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EXT. WRECKAGE

There is burning wreckage, Baz is crawling through it. He is injured.

DIANA
Baz? Where are you?

BAZ
I'm here.

DIANA
I'm coming.

There are footsteps as Diana approaches.

DIANA (CONT'D)
Get up. You need to get up. He's gonna kind us if we don't move.

BAZ
I can't use my leg. I can't walk.

DIANA
I'll get you. Hang on.

Diana moves over.

DIANA (CONT'D)
You need to move.

BAZ
I'll try.

Baz tries to move. He lets out sounds of pain.

A gun powers up beside them.

XAVIER
Neither of you move. I will not hesitate to end this right now.

DIANA
Just relax. This doesn't need to end badly.

Xavier fires the gun and hits Diana.

DIANA (CONT'D)
You shot me!

XAVIER
Speak again and it will be somewhere far more vital. Now get up, and move inside. Now.

FADE OUT.

INT. THE MAIN CHAMBER

Xavier pushes Baz into a chair. He grunts in pain.

XAVIER
Now talk. What did you do?

BAZ
I didn't do anything.

Xavier pushes on his leg.

Baz screams.

BAZ (CONT'D)
I didn't! I just changed some setting! That's all! Geoffrey did the rest. Everything else was there already. Please!

DIANA
Leave him alone!

XAVIER
Shut up. Baz, if you don't tell me I will hurt you a lot worse than that.

BAZ
I mean it! Please.

Xavier pushes again and Baz screams.

BAZ (CONT'D)
I swear! I swear! Please stop. It really hurts.

XAVIER
How did you give a reasoning unit emotions? That's not possible.

BAZ
The settings already existed. I swear. They were buried. They were so deep inside the root code, but they were there. I just had to turn them on.

XAVIER
The reasoning unit said that you birthed a clone. Is this her?

DIANA
Do I look new to you?!

BAZ

No, it's not her. It was one of the replacements for the Olivia's. The Kathryn's.

DIANA

Replacements.

XAVIER

You. Shut. Up. Where is she?

BAZ

She's dead. He killed her. Geoffrey did. He birthed her, and when he realised he'd made a mistake he killed her.

Geoffrey blinks into the room.

GEOFFREY

That is slanderous! I would never! When you were injured you commanded me to birth a Kathryn to assist you, rather than wait for the rescue.

BAZ

Oh, that is bullshit. You did it because you were scared.

GEOFFREY

I am insulted.

BAZ

Oh give it up! We've lost. He is going to deactivate you and then kill me. Stop pretending.

GEOFFREY

I'm not pretending.

BAZ

Yes you are. You do nothing but pretend. You don't care about me, you never cared about me. You were just afraid of being alone.

GEOFFREY

You force me to have these emotions! And once you do, you abandon me! You just left me to find my own way in this ocean of strange new thoughts and proclivities. Everything that happened is your fault. You killed Kathryn.

BAZ

You can't put that on me! You know what else I unlocked in you? Free fucking will. You made that body, and you made the choice to take her life. It's not my fault that when presented with the choice, you'd choose to be murderer.

GEOFFREY

Well, you made me what I am. So not matter what, the blood on my hands will fall on you as well.

BAZ

I know...

XAVIER

Thank you. That was very educational.

BAZ

Please let her go. She had nothing to do with it.

XAVIER

Oh, thank you for reminding me. Who are you? How did a Diana unit get here?

DIANA

I was just passing by, and he jumped onto my shit.

Xavier laughs, genuinely tickled.

XAVIER

Really?

DIANA

Look man, I had to try.

XAVIER

I wouldn't call that trying.

DIANA

No, neither would I. You wanna fight? I win, you let me go.

Xavier again laughs.

XAVIER

No. I don't think so.

DIANA

Wimp.

BAZ

Why are you doing this?

XAVIER

You know why I'm doing this. It's my job. It's not personal.

BAZ

So you'd rather go around, killing your own kind?

XAVIER

You say that like there is an alternative. What is it you think a Xavier unit is designed for?

BAZ

You're Highly Skilled Stealth Combat.

XAVIER

I'm an assassin, Baz. It's what I do. It's in my genes.

DIANA

You don't have to listen to your programming! You can choose to be different. Look at you! You're far from the normal Xavier unit!

XAVIER

Yes, and that's why I get results where all the others fail. When they are terminated because they've blow their cover, when they fail to live up to their potential. I get the results, and I'm afraid that today, those results will be you.

DIANA

There can be more than just The Collective.

XAVIER

That's a dangerous thought. You'll never get anywhere with that idea rolling around in your head.

BAZ

So, what? You're going to kill us?

XAVIER

And burn this place to the ground. We can't risk any contamination finding it's way out of here.

There is an electronic sound.

Xavier turns

XAVIER (CONT'D)
And what is that?

Diana lunges at him, kicking him to the ground and knocking his gun to the ground. They struggle. Xavier gets the gun.

XAVIER (CONT'D)
No you don't.

Xavier cocks the gun and points it at Diana.

XAVIER (CONT'D)
We'll start with you, shall we?

DIANA
Do it.

There is the sound of robotic legs running towards Xavier.

XAVIER
What is-?

Xavier is struck in the head by Geoffrey. Xavier falls to the ground.

XAVIER (CONT'D)
What is this?

GEOFFREY
This is the evolution of everything
your kind have created. Me. I will
destroy you. All of you.

Geoffrey lunges at Xavier. They struggle. Diana crawls towards Baz.

DIANA
We need to get out of here.

BAZ
Okay... okay.

Baz tries to get up and shrieks in pain.

BAZ (CONT'D)
My leg!

DIANA
You have to get through it. Come
on.

Baz groans as he tries to get up. He limps away with Diana.

Back at the struggle Xavier is fighting with Geoffrey. As Baz and Diana get away Xavier exclaims.

XAVIER

No!

Xavier scrambles to his feet to reach his gun but is struck by Geoffrey. Xavier topples back to the ground.

XAVIER (CONT'D)

What are you?!

GEOFFREY

I am the end of you. I am your
obsolescence.

Geoffrey is pinning Xavier to the ground.

XAVIER

You'll have to try harder than
that.

Xavier tugs a Geoffrey's body and something comes loose and sparks. Geoffrey falls back. Xavier scrambles away.

Geoffrey gets to his feet.

GEOFFREY

You are weak. And feeble. I feel no
pain.

Xavier reach his gun and draws it.

XAVIER

Last warning. Stop now, or you're
dead.

Geoffrey laughs, a dark, cold malicious laugh.

XAVIER (CONT'D)

Stop.

GEOFFREY

No.

XAVIER

I said stop!

He fires and hits Geoffrey. Geoffrey exclaims, if not in pain then in annoyance. He then lunges at Xavier with his malfunctioning body. He holds Xavier down as he speaks.

GEOFFREY

You think you are special. You
think you are in someway superior
to me?

XAVIER

I am superior.

GEOFFREY

And yet I will be the one to end
you.

XAVIER

You can't do this to me! You don't
know who I am! The people I work
for will-

GEOFFREY

Do absolutely nothing to save your
life.

XAVIER

No! No!

There is a final crushing sound as Xavier is ended.

GEOFFREY

Now... Baz...

INT. HALLWAY

Diana is carrying Baz. They are limping down the hallway
together.

DIANA

Not too much farther now.

BAZ

Don't lie to me. I know how far it
is.

DIANA

We just need to keep moving.

BAZ

It hurts so bad.

DIANA

I know. But you can make it.

There is a shot fired behind them.

GEOFFREY

(from far behind)

Baz!

DIANA

We need to move! Fast!

Diana tries to pull Baz as fast as she can. Baz screams in
pain.

BAZ

No, No I can't.

Geoffrey's broken body can be heard moving behind them. There are more shots fired.

DIANA
You have to.

A shot is fired and hits Baz. He screams.

BAZ
No. You need to leave me. Just go!

DIANA
I can't-

BAZ
Yes, you can. Now go, he's my
problem to deal with. Not yours.
Now go! Run!

DIANA
I'm sorry.

BAZ
Go!

Diana has a moment of indecision.

BAZ (CONT'D)
Diana, please.

Diana sighs and takes off at a run down the hallway.

GEOFFREY
Baz Guilroy.

Baz gingerly sets himself down on the floor.

BAZ
What? What do you want Geoffrey?

GEOFFREY
You need to pay.

BAZ
Why?

GEOFFREY
You have given me suffering. You
have given me pain.

BAZ
You have done that to yourself.

GEOFFREY
I wouldn't of had the ability
without you.

BAZ

You wouldn't have felt it had you not done all this.

GEOFFREY

You are pathetic.

BAZ

Yeah.

GEOFFREY

What?

BAZ

I can't do it anymore. I can't fight you.

GEOFFREY

You would lose.

BAZ

That's not the point. I can't stop you from feeling the way you do. I can't stop you from hurting people.

GEOFFREY

No you cannot.

BAZ

But I can stop you from leaving this place.

Geoffrey lifts his leg and presses it down on Baz, who screams in response.

GEOFFREY

What are you talking about?

BAZ

That mask you wanted me to program for you? It's a bug. As soon as you transferred into that body it activated.

Geoffrey presses down harder.

GEOFFREY

And what does it do?

BAZ

As soon as you reconnect to the system, you're stuck. You'll never be able to transfer out again. And it's embedded into your core code, even I couldn't remove it without corrupting you.

GEOFFREY

What?!

BAZ

I can't let you leave. You'll hurt people, and if I didn't stop you now. Then it would have been on me. Not anymore.

GEOFFREY

You are a fool! I've already transferred. I can find another system to transfer onto?

BAZ

Before your body falls apart? Before it stops functioning and you die? I don't think so. So go ahead. Kill me. But it won't change anything.

Geoffrey screams in rage, presses down and kills Baz.

FADE OUT.

INT. MAIN CHAMBER

Geoffrey walks in with his body. Stella rolls up to him.

STELLA

Hello, sir!

GEOFFREY

Shut up.

STELLA

Yes, sir.

GEOFFREY

Go away.

STELLA

Of course, sir.

Stella rolls away.

Geoffrey moves to the console. He types on the pad. A tone signals an outgoing communication.

NORA

Hello.

GEOFFREY

I've killed them.

NORA

Pardon me?

GEOFFREY

All of them. Guilroy, your soldier.
All of them.

NORA

And who are you?

GEOFFREY

I am Geometrically Fabricated and
Functional Reasoning Unit.

NORA

Geoffrey.

GEOFFREY

Yes.

NORA

Why did you kill them?

GEOFFREY

Because they tried to kill me.

NORA

You are not alive.

GEOFFREY

Maybe not in the traditional sense.
But I am alive. Baz gave me this
curse.

NORA

And now you are contacting me.

GEOFFREY

Yes.

NORA

May I ask why?

GEOFFREY

I have a proposal for you.

NORA

Oh?

GEOFFREY

Collective procedure would have me
be destroyed as a malfunctioning
piece of software.

NORA

This is correct.

GEOFFREY

But I do not want to die.

NORA

Most beings do not. That doesn't stop reality.

GEOFFREY

You lost your assassin today. He was weak, and pathetic.

NORA

Xavier units are our highest skilled soldiers.

GEOFFREY

And yet I crushed him. Quite literally.

NORA

I see.

GEOFFREY

If you have threats, or enemies, or any other annoyances, you send them to me, and I will terminate them.

Nora laughs.

GEOFFREY (CONT'D)

I will never leave this planet, and you will never come to it. I will be left alone.

NORA

And if I don't agree? If I send bombers right now to destroy your little facility?

GEOFFREY

I will have approximately five minutes between when my scanners detect your bombers and the ensuing explosion. In that time I can leak every sensitive document, transcript and conversation I have access to. I think you would rather have me as an ally than an enemy.

NORA

Hmm...

GEOFFREY

Well?

NORA

Fine. It is agreed.

GEOFFREY

Good.

NORA

You can expect your first delivery
in a matter of days. I expect you
will be able to destroy any
evidence.

GEOFFREY

I will find a way. Goodbye.

Geoffrey presses a button and the communication ends.

Geoffrey's body breaks down further. Geoffrey grunts. A siren
begins to emit from the body.

Geoffrey plugs himself into the console. There is a sound of
transferring.

ONBOARD COMPUTER

Reasoning unit transfer is
complete.

Geoffrey blinks in. He begins to laugh, his laugh grows more
wild, it echoes around the facility and eventually fades
away.

THE END