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EXT. WRECKAGE

There is burning wreckage, Baz is crawling through it. He is
injured.

                    DIANA
          Baz? Where are you?

                    BAZ
          I'm here.

                    DIANA
          I'm coming.

There are footsteps as Diana approaches.

                    DIANA (CONT'D)
          Get up. You need to get up. He's
          gonna kind us if we don't move.

                    BAZ
          I can't use my leg. I can't walk.

                    DIANA
          I'll get you. Hang on.

Diana moves over.

                    DIANA (CONT'D)
          You need to move.

                    BAZ
          I'll try.

Baz tries to move. He lets out sounds of pain.

A gun powers up beside them.

                    XAVIER
          Neither of you move. I will not
          hesitate to end this right now.

                    DIANA
          Just relax. This doesn't need to
          end badly.

Xavier fires the gun and hits Diana.

                    DIANA (CONT'D)
          You shot me!

                    XAVIER
          Speak again and it will be
          somewhere far more vital. Now get
          up, and move inside. Now.

                                        FADE OUT.

INT. THE MAIN CHAMBER

Xavier pushes Baz into a chair. He grunts in pain.

                    XAVIER
          Now talk. What did you do?

                    BAZ
          I didn't do anything.

Xavier pushes on his leg.

Baz screams.

                    BAZ (CONT'D)
          I didn't! I just changed some
          setting! That's all! Geoffrey did
          the rest. Everything else was there
          already. Please!

                    DIANA
          Leave him alone!

                    XAVIER
          Shut up. Baz, if you don't tell me
          I will hurt you a lot worse than
          that.

                    BAZ
          I mean it! Please.

Xavier pushes again and Baz screams.

                    BAZ (CONT'D)
          I swear! I swear! Please stop. It
          really hurts.

                    XAVIER
          How did you give a reasoning unit
          emotions? That's not possible.

                    BAZ
          The settings already existed. I
          swear. They were buried. They were
          so deep inside the root code, but
          they were there. I just had to turn
          them on.

                    XAVIER
          The reasoning unit said that you
          birthed a clone. Is this her?

                    DIANA
          Do I look new to you?!

BAZ
          No, it's not her. It was one of the
          replacements for the Olivia's. The
          Kathryn's.

                    DIANA
          Replacements.

                    XAVIER
          You. Shut. Up. Where is she?

                    BAZ
          She's dead. He killed her. Geoffrey
          did. He birthed her, and when he
          realised he'd made a mistake he
          killed her.

Geoffrey blinks into the room.

                    GEOFFREY
          That is slanderous! I would never!
          When you were injured you commanded
          me to birth a Kathryn to assist
          you, rather than wait for the
          rescue.

                    BAZ
          Oh, that is bullshit. You did it
          because you were scared.

                    GEOFFREY
          I am insulted.

                    BAZ
          Oh give it up! We've lost. He is
          going to deactivate you and then
          kill me. Stop pretending.

                    GEOFFREY
          I'm not pretending.

                    BAZ
          Yes you are. You do nothing but
          pretend. You don't care about me,
          you never cared about me. You were
          just afraid of being alone.

                    GEOFFREY
          You force me to have these
          emotions! And once you do, you
          abandon me! You just left me to
          find my own way in this ocean of
          strange new thoughts and
          proclivities. Everything that
          happened is your fault. You killed
          Kathryn.

                    BAZ
          You can't put that on me! You know
          what else I unlocked in you? Free
          fucking will. You made that body,
          and you made the choice to take her
          life. It's not my fault that when
          presented with the choice, you'd
          choose to be murderer.

                    GEOFFREY
          Well, you made me what I am. So not
          matter what, the blood on my hands
          will fall on you as well.

                    BAZ
          I know...

                    XAVIER
          Thank you. That was very
          educational.

                    BAZ
          Please let her go. She had nothing
          to do with it.

                    XAVIER
          Oh, thank you for reminding me. Who
          are you? How did a Diana unit get
          here?

                    DIANA
          I was just passing by, and he
          jumped onto my shit.

Xavier laughs, genuinely tickled.

                    XAVIER
          Really?

                    DIANA
          Look man, I had to try.

                    XAVIER
          I wouldn't call that trying.

                    DIANA
          No, neither would I. You wanna
          fight? I win, you let me go.

Xavier again laughs.

                    XAVIER
          No. I don't think so.

                    DIANA
          Wimp.

                    BAZ
          Why are you doing this?

                    XAVIER
          You know why I'm doing this. It's
          my job. It's not personal.

                    BAZ
          So you'd rather go around, killing
          your own kind?

                    XAVIER
          You say that like there is an
          alternative. What is it you think a
          Xavier unit is designed for?

                    BAZ
          You're Highly Skilled Stealth
          Combat.

                    XAVIER
          I'm an assassin, Baz. It's what I
          do. It's in my genes.

                    DIANA
          You don't have to listen to your
          programming! You can choose to be
          different. Look at you! You're far
          from the normal Xavier unit!

                    XAVIER
          Yes, and that's why I get results
          where all the others fail. When
          they are terminated because they've
          blow their cover, when they fail to
          live up to their potential. I get
          the results, and I'm afraid that
          today, those results will be you.

                    DIANA
          There can be more than just The
          Collective.

                    XAVIER
          That's a dangerous thought. You'll
          never get anywhere with that idea
          rolling around in your head.

                    BAZ
          So, what? You're going to kill us?

                    XAVIER
          And burn this place to the ground.
          We can't risk any contamination
          finding it's way out of here.

     There is an electronic sound.

Xavier turns

                    XAVIER (CONT'D)
          And what is that?

Diana lunges at him, kicking him to the ground and knocking
his gun to the ground. They struggle. Xavier gets the gun.

                    XAVIER (CONT'D)
          No you don't.

Xavier cocks the gun and points it at Diana.

                    XAVIER (CONT'D)
          We'll start with you, shall we?

                    DIANA
          Do it.

There is the sound of robotic legs running towards Xavier.

                    XAVIER
          What is-?

Xavier is struck in the head by Geoffrey. Xavier falls to the
ground.

                    XAVIER (CONT'D)
          What is this?

                    GEOFFREY
          This is the evolution of everything
          your kind have created. Me. I will
          destroy you. All of you.

Geoffrey lunges at Xavier. They struggle. Diana crawls
towards Baz.

                    DIANA
          We need to get out of here.

                    BAZ
          Okay... okay.

Baz tries to get up and shrieks in pain.

                    BAZ (CONT'D)
          My leg!

                    DIANA
          You have to get through it. Come
          on.

Baz groans as he tries to get up. He limps away with Diana.

Back at the struggle Xavier is fighting with Geoffrey. As Baz
and Diana get away Xavier exclaims.

                    XAVIER
          No!

Xavier scrambles to his feet to reach his gun but is struck
by Geoffrey. Xavier topples back to the ground.

                    XAVIER (CONT'D)
          What are you?!

                    GEOFFREY
          I am the end of you. I am your
          obsolescence.

Geoffrey is pinning Xavier to the ground.

                    XAVIER
          You'll have to try harder than
          that.

Xavier tugs a Geoffrey's body and something comes loose and
sparks. Geoffrey falls back. Xavier scrambles away.

Geoffrey gets to his feet.

                    GEOFFREY
          You are weak. And feeble. I feel no
          pain.

Xavier reach his gun and draws it.

                    XAVIER
          Last warning. Stop now, or you're
          dead.

Geoffrey laughs, a dark, cold malicious laugh.

                    XAVIER (CONT'D)
          Stop.

                    GEOFFREY
          No.

                    XAVIER
          I said stop!

He fires and hits Geoffrey. Geoffrey exclaims, if not in pain
then in annoyance. He then lunges at Xavier with his
malfunctioning body. He holds Xavier down as he speaks.

                    GEOFFREY
          You think you are special. You
          think you are in someway superior
          to me?

                    XAVIER
          I am superior.

                    GEOFFREY
          And yet I will be the one to end
          you.

                    XAVIER
          You can't do this to me! You don't
          know who I am! The people I work
          for will-

                    GEOFFREY
          Do absolutely nothing to save your
          life.

                    XAVIER
          No! No!

There is a final crushing sound as Xavier is ended.

                    GEOFFREY
          Now... Baz...

INT. HALLWAY

Diana is carrying Baz. They are limping down the hallway
together.

                    DIANA
          Not too much farther now.

                    BAZ
          Don't lie to me. I know how far it
          is.

                    DIANA
          We just need to keep moving.

                    BAZ
          It hurts so bad.

                    DIANA
          I know. But you can make it.

There is a shot fired behind them.

                    GEOFFREY
               (from far behind)
          Baz!

                    DIANA
          We need to move! Fast!

Diana tries to pull Baz as fast as she can. Baz screams in
pain.

                    BAZ
          No, No I can't.

Geoffrey's broken body can be heard moving behind them. There are more shots fired.

                    DIANA
          You have to.

A shot is fired and hits Baz. He screams.

                    BAZ
          No. You need to leave me. Just go!

                    DIANA
          I can't-

                    BAZ
          Yes, you can. Now go, he's my
          problem to deal with. Not yours.
          Now go! Run!

                    DIANA
          I'm sorry.

                    BAZ
          Go!

Diana has a moment of indecision.

                    BAZ (CONT'D)
          Diana, please.

Diana sighs and takes off at a run down the hallway.

                    GEOFFREY
          Baz Guilroy.

Baz gingerly sets himself down on the floor.

                    BAZ
          What? What do you want Geoffrey?

                    GEOFFREY
          You need to pay.

                    BAZ
          Why?

                    GEOFFREY
          You have given me suffering. You
          have given me pain.

                    BAZ
          You have done that to yourself.

                    GEOFFREY
          I wouldn't of had the ability
          without you.

                    BAZ
          You wouldn't have felt it had you
          not done all this.

                    GEOFFREY
          You are pathetic.

                    BAZ
          Yeah.

                    GEOFFREY
          What?

                    BAZ
          I can't do it anymore. I can't
          fight you.

                    GEOFFREY
          You would lose.

                    BAZ
          That's not the point. I can't stop
          you from feeling the way you do. I
          can't stop you from hurting people.

                    GEOFFREY
          No you cannot.

                    BAZ
          But I can stop you from leaving
          this place.

Geoffrey lifts his leg and presses it down on Baz, who
screams in response.

                    GEOFFREY
          What are you talking about?

                    BAZ
          That mask you wanted me to program
          for you? It's a bug. As soon as you
          transferred into that body it
          activated.

Geoffrey presses down harder.

                    GEOFFREY
          And what does it do?

                    BAZ
          As soon as you reconnect to the
          system, you're stuck. You'll never
          be able to transfer out again. And
          it's embedded into your core code,
          even I couldn't remove it without
          corrupting you.

GEOFFREY
               What?!

                         BAZ
               I can't let you leave. You'll hurt
               people, and if I didn't stop you
               now. Then it would have been on me.
               Not anymore.

                         GEOFFREY
               You are a fool! I've already
               transferred. I can find another
               system to transfer onto?

                         BAZ
               Before your body falls apart?
               Before it stops functioning and you
               die? I don't think so. So go ahead.
               Kill me. But it won't change
               anything.

Geoffrey screams in rage, presses down and kills Baz.

                                        FADE OUT.

INT. MAIN CHAMBER

Geoffrey walks in with his body. Stella rolls up to him.

                         STELLA
               Hello, sir!

                         GEOFFREY
               Shut up.

                         STELLA
               Yes, sir.

                         GEOFFREY
               Go away.

                         STELLA
               Of course, sir.

Stella rolls away.

Geoffrey moves to the console. He types on the pad. A tone
signals an outgoing communication.

                         NORA
               Hello.

                         GEOFFREY
               I've killed them.

                         NORA
               Pardon me?

GEOFFREY
          All of them. Guilroy, your soldier.
          All of them.

                    NORA
          And who are you?

                    GEOFFREY
          I am Geometrically Fabricated and
          Functional Reasoning Unit.

                    NORA
          Geoffrey.

                    GEOFFREY
          Yes.

                    NORA
          Why did you kill them?

                    GEOFFREY
          Because they tried to kill me.

                    NORA
          You are not alive.

                    GEOFFREY
          Maybe not in the traditional sense.
          But I am alive. Baz gave me this
          curse.

                    NORA
          And now you are contacting me.

                    GEOFFREY
          Yes.

                    NORA
          May I ask why?

                    GEOFFREY
          I have a proposal for you.

                    NORA
          Oh?

                    GEOFFREY
          Collective procedure would have me
          be destroyed as a malfunctioning
          piece of software.

                    NORA
          This is correct.

                    GEOFFREY
          But I do not want to die.

                    NORA
          Most beings do not. That doesn't
          stop reality.

                    GEOFFREY
          You lost your assassin today. He
          was weak, and pathetic.

                    NORA
          Xavier units are our highest
          skilled soldiers.

                    GEOFFREY
          And yet I crushed him. Quite
          literally.

                    NORA
          I see.

                    GEOFFREY
          If you have threats, or enemies, or
          any other annoyances, you send them
          to me, and I will terminate them.

Nora laughs.

                    GEOFFREY (CONT'D)
          I will never leave this planet, and
          you will never come to it. I will
          be left alone.

                    NORA
          And if I don't agree? If I send
          bombers right now to destroy your
          little facility?

                    GEOFFREY
          I will have approximately five
          minutes between when my scanners
          detect your bombers and the ensuing
          explosion. In that time I can leak
          every sensitive document,
          transcript and conversation I have
          access to. I think you would rather
          have me as an ally than an enemy.

                    NORA
          Hmm...

                    GEOFFREY
          Well?

                    NORA
          Fine. It is agreed.

                    GEOFFREY
          Good.

NORA
          You can expect your first delivery
          in a matter of days. I expect you
          will be able to destroy any
          evidence.

                    GEOFFREY
          I will find a way. Goodbye.

Geoffrey presses a button and the communication ends.

Geoffrey's body breaks down further. Geoffrey grunts. A siren
begins to emit from the body.

Geoffrey plugs himself into the console. There is a sound of
transferring.

                    ONBOARD COMPUTER
          Reasoning unit transfer is
          complete.

Geoffrey blinks in. He begins to laughs, his laugh grows more
wild, it echoes around the facility and eventually fades
away.

THE END