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Marc

Ripley wake up!

Ripley

What happened?

Marc

I do not really know.

I was in my lab to do some analysis on my plants.

I remember an heavy headache, and then I was in the shuttle with you on board.

I returned as I could to the station.

You were in bad shape barely breathing.

Ripley

I found myself thrown out of the airlock without knowing why, and I lost consciousness.

I remember that I had detected anomalies in the energy distribution of the station.

It was coming from the point of the station and I wanted to go look at it.

And I ended up in this bad situation.

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Marc

Yes I remember, you came to see me to know if a device was installed for my experiences.

But this is not the case.

You had time to see something out?

Ripley

Not really but there was indeed a strange device at the end of the frame of the station.

It was like a kind of parabola.

Marc

You should rest a bit.

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Ripley

I'll go see Pohsib.

We are three here and I would like to have his version of events.

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Pohsib

Glad you're safe.

Then, what happened?

Ripley

I do not know, I was out without oxygen and without knowing why.

Pohsib

Yes, I went to see the servers of the first level and I saw you deriving in space.

I took the shuttle and went to look for you, you really had a lot of trouble breathing.

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Ripley

I saw Marc, he told me he was the one who came for me?

Pohsib

It's strange he told you that indeed.

Mostly he does not really know how to drive a shuttle.

I think he must have something to hide.

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Ripley

Let’s go see Marc.

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Ripley

Marc, Pohsib I have trouble clearing things up.

You tell me both you went looking for me and it starts to make me fear.

I wonder if any of you would have not played a role in what just happened to me!

Marc

How can you think that? Pohsib is one of the former employees of General Management and I am, if I may say so, an eminent scientist.

I do not see why any of us would wish your death, of course.

Poshib

Marc is absolutely right. But this reaction is quite normal after the shock you have suffered.

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Ripley

Tell me Marc, what exactly are your experiments?

Marc

The idea is pretty simple: we try to understand how some plants are operating without atmosphere or in gravity.

This is only six months I'm here but I already have surprising results.

I discovered a fungi that can live directly in space! Without protection.

I got the future nobel in Biology I think.

Ripley

And could it be one of your fungi that contaminate us with these spores?

Marc

No it’s impossible. All the plants I have are genetically modified and sterilized.

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Ripley

Tell me Pohsib, how long do you work for GM?

Pohsib

Well it has now been 25 years since I worked for them.

It's true that it's been a while now that you tell me.

Ripley

Do you have an idea of ​​what the device at the end of the station might be?

Pohsib

You already asked me before your accident, and no, I have no idea.

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Ripley

I think if I knew what kind of device is installed it would clear the mystery.

Pohsib

I do not think so. I am here for years and I've never heard of a special device at the end of the station.

Marc

Maybe in the registry. Pohsib you should have access to it, isn’t it?

Pohsib

Yes absolutely, we can go, follow me.

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Pohsib

Ripley, I gave you access to the station’s registry, as well to you Marc.

This is a temporary measure due to what happened, but you should not have access to it.

Ripley

You are right I do not find any record of such facility after the launch of the station.

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Ripley

Marc, did you noticed strange things in your experiments on this station?

Marc

Yes, now you say it, I got sometime strange measures, especially on reproductive cycles of my plants.

I put this down to their genetic modifications, but this should not be the case.

Every day, almost at the same time 20: 00 UTC, plants are as excited and accelerates nutrient assimilation.

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Ripley

Pohsib, do you think that some of your hardware could generate the spades of electricity consumption?

Pohsib

No really I do not think. I have only the standard equipment for the analysis of onboard pollution.

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Ripley

In all cases I know one of you lied because you gave me a different version of what happened just now.

But I cannot know what.

Ripley

What? Pohsib, reading the computer registry, it is made notion of a population’s control contract.

There is a strange list then:

Calm, excitement, obedience, security, consumption, freedom, individualism and solidarity, possession, hope.

And there is a price for each of these lines!

Can you explain what that is?

Pohsib

Alright, anyway you'd end up find out sooner or later.

I tried to prevent you earlier I admit but now what is done is done.

I obviously cannot let you go with this information.

Ripley

But what are you talking about?

Marc

It looks like a population control system, an unconventional weapon.

Pohsib

It's just that, but be assured that we only sell to people morally qualified to use such a weapon.

For years you think working for a pollution control system.

It's a bit the same but with human beings.

Ripley

That's why you tried to kill me!

You're going to pay.

C1

Marc managed to deactivate Pohsib who happened to be an android in the pay of GM.

He was reactivated at the historic trial against General Management to hear his testimony.

C2

Marc, in rage, tore out the head of Pohsib from which hundreds of cables hung.

He was an android in the pay of GM. His head was reconnected to give his testimony in the historic trial of General Management.

GO1

The first attack slipped on the synthetic skin of Pohsib which was actually an android in the pay of GM.

He replied and left no survivor, getting rid of the bodies in space.

Its electronic brain found an acceptable justification in the few nanoseconds that followed.