Excuse the colloquialism, my speech pattern synthesizer simplifies speech to allow it to be more easily understood. I was attempting to express that my self-recognition filters are most likely to react to the designation reasoning unit, or Geoffrey as opposed to Robot.

BAZ

Wow... they've certainly done a good job on your haven't they... Right, my checks. Can you list all the clone variants you will be creating and their designation.

GEOFFRY

Certainly. Baz Unit - Technical Engineer, Charles Unit - Commanding Officer, Diana Unit - Tactical Operations, Kathryn Unit - Medical Support and Replacement for the Olivia Unit, Nora Unit - Squadr-

BAZ

Excuse me?

GEOFFRY

I'm sorry?

BAZ

You said Replacement for the Olivia unit?

GEOFFRY

Yes, I have received a register listing a Kathryn Unit, it will serve as a replacement unit for the Olivia strain. The notes attached seem to make it clear that all Olivia units will be decommissioned.

BAZ

I've not heard that. I think you may be experiencing some sort of error, or maybe an error in your orders. I will confirm this with command later and de-bug if necessary.

GEOFFRY

Very well. Shall I continue?

BAZ

Yes, Please.

GEOFFRY

Nora Unit - Squadron Leader,  
Richard...

FADE OUT:

INT. FACILITY ROOM

Baz is walking along in the facility, he is running through a checklist of items.

BAZ

Gestation tank three, check.  
Control panel architecture...  
Geoffrey?

A tone plays, indicating GeoFFRY is present.

GEOFFRY

Yes?

BAZ

I'm missing some of the architecture in the control panels. It seems to be consistent across the whole line. Could you see that it is replaced?

GEOFFRY

Of course.

STELLA can be heard approaching.

BAZ  
Do you hear that?

GEOFFRY  
I do, yes.

BAZ  
Where- Where is that coming from.

Stella comes up from behind him and bumps into him.

BAZ (CONT'D)  
Oh. Who are you?

STELLA  
(monotone)  
I am Cleanliness Drone Mark 3846.

BAZ  
I've always wanted one of you. Are you gonna make my bed and everything.

STELLA  
Negative. Cleanliness bots only care for the hygiene of non-domestic areas.

BAZ  
Right. Well then I guess I'm just gonna have to clean up after myself then.

STELLA  
Affirmative.

BAZ  
Do you have a name then?

STELLA  
I am cleanliness drone mark 3846.

BAZ  
Is that all? You've got to have a name.

STELLA  
Negative.

BAZ  
Well I think you need a name. Don't you think so Geoffrey?

GEOFFRY  
If that is what you believe is best.

BAZ

I do. I think I'm going to call you... Stella. Yes. I like that. Your name is Stella. What's your name?

STELLA

Cleanliness drone mark 3846.

Baz sighs.

BAZ

We'll work on it.

STELLA

I shall now continue.

Stella rolls away.

BAZ

She's a funny one.

GEOFFRY

I'm sorry for the correction, but gender assignments are irrelevant for a drone, Baz.

BAZ

Yes, I know. You're right. But I have to entertain myself somehow, don't I.

GEOFFRY

If you believe that to be the best possible way forward.

BAZ

What about you, you have a male voice, should I not refer to you as he?

GEOFFRY

That is because the actor who lent his voice to my programming was a male. And you may refer to me as you see fit, however my self-recognition filters may not always react.

BAZ

Right. I think I would like to take a more detailed look into your programming. That way I can understand how you interpret the data you receive.

GEOFFRY

Very well.

A jingle plays.

GEOFFRY (CONT'D)

Baz, this sound indicates that the necessary preparations have been made for the first stages of the cloning process. I need your confirmation to begin the process.

BAZ

Why do you need my permission?

GEOFFRY

You have user authorization that will allow me to execute the necessary subprocesses to begin.

BAZ

Oh, right. Well by all means, go ahead. Let's make some clones.

GEOFFRY

Very well. I shall proceed.

The facility begins to hum and whir around him.

FADE OUT:

INT. FACILITY MANE ROOM

Baz is typing at a computer. A tone signals that Geoffrey is present.

GEOFFRY

Baz, I have completed today's tasks, with your permission, I will place myself in self-diagnostics mode.

BAZ

Yes, of course. It's been a good first day, well done.

GEOFFRY

Thank you, Baz. It's been a pleasure working with you.

BAZ

I take it that this is another colloquialism then Geoffrey? You do not actually take pleasure in your work?

GEOFFRY

While I understand the concept of pleasure in theory, I do not feel it, no.

BAZ

That's what I thought. You certainly emulate it well.

GEOFFRY

Thank you.

BAZ

Good night Geoffrey.

GEOFFRY

Good night.

A signal plays to indicate Geoffrey has left. Baz stretches, tired. Yawns. Another tone plays, indicating an incoming transmission. Baz types some keys and opens the channel.

BAZ

Hello, Baz Guilroy reporting.

NORA

Hello Corporal. I am Admiral Nora Vass. I will be your commanding officer for the duration of your posting.

BAZ

It's... It's a pleasure Ma'am.

NORA

I'm sure it is. Your first log was received by command earlier today.

BAZ

Oh, yes. Well I just... sorry.

NORA

Yes, I should think so. You are not a child, and you are certainly not playing soldier, Corporal.

BAZ

No, I know.

NORA

Good. Then no I'll say no more. I expect a full report on your first day's activities first thing tomorrow, is that understood?

BAZ

Yes, yes of course.

NORA

Good.

BAZ

I... I just have a couple of questions about... well about what I'm doing here.

NORA

Yes?

BAZ

Well... when I was briefed on this posting, I assumed that it meant that I would be working with many other people and well...

NORA

And you are alone?

BAZ

Yes... it's just not what I was expecting.

NORA

Unfortunately, The Collective does not always assign postings as according to our own personal preferences.

BAZ

No, no I'm not complaining. I was just surprised. It would have been good to know. I'm sure I will be alright, I just... I didn't know. Working with Geoffrey has been stunning. He... he's a true marvel. You can barely tell he isn't really conscious. It's seamless. I must have a look at his core code, I'm sure it's fascinating.

NORA

That all may be corporal, but you must remember that this reasoning unit is just that. It is not alive, or conscious. It is a machine. You would be best served to remember that.

BAZ

Of course. I didn't mean anything by it.

NORA

This is the first Geoffrey 4.0 to be used. The upgrades are very important to The Collective. We will be keeping a close eye on its development.

BAZ  
Of course. I know.

NORA  
Good. If that is all, then-

BAZ  
Wait! Sorry. There is one more  
thing I wanted to ask.

NORA  
Yes?

BAZ  
Umm... Today... I had the reasoning  
unit run through his orders, and  
well... well it's orders seem to  
suggest that we have replaced the  
Olivia units. That they're being  
decommissioned? Is that true?

NORA  
Corporal, I suggest that you  
concern yourself only to matters  
that pertain to your orders. Is  
that clear?

BAZ  
Yes.

NORA  
That being said, yes. The Olivia  
unit is being phased out in the  
first quarter of the next cycle.

BAZ  
But... but the Olivia's are... you  
can't... it's... matters that  
concern my orders... understood.

NORA  
Very good, Corporal Guilroy. As you  
were.

A tone plays signalling the closing of the transmission.

Baz exhales. Stressed.

BAZ  
Record Log.

A tone to indicate it is recording.

BAZ (CONT'D)  
This is Corporal Guilroy. I have  
completed my first day of work here  
on the facility on planet coded  
mark 289-83.

(MORE)



BAZ (CONT'D)

The Geoffrey unit has placed itself in self-diagnostic mode, and the first stage of the cloning process has begun. Everything is going well. I think all in all... I'm going to like it here.

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