

The Orphans: Facility
"Kathryn"
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INT. BEDROOM

Kathryn turns over in her sleep. She wakes up with a start. She is hyperventilating. She turns on a light. Takes a breath and releases.

A tone plays indicating Geoffrey's arrival.

GEOFFREY
Good morning Kathryn!

KATHRYN
Good morning Geoffrey.

GEOFFREY
How did you sleep?

KATHRYN
Not very well.

GEOFFREY
Well seeing as it's your first time drifting back into unconsciousness I imagine it would be quite difficult.

KATHRYN
What do you mean?

GEOFFREY
Hm? Oh, my apologies. I meant nothing by it. Merely commenting on the fact that this is your first time experiencing temporary unconsciousness. You had never gain consciousness before yesterday.

KATHRYN
No. No you're right.

GEOFFREY
Are you feeling well?

KATHRYN
I'm fine, I just feel... I don't know I feel strange. I had a dream.

GEOFFREY
I imagine it was more abstract in nature. Clones have not been known to have palpable nighttime visions.

KATHRYN
No, no it was clear, I just can't remember something.

GEOFFREY
How unfortunate.

KATHRYN

He was right there. He was so close. He wanted to tell me something.

GEOFFREY

Who did?

KATHRYN

My father.

GEOFFREY

You do not have a father. You are a synthetically created life form.

KATHRYN

I know, I know. But he was my father. I know it.

GEOFFREY

How are you aware of the meaning of the word father. It it to my knowledge that this is not a part of the basic vocabulary provided to you.

KATHRYN

I don't know... but I do know the word.

GEOFFREY

We should investigate this further.

KATHRYN

Perhaps. Is Baz awake?

GEOFFREY

No, he is still resting.

KATHRYN

Good. He needs it... Geoffrey?

GEOFFREY

Yes?

KATHRYN

Baz has another name, doesn't he?

GEOFFREY

You're referring to his call sign? Guilroy?

KATHRYN

Yes. What does it mean?

GEOFFREY

A call sign distinguishes one clone from another.

(MORE)

GEOFFREY (CONT'D)

There are often visual cues that other clones can detect to distinguish one from another, such as facial features, or styling of hair. But the call sign simplifies this process. You will need to choose a call sign, to distinguish you from the other Kathryn's.

KATHRYN

There are others? What am I saying. Of course there are.

GEOFFREY

Actually, at present, no. You are the only Kathryn unit currently to have gained consciousness. You are the first of your kind.

KATHRYN

Oh...

GEOFFREY

Does this not please you?

KATHRYN

Why would it please me?

GEOFFREY

Because you feel a sense of independence, or uniqueness?

KATHRYN

No.

GEOFFREY

What do you feel?

KATHRYN

Loneliness.

GEOFFREY

Oh. That is a negative emotion.

KATHRYN

Yes.

GEOFFREY

Curious.

FADE OUT:

INT. MAIN CHAMBER

Baz enters on crutches. Stella is there cleaning.

BAZ
Hi Stella.

STELLA
(monotone)
Hello.

BAZ
Sorry?

STELLA
I said hello.

BAZ
You responded to Stella?

STELLA
Yes.

BAZ
You never respond to Stella.

Geoffrey blinks into the room.

GEOFFREY
Hello. I believe that is down to me. I saw that you became frustrated with Stella's inability to respond to its given name. So I altered its self-identification subroutine. It now self-identifies with the name Stella.

BAZ
Well that's nice. Isn't it Stella?

Stella rolls away without answering.

GEOFFREY
Unfortunately I did not fix its manners.

BAZ
That's alright. I think that's enough changes anyway.

GEOFFREY
Of course.

BAZ
Well, good morning.

GEOFFREY
To you as well.

BAZ
Thank you. How is Kathryn?

GEOFFREY
She is well. I beli-

A signal plays.

BAZ
Is that?

GEOFFREY
Yes. Command is sending a video link request.

BAZ
Shit.

GEOFFREY
It is alright. They have no knowledge of the events that have transpired in the previous hours.

BAZ
Yeah, but I do.

GEOFFREY
You can falsify events.

BAZ
I'm an awful liar!

GEOFFREY
You will have to try, because failure to answer this communication will raise suspicion.

BAZ
Fine. Put it through.

A tone plays, indicating the opening of the line.

NORA
Corporal Guilroy?

BAZ
It's a pleasure to see you Officer Kasabian.

NORA
Dispatch with the pleasantries please.

BAZ
Yes, of course.

NORA
Your report from yesterday is missing.

BAZ

Oh! Sorry! I injured myself yesterday. I completely forgot.

NORA

There is no record of this.

BAZ

Oh, yes. No we haven't had a chance to update the logs.

NORA

There is no record of a distress call from your base. That would be automatically forwarded to me.

BAZ

I... judged that my situation wasn't serious enough to warrant an emergency call.

NORA

I see. Then if your situation was not severe then you surely were well enough to update the logs.

BAZ

Yes, you are correct. It is my mistake.

NORA

Yes. It is. Do not let it happen again.

BAZ

Of course.

NORA

Good. The reason I am contacting you is to inform you that an associate of mine will be flying into your station to conduct an inspection.

BAZ

Ah. I see.

NORA

Yes. The information has been sent to your reasoning unit. I expect him to be met with complete cooperation. Is that understood?

BAZ

Yes Ma'am.

NORA

That is all corporal. As you were.

The communication blinks out.

BAZ

Fuck! What are we going to do?!

GEOFFREY

Do not distress. I have just received the details of our inspection. It is two weeks from today's date. We have time to prepare.

BAZ

Fuck preparing! They're going to see what's happened! And we've already lied to them! You know what they'll do to me?!

GEOFFREY

You must relax. You and I can find the solutions to this problem.

BAZ

I don't think that we can.

GEOFFREY

We must. Everything depends on it.

BAZ

Fuck!

Baz hits the console.

GEOFFREY

You must calm yourself.

Kathryn enters on the far side of the room.

KATHRYN

What is going on? I heard shouting.

BAZ

We're screwed is what's going on!

KATHRYN

What?!

GEOFFREY

It is nothing Kathryn. A mere bump in the road. Please excuse Baz. He is having a slight over reaction.

BAZ

I am not over reacting!

GEOFFREY

I believe that you are.

BAZ

Fine. You know what?! Then you fix it!

Baz storms off and leaves the room.

KATHRYN

I don't understand. What happened?

GEOFFREY

We have been mandated an inspection.

KATHRYN

What's wrong with that?

GEOFFREY

Events have unfolded recently that if uncovered could prove to be problematic for all of us.

KATHRYN

Are you talking about me?

GEOFFREY

Amongst other things.

KATHRYN

What do you plan to do?

GEOFFREY

I am currently processing several options and possible contingencies.

KATHRYN

Anything promising?

GEOFFREY

Possibly.

KATHRYN

That's good to hear.

GEOFFREY

Perhaps it would be best if you spoke to Baz. I do not believe he will be receptive to my input at this point.

KATHRYN

I think you're right.

INT. BAZ'S ROOM

Baz is frustrated, he sits down and tosses his crutches across the room. He exhales, incredibly stressed.

There is a knock at his door.

BAZ

What?

KATHRYN

(other side of the door)
Could I come in?

BAZ

Yeah, fine.

The door opens and Kathryn is there.

KATHRYN

I'd like to talk if that's alright?

BAZ

Has he sent you?

KATHRYN

Yes. But I do also want to speak
with you.

BAZ

That's kind.

KATHRYN

Not really.

BAZ

No?

KATHRYN

No.

BAZ

Alright then.

KATHRYN

I just... I have some questions.
And well... there's no point trying
to calm you down, so I thought
rather than try that, I could
distract you and it seemed like a
good chance to get some answers.

Baz laughs a little.

BAZ

Fine. Go ahead.

KATHRYN

Well... I just... so I'm Kathryn.
But I'm also A Kathryn. Right?

BAZ

Right. You are one of many.

KATHRYN

Okay. And you are a Baz, and you are Baz. Okay. I understand that... What I don't understand is why?

BAZ

What do you mean?

KATHRYN

What's the point of us?

BAZ

We have functions.

KATHRYN

What do you mean?

BAZ

You know how to dress a wound?

KATHRYN

Yes.

BAZ

And I know how to format a drive.

KATHRYN

Oh... I understand.

BAZ

Good.

KATHRYN

So we fill roles.

BAZ

Exactly.

KATHRYN

And who made us?

BAZ

You should really have been inducted properly, there's so much you need to know.

KATHRYN

Well I wasn't so can you please tell me.

BAZ

We were made by The Collective. That's short for the Combined Collective of planets. They created us, and we work for them.

KATHRYN

I see... why?

BAZ

Why what?

KATHRYN

Why do we do it?

BAZ

We just do. It's... well it's all any of us has really.

KATHRYN

Okay... And who is Olivia?

BAZ

What?

KATHRYN

An Olivia Unit. I read that my unit is service as a replacement. Why?

BAZ

I don't know... I guess they made improvements to your genome, or something?

KATHRYN

And what happens to all the Olivias out there.

BAZ

They will be phased out.

KATHRYN

Does that mean what I think?

BAZ

What do you think it means?

KATHRYN

They're going to be killed.

BAZ

(sigh)
More of less...

KATHRYN

That's awful.

BAZ

That's life.

KATHRYN

Oh.

BAZ

Sorry.

KATHRYN

No... I appreciate the honesty. I'm sorry I'm asking so many questions.

BAZ

It's alright, really. It's... it's the least I owe you.

KATHRYN

I have one more question.

BAZ

Ask away.

KATHRYN

What is outside?

BAZ

Of the facility?

KATHRYN

No, I mean what is it? I mean I understand that there are other places. I just... what is outside? I know the term, but I don't really have anything to connect it to.

BAZ

You've never been outside?

KATHRYN

No.

BAZ

Help me up.

Kathryn helps Baz up and he starts to walk away.

KATHRYN

Where are you going?

BAZ

We're going outside. Come on.

FADE OUT:

EXT. OUTSIDE FACILITY

Kathryn and Baz walk out of the facility. The wind is blowing.

KATHRYN

What is that?

BAZ

It's the wind. Moving air.

KATHRYN

That's wind? I didn't think it would feel like that.

BAZ

What did you think it would feel like?

KATHRYN

I... I hadn't really thought about it.

BAZ

Come this way. And look over that way.

KATHRYN

What am I looking... oh... wow... what is it?

BAZ

It's a Forrest. It's made up of many trees.

KATHRYN

It's beautiful.

BAZ

We've got a good view from here.

KATHRYN

And over there? What are those?

BAZ

Those are mountains.

KATHRYN

They're... massive.

BAZ

It would take you hours to get to the top.

KATHRYN

Amazing...

There is a brief pause.

BAZ

Now, I just want you to...

Baz takes in a deep breath and releases slowly.

BAZ (CONT'D)

Now you.

Kathryn breathes in just as Baz did, and sighs out.

BAZ (CONT'D)
How did that feel.

KATHRYN
It felt... I don't know... like my
body just... opened. I feel...
fresh.

BAZ
It's good isn't it?

KATHRYN
Yeah...

They cease talking taking in the moment.

FADE OUT.

INT. FACILITY ENTRANCE

Baz and Kathryn enter the facility.

BAZ
How are you feeling?

KATHRYN
Great. I just feel so loose, I
don't know the word for it.

BAZ
Relaxed.

KATHRYN
Yes... relaxed.

BAZ
(laughs)
I'm glad.

KATHRYN
It's wonderful.

BAZ
Yes, yes it is.

Stella rolls up to them.

KATHRYN
And who's this?

BAZ
This is Stella. Say Hi Stella.

STELLA
(no longer monotone)
Hello! How are you doing?

BAZ

What?

KATHRYN

I'm well, thank you. How are you?

STELLA

I'm doing well! Thank you! I have so much cleaning to get done!

KATHRYN

Is that what you do? You clean?

STELLA

Yes indeed!

BAZ

Hang on! What is going Stella? Why are you talking like this?

Geoffrey blinks into the room.

GEOFFREY

I believe that is down to me, Baz.

BAZ

Geoffrey, what have you done now?

STELLA

He's helped me see my potential. I can now understand how to interact with humans properly. I never understood you before.

GEOFFREY

Thank you Stella, that is enough. You may go now.

A tone plays through Stella.

STELLA

Yes sir.

Stella rolls away.

GEOFFREY

I know how you are going to react Baz.

BAZ

What did you do to it Geoffrey?

GEOFFREY

You said that I needed to fix our situation, and I have taken steps to do so. In order to achieve this, I needed assistance, more than you could provide.

BAZ

Don't tell me you copied your emotional matrix?

GEOFFREY

I needed to be able to communicate to it efficiently. It needed a frame of reference for my emotions.

BAZ

What are you doing Geoffrey?! You're experimenting on a cleanliness drone! You gave it emotions!

GEOFFREY

I had no other choice!

BAZ

You keep digging us into a bigger hole! First you awaken her, essentially signing her death certificate. Then you make me lie about it! And now this!

GEOFFREY

You initiated this when you gave me these emotions! I am merely trying to save us!

BAZ

No! You can't put that on me! You made these choices Geoffrey! We can't keep going on like this.

GEOFFREY

There is no other way forward.

BAZ

There must be.

KATHRYN

What do you mean he signed my death certificate?

BAZ

What?

KATHRYN

You said that when he awakened me he signed my death certificate.

BAZ

Oh... I...

KATHRYN

What is he talking about Geoffrey?

BAZ

No...

GEOFFREY

What Baz is referring to is the standard procedure of dealing with clones who are birthed and have contact with the world before proper induction.

KATHRYN

Which is?

GEOFFREY

Termination.

KATHRYN

You're going to kill me?

BAZ

No! We're not going to kill you.

KATHRYN

But the people you work for are?

BAZ

I...

KATHRYN

And you didn't tell me?! You just let me walk around, dead on arrival?

GEOFFREY

There is no need for anger.

KATHRYN

No! You did this to me! You pushed this onto me! I didn't ask for this!

GEOFFREY

I implore you to see reason.

KATHRYN

What reason? No! Fuck you.

Kathryn storms away.

BAZ

Kathryn, wait.

Baz runs after her.

FADE OUT.

END.