

ACT 3: Broken Mirrors

SCENE 1: Discovery

Ext: The wagon is floating on alien technology. It floats effortlessly and silently through the terrain. They have the 3 trackers on the wagon. Everyone is sitting on the wagon. Ronnie is working on something in the wagon.

LI (to Ronnie)
"what're you working on?"

RONNIE
"I've been studying their trackers. I have an idea. Hopefully it'll work."

LI
"what's it going to do?"

RONNIE
"Turn their collars against themselves."

MARIANA (to Gordon)
"So what's the plan about the alien starship?"

GORDON
"we have a plan for that. You shouldn't worry about it."

LI
"There are juniper trees that we can hide behind and plan our attack."

The group gets close to the ranch and stops behind juniper trees. The 8 of them lie behind the juniper trees.

LI
"Ok. So, the starship stays close to the ranch. The slaughterhouse is in the very back."

DIANA
"we can take the slaughterhouse. It's the furthest away."

GORDON
"Ok. Diana. Naomi. Li. Come with me to the slaughterhouse. The rest of you cover us and -"

MARIANA
"I'll take you to the slaughterhouse. I know the place."

GORDON
"ok...So Me, Diana, Naomi and....you. To the slaughterhouse. The rest of you cover the sentry aliens. They'll know we're here soon."

CUT TO:

Gordon, Diana, Naomi and Mariana on a wagon headed towards the slaughterhouse. Meanwhile Ronnie and the others train their weapons at the sentry aliens and waiting to take them out silently.

INT: The slaughterhouse, NIGHT TIME.

DIANA

"How do we get inside?"

MARIANA

"There's a backdoor behind the machinery then we can release the people there."

They arrive behind the slaughterhouse. No aliens in sight outside.

They enter the house.

It looked like the same as the barn but more gruesome. Large machinery for the people and many were corralled into stables like the barn house. There are 3 guard aliens inside controlling the flow of humans.

Many of the humans were full of food, of meat. They were being fed for slaughter. Some humans are being hang upside down by their legs held by chains on the walls. They don't move, it's hard to tell if they're alive. The humans are being pushed inside. Then are stunned by being hit in the head. Then that humans is dragged and chained up to the wall like the rest. A guard alien walks over to the people chained upside down.

GORDON (whisper)

"What are they doing?"

Mariana points to the drains beneath the chained people.

One guard alien hands another guard alien a stunned human. The alien carries the stunned human and hangs them upside down on the chain.

Then the same alien walks over to one chained person and slits their throat. The person's head dangles off his body almost coming off. The blood falls into the drain.

The guard alien does the same with the rest of the humans. Slitting their throats. One. By. One. *They're using the humans for food.*

Gordon, Diana, and Naomi can't look on, but Mariana looks on desensitized to this atrocity.

GORDON (whisper)

"This is inhumane."

MARIANA (whispering)

"Look. There's a pen holding everyone before they sent to the chute to be stunned. We can try to save them."

Gordon and Diana pull themselves together. Regaining their composure and reason for being here.

GORDON

"Right. Right."

(inhales)

"We can go around the right side and hide behind the machinery."

DIANA

"as soon as we take one out, they'll alert the ranch. We need to take them out quickly and quietly."

MARIANA

"We can have one behind to take out the alien guiding the line. Two upfront to take out the aliens by the drains and by the chute."

Gordon and Diana look at each other and think. *She's thought this through.*

DIANA

"I'll take the one in the back."

Diana takes her bow and goes in the back.

Gordon and Mariana train their weapons on two on by the chute and drains.

GORDON (to Mariana)

"Do you know how to shoot?"

MARIANA

"I do."

Gordon thinks to himself. *Who is this girl?*

Gordon and Marian draw their bows and aim. Diana can be seen in the back with her bow drawn.

Diana shoots her bow. The guard alien falls dead. The other two aliens didn't hear their comrade. One is about to start slitting throats. Gordon and Mariana shoot their targets. They both fall dead.

GORDON

"We need move. They'll find us soon."

DIANA (to the captives)

"Everyone get out. Pick up any rocks and sticks you have."

(to Gordon)

"I don't see her."

Slowly the captives gather rocks, but they're still tired and dazed. Naomi walks toward them.

Naomi (to captives)

"It's alright. Save your strength. And fight back."

Naomi pats one of the captives on the shoulder and leaves them.
Diana, Gordon, and Mariana are talking.

DIANA

"I didn't find any weapons on these aliens."

GORDON

"where could she be? Did they put her back in the barns?"

MARIANA

"Maybe the starship."

GORDON

"Let's try the barns first."

(to Mariana)

"do you know which barn she was in before?"

Marian points to the barn from where she escaped.

The 4 of them exit the slaughterhouse. The slaughterhouse is a few 100 meters from the ranch. The barns faced towards the center of the ranch. The back of the barns are close to the fence.

They approach the barn from the back.

GORDON

"How do we get inside?"

NAOMI

"Well, we can try taking out the panels from the back?"

DIANA

"But won't that alert the aliens?"

While the 3 of them think, Mariana walks up to the barn door and finds the hole that they once went through. She lifted the paneling and went right through.

Gordon turns to Diana and Naomi with the look of *Seriously, who the hell is she?*

Mariana finds her stable empty. Anna, Yi, and Arnold not here. *Where are they?* Everyone in the barn is asleep soundly as Mariana tip toes by.

Gordon, Diana, and Naomi enter the barn. Everyone else wakes up in shock.

Gordon makes a *shush gesture* with his hands to the inhabitants of the barn.

One of the inhabitants speaks quietly in Spanish.

INHABITANT

"Quien eres?"

Naomi walks to the inhabitant.

NAOMI

"calmate. Nosotros estamos aqui para ayudas."

The inhabitant calms down from Naomi's words.

DIANA

"We can check the other barns. She and Arnold might be there."

We hear a commotion outside.

SUDDENLY, the Lock of the barn opens.

GORDON

"Is that Ronnie?"

There's an arrow on the ground in front of the open barn doors.

DIANA (grabbing the arrow)
"it is."

They see Ronnie, Li, and Arya on horseback headed towards the starship.

GORDON
"Ah crap. They need a distraction."

NAOMI
"We need to move fast."

SCENE 2: Surveillance

As Mariana, Gordon, and Diana are headed to the slaughterhouse.

Ronnie, Li, and Arya are perched behind Juniper trees.

Ronnie draws his bow making sure none of the sentry aliens attack them. Li is keeping watch around them. Li notices that Ronnie carrying a parcel with them.

The wagon approaches the slaughterhouse and Ronnie sees them enter it.

RONNIE (relaxes slightly)
"Alright, they're in. Now we wait and keep watch."

LI (keeping watch)
"Alright, how long do you think they'll be?"

RONNIE
"I don't know."

The ranch is calm during this night. A few sentry aliens roam the perimeter. 1-2 guard aliens can be seen by the barns. The lights from the tracking collars can be seen in the distance as dim light.

RONNIE
"Has it always been this quiet?"

ARYA (shrugs)
"Sometimes. There have been a few aliens around. But--"

RONNIE (looks around)
"Ok."

Ronnie looks at the sentry aliens and can see the shine of their tracking collars. As he looks harder, we look harder. At the aliens, at the fences, and the tracking collars. He hears the sound of hooves. Hunters are roaming the perimeter of the ranch.

RONNIE
"We need to get their horses."

LI
"Alright what's the plan?"

RONNIE
"....We get their horses."

CUT TO:

The 3 hunters slowly round a corner of the ranch then 3 arrows strike them down.

Ronnie, Li, and Arya take their horses.

Oddly, there were no aliens around and the starship seems quiet.

LI
"well that was easy."

Then Ronnie notices a slight distortion of the fence. *As if something moved across it.* He looks towards the tall grass in front of him.

No wind today, but some of the grass still moves.

He prepares his bow. And then he realizes

RONNIE
"Oh Shit! Camouflage. MOVE!"

Ronnie takes off on his horse with Li and Arya behind them. They run the edge of the darkness out of the light from the ranch. They're mount the horses and head towards the slaughterhouse.

The grass behind moves faster towards them. Then the snarling can be heard.

The aliens tackle Arya off her horse.

The camouflage was gone and we can clearly see the hunter alien on top of Arya.

Ronnie turns quickly and fires an arrow into the grass behind them. Li tries to fire an arrow but only strikes the other alien. Ronnie takes out the other alien as well. They both come round on their horses.

Ronnie helps her get up.

RONNIE
"C'mon get up!"

ARYA
"we can't do this alone."

RONNIE
"Agreed."
(to Li)
"Follow me."

Ronnie & Li hop off their horses and head towards the ranch and stands at the edge of the darkness. He's looking at the barn door gates.

Ronnie holds 3 arrows in one hand. Ronnie aims at the two guards in front of the barn....and the lock.

Ronnie draws back one arrow. And fires. Quickly draws back the next arrow. Fires. Draws back the third arrow. Fires.

The two guards fell and the lock broke.

Using Li's arrows, Ronnie shoots the other guards and barns' locks off as well.

RONNIE

"They know we're here."

ARYA

"Where are the others?"

RONNIE

"I don't know. If we've been attacked, they've probably been as well."

LI

"what do we do now?"

Ronnie looks towards the ship.

RONNIE

"The starship. How do we get inside?"

ARYA

"We can enter from beneath."

The 4 of them ride on their horses and toward the starship. They're close to the edge of the ranch.

Many aliens from the ranch emerge and head towards the 3 of them.

LI

"we can't outrun them!"

SUDDENLY, the people held captive in the barns begin to fight the aliens allowing the 4 of them head towards the starship.

SCENE 3: The Starship

Ronnie, Li, Arya are headed towards the starship. The ship is enormous. It can easily be seen 10 miles away.

RONNIE (worried)

"where is it?"

The 3 of them are ants compared to the ship. They search immense ship.

ARYA

"I don't know!"

Li sees 4 aliens are quickly approaching them. 2 sentry aliens and 2

hunters.

LI

"find it quickly! We don't have a lot of time."

(searching for arrows)

"Arya! Throw me your arrows."

Arya throws Li her arrows. Ronnie is also out of arrows.

RONNIE

"Make 'em count kid!"

Arya and Ronnie are searching for the entrance to the ship. Li draws back his bow and aims at the approaching aliens.

He fires. Strikes one alien in the face, but 3 more are still coming.

Li stumbles drawing back his bow in fear. He drops an arrow. Tries picking it back up, but it's too late. An sentry alien grabs him with his tentacles. He sees Ronnie and Arya trying to fight off the hunter alien, but it's futile. The hunter alien knocks them both down.

Li struggles to escape the alien's grip.

SUDDENLY, another arrow strikes the alien on top of Li. The alien falls on top of Li.

He pushes the Li off of him and sees an outstretched hand. Mariana is helping him up. Mariana is with Naomi.

Li stands and brushes himself off. Ronnie, Arya, and Arnold were saved as well. By Gordon, Diana, Naomi, and Marian.

GORDON (helping Ronnie up)

"Think I'd let you do this on your own?"

RONNIE

"Of course not. I was just stalling."

3 bodies of the aliens lie nearby.

DIANA

"where's the entrance to the ship?"

ARYA

"We haven't found it yet. I know it's here somewhere. I saw an alien enter it once."

Then the bottom of the starship opens up, the 3 alien bodies begin to rise, but the humans stay.

The aliens start floating upwards.

GORDON

"grab onto the aliens!"

Everyone grabs onto the aliens before they float away too far. Slowly everyone floats into the starship.

The starship is clean on the inside and futuristically designed. The bottom of the spaceship closes beneath them. The alien bodies are gently lowered to the ground. The 8 of them look cautiously around.

GORDON

"It's kinda nice here."

RONNIE

"For murderous alien species."

(to Diana)

"you have extra arrows?"

Diana tosses some arrows to Ronnie.

The starship interior is sparsely decorated. Everything is made for the aliens. Many tools and switches only to be operated by 5 people or 1 alien.

After being levitated, they are in an open space with only one corridor. The corridor spirals around a center.

There are doors on the walls leading to somewhere in the starship.

They slowly make their way through the starship.

Faints sounds can be heard. They walk further down the corridor, bows drawn.

DIANA

"is that screaming? Sounds like people."

NAOMI

"Move slowly. We don't know for sure."

Sure enough the sounds become more human.

They find a window. Peering through the window, they see humans tied down and being experimented upon in pods. Many aliens are down there monitoring the humans. One of the aliens pushes a button on pod containing a human male.

ARYA

"What are they doing?"

The aliens take the man out of the experimentation pods. He's stark naked and crumbles to the floor on his hands and knees.

His skin begins to tear and tentacles replace his arms and legs. More writhing tentacles emerge from his back. The tentacles flail about like newborns flailing after birth.

The man screams in pain without pausing to breathe. His screams turn into screeching. *He's morphing into an alien.*

ARYA

"How-Ar- are all aliens humans?"

LI
"But the invasion.."

Soon other humans are being turned into aliens. Going down the row of pods, they are turning all of the humans into aliens. Look further down the row, we see Anna & Yi.

GORDON (seeing Anna)
"we need a distraction. Anna is down there."

LI (seeing Yi)
"My mom is also there."

RONNIE
"What distraction are you thinking?"

GORDON
"Diana, Ronnie, Arya. Go make a distraction. Find something loud enough to distract them. The rest of you, stay with me and help me get Anna out."

Diana, Ronnie, Arya run to find something to use that would cause a large distraction.

SCENE 4: Escape

INT: Starship Spiral Staircase

We follow Diana, Ronnie, Arya running through the starship looking for some type of distraction.

Ronnie runs by a door where he sees a giant red button.

RONNIE
"Wait! Here's something that looks important."

He opens the door to find two guard aliens at the controls and the big red button in between them.

He quickly draws his bow. The aliens see it & wave their tentacles urging him to stop. He fires at the button.

He shuts the door. They quickly head to other parts of the ship.

DIANA
"what was the button?"

RONNIE
"I hope something important."

They keep running. Arya sees something in one of the rooms. She enters cautiously.

There are no aliens there, but there are knobs and switches everywhere.

ARYA
"Looks like a control room."

RONNIE
"And It looks important."

DIANA
"let's trash this place."

The 3 of them trash the place. They start to break the switches, knobs, everything in the room.
After they've trashed the place, they hear aliens coming.

RONNIE
"hide"

They hide behind the door. But the aliens don't come inside, they pass the control room. They 're rushing to escape for some reason.

Once the aliens die down, Diana peaks outside.

DIANA
"alright, it's clear."
(sees Ronnie placing his parcel)
"C'mon Ronnie. We gotta go."

Ronnie setting up his parcel. We can't see inside. He takes out a device and places underneath the control panel. He takes another one and places in a different spot beneath the control panel.

RONNIE
"A few more seconds. We won't get another shot at this."

Ronnie finishes his thing.

RONNIE
"Alright. Let's get out of here."

The 3 of them head back towards Gordon and the others.

CUT TO:

Gordon, Mariana, Naomi, and Li waiting for the aliens to move. Two of them go to Anna's pod and Yi's pod.

GORDON (to self)
"C'mon Ronnie"

The alien presses a button. Anna & Yi are turning into aliens.

Gordon is about to rush in there. Li stops him.

GORDON
"what're you doing?"

LI
"There are too many down there. You'll die also. Let's wait on Ronnie."

SUDDENLY, an Alarm goes off and the aliens scuttle out of the room quickly through a different exit hatch.

Gordon bursts into the room. Li and Mariana follow him.

He rushes over to the pod trying to turn it off.

Naomi finds pipes, likely for the liquid they're suspended in.

NAOMI (taking out the pipes)
"here. This should stop it."

The liquid drains from the pod. Li, watching this, runs over to Yi's pod and does the same.

GORDON (to Naomi)
"Help me lift the lid."

LI (to Mariana)
"Help me lift the lid."

Gordon is able to take out Anna from her pod. He places her down gently on the ground. Li does the same with Yi.

Anna coughs up the liquid.

GORDON
"Anna? Anna are you ok?"

Anna nods.

ANNA (coughing)
"I - I think so."

Anna crawls over to Yi. Yi wakes up and coughs up blood. She trembles and breathing wavers.

Anna falls to her knees. She starts to tremble and cough. This time she's coughing up blood.

ANNA (shaking)
"Get out of here."

GORDON
"No. I-I'm ont leaving."

Anna & Yi start to sprout tentacles and morph into the aliens. They start snarling and growing more tentacles.

Alien Anna lunges towards Gordon, but he dodges it. He draws his bow and aims at Anna.

Anna attacks Gordon one last time, and he fires the arrow into striking her dead.

Yi is also dead from Li's arrows.

Screeching from other aliens can be heard.

NAOMI
"we need to go!"

Gordon doesn't say anything. He nods. And They take off running.

As they are leaving the starship. Arya see a dead alien and a human hunter behind a door.

ARYA

"It's the hunter who chased the runaway."

It's the dead alien that tried to attack the runaway. It's body is being worked on by other aliens, it's slowly turning back human. The hunter is dead. *They're using the hunter's body to bring back the alien .*

LI (to YI)

"Can we turn them back into humans? I mean. Does-does it go the other way around?"

GORDON

"Doesn't matter.."

LI (excited)

"If we can do this, we reverse everything. Save people."

GORDON

"It's over Li! Let's get out of here."

They continue running down the steps and run into Ronnie, Arya, Diana.

RONNIE

"Where's Anna?"

No one speaks. Gordon's face says enough.

Everyone arrives at their initial entrance area.

DIANA

"How do we get out of here?"

ARYA

"well...We came in on alien. Maybe we need an alien to get out."

SUDDENLY, the floor opens and they all fall through landing on the dirt below.

SCENE 5: Aftermath

EXT: The sun is rising reveal the aftermath of the battle on the ranch, but there are dark clouds on the horizon.

Bodies of aliens cover the land as well as bodies of the captives.

LI

"Holy shit."

GORDON

"C'mon let's go find some horses."

They run toward the ranch looking for some horses.

As they run through the ranch, bodies cover the grounds. Humans and aliens alike.

MARIANA
"did we do this?"

LI
"What happened to saving the captives?"

There are some aliens limping from behind the some of the barns and slaughterhouse. More emerge from the starship behind them.

They swarm towards the group.

GORDON (ignoring them)
"Ronnie? You finished your device?"

RONNIE
"yeah."

GORDON
"Good. Light 'em up."

Ronnie presses a button.
All of the aliens fall in excruciating pain. They squirm in pain for a bit until they stop. They're all dead.

RONNIE
"Starship is down also. Trashed the control room."

GORDON
"Nice. But your device just covers this ranch. So have to do the same at the other ranches. Nice job Ronnie."

Gordon, Ronnie, Diana, and Naomi walk forward towards letting the aliens suffer.

LI (desperate)
"Is there no other way to stop them? Can't we turn them back human?"

GORDON (turns around)
"What'd you expect? You've lived here. You've seen what they do to us. Round us up like cattle. Prod and kill us. To hell with them."

Everyone else is surveying the damage caused by the battle. Arya spots a familiar hand.

Arya runs over and finds Arnold's body. He was caught in the crossfire.

ARYA (whimpers)
"we're murderers."

GORDON (Stern)

"No. We are survivors!"

DIANA

"We have a fighting chance now with Ronnie's weapon."

MARIANA

"But you're not killing aliens. You're killing humans."

NAOMI

"It's been like that a long time. Time you kids catch on."

LI

"You released the captives as as bait."

RONNIE

"I did. We were going to die if we couldn't get onto the ship. Millions more would die if we didn't get on that ship."

(pause)

"You knew the risks starting--"

LI (angry)

"You-you were planning this from the start. You weren't planning on saving the captives."

GORDON (to Li)

"You SAW what they did to your mother! We're fighting back with their fire."

LI (shouting)

"What good is fighting back if we lose ourselves in the process?!"

No one responds. It begins to rain. Dark clouds grow darker.

ARYA

"We're no better than the aliens. We're just fighting ourselves."

GORDON (threateningly)

"Look.....It's very simple.... Get on board. Or. Get out of the way."

Gordon and his gang continue to walk on.

Li, Mariana, and Arya are left alone. Arya let's go of Arnold's hand.

They stand together in the rain as it continues to pour. The 3 of them stick together no matter what.

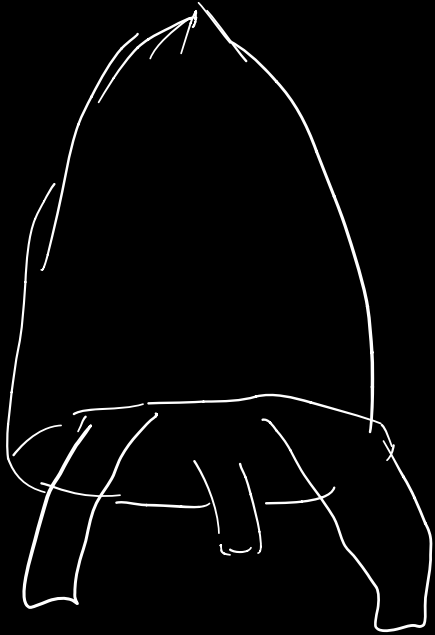
Gordon's group continues to walk down.

Slowly, and regrettably, the 3 of them walk towards Gordon's group. Hesitation and regret in each of their steps.

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Starship



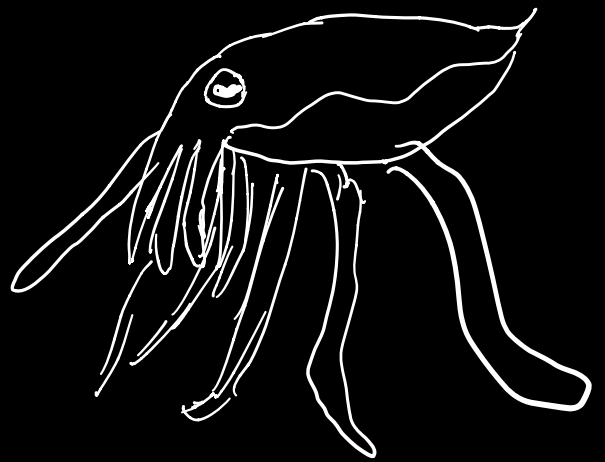
Map of Ranch



Li



Hunter Alien



Naomi



Diana



Ronnie

