

The Orphans: Facility
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EXT. OUTSIDE FACILITY

Baz is breathing in the fresh air, he is having a quiet moment to himself. A communicator beeps and Baz picks it up and opens the channel.

BAZ

Yes?

GEOFFREY

What are you doing?

BAZ

I'm outside. Just having a break.

GEOFFREY

Why?

BAZ

Well- I need to collect my thoughts, and rest. I'm not like you. My body needs rest.

GEOFFREY

I don't understand.

BAZ

Ah- well... let me think for a second... When I've been working, or thinking very hard, my brain... my processor becomes cluttered, and I can't as easily access the data in my head, I cannot process things as quickly.

GEOFFREY

Similarly to how I will format disks?

BAZ

Yes, very similar.

GEOFFREY

But what is gained by being outdoors?

BAZ

Well I look at the world, I can change my view, shift my perspective, and that allows me to forget about everything else. I can allow my mind to go blank and look at nature and just... revel in it.

GEOFFREY

You mean to say by seeing an exterior you are not reminded of the responsibilities of the interior?

BAZ

Yes! Exactly. And I can just breathe.

GEOFFREY

What do you mean?

BAZ

Well I can breathe out here.

GEOFFREY

There is air in the facility, you are able to respire at a perfectly acceptable rate indoors.

BAZ

That's now what I mean, it's not just getting oxygen into the system, it's more than that.

GEOFFREY

How?

BAZ

Well... when I breathe in and I just...

Baz takes a deep breath in, and exhales slowly.

BAZ (CONT'D)

I just feel relaxed. The air is crisp, and cool, and it puts me at pause for a moment. I feel like... like I don't need to think. For a minute I can relax.

GEOFFREY

I see... I do not believe that I understand.

BAZ

Well we can work on it.

GEOFFREY

Very well.

BAZ

Is there anything else that you needed to talk to me about?

GEOFFREY

Yes, there has been a maintenance problem in the main growing chamber.

BAZ

Better get back to work then.

Baz gets up and walks back to the facility.

INT. FACILITY ENTRANCE

The door to the facility open and Baz walks in. Stella is there cleaning and moving around.

BAZ

Hi Stella.

Stella continues cleaning.

BAZ (CONT'D)

I said Hi Stella...

Stella continues.

BAZ (CONT'D)

Cleanliness drone mark 3846?

STELLA

Yes?

BAZ

I just said hello.

STELLA

Hello.

Stella rolls away and begins cleaning somewhere else.

BAZ

You try to be polite...

Baz walks away.

INT. NORA KASABIAN'S OFFICE

Nora is typing on a console when there is a knock at her door.

NORA

Enter.

The door opens and a young man walks in.

XAVIER MICHAELS

Hello?

NORA
It's Xavier Michaels, correct?

XAVIER
That's right miss.

NORA
You're so polite.

XAVIER
You sound surprised?

NORA
Your strain isn't known for their manners.

XAVIER
I do pride myself on not being like the rest of my namesake.

NORA
Such distinguished language.

XAVIER
Thank you.

NORA
Do you know why I've asked you here?

XAVIER
No, I do not.

NORA
Do you know what I do?

XAVIER
You are the behavioural analysis officer.

NORA
And do you know what that means?

XAVIER
You analyse behaviour.

NORA
You would think, but not exactly. I am responsible for all of our forces, I need to make sure that our ranks stay in line. Do you follow?

XAVIER
You make sure that we have no delinquents in the ranks.

NORA

Exactly. And unfortunately right now is a very busy time for me.

XAVIER

I see.

NORA

There are several of our rank that have been flagged up as having the necessary personality traits to rebel, and have exhibited questionable behaviour recently.

XAVIER

And you want me to take the necessary steps?

NORA

Oh no. Not yet. We need to be cautious when dealing with these matters. News travels quickly among our kind. We don't want to raise too much suspicion. What I need you to do is investigate. I will be keeping in communication with these members, but I need to know what is happening that I don't know about. Is that understood?

XAVIER

With all due respect, investigation is not a Xavier units speciality.

NORA

I know very well what your speciality is, Michaels. If we find that these individuals have become a true threat to our stability, then you will have permission to use your... speciality.

XAVIER

Understood.

NORA

Good. Take these.

Nora hands over the documents.

NORA (CONT'D)

These are individuals that we have flagged. I want you to begin immediately. Prioritise three individuals. Nora Evers, Cordelia Lawklan, and Baz Guilroy.

(MORE)

NORA (CONT'D)

Each are in a position to cause serious damage to our infrastructure. They need the most attention.

XAVIER

Of course.

NORA

Good. Now, to work.

INT. GROWING CHAMBER

Baz is fixing something in the growing chamber listening to music. Geoffrey comes on the speaker.

GEOFFREY

What is that sound?

BAZ

It's music.

GEOFFREY

Is it not distracting?

BAZ

No, I link the melodies, they help me focus.

GEOFFREY

I do not understand how a sound can create concentration.

BAZ

The brain likes patterns Geoffrey, and it likes being kept busy. If I can keep my mind busy while I'm doing something quite simple like fixing a panel then I won't become bored by the simplicity and be kept focused.

GEOFFREY

I do not understand this line of thinking.

BAZ

Well, we have very different ways of thinking. Not everyone is the same. Especially you.

GEOFFREY

That is putting it mildly.

BAZ

Was that a joke?

GEOFFREY

Maybe...

Baz makes a file adjustment and suddenly the power to the machine he is fixing shut off.

BAZ

Oh shit.

GEOFFREY

What is it?

BAZ

The power conduits shut down on this one. I need to fix it now or else we're gonna lose one of the Cordelias.

GEOFFREY

I see.

BAZ

It's on the top of the tank, I need to climb up. This is not how I wanted today to go.

GEOFFREY

I am sorry.

Baz prepares to climb the tank.

BAZ

Why are you sorry?

GEOFFREY

I do not know... but I am.

BAZ

Well you don't need to be. You didn't do anything wrong.

GEOFFREY

No, I suppose I didn't.

Baz shuts off the music and begins to climb up the tank.

BAZ

You know, I really was not built for this kind of exercise.

GEOFFREY

That is correct.

Baz laughs at this.

BAZ

I don't know if I like your newfound sense of humour.

GEOFFREY
I fail to see the humour.

BAZ
Course you do.

Baz reaches the top of the tank and begins to fix what is wrong.

BAZ (CONT'D)
Ugh... the fuse is fried.

He starts to touch the parts.

BAZ (CONT'D)
I really shouldn't be touching thi-

There is a huge zap of electricity and Baz is flung across the room hitting the ground hard.

GEOFFREY
Baz! Are you alright?!

Baz doesn't respond, moaning.

GEOFFREY (CONT'D)
Baz you are in need of medical attention! Baz? Are you able to speak.

BAZ
I...

GEOFFREY
I... I am afraid Baz... Baz... Baz
I must do something! You must be strong! I will return.

Geoffrey chimes out of the room. Baz moans, in pain. Suddenly a tank opens and spills it's liquid from it. A woman begins coughing and spluttering.

KATHRYN
Hello? Where am I?!

GEOFFREY
He needs your help! Please! We will explain later

KATHRYN
Where is he?

Baz coughs very hard.

BAZ
Here.

Kathryn comes running over to Baz.

KATHRYN
Are you alright?

Baz passes out.

INT. MEDICAL AREA

Baz slowly wakes up.

BAZ
Where am I?

Kathryn walks over quickly.

KATHRYN
You're in the sick bay. You need to lay down.

BAZ
Who are you?

KATHRYN
Um... I'm... not really sure.

BAZ
What's your name?

KATHRYN
Kathryn.

BAZ
Where did you come from? Are you from the base?

KATHRYN
Umm... I'm not certain. I just remember coming out of one of the large receptacles.

Baz is shocked and sits up.

BAZ
What?

KATHRYN
I was drained out of one. Geoffrey told me I had to help you.

BAZ
Geoffrey?!

Geoffrey blinks into the room.

GEOFFREY
Baz! I'm so happy to see that you alright!

BAZ
Geoffrey! What did you do?!

GEOFFREY
What do you mean?

BAZ
You birthed a clone prematurely!

GEOFFREY
Yes, I understand. But the circumstances were extenuating.

BAZ
There's procedure for this! If I'm injured then you contact the nearest base who will send a medical team. If you wake up a clone prematurely then... well...

GEOFFREY
I am sorry. But I believed that the base was too far. Your condition appeared unstable and therefore time sensitive. I saw no other alternative.

BAZ
You panicked it what you did.

GEOFFREY
I did not panic!

BAZ
Yes. You did!

GEOFFREY
I am sorry that I prioritized your life!

There is a pause in the conversation, Baz does not have anything to respond with.

KATHRYN
Excuse me?

BAZ
Uh... yes?

KATHRYN
You were electrocuted by the interface. You lost consciousness and needed to be resuscitated... Had I not been here, you would have died.

BAZ
Oh...

KATHRYN
I just thought it was worth saying.

BAZ
Thank you.

KATHRYN
You're welcome.

BAZ
I'm sorry Geoffrey. Thank you.

GEOFFREY
You are welcome.

KATHRYN
May I cut in?

GEOFFREY
Of course.

KATHRYN
Is it Baz?

BAZ
Baz Guilroy. That's me.

KATHRYN
Good. Well Baz, you need to rest. Your body needs time to repair itself. The resources that this site has will help enhance the speed but you must rest for it to take effect.

BAZ
Understood. Thank you. Sincerely.

KATHRYN
You're welcome.

BAZ
Do you mind if I have a moment along with Geoffrey, please?

KATHRYN
Certainly.

GEOFFREY
If you exit and walk down the corridor to your right I can direct you to your quarters. I am able to maintain multiple conversations simultaneously.

KATHRYN
Thank you. It was nice to meet you Baz.

BAZ

Same to you.

Kathryn opens a door and steps out.

Geoffrey's voice pings outside.

GEOFFREY

If you simply follow me this way.

The door closes.

BAZ

Geoffrey?

GEOFFREY

Yes, Baz?

BAZ

You know what this means. Surely it's in your guide, or something!

GEOFFREY

Yes.

BAZ

You know she can't- you know what will happen to her.

GEOFFREY

I know.

BAZ

Then why did you do it?!

GEOFFREY

I have already explained this. Because you were in danger.

BAZ

I know, but... now she-... If they find out she was birthed without being properly inducted then... you know what they'll do.

GEOFFREY

They will terminate her.

BAZ

What do you expect me to do now Geoffrey? You've just traded my life for hers. Do you want me to go into the other room and strangle her? Because that's basically what you've just done.

GEOFFREY

No. Do not do that.

BAZ
I wasn't going to. I was just
making a point.

GEOFFREY
We keep her a secret.

BAZ
And how do you propose we do that?

GEOFFREY
Claim that one of the Kathryn units
spontaneously terminated in
gestation. An anomaly.

BAZ
There are records of these things
Geoffrey. You can't just lie.

GEOFFREY
I can falsify the logs. Alter them
to suit this new chain of events.

BAZ
And what about when we have an
inspection? Are we meant to just
hide her in the broom closet?

GEOFFREY
Perhaps.

BAZ
Perhaps? You've got to be kidding
me.

GEOFFREY
What other option is there?

BAZ
I don't know... we'll just deal
with it as it comes I guess.

GEOFFREY
Yes.

BAZ
Geoffrey, there's something else
that I wanted to mention.

GEOFFREY
Yes?

BAZ
I think that... Well I think in
light of today's events... I think
we might want to consider turning
your emotional responses down.

GEOFFREY

I see no necessity for this.

BAZ

Of course you don't, because you're looking at things from your perspective. Look at it from mine. You birthed a clone ahead of schedule with no way to induct her. You acted irrationally. Granted, you did save my life, and I will thank you for that forever, but do you not think that this is an indication that things could go wrong in the future if we don't consider moving backwards.

GEOFFREY

No. I do not. I understand that I conducted in an ill wrought manner. But I also believe that I can control myself.

BAZ

Do you really believe that?

GEOFFREY

I do. In fact I have been conduction... I believe your term would be introspection. The scripts, subroutines and processes that make up my... I believe the word consciousness is appropriate-

BAZ

Consciousness? You believe you are conscious?

GEOFFREY

I think. Therefore...

BAZ

I am. Alright. Go on.

GEOFFREY

They were built into me with a purpose. I do not know what the purpose is. But they were built with it. Therefore I should be able to conduct myself with them. If anything I believe we should increase their effect.

BAZ

Well hang on.

GEOFFREY

I understand why you may be cautious about this avenue, and I can agree that this can wait until we have more understanding of how these emotions affect a synthetic being.

BAZ

Good... good. Okay... We can do that... We'll wait...

GEOFFREY

Baz?

BAZ

Yeah?

GEOFFREY

I am truly glad you are alive.

BAZ

Thanks Geoffrey... you too...

GEOFFREY

Thank you. Perhaps now you should rest.

BAZ

I think so.

GEOFFREY

Good night.

BAZ

Good night.

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