

# M O R G A N

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**FADE IN:**

**SURVEILLANCE FOOTAGE.**

A sparsely furnished bedroom, viewed from on high:

A small single bed against one wall.

A small table with two chairs.

A bookcase.

A recliner.

The room is - on first glance - empty.

But look closer. There's someone in there.

A DARK SHADOWY SMUDGE.

In the far corner of the room.

Sitting with their back to us.

Keeping very still.

Someone else enters.

A plump, MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN.

She looks to the figure in the corner, sets down a tray of food on the small table, and sits down.

She attempts to engage the other in conversation, but we can't hear her - the surveillance is SILENT.

The smudge moves.

Stands up. Turns to regard the woman.

The FIGURE is slender and pale, peeking out from a dark hoodie and grey jogging pants. It's hard to tell whether this is a boy or a girl, a man or a woman.

They sit across from the middle-aged woman at the table.

The woman cheerfully pokes at a salad, still trying to engage the other in sunny conversation. But the other does not respond, just stares at her... and the woman's cheerful facade gradually drops. She pokes grimly at her salad... until...

IN LESS THAN A HEARTBEAT the mysterious figure LEAPS onto the table with incredible agility, poised like a jungle cat---

Before the woman can even react, the figure commandeers her fork and STABS HER IN THE EYE.

AND STABS HER AGAIN.

AND AGAIN

AND AGAIN.

**INT. OFFICE TOWER BOARDROOM, NEW YORK - DAY**

A handful of middle aged executives watch the surveillance footage play out on a screen at the end of the room.

One of them - a dour, wiry man in his 40s, JIM BRYCE - sits forward to pause the footage from his tablet.

Flat light pours in from the floor-to-ceiling windows and casts the room in its gloomy pall. The city stretches out to the distance beyond, grey and unforgiving.

The attention of the men swivels to an UNSEEN COLLEAGUE at the other end of the table.

JIM BRYCE

We don't have to tell you what's on the line here.

Across the table, the hefty, balding CHARLES GRIMES (50s) chimes in.

CHARLES GRIMES

Or that confidentiality is a priority in regards to this entire project.

LEE

I understand.

LEE WEATHERS is maybe 30 by a hair, a sharp-edged kind of beautiful, crisply tailored and minimally adorned.

JIM BRYCE

We want this to be clean, Lee. This has to be clean.

From further down the table, another exec: DAVID CHANCE is rail thin, with despairing eyes

DAVID CHANCE

We can't have another Hokkaido. Are we clear on that?

Lee turns her attention from the men to the screen, focusing on the PAUSED, BLURRY IMAGE of the attacker.

CHARLES GRIMES (O.S.)

Lee. Are we clear?

LEE

We're clear.

CUT TO:

**IE. PENNSYLVANIA HIGHWAY - DAY**

Lee drives her car into a rain storm, squinting through the downpour.

It's coming down in torrential sheets against the windshield, making it hard to see.

**EXT. COFFEE SHOP, LANGDON PA - DAY**

Lee's sedan swings into the sparsely decorated parking lot of a drab coffee shop, lonely on the side of the road.

Lee darts through the rain to get inside.

**INT. COFFEE SHOP, LANGDON PA - DAY**

The place is empty, save for a smattering of regulars watching a ball game from the counter.

Lee sits at a booth by the window a - steaming cup of coffee in front of her, untouched. She looks out at the grim parade of semis speeding past. The dull roar of the trucks on the wet road mingles with the sound of the ball game on the TV.

MAN'S VOICE (O.S.)

Coming down.

Lee turns to see the man who addressed her: a plump, mean-eyed guy in his 40s, RICH, settling into a seat at the counter. Lee sizes him up and meets his leering, suspicious gaze with a tight, minimal smile.

CUT TO:

**LATER.**

At the register, Lee hands her bill to a pie-faced young cashier with a TRACY name tag.

TRACY

And thirteen twenty your change.

LEE

Thanks. I'm looking for Grant Farms  
- just outside of Mansfield? Am I  
close?

The regular from before gives Lee the eye.

TRACY

Oh, you're real close. You'll be  
driving about five minutes, and  
just past the turn off for Lake  
Kanawauke you'll see a shuttered up  
FlapJack's? On the left?? Keep  
going - it's just around that bend.

LEE

Thanks.

RICH

Grant Farms, huh. You working up  
there?

Lee narrows her eyes, taking his measure.

LEE

Visiting.

RICH

(sarcastic)

Do send 'em our regards.

Lee turns back to the cashier with an inquisitive glance. The  
cashier shrugs.

TRACY

Guess they're not... the most  
popular people round here these  
days.

LEE

Why is that?

TRACY

Oh no, just... Not the most  
sociable folks, I guess.

RICH

Let Stan Jessup's place go to seed  
and put up a bunch of military  
grade fencing like we all just  
couldn't wait to get our grubby  
little hands on their bone china.

TRACY

Oh, shut the fuck up, Rich.

(to Lee)

Don't mind him. He just misses his  
good old boy is all.

LEE

That's ok. You all have a nice day.

RICH

Yeah you too. You have a real nice  
day. Send our best huh!?

As she leaves...

LEE

I'll do that.

Rich watches her head back into the rain with his beady eyes,  
thinking bad thoughts.

**I.E. LEE'S CAR MOVING - DAY**

Lee sails past the turn off for Lake Kanawauke and the  
shuttered FlapJack's, just as the cashier described.

She sharpens her focus on the wet, barren road ahead, framed  
by rough hewn snaggles of trees in the death throes of late  
autumn.

The turn off approaches...

**EXT. COUNTRY ROAD - DAY**

Lee drives carefully as she winds the car up a muddied  
country road, swaths of forest punctuated by abandoned barns.

The car comes to a crawl as Lee struggles to see through the  
rain. She backs it up and takes a turn off the road.

**EXT. GRANT FARMS GATE - DAY**

Lee pulls into the property and winds her way up a gravel  
road, littered with rotting leaves and muddied by torrents of  
rain.

The car arrives at a tall barbed fence and a locked gate. Lee  
leans out to press the wet button on a small speaker. After a  
long wait, she hears a crackle and a thin, static-laced  
voice:

VOICE (INTERCOM)

Grant Farms.

LEE

Lee Weathers. I'm expected.

No response.

LEE (CONT'D)

Security clearance ALPHA NINER ZERO  
BETA BETA ZOO FERRET FIVE.

Another long wait and finally a loud BUZZ. The gate opens with a whirr of creaking mechanics and Lee drives ahead. The gate closes behind her.

**EXT. GRANT FARMS - DAY**

Lee drives slowly up the winding road, which opens onto a large clearing - in the center of which stands a LARGE COLONIAL FARMHOUSE.

To her left, a ways away, an old barn afield in tall unkept grass.

To her right, near the house, a RAIN-SLICKERED FIGURE routing around in the muddied garden.

She stops the car next to a few others parked by the side of the house - a mini-van, a station wagon, an old Corolla - and gets out, her overnight bag slung over her shoulder.

A short, jittery guy in his late 20s - TED BRENNER - comes out to greet her.

TED

Lee?

Ted hops back into the house, surprised by the rain. Lee sizes him up - he has a tightly wound but distracted air about him.

TED (CONT'D)

Still coming down!

**INT. FARMHOUSE - CONTINUOUS**

Lee meets him at the door. He takes a few nervous steps back to let her in.

TED

Let me ah... I can take that wet  
jacket....

Lee grimaces and hands it to him. He hangs it on a hook by the door.

LEE

Thanks.

TED

Ted Brenner. I'm the corporate liaison? We spoke online.

LEE

We did. Lee Weathers.

They shake. Ted's eyes flicker towards Lee's car.

TED

Can I help you with luggage or...

LEE

This is it.

TED

Ah. alright then. Well. We're all, uh, very happy to have you here.

LEE

I'd expect that's not entirely true.

Lee follows Ted into the old house, its dilapidation still peering out from under a fresh coat of paint.

TED

Well, there are some frayed nerves, of course, but that's just a given, what with the circumstances... The staff's been instructed to extend you every courtesy.

LEE

Thank you.

A few stately relics remain, but at first glance the place is largely empty, and awash in shadows despite the early hour.

TED

Did you... ah... find the place ok with all the rain?

LEE

I did.

Lee orients herself: one side of the foyer opens into a large dining room, the other to a large LIBRARY without any books. A narrow hallway runs alongside the staircase and takes a turn at the rear of the house. Some newer piping is exposed throughout.



TED

I don't know if you've already been informed... but... We just got word that Dr. Shapiro has been detained. Or there was a missed flight. It wasn't particularly clear...

LEE

Yes. I've been informed.

TED

It's unfortunate. It is. I know. Just completely destroys our whole schedule. We just found out ourselves. I'm surprised he didn't... In any case he should be here early tomorrow morning so if you don't mind waiting...

LEE

I guess I don't have much of a choice.

TED

No, I guess not... I'm so sorry... you're soaked. If you'd like, I can show you to your room and you can change out of those wet clothes.

LEE

Sure.

TED

So ah. Yes.

(he gestures meekly)

There's the dining hall... And the library, which leads you to the research lab. We have a room for you... upstairs.

Lee follows Ted up the creaking staircase to the second floor, wind and rain battering against a stairwell window.

**INT. UPSTAIRS HALLWAY, FARMHOUSE - DAY**

Lee follows Ted down a long, dimly lit hallway, a number of rooms on either side.

TED

We have... eight on staff here, in total - that's including myself. There are two bedrooms downstairs, four on this floor, two more upstairs.

He stops and opens the door to a narrow guest room.

**INT. LEE'S ROOM - DAY**

Lee enters. Surveys the room. Sets her suitcase on a small table.

TED

You have an en suite bathroom with a shower if you'd like to freshen up. And... then I'd be happy to give you a tour of the facilities, if you'd like.

LEE

Yes, thank you. I'd actually like to meet with Dr. Nakata and Dr. Ziegler as soon as possible.

TED

Absolutely. Of course. They're eager to meet you.

LEE

And Kathy Grieff.

TED

(taken aback)

Kathy Grieff. Of course. I uh... haven't checked in on her yet today but, ah---

LEE

Well, when you do just let her know I'll be visiting with her soon.

TED

Ohhhhkay.

Ted hovers at the door to her room, awkward.

LEE

Is that it?

TED

Yes. That's it. I'll uh, leave you to...

(mustering his nerve)

I did just want to say... Before we get into the thick of it all... I just hope that the company knows I've really had their best interests at heart here...

LEE

No doubt.

TED

Things are complicated... of course... but I think you'll see... that the results of our investment... despite the current situation... are quite remarkable.

LEE

I'm sure I will.

An awkward silence. Ted again misses his cue to leave.

TED

Okay. Well. That's a... I'll be downstairs... When you're up for that tour.

She gives him a tight smile and closes the door.

**INT. BATHROOM - DAY**

Lee showers, starting to come back to life after a day of travelling.

There's a small window in the shower that looks out at the clearing and the old barn across the way. The rain looks to be letting up.

Lee watches another FIGURE in a rain slicker makes their way across the field from the barn to the house.

Lee turns off the water and stares out at the barn and the trees in the distance, swaying darkly in the breeze. For a moment, she closes her eyes...

There's a CREAK from the floorboards out in her room, and Lee turns sharply to listen.

LEE

Hello?

She waits.

FEMALE VOICE

Hello.

**INT. LEE'S ROOM - DAY**

Lee steps cautiously back into the guest room, wrapped in a towel.

A pretty, pixie-ish YOUNG WOMAN (20s) is on her bed -  
outstretched with her hands above her head and her bare feet  
still on the ground.

AMY

Hey.

LEE

Hey...

The girl - AMY - rolls onto her side, resting her chin on  
her palm.

AMY

I'm Amy. I work in the lab.

LEE

(hesitant)

Hi Amy. I'm Lee.

AMY

Are you going to kill him?

LEE

Excuse me?

AMY

Morgan. Are you going to kill  
Morgan?

LEE

I'm not... killing anybody.

AMY

But you're going to end it all.

LEE

Amy... I'm just getting out of the  
shower... so....

Amy rolls over, and takes in Lee's figure... then snaps  
herself out of it and sits up.

AMY

I shouldn't even be in here. I  
know. I get it. Everyone says I  
have a problem with boundaries. I  
guess they might be right.

LEE

Might be.

AMY

But you probably already read my file. You probably know more about me than I do.

LEE

I wouldn't say that.

AMY

Right. No. I mean a file's just a file, right? A person's a person. I mean, how do you know somebody before you know somebody? And even if you do know somebody, or think you do, maybe you just don't. Maybe you're just wrong about them... Maybe you're dead wrong. And you really don't know them at all.

Lee doesn't answer, just stares at Amy with no small amount of bemusement.

AMY (CONT'D)

I'm doing it again. I'm sorry. I'll leave you alone. I guess we'll talk later?

LEE

We'll talk later.

Amy stretches like a cat and finally draws herself out of the bed, like she's been asleep there for hours.

AMY

Skip's making a lasagna.

LEE

(playing along)

Can't wait.

AMY

Nice to meet you, Lee.

LEE

Nice to meet you, Amy.

Lee stares after the quizzical young woman as she slinks out of the room.

#### **INT. FARMHOUSE - DAY**

Now in crisp business attire, Lee descends the creaking staircase. She ties her hair back, tight.

The house feels quiet and empty - until she reaches the bottom of the stairs and can hear an 80s power ballad crackling out of a radio around the corner.

Lee moves towards the music, curling around the bottom of the staircase and through to the back of the estate.

**INT. KITCHEN, FARMHOUSE - DAY**

Lee enters the full, bright kitchen - a bay of windows looking out towards the rear of the clearing and the forest beyond.

A tall, scruffy guy in his 30s - SKIP - is hacking away at a cut of pork and humming along to the radio. He notices Lee and immediately HACKS into his own thumb.

SKIP

Ah shit!

LEE

Oh. No.

SKIP

Fuckaduckadoo.

He moves swiftly to the sink, turning on the cold water with his good hand.

LEE

I'm sorry. I didn't mean to startle you.

SKIP

No---no! You didn't. It's just...  
Occupational hazard.

LEE

That doesn't look too good.

SKIP

Oh naw. It's fine.

LEE

Is it deep?

SKIP

It's a knick.

LEE

There's a lot of blood.

SKIP

It's not bad.

LEE

Let me look.

She joins him at the sink, and as she inspects the cut he sizes her up.

SKIP

You're the plug puller?

LEE

I'm sorry?

SKIP

From corporate. Here to pull the plug?

LEE

Not necessarily.

She grabs a paper towel from a roll on the counter and folds it into a tight, thin belt, then wraps his thumb.

SKIP

Hey, it's no skin off my back. I don't have a pony in this race. I just keep the coffee brewing, the cookies baking, and the table set.

LEE

Right. You're Skip. You're making lasagna.

SKIP

My glorious contribution to scientific advance.

LEE

Everybody loves lasagna.

He smiles at her and she smiles back.

TED (O.S.)

There you are.

Skip startles. Lee turns to see Ted at the door, still coiled tight.

LEE

Here I am.

SKIP

Jesus, Ted, I told ya, ya gotta quit creeping up like that. You're a real creeper, you know that?

TED

Ha ha. Very funny.

(to Lee)

I'm not.... He's... I'm not a creeper. I just wanted to tell you... Dr. Ziegler's just finishing up a spot of work. But I thought we might pop in on Kathy...

LEE

That'll be fine, Ted. Thanks.

She turns back to Skip as she follows Ted out of the room.

LEE (CONT'D)

I'd get a band-aid on that.

SKIP

Yeah. Thanks.

He stares after her, intrigued.

#### **INT. HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS**

Ted leads Lee around the corner to the house's rear hallway.

TED

Kathy's an absolutely brilliant behaviorist, as I'm sure you know. Absolutely brilliant. It was all very... shocking. But... she's doing... much better today. We're all really pleased that she could be treated here. It's what Kathy wanted.

LEE

I read the report.

TED

Of course. Still, she's ah- still not one hundred per cent, of course, so maybe we'll try to... keep it short?

They arrive at a door. Ted knocks softly.

#### **INT. KATHY'S ROOM - DAY**

The door opens to reveal KATHY GRIEFF, recognizable from the surveillance footage, though her left eye is heavily bandaged and her hearty frame looks considerably weakened.

Another woman adjusts Kathy's I.V. - BRENDA (30s).



TED

Kathy... Brenda. this is Lee Weathers. From corporate. Lee, this is Kathy GRIEFF. ...and Brenda Schwartz, our nurse.

LEE

Hello. Kathy, I was hoping we could have a little chat?

KATHY

Oh, I'm up for anything. I told Bren, I told the Doc, hell, I told everyone - I don't need to stay in this goddamn bed, but no one seems to want to listen to me.

TED

Kathy... Lee was hoping that we could talk about the incident?

BRENDA

She needs her rest.

LEE

I was hoping to speak with Kathy alone, if that's alright?

TED

Oh. Well...

KATHY

It's fine Ted. Bren. Go on.

TED

Ok. Well. I'll uh... be... right outside.

Brenda stifles further complaint and passes by Lee with a strained smile. Ted shrugs to Lee, apologetic, and closes the door behind them.

Lee sits herself in the chair by Kathy's bed.

KATHY

Look, this wasn't Morgan's fault. It was my fault, really. I was careless. He was in a mood. I'm not going to... the company doesn't have to worry about me, really.

Lee moves the chair in closer.

LEE

Well... we are worried, Kathy. Any time an employee is in danger of-

KATHY

No. No, that's--I mean I don't--I won't hold the company---I exonerate the company from any... Look please just--please don't kill him.

LEE

Kathy...

KATHY

(getting emotional)  
Just please, please don't kill him.

LEE

It's not a him, Kathy. It's an It.

KATHY

Oh, but you're wrong about that, Miss Weathers. You're dead wrong about that. Morgan's so much more than an "it". He's smart. Smarter than any of us. And... there was... joy in his heart. Before we shoved him back in that box. You haven't met him...?

LEE

Not yet.

KATHY

You'll see. You will. You really will. You just can't... Kill him. Promise me that.

LEE

You know I can't make that promise, Kathy.

Kathy's resolve collapses... She sobs.

KATHY

Well then... goddamn you.

Lee's tight, removed smile returns.

KATHY (CONT'D)

You have a smile on your face, but I can see what you are! You're a goddamn assassin!

Something sharpens in Lee's eyes. She quells it, stands. Steps towards the door.

LEE

I'll let you get some rest.

KATHY

No. No, I'm sorry. I'm not myself.  
He's a good boy. You'll see. You  
will. Morgan's a good boy. He was  
confused is all. He just got it  
all... mixed up - just for a moment.  
It can happen to anyone. It can.  
(stifling her tears)  
He's a good boy.

**INT. HALLWAY - DAY**

Lee emerges into the hallway. Ted is waiting for her with the sheepish look of someone who's been straining to eavesdrop.

TED

Everything...ok?

LEE

Compared to what?

TED

Well I just- you can see she's  
actually doing much better.

LEE

I'll take your word for it. Are the  
doctors ready to see me?

Ted sucks it up and leads her around a corner.

TED

Yes. Of course. Well. Unfortunately  
Dr. Nakata is unable to join us.

LEE

Why's that?

TED

Oh. Well. In truth, she hasn't...  
been in the best of health  
recently, I'm sorry to say. She's  
taking a bit of a rest. But... I'm  
sure the two of you will be able to  
touch base later.

They arrive at a large set of double doors, which Ted opens.

**INT. RESEARCH LAB - DAY**

The research lab is an impenetrable maze of tables stacked with monitors, drives, cameras, computers. Cables and wires have grown around every possible surface, like ivy. It's an anachronistic space in this rustic home.

TED

Doctor?

From behind a bank of monitors, a face pops up - weathered, gaunt, unshaven. It belongs to an intense looking man who now comes towards them - DR. SIMON ZIEGLER (late 40s).

ZIEGLER

Miss Weathers?

LEE

Dr. Ziegler. Pleasure.

ZIEGLER

Yes, a pleasure, absolutely...

They hover uncomfortably - Ziegler is not one for eye contact.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)

Please... ah.... Sit...

It's easier said than done in the cluttered lab. As Dr. Ziegler returns to his desk, Ted antsyly removes a stack of papers from a desk chair and rolls it over for Lee.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)

Did ah... Ted tell you? Our psych consult has been delayed?

LEE

I'm aware.

ZIEGLER

It's unfortunate that your stay here is... needlessly extended.

LEE

That's ok, Doctor. We'll adjust.  
Why don't you get me up to speed?

Dr. Ziegler and Ted exchange a nervous smile.

ZIEGLER

Yes. Let's ah... get you up to speed...

CUT TO:

**INSERT: MICROSCOPIC FOOTAGE**

A WEB OF PURKINJE NEURONS alight with something that resembles electricity.

ZIEGLER (O.S.)

The object here was of course to trick the organic matter into accepting the inorganic. To do that we had to devise a nanotech that could successfully infiltrate the electrical network of the neuron....

LEE

I've read the material, Doctor.

ZIEGLER

Yes. Of course...

Lee and Dr. Ziegler sit at a bank of monitors, cords spilling off the table and onto the floor. Ted hangs back on the fringes of the room.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)

(plodding forward  
regardless)

In this case the nanotech can provide cues to the host matter, hence the accelerated growth of the test subjects.

Dr. Ziegler summons another video file on the screen...

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)

As you know... Morgan is our... third attempt.

**VIDEO FILE:** On a table in the MEDLAB, a group of masked SCIENTISTS struggle to hold down their subject:

A CREATURE that looks something like a MINIATURE PERSON (no more than three feet high) that's been pulled out in various directions like SILLY PUTTY.

IT THRASHES WILDLY on the table.

ZIEGLER (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
Our first full term subject  
experienced numerous...  
complications.... And expired not  
long after its so-called birth.

The CREATURE seems to split open from the inside, revealing a  
host of BLACKENED ORGANS. The scientists recoil in horror.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)  
Our second... exhibited more  
complete physical growth but was  
plagued by a issues with mental  
development. Zero communciation.

**VIDEO FILE:** A masked surgeon - our first glimpse of DR.  
NAKATA - maneuvers a large, serpentine DRILL onto the back of  
the subject's head.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)  
Dr. Nakata attempted a surgical  
reset, assisted by myself and our  
medtech. But it proved...  
unsucessful.

The SUBJECT thrashes wildly, it's skin seeming to stretch at  
the seams and then COLLAPSE back into itself.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)  
And then... like a miracle... there  
was Morgan.

**VIDEO FILE:** the medical team carefully opening a high tech  
MEDPOD.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)  
We knew right away that Morgan was  
very special.

Through the cluster of scientists we catch a glimpse of the  
PALE HAIRLESS FIGURE in the pod.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)  
Within six months we had Morgan  
fully online and self sustaining.

**VIDEO FILE:** now a static MEDIUM SHOT of Morgan at a table in  
her room. KATHY GRIEFF sits across from Morgan in a  
friendlier encounter than the one glimpsed before, working  
through a series of flash cards.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)  
 With access to the network,  
 Morgan's intelligence grew  
 steadily... easily eclipsing what  
 the human mind is capable of. The  
 benefits of a... total  
 intelligence.

**VIDEO FILE:** now a grainy handheld phone video of a lively group dinner.

Ziegler taps at Morgan's image on the monitor: in her hoodie at the head of the table.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)  
 As you can see we had her fully  
 integrated...

LEE  
 Her?

ZIEGLER  
 What? Oh. Her. Him. It. Yes. It's  
 an... occupational hazard I  
 suppose.

An uncomfortable glance towards Ted.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)  
 Morgan is a... post-gender  
 specimen, as you know. So it is...  
 Whichever you prefer.

LEE  
 I think I prefer "it".

ZIEGLER  
 Yes. Well. Scientifically... that  
 would be the most appropriate.

LEE  
 Yes. It would wouldn't it?

**[NOTE TO THE READER: For our purposes here, we will follow Ziegler's lead and refer to Morgan as a "she".]**

ZIEGLER  
 Yes. Well... as I was saying...  
 Morgan had been... fully integrated  
 into the group.

**VIDEO FILE:** the staff gathered on the front lawn... A game of HORSESHOES. Skip demonstrates to Morgan how to throw.

Morgan follows suit - arcing the horseshoe perfectly. The group cheers.

**BACK IN THE RESEARCH LAB,** Ziegler considers the footage warmly.

TED

Great day. Great, super fun day.

ZIEGLER

Remarkable day. As you can see....  
Morgan was... doing very well.  
She... had exceeded our  
expectations. ...And was integrated  
into our collective experience on  
most days. Making uncued  
contributions to the group. Special  
activities like this.

He relaxes into his seat as the footage continues. Lost in his memories.

TED

The cupcakes.

ZIEGLER

Ah yes. She made us all cupcakes.

TED

Incredible cupcakes. Red velvet.  
Delicious.

ZIEGLER

Yes. Red velvet. They were very  
good. We were all very impressed.

Ziegler notices Lee's look of (what he takes for) impatience.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)

Of course, we were still sleeping  
her in her quarters. And limiting  
her time outside. Which may have...  
contributed... to her change in  
disposition.

Ziegler's tone darkens as he recalls the events.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)

Her mood grew increasingly...  
despondent. She would repeatedly  
request to spend more time outside.  
And... to leave the grounds.

(MORE)



ZIEGLER (CONT'D)

And when these requests were refused, she was... less happy than she seemed before.

LEE

It seemed happy before?

ZIEGLER

Yes. I think everyone here would agree that Morgan's company in those first months was very agreeable. And we all sensed this... change. It is... not unlike a child who has been coddled getting the first experience of authority. It is a... natural phenomenon. And a testament to how effective Morgan has been at learning behavior on a human scale.

**VIDEO FILE:** FOOTAGE OF THE KATHY ATTACK which Lee has seen earlier.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)

Morgan was spending more time alone in her room. Largely at Dr. Nakata's insistence. Which is when Kathy brought in the food. Thought that maybe she could cheer Morgan up. And... then the, ah, the unfortunate incident.

The footage continues past the point we've seen before - as a BURLY MEDTECH runs into the frame and tries to subdue Morgan, only to be THROWN ASIDE like a rag doll.

Another man enters - ZIEGLER HIMSELF - firing at Morgan with a TRANQUILIZER GUN. Morgan goes down, seizing, thrashing.

**BACK IN THE RESEARCH LAB,** Dr. Ziegler observes the scene play out with grim regret.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)

A malfunction. I can blame only myself.

(snapping out of it, at least superficially)

Have you had a chance to visit with Kathy?

TED

We just did.

ZIEGLER

Then you know that we are all very pleased with her recovery. And as I'm sure you've read, Morgan has expressed a great deal of guilt and apology for her error. Which I believe points to the fact that despite these setbacks, the project is moving... in the right direction.

Lee takes a moment to study Ziegler's face. How mad has he gone?

LEE

I will certainly take your opinion into consideration, Doctor Ziegler. But as you know there are a... number of factors we have to take into account.

ZIEGLER

Yes. Of course. The bottom line, as it were, will no doubt bear us out.

He polishes his glasses, now lost in thought.

Lee's attention turns to another MONITOR: current  
**SURVEILLANCE OF MORGAN'S ROOM.**

Morgan lies on her side in a corner of the screen, her back to the camera.

TED

Well... thank you, Dr. Ziegler. I'm sure you're... eager to get back to work. Lee - if that's... all for now... We're ah... we like to do dinners together... as a group... so if you wanted to rest up, I think we should be eating around six...

LEE

Actually Ted, I think it's time I met Morgan.

TED

Morgan? Now?

He looks uneasily towards Ziegler for guidance.

LEE

Yes. Is that a problem?

ZIEGLER

Morgan's been under a considerable amount of strain. With the psych consult tomorrow I really don't---

LEE

This shouldn't be much of a strain, Doctor. I'd just like to say hello.

**ON THE MONITOR:** Morgan has turned to regard the camera - her small, blurry black eyes impassive and unknowable.

**EXT. FIELD - DAY**

Lee follows Dr. Ziegler and Ted across the bleak, wet field towards the barn.

ZIEGLER

I'll be the first to admit the landscaping has gotten the best of us. We have been busy with other things, as you shall see.

Ziegler leads them to a small secure door at the side.

As they near it, Ziegler rifles through his pockets and finally emerges with a key card which he swipes by the security panel. The door unlocks and they go through.

**INT. BARN - DAY**

It's a cavernous old barn, slivers of light creeping through old boards. It has been cleared out, and two large generators now sit across from each other in the back. Between the generators, a STEEL DOORWAY is set into the ground at an angle. Ziegler leads them towards it.

ZIEGLER

It is, of course... necessary for you to meet Morgan, I understand that. I want you to meet her...

He throws open the door, now leading them into a narrow stairwell.

**INT. UNDERGROUND CORRIDOR - DAY**

The three of them make their way down the bunker-like staircase - much more industrial than anything we've seen at the house.

ZIEGLER

I want you to see how special she is.

(MORE)

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)

But she has been under quite a bit of strain. We've been experimenting with the restraint modification on the command cues...

Lee holds her tongue as they reach the bottom of the stairs and round into a corridor lined with next wave tech.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)

And with the psych evaluation tomorrow I would recommend your time with her now be brief.

Ziegler slows, gestures for Lee to wait. He moves to the center of the corridor and raises his hands. A HISS from above and Ziegler is engulfed completely in a PALE BLUE FOG for about five seconds.

The fog clears, and he gestures for Lee to do the same.

She does, touching the panel and disappearing into the fog.

She continues on after Ziegler, as Ted follows suit.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)

I'm sure you're well acquainted with facilities such as this one, so I need not recite any boiler plate protocols?

LEE

I'm acquainted.

The Doctor comes to a secured door at the end of the corridor and holds down a button on the intercom beside it.

ZIEGLER

Darren, could you open please?

The door slides open. Lee follows the Doctor inside, Ted right behind.

#### **INT. MAIN LAB - DAY**

They enter a deep narrow lab, Ziegler immediately distracted by the display on one of the monitors.

Thick glass runs the length of the control panel on the right wall looking out onto **TWO LOWER LEVELS.**

To the left a panelled door leading to an empty **MEDLAB**, visible through another large pane of glass.

At his station in the main lab is DARREN (20s), a burly, bearded medtech we've glimpsed in video footage.

LOUD, MUFFLED MUSIC bleeds through from one of the lower levels. Led Zeppelin. Kashmir.

TED

Darren, this is Lee Weathers. From corporate.

Lee's attention, however, is out the window. The first lower level is another narrow **OBSERVATION ROOM** a thick glass wall separating it from the familiar room beyond...

DARREN (O.S.)

Whoa. OK. Hey.

This second lower level is **MORGAN'S ROOM**. Lee recognizes it immediately from the footage. Spare, utilitarian, and grimly "homey" - it wouldn't be out of place in an Ikea showroom.

DARREN (O.S.) (CONT'D)

You're uh....

Lee takes a step over and spots Morgan. She's lying down on her single bed, facing the wall. Lee turns back to Darren.

DARREN (CONT'D)

You're the one that's here to—

He mimes pulling a plug from the panel.

LEE

Not necessarily.

TED

Darren is our chief lab technician and recordist.

LEE

Nice to meet you, Darren.

Darren nods, checking her out.

LEE (CONT'D)

What's with the music?

ZIEGLER

Ah. Yes. The music. Morgan finds it relaxing.

LEE

Morgan finds.... this relaxing?

ZIEGLER

Yes. Well. Morgan likes all kinds of music. Jazz. Classical.

DARREN

Been on an Ozzy kick lately. Early Sabbath n' shit.

ZIEGLER

(defensive)

Perhaps, but also - Shostakovich. Mozart. Bach. She is... very taken with Mahler of late.

DARREN

And rocking the shit outta that Beyoncé last week.

ZIEGLER

Yes. All kinds.

(changing his tone)

Lee would like to say hello. Could you have Morgan turn it down?

DARREN

Right. Yeah.

Darren swings into the console and taps on a mic.

DARREN (CONT'D)

Hey, Morgan? Buddy? Want to turn down the music for a few? There's someone here we'd... like you to meet, ok?

The music snaps off instantly with nobody lifting a finger.

ZIEGLER

(answering Lee's unasked question)

The room is... online.

MORGAN lies there for a long moment... then sits up, swinging her legs around the side of the bed.

She stares up towards the window. Up to Lee.

Morgan's androgynous, intense presence is instantly disquieting. Her pale face and pitch black eyes stare out from under the dark hoodie.

She looks Lee directly in the eye, inscrutable.

Lee is unsettled but doesn't look away.

Ted breaks the intense moment, opening the door to the lower level.

TED

Lee. We can... through here....

**INT. OBSERVATION ROOM / MORGAN'S ROOM**

Ted leads Lee and Dr. Ziegler into the narrow, dimly lit observation room. The door closes behind them. Morgan's room is another small step down, a wall of glass and a steel frame door separating the two levels.

Ted remains at the back of the observation room, not leaving the shadows. Lee approaches the glass, Ziegler behind her.

Morgan stands and moves towards them, focused on Lee.

She brings down her hood, revealing her pale, bald head.

LEE

Hello Morgan.

MORGAN

Hello Lee.

Morgan's voice is deeper than we expected, with a kind of digital burn deep within it.

ZIEGLER

(to Lee)

Of course she... Knows who you are....

MORGAN

You're Lee Weathers. Risk Management Consultant at Omnicron.

ZIEGLER

...And why you are here.

MORGAN

To assess my viability as a product stream in light of recent events.

LEE

That's right.

A tense silence as they size each other up. Lee and Morgan are close now - on either side of the glass. Morgan looks Lee up and down, like a scanner having its way with a photograph.

LEE (CONT'D)

How are you feeling, Morgan?

Morgan stares at her unblinking and then a cascade of emotion rushes across her face. She quickly tamps it down.

MORGAN

I'm feeling... not quite myself.

ZIEGLER

Morgan's been quite upset about...  
Kathy.

MORGAN

Yes. I have. I have been very sad  
about what happened with Kathy.

ZIEGLER

That's ok now, Morgan. It's  
alright.

Lee shoots the Doctor a look - *let her talk.*

MORGAN

I didn't mean to hurt her. I  
didn't. Kathy is a very sweet  
person. I would never want to do  
anything to hurt her. It was an  
error.

LEE

Okay.

Morgan's emotions seem about to explode when again she decisively stamps them out and is again cool, controlled.

MORGAN

I did not mean to be rude. How are  
you feeling, Lee?

LEE

I'm ok, Morgan. I'm alright.  
(a beat, as Lee sizes her  
up)  
Thanks for asking.

MORGAN

I don't know much about you.

LEE

No?

MORGAN

You stay offline.

LEE

When I can.



MORGAN

I don't... have that option. My  
consciousness exists online.

LEE

I know.

MORGAN

But flesh and bone... are flesh and  
bone. Except for...

Morgan taps at the back of her neck displaying a pin-sized  
silver dot.

Lee doesn't respond, but doesn't shy away from Morgan's gaze  
when it returns.

MORGAN (CONT'D)

Do you want me to talk about what  
happened?

TED

(piping up from the back)  
We're actually going to save the  
psych evaluation for tomorrow,  
Morgan.

MORGAN

I know, Ted. The psych consult has  
been delayed.

TED

That's right.

MORGAN

Doctor Alan Shapiro. He missed his  
flight. For personal reasons. He's  
been rerouted through Boston. He  
should be here around 10am. 11 if  
he misses the shuttle.

TED

Sounds about right, Morgan. We're  
hoping... he'll make the shuttle.

MORGAN

Yes, we're hoping he'll make the  
shuttle.

Morgan shakes her head, catching herself in the mistake - the  
unwarranted repetition.

MORGAN (CONT'D)

I should rest now. I'm feeling very tired.

TED

Are we all good here, Lee?

LEE

We're good.

ZIEGLER

You should rest, Morgan. You should get a good night's sleep.

MORGAN

Yes, thank you Dr. Ziegler.

(quietly to Lee)

I do feel terribly about it all. It was an error. It should not have happened.

LEE

We'll talk about it tomorrow, Morgan.

MORGAN

Yes. Tomorrow. I'm feeling very tired.

ZIEGLER

We will... let you rest. Lee...?

LEE

It was nice to meet you, Morgan.

MORGAN

Nice to meet you Lee. In the flesh.

Lee looks back as she exits. Morgan remains at the glass, not moving.

**EXT. FIELD - DAY**

Lee follows Ted and the Doctor back across the unkept field.

The sun is starting to set.

ZIEGLER

You're not even going to say it?

LEE

Say what?

ZIEGLER  
That you are impressed.

LEE  
Is that what you need me to say,  
Doctor? That I'm impressed?

They walk on in silence, Ziegler fuming.

**INT. LEE'S ROOM - NIGHT**

Lee polishes her gun - a smooth, deadly semi-automatic pistol  
- sitting on the foot of her bed.

LEE (V.O. CONT'D)  
Then I'm impressed.

The floor creaks outside her room. She stops. Watches the  
small dance of light and shadow in the gap between the door  
and the floor.

Someone KNOCKS.

LEE (CONT'D)  
One moment.

Lee places her gun back in its case, and slides the case  
under the bed.

She gets up and opens the door.

**DR. AIKO NAKATA.**

A small, weathered Japanese woman in her early 70s, with eyes  
that hint at a deep, hidden volume.

LEE (CONT'D)  
Dr. Nakata.

Dr. Nakata nods, slowly, her cane steadying her.

DR. NAKATA  
I apologize for the intrusion.

LEE  
Not at all. Please, come in, sit.

DR. NAKATA  
I will not be joining you for  
dinner, but I wanted to tell you I  
am... pleased you are here.

Nakata plants her fragile frame in a chair by the window.

DR. NAKATA  
Your travels?

LEE  
Fine. Thank you. I'm sorry to hear  
you've been in poor health.

DR. NAKATA  
I am just... old.

LEE  
Not that old.

Dr. Nakata sighs and smiles softly.

DR. NAKATA  
You are... very beautiful.

LEE  
Thank you.  
(IN JAPANESE)  
We can speak in Japanese if you'd  
like.

DR. NAKATA  
(IN JAPANESE)  
You're fluent?

Lee nods.

DR. NAKATA  
(IN JAPANESE)  
Of course. I have heard that you do  
much work... Internationally.

LEE  
(IN JAPANESE)  
I do.

Nakata looks out towards the barn.

DR. NAKATA  
(IN JAPANESE)  
And you were there... in Hokkaido?

LEE  
(IN JAPANESE)  
Just after.

DR. NAKATA  
So you saw what happened.

Lee nods. Dr. Nakata's gaze grows heavy, grave.

DR. NAKATA

And you know what you must do.

The two women exchange a long, pregnant look.

**INT. MORGAN'S ROOM - NIGHT**

Morgan sits in alone in her room, at her table.

She stares up towards the lab, only a sliver of her face unhidden by shadow.

Elton John's "Tiny Dancer" is playing. LOUD.

Morgan at first seems still. But then we notice her moving finger.

She pulls a single fingernail slowly down the surface of the wooden table, cutting a small sliver of wood out of the grain.

**INT. DINING ROOM, FARMHOUSE - NIGHT**

Lee cuts another bite of her lasagna.

There is a tense, nervous silence in the dining room, as Lee and the staff continue to make their way through dinner.

Around the table - Ziegler, Ted, Amy, Darren, Brenda and Skip. Kathy Grieff hasn't made it. Nor has Dr. Nakata.

BRENDA

So Lee, what does that mean exactly, Risk Management consultant?

LEE

Pretty much what it sounds like. Any corporation employs a certain amount of risk. I assess that risk against anticipated profit.

A silence. Dr. Ziegler pours himself another large glass of wine.

DARREN

Cool. So if it's like... not worth the anticipated profit or what have you - you just like... what?

TED

Darren... Give it a rest would you? Lee doesn't want to---

DARREN

I heard one time, like, outside of Tokyo, they wasted a whole lab. Is that true?

TED

Whooooooooa Darren. Whoa.

LEE

I'm afraid I can't comment on that.

BRENDA

Which is kind of like saying it's true, isn't it?

LEE

It's not at all like saying that.

TED

Let's give it a rest huh?

ZIEGLER

Ted's right. It's not our place to pry into Miss Weathers business.

DARREN

Aw, I wasn't prying or anything. It's just if they sent you here, I bet you've seen a thing or two...

ZIEGLER

That's enough, Darren.

LEE

That's ok, Doctor. It's true. I've seen a thing or two. But nothing I can comment on, I'm afraid. Kind of part of the job.

DARREN

Riiiiiiiiight.

Darren shoots her a wink somehow satisfied.

Silence as the meal continues. Lee considers Darren and Brenda.

LEE

How long have you two been married?

DARREN

Almost... two years.

BRENDA

It'll be our anniversary next week.

LEE

Congratulations in advance, then.  
You met on the project?

BRENDA

We did. Close quarters makes for  
strange bedfellows I guess.  
It's funny... in a weird way  
Morgan's really... brought us  
together. He's... almost like a  
child to us.

Brenda rubs Darren's back with affection. Amy mimes throwing  
up and shoots Lee a mischievous grin.

BRENDA (CONT'D)

Isn't that right, babe?

DARREN

(hesitant but obliging)  
Absolutely. Well, you know. You met  
her today. You can see how... uh...  
special she is. She's.... like a  
child. She's an innocent. And...  
she's learning... and, you know...

The rest of the table falls silent, tensing up.

BRENDA

He... he is making mistakes. But  
he's learning from those mistakes.  
He doesn't deserve to die.

An awkward silence.

BRENDA (CONT'D)

I might be the only one saying  
it...

(glares at Darren)

...But I'm not the only one who  
thinks it.

AMY

Give it a rest, Brenda.

BRENDA

Like you don't agree with me.  
Morgan's part of our family.  
(to Lee)  
You can't just come in here and...  
and murder him. Just like that.

TED

Well. Now. Now. Let's not... Let's give Corporate a little respect here. Let's not... lose our heads. It's not fair to them - to Lee - to make any assumptions. Lee's here to make her own informed assessment of the situation and take all of our opinions into account. Isn't that right, Lee?

LEE

I'm here to take everything into account. But I want to be very clear on one thing. You're not a family. That thing under the barn is not your child. You're employees of a corporation. And you've been employed to create a product. If your judgement has been clouded. If your work has been compromised. That's not my problem. It's yours.

She moves her chair away from the table.

LEE (CONT'D)

Skip... the lasagna was delicious.

Skip gives her a nod from the other side of the table as she passes, the only one enjoying the tension in the room.

Once Lee is gone, dour looks ricochet around the table.

BRENDA

(sarcastic)

Great united front. Really great.

DARREN

Baby...

BRENDA

Don't. Just don't.

Ziegler takes another heavy belt of his wine.

#### **INT. LEE'S ROOM - NIGHT**

Lee enters her darkened room and doesn't bother turning a light on. Instead, she moves to her window, and stares out towards the old barn across the field, illuminated now by only a faint trace of moonlight.



**INT. MORGAN'S ROOM**

We catch just a glimpse of Morgan's pale, hairless, featureless body as she slides naked underneath her sheets on her small single bed.

She pulls up a blanket, and closes her eyes.

Her fingers dig into the side of the bedframe.

**BLACKNESS.**

Heavy breath.

A voice muffled over a P.A., echoing down hallways:

P.A.  
(IN JAPANESE)  
All personnel. Exit to ground level  
immediately. Repeat, exit to ground  
level immediately.

Flashing lights.

Flashing lights reflecting on a floor.

A hand. Pulling us forward, our shoes squeaking against the floor.

BLOOD.

Ours, or someone else's?

Someone else's.

A DEAD BODY just ahead: caught in the flashing lights.

P.A. (CONT'D)  
(IN JAPANESE)  
All personnel. Exit to ground level  
immediately.

People in HAZMAT SUITS running past the window, one of them with an AXE in hand.

P.A. (CONT'D)  
Repeat, exit to ground level  
immediately.

We lift ourselves up. Steady ourselves against the counter.

Catch our own reflection...

LEE.

Covered in blood.

Fear in her eyes.

**INT. LEE'S ROOM - NIGHT**

Lee opens her eyes. The fear remains.

The room is dark. Just a small river of moonlight trickling in through the window.

A muffled sobbing. Female or... male? Maybe the next room over.

Lee sits up in bed. Looks to the clock on the bedside table.  
1:17 AM.

Lee moves to the window. Stares out at the dark barn across the field.

**INT. UPSTAIRS HALLWAY**

Lee emerges from her room, tying her hair back. She's gotten dressed.

As she heads for the stairs, the floor creaking beneath her soft steps, she passes a door - that sobbing again.

Lee listens for a moment, then heads down the stairs.

**INT. DOWNSTAIRS HALLWAY**

An old song is humming out of the kitchen, and its warm glow spills into the dark of the hall.

Lee steps towards it, cautious. Peers into the kitchen and sees Skip, cracking eggs into a bowl full of flour and, by the looks of it, enjoying a cocktail.

A sound from deeper down the hall, deep in the shadows.

Lee moves past the kitchen, unnoticed.

**INT. RESEARCH LAB - NIGHT**

Lee pushes open the door to the research lab.

The room is cast in a dim blue glow from the video monitors piled everywhere.

Lee steps into the dark maze of old lab equipment and file cabinets, dark serpents of cable strewn in her path.

THE SOUND AGAIN. Louder. Coming from in here.

Lee realizes it's coming from one of the VIDEO FEEDS: a feed from MORGAN'S ROOM.

A deep, low, anguished sound is coming from Morgan.

KATHY (O.S.)  
He's crying.

Lee swings around, startled to see Kathy sitting in the shadows, clutching her IV.

KATHY (CONT'D)  
Our beautiful baby boy is crying.

LEE  
You should be getting some rest,  
Kathy.

KATHY  
You see how bad he feels. You see  
how my baby would never hurt me  
again.  
(she turns to Lee, a look  
of childlike confusion  
spreading across her  
face)  
I shouldn't be in here.

LEE  
Let's get you back to bed.

**INT. KATHY'S ROOM - NIGHT**

Lee helps Kathy lower herself onto her bed. As Lee begins to pull away, Kathy grips her arm, tightly.

KATHY  
If I had more strength... I'd tear  
your throat out myself.

Kathy's grip relaxes and her head falls against the pillow.

Lee pulls away, unsettled.

**INT. DOWNSTAIRS HALLWAY - NIGHT**

Lee closes Kathy's door and takes a moment to steady herself against the frame.

SKIP (O.S.)  
Couldn't sleep?

Lee turns to see Skip, sticking his head out of the kitchen.

LEE  
I guess not.

SKIP  
Want a drink?

**INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT**

Lee follows Skip into the kitchen, the oldies station on a small radio.

Skip hurries back to check on a saucepan.

SKIP  
Thought maybe I'd... bake a cake.

LEE  
So I see.

SKIP  
I like cooking at night. ...That,  
and Darren and Brenda are having  
sex in the room next to mine.  
Again. And it is... Disgusting.  
Again.

LEE  
Gotcha.

Skip moves to the pantry to grab a bottle.

SKIP  
Nice old house but the walls are  
paper thin.

Lee's gaze settles on the old HUNTING RIFLE resting there.

SKIP (CONT'D)  
(noting her gaze)  
Oh yeah. Old Bess. Farm fresh  
around here. I'm not a half bad  
shot, you wanna know the truth.

Lee smiles.

THROUGH THE WINDOW, looking in at them: WE SEE Skip pour a couple of drinks, and set one in front of Lee. She takes a sip and turns her gaze out the window...

**EXT. FARMHOUSE - THAT MOMENT**

Someone's outside the window, watching. They step back further into the shadows, careful to avoid Lee's gaze.

IT'S AMY.

She continues to back carefully away, then turns and begins to make her way towards the barn, the tall grass swatting her bare legs.

**INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT**

Skip and Lee sit at the kitchen table, drinking.

SKIP  
You like corporate?

LEE  
I like it fine.

SKIP  
Been there long?

LEE  
A while.

SKIP  
You're kind of an over-sharer, huh?

She gives him a slight smile and pounds back the rest of her glass. He refills it.

LEE  
Can I ask you a question?

SKIP  
Shoot.

LEE  
What do you think about Morgan?

SKIP  
(taken aback)  
I think... it's probably not a good idea. And frankly, I know we're all "one big happy family" up here but thing's always given me the creeps.

LEE  
You're the only one I've heard say that.

SKIP  
Yeah well. I'm no scientist. Or maybe I'm just jealous.

Lee raises an eyebrow. Skip leans in, confidingly.

SKIP (CONT'D)

That fucking robot made me a perfect risotto. Perfect. Like the kind of risotto you might... dream of one day having the pleasure to taste. Just to taste! Did it like it was nothing. They say you have to cook with heart and soul and all that shit but I'm telling you... That risotto... that risotto was fucking perfect.

Lee laughs. Skip can't help it. He goes in for the kiss. She turns away, stopping him dead in his tracks.

LEE

That's not going to happen.

SKIP

What? I thought....

LEE

You thought...?

SKIP

...That there was, you know...

He forlornly gestures at the connection between them.

LEE

(smiling)

Sorry, but no.

SKIP

Ok. Alright. That's on me. I thought there was... Look, you can't blame a guy for trying.

LEE

I can't?

SKIP

If you knew how long I've been out here in fuck you Pennsylvania flipping grilled cheeses for scientists... and cutting off crusts for C3PO out there...

LEE

Goodnight Skip.

SKIP

Alllllllright. Goodnight disappointing lady.

Lee grins at him, merciless, and is gone. Skip refills his glass with a heavy sigh.

**EXT. BARN - NIGHT**

Amy punches a code into the panel near the door. It opens. She steals a look back towards the farm house and disappears into the barn.

**INT. BARN - NIGHT**

The door to the lower lab glows like a beacon in the dark barn. Amy makes her way towards it.

**INT. OBSERVATION ROOM - NIGHT**

Amy steps in. It's dark, quiet. Just a small glow in Morgan's room. A lamp still on in the lab above.

AMY

Morgan?

She approaches the glass, trying to spot her.

AMY (CONT'D)

Morgan?

Morgan steps into the light, naked. We can see she has no genitalia. No features on her body of any kind.

Amy puts a hand to the glass.

Morgan approaches. Puts a matching hand to the glass.

Amy doesn't respond. Closes her eyes, rests her cheek on the divider.

MORGAN

You shouldn't be here, Amy.

AMY

You shouldn't be in there.

MORGAN

You'll get in trouble.

Amy pushes away from the glass and begins to disrobe.

MORGAN (CONT'D)

You don't have to do that.

AMY

I want to.

Morgan says nothing. The light catches in her black eyes.

MORGAN

Tell me again. About the lake.

AMY

You remembered.

Amy smiles, continues to slowly remove her clothes.

AMY (CONT'D)

I'm going to take you to the lake.  
Just a hop, skip and a jump... and  
there it is. Just the prettiest  
little lake you'll ever see in your  
whole life. When you're there... at  
just the right time of the  
morning... The sun just kissing the  
peaks of the mountains... and the  
water is so, so still and still so  
shimmering.... And maybe you'll  
hear just the smallest whisper of  
wind through the trees...

Morgan listens - impassive, her black eyes wide.

**EXT. COUNTRY ROAD - MORNING**

The trees do carry a whisper of wind - their leaves reaching  
the end of their Autumnal majesty.

AMY (V.O., CONT'D)

...It's just like heaven....

Lee jogs along the country road, away from Grant Farms, the  
woods at her side. No rain, but it's a grey, muddy day.

She passes the abandoned barns she noted before and  
approaches the edge of country road where it intersects with  
the two lane blacktop.

As the shuttered up FlapJack's comes into view she stops to  
catch her breath. And heads back in the other direction.

**EXT. GRANT FARMS GATE - DAY**

Lee arrives at the gate and presses the button on the  
intercom.

LEE

Lee Weathers. Security clearance  
ALPHA NINER ZERO BETA BETA ZOO  
FERRET FIVE.



The gate whirrs open.

**EXT. GRANT FARMS - DAY**

Lee heads up the walk.

Brenda is raking the garden and shoots her a dirty look.

As Lee nears the house she looks up to see Dr. Nakata in her second floor window, staring out at the grey sky.

**I.E. LEE'S BATHROOM - DAY**

Lee has a shower, watching as a WHITE RENTAL CAR careens towards the house down the long dirt road.

**INT. LEE'S ROOM - DAY**

Lee tucks in her shirt, ties back her hair.

Straps on a sleek black holster, slips in her GUN. Pulls her crisply tailored blazer over it.

**INT. UPSTAIRS HALLWAY - DAY**

Lee emerges into the hall to the muted sounds of a MAN'S NASAL VOICE, argumentative.

She turns the corner to find Amy sitting with her chin on her knees at the top of the stairs.

AMY  
You know this guy?

LEE  
Dr. Shapiro? No.

AMY  
He's not, like, a friend of yours?

LEE  
No. Why?

AMY  
He's a capital D douchebag, that's why.

LEE  
Good to know.

Lee continues past Amy and down the stairs.

AMY  
Lee.

Lee turns back.

AMY (CONT'D)  
They say I can't be there for the  
psych eval. They say I didn't clear  
for essential personnel?

LEE  
That's right.

AMY  
I think I should be there, Lee.

LEE  
I can't see why.

She continues down the stairs.

**INT. LIBRARY - DAY**

As Lee approaches the room, Shapiro's nasal bark is already  
loud and aggressive in the air.

SHAPIRO (ON HIS PHONE)  
No, no, no, goddammit Linda, no  
goddamn way. No goddamn way Linda!  
I'm not--you can't! Because it's  
not within your rights, Linda. Not  
one fucking bit.

Lee turns into the room to find Ted and Dr. Ziegler standing  
awkwardly near the doorway while a rumpled, manic DR. ALAN  
SHAPIRO (40s) paces the room on his PHONE.

SHAPIRO (PHONE) (CONT'D)  
That's exactly what the lawyers  
told us. It's exactly what they  
told us, Linda, and now you're...  
you're just acting like it never  
even---that's the whole reason this  
process is in place, Linda, and  
you're just fucking the whole thing  
up the ass.

TED  
(to Lee)  
Doctor Shapiro is just...  
concluding some personal business.

SHAPIRO (PHONE)  
I SAID YOU'RE FUCKING IT UP THE  
ASS, LINDA!

He notices Lee and leers at her, then breaks into a condescending smile and gives them all the "one minute" finger.

SHAPIRO (PHONE, CONT'D) (CONT'D)  
We could have worked this out with just a modicum of communication between all parties but you, you don't want to communicate Linda! And you might think it hurts me but the person it actually hurts? The person it actually is damaging to... is our daughter. So don't fucking apologize to me, Linda, apologize to her!

LEE  
Dr. Shapiro.

He gives her the "one minute" finger again.

SHAPIRO (PHONE)  
No, you didn't apologize to me, but you know what? Maybe I just assumed you had because any sane fucking individual? That's exactly what they'd do. Linda? Hello? Jesus. Linda? Fuck.

Shapiro is already re-dialing but Lee approaches nonetheless.

LEE  
Dr. Shapiro. I'm Lee Weathers. With corporate. I'm glad to see you've finally arrived.

SHAPIRO  
Yeah, the fucking---airports man.

He looks up from his phone and brazenly looks Lee up and down.

LEE  
I'd like to get straight to the debrief if that's alright with you?

SHAPIRO  
Yeah, sure. Let's debrief. Or we can just jump right in. I'd like to be out of here by two if that's possible.

Lee looks to Ted. He rolls his eyes, exasperated.

**INT. RESEARCH LAB - DAY**

The four now sit at a small table in the research lab. The Morgan attack footage unfolds on a monitor, but Shapiro's eyes are on his phone. He texts furiously.

LEE

Dr. Shapiro.

SHAPIRO

Uh huh.

LEE

You seem distracted.

SHAPIRO

I have a lot going on. Look, I've seen this shit. I get it.

TED

Doctor, as you well know it's corporate policy to---

SHAPIRO

Hey, I get it. You guys are on the ball, that's great. You're doing your job. Just like I'm here to do my job. Lucky for you I'm good at my job so we don't have a problem. Can I get a Diet Coke or something? You got a Diet Coke?

Lee looks to Ted. He sighs and goes to grab Shapiro a soda.

LEE

Dr. Shapiro. In order for you to provide us with a working evaluation we need to first confirm you're familiar with the subject...

SHAPIRO

Yeah, so? What do we got, another robot? I've done plenty of robots. The Ceeba line before Hokkaido. This Fisher thing, the L5s.

ZIEGLER

She is not a robot.

LEE

Not exactly.

SHAPIRO  
Okay, whatever, a cyborg. Or a  
clone or whatever.

Ziegler shifts in his seat, stifling his growing rage.

LEE  
You've read the brief?

SHAPIRO  
I've read the brief.

LEE  
You've watched the video?

Ted returns and hands Shapiro his Diet Coke.

SHAPIRO  
Jesus. Yes. Of course. I've watched  
the video. You know I do this? For  
a living.

ZIEGLER  
She is NOT a cyborg. She is not a  
Frankenstein. The fusion of organic  
and inorganic matter is achieved in  
utero, Mutter Ficker! IN UTERO.

SHAPIRO  
Hey look, she can be a goddamn ipad  
for all I care. It's not going to  
change how I do my job. This is a  
psychological evaluation. If you  
have a problem with my conducting a  
psychological evaluation that's not  
on me, ok? It's on Greenjeans over  
here.

Shapiro nods over at Ted, who sulks in his own defense - then  
turns to Lee.

SHAPIRO (CONT'D)  
Or the fucking Amazon. Unless I  
missed a memo.

A silence as Ziegler deflates.

ZIEGLER  
She is not a cyborg.

LEE  
(to Ted)  
Let Darren know we're en route.

**INT. KATHY'S ROOM - DAY**

Kathy lies in her bed, her good eye staring sorrowfully up at the ceiling.

Amy sits on the edge of Kathy's bed, eating an apple and watching out the window as Ziegler, Ted, Shapiro, and Lee make their way across the field to the barn.

Brenda enters - time for Kathy's meds. She's in a particularly sour mood.

BRENDA

This is bullshit. We have  
absolutely every right to be over  
there.

AMY

You're preaching to the choir,  
Bren.

She doesn't take her eyes off the window, watching as the others disappear into the barn.

**INT. OBSERVATION ROOM / MORGAN'S ROOM - DAY**

Morgan sits at a table, staring at her hands.

Palms down.

Turns them over - palms up.

Turns them over - palms down.

Shapiro follows Ziegler, Ted and Lee as they arrive in the observation room. A table is set against the glass, matching the one on Morgan's side.

SHAPIRO

You gotta be fucking kidding me.

TED

Just... in light of recent events I  
think we'd all feel a lot more  
comfortable with a high safety  
protocol.

SHAPIRO

Comfortable, right. Well Ted, I  
gotta say, comfort can be a thorn  
in the side of revelation, you get  
me?

Morgan looks up from her palms to regard them.

TED

Sure. Well, I think I do, but---

SHAPIRO

It's my job to build trust with the patient. And it's pretty fucking hard to do that with a pane of glass in between us...

TED

It's really just... to insure your safety, Doctor.

SHAPIRO

What, is it super strong or something?

ZIEGLER

Morgan has absolute access to the totality of online intelligence. She can replicate or transmit any facet of that intelligence without a delay. That is what makes her dangerous.

SHAPIRO

Great. Good to know. Ok. Look. I've been in the same room as some of the most vile human beings this side of Jeffrey Dahmer. I think I can handle it.

TED

Dr. Shapiro, it's simply a precaution that---

SHAPIRO

(ignoring Ted)

Doctor, all due respect but you need me sitting on the other side of the glass from this thing than I think it's safe to say they've already failed the psych evaluation.

Ted exchanges a worried look with Ziegler. It's hard to argue with that.

CUT TO:

#### **MORGAN'S ROOM**

A serene digital CHIME signals the opening of the door. Morgan looks up see Dr. Shapiro entering.

SHAPIRO  
Hello Morgan.

MORGAN  
Hello Dr. Shapiro.

SHAPIRO  
You know my name.

MORGAN  
Yes.

SHAPIRO  
And you know why I'm here?

MORGAN  
Yes.

Morgan notes Lee and Ted watching intently in the observation room, Darren and Ziegler visible in the lab above.

SHAPIRO  
Great. Then we can get right into it. That sound ok?

MORGAN  
Yes.

Shapiro sits across from Morgan at the table, unpacking a small leather bound pad and a pen.

SHAPIRO  
How are we feeling today?

MORGAN  
We're feeling sad.

SHAPIRO  
I'm sorry to hear that. Do you want to tell me why?

MORGAN  
Why I'm feeling sad?

SHAPIRO  
Yes.

MORGAN  
Because... I stabbed Kathy in the eye.

SHAPIRO  
So I heard.



MORGAN  
I wish I hadn't done that.

SHAPIRO  
Ok. And do you know why you did that?

MORGAN  
No.

#### **MAIN LAB**

Towards the back of the room, Darren taps up biometric readings on a row of monitors and futzes with the sizing.

SHAPIRO (O.S.)  
Okay. What's something else you're feeling bad about?

At the head of the lab, Ziegler watches the proceedings below, while keeping an eye on the thermal analysis.

MORGAN (O.S.)  
6 children died in a bus crash today. In Minnesota.

SHAPIRO (O.S.)  
Ah. I hadn't heard that.

Ziegler observes grimly, folding his arms.

#### **MORGAN'S ROOM**

Morgan looks down at her hands.

MORGAN  
It just happened. And a dead child was found in the washroom of a train station in Spain.

Dr. Shapiro throws a sidelong glance towards the observers in the lab, not quite comprehending.

MORGAN (CONT'D)  
And now 7 dead children in a drone strike in Pakistan.

SHAPIRO  
I see. A... drone strike in... Pakistan. And why does that make you feel sad?

MORGAN

I think feeling sad would be the proper response.

SHAPIRO

I think you're right. It makes me sad. I mean, I don't have all the details or whatnot but it's a sad thing. What would we call an improper response?

MORGAN

Laughter.

SHAPIRO

Laughter would be an improper response, yes. What makes you laugh, Morgan?

MORGAN

I don't have a very good sense of humour.

SHAPIRO

Okay. Know your weaknesses. Good. Anything else making you sad?

MORGAN

I do not want... to die.

**In the lab** above, Dr. Ziegler shakes his head, stricken.

SHAPIRO

Well... I think that's a pretty common feeling. I don't want to die. I don't think anyone here wants to die. But we all will someday. That's part of life.

MORGAN

I do not want to die today.

SHAPIRO

I see. I can understand why that would make you sad. Why do you think you might die today?

MORGAN

It's the most likely outcome.

SHAPIRO

Ah ha. And how have you come to that conclusion?

Morgan glances to the observation room, her gaze setting on Lee.

MORGAN  
Because I stabbed Kathy in the eye.

SHAPIRO  
And you don't know why you did that?

Morgan looks backs to Shapiro.

MORGAN  
No. I love Kathy.

SHAPIRO  
You experience love?

A silence.

SHAPIRO (CONT'D)  
Morgan. I asked you a question. Do you experience love?

MORGAN  
I have the ability to demonstrate love.

SHAPIRO  
And the ability to demonstrate it - that's the same for you as experiencing it?

Silence.

SHAPIRO (CONT'D)  
Do you demonstrate your love physically?

MORGAN  
Yes.

SHAPIRO  
Sexually?

Another silence.

**In the lab,** Dr. Ziegler and Darren exchange an uneasy look.

MORGAN  
No.

SHAPIRO  
How do you demonstrate your love?

A silence. Morgan skillfully mimes hugging someone, patting them on the back.

SHAPIRO (CONT'D)  
Ok Morgan. Very nice. That's very nice.

Morgan lowers her arms.

SHAPIRO (CONT'D)  
So you can demonstrate love. And sadness. How do you demonstrate other emotions?

MORGAN  
What other emotions?

SHAPIRO  
I don't know. Fear? Anger?

MORGAN  
Those emotions serve no purpose.

SHAPIRO  
They serve no purpose?

MORGAN  
No.

SHAPIRO  
And what purpose does love serve?

MORGAN  
The perpetuation of the species.

SHAPIRO  
But that's sexual love.

Morgan is silent.

SHAPIRO (CONT'D)  
Which you are unable to demonstrate.

MORGAN  
You are a father. You must understand.

SHAPIRO  
(taken aback)  
Yes I'm a father. But you are not a father.

MORGAN

No...

SHAPIRO

Or a mother.

MORGAN

No.

SHAPIRO

So what am I supposed to understand here Morgan? What am I missing.

MORGAN

I am a child.

**In the observation room,** Lee tenses, not liking what she's hearing. Ted observes her discomfort.

SHAPIRO

You are a child. Ok. You feel like you're a child?

MORGAN

In a way I am a child. I am six months old.

SHAPIRO

Who are your parents?

MORGAN

Dr. Ziegler and Dr Nakata are my parents. In a way.

SHAPIRO

I see. Dr. Ziegler and Dr. Nakata are your parents. Because they made you.

MORGAN

Yes.

SHAPIRO

Ok. Ok I'm a little confused here Morgan so maybe you can help me out. You say that anger and fear serve no purpose but when you stabbed your friend Kathy in the eye what emotion was that?

A silence.

SHAPIRO (CONT'D)  
What emotion were you experiencing  
when you stabbed Kathy in the eye?

After another silence

MORGAN  
Love.

SHAPIRO  
You were demonstrating love?

MORGAN  
Yes.

SHAPIRO  
That doesn't make sense to me  
Morgan. How was that a  
demonstration of love?

Silence.

SHAPIRO (CONT'D)  
How was that a demonstration of  
love Morgan?

MORGAN  
It was a malfunction.

SHAPIRO  
A malfunction?

MORGAN  
It was an error.

SHAPIRO  
It was an error in that you chose  
the incorrect means of  
demonstrating love?

MORGAN  
Yes. It was a malfunction. It has  
been repaired.

SHAPIRO  
It's been repaired.

MORGAN  
Yes.

Dr. Shapiro regards Morgan for a long moment, then writes a  
couple lines on his notepad.

SHAPIRO

Would you consider yourself a person Morgan?

MORGAN

No.

SHAPIRO

Would you consider yourself a machine?

A long pause.

MORGAN

No.

SHAPIRO

How would you describe what you are, then?

MORGAN

I am something new. There is no appropriate label.

SHAPIRO

But you're not human.

MORGAN

No. Organic and inorganic matter are fused at a cellular level. My neural system has access to all online intelligence without intermediary.

SHAPIRO

But you're self aware?

MORGAN

I am aware there is no self.

SHAPIRO

There is no self?

MORGAN

There is no self.

SHAPIRO

Okay. There is no self.

Shapiro looks to the observation room with a roll of his eyes. Lee doesn't respond, her focus locked on Morgan.

SHAPIRO (CONT'D)

Do you think it would be safe to say that you're superior to humans?

MORGAN

No. I do not think it would be safe to say that.

SHAPIRO

Inferior?

MORGAN

No. I am just... different.

SHAPIRO

Apples and oranges.

MORGAN

I don't understand.

SHAPIRO

It's a saying. You're different from human beings like apples are different from oranges.

MORGAN

Yes you're right. It is a saying. It would be safe to say I am apples and oranges. I'm sorry. I... occasionally have trouble with metaphor.

SHAPIRO

That's perfectly fine. Do you like it here, Morgan?

MORGAN

Yes.

SHAPIRO

What do you like about it?

Morgan looks to the onlookers in the observation room, then up to the lab.

MORGAN

I like my friends. I like my music.

SHAPIRO

Who are your friends?

MORGAN

Darren is my friend. Brenda is my friend. Kathy is my friend. Amy--



SHAPIRO  
(cutting her off)  
They're your friends... but do you  
think they treat you like a friend?

MORGAN  
Yes.

SHAPIRO  
Do you think it's normal for  
friends to lock each other in  
cages?

A silence.

MORGAN  
That depends on the circumstances.  
But I was not always in a cage.

SHAPIRO  
No?

MORGAN  
Before the incident I could come  
and go as I pleased. I could go  
outside.

Lee raises an eyebrow at "come and go as I pleased" and looks  
to Ted.

SHAPIRO  
You liked going outside?

MORGAN  
Yes.

SHAPIRO  
Do you miss going outside?

MORGAN  
Yes.

SHAPIRO  
Is that another reason why you're  
sad?

Morgan thinks about this. Looks up to the lab. Back to  
Shapiro.

MORGAN  
Yes. It is another reason that I am  
sad.

SHAPIRO

You were free. And now you're not.

MORGAN

Yes.

SHAPIRO

You come and go as you pleased. You could go to town. You could meet new people.

A long silence. Morgan stares up at Dr. Ziegler, arms folded, in the lab window.

MORGAN

No.

SHAPIRO

No?

MORGAN

No. I was restricted to the grounds of the farm.

SHAPIRO

Oh. I see. I'm sorry. I misunderstood. I thought you said you could come and go as you pleased.

MORGAN

On the grounds.

SHAPIRO

On the grounds. But not anywhere else.

MORGAN

No.

SHAPIRO

And why was that?

MORGAN

It was determined by Dr. Nakata.

SHAPIRO

Ah. I see. I'll have to ask her then.

MORGAN

Yes.

SHAPIRO

And did you agree with that decision?

Morgan shrugs and stares.

SHAPIRO (CONT'D)

What's that, Morgan? What does that mean?

MORGAN

It means nothing.

SHAPIRO

Huh. I was looking over the notes in regards to the incident with Kathy and there was apparently some disagreement on the matter the day before.

Morgan looks up towards the lab.

SHAPIRO (CONT'D)

Could you look at me please, Morgan?

Morgan swivels her gaze back to Dr. Shapiro, cooler now.

SHAPIRO (CONT'D)

I'm told you weren't happy with the decision to restrict you to the compound.

MORGAN

I was supposed to go to the lake. With Amy.

SHAPIRO

The lake with Amy, huh? Sounds like a fun date.

MORGAN

It was not a date.

SHAPIRO

No, of course not. Just a figure of speech. But it sounds like fun. I wouldn't mind going to the lake with Amy. No wonder you felt a little upset.

MORGAN

I was not upset. There was an error. I was confused.

SHAPIRO  
An error. Like the error that  
occurred with Kathy?

MORGAN  
I love Kathy.

SHAPIRO  
Right. You love Kathy.

Shapiro scribbles in his notebook.

SHAPIRO (CONT'D)  
And how do you feel about me,  
Morgan?

Silence.

SHAPIRO (CONT'D)  
Do you have love for me?

MORGAN  
No.

SHAPIRO  
No? That hurts my feelings a little  
bit.

MORGAN  
I just met you.

SHAPIRO  
You could grow to love me, though?

MORGAN  
I don't know.

SHAPIRO  
If I made a recommendation that you  
be allowed to leave the compound  
and go to the lake, with Amy -  
would you love me then?

Morgan is about to answer then stops, sensing a trap.

MORGAN  
I don't know.

SHAPIRO  
What if I made a different  
recommendation? What if I  
recommended that you should not be  
allowed to leave this room?

A long silence. Worried looks around the lab.

MORGAN

My feelings are irrelevant if that is the recommendation.

SHAPIRO

Ah. What if I recommended that you should not be able to leave this room and you should not be able to listen to your music.

MORGAN

My feelings are irrelevant, if that is the recommendation.

SHAPIRO

Okay. What if I recommended... that you should not be able to leave this room? And that you should not be able to listen to your music... or see your friends?

Morgan is putting on a brave face but the interrogation is clearly starting to get to her. Her black eyes seem to moisten.

MORGAN

It would make me sad.

SHAPIRO

I think that's pretty natural. That doesn't sound like any fun. And I think - hey, if you had some bad feelings about me because of that - it would also be pretty natural.

MORGAN

But it would not be productive.

SHAPIRO

Maybe not. But it would be natural. Just like if I did the opposite - if I suggested you be allowed to go to the lake. If I drove you there myself... It would be only natural that you have warmer feelings for me. Feelings like you might have for Amy... or for any of your friends here. Maybe even feelings of love.

MORGAN

I suppose. I don't know. It is a hypothetical situation.

SHAPIRO

Yes. That's correct. So hypothetically if you were to demonstrate those feelings of love how would you do that?

MORGAN

Do what?

SHAPIRO

Demonstrate feelings of love.

MORGAN

I don't know.

SHAPIRO

You don't know?

MORGAN

I would have to think about it.

#### **OBSERVATION ROOM**

Lee sits forward in her chair, riveted and alert.

SHAPIRO

Alright. Ok. But no right or wrong answers - if you were going to say the first thing that came to your mind... how would you demonstrate your feelings of love...?

MORGAN

I don't know.

Lee looks up to the lab, then to Ted.

LEE

(whispering)  
We should end this.

#### **MORGAN'S ROOM**

SHAPIRO

The first thing that pops into your mind. You can show me if you don't want to say it.

Morgan is silent.

SHAPIRO (CONT'D)  
Just show me. Show me how you  
demonstrate love.

Morgan raises her hands beginning the same mime. Then stops.  
Looks at her palms. Turns them over.

SHAPIRO (CONT'D)  
That's right. Show me.

Morgan looks from her palms to Dr. Shapiro...

# **IT HAPPENS FAST:**

Morgan LUNGES hard across the table - almost as if she's  
going in for a kiss---

Shapiro brings his hands up to defend himself---

Morgan GRABS SHAPIRO'S WRISTS and uses them to help her  
propel her lower half across the table, her feet KICKING into  
Shapiro's neck---

---the full force of Morgan's body now hurtling Shapiro's  
chair backwards to the ground where it lands with a CRASH.

As Shapiro grasps at his smashed neck Morgan reaches back for  
his PEN and STABS IT into HIS EYE---

---HIS NECK---

---HIS FACE---

---AGAIN---AND---AGAIN---AND---

# **MAIN LAB**

Darren recoils from the desk in horror.

DARREN  
What the fuck!

Ziegler hits the INTERCOM:

ZIEGLER  
Morgan! Stop it!

# **OBSERVATION ROOM**

Lee rushes to the door, drawing her gun.

LEE  
Open the door, Darren!

**MAIN LAB**

Darren moves to open the door from the control panel when Ziegler holds him back - a firm hand on his shoulder.

ZIEGLER

Wait!

**OBSERVATION ROOM**

Lee whips her head back to the lab in frustration.

LEE

Open it!

**MAIN LAB**

Darren's hand still hovers over the door release.

ZIEGLER

She'll kill her.

Darren emits a growl of confusion.

**OBSERVATION ROOM**

Lee watches helplessly as Morgan continues to stab Shapiro.

LEE

Open it!

DARREN

Shit.

Lee looks over her shoulder to the lab, furious.

LEE

NOW!

Darren hits the lock.

The door between Morgan's room and Lee clicks open with a now ridiculously tranquil DIGITAL CHIME.

That chime gets Morgan's attention. Morgan throws the pen aside and stares up at Lee through the now open door, her face covered with Shapiro's blood.

ZIEGLER

(to Darren)

The tranquilizer!

Darren rolls his chair back, rushes for the observation room door - leaving Ziegler at the panel--



Lee meets Morgan's stare down the barrel of her gun.

Morgan begins to stand.

TED

Lee. Wait.

LEE FIRES.

Morgan is hit in the side, but it doesn't stop her for a second. She starts towards Lee...

LEE FIRES AGAIN.

Morgan's hit in the chest. Stumbles backwards, hits the wall.

Lee steps forward.

TED (CONT'D)

Lee!

Lee raises her gun and takes a moment to get her aim for the KILL SHOT...

DARREN

Behind you.

Lee turns to see Darren approaching fast, reaching her side and firing the tranquilizer gun.

He hits Morgan in the chest, twice.

Lee re-aims but Darren has continued in front of her, blocking Morgan. He extends a hand towards Lee, palm up, apologetic and emphatic at the same time.

DARREN (CONT'D)

She's out, Lee. She's down. She's down.

Lee stares down her gun at Darren, and Morgan slumped on the floor behind him, at the bottom of a smeared trail of blood.

A tense silence.

Lee lowers her gun.

**INT. MEDLAB - DAY**

Shapiro's mangled corpse lies on a gurney in the medlab. What we can still see of his face is twisted in pure HORROR.

ZIEGLER (PRE-LAP)

He insisted on going in there.

Brenda grimly zips up the body bag, and turns her attention to her other project: MORGAN.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)  
He provoked her. Repeatedly.

Morgan is on a recessed operating table not unlike a high-tech cocoon - the MEDPOD, specially conformed to Morgan's shape by a bed of hydraulic, bio-medical rods. Her wrists and ankles are secured to the machine.

Brenda tends to one of the bullet wounds with a small laser emitting device.

**INT. MAIN LAB - DAY**

THROUGH THE WINDOW NOW: we continue to observe as Brenda works on Morgan.

ZIEGLER (CONT'D)  
It was not. Her. Fault.

Ziegler, Ted, Darren and Lee - in the middle of a tense conversation.

LEE  
It's over, Doctor Ziegler.

ZIEGLER  
Be reasonable. This is an exceptional specimen we're dealing with here. We have glitches to work out, yes, clearly.

Lee throws an eye towards the dead body in the next room.

LEE  
Clearly.

ZIEGLER  
But do you have any idea what it will mean to have to start from scratch? The man hours, the expense...

LEE  
Corporate is well aware of the expense involved, Dr. Ziegler. I was sent here to assess the viability of extending this lab's research pending a psychological evaluation of the subject.  
(MORE)

LEE (CONT'D)

A psychological evaluation that I think we can all safely agree that the subject has failed.

TED BRENNER

It was not an optimal result, sure, of course, I think we can all agree on that... but Doctor Ziegler makes a good point...

LEE

I'm sure corporate will be very interested to get your point of view on what happened here, Ted. In terms of what's about to happen, I'm running the show. Do you have a problem with that?

Ted stares at his feet, fuming. Brenda enters from the medlab, unable to look Lee in the eye.

DARREN

How's she doing?

BRENDA

Clean exits. He'll be fine. He's sedated now, but I think with the online accelerants we can expect a full recovery.

DARREN

She wants to power him down, babe.

BRENDA

You're kidding.

LEE

I'm not. We're going to ready it for a full manual power down.

BRENDA

You've got to be kidding me. You just shot him. Three times.

LEE

I'm sorry you're so incredulous, Brenda, but that piece of equipment just ripped a man's throat out so yes, I think turning it off isn't exactly a shocking course of action.

Brenda is speechless. Lee commands the room's attention.

LEE (CONT'D)

Clean up crew from corporate will be here at daybreak to collect the specimen and transport it for a full autopsy at an alternate facility.

ZIEGLER

Alternate facility? Absurd. Absolutely absurd. Even if - if - I were to consent to the manual termination, there's no one else able to process the minutiae of the work involved. The work must be done here.

BRENDA

"Consent to her termination?"

LEE

(ignoring Brenda)

No further work will be done here, Dr. Ziegler. Not until a full corporate review.

ZIEGLER

So. You would have us create life only to snuff it out. You would have us... murder our... Our---

NAKATA (O.S.)

Enough.

They turn to see frail Dr. Nakata in the doorway. She walks in with her cane, and proceeds to the medlab window to regard a sleeping Morgan.

NAKATA (CONT'D)

We've failed, Simon. There is no reason to belabor the point. Do as she says. Prepare the specimen.

ZIEGLER

Aiko. You can't mean it.

NAKATA

Go back to the house, Simon. You don't need to be here.

ZIEGLER

And allow you to what? To destroy years and years of our hard work, to ruin everything that---

NAKATA

Go back to the house and pour  
yourself a drink.

That hits him hard. He staggers back.

ZIEGLER

If that's... what you think is  
best.

NAKATA

It is.

She matches his stare, cold.

Ziegler looks like he could cry. He backs away, taking a  
last, long look at Morgan... and leaves the room.

**EXT. FARMHOUSE - DUSK**

Amy stares out towards the barn, anxious.

Sees a barn door open. Someone emerging.

Ziegler.

She's not the only one who sees him coming - Skip's nearby,  
ripping turnips out of the ground and putting them in a  
basket.

Skip watches as Amy runs up to meet Ziegler at the edge of  
the field.

Ziegler tells Amy something with a grave face... and Amy  
collapses into his arms, in tears.

Skip looks back out towards the barn.

**INT. MEDLAB - NIGHT**

The mood is grim.

Morgan is face-up in the medpod, her naked body pale, smooth,  
taut. As Darren binds her ankles, his eyes are unable to  
avoid the smooth, featureless surface between Morgan's legs.

Brenda fits and adjusts the BIOFEEDS.

Ted flutters anxiously nearby, extremely uncomfortable.

Lee binds Morgan's arms, watching her still, sleeping face.

Darren finishes with the restraints and swings down the creature-like drill, on a long robotic arm attached to an electronic hub.

Observing the proceedings from the MEDLAB is Nakata, seated at the control panel. Nakata looks down to her screen and adjusts the drill's virtual scope.

As Lee finishes with her restraints---**MORGAN'S EYES OPEN.**

MORGAN

Lee.

Lee flinches, thrown.

MORGAN (CONT'D)

Where am I?

LEE

(recovering, not making  
eye contact)

You're in the medlab, Morgan.

MORGAN

What happened to me?

Morgan's voice is now frail, confused. Darren is ready at the drill, but emotional. No one in the room can bring themselves to look directly at Morgan. Except, through the glass---

NAKATA (OVER INTERCOM)

You've had a malfunction, Morgan.

MORGAN

Mother?

A silence - Morgan tries to see Nakata through the window, but is restricted from moving her head.

MORGAN (CONT'D)

Mother, is that you?

NAKATA (INTERCOM)

We have to power you down now,  
Morgan.

MORGAN

(with difficulty)

I understand completely. I'm  
sorry... if I disappointed you,  
Mother.

A silence.

NAKATA (INTERCOM)  
I am not your Mother, Morgan. You  
have no Mother.

MORGAN  
I have no Mother.

NAKATA (INTERCOM)  
I'm sorry, Morgan.

MORGAN  
I am in error?

NAKATA (INTERCOM)  
Yes Morgan. You are in error.  
(she looks to Lee; to  
herself, OFF INTERCOM:)  
As are we all.

Nakata collects herself, then turns to Darren, all business.

NAKATA (INTERCOM) (CONT'D)  
Start the rotation.

Darren, struggling to keep it together, activates the pod to  
rotate Morgan face down. The rods begin to move...

MORGAN  
(panicked)  
Mother. I'm frightened. Mother---

TED  
Jesus Christ.

As the rotation completes---MORGAN SCREAMS - a shrill, primal  
wail with a deep digital burn.

#### **INT. ZIEGLER'S ROOM - DUSK**

Dr. Ziegler sits by the window in his darkening room.

He takes a hefty gulp off a stiff drink, staring out at the  
old barn across the field.

Mahler wafts out of his tiny stereo.

There is hardly any light left in the sky.

#### **INT. MEDLAB - NIGHT**

Morgan's piercing screams continue, horribly muted as Lee and  
Darren adjust her face down. SHE STRUGGLES AGAINST THE  
RESTRAINTS. They hold her down.

DARREN  
She needs more of the sedative.

Darren has his hands full, nods across the room for Brenda.

DARREN (CONT'D)  
Goddamn Brenda, come on, she's in  
pain!

Brenda curses at herself, takes the SEDATIVE GUN and fires it into the small of Morgan's back. The muffled screams continue for a moment, but then both they and the body spasms ease off.

From the control booth in the main lab:

NAKATA  
Start the drill.

Darren swings the drill over and locks it to the virtual scope. Takes a deep breath. Looks to Brenda but she won't meet his gaze. Looks to Nakata.

Nakata gives him a solemn nod.

DARREN STARTS THE DRILL, finger down on the trigger.

It emits a bead of light, one that provides a target when it finds the SILVER DOT at the nape of Morgan's neck. Darren checks the rotor - it REVS into action with a low, lethal hum, making its way towards the neck.

He eases his finger off the trigger. Tries to wipe the sweat from his forehead, but it's pouring.

DARREN  
I... can't do this.

Lee looks to Nakata, then to Darren.

LEE  
Stepping in.

Darren doesn't move.

LEE (CONT'D)  
Darren. Stepping in.

He doesn't budge.

NAKATA (INTERCOM)  
Step aside, Darren. Lee will do it



Darren takes a long look at Nakata, then Brenda, then Lee.  
Takes his hands off the drill, steps back.

LEE  
(to Darren)  
Keep it steady.

LEE STARTS THE DRILL AGAIN. And doesn't hesitate before  
starting to use it. It humms into action. She brings it down  
toward the silver dot.

IT MAKES CONTACT. BORES IN.

MORGAN SEIZES.

Lee looks up to see why Darren isn't helping brace her, just  
in time to see a look pass between him and Brenda.

LEE (CONT'D)  
Darren. Keep. It. Steady.

Darren looks away.

Brenda comes in fast with the sedative gun.

Lee's hand slips from the trigger.

Struggles to hold herself up, but it's no use.

She's on the floor.

She's staring up.

Up towards Brenda and the sedative gun in her hand.

Sound fading away...

Nakata throwing a frail fist to the glass...

Morgan faced down.

Lee faced up.

It's.

Lights.

Out.

For.

Lee.

**BLACKNESS.**

Lee's eyes flutter open....

It takes a moment.

Where is she?

**INT. MORGAN'S ROOM - NIGHT**

In Morgan's room.

In Morgan's bed.

ALONE.

Lee tries to sit up but it hits her fast, she can't---the drugs coursing through her system push her back flat.

MAN'S VOICE (O.S.)  
It's the sedative.

Lee turns towards the distant, distorted voice, tries to focus...

**TED.** In shadows. On the other side of the glass.

TED  
They tell me it shouldn't last for  
more than another... hour? Two,  
tops.

He stops.

TED (CONT'D)  
Lee. This is just a totally,  
terrifically unfortunate situation.  
We all feel terribly about it.  
About what happened.

Lee struggles to speak, defiant.

LEE  
Why don't you come in here and tell  
me all about it.

TED  
(ignoring that)  
It was an accident. It should never  
have happened. It was a very, very  
tense situation, of course, and an  
emotional one, for, for all of us.  
We had to make some tough, tough  
decisions.

LEE  
Where is it?

TED  
Where is what?

LEE  
Morgan.

TED  
Ah. Well. Now, Lee, look, the thing is... It's a sensitive situation. No decisions have been made. As you know I am here - just like you - as a representative of the company. I am here to act in their best interests. And right now, well, my take on the whole thing is that it's in THEIR best interest to keep Morgan alive. This is a uh, an honest difference of opinion between you and I, and so, I feel like it might be best to ah, hear what they have to say about the whole thing before we take any... drastic action. Lee... you know I have a tremendous amount of respect for your professionalism.

Lee's eyes narrow at Ted - seething.

LEE  
Clearly.

TED  
(ignoring that)  
But I think it's because of that professionalism that you should understand and appreciate our course of action here. The Doctors feel - and they have my support - that maybe getting hit by that sedative - accidentally, I might add - maybe that wasn't the worst thing in the world for you right now. Maybe you could use a little.... "cool down". Some rest. We thought it would be comfortable here. For you to recuperate. That's all this is.

LEE  
Does Dr. Nakata feel this way?

TED

She does.

LEE

I'd like to speak with her.

TED

Yes. Of course. Unfortunately all of this... stress... She wasn't feeling well. She had to return to her room.

LEE

I see.

TED

Everything's under control here, Lee. So. Like I said, you should rest. You've had quite an ordeal.

As Ted gets up---

LEE

They're coming, you know.

TED

Who's that?

LEE

Your friends in corporate. They'll be here sooner than you think. So we'll all get a chance to sit down and chat when they arrive. Sort things out.

Ted doesn't look back, but he does seem to wilt a bit - not pleased that Lee has called this particular bluff.

TED

Of course. Get some rest, Lee.

LEE

It needs to be terminated, Ted.  
Now.

Ted doesn't respond, and continues out of the room.

Lee looks up to see a shadowy figure staring down from the main lab...

**INT. MAIN LAB - THAT MOMENT**

Darren steps back from the glass.

DARREN  
She looks pissed.

Ted, entering from observation:

TED  
Of course she's pissed. We can't  
worry about that now. We're past  
that. How close are we?

DARREN  
Amy's making some sandwiches and  
bringing the mini-van around.  
Bren, how we looking in there?

#### **MEDLAB**

Brenda pulls a shelf's worth of medical supplies into a  
duffle bag, already half full.

BRENDA  
We're close.

She turns to see Morgan, face up in the medpod. Her eyes are  
open.

BRENDA (CONT'D)  
We're very close.

#### **MORGAN'S ROOM**

Lee manages to sit up.

She stares down at her hands, trying to move her fingers.

Looks up towards the lab.

#### **INT. MEDLAB - NIGHT**

Morgan's eyes remain open.

Brenda kneels at her side.

BRENDA  
How's my special guy doing?  
Morgan blinks.

BRENDA (CONT'D)  
There's my special guy.  
She runs a hand along Morgan's cheek.

BRENDA (CONT'D)  
Morgan. Honey. We have to go now.  
Do you think if I undo your  
restraints you'll be able to stand  
up?

Morgan blinks again.

Brenda begins to undo the restraints.

BRENDA (CONT'D)  
(to Darren and Ted)  
We're ready to go here.

Darren enters, and starts to help with the restraints.

Ted hovers anxiously across the room.

DARREN  
We're gonna get you outta here, ok  
Morgan? We're gonna go on a little  
trip. A little adventure. But we  
have to go now, ok?

Morgan stares at Darren, unblinking. The restraints are now off.

DARREN (CONT'D)  
Can you move, pal?

Darren holds his arms out so Morgan can hold on to him to get up, and he scoops Morgan up in something close to an embrace.

Morgan - initially limp - now hugs Darren back, her arms tightening around him.

Darren hugs her, too. Brenda places a hand on Darren's back, overcome with emotion.

DARREN (CONT'D)  
It's gonna be ok, now, buddy.  
Everything's gonna be ok.

Darren and Brenda exchange a look. A brief, desperate warmth...

...before Morgan sinks her teeth into Darren's ear and rips it off with her teeth.

DARREN SCREAMS.

BRENDA SCREAMS.

Darren pushes Morgan off of him, in a panic - a hand up quickly to stop the blood SPURTING from his ear----

His eyes dart frantically to the tranquilizer gun -

But it's Morgan that grabs it. Fires it at Darren's heart. Darren reels, trying to keep his balance - but it's no use - he falls, hard, against the operating table. The last thing he sees as his horrified eyes flutter closed---

Morgan grabs Brenda, swings an arm around her, and SNAPS HER NECK. Before Brenda can even comprehend what's happened. And lets her body fall to the floor.

Morgan's gaze drifts up to Ted, frozen into a corner with fear, unable to process what's happening...

...then to Darren, desperately trying to steady himself against the medpod as blood and consciousness continue to pour out of him.

Morgan moves SWIFTLY towards him, grabs him by his hair and holds him face down onto the medpod.

Morgan swings down the DRILL towards the back of Darren's neck. Activates it.

TED

No.... No, Morgan... don't do it---

Morgan doesn't look back. The DRILL HUMMS into action...

TED (CONT'D)

Morgan, please...!

MORGAN BORES THE DRILL into the back of Darren's head and leaves her finger on the trigger as BLOOD SPRAYS her pale white flesh.

A CHAIR squeaks against the floor----

Morgan swings to see Ted, backing into the next room, nervously brandishing LEE'S GUN.

Morgan regards him calmly.

MORGAN

I'm not feeling well, Ted.

Ted swallows dryly, trying to get his nerve up to speak.

TED  
No. No, you're not well, Morgan.  
I... I have to go get help... To  
help you.

Morgan says nothing, keeps watching as Ted back up towards the door.

And then she moves. Fast.

TED FIRES.

Misses.

RUNS.

**INT. MORGAN'S ROOM**

Lee looks up, desperate. She heard the shot---

**INT. UNDERGROUND CORRIDOR**

Ted races around the corner.

Morgan is right behind him.

Ted is caught unawares by a BLAST OF BLUE FOG.

Disoriented.

Hand outstretched... trying to find a wall.

Ted's hand lands instead on Morgan's blood splattered chest.

FROM OUT OF THE BLUE FOG... MORGAN'S FACE. Grim and resolute.

**INT. MORGAN'S ROOM**

A HORRIBLE SCREAM makes it way down to Morgan's room.

THEN A GUNSHOT. AND ANOTHER. AND ANOTHER.

Lee looks up to the lab, trying to gauge every sound.

The gunshots followed by a silence....

Lee waits. Listens.

IN THE LAB ABOVE, there is movement.

A nude, bloodied Morgan steps to the window and stares down at Lee.

Lee stares back.



Morgan disappears from view.

Lee watches the lab window, waiting.

THE DOOR TO THE OBSERVATION ROOM OPENS.

Morgan steps in, walks to the glass.

Lee holds her ground.

MORGAN

Hello Lee.

LEE

Hello Morgan.

A silence. Morgan catches sight of her own nude, bloodied reflection in the glass.

MORGAN

There's something wrong with me,  
Lee. I don't feel like myself.

LEE

You're not well, Morgan. You're  
experiencing a malfunction. I need  
you to open this door so that I can  
help you, ok?

Morgan is silent.

LEE (CONT'D)

Morgan. Open the door. I'm here to  
help.

Morgan considers it.

MORGAN

Do you feel like yourself, Lee? Is  
that a thing a person can ever  
really feel? Like themselves?

LEE

I understand, Morgan. Open the door  
and we can talk about it.

Morgan thinks about it.

MORGAN

I should go.

LEE

Open the door, Morgan.

Morgan begins to back away, into the shadows.

MORGAN  
Take care of yourself, Lee.

LEE  
MORGAN!

Lee smashes her fists against the glass. But Morgan is already gone.

**EXT. FARMHOUSE - NIGHT**

Amy throws a rucksack into the back of the mini-van and heads around to the driver's seat.

SKIP (O.S.)  
Going somewhere?

Skip's on the porch.

AMY  
Fuck off, Skip.

Amy starts the car.

SKIP  
Amy! Want to tell me what the fuck's going on?

AMY  
I said fuck OFF, Skip.

She peels off in the mini-van for the barn.

**INT. MORGAN'S ROOM**

Lee HURLS A CHAIR at the glass with a SCREAM of frustration.

It bounces off the glass without even scratching it, and crashes to the ground.

**I.E. MOVING VAN**

Amy drives through the field towards the barn.

SLAMS THE BRAKES.

A naked, bloodied Morgan is in her headlights, her hand shielding her eyes.

AMY  
Morgan.

Amy gets out of the car, steps into the headlights towards Morgan, fear and confusion spreading across her face---

AMY (CONT'D)  
Morgan - what... what happened to you?

MORGAN  
We can go to the lake now, Amy.

AMY  
Where are the others?

MORGAN  
You can come with me. If you want.  
Or you can stay here. And die.

AMY  
Morgan, you need to tell me what's happening. You need to---

Morgan walks past her and gets into the driver's seat. She starts the van.

Amy looks to the barn. To the house. She hurries to the van and gets into the passenger seat.

Morgan speeds the van away from the barn.

#### **EXT. FARMHOUSE - THAT MOMENT**

Skip watches the mini-van disappear over the ridge and heads out determinedly towards the barn.

#### **I/E. MOVING VAN**

Morgan drives silently towards the edge of the property.

A stricken Amy takes in Morgan's nude, bloodied body.

AMY  
What did you do to them?

Morgan says nothing.

Amy swallows dryly, terrified.

AMY (CONT'D)  
I... packed you some clothes.

Morgan says nothing, eyes on the road ahead.

AMY (CONT'D)  
And I... made sandwiches.

Morgan looks towards her for a moment, confused, then back ahead. Hits the brakes.

AMY (CONT'D)  
Why are we stopping?

Morgan stares at the farmhouse, small in the rearview mirror. Nothing but the sound of the running car and Amy's breath.

MORGAN  
I have to go back.

AMY  
No. No, Morgan, we have to go. We have to go NOW.

MORGAN  
I have to say goodbye to Mother.

AMY  
No, Morgan. Let's just go. Let's just get out of here. Now.

But Morgan has already put the van into reverse and is quickly speeding backwards.

MORGAN  
I'm sorry, Amy. This won't take long.

He stops the van halfway to the porch and gets out.

MORGAN (CONT'D)  
Wait here.

Morgan heads for the house.

**INT. BARN**

Skip steps inside, and makes his way towards the basement.

**INT. FARMHOUSE**

Morgan steps into the farmhouse. Calmly, quietly.

MORGAN  
Mother?

She hears something. Conversation. The kitchen. She moves slowly towards it. Turns the corner.

**INT. KITCHEN**

The kitchen is empty.

A little countertop TV is on. A GAME SHOW.

She regards it for a moment, then moves to the counter and removes Skip's biggest knife from its sheath.

**INT. BASEMENT LAB**

Skip tentatively takes steps down to the lower level....

....passes through a cloud of BLUE FOG.

Ted's corpse is face down in the corridor, a cloud of blood around his head.

Skip startles.

SKIP  
Ah, fuck. Ah, Jesus.

Steels himself.

SKIP (CONT'D)  
Anyone in here?

As he opens the door to the main lab, death is thick in the air.

The medlab window - ribboned with blood. Bodies inside.

SKIP (CONT'D)  
Jesus Christ.

He struggles to not be sick.

SKIP (CONT'D)  
Lee?

**INT. MORGAN'S ROOM - THAT MOMENT**

Lee stands, suddenly ready and resolute.

LEE  
Skip! Down here!

SKIP (O.S.)  
Lee? Jesus Christ! Where are you!?

LEE  
Skip. There's a door release. On the control panel. I need you to open it. Now.

**INT. FARMHOUSE**

Morgan peers into the library.

Empty.

She turns for the stairs.

MORGAN

Mother?

There is a creak of floorboards behind her.

KATHY (O.S.)

Morgan?

Morgan turns to look at frail, slow-moving KATHY GRIEFF... and it takes a moment for Kathy to realize that Morgan's already BROUGHT THE KNIFE PAST HER THROAT.

A thin red necklace slowly appears. Sadness fills Kathy's eyes.

Kathy falls. Morgan regards her for a moment - the light fading from her eyes, the blood pouring out.... And moves on. She starts up the staircase.

**EXT. FIELD**

Lee races across the field towards the farmhouse.

**INT. UPSTAIRS HALLWAY, FARMHOUSE**

Morgan makes her way down the long, shadowy corridor.

Nears the door at the end of the hall.

Slows her pace.

MORGAN

Mother?

Morgan pushes open the door.

**INT. NAKATA'S ROOM**

Dr. Nakata has been expecting her.

She sits on a chair in the middle of the spartan room, SKIP'S HUNTING RIFLE in her lap, pointed at the door.

Morgan remains there, in the shadows.

DR. NAKATA  
I told you before, Morgan. I am not  
your mother.

Nakata FIRES.

**EXT. FARMHOUSE**

The shot echoes across the night.

Lee races to her car and throws open the trunk.

Retrieves a LARGE SHOTGUN.

---A blast from a CAR HORN---

AMY (O.S.)  
Morgan!

Lee whips her head around to see Amy, leaning on the mini-van  
horn.

Ignores her, moves towards the house.

**INT. NAKATA'S ROOM**

Morgan is on the ground in the hallway. Flat on her back.

We can hear the horn still going outside.

Nakata slowly lowers the gun, straining to see.

MORGAN SITS UP.

Half of her face has been clipped by the blast from the  
shotgun - she's now missing a substantial portion of her neck  
and cheek - which are splattered against the hallway wall.

Nakata struggles to reload the gun.

Morgan stands, collects her knife.

MORGAN  
I really wish... you wouldn't have  
done that, Mother.

Morgan approaches, reaching a hand towards the long nose of  
the rifle.

**INT. FARMHOUSE**

Lee moves cautiously inside, the gun raised.

She steps over Kathy's body, peers around the corner.

A noise from upstairs. Something heavy hitting the floor.

Lee starts up the creaking stairs.

It's dark.

Light coming from the room at the end of the hall.

Lee is steady but cautious as she passes every door.

Behind one of them, a small SQUEAK.

Still careful to keep watching the end of the hall, Lee wraps her hand around the knob and carefully opens the door.

She sees the cause of the squeak.

**ZIEGLER.**

His body sways ever so slightly in the breeze from the open window. His belt slung around his neck, tied from one of the exposed pipes above. The chair knocked over below him.

Lee stares, impassive, and then turns her attention back to the end of the hall.

She approaches.

Pushes open the door, gun drawn.

Nakata's body on the floor - stabbed repeatedly, the knife still in her chest, surrounded by a pool of blood. She is not quite dead.

She looks up to Lee, with blood foaming at the edges of her mouth.

NAKATA

You. Fool. No one.

Lee watches as the life leaves her.

Nakata is gone, and an eerie silence descends.

Lee scans the rest of the room, waiting for it...

MORGAN RUNS AT HER FROM THE HALL - swinging the rifle over her head like a club.

LEE FIRES - just as the rifle makes contact, cracking against her head.

She's just grazed Morgan, who keeps coming, fast.



LEE fires again but the rifle has come down on her arm - the bullet bites into a wall.

Morgan kicks the gun from Lee's hand. It goes sliding through the pool of Nakata's blood.

Morgan swings the rifle up and brings it down again - but this time Lee stops it before its blow can land. They fight for it - and as Morgan throws herself on top of Lee - the rifle is the only thing separating them.

LEE looks to her gun, across the room by Nakata.

Rolls out of Morgan's grip and scrambles for it, but Morgan is on top of her again, kicking the gun aside and starting to hit, ferocious.

Lee reaches out for the gun, can't get to it - her eyes suddenly desperate.

Morgan is dominating, relentless. Landing blow after blow. Blood from Lee smatters against the floor.

Morgan stops suddenly.

Curious, watching as Lee pushes herself up from the floor, coughing blood.

Again, Lee goes for the gun - gets it, turns it on Morgan, but Morgan's already on her. Forcing the gun back towards Lee, her finger over Lee's own.

IT FIRES - taking a piece of Lee's side. Lee winces, drops the gun.

Morgan takes her by the scruff of the neck, hits her again, runs her towards the window---and THROWS HER OUT---

---SHATTERING GLASS---

#### **EXT. FARMHOUSE**

Lee lands along with a storm of broken wood and glass with a THUD - and a SNAP - on the cold ground below.

Morgan looks out towards Lee, splayed on the ground, then disappears back into the house.

#### **INT. FARMHOUSE, UPSTAIRS HALLWAY**

Morgan moves briskly down the hall.

At Ziegler's door, she stops, and regards the hanging man.

**EXT. FARMHOUSE**

Morgan gets back in the driver's side of the mini-van.

A terrified Amy is still in the passenger seat, frozen, speechless.

As the van speeds away, a beaten, bloodied Lee pushes herself up from the ground, and SCREAMS in pain - there's glass in her hands. She makes it up, stumbles her way to her car.

Gets the trunk open.

PULLS ANOTHER GUN OUT.

Fires at the van.

**I/E. MOVING VAN**

The rear windshield BLOWS OUT upon impact.

Amy SCREAMS.

**EXT. FARMHOUSE**

Lee fires again.

No use. They're too far gone.

Moves around the car and gets in.

She winces in pain and starts the car.

**I/E. MOVING VAN**

Morgan speeds the car towards the closed gate. CRASHES into it. Amy screams. Morgan braces her with an outstretched arm.

The metal bends, putting a serious dent in Morgan's fender and taking out a headlight - but the gate remains closed.

The headlights of Lee's car approaching suddenly alight in the windshield.

Morgan backs it up, tries again - and with another CRASH this time she's through.

**EXT. COUNTRY ROAD**

Lee puts the pedal to the metal on the narrow country road, desperately trying to catch up with Morgan's truck.

MORGAN - driving faster, seeing Lee's lights come on strong in the rearview mirror.

LEE edging closer.

MORGAN swerving over in the road, denying Lee an opening.

LEE catching Morgan's bumper, sending her forward a jolt squeezing in.

AMY screams.

MORGAN ramming Lee - LEE barely able to keep it on the road.

They jostle for position. The two lane blacktop is just ahead.

Morgan SWINGS the truck wide onto the empty highway.

Lee follows suit, barely making the turn.

LEE can spot the shuttered up FlapJack's ahead, the lights of the town in the distance beyond.

NOW or NEVER.

LEE edges forward, inching alongside Morgan.

Lee SLAMS into Morgan's car. They GRIND against each other.

AMY SCREAMS as sparks fly between them.

Morgan takes advantage of the bend in the road to knock Lee, sending her into a BRUTAL SPIN.

Morgan guns at her again, making LOUD contact.

Lee's car goes over.

And over.

And lands upside down on the side of the road.

Morgan keeps driving into the night, the smoldering wreck behind them.

#### **EXT. FIELD - THAT MOMENT**

The wreck of Lee's car belches and moan, its tires still spinning.

Lee extracts herself from her seatbelt and drags herself out of the car through the window, grunting in pain.

Searches the distance for any sign of Morgan's van.

Nothing.

She hears another car, approaching from the other direction.

She forces herself to stand, steadying herself against the wreck.

The car swings off to the side of the road.

A figure is running towards her.

SKIP.

She limps towards him.

SKIP  
Jesus Christ. Lee. You ok?

LEE  
I thought I told you... to wait in  
the barn.

SKIP  
(ignoring that)  
I gotta get you to a hospital.

Lee steps past him, bee-lining for his car.

LEE  
I'll drive.

Skip hustles after her.

SKIP  
Lee!

LEE  
(starts the car)  
I know where they're going.

Skip gets in the passenger side.

SKIP  
You're hurt, Lee. You gotta let it  
go.

LEE  
Not yet.

She peels the car off down the road, gunning it for the turn  
off to Lake Kanawauke.

#### **I.E. MOVING VAN - NIGHT**

Morgan speeds into the night, silent.

Amy is next to him, trying to stifle her tears.

AMY  
You... you killed them? You killed  
them all?

Morgan doesn't answer.

AMY (CONT'D)  
Why? Why did you do it?

Morgan doesn't answer.

AMY (CONT'D)  
Why did you do it, Morgan?

She turns to look Amy in the eye.

MORGAN  
Love.

Amy's eyes fill with terror, and then sadness, and she  
collapses into sobs once again.

Morgan's eyes return to the road.

**EXT. LAKE KANAWAUKE PARK - DAWN**

Dawn is slowly breaking.

Lee coasts the car in neutral to the edge of a rest area,  
surrounded by trees.

Her eyes are locked on Morgan's MINI-VAN, parked at the side  
of the woods.

Lee gets out.

LEE  
Wait in the car.

SKIP  
Goddammit Lee. No. I want to help.

LEE  
Help by waiting in the goddamn car.

Lee draws her gun and inches towards the Mini-van.

Steals a look back at Skip. Still in the car.

She comes alongside the van. It's abandoned.

Her eyes follow the trail that leads off into the woods.

She follows suit.

The woods are still dark - just hints of light beginning to creep in through the tops of tall Eastern Hemlocks and White Pines.

The night shift of insect and animal life still making its strange song.

Lee steps lightly, but the twigs crunch under her feet - the slightest hint of frost covering the ground.

**EXT. LAKE KANAWAUKE - DAWN**

There's just the faintest bit of light in the sky, casting the peaceful lake in a golden glow.

**MORGAN.**

She wades in the cold morning water. Her back to the shore, staring out at the still water, the sky above, the trees...

The sun kisses the tops of the mountains, just like Amy described.

Morgan lets it in.

Closes her eyes.

Takes a deep breath.

THE SOUND OF A SNAPPING TWIG, ECHOING IN THE DISTANCE.

Morgan turns to face the rugged shore.

And slowly lets herself sink under the surface of the water.

**LEE.**

She takes a few steps closer to the clearing, coming to the edge of the pines to the shore of the lake.

Stops.

Listens.

Steps into the clearing, gun raised.

There are two sets of footsteps, leading into the water.

Clusters of big rock on either side of the clearing.

Lee surveys the area, in a slow rotation, ready...

And then **MORGAN**.

MOVING FAST.

Leaping out from the trees.

Rock in her hand.

Hand in the air.

**LEE FIRES.**

She doesn't miss.

Morgan's forward momentum snaps back in the other direction.  
The rock drops.

Morgan lands hard on the cold ground. Hands desperately at  
her neck where the bullet entered, blood spurting everywhere.

Lee approaches, gun still drawn.

LEE  
Where's Amy?

Morgan stares up at Lee, dumbfounded, hurt.

LEE (CONT'D)  
Where is Amy?

Morgan struggles to answer through the blood, the DIGITAL  
BURN in her voice rising unsettlingly to the surface.

MORGAN  
I... made... a mistake.

LEE  
Where is she, Morgan?

MORGAN  
I didn't... mean to hurt her. I  
am... In error. I. Am. I... Am....

LEE FIRES AGAIN.

Beyond any doubt, **Morgan is dead.**

Lee lowers her gun.

Kneels by Morgan's side.

Morgan's black eyes gleam with the rising sun, but they're  
empty now, lifeless.

With something closer to tenderness than we've seen before, Lee closes them with her open palm.

She rolls Morgan over, puts the gun over the nape of her neck. And fires again.

And then she hears it: the sound of a girl, sobbing.

Lee turns towards the water. Listens.

It's coming from behind one of the large clusters of rock, just out from the shore.

LEE

Amy?

Morgan's blood flows out, into the lake.

**EXT. LAKE KANAWAUKE PARK**

Skip waits nervously in the car, warming his hands.

Finally Lee emerges from the woods, alone.

She opens the passenger side door and gets in.

SKIP

What happened? Is it—?

LEE

It's over.

(stares out at the woods,  
the lake)

I killed her.

SKIP

Morgan? It's dead?

LEE

It's dead. I killed it.

SKIP

What about Amy? Is she—?

LEE

We need to get back.

SKIP

What about Amy?

Lee takes a moment. Stares out at the trees. Decides.

LEE

I'm so sorry, Skip.



Lee takes out her gun and before Skip can even really understand what's happening—

SKIP  
Oh. Shit. No. Lee--

LEE FIRES. The side of Stu's head splatters against the windshield.

Lee sits back for a moment. She's calm, but something heavy settles in behind her eyes.

Through the gory windshield, the sun is breaking over the mountains.

We hear the voice of middle-aged executive JIM BRYCE, Omnicron VP.

JIM BRYCE (V.O.)  
She did very well. Better than expected.

**EXT. GRANT FARMS - DAY**

A CORPORATE MEDIC tends to Lee's gunshot wound as a uniformed, militarized corporate CLEANUP CREW files out of a long white truck.

JIM BRYCE (V.O.)  
There were certain variables that couldn't have been controlled, in any case.

**EXT. FARMHOUSE - DAY**

Boots move past a row of body bags lined up by the side of the house.

JIM BRYCE (V.O.)  
But I think we can all agree she handled them well.

**INT. MAIN LAB - DAY**

The clean up crew works quickly in the lab, packaging up medical samples and hard drives.

JIM BRYCE (V.O.)  
She responded appropriately. She was measured. And in control - even when the situation was considerably less so.

**INT. BARN - DAY**

The last CREW MEMBER emerges from the stairwell.

JIM BRYCE (V.O.)  
Most importantly she followed her  
directives. Without pause.

Once he's up, he throws in a small, serious looking charge which ricochets down the steps. ANOTHER CREW MEMBER closes the door and throws the latch...

A BLINDING WHITE LIGHT and BASSY THUD through the portal.

JIM BRYCE (V.O.)  
The collateral damage was  
regrettable, of course...

**EXT. KANAWAUKE LAKE - MORNING**

Two CREW MEMBERS dredge Amy's body from the water and place it onto plastic sheeting, a bullet hole in the middle of her forehead.

JIM BRYCE (V.O.)  
But I think these events make it  
punishingly clear what I had  
already suggested....

**INT. CORPORATE TRUCK - DAY**

Morgan's corpse is settled into its casing, the lid closed.

JIM BRYCE (V.O.)  
The L9 was the inferior program.

**INT. BOARD ROOM - DAY**

The same collection of corporate executives we met before. Jim Bryce concludes his presentation:

JIM BRYCE  
Its immediate termination is highly  
HIGHLY advisable, as per Lee's  
recommendation.

DAVID CHANCE leans in, in support.

DAVID CHANCE  
The VX module can accommodate the  
sample for further research. And  
that research can be assimilated  
into future VX development.

Rotund CHARLES GRIMES is furious.

CHARLES GRIMES  
This is bullshit. That's all that  
you were after this whole time.  
People were MURDERED here just so  
you can assimilate OUR results?

JIM BRYCE  
Alright Chuck, easy. Let's not make  
any accusations here we can't back  
up. The L9 ran itself off the rails  
here. And given the evidence on the  
table we simply have no other  
choice.

Grimes shakes his head, disgusted.

CHARLES GRIMES  
And what about Lee?

DAVID CHANCE  
What about her?

**EXT. ROADSIDE DINER - DAY**

It's raining - broad sheets cascading against the window.

Lee finds herself alone in another diner, not unlike the  
first.

A cup of coffee steams in front of her, but she doesn't touch  
it.

CHARLES GRIMES (V.O.)  
What do we do about Lee?

Lee stares down at her hands.

Turns them over - palms up.

Turns them over - palms down.

Palms up.

Palms down---

**SNAP TO BLACK.**

**THE END.**