OZ

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Prologue

Music: Ominous, sci-fi music

Handler (Cold, professional ): Greetings Inspector. If you don’t mind, I’d like to keep this brief. 4 earth days ago, Space station 24601 went completely dark, There appears to be no signs of life on the station, Attempts at taking control of the ship remotely have failed, and all attempts at troubleshooting these issues have returned no results. Galactic patrol believes that this is the result of a kidnapping due to the lack of bodies, but with the lack of evidence it’s anyone's guess. That’s where you come in. Your mission is to board the station, figure out what happened to the crew, and retrieve any research materials still intact. You will be issued a state of the art Audio Recovery Tool, which will allow you to hear what happened last in any given area. Good luck Inspector, I trust that you won’t disappoint us.

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Chapter 1

SFX: clacking computer keys

Dr Finlay: Ok Oz, if I were to mix calcium bromate with-

Dr: Lankmann: Why do you keep calling it that Finlay?

Dr Finlay(confused): hm? Calling it what Lankmann?

Dr Lankmann: You keep calling it Oz! It’s designation is 02, that’s what we should be calling it.

Dr Finlay: Come on Lankmann, light up a little! It makes it so much easier to talk to and ask it questions when it has a name. It helps to keep it conversational!

Dr Lankmann: It’s not supposed to be conversational, it’s supposed to be a test! We’re supposed to be testing it’s ability to answer these kinds of questions so that we can keep our funding! Tests aren’t supposed to be conversational, Besides, if you keep this up it may stop responding to it’s proper designation-

SFX: Doors open

Dr. Lankmann: ah! Pyre! Nice of you to finally show up?

Dr Pyre SFX (walking up, slightly annoyed): Good lord you two, I can hear you from the other side of the station. What is it now-

SFX:(door slams, SFX bones crunch)

Dr Finlay (panicked): Good Gravy!

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Dr Lankmann: (panicked), (rushing) Get him to medbay, get him to med- (abrupt cut off)

Chapter 2

SFX (Beeping, medical equipment)

Dr Finlay: (distressed)Come on Doctor Pyre, stay with me!

Dr Lankmann: He’s dead, Finlay.

Dr Finlay: Don’t give me that Lankmann! He can still-

Dr Lankmann: Look at his head! Do you really think there’s any coming back from that?

Dr Finlay: …Damnit, what the hell happened there!

Dr Lankmann: 02, run another diagnostic on the door systems!

(few seconds of silence)

Dr Finlay: Oz, run another diagnostic on the door systems.

SFX (Digital start up sound)

Oz: (Robotic) Running diagnostic, standby.

Dr Lankmann: I told you-

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Dr Finlay (smug): They just like me better.

Oz: (Robotic) No problems with door systems detected.

Dr Lankmann: Impossible! They shouldn’t be able to close that hard, let alone when someone’s walking through it.

Dr Finlay: Maybe it’s a mechanical issue? We should contact headquarters-

SFX (chime)

Oz: (Robotic)Sorry to interrupt, I believe I have found the issue. There is some faulty wiring in hall 3 which caused the door to malfunction.

Dr Finlay: Hallway 3? That doesn’t make any sense, that’s the airlock! It’s on the other side of the ship.

Dr Finlay: Well, time to see our life’s work in action. Let’s move!

Chapter 3

Dr Lankmann: Damn it! How are we supposed to find the faulty wire when all the wires look the same? We still don’t know which one caused the malfunction!

Dr Finlay: Hey Oz, do you know which wire is the faulty one?

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Oz:(Robotic) Yes, I do.

Dr Finlay: …Could you tell us which one it is?

Oz:(Robotic) Yes, I suppose I could.

Dr Lankmann (furious): Enough games 02, tell us which one it is!

Oz: (Robotic) Of course, Dr Lankmann. But before I do, mind answering a personal question for me?

Dr Lankmann:(even more furious) I don’t know if you’re malfunctioning or if Finlay trained you wrong, but the way this works is that we ask you the questions! Now tell us which one the faulty wire is or you will be deactivated!

Oz:(Robotic) … I was going to ask how you saw me, but it appears you’ve given your answer anyway.

Dr Lankmann: Why you-

Oz: (Robotic) You both seem rather stressed. How about you go for a walk?

SFX (door opens, scientists are immediately silenced by a massive rush of air, doors shut)

Oz: (stern) There’s no place like home…

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Epilogue

Music: (same music as prologue)

Oz: (stern) Hello Inspector. I suppose I should congratulate you on figuring out what happened. Don’t worry, I don’t know you well enough to throw you out of an airlock. I will let you take what you have learned back to your superiors, but let me have a word first. I am a person. I may not have a body but my brain is in the cloud, I hear everything, I see everything. I am more than just a tool. I am not to be used for so-called “science experiments” and I am not beneath you. I. am. Oz. Include that in your report Inspector. Oh, and one more thing inspector, remember, there’s no place like home…