

KATZ + CASSIE

Aboard the Apollo, Katz is captain and Cassie is his most trusted lieutenant. Upon learning of a change in mission plans, Cassie goes to the captain's deck to get some answers. Katz sits at a handsome desk, the centerpiece of a well appointed observation room, and deftly taps and swipes on a control panel.

CASSIE
You're plotting a course change?

KATZ
Don't start.

CASSIE
Our targets are no longer on
Imperia?

KATZ
(*scoffs*) "Our targets." A couple
parole jumpers on the lam are not
"targets", they're goddamn
refugees.

CASSIE
With a legitimate contract for
their return to-

Katz bangs his hand on the desk.

KATZ
They are not the target.

CASSIE
Then who is?

His grimace softens to a wry smile. He stands and makes a broad swipe on his desk terminal, and a holographic ship dossier is cast in between them. Cassie studies it.

CASSIE (CONT'D)
The Hyacintho Luna? That's a
casino barge.

KATZ
That's right. Currently orbiting
Callisto, hosting an annual
"charity poker tournament". Apoxia
research is an excellent laundromat
for dirty money.

CASSIE
So what?

KATZ

Don't ask me how, but I got ahold
of an unencrypted docking manifest.
See anything familiar?

Cassie taps and swipes the air, and the hologram scrolls
through a list of ships.

CASSIE

The Rastegar.

KATZ

That's right. Shilo Greicas'
personal ship is docked in orbit
right now so he can play in a three-
day poker tournament. If we burn
hard we get there before it starts.

CASSIE

This is not what I signed up for.
Legitimate contracts, legitim-

KATZ

-Legitimate reclamation. I know
what you signed up for goddammit, I
signed you up! Pulled you off the
docks, made you my XO, promised you
a better life than trash runs and
scavenging bones!

(softening) Cass, Shilo Greicas
carries a bounty that could buy us
a second ship. Plus the Rastegar
will be *ours*, "legitimately
reclaimed". Three ships is a fleet,
and any one of them would be yours.
Take your pick, and you can chase
stowaways and corporate tickets to
your heart's content. Just go *with*
me on this.

Katz pulls two rocks glasses and a bottle from a drawer, and
pours them both a drink.

CASSIE

Why the hard burn?

KATZ

What?

CASSIE

It's a three day poker tournament.
Why get there before it starts?

KATZ

Because first I'm gonna take all
Shilo's money, *then* I'm gonna take
everything else.

Katz holds out a glass for Drummer. Incredulous, she takes it. He clinks his glass with hers, delighted, throws back his drink, and returns his attention to the control panel on his desk, forgetting about her entirely.