

FIND US ALIVE 41 - LOVE'S ROOM

Static fades in and out.

Love's EKG beeps steadily. Long pause.

LANCASTER
(short sigh)

Door opens, Harley and Klein's footsteps enter, they sit down.

KLEIN
One cream, two sugars for you,
and... just black for you.

LANCASTER
Thank you.

RADDAGHER
Mm.

HARLEY
Any movement? Anything new?

RADDAGHER
No.

KLEIN
Any interesting topics of
conversation?

Awkward pause.

KLEIN
I'll take that as a no..

HARLEY
How are you feeling-

LANCASTER
I- I don't know how many different
ways I can keep answering that.

HARLEY
I only wanted to-

LANCASTER
(snapping)

You can- you can read all about
how okay I am in the report.

Pause.

LANCASTER

Sorry.

HARLEY

No, it's fine. Really. I think
you've earned a bit of- uh,

LANCASTER

Irritability?

HARLEY

Yeah.

Pause.

KLEIN

(joking)

Well I think you should suck it up
and-

HARLEY

Klein.

KLEIN

I was kidding! I was kidding.

LANCASTER

(unreadably flat)

It was funny.

HARLEY

Lanc, I'm sure you're sick of
people telling you what to do,
but- shouldn't you be resting?

KLEIN

Yeah, you really should go take a
nap or something, it's getting
late anyway.

LANCASTER

Not tired. You didn't get me
decaf, did you?

KLEIN

No, Harley got-

Short pause.

KLEIN

Did you get decaf?

HARLEY

It's late.

LANCASTER

Is *yours* decaf?

HARLEY

No.

LANCASTER

Klein, I'll give you twenty dollars to- if you go get me a Redbull from-

KLEIN

Alves confiscated the Redbull.

LANCASTER

...Excuse me?

KLEIN

Gravett told her it was gonna give you all heart problems.

HARLEY

I am very surprised to hear that Gravett cares about our hearts.

LANCASTER

Are they with the rest of the stockpile? You- you can just ask Maintenance for one-

KLEIN

She's not giving them out to anybody.

LANCASTER

She can't keep us from drinking unhealthy shit, we're not children.

KLEIN

Tell that to her.

LANCASTER

What is her angle? Is she doing this to piss people off on purpose?

KLEIN

Might as well be.

LANCASTER

(frustrated)

Great.

Pause.

HARLEY

...Do you want me to get you another-

LANCASTER

(sigh)

No, it's fine, you're right. I need- I need to get some sleep. I shouldn't have yelled.

HARLEY

(crosstalk)

No, no, it's alright, I know you've had a hell of a day, I mean, so have I so I get-

KLEIN

(crosstalk)

Yeah, it's cool, don't kick yourself too much or anything, you've been in the weeds a long time-

RADDAGHER

Yeah, you shouldn't have.

Pause.

HARLEY

(quietly)

I'm just glad everyone's alive.

LANCASTER

Me too.

RADDAGHER
Not everyone.

Long pause.

KLEIN
(awkwardly)
Yeah, to put it lightly,
Engineering isn't happy with how
Alves is running things either...

HARLEY
She really should have let us keep
that shrine up.

LANCASTER
There was a shrine?

KLEIN
Ohh, yeah. Alves did not
appreciate it.

LANCASTER
What do you mean, what- what kind
of shrine?

HARLEY
A pile of stuff in the hallway.

RADDAGHER
For Security, too.

HARLEY
Yeah, you lined up all their
badges along the wall. It looked
nice.

LANCASTER
I wish I could have seen that.

KLEIN
Eh. Maybe we'll figure out how to
put it back up sometime.

LANCASTER
How's movie night going?

KLEIN
(bitter)

No movie nights.

HARLEY
We really miss it.

KLEIN
(mocking)
It's an "unprofessional use of our
resources."

LANCASTER
Why don't you just do it anyway?

Pause.

LANCASTER
What's the worst she's gonna do?
Fire you?

KLEIN
She can do plenty of shit.

LANCASTER
Like what?

HARLEY
Like make our jobs harder.

LANCASTER
So stop doing your jobs.

Another pause.

KLEIN
(whispering)
Oof.

HARLEY
(whispering)
Do you know what they did? To him?

KLEIN
(whispering)
Taser.

HARLEY
(whispering)
Ah.

LANCASTER

I am *right here*, okay?

HARLEY

You need to get some sleep, Lanc.

LANCASTER

I don't feel like it's fair to-
for you to go from thinking I'm
one kind of crazy to thinking I'm
a completely different kind of
crazy.

RADDAGHER

Didn't you get tortured half an
hour ago?

LANCASTER

...Yes?

RADDAGHER

You need to sleep.

Pause.

HARLEY

(gentler)

She's okay, Lanc. She'll be okay.

KLEIN

Yeah, man, you can visit her again
tomorrow.

LANCASTER

(sigh)

You're right. Yeah.

HARLEY

I know you don't want us asking
how you are, but- do you *need*
anything? Or want anything? Is
there something we can- I don't
know, do?

Another pause.

LANCASTER

Not right now. Honest. You're
right, I just need some sleep.

KLEIN

Good.

LANCASTER

I'll see you guys tomorrow?

KLEIN

Yeah, I know Alves is gonna run me ragged tomorrow because she's not happy I dodged overseeing your test, but yeah, I'll try.

HARLEY

I will as well.

LANCASTER

Raddagher?

RADDAGHER

What time?

LANCASTER

Eh, I dunno, I'll probably be in around noon? Lunch?

RADDAGHER

I'll be here before then.

LANCASTER

..Okay.

Static fades in and out.

HARLEY

There seems to be somewhat of a stirring among the various departments of Site-107, Overwatch Command. Under Alves' supervision, Security has been more on top of breaking potential Dash Ones than they have ever been. They're reporting far more successful breaks in the last cycle than the previous several cycles under Dr. Klein. I would have expected our Security personnel to be happy with this- I thought it pointed to an increase in their ability to safely handle the problem. But Security has been... quieter than usual. I don't think I've ever

seen them choose whispering over shouting to each other quite so much.

I heard this morning that Botany was reprimanded for one member getting caught hauling another bucket of grain from storage down to the greenhouse. I'm sure they intended to use it for distillation, although this close to the cycle's end I'm not sure how much they would really be able to accomplish.

Well, it doesn't matter now. Giometti from Records saw them and informed Upper Management of their infraction.

(casually upbeat)

It came as a bit of a surprise to me. Who would not have expected Botany to be on this side of a snitching incident, the bastards? Not this guy.

Click.

Love's EKG beeps. Hospital equipment hums. The room is quiet.

Long, awkward silence.

LANCASTER

I'm happy she's alright.

RADDAGHER

She's in a coma.

LANCASTER

(snapping)

Then I'm happy she's not dead.

Pause.

LANCASTER

(quieter)

I know you'd rather- not see me. I thought the others would be here. Or that you'd be on shift.

RADDAGHER

Then leave.

LANCASTER

I have just as much of a right to
be here as you do.

Raddagher doesn't respond.

Long pause.

LANCASTER

(chuckling)

You know, she- I'm not surprised
she's fighting through it.

RADDAGHER

Gravett says not to count on it.

LANCASTER

Good for Gravett, I'm going to
hope for the best.

RADDAGHER

It's not realistic-

LANCASTER

I don't care if it's not
realistic, I'm doing it anyway.

Pause.

LANCASTER

How come you *aren't* on shift?

RADDAGHER

Didn't want to leave you alone
around her.

LANCASTER

I'm- I'm not going to hurt her.

Raddagher doesn't respond.

LANCASTER

And Alves is just- letting you do
skip?

RADDAGHER

I'm not leaving.

LANCASTER

I'm not trying to get you to leave. I just thought she wasn't letting *anybody* skip work.

Fabric rustles. Raddagher shrugs.

LANCASTER

Huh.

Pause. Neither speak for a while.

Click.

Hallway ambience. Harley walks quickly.

HARLEY

They're doing *what*?

KLEIN

You heard me.

HARLEY

Yeah, but- how? What are they actually doing?

KLEIN

I don't know. I haven't figured it out yet. They're being very secretive, I think there's something bigger going on.

HARLEY

I would assume, because they're not going to be able to take Containment on by themselves, even *with* Lancaster.

KLEIN

That's what I'm worried about. If Psychology tries to mutiny they're going to crash and burn and everything is going to get a hell of a lot harder for the rest of us.

HARLEY

(out of breath)

Can you slow down?

KLEIN

Nope. Medical needs these samples
in the next 15 minutes.

HARLEY

Samples from yesterday?

KLEIN

Yup.

HARLEY

(anxious)

What's... in it?

KLEIN

Blood, mostly.

Click.

Love's hospital room.

Silence for a while.

LANCASTER

I want to apologize. I think it's-
it's long overdue at this point.

No response.

LANCASTER

While I was a Three, before-
before everything went down, I
wasn't acting right, and-

RADDAGHER

You lied to me.

LANCASTER

I know. I know I did. Anomaly or
not, I still hurt you, and I'm
sorry.

No response.

LANCASTER

(quieter)

I hope you can forgive me eventually. In- however long that takes.

Pause.

RADDAGHER
I don't want to.

LANCASTER
Yeah. I don't blame you.

RADDAGHER
You made me feel like I was crazy.

LANCASTER
I... I did, yeah. And you're not.
You were right the whole time.

RADDAGHER
You hurt Harley. AND Nari.

LANCASTER
I did.

RADDAGHER
You-

Raddagher huffs.

Pause.

RADDAGHER
(quietly)
...She looks better than yesterday.

Click.

HARLEY
Personal log, Dr. Harley.

Klein has informed me that the Psychology department might be taking some drastic measures in the near future. It's not entirely because of the energy drinks, although I'm sure the caffeine withdrawal headaches are not doing them any favors. They're overwhelmed. Recent events have

caused a sharp increase in appointments and without Lancaster's help, they're taking overtime hours nearly every day. They're not happy about it. Klein is investigating.

I'm not certain it stops with Psychology, though. I fear there may be "whispers" happening all over.

Lancaster's report has been sitting on my desk. I know I should get it over with. But maybe I'll keep investigating other things instead.

Click.

Hospital ambience.

LANCASTER
She does? That's good.

RADDAGHER
Mm.

Pause.

RADDAGHER
What did they do?

LANCASTER
What did- What did they do to me? Uh, you know Haldi's taser? The yellow one?

RADDAGHER
Mm.

LANCASTER
Uh, that. You know, few seconds on, few seconds off. For about 45 minutes.

RADDAGHER
Oh.
(beat)
Sounds bad.

LANCASTER

Yeah. It was. Almost the most painful thing I've ever been through.

RADDAGHER

"Almost?"

LANCASTER

Er- well, maybe- I was being dramatic, actually. This was worse-

Pause.

LANCASTER

(sigh)

Okay. Okay. I'm trying to- I'm trying to be more honest about myself. Umm, yeah. I got frostbite, the first winter on my own. My dad kicked me out after he found out I'm gay and I lived in my car for a while.

(awkward chuckle)

Nobody told me not to put my fingers right in hot water to get rid of it.

Raddagher sucks air through her teeth.

LANCASTER

It hurt a *lot*. And I had blisters all over my hands.

RADDAGHER

Looks fine to me.

LANCASTER

Yeah, I was young. I think it healed the best it could. They get sore when it's cold, but- you know. Not much- the temperature doesn't change much in here. Even the water during the flood was- warm.

RADDAGHER

(uncomfortable)

Hm.

LANCASTER
Yeah. And- and- you know, the
tasing was not great either.

Pause.

RADDAGHER
I got stung by a bark scorpion
once.

LANCASTER
No kidding?

RADDAGHER
It hurt.

LANCASTER
Yeah, I bet!

RADDAGHER
I would do it again.

LANCASTER
(chuckling)
What? Why?

RADDAGHER
If it would mean she would wake
up.

LANCASTER
Oh.

Pause.

LANCASTER
I would, too.
(beat)
I bet she'd do it for us, too.

RADDAGHER
Both.

LANCASTER
She'd get tased *and* get stung by a
bark scorpion.

RADDAGHER

Mm.

LANCASTER
Or maybe tased *by* a bark scorpion.

RADDAGHER
A big one.

LANCASTER
It would have to be to hold the
taser.

RADDAGHER
I want her back.

Pause.

LANCASTER
Do you need someone to talk to?

RADDAGHER
(terse)
No.

Another pause.

RADDAGHER
I still want to be mad at you.

LANCASTER
Are you going to be?

RADDAGHER
Yes.

LANCASTER
Okay, but- you can't be mean.

RADDAGHER
Okay.

LANCASTER
And I'd- I'd really like for you
not to be mad at me. I want- I
hope you can forgive me someday.

RADDAGHER
Mm.

LANCASTER

(chuckling)
I guess that's the best I can do
with somebody as stubborn as you.

RADDAGHER
When she wakes up.

LANCASTER
Hm?

RADDAGHER
I'll forgive you when she wakes
up.

LANCASTER
Let's count on that, then.

Pause.

LANCASTER
Can I ask you something?

RADDAGHER
Depends.

LANCASTER
Doesn't all of this seem like-
like bullshit to you?

Pause.

RADDAGHER
Huh?

LANCASTER
Like, most of what we're doing in
here. In the site.

RADDAGHER
We're trying to get out.

LANCASTER
What did Klein and Harley have to
do today instead of coming up here
with us? What was so important?

RADDAGHER
Research is finalizing the cure
for-

LANCASTER
Harley's not *in* Research.

RADDAGHER
He had to read the report to
Site-01.

LANCASTER
Why? Why?! Why. They either can't
hear him or don't care. Whatever.
Why does Alves still make him do
it?

RADDAGHER
He *likes* doing it.

LANCASTER
And why does she let you stay here
for so long?

Pause.

RADDAGHER
I don't know.

Door opens. Pause for a moment.

LANCASTER
Well- hi, again.

HARLEY
(appalled)
...Are you okay?

LANCASTER
You read the report.

HARLEY
I read the report.

LANCASTER
I'm okay. Er- I'm *not*, but-

HARLEY
You're going to talk to Chappel
about it?

LANCASTER
Yes, I'm going to. Cross my heart.

RADDAGHER
He got frostbite.

Harley crosses the room. Chair squeaks, he sits down.

HARLEY
What? When?

LANCASTER
(chuckling)
In high school. We were- It was something we were talking about earlier.

HARLEY
For the play you were in?

LANCASTER
Wh- no. What?

HARLEY
Has Klein stopped by?

LANCASTER
No?
(confusion/concern)
Is something going on?

HARLEY
Uh- no. Nothing's going on. Not yet, anyway.

LANCASTER
You're being shady.

HARLEY
I'm not being shady. I just don't want to put too much on your shoulders too fast.

LANCASTER
Okay, I get why you're-

The door opens again. Klein walks in.

HARLEY
Hey! I thought you were gonna be too busy for this.

KLEIN
I solved our little... conundrum.

HARLEY
And?

KLEIN
Psych has agreed to back off. For now.

LANCASTER
What are you doing to Psychology?

KLEIN
They were going to rebel.

LANCASTER
Fantastic. I'm very proud-

HARLEY
NO, do not be proud. It would have been very bad. For us.

KLEIN
They're only agreeing to suspend things until the Reset.

HARLEY
Oh right, that's soon, isn't it?

KLEIN
It's in two days.

LANCASTER
Sounds like more than enough time for me to gather info on whatever it is you all are talking about.

KLEIN
Welcome back to the loop, 3B.

LANCASTER
Don't.

RADDAGHER
Two days?

KLEIN
It's not just them. But hopefully I can keep things civil until I

can figure out a long-term solution. Alves WILL put us all on nutrient paste. That's not beneath her.

HARLEY

How'd you manage calming them down?

KLEIN

I gave Rivera an exclusive invitation to the Rabid Subterrane.

LANCASTER

...Say those words to me again.

KLEIN

No. You're not invited.

RADDAGHER

The Reset is only in two days?

HARLEY

Oh, the fight club.

KLEIN

The Rogue Faction named it. And it's a little more than a fight club now.

HARLEY

They should have been in charge of naming this organization. Then we could have ended up with a better title than "The Foundation."

KLEIN

No snitching, any of you.

LANCASTER

Rivera's gonna tell us everything when she comes out.

KLEIN

As long as she's only telling Psychology. Just keep the details away from Alves. And Containment in general. And most of Records.

HARLEY

Yeesh.

RADDAGHER

What about the Reset?

KLEIN

I think it'll go smoothly. It's
after that we have to worry about.

RADDAGHER

No. What do we do about Love?

Pause.

HARLEY

...She's going to Reset in a coma.

KLEIN

Oh. Right. Shit.

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