

FIND US ALIVE 32: HIWAY ROBBERY

STATIC FADES IN AND OUT

SURVEILLANCE OFFICE EQUIPMENT HUMMING  
QUIETLY

LONG PAUSE

RADDAGHER

Should we tell Klein?

LOVE

Not yet.

RADDAGHER

What do we do now?

LOVE

We keep it a secret.

RADDAGHER

For how long?

LOVE

Until we know they won't kill us  
for it.

RADDAGHER

We broke the rules.

LOVE

Oh, we REALLY broke the rules.

QUIET, MONSTROUS GROWLING

CLICK

HARLEY

Overwatch Command, it is 1:29pm.  
I'm sure it is also a day of the  
week, although I may have lost  
track of which one it might be.

You'll be happy to know that the  
next Reset is only a couple days  
away. Soon, we may no longer have  
to deal with the cavernous  
hellscape our building has become.  
We hope. We are reasonably sure.  
We have roughly the same  
confidence as we did in the  
detonation.

The truth is, Overwatch Command,  
in your infinite silent  
spectatorship, I am nervous. The  
evidence we have observed so far  
has given me no reason to believe  
that the site WON'T return to  
normal. But the rules in this  
place fluctuate, as you well know.  
Maybe we did break the cycle. Just  
not in the way we wanted.

As always, I'm talking to myself.  
But I've grown comfortable with  
the empty airwaves. With the idea  
that something MIGHT be in here  
with me. Just listening. Coupled  
with the assurance that nothing  
is. A very improbable possibility.

And now, my captive non-existent  
audience, I have some news  
regarding the things I have done  
to waste my time while I'm stuck  
in here.

HARLEY CLEARS HIS THROAT

HARLEY

I continue to suck at drawing  
tigers, but now I am sucking at  
drawing tigers on top of the desk  
as well as underneath it-

LOUD MONSTROUS SCREECHING FROM OUTSIDE THE ROOM

PAUSE

HARLEY

...What in the hell was that?

CLICK

MUSIC STARTS

DIALOGUE BOUNCES OFF EACH OTHER

KLEIN

The first person who saw it said  
it came crawling out of the-

LANCASTER

Containment cell, minding my own  
business, I'm bouncing my tennis  
ball. When all of a sudden I hear  
this-

HARLEY

Perfectly reasonable volume and pitch of a reaction, considering how big it was. And how close it was to my door.

SITE INTERCOM CLICKS ON

KLEIN

(over intercom)

We've got a big one, ladies and germs. Bring me its head.

LOVE AND RADDAGHER

Shit.

CLICK

WALKIE BEEPS

HARLEY

Can I help?!

KLEIN

NO. You're still injured!

HARLEY

I'm FINE! I made it to Kasey's shrine TWICE! It barely even hurts to breathe!

KLEIN

Stay in your office, Harley!

HARLEY

What if it comes BACK? What do I do?! I don't have any fire and it was ENORMOUS!

KLEIN

Barely anybody has fire, we've only got like, six cans of hair spray!

HARLEY

That does not make me feel better!

CLICK

LANCASTER

All the containment cells had- they were immediately locked down, which meant I-

HARLEY

-Need a drink. But guess what else we used up on the detonation?!

KLEIN

Most of the staff couldn't leave their rooms. We were fish in a barrel if that thing decided to-

HARLEY

-Maybe sneak out of my office. A little bit. Just until-

KLEIN

-We find out how it got created right under our noses.

FLUORESCENT LIGHT BUZZING

SEVERAL SECOND PAUSE

D-1

What?! I didn't have nothin' to do with this!

CLICK

ECHOING HALLWAY CAVERN AMBIENCE

HARLEY

Klein? Do you have a description of it? What can it do? Can it go through walls?

WALKIE BEEPS

KLEIN

I'm kinda busy, Harley!

HARLEY'S SLOW FOOTSTEPS ECHO

HARLEY

(to himself)

Okay. Phasing through walls? Possibly. Could it pull me out of my office like a lobster out of a tank at a fancy restaurant? Remains to be seen. I need a weapon-

SCUFFLING FARTHER AWAY

HARLEY

(nervous)

Hello? Is somebody up there?

LOVE  
(whisper shouting)  
Get in your office!

HARLEY  
Huh? Why? Is it coming?!

LOVE  
WE are coming to you, get in your  
office!

MOVEMENT, EFFORT AND OBJECTS SHIFTING AS LOVE AND HARLEY  
CLIMB BACK INTO HARLEY'S OFFICE

LOVE  
We need your help.

HARLEY  
"We?"

LOVE  
Me and Raddagher.

DUMPTRUCK MAKES A SQUISHY SQUEAK

LOVE  
And Dumptruck.

HARLEY  
Oh. What kind of help do you need?

LOVE  
We fucked up.

CLICK

LOVE  
So in my defense-

RADDAGHER  
We didn't do much to keep it  
inside.

LOVE  
I didn't know he would be able to  
move like that.

RADDAGHER  
She didn't tell it to stay in the  
office.

LOVE  
Don't look at me like that! I  
didn't know where he was going!

CLICK

HARLEY'S OFFICE AMBIENCE. DUMPTRUCK STEPS AROUND IN THE BACKGROUND

HARLEY

Let me make sure I have this all correct.

LOVE

Okay.

HARLEY

Raddagher is still in the Surveillance office.

LOVE

Watching.

HARLEY

You and her made a giant Dash Two.

LOVE

Yes.

HARLEY

And it escaped.

LOVE

He didn't ESCAPE, he LEFT. I just don't know where he went.

HARLEY

HOW did it escape, Love? Did you leave the door open or something?

LOVE

NO, of course I didn't leave the fucking door open!

SITE INTERCOM CLICKS ON AND REVERBERATES

KLEIN

Dash Two spotted! Everybody keep your eyes peeled for a really long vine, Security reports that it's sticking to the walls!

PAUSE

HARLEY

Love?

LOVE

Yes?

HARLEY

How did it escape your office,  
Love?

LOVE

He unraveled like a sweater and  
went up the vent.

CLICK

LOVE

Obviously, we couldn't let  
everybody kill him!

HARLEY

I was conned into fighting on the  
side of another vine monster.

LOVE

HE WAS JUST BORN!

RADDAGHER

It moved faster than we could keep  
up with it.

KLEIN

All we've got are a few lighters  
and a few aerosol cans of-

LOVE

Badger? Or maybe a weird flat  
bear? Either way, he has six legs.

KLEIN

I don't have time for this. It's  
on sight.

LOVE

We had to find him before somebody  
else did and decided to-

KLEIN

-take my anger out on something.  
Just have to get close enough to  
it.

CLICK

SURVEILLANCE AMBIENCE

HARLEY

Okay. What do we do?

INTERCOM BUTTON CLICKS, SOFT INTERCOM STATIC

LOVE

Ingrid?

RADDAGHER

(over office comm)

Hey.

LOVE

I made it to Harley's office.

RADDAGHER

Yes.

LOVE

We have an idea. But it won't work  
without you.

CLICK

HARLEY

And as quick as she came in, she  
was back out again. Climbing up  
to-

LANCASTER

-The inside of the vent in my  
cell. It's too small for a person  
to fit through, but- but probably  
not too small for a-

KLEIN

-Good look at this thing. It was  
big. Almost as big as the lemon  
plant-

LOVE

-Monster. He's just a baby! He  
doesn't know any better!

KLEIN

And as I'm on my way up, the site  
comm kicks on.

CLICK

ECHOING HALLWAY AMBIENCE

KLEIN STRUGGLING AS SHE CLIMBS

REVERBERATING AS THE SITE COMM CLICKS ON

HARLEY

(site comm)



Site-107, Surveillance has spotted the anomaly in BF-1, heading toward AE-3. Let's get on it, people!

KLEIN

Yes! Yes, Harley! Nice work!

WALKIE CLICKS

KLEIN

Fire Team A, go check that out! Over.

(to herself)

One success this cycle. One success is all I want.

CLICK

HARLEY'S OFFICE, EQUIPMENT HUMMING

QUIET STATIC OF THE OPEN OFFICE COMM

HARLEY

Okay. That's the far side of the building to where you saw it. They're in multiple groups, though, they're not ALL going to chase it that way.

RADDAGHER

Buy us some time.

HARLEY

Yeah, but how much faster can Love move than a whole Security squad?

RADDAGHER

She's fast.

CLICK

ECHOING HALLWAY AMBIENCE

SMALL IMPACTS AND EXERTION NOISES AS LOVE CLIMBS RAPIDLY

LOVE

(a little winded)

I'll save you, my son. My boy. I'm on my way. Don't move. Pleeaaaaaase stop moving around so much, Momma loves you-

CLICK

BACK TO HARLEY'S OFFICE

HARLEY

So if the fake direction is AE-3,  
which way is it ACTUALLY going?

RADDAGHER

Toward BH-4.

HARLEY

BH-4?

RADDAGHER

Last time it appeared on the  
cameras.

HARLEY

Where's Lancaster being held right  
now?

CLICK

FLUORESCENT LIGHT BUZZES HARSHLY,  
LANCASTER'S VOICE REVERBERATES

LANCASTER

Hello? You guys are gonna come  
check on us down here eventually,  
right?

CLICK

HARLEY'S OFFICE AMBIENCE

RADDAGHER

Oh.

HARLEY

You said it's not dangerous,  
right?

PAUSE

RADDAGHER

It is not dangerous. As far as we  
know.

HARLEY

Cool. Awesome. Great great great.  
Oh, good.

CLICK

OVERLAPPING AGAIN

LOVE  
(interview)  
So we executed the plan.

HARLEY  
(site comm)  
We have eyes on the Dash Two!  
Spotted moving toward AB!

RADDAGHER  
(interview)  
It was working.

KLEIN  
Fuckin' hell, how'd it get all the  
way over there?

LOVE  
(interview)  
Nobody suspected a thing. We were  
so smooth.

HARLEY  
(site comm)  
Uhh, looks like it can move really  
fast! That's why it's getting  
around the building so quick! No  
other reason!

KLEIN GROANS IN FRUSTRATION

WALKIE CLICK

KLEIN  
Alright, Fire Team C, go check out  
that location. Over.

WALKIE BEEPS

KLEIN  
I'm going to go see about some  
contained people.

LANCASTER  
(shouting into the void)  
No, it's okay! I'll be- I'll be  
fine in here! Don't- don't worry  
about it!

HARLEY  
(site comm)  
We have sighted the monster again  
in AD-1!

KLEIN GROANS EVEN LOUDER

KLEIN  
God dammit!

WALKIE CLICKS

LOVE  
(out of breath)  
Where is he?

RADDAGHER  
In BH somewhere.

LOVE  
I'm almost there!

RADDAGHER SPEAKS UNCLEARLY THROUGH STATIC  
AND CUTTING OUT

LOVE  
What? I can't hear you!

MORE STATIC AS RADDAGHER TRIES TO REACH HER

CLICK

SURVEILLANCE OFFICE AMBIENCE

HARLEY  
(site comm, muffled)  
I'm getting word that we are  
experiencing some interference  
with walkies in the farther  
reaches of the building. Site-107,  
try to stay off the channels  
except when absolutely necessary!  
(into office comm)  
Try her now.

WALKIE CLICKS

RADDAGHER  
Nari, Klein is coming down. Klein  
is coming-

CLICK

RADDAGHER'S VOICE IS STATICKY AND INAUDIBLE

LOVE  
I still can't understand you!  
  
Okay, focus. Focus.

LOVE STRUGGLES OVER THE ROPES AS SHE CLIMBS  
AND JUMPS BETWEEN THEM

CLICK

LANCASTER

Klein? Alves? Is anybody? Damn.  
Okay. Um-

FABRIC RUSTLING.

LANCASTER

Hey, Dash Two. You better not come  
in here, I have- I have a blanket-

WEIRD LEAFY SLITHERING, ECHOING IN THE VENT

LANCASTER

...Oh, son of a-

CLICK

LOVE STRUGGLES TO PUSH A DOOR OPEN. IT  
CREAKS NOISILY

LOVE

(winded, whispering)  
Hey? Hiway? Are you in here?

CLICK

KLEIN BREATHES HEAVILY AS SHE CLIMBS

KLEIN

Lancaster- That- that bastard  
better- better not be- responsible  
for this-

HARLEY

(site comm)

Wow, look! It's over in AG-1, now!  
Looks like we really need some  
leadership over there, could  
really benefit from somebody in  
charge!

ROPES CREAK, KLEIN EXERTION NOISES

KLEIN

There we are.

SHE STRUGGLES WITH THE DOOR BEFORE PUSHING  
IT OPEN

IT SLAMS OPEN HARD.

KLEIN  
Lancaster! Are you-

LANCASTER  
SSSSSSHHHHHHH-

KLEIN  
What-

QUIET MONSTROUS GROWLING AND HISSING

KLEIN  
Ohh.

SLOW LADDER FOOTSTEPS AS KLEIN MAKES HER WAY  
DOWN

LANCASTER  
(soothing wild animal  
calmness voice)  
Slowly-

KLEIN  
Yuuuuup-

THE CREATURE GROWLS, LANCASTER AND KLEIN  
SPEAK SLOWLY AND QUIETLY

LANCASTER  
Okay. Let's all be very calm and  
not startle it.

AEROSOL CAN SHAKES ONCE

MONSTER GROWLS LOUDER

LANCASTER  
Klein-

KLEIN  
I've got this, I just have to get  
a little bit closer.

LANCASTER  
I think it's too big for that  
little can-

KLEIN  
It'll be enough!

LANCASTER  
Are you sure? Are we looking at  
the same giant plant bear thing?

KLEIN

Alright fine, it works or we die!  
Happy?

DASH TWO SNARLS LOUDER, LEAVES RUSTLE AND  
TWIGS CREAK FOR A MOMENT

KLEIN

Oh, that was weird. Why can't it  
just walk like a regular animal?

LANCASTER

Because it's not a regular animal,  
Klein, *do something*.

KLEIN

Alright. Alright. Let's go.

AEROSOL CAN SHAKES

KLEIN

Hey, big guy. Wanna tussle? Do ya?

DASH TWO SNARLS LOUDER

LIGHTER CLICKS

KLEIN

DO YA? Try some of this!

BRIEF BLAST OF FLAME. THE MONSTER ROARS.

LOVE

STOP!

LOVE BARRELS DOWN THE LADDER, GRUNTING AS  
SHE JUMPS TO THE BOTTOM

RAPID FOOTSTEPS AS SHE RUNS ACROSS THE CELL

LOVE

Stop! Don't hurt him!

KLEIN

Now's really not the time, Love!  
Move!

LOVE

No! He's MINE!

DASH TWO SCREECHES AGAIN, LEAVES RUSTLE

LOVE

No! Bad boy! Bad! Lay down!

MONSTER'S SCREECHES DIE DOWN TO LOW GROWLS.  
LEAVES RUSTLE SOME MORE

LANCASTER  
What the hell.

KLEIN  
Love, what did you do?

LOVE  
His name is Hiway Robbery and he  
loves me.

HIWAY GROWLS.

KLEIN  
You are in so much trouble.

LOVE  
You can't kill him! He's not  
dangerous!

KLEIN  
He has teeth the size of my  
fucking thumb!

LOVE  
He listens to me! Look! Sit!

LEAVES RUSTLE SOME MORE.

LOVE  
Roll over.

LOUDER RUSTLING, BRANCHES MOVING

KLEIN  
That didn't look like rolling  
over.

LANCASTER  
I don't- I don't even know how to  
describe what that looked like.

LOVE  
So, he moves weird! Whatever!  
Klein, PLEASE don't tell Upper  
Management.

KLEIN  
I don't know how you plan on  
keeping that thing a secret, Love.

LANCASTER  
It's huge.



LOVE

I can keep him a secret! I  
promise!

KLEIN

Okay. Prove it. Get it back to  
your room without anyone seeing.

PAUSE

LOVE

Done.

KLEIN

How are you going to get it out of  
here?

LOVE

I'm going to ride him.

CLICK

HARLEY'S OFFICE AMBIENCE

RADDAGHER

(anxious)

She's not responding.

HARLEY

She's okay. Channels are just full  
right now.

RADDAGHER

Something happened.

HARLEY

Just wait a few more minutes. Stay  
in your office, you'll see her  
when she shows back up on the  
cameras-

RADDAGHER

Oh my god.

HARLEY

What? Do you see her?

RADDAGHER

Yes.

HARLEY

And? Is she alright? What's going  
on?

BUTTON CLICKS

HARLEY

...Is THAT the Two?!

RADDAGHER

That's them.

HARLEY

What's it DOING?

RADDAGHER

He's good at climbing.

HARLEY

Yeah, I can see that! Is she okay?

RADDAGHER

Yeah. She's riding him.

HARLEY

Agent Love is riding a Dash Two  
like a horse. Down a wall. Got it.

WALKIE BEEP

HARLEY

Love, are you in range now?

LOVE

(over walkie)

Yeah, I can hear you!

RADDAGHER

Are you okay?

LOVE

Yeah, I'm fine, but we have to get  
him back to my room without  
anybody seeing!

HARLEY

The Surveillance office or your  
room?

LOVE

MY ROOM.

RADDAGHER

That's all the way across the  
site.

LOVE

We can make it!

RADDAGHER

Send him through the vents.

LOVE

But what if he goes rogue, like  
last time?

RADDAGHER

Be specific!

LOVE

I don't want him to get lost! What  
if he gets confused and goes to  
the wrong room? They'll KILL-

PAUSE

HARLEY

Love?

NO RESPONSE

HARLEY

Where is she? Where'd she go?

CLICK

FLUORESCENT LIGHT BUZZING HARSHLY

LANCASTER

Are- Are we really gonna let her  
keep that thing?

KLEIN

We could USE that thing, Lanc. Did  
you see how it went straight up  
that wall?

LANCASTER

It's a- it's a giant monster.

KLEIN

It's a giant monster that can  
CLIMB. And it seems like it  
listens to her. I need to get to  
an intercom.

LANCASTER

Okay, well- then I want the  
lighter.

KLEIN

What?

LANCASTER

In case it decides to come back!

KLEIN

No.

CLICK

SOUNDS OF THE HALLWAY MUFFLED BEHIND A DOOR.  
LOVE BREATHES HEAVILY.

LOVE

(whispering)

It's okay. They'll be gone in a  
second.

HIWAY GROWLS QUIETLY. LOVE STARTS TO  
HYPERVENTILLATE

LOVE

(beginning to panic)

Fuck. It's okay. It's okay.  
They'll be gone soon-

HIWAY RUMBLES

LOVE TAKES A DEEP BREATH

LOVE

You're right. Deep breaths. Okay.  
I think they're gone.

WALKIE CLICKS

LOVE

I don't know which wing I'm in,  
but I'm getting closer!

RADDAGHER

Stay hidden. People everywhere.

LOVE

Got it. Come on, Hiway Robbery.

KLEIN

(site comm)

Everybody, it's in BH! I had it  
cornered for a second, but it got  
away. I need backup down here!

LOVE

Nice.

CLICK

DUMPTRUCK MAKES VARIOUS DUMPTRUCK NOISES

RADDAGHER

She's alright.

HARLEY

Looks like she's about halfway there, right?

RADDAGHER

Yes.

HARLEY

Not long left to go!

RADDAGHER GASPS SUDDENLY

HARLEY

What? What's going on, what do you see?!

BUTTONS CLICKING

HARLEY

OH. Oh shit, oh my god. On it.

CLICK

Hiway SLITHERS. BRANCHES CREAK AND RUSTLE.

LOVE

Almost there, boy. Good job.

SITE COMM CLICKS ON.

HARLEY

Anybody who can make it to BF-1, we have two injured people who fell down a gap and need IMMEDIATE assistance. We have no extra rope to pull them up, we need all hands on deck! And BE CAREFUL ON THE ROPE BRIDGES.

LOVE

BF-1. That's the other side of the building from us.

HIWAY GROWLS

LOVE

If everybody's going that way, we could make it back no problem.

PAUSE. HIWAY RUSTLES FAINTLY

LOVE SIGHS IN EXASPERATION

LOVE

God dammit. Let's go. BF-1, hyah!

LOUDER LEAVES AND TWIGS RUSTLING AS Hiway  
TAKES OFF

CLICK

BACK TO OVERLAPPING INTERVIEWS

KLEIN

And as I'm climbing back through  
BH-4, Love and this mass of vines  
and leaves just HAUL ASS past me-

RADDAGHER

He's fast.

LOVE

It's a little bit like boogie  
boarding on a tree.

HARLEY

Raddagher sends me the camera feed  
of where the two Guards fell, and  
suddenly there's this-

LANCASTER

-Emergency happening, apparently,  
but nobody is gonna tell me what-

LOVE

-Hiway Robbery can do. Climb  
stuff. Climb anything. He can  
even-

KLEIN

Climbs down to the bottom. People  
are yelling and trying to get a  
shot in at it, but Agent Love-

HARLEY

-Starts carrying one of them up.

RADDAGHER

It worked.

LOVE

He carried both of them up safely.  
and they only sprayed fire at him  
twice.

KLEIN

So I guess what we're really getting at here-

LANCASTER

-and I guess it didn't ACTUALLY hurt me.

RADDAGHER

He saved them.

HARLEY

If it were me,

LANCASTER

I guess it might actually be worth-

KLEIN

Letting her-

LOVE

(squealing)

KEEP HIM?!

BACK TO SCENE. SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT HUMS

KLEIN

Yep. But there are rules.

LOVE

Okay! We can follow rules! We'll be the best at the rules!

KLEIN

First rule is that it cannot go ANYWHERE without one of you two watching it.

LOVE

(one breath)

DEAL! You're not gonna regret this, Klein, I'm gonna be the best trainer you've ever seen and we're going to help people get all over so Security can take a break and it's going to be SO COOL and he's gonna be the BEST service anomaly in the WHOLE FOUNDATION and... and...

LOVE TRAILS OFF

KLEIN

Whoa, there. Don't pass out or anything. Here. Drink some water.

LOVE

My head hurts.

RADDAGHER

Are you okay?

LOVE

Gimme that water. I've been running around for days and I've barely even had any because everybody else has been bogarting it.

KLEIN

Yeah. Sorry, Love. We'll fix that when the site Resets.

LOVE

It'll be easier to get supplies around now!

KLEIN

I guess you're right.

HIWAY GROWLS

KLEIN

(to the monster)

YOU better not make me regret this.

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