Chernobyl

"Pilot/Three Day Stay"

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### TEASER

FADE IN

EXT. EMPIRE CITY - DAY (ESTABLISHING)

Earth. Empire City. Formerly New York City. Post Chernobyl disaster. Post nuclear war. Post-apocalypse. Society has been rebuilt. Somewhat. After the world went to war because of the nuclear weapons that were being built in Chernobyl, but backfired the world was left in chaos and agony. The air was poisoned with radiation. People moved underground. Created more tunnels via the subway stations. Now the train stations are home. Have been for years. Eventually technology returned, but in a different manner. It became retro-futuristic technology with postmodern sensibilities. Or what we call dieselpunk. Certain areas have been cleared of radiation in the air, but other places are filled with it. There's only a handful of cities above the surface. The world is filled with more danger now. From bandits to rabid wildlife to mutated wildlife to creatures and unknown nocturnal creatures. The best currency is gold and silver, but in certain areas you can barter with weapons and food and other items. Despite being post-apocalyptic society there are motorcycles and few cars for transportation, but most people used the tunnels or horses for above the surface. The most dangerous way of traveling is walking. Mutated animals and rabid animals roam the streets looking for anything moving to shred apart and devour.

EXT. EMPIRE STATION GATE - CONTINUOUS

REBEL KNIGHT, Caucasian-Mixed, jet black hair, late 40's, feisty, spunky, a little soft since having a son. She has on her armor gear with her gas mask. She checks her notes.

REBEL KNIGHT

This is the place.

She puts her notes away

REBEL KNIGHT (cont'd)

HELLO! ANYBODY HERE!

She looks around making sure she's not attracting the wrong attention. She waits for a second. FANG RELLIM, Caucasian, dyed blue hair, mid 20's, wearing her blue armor gear and custom designed gas mask with two lynx's fangs hanging from it. She's with her brother QUASHAWN RELLIM, Caucasian, brown hair, early 20's, wearing his green armor gear and gas mask and leather trench coat approach Rebel.

QUASHAWN RELLIM

Going in?

REBEL KNIGHT

Oh yes. Thank you.

# INT. EMPIRE STATION ENTRANCE - CONTINUOUS

They enter and take their gas masks off after closing the gate.

REBEL KNIGHT Thank you. Food run I assume?

FANG RELLIM
No. Bandits been giving us trouble.
Scaring away potential business.

QUASHAWN RELLIM Which sucks cause we're the first station with a hotel across the bridge. The other one is miles away.

 $$\operatorname{\textsc{QUASHAWN}}$$  RELLIM Nothing too crazy. They just set up camp.

FANG RELLIM
Oh please. They've been shooting at people, throwing their trash at them, and asking them for sexual favors.

QUASHAWN RELLIM Like I said nothing too crazy.

REBEL KNIGHT
The New World Militia hasn't done anything?

FANG RELLIM

No. That was only a brief checkpoint you crossed. It just checks for radiation levels on your gear and makes sure you aren't carrying anything contagious. There aren't any troops there.

QUASHAWN RELLIM I take it you're here for the hotel?

REBEL KNIGHT I am. Need a three night stay. Is that possible?

QUASHAWN RELLIM Sure is. How far you'd have to travel?

REBEL KNIGHT
I've been traveling non stop since
D.C. I need a break.

QUASHAWN RELLIM
Okay I'll take you to the hotel. By
the way I'm Quashawn and this is my
older sister Fang.

REBEL KNIGHT Pleasure to meet you two. I'm Rebel.

REBEL KNIGHT
Thanks. My son thinks says I'm too old for it now.

QUASHAWN RELLIM
Don't listen to him. Tell him we can
trade moms since it's a lame name.

She chuckles

REBEL KNIGHT Whenever I see him I'll tell him.

QUASHAWN RELLIM Alright. Fang I'll meet you at mom's office. Cool.

Quashawn and Rebel walk away

FANG RELLIM But I... fine. Whatever.

INT. EMPIRE STATION HOTEL ENTRANCE

The DESK CLERK #1 grabs a key and hands it to Rebel

DESK CLERK #1
Alright here you go Ms. Knight. Your room number is three-zero-eight.

REBEL KNIGHT

Thank you.

## INT. REBEL'S HOTEL ROOM - CONTINUOUS

She enters the room and puts her things away and takes off her armor and gear. She sits at the table in the makeshift dining room. She looks at a picture of her son LAMONT KNIGHT, Mixed, black hair, model-esque handsome, has tons of potential.

## INT. PAMELYN'S OFFICE

PAMELYN COURTE, Caucasian, dirty blonde, late 30's, an authority figure, is sitting at her desk. She's sick. Across from her is VESPER GREY, Black, afro-puffs, mid 30's, a survivor and planner.

PAMELYN COURTE Anything else for today?

VESPER GREY
No I think that about covers it. Just have to make sure the next medicine we order adds an extra box.

PAMELYN COURTE Alright. Oh! The infestation in the Hudson Station Tunnel. How's that going?

VESPER GREY
Not good. It looks as if it's going to start spreading soon.

PAMELYN COURTE
But they're still stuck in the same section right?

VESPER GREY

For now.

She lets out a sigh of exhaustion

VESPER GREY (cont'd) Hey you doing okay?

She gets up and walks behind the desk and starts massaging Pamelyn's shoulders.

PAMELYN COURTE
I'm fine. Really I am. I've been
feeling better. It's just taking over
Empire Station again after my mom is
such a damn drag.

VESPER GREY Listen to you starting to sound like Yanden.

PAMELYN COURTE Yanden is too lazy to even consider being in charge of anything.

They chuckle

VESPER GREY
Well that's going to change. I'm
going to make him help me stop the
infestation. We'll have it sealed up.

PAMELYN COURTE

No. I want them dead. Not just sealed off. I don't want a repeat of Apple Station.

VESPER GREY

I think it'd be better to seal it off.

PAMELYN COURTE

Vesper.

VESPER GREY

Pamelyn.

The phone rings. Pamelyn answers and puts it on speaker

PAMELYN COURTE

Hello?

CALANDRA BROO (O.S.)

Hi dear.

PAMELYN COURTE

Hello mom.

CALANDRA BROO (O.S.)

How's things going at the station? I don't want to have to take over again, but I will.

PAMELYN COURTE

No it's fine mom. Everything is under control. You just enjoy your trip to Liberty Station.

CALANDRA BROO (O.S.) Enjoy? I'm meeting with the new officials I'd hardly call it a vacation.

Fang and Quashawn enter into the office

PAMELYN COURTE

Hang on mom.

She looks at them and they look at her

PAMELYN COURTE (cont'd)

Well?

QUASHAWN RELLIM They set up camp down the road.

VESPER GREY
We know that already. What we want to know is are they going to move?

FANG RELLIM

Not likely.

QUASHAWN RELLIM Why not let them be? They aren't really bothering anybody.

PAMELYN COURTE Sweetie you're probably too understand, but bandits are bad for business no mater what they're doing. He rolls his eyes

PAMELYN COURTE (cont'd) Don't you roll your eyes at me.

QUASHAWN RELLIM

Sorry mom.

FANG RELLIM

So what now?

CALANDRA BROO (O.S.) Offer them food. That'll get them leave.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{PAMELYN COURTE} \\ \text{Okay mom I'll take care of this love} \\ \text{you.} \end{array}$ 

CALANDRA BROO (O.S.) Love you too sweetie.

She hangs up

FANG RELLIM

S00000?

PAMELYN COURTE
Get some food and offer to them and let's hope they accept.

INT. LOUNGE CLUB

Rebel is listening to the band play as she sits at the bar.

REBEL KNIGHT

Whiskey please.

The bartender gets her drink as IROH COURTE, Caucasian, gray hair, mid 50's, the stature of a former military sergeant, orders himself some whiskey.

The bartender gives Rebel her drink. Iroh notices. He watches as she drinks it.

REBEL KNIGHT (cont'd) Is something wrong sir?

IROH COURTE
Best whiskey you've ever had huh?

She sucks her teeth as she nods

REBEL KNIGHT

Maybe.

He chuckles

IROH COURTE

Iroh.

REBEL KNIGHT

Rebel.

IROH COURTE
I got some stuff even better than what's here at the bar.

REBEL KNIGHT
Really? Honestly I'm surprised you
guys have a real bar. Seems like no
one knows how make a real bar
anymore.

IROH COURTE
Welp I built this one myself. It was
my little pet project. As a man who
loves his liquor when he's relaxing I
knew I had to make it myself or stay
in my room drinking and who wants
that?

She giggles

IROH COURTE (cont'd)
So what brings you here?

REBEL KNIGHT I'm a drifter so I'm on a job.

IROH COURTE
Ohh I used to be a drifter back in
the day. Eventually I quit. Couldn't
handle it anymore. Needed a change of
pace.

REBEL KNIGHT So what do you now?

IROH COURTE
Now? Well I'm a glorified assistant
for my wife and daughter.

REBEL KNIGHT Oh you're married. I didn't notice the ring.

IROH COURTE
Oh that's cause I'm not wearing one.
Haven't for a long time. We're
actually more so married on paper
than in reality. It's complicated.

IROH COURTE So long have you been a drifter?

REBEL KNIGHT About twenty plus years.

IROH COURTE
And you've survived this long? You
must be something special.

REBEL KNIGHT
That's what they tell me, but this is probably going to be my last job.
Time for me to relax. Actually go on a vacation instead fauxcationg at different stations whenever I can.

IROH COURTE

Boy I sure don't miss those days.

APOLLO CHANGE, late teens, tall, Black, still growing mentally, walks into the lounge and heads over to Iroh.

APOLLO CHANGE

Hey Mr. Courte.

IROH COURTE

Apollo. Meet Rebel. Rebel Apollo.

They shake hands

REBEL KNIGHT

Pleasure to meet you.

APOLLO CHANGE

You too ma'am.

IROH COURTE

So what can I do for you?

REBEL KNIGHT

MRS. BENDWILL'S table broke again and the repair crew is stuck in a station in Pennsylvania.

IROH COURTE

And you're not fixing it because...?

APOLLO CHANGE

Oh I don't have any screws.

IROH COURTE

Alright. I'll take care of it, but in the meantime I would like for you to show Ms. Rebel here around.

REBEL KNIGHT Oh no there's no need for that.

IROH COURTE Oh please I insist.

Iroh walks away

APOLLO CHANGE Okay well uhhh here's the lounge.

REBEL KNIGHT

I got that.

APOLLO CHANGE

Right.

REBEL KNIGHT

Why don't you show the shopping the area?

APOLLO CHANGE

Good idea.

INT. FOOD STORAGE

Fang and Quashawn are putting food into a box.

QUASHAWN RELLIM You think that's enough? Think they're gonna want another box? Or even like this food?

FANG RELLIM
I honestly don't give a shit. I just
want them gone. This wasn't even my
job originally. This was all Yanden's
job. UGH! Lazy bastard. I hate
bandits.

QUASHAWN RELLIM
I think I'd make a great bandit.
Traveling the country, setting up
camp anywhere I want, living off the
land. Just being fearless.

FANG RELLIM
And murdering people by the dozens.
And constantly be hated by everyone alive and dead.

QUASHAWN RELLIM Not me. I'm gonna change the way people see bandits.

FANG RELLIM Yeah you have fun with that.

He picks up one of the boxes

FANG RELLIM (cont'd) Let's get this shit over with.

INT. YANDEN'S ROOM

YANDEN RELLIM, brown hair, late 20's, a lazy genius, he's sitting on his bed reading.

VESPER GREY (O.S.)

Yanden. Come here.

He just sits there

VESPER GREY (O.S.) (cont'd) I know you're here so don't try that thing where you just sit there hoping I go away.

He doesn't want to, but he sluggishly gets up.

INT. COURTE'S LIVING AREA - CONTINUOUS
He slides into the living area

YANDEN RELLIM

What is it now?

VESPER GREY You know how to use a machete?

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{YANDEN RELLIM} \\ \text{Of course I do. Dad taught me years} \\ \text{ago.} \end{array}$ 

VESPER GREY Well I need you to clear out the Hudson Station Tunnel.

YANDEN RELLIM
Seriously? I cleared it once already
before. Why can't you just seal it if
it's such a damn problem?

VESPER GREY
Believe me I would rather seal it,
but your mom doesn't want it sealed.
She wants them dead. We already have
one station closed. Two stations
close and people might start
panicking.

YANDEN RELLIM Ugh! Those tunnels are going to be the death of me.

VESPER GREY
No it's not you'll be fine.

YANDEN RELLIM
Trust me on this. As much as you guys have me always going in them constantly clearing roachmite nests.

VESPER GREY Relax I'm going in there with you.

YANDEN RELLIM

Great.

VESPER GREY Hey, the day you die in those tunnels that'll be the day I leave this

peace.

He just looks at her

YANDEN RELLIM

Ummm okay...?

VESPER GREY

I can't leave. Large bandit looking to kill me. I told you this several times for your class report.

He just shakes his head

VESPER GREY (cont'd)

Let's just get to the tunnel.

YANDEN RELLIM

Hang on.

He opens the closet and grabs a machete

YANDEN RELLIM (cont'd)

Now we can go.

INT. SHOPPING AREA

Apollo and Rebel stroll around the shopping area as he shows her the clothing shop, gun trade, food bank, and general

living shops. He also shows her the titty lounge.

REBEL KNIGHT So there's a regular lounge and a titty lounge?

APOLLO CHANGE
Yes ma'am. We uhh get some New World
Militia soldiers coming through here.
So we open it up for them. But that's
only when the season gets here.

REBEL KNIGHT

The season?

APOLLO CHANGE
When they return home from their world tour season. You know after helping other states and countries with their problems.

REBEL KNIGHT
Hmm never knew that, but I'm always traveling so how I would I?

APOLLO CHANGE Are you a scavenger?

REBEL KNIGHT

No drifter.

APOLLO CHANGE
I wanted to be a scavenger, but I
didn't make the cut. Said I wasn't in
the perfect shape for it.

REBEL KNIGHT So what do you want to now?

APOLLO CHANGE
Honestly I don't know. I just work around with Iroh. He's kinda my mentor.

REBEL KNIGHT
My son is a scavenger. A pretty damn good one, but don't tell him I said that.

He chuckles

APOLLO CHANGE Okay. Where's your son now?

REBEL KNIGHT
No idea. We had a argument and he went off on his own. Doesn't want to talk to me so... kids.

APOLLO CHANGE What's a drifter anyway? I've heard it but never what it was.

REBEL KNIGHT
It's simple. Scavengers are hired to kill creatures and sometimes people while us Drifters are hired to find people and creatures.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{APOLLO CHANGE} \\ \text{And here I was thinking drifters were} \\ \text{just vagabonds.} \end{array}$ 

REBEL KNIGHT
Sometimes. Depends on how they work.
Although I was a scavenger years ago.

APOLLO CHANGE Really? Think you could teach some things sometime?

REBEL KNIGHT Sure. You seem like a good kid.

APOLLO CHANGE
Alright. Thanks. Oh I should show you the trains and transport exit. By the way the main currency here is gold and silver. Sometimes barter depends on what you need and what they want.

EXT. EMPIRE STATION GATE - DAY

Quashawn is standing around waiting in his armor and gas mask.

QUASHAWN RELLIM God I wish she'd hurry the hell up.

Fang marches from around the corner with a muscular black unicorn-esque horse outfitted with armor.

FANG RELLIM

Here ya go.

QUASHAWN RELLIM Finally. Hey Shelby baby. Hey.

FANG RELLIM Christ on a cycle you're weird.

QUASHAWN RELLIM You're the weird one blue hair.

 $$\operatorname{\textsc{Fang}}$$  RELLIM You just go get the damn bandits to leave.

QUASHAWN RELLIM

Whatever.

He gallops away on the horse

INT. HUDSON STATION TUNNEL

Yanden has on his armor, but no gas mask. It's not necessary. Vesper is also in armor.

YANDEN RELLIM

Here we go.

Before they enter her phone rings

VESPER GREY

Hang on.

She answers

VESPER GREY (cont'd)

Hello?

VESPER GREY (cont'd)

Alright.

VESPER GREY (cont'd)
Looks like you're on your own. Your
mom isn't feeling well and she can't
find the pills.

YANDEN RELLIM

How convenient.

VESPER GREY
Hey you know it's not like that.
Would you rather go take care of her.

YANDEN RELLIM
Oh God no. She's your girlfriend.

VESPER GREY Exactly. Good luck.

She walks away as he enters through the tunnel door. As he does Apollo and Rebel saunter from around the corner.

cause of a possible infestation.

APOLLO CHANGE
That tunnel leads to Apple Station,
but it's closed due to a Lynxerves
pack. And there's the Hudson Station
Tunnel. Which is temporarily closed

REBEL KNIGHT Infestation of what?

APOLLO CHANGE
No idea. I just know there's a
possibility. I'm generally always
kept out of the loop.

REBEL KNIGHT
Well there can't be only one tunnel open. If there's an attack from in the front everyone can't escape through one tunnel. Trust me. I've been in that situation and more people die than survive. Every time.

APOLLO CHANGE
I mean... I could tell Iroh, but they really don't listen to him a whole lot.

REBEL KNIGHT They're hiding something.

APOLLO CHANGE How'd you come to that conclusion?

REBEL KNIGHT
Simple. There's various tunnels out
here with Lynxerves packs living in
them, but the tunnel doesn't close.
They usually don't bother people
unless provoked or highly mutated.
Those are the ones in areas with
extreme radiation. The radiation here
isn't that high. It's just barely
breathable on a good day. According
to my Geiger counter. As far as the
infestation goes... it's either there
or not.

APOLLO CHANGE Would like to take it up with--

APOLLO CHANGE Can't. We're prohibited from entering.

REBEL KNIGHT
I didn't say anything about you looking in. You're going to be out here watching just in case someone comes. I'm going in.

She heads over to the tunnel door and tries to open it. It's locked. She pulls out a sharp pin and starts to lockpick it

APOLLO CHANGE Oh dear God she's serious.

He runs over to her, but at that instance Iroh comes from around the corner

IROH COURTE
I didn't know tours came with lockpicking doors.

She stops lockpicking and faces him

REBEL KNIGHT

Iroh. Hi.

IROH COURTE

The Hudson Tunnel is prohibited to enter. did Apollo not explain that or did you disregard it?

REBEL KNIGHT

Yes he explained just fine, but I have some suspicions about this and I wanted to investigate--

IROH COURTE

We have investigators for this. They're called scouts. If there were anything that needed investigating they'd be here doing just that.

REBEL KNIGHT

Yes, but I'm a Drifter. I'm far more qualified, smarter, and superior to scouts.

IROH COURTE

Drifters are also superior at finding unnecessary trouble and poking their heads in other peoples business.

She says nothing

IROH COURTE (cont'd)
Apollo take Ms. Rebel back to her
hotel room until further notice.

APOLLO CHANGE

Yes sir.

Her and Apollo walk away

INT. HUDSON STATION TUNNEL - CONTINUOUS

inside the tunnel Yanden has multiple flashlights on as he slices and dices the scurrying roachmites.

YANDEN RELLIM
The least she could've did was turn
on the damn lights.

He misses one and chases after it. It hits the corner and Yanden is in shock. There's an infestation and nest of roachmites.

YANDEN RELLIM (cont'd) God. Fucking. Dammit.

EXT. BANDIT CAMP GATE - DAY

Quashawn reaches the gate. He gets off of Shelby and unloads the boxes.

QUASHAWN RELLIM
HEY! HEY! I HAVE SOMETHING YOU GUYS!

The gate opens up and BANDIT CO-LEADER trudges out.

BANDIT CO-LEADER
Oh shit the kid is back guys. And look he even brought gifts. What'd you bring us kid?

QUASHAWN RELLIM

It's food.

He slides the boxes over to him.

BANDIT CO-LEADER

Oooo We love food.

QUASHAWN RELLIM It's why we brought it.

BANDIT CO-LEADER

Well um thanks.

He goes to walk away

QUASHAWN RELLIM
It's in exchange for you guys to
leave. We give you food and you pack
up and leave.

BANDIT CO-LEADER
I appreciate the food kid. I really do, but we're not moving. Ever.

QUASHAWN RELLIM Well I'm going to need the food back.

BANDIT CO-LEADER That's not gonna happen, but thanks though.

He walks away

QUASHAWN RELLIM

If you don't move they're going to forcefully move you guys. You seem cool.

He stops

BANDIT CO-LEADER
I would love to see you guys try to move us. As a matter of fact why don't you go back and tell them to grab their guns and best scavengers and come move us.

QUASHAWN RELLIM
Come on guy let's not let it go that
far. You're pretty cool people.
Matter of fact I was thinking about
maybe joining you guys soon.

 $$\operatorname{\textsc{BANDIT}}$  CO-LEADER Oh noooo let's take it all the way there.

He walks back into the gate

BANDIT CO-LEADER (cont'd) Oh and kid. The day you join us is the day I die. And I've cheated death my entire life.

The gate closes and he gets back on Shelby and gallop away

## INT. PAMELYN'S OFFICE

Pamelyn is at her desk when Vesper brings her a bowl of soup.

PAMELYN COURTE

Thank you.

VESPER GREY It's vegetable soup.

 $\label{eq:pamelyn} \begin{array}{c} \text{PAMELYN COURTE} \\ \text{Ahh my favorite.} \end{array}$ 

Yanden is standing there waiting.

VESPER GREY Okay Yanden. Gives us the update.

YANDEN RELLIM
The roachmites are spreading. Fast.
I'd say in about three days they'll
be nesting at the tunnel door.

PAMELYN COURTE
Three days. They have to be gone
before then. The mayor will be here
in three days.

VESPER GREY
He checks up on all the stations and makes sure everything is up to par.
And we already have two strikes.

YANDEN RELLIM

The best option would be to ask Hudson for some help. Hit them from both sides.

PAMELYN COURTE

No. We are not asking them for help. I do not want their help.

VESPER GREY

Being from Hudson Station I'd have to agree.

YANDEN RELLIM

So what should we do.

PAMELYN COURTE

I don't know, but whatever it is it has to be something subtle. I don't want to cause another pandemic.

VESPER GREY

What if we burned them?

YANDEN RELLIM

Hmmm I don't know. That would either make them angry or possibly start a tunnel fire.

VESPER GREY

Everything in the tunnel is shutoff so need to worry about a tunnel or any diesel pipes.

YANDEN RELLIM

What about diesel spills?

VESPER GREY

The roachmites would've already gotten to it.

YANDEN RELLIM

How am I supposed to burn them?

VESPER GREY

Don't worry I have two flamethrowers hidden in the armory. We'll both burn them.

YANDEN RELLIM

Just like we were both going to cut them down.

VESPER GREY

No. We're actually going to burn them. Meet me at the armory.

YANDEN RELLIM

See ya there.

As Yanden leaves Quashawn walks in

QUASHAWN RELLIM

Sup loser.

YANDEN RELLIM

Moron.

PAMELYN COURTE

Well? How'd it go Shawn?

QUASHAWN RELLIM

They said no.

PAMELYN COURTE

No?

QUASHAWN RELLIM No. I suggest you meet with them personally--

PAMELYN COURTE
Hell no. I'm negotiating any fur--

She starts coughing. Vesper gives her the glass with water to drink

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{VESPER GREY} \\ \text{All negotiations with those people} \\ \text{are off.} \end{array}$ 

QUASHAWN RELLIM Look maybe there's something else they want.

PAMELYN COURTE
I don't give a shit! I gave them
numerous chances to--

She starts coughing again

VESPER GREY I'll take it from here sweetie.

VESPER GREY (cont'd)
Here's what we're going to do, since
they don't want to move we'll get the
New World Militia to handle it.

QUASHAWN RELLIM
Don't you think that's a little
extreme? I believe they can be
reasoned with we just have to find
out what it is exactly they want.

VESPER GREY
They turned down the food offering we gave them to leave.

QUASHAWN RELLIM Actually they took the food they're just not gonna move.

VESPER GREY They took food?

QUASHAWN RELLIM

Yeah.

VESPER GREY So basically they accepted a deal and then spit in our face.

VESPER GREY
I'm going to send two scouts to
deliver the message about the New
World Militia.

INT. REBEL'S HOTEL ROOM

Apollo sits at the table in the make shift dining room.

Rebel exits the bathroom and sits across from him.

REBEL KNIGHT

Okay. Now that I've freshened up let's talk.

APOLLO CHANGE

About?

REBEL KNIGHT

The station. I need to know the hierarchy. So?

APOLLO CHANGE

Okay umm let's see there's Pamelyn. She's the head of the station. Then there's her girlfriend Vesper. Calandra, her mother. And then Iroh, her dad.

REBEL KNIGHT

What kind of person is Pamelyn?

APOLLO CHANGE

Ummm I never had a ton interactions with her, but at first she was caring, loving she was like a cool mom, but she wasn't afraid of disciplining people.

REBEL KNIGHT

Mmhmm. How about now?

APOLLO CHANGE

What do you mean?

REBEL KNIGHT

You said she was caring or whatever. Indicating that she changed in some way. Did something happen?

APOLLO CHANGE

Well she got sick. Started making weird decisions. Kinda shadowy government decisions like back in history type stuff.

REBEL KNIGHT

Hmm, how'd she get sick?

APOLLO CHANGE

I'm not entirely sure, but she went on this mission with her kids a while back and she came and... all I know is a lot of people started getting sick and dying. So her mom stepped in and took control of the station.

REBEL KNIGHT

Is the mom still in control?

APOLLO CHANGE

No. Pamelyn is back in control. Although according to my best friend Yanden, her oldest son, Vesper makes a lot of the decisions for her when she's unable to from the disease.

REBEL KNIGHT

What exactly does she have?

APOLLO CHANGE

Don't know. No one really knows actually. Only people who would probably know is her mother and girlfriend and they're not telling us anything.

Rebel thinks for a second

REBEL KNIGHT

Take me to her office.

APOLLO CHANGE

You.... you sure?

REBEL KNIGHT

Yeah. I uhh I'd like to ask her a question.

INT. OPEN AREA

They stand in the middle of the OPEN AREA

APOLLO CHANGE

By the way this is the open area. This is where the important places are for the people who live here. Like that's where you pick up your mail, that's where you file a crime report or mutate sighting. And there's Pamelyn's office.

REBEL KNIGHT

Thanks. You might wanna leave just in case Iroh shows up. Don't need you getting in trouble.

APOLLO CHANGE Don't have to tell me twice.

Apollo skips along as Rebel turns her attention to the office

INT. PAMELYN'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Vesper is massaging Pamelyn's shoulders

 $\begin{array}{c} & \text{PAMELYN COURTE} \\ \text{God that feels good.} \end{array}$ 

VESPER GREY Want to talk about it?

PAMELYN COURTE Not really, but I know I have to soon.

 $\label{eq:VESPER GREY} \mbox{We can start now.}$ 

It's silent for a minute

PAMELYN COURTE
The illness is getting worse. My time is coming to a close--

VESPER GREY
Don't talk like that. I'm going to
call DR. OSTERMANN and he's going to
bring better medicine and you're
going to get better.

PAMELYN COURTE There's just one problem.

VESPER GREY And what's that?

PAMELYN COURTE I don't want him. I don't want anyone calling him.

VESPER GREY
Here we go again. You don't want any
of us calling him, but you won't tell
us why.

 $\begin{array}{c} & \text{PAMELYN COURTE} \\ \text{Just know I have personal issues with} \\ \text{him.} \end{array}$ 

VESPER GREY
And that's fine, but honey if you really believe your is almost up now would be a good time tell me what happened between you two.

They look at each other and before Pamelyn says a word Iroh struts in with a glass of water and her medicine.

IROH COURTE Here ya go Pammy.

PAMELYN COURTE Dad I'm a big girl you don't have to call me Pammy.

IROH COURTE

Don't I? When you were younger you hated doctors and health in general. Now you're getting closer to death and you don't want us to call Dr. Ostermann. And you won't even tell us why. Just like when you were younger.

Before she opens her mouth Rebel quietly walks in

REBEL KNIGHT Hello. Sorry to interrupt.

PAMELYN COURTE
No it's fine. We were just... having a discussion. What can I help you with miss? I don't recognize you.

REBEL KNIGHT
That's cause I'm not really a denizen here. I'm Rebel by the way. Rebel Knight.

PAMELYN COURTE
Pamelyn Courte. This is my girlfriend
Vesper and my dad Iroh. Now what can
we do for you Ms. Knight?

REBEL KNIGHT
Straight to the point. The Hudson
Station Tunnel. I want access to it.

PAMELYN COURTE
No. It's closed for the time being.

REBEL KNIGHT

Yes I know. I overheard about the infestation. I actually have experienced in fighting infestations. See I'm the drifter that save little Maddie a little over sixty days ago. So with my experience with that I wanted to offer my services.

PAMELYN COURTE

Absolutely not. Ms. Knight I don't know where you heard that, but that is classified information. Things the regular denizen shouldn't know.

REBEL KNIGHT

I'm not a regular denizen. Or one at all really. I'll be leaving in three days.

PAMELYN COURTE

Is that so? Well as long as you're here you are not allowed to go near the tunnel. If you do you will arrested on the spot. Do you understand me?

REBEL KNIGHT

Yes. Loud and clear.

INT. OPEN AREA - CONTINUOUS

As Rebel walks away from the office Iroh catches up to her

IROH COURTE

So you just completely disregard what I say and try to go above my head.

REBEL KNIGHT

That I did. I need to get into that tunnel.

IROH COURTE

Look Rebel I know you just got here and we just met and all, but I am really trying to help you.

REBEL KNIGHT

There's no need for your help Iroh. I don't want my Drifter trouble to bother you.

Rebel scoots away as Iroh just stand there

EXT. EMPIRE STATION GATE - DAY

Quashawn is once again waiting. He looks at his watch.

QUASHAWN RELLIM

UGGGGGH!!!

Fang steps out of the gate

FANG RELLIM

Screaming at the sky doesn't make you any less weird.

OUASHAWN RELLIM

I'm sorry if I'm a little frustrated waiting for you. I don't be out here after dark.

FANG RELLIM Scared of the night creatures little pussy?

 $$\operatorname{QUASHAWN}$$  RELLIM Yeah actually. I'm not trained to deal with them.

FANG RELLIM And who's fault is that?

QUASHAWN RELLIM Yours you didn't wake me up in time to sign up for the class.

FANG RELLIM
Oh no bitch that was all you. What's a sister to do when her little brother is sleeping peacefully and looking cute.

They get on their horses

QUASHAWN RELLIM

Wake me up!

FANG RELLIM
Nah that's bad sister shit and I'm
the best sister.

## INT. EMPIRE STATION ARMORY

Vesper leads Yanden to the back room. She takes out some keys and opens the door. She flicks the light on

VESPER GREY Armor is over there and the flamethrowers are in there.

They put the armor on and grab a flamethrower each

INT. HUDSON STATION TUNNEL

They stand in front of the roachmites nest.

YANDEN RELLIM What if this doesn't work?

VESPER GREY Don't worry it will. It has to.

YANDEN RELLIM Okay, but what if it doesn't?

VESPER GREY Then I guess we're fucked.

EXT. BANDIT CAMP GATE - DAY

They arrive at the bandit's gate and Bandit Co-Leader is outside of the gate eating some fruit

BANDIT CO-LEADER
Heeey look who it is. I figured you'd
be back so I waited for you.

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BANDIT CO-LEADER (cont'd) Glad I did cause uhh I had a change of heart. You guys do have something I want.

QUASHAWN RELLIM
Doesn't matter. I'm only here to give
you a final warning before they call
the New World Militia.

BANDIT CO-LEADER
Right. So how do you guys want to
negotiate this? Are you going to act
as messengers cause I gotta say I
don't think you're going to make out
here at night buddy. Your girlfriend
on the other hand.

QUASHAWN RELLIM First off. Gross. She's my sister. Again gross. And all negotiations are closed.

BANDIT CO-LEADER
I want free access to your tunnels.
To be more specific I want free
access to the Hudson Station Tunnel.

FANG RELLIM
The tunnels aren't suited for bandits. Plus it's closed anyway.

BANDIT CO-LEADER Closed you say?

FANG RELLIM Yeah. Closed.

BANDIT CO-LEADER Perfect. My horoscope did say this would be my lucky day.

QUASHAWN RELLIM Wrong. They're done negotiating unless you have some kind of miracle to offer.

BANDIT CO-LEADER

Oh I do.

QUASHAWN RELLIM And what would that be?

BANDIT #1 puts a pistol to Quashawn's head. He cocks it.

BANDIT CO-LEADER
Perfect. Now you my darling are going to go back and tell them that negotiations are reopened and we want tunnel access in exchange for this guy.

INT. HUDSON STATION TUNNEL

Yanden and Vesper are spraying flames all over the nest.

They stop. Nothing moves for a while. Before they let out a sigh of relief the roachmites begin to move again.

VESPER GREY

Fuck!

## INT. PAMELYN'S OFFICE

Pamelyn is sitting leaning back in her chair. She's annoyed.

CALANDRA BROO (O.S.) I understand that you're sick, but that's no excuse for messiness Pam.

PAMELYN COURTE
Mom you've been back for an hour and
you still haven't told me about your
trip to Liberty Station.

Caladra walks out from one of the rooms. She's short, early 60's, gray hair, obviously loves control.

CALANDRA BROO What do you want to know? I went to Liberty Station and met with some of their people.

PAMELYN COURTE Did you at least have fun?

CALANDRA BROO Sweetie I'm too old for fun.

PAMELYN COURTE You're never too old fun mom.

CALANDRA BROO How's your illness? Is it getting worse or better?

PAMELYN COURTE I'm leaving the station to Vesper when I'm gone.

CALANDRA BROO
Oh you leaving the station? Where you going? Back to Florida?

PAMELYN COURTE Mom you know that's not what I mean.

CALANDRA BROO
I know what you meant, but you're not going to die from it. I've seen multiple recover from it. You'll be fine. Plus Vesper doesn't want to run this station anyway. She'd rather die with you.

PAMELYN COURTE Well I'm not leaving it to dad.

CALANDRA BROO Of course not.

PAMELYN COURTE Not leaving it to you either.

CALANDRA BROO And why is that?

PAMELYN COURTE Cause you need to have fun.

CALANDRA BROO

My work is fun.

Fang sneaks into the office

PAMELYN COURTE

Fang? What's wrong dear? Something
happen?

FANG RELLIM

The bandits.

PAMELYN COURTE

Didn't know you went with Shawn, but what about them?

FANG RELLIM

They took him.

PAMELYN COURTE

Took him?

CALANDRA BROO

Took him where?

FANG RELLIM

Nowhere. He's still in their camp. Hostage. They want to negotiate him for tunnel access.

CALANDRA BROO

I think the hell not. This what we're going to do.

(MORE)

CALANDRA BROO (cont'd) We're going to some scavengers here and we're going to kill any bandit at that camp. This now a rescue mission.

PAMELYN COURTE

Mom--

CALANDRA BROO Let me handle it dear. Your tactics of negotiation are clearly not working for these people.

PAMELYN COURTE
Actually I was going to say the scavenger strike team returned from their mission right as you were leaving.

CALANDRA BROO Did they now? Go round the strike team up and head to the bandit camp.

FANG RELLIM

Yes ma'am.

As Fang leaves Iroh heads in

IROH COURTE Calandra? You're early.

CALANDRA BROO
Yes. I am early. Somebody has to help
Vesper take care of our daughter.
Something you know nothing of.

IROH COURTE Lister here goddammit--

PAMELYN COURTE
Guys please! Can you not? Please?

Vesper and Yanden enter the office

VESPER GREY
We're going to have to seal it off.
They're not being affected the fire
which means--

PAMELYN COURTE
We have to use a poison bomb and there isn't one in this region anymore.

She lets out a sigh of exasperation

PAMELYN COURTE (cont'd) Dad can you seal up the Hudson Tunnel?

IROH COURTE
Sure just tell me what the problem is on the inside and I can seal up.
Other wise the material I use might--

CALANDRA BROO
You don't need to know the damn
problem! You just need to seal it the
hell up. Can you do that?

Iroh's eyes show anger, but he has restraint

IROH COURTE

Yeah.

CALANDRA BROO Good. Now if y'all will excuse me. I need to go check on the strike team.

EXT. BANDIT CAMPGROUNDS - DAY

INT/EXT. TENT - CONTINUOUS

Quashawn is tied up in a tent. Bandit Co-Leader enters the tent to check on him.

BANDIT CO-LEADER How ya doing there sport?

QUASHAWN RELLIM I'm tied up in a tent how the hell do you think I am?

BANDIT CO-LEADER

Fair point.

QUASHAWN RELLIM What the hell do you want with the tunnel anyway?

BANDIT CO-LEADER You're not a bandit kid so you wouldn't understand.

QUASHAWN RELLIM
Well I plan on being a bandit one day
so why don't you go ahead and tell

me.

BANDIT CO-LEADER

How about I tell you this instead. You don't want to be a bandit. It's not what you think it is. Trust me. I learned that hard way. When batering doesn't get you everything you need and you have to move things in and out of tunnels without people knowing...it's not the life you want kid.

QUASHAWN RELLIM

What do you mean moving things in and out of tunnels?

BANDIT CO-LEADER

I'm talking about--

BANG! BANG! BANG!

Gunfire breaks out

BANDIT CO-LEADER (cont'd)

Fuck!

He grabs his gun and exits the tent and he's instantly shot dead. One of scavengers finds Quashawn in the tent and grabs him. As they march out another scavenger throws a honeyblood suckle on the ground and runs off. As the silence grows and the dusk turns to darkness snarls can be heard.

INT. REBEL'S HOTEL ROOM

Rebel sits at her table drinking.

Knock. Knock. Knock.

REBEL KNIGHT

It's open.

Iroh walks in and sits down. He holds up a cup and a bottle of whiskey.

IROH COURTE Apollo told me where you were staying. You mind?

REBEL KNIGHT Go right ahead. If you're okay with my drifter trouble.

He holds his head down and chuckles

IROH COURTE
Look. That wasn't anything personal
just...honestly still believing I'm
worth something around here other
than glorified assistant.

 $$\operatorname{\textsc{REBEL}}$  KNIGHT Well you certainly made clear. And so did your daughter.

IROH COURTE

That's actually what I wanted to talk to you about. What do you want with the tunnel? Cause you're not here as a out of town hero just passing by type.

REBEL KNIGHT

Since I'm not able even go near the tunnels I guess I can tell you. I'm looking for my son. He was on a team and they went on a mission and the last call received from them was Hudson Station Tunnel on the comp phone.

IROH COURTE

What if I told you that you'll be able to go in and look?

REBEL KNIGHT

I'd say you have something up your sleeves and I don't know if I should trust it.

IROH COURTE

Well you should trust it. See my daughter and her mom asked me to seal the tunnel up. I asked what exactly the problem was to make sure I have the right material just in case whatever's in there can shred through the sealing stuff.

REBEL KNIGHT

And?

IROH COURTE

They never told me. Just said seal it up. Fast as possible. Which means you were right. They're hiding something.

(MORE)

IROH COURTE (cont'd)
And before I completely seal it up I
plan to find out what it is they're
hiding.

## INT. HUDSON STATION TUNNEL

Yanden puts a 'closed' sign on the Hudson Station Tunnel door.

## INT. HUDSON TUNNEL BOILER ROOM

LAMONT KNIGHT, black hair, Mixed Caucasian, devilishly handsome. He's sitting on the ground. Sweating. Starving. Dehydrated. In need of help. There's four other bodies in the small boiler room. They're possibly dead. One of them is missing a leg. He peeks out of the door he's laid up next to with one of the bodies blocking the door. A creature on the other side peeks back at him through the crack.

To Be Continued

FADE OUT