

DANIEL + CASSIE

Aboard the Apollo, comms. officer Daniel stands guard at Cassie's cell. He listens hard for sounds coming from the nearby stairs. Satisfied no one is coming, he taps on his arm terminal and the opaque door to the cell suddenly turns translucent. Cassie lays on a crash-couch staring unblinking at the ceiling.

DANIEL

Boss? Cassie? It's Daniel yah. You're mad I bet. It's just you know... Bryan say you aren't the real captain. And the captain isn't the captain, so...

Me, I like you fine as boss yah, but Bryan- well he hates all captains I think. You shouldn't take it personal.

CASSIE

ISSM code 1982. Mutiny. Sediton. Failure to suppress-

DANIEL

What? No. That's not this. Because the captain-

CASSIE

-tried to toss me into space, and now he's dead!

DANIEL

Dead by you. So the rules-

CASSIE

I WAS CAPTAIN WHEN YOU LOCKED ME IN HERE! Daniel, this is mutiny. You have to fix this.

Cassie is standing now. They talk intimately through the clear door.

DANIEL

Fix this? I can't fix this! I fix the ship! I make it so we can breathe, and fly.

CASSIE

You're my crewman, Daniel.

DANIEL

That's my brother, boss. Our reactor, it melts down? That's my job! But when the captain, he melts down? That's your job. You fix it!

CASSIE

You're right. You're right. It never should have gotten this far. You let me out, and I will fix this.

DANIEL

I can't-

CASSIE

Let me out Daniel!

DANIEL

I CAN'T BOSS. You always say my brother and me, we share a brain. Maybe you mean it, maybe you're right. And right now brother he say you stay put.

CASSIE

No, Daniel listen to me-

A sudden sound from above. Brian swipes at his arm terminal and in an instant the door becomes opaque and soundproof. He stands listening. All is quiet, but he's still nervous. He swipes again and the door becomes clear.

DANIEL

I have to go upstairs. Something is going on. Stay here, yah?

Another sound. Daniel draws his gun, and turns to Cassie.

DANIEL (CONT'D)

That was a joke. I'll keep you safe, you have my word.

Cassie starts to protest but is silenced by the swipe of Daniel's finger as the door turns opaque. He stands for a moment.

DANIEL (CONT'D)

I'm sorry boss.

He exits up the stairs.