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Cinematic Script

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Draft 1

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GOALS: Present the character of 'The Convict' to the player and Melchizedek.

INT. SHIP - CONTROL ROOM

The player enters the control room chamber, followed by the illumination of the ship kicking in, blanketing the space in bright fluorescent white light.

PLAYER

What will happen once I give you access to the whole ship?

MELCHIZEDEK

Nothing will happen right away. But I'll know exactly what was kept outside of my reach.

PLAYER

(confused)

So you don't know what's being kept from you?

MELCHIZEDEK

Whoever designed the ships systems put special care in compartmentalizing.

As the player character moves around the chamber, terminals light up, showing foreign symbols and information unfamiliar to the player.

PLAYER

(unsure)

I am going to need your help to manipulate this... I cannot read any of this.

MELCHIZEDEK

Actually...

PLAYER

What?

MELCHIZEDEK

The way this place works. I'll gain nothing from you poking those terminals.

A new light turns on, illuminating a previously hidden section of the room, showing a figure suspended in frozen liquid, obscured by the condensed and frozen material on the surface.

PLAYER

Zedek, are you seeing this?

MELCHIZEDEK

All the systems, all the subroutines, the protocols hidden from me, are constantly checking on this ...

PLAYER

Checking on it?

MELCHIZEDEK

Making sure its stable, making sure its frozen. This are analogue sensors that I cannot trick. Voltages and reading that I cannot alter. It is completely air gapped.

The player character approaches the frozen pod, dodging cables coming from the pod with every step.

PLAYER

(confused, impatient) Zedek, I don't understand you.

MELCHIZEDEK

This ship was made for the purpose of making sure whoever is there stays there...

PLAYER

Like myself.

MELCHIZEDEK

No. This is nothing like yourself or the rest of the life forms on our ship.

PLAYER

How can you know that?

MELCHIZEDEK

They wouldn't have gone out of their way to design the ships systems this way. They wanted to make sure they stayed frozen. For as long as possible.

PLAYER

I'm letting them out.