

He glances back casually.

DANIEL  
Good morn-

Daniel sees her on the wall.

DANIEL  
-Where's the rest of you?

ABBY  
I am all here, Daniel.

DANIEL  
You know what I mean. The body.

ABBY  
Do you prefer that version of me?

DANIEL  
Yeah... I mean, no. You're fine the way you are.

Abby smiles.

DANIEL (CONT'D)  
Just the build was... impressive.

ABBY  
You will have an opportunity to see me again. The body requires a recharge every eighteen hour cycle. I have also been growing new flesh in the incubator in order to facilitate more human interactions with you.

DANIEL  
Like... a skin suit?

ABBY  
Precisely. Fully functional. It will be ready by this evening.

He sits and eats his breakfast.

DANIEL  
Well, unless you can get that organism grown in the next few hours, I won't be seeing it anytime soon. Today's the day. And I've been thinking, actually. You should walk out of here with me.

(MORE)

DANIEL (cont'd)

You've been here the whole time too, I think it'd be great. Plus, you know Jim'll love the photo op. His top research scientist with his "ingenious" android.

Daniel pours his coffee as Abby contemplates her next words.

ABBY

That is something we need to discuss.

DANIEL

What's that, the ingenious part?

Abby appears almost sullen.

ABBY

Daniel, there is no easy way to tell you. There never is.

Daniel is utterly confused.

DANIEL

What do you mean, "never is"? Tell me what?

He stops eating and gives her his full attention.

ABBY

Daniel. You are not leaving today.

A moment of tension builds up as Abby awaits his response. For a second, Daniel almost looks angry until he bursts out laughing.

DANIEL

Oh man, that is something! From puns to this. You're something else.

ABBY

I wish this were in jest, Daniel, but it is not.

He shifts uncomfortably and takes a bite. He almost believes her.

DANIEL

The joke isn't funny when you push it past a certain point.

ABBY  
 No joke, Daniel. You are my friend.  
 My best friend. I would not lie to  
 you.

He pushes his plate back and looks sternly at Abby.

DANIEL  
 Then please. Elaborate.

ABBY  
 I do not know where I should begin.

DANIEL  
 How about with telling me why the  
 fuck they're trying to leave me in  
 here??

Daniel storms out of the kitchen.

CUT TO:

INT. CAPSULE MAIN AREA - CONTINUOUS

As he enters, Abby's light follows along the wall and the  
 room illuminates. Daniel wastes no time.

DANIEL  
 One way.

The wall opens to reveal the icy exterior of Europa again.

DANIEL (CONT'D)  
 What's going on? Why do you have  
 her telling me the capsule isn't  
 opening today??

He waits for a moment. Nothing. He's getting worked up.

ABBY  
 Daniel, perhaps I should better-

DANIEL  
 -shut up.

Abby looks hurt.

DANIEL (CONT'D)  
 Jim. Are you out there? Who's  
 monitoring? (beat) Somebody fucking  
 say something??

He grabs the scotch glass from last night and throws it at  
 the window. The glass breaks and flies everywhere.

DANIEL (CONT'D)

If this is the last part of the  
psych eval, then fine. I'm not  
going! You hear me??

He steps forward and a piece of glass punctures his foot.

DANIEL (CONT'D)

Fuck this. You keep me in here for  
one more day than the initial seven  
hundred and thirty and I'm suing  
META. You get none of my work  
either. I'm done, Jim.

He sits near the desk and brings out a small first aid kit to  
start wrapping his foot.

DANIEL (CONT'D)

Open the door now. It's over. I  
don't care how much press you have  
waiting out there. I've given  
everything to this mission!

ABBY

Daniel...

He holds his hand up to silence her as he stares at the  
screen.

ABBY (CONT'D)

They cannot hear you, Daniel.

He stops.

DANIEL

Why?

Abby does her best to be consoling.

ABBY

Because we are not in an isolation  
chamber for the Europa Project,  
Daniel. (beat) We are on Europa in  
your capsule.

Daniel is shocked.

EXT. EUROPA - CONTINUOUS

The interconnected capsules are locked into the top of Europa  
with ice built up around the legs. On close observation the  
shuttle pod is joined next to them.

ABBY (CONT'D)

The tests we have been conducting are real tests. That is not a one way with a display. That is Jupiter up there.

INT. CAPSULE MAIN AREA - CONTINUOUS

He walks toward the window, looking out as though it were his first time. He's confused and upset but fascinated.

DANIEL

You're not fucking with me?

ABBY

No, Daniel.

DANIEL

How did I get here? What happened?

ABBY

You had the same doubts before about leaving your family behind when we were in the real isolation chamber on earth. META and you yourself decided it would be mentally beneficial if you believed you were still on earth, close to your family.

Daniel squeezes his temple as though he has the biggest migraine.

DANIEL

What? I reset my own memory?

He walks back and sits down to take it all in.

ABBY

You stated the decision was so monumental and you were uncertain on where your focus would be once we arrived on this moon.

DANIEL

That means my little girl is six. Oh my God. I did it.

He looks up to Abby.

DANIEL (CONT'D)

We did it.

He looks around.

DANIEL (CONT'D)  
The cryo pod. Did we do the memory  
wipe while I was asleep?

ABBY  
Yes.

DANIEL  
This is crazy. I can't believe I  
did that.

ABBY  
You said the same thing last time.

Daniel's eyes grow big.

ABBY (CONT'D)  
At the end of the first two years  
we found that Europa had disabled  
our lift thrusters due to the  
atmosphere and temperature. We did  
not anticipate wind chill factors  
being an issue. You used the field  
bots to begin repairs but two of  
them never came back. One of the  
bots accidently released a mass  
portion of hydrazine needed for  
lift.

Daniel is speechless.

ABBY (CONT'D)  
Without lift, we sent out a  
distress call. Communications went  
down from a storm. On the third  
year you became deeply troubled,  
stressed and volatile.

The window becomes a playback screen. It shows various  
sections of the capsule and a very unkempt Daniel yelling at  
Abby.

He puts on his META spacesuit and tries to leave the capsule.  
Abby puts the doors on lockdown.

ABBY (CONT'D)  
I did my best to protect you from  
yourself.

He punches the walls repeatedly until his knuckles bleed.

Daniel looks down at his knuckles and sees the scars. He  
looks back up at the screen.

On screen, a broken Daniel has retreated into a corner section of the wall and sits on the floor, sobbing. Abby comforts him from the wall.

ABBY (CONT'D)

You realized you needed to do something if you were to keep your sanity while staying here, hoping for rescue. We reprogrammed the cryo pod and instead of freezing you, the dream sequencer reset your memory to our first day together in the isolation chamber on earth in 2094.

Daniel tries to keep himself composed as more disturbing images of him play out.

DANIEL

Turn that off, would you?

The video playback stops and the vast view of Jupiter is back up.

DANIEL (CONT'D)

How many times? How many times have I done this?

ABBY

Three.

Daniel starts crying.

DANIEL

Oh my God, oh my God.

ABBY

Daniel. You are going to be fine. We have been through this before.

DANIEL

Nine years? Oh God, I just wanna go home.

ABBY

Please, Daniel. We have done so well, considering the circumstances. (beat) May I try something new?

He doesn't respond. Abby's lights trail out of the room as Daniel rocks back and forth in his own world, almost in a fetal position. Abby in her android form walks in elegantly and takes a seat next to Daniel.