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### "Secrets"

#### TEASER

EST. HIGH TECH FACILITY- HOUSTON TEXAS- LATE EVENING

The night is still as the moon barely illuminates a secrete facility in a remote wooded area in Texas.

INT. HIGH TECH FACILITY- CONTINUOUS

N.A.S.A's Administrator Dr. PAT WELLS (45) hair in a bun, youthful Enters the facility and begins down a long hallway. She approaches a sealed area but uses her key card to gain access.

INT. STATE OF THE ART TECH ROOM- CONTINUOUS

Pat enters a room filled with never before seen state of the art robotics and computer systems.

She continues through the room checking each and every piece of equipment and accounts for them.

She walks down another corridor to a area filled with exotic species connected to monitors. She stops to make note of them.

Pat exits then enters another room filled with high tech weapons. She examines specific items then moves on.

She heads down another hall which leads to another door. She enters an all white room with a Virtual Reality Console sitting in the middle of the room. Pat exits the V.R room and heads down the hall once again.

She approaches a sealed door marked "HIGH LEVEL SECURITY" then places her eye to a retina scan and the secured door opens.

She enters the clean room filled with monitors, computer consoles and a secured room with a glass window.

Pat walks up to the console- checks the monitor for but the room is seem empty. Just then a figure in Ninja style black rushes past the window

# $\mathbf{PAT}$

Oh my God!

She attempts to peer through the room's window for the habitant but instead she's startled by a figure that flies past her from behind the glass.

Pat takes a closer look and notices DR. RAND PALMER on the ground lifeless.

Without fear she springs into action- racing to the room's entrance and opens the door with a retina scan. She hurries in but is immediately attacked from her blind side.

She falls to the floor then- barely conscious notices a figure race out the door.

Pat composes herself and checks Dr. Palmer pulse.

PAT (CONT'D)

Dr. Palmer?

Pat exits the room and heads back to the console.

She immediately sounds the alarm as an automated voice RINGS out over a P.A system.

AUTOMATED (V.O.) Warning! Warning! Containment breach. Subject considered highly dangerous!

Pat is still writhing from her attack fearfully contemplates the danger of what's escaped then picks up the phone.

> PAT Get me GENERAL MICHAEL now! And contact COLONEL AUSTIN- We're going need the big gun.

> > END OF TEASER

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EXT. CAMP JOHNSON SPACE CENTER RUNNER'S TRACK- HOUSTON TEXAS-EARLY MORNING.

It's hot summer day at the space centers training facility runners track.

Music track BULLET TRAIN PLAYS as JAMIE SOMMERS (30), African American, athletic- walks onto the track focused she takes her position.

EXT. BLEACHERS- CONTINUOUS

Dr. Pat Wells, Astronaut COLONEL STEVEN AUSTIN (45), chief of staff of the Air Force BRIT MICHAEL (55), his Daughter Air Force Captain ALICIA MICHAEL (32) and Air Force Major WADE ADAMS (31) watch from the bleachers.

EXT. CAMP JOHNSON SPACE CENTER RUNNER'S TRACK- HOUSTON TEXAS-CONTINUOS

Jamie looks to her left then to her right at the field of equally focused cadets holding their stance ready for the starter pistol to fire.

TRAINER PARKS (55), fires his starter pistol as Jamie explodes into motion and like the bullet from the trainer's gun she out paces her competition.

INT. MONITOR ROOM- DAY

Teachers watch a display with 21 monitors as students train.

INT. M.A.T ROOM- CONTINUOUS

Jamie and students spins in a Multi Access Trainer.

EXT. SPACE CAMP JOHNSON SPACE CENTER- HOUSTON TEXAS- EARLY MORNING.

Jamie continues to soar down the track ahead of the other cadets.

INT. LUNAR SIMULATION ROOM- DAY

Jamie and students train in a Lunar simulation room.

INT. SPACE SHUTTLE SIMULATION ROOM- DAY

Jamie and students train on a simulated space shuttle.

EXT. SPACE CAMP JOHNSON SPACE CENTER- HOUSTON TEXAS- EARLY MORNING.

Jamie finishes the race far ahead of everyone else.

EXT BLEACHES- LATER

Jamie watches as Brit, Pat and Steve have an intense conversation.

STEVE What exactly happened?

### PAT

We're not sure.

### BRIT

This is unacceptable Dr. Wells- the launch is in three weeks. If something happens and the public finds out. This could compromise the entire mission.

PAT

I assure you general we're doing everything in our power to contain the situation.

BRIT

Well from where I'm standing the only thing you were containing got out! What about Dr. Palmer?

 $\mathbf{PAT}$ 

He's still in a coma.

### STEVE

This isn't the time or the place for this conversation. Tracking the subject been difficult and it seems to be one step ahead of me. I'll find something soon and put an end to this before the launch.

BRIT

I hope your right for all our sakes because if someone with your special talents can't stop this thing we're in big trouble.

Jamie watches the intense conversation from a distance then approaches.

#### JAMIE

Hello.

### STEVE

Jamie!

JAMIE Hope I'm not interrupting?

STEVE

Of course not.

BRIT

Outstanding race Ms. Sommers.

PAT

You never cease to amaze Jamie. The general and the Joint chiefs are quit impressed with you.

JAMIE

Thank you.

PAT General could we continue our conversation in my office.

BRIT

Of course.

Pat exits with Brit.

JAMIE

She's always so secretive.

STEVE Some secretes are necessary. That

was some run time out there.

### JAMIE

Still not nearly enough to beat yours or your prep time record.

STEVE

I've been at this a long time.

JAMIE So your saying you cheat?

STEVE

Of course not.

# JAMIE

Good because that would so shatter my confidence- my goal is to beat your record. A little mentor to mentoree competition. But in all seriousness I'm so honored you picked me as your co-pilot.

### STEVE

As far as I was concerned there was no other choice. We've been together a long time and one day you'll be the one heading missions.

### JAMIE

You and Dr. Wells have taught me so much. I'm forever grateful.

### STEVE

We need to discuss the logistics of the launch.

# JAMIE

Okay.

STEVE (Pat and Brit signal to him) I have a pressing issue that needs to be addressed right now.

JAMIE I understand- more secrets.

## STEVE

Jamie it's nothing to concern yourself with. We only have a few weeks left before the mission and I need you to be focused like a laser. You're going to be my eyes and ears up there If you will excuse me.

### JAMIE

Okay- I'm going to go shower.

Steve hugs her then exits to Brit and Pat.

Jamie watches for a moment then exits.

INT. CADET DORM HALLWAY- LATER

MUSIC ends as Jamie walks through the crowded dorm hallway dressed in her training space suit.

She approaches here locker and opens it. Inside are books and memorabilia along with taped photos of DAVID SOMMERS (5). Air Force Major Wade Adams- Adonis good looks, military suit approaches.

> WADE That was some performance out there today Sommers. What you do that in ten...?

JAMIE Actually it was seven and a half. WADE Was that a record?

JAMIE Something like that. But who's counting?

WADE Who are you kidding- you know a lot of people are.

JAMIE Wade Adams, are you implying that I want attention.

WADE So says the girl who wants to live on Mars.

JAMIE I'm just a poor girl from Chicagonothing special here.

He notices the photos on her locker.

WADE Who's that your little brother?

She closes the locker door.

JAMIE (evasive) Something like that.

WADE What's his name?

She exits down the hall as Wade quickly follows.

WADE (CONT'D) We've spent a lot of time together and I don't really know anything about you. I mean why the glass wall?

JAMIE There's no glass wall Wade (she makes a gesture) See?

Wade stops her.

WADE

Okay- since there's no glass wall why don't join me for the officer's ball next week? A little dancing, a little moon juice.

### JAMIE

In case you forgot I have a flight to Mars in a few weeks I have to prep for and a Senate hearing.

### WADE

Okay you can have your moon juice virgin. You don't need to worryyour going to have those Senators eating out of your hands. I can help you prep for the flight?

#### JAMIE

You're part of a military envoy- I have to actually fly and land a rocket. So when you Master Newton's Laws Of motion give me a call.

WADE Oh that's cold. I'm a smart guy. (she chuckles) Is it my breath?

#### JAMIE

(amused) No.

WADE I use deodorant. At least give me a better reason.

Jamie notices Alicia approaching in the distance.

JAMIE Why don't you ask your girlfriend?

WADE Who's my girlfriend?

JAMIE

Oh please... (mocking) Captain Alicia Michael.

WADE She's not my girlfriend- she and I were a long time ago.

Jamie notices Alicia's disturbed look as she gets closer.

JAMIE Well someone should tell her that. Jealous much?

Jamie gestures to Wade- he turns to notice Alicia. Wade stands at attention.

WADE

Captain.

ALICIA At ease Major. (to Jamie) Ms. Sommers.

JAMIE

Alicia.

ALICIA Sommers. Quite an advantage to have all that brawn to go with those brains.

WADE (adoring Jamie) We all know she's special.

ALICIA I used to run myself not that long ago in college.

JAMIE What was that like ten years ago?

Wade smirks and Alicia gives him a look.

ALICIA It looks like might have the privilege of finding out just how special you are.

## JAMIE

Is that so?

ALICIA Yes I've already been selected for Mission Mars.

#### JAMIE

You?

## ALICIA

Why so surprised? You may not know this but I've massed over a thousand hours of space shuttle training.

### JAMIE

In a simulator? You do know it's a real flight to Mars don't you?

# ALICIA

You just worry about getting through your congressional hearing next week.

JAMIE Wade I'll talk to you later. Jamie exits.

> ALICIA You seem to have taken a liking to her.

WADE What difference does it make? Permission to be excused?

ALICIA

You're excused

Wade exits.

ON SCREEN: COUNT DOWN TO LAUNCH: T-MINUS TWO WEEKS AND COUNTING

EST. CAPITAL BUILDING WASHINGTON D.C.- MORNING.

INT. SENATE HEARING FLOOR- LATER

General Michael, Steve Austin and Patricia Wells sit before a the Senate Appropriations Committee. They are flanked to left by Jamie and Alicia. The committee chair, SENATOR SAMUEL NUDAL (60), calls the meeting to order.

> SENATOR NUDAL General Michael our questions expose some of the core problems in the Defense Department's space initiatives. The cost of billions of dollars in and of itself is too much to ask the American Tax payer to foot the bill for some dream of one day living on Mars.

> > BRIT

It may seam like a dream Senator but Space exploration has been essential to the development of most of our military advancements. If it wasn't for space exploration we wouldn't have stealth technology, the Black Hawk helicopter or the T.R.3 series hypersonic air crafts.

#### SENATOR GRANT

So you admit this is just the militaries way of justifying building new technologies of war?

BRIT

That's not how I would categorize it.

SENATOR NUDAL How do you categorize it Dr. Wells?

#### PAT

I don't know much about military weapons or the budget but what I do know is that exploration is the basis of human existence and without it non of us would be here.

SENATOR MORE What about the possible risks to human life Colonel Austin?

#### STEVE

Senator More I've successfully piloted hundreds of missions- each one of them dangerous. There success was due to the amazing crews I've had the honor of working with. I assure you Senators the crew selected for this mission is no less outstanding. Jamie Sommers- my co-pilot got her rocket licence before old enough to drive.

#### SENATOR MORE

With all that there's a great chance that your crew may get stranded and unable to return-(to Brit)

Your own daughter being one of them-General?

Brit looks at Alicia and she smiles at him.

### ALICIA

Senator if I may...?

### BRIT

(cutting her off) As Colonel Austin stated- these men and women are highly trained and skilled persons. They're well aware of the risks and every precaution has been take to minimize or recover from any possible dangers.

### SENATOR GRANT

And what about you Ms Sommers? What made you want to join a mission to mars and at such a young age? It's a long way from Chicago.

Jamie looks at Pat then.

### JAMIE

Yes I am from the inner city of Chicago and where I come from most people don't even have the opportunity to venture from their front stoop let alone fly a rocket. I've trained my entire life so that I could have the opportunity to venture not just past my circumstances but to the stars.

# SENATOR MORE

I understand dreams but this is real life Ms. Sommers.

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I'm very well aware of that but let me tell you this- I survived a neighborhood that was a real as you could get, where my life was being threatened constantly. When I first got accepted to the academy my life was constantly threatened and If I where to have let danger rule my life I wouldn't be here now.

SENATOR MORE I stand corrected.

INT. HALL OFF OF THE SENATE FLOOR AT THE CAPITAL- LATER

The halls is buzz with activity as Pat and Jamie talk.

PAT

You put some good work in for us. Really made the program look good.

JAMIE

Thank you Dr. Wells. I just hope that it was enough.

PAT

Why don't you take some time off and relax a little- you deserve it. Go home I know there's someone there who's probably dying to see you.

Brit and staff are talking a few feet away from Pat and Jamie. Brit notices Alicia approaching.

> BRIT If you will excuse me gentlemen.

Brit takes Alicia to the side.

BRIT (CONT'D) Alicia, I didn't have the opportunity to speak with you earlier.

# ALICIA

It's okay I understand how busy you are. But I want to let you know how much it means to me that you support me. I know it must be hard to think of the dangers involved but I promise I'll make you proud.

BRIT

About that? You won't be going to Mars with the challenger crew.

What... Why? Did I do something wrong?

### BRIT

It has nothing to do with right and wrong. The joint chiefs decided that the first mission should only include science personnel.

### ALICIA

That's bull and you know it. Colonel Austin has a military and science background just like me

BRIT

That's an entirely different situation. They're going to need a skilled pilot on the mission and as you know when it comes to pilots there's no one better.

### ALICIA

This is wrong and you know it! Your just trying to protect me. I made these stripes on my own to prove to you that I could do anything any man could but that's not enough for you is it?

### BRIT

Maybe part of it is my being selfish. I'd rather you here with me than hurtling through space or stranded on some rock.

Alicia looks over to notice Jamie and Pat talking.

ALICIA This is about her isn't it?

BRIT

What?

Alicia exits and heads for Jamie and Pat.

### ALICIA

I guess you've succeeded with getting your little experiment on the mission?

### PAT

Excuse me?

#### ALICIA

Oh we all know she's your special little pet from the projects.

Brit approaches.

BRIT Alicia stop it.

ALICIA What makes her so special that you would turn your back on me?

BRIT I never turned my back on you.

# ALICIA

(To Jamie) We all know it's true. If you weren't black you'd just be another kid dreaming of the science program. Nothing special- they don't tell you because they don't want to hurt your feelings.

PAT You are so mistaken young lady. Jamie I'm sorry.

JAMIE

It's okay Pat I can take care of myself. (To Alicia) I've only gotten ahead because I push. The only disadvantage I have is tolerating privileged brats like you.

ALICIA You're calling me privileged?

JAMIE You wear that title like a tiara Alicia.

ALICIA Like the color of your skin?

BRIT That's enough soldier.

Alicia stands at attention.

ALICIA Permission to be excused?

BRIT

Your excused.

Alicia exits.

#### ACT TWO

ON SCREEN: COUNT DOWN TO LAUNCH: T-MINUS ONE WEEK AND COUNTING

INT. THE OFFICERS BALL- EVENING

The venue is filled with military and science personal dressed to the nine including Brit, Pat and Steve.

Wade and Alicia are drinking at a table with friends ABBEY DEVERNA (30), and her fiancee STEPHEN NEWMAN (32), bearded-casual.

ABBIE If we can terraform Mars for human habitation we should be able to fix earth.

WADE If it was only that simple.

STEPHEN Abbie- I'm sure once the amenities are up to par you'll be on the first rocket out of here.

ABBIE The only way that's going to happen is if they terraform a CHANEL store on Mars. Well cheers to you Alicia.

Abbie, Steve raise their glasses but Wade and Alicia don`t.

ALICIA Wade you can go ahead and cheers. I'm sure you'd like to gloat.

ABBIE

Alicia what's going on?

ALICIA I don't deserve any toast Abbie.

ABBIE

Alicia, you've been working years for this and you deserve to be celebrated. To the first woman on Mars.

ALICIA I'm not going to Mars.

DAVID

You're not?

Apparently there's only room for one woman on this mission and it's not me.

They look at her curios.

# ALICIA (CONT'D)

I was beaten out- Jamie Sommers, Astronaut, scientist and all around miss goody too shoes. What I really think is that she's the most calculating bitch I've ever had the displeasure of knowing.

### ABBIE

Wow they actually convinced another woman to take a trip to dust land. (realizing)

I'm so sorry Alicia- I know how much this means to you.

#### ALICIA

As if that little affirmative action bitch deserved it.

WADE

Alicia- that's not true and you know it.

## ALICIA

Oh here he is defending his little princes like the good lap dog you are. To bad you didn't do all that for me when we were together.

#### WADE

That was the past and that's where we should leave that.

Wade notices as Jamie enters. They all react.

ALICIA What the hell is she doing here?

## WADE

I invited her.

Steve approaches Jamie.

STEVE You look amazing.

### JAMIE

Thank you.

Steve notices Wade waving at Jamie.

STEVE

Looks like you have an admirer.

JAMIE That's just Wade being Wade.

#### STEVE

Well sometimes we all need a Wade. I know I'm not your father but I feel close enough to tell you this. You might feel alone Jamie but if you just open the shade and let a little light in you might like the sun. (Jamie gives him a look) Have fun.

Steve exist as Wade approaches Jamie.

### WADE

Hey you made it.

#### JAMIE

I thought about what you said- plus what Steve said.

WADE

Your not here to see Steve are you? He may out-rank me but I think I can take him in a fight.

#### JAMIE

No silly- Steve is like a father to me. He's treated better than my own father ever did. It's time I take some of these walls down. And besidesone night isn't going to kill me. (Noticing Alicia) Or maybe it will. I should go.

WADE

No your not. You came this far I'm not letting you leave. Come on.

Wade takes her over to Alicia and friends.

WADE (CONT'D) Everybody this is Jamie Sommers.

They greet her. Alicia doesn't say a word

STEPHEN The space program huh?

JAMIE

Yeah.

Silence is deafening.

WADE Jamie would you like a drink?

JAMIE A seltzer would be nice.

WADE Let's go get you that.

Wade exits with Jamie

# ALICIA

(mocking) "A seltzer would be nice". I don't mind the idea of sending that little bitch hurtling into space and hopefully never having to see her arrogant face again.

INT. BAR- CONTINUOS

Wade and Jamie approach the bar.

WADE

(to bartender) I'll have a Jameson neat and a seltzer water for the lady.

JAMIE You sure you're not going to be court marshalled?

Jamie looks over at Pat, Brit and Steve once again engaged in an intense conversation.

WADE Cant you tell by now where my interests are? (Jamie continues to watch) I wish I knew where yours was?

The bartender returns with their drinks.

WADE (CONT'D) Thank you. One virgin moon juice.

She laughs.

WADE (CONT'D) I like you Jamie...

JAMIE

I know.

WADE

Okay I know what that means.

JAMIE

I like you too Wade.

WADE So what's the problem- why wont you let me in?

JAMIE

Where I come from being a scientist isn't exactly an everyday career choice and when I joined the space program I thought I'd finally found my tribe, but it's been one situation after the next of people hating on me.

Jamie notices as Steve races from the ballroom.

JAMIE (CONT'D) I really don't know who to trust.

WADE

You can trust me.

JAMIE There's a lot about me you don't know Wade.

WADE I want to find out- if you'll just give me a chance.

A massive CRASHING sound followed by an explosion from outside the banquet stops everyone in their tracks.

Alicia notices as Jamie races out the banquet followed by Wade- Pat and Brit quickly follow.

INT. HALLWAY OFF BANQUET AREA- MOMENTS LATER

Jamie reaches a hallway off of the main ballroom and notices Steve moving at an inhuman pace while fighting what looks like a mechanical dog.

Steve and the mechanical animal crash through a wall as Jamie slowly heads towards the melee.

WADE (stops her) Jamie where are you going?

JAMIE It's Steve- I think he might be in trouble. WADE

I saw but what was that thing he was fighting?

JAMIE

I don't know but I'm not going to let him face it by himself.

Jamie pulls away from him and starts back down the hall.

WADE

Okay if you're going I'm going too.

Wade starts after her and they continue down the hall.

INT. BANQUET HALL ROOM- CONTINUOS

Alicia races out of the banquet hall room.

ALICIA

Wade!?

She's suddenly stopped by Brit.

BRIT Alicia get back in here!

ALICIA Wade is out there- he ran after Jamie that bitch!

BRIT I'm sorry about that but right now Wade is not my concern you are.

Brit pulls her back but she fiercely pulls away.

ALICIA This is all your fault- If I'm not letting her take credit for saving Wade.

Alicia races off and Brit quickly follows behind her.

INT. HALLWAY OFF BANQUET AREA- MOMENTS LATER

Jamie and Wade nearly make it to the hole in the wall where Steve and the mechanical animal crashed through.

Pat appears from out of nowhere holding a technologically advanced weapon.

PAT Jamie I'm going to need you to get back! JAMIE

It's Steve Dr. Wells- he was fighting something- I don't know what it is but it looked horrifying.

 $\mathbf{PAT}$ 

Don't worry about Steve- he's more than capable of taking care of himself. But I'm going to need you and Wade to return to the banquet hall where it's safe.

Steve and the creature come crashing back through the wall.

PAT (CONT'D)

Get back!

Jamie and Wade quickly move as Steve battles the mechanical monster.

Alicia and Brit arrive as Steve gets control of the creature and backs it up towards the wall. Pat braces herself then.

> PAT (CONT'D) Steve get down!

Steve ducks and Pat fires the advanced weaponry. The mechanical creature dodges the blast and races off.

The blast has hit the walls and everything comes crashing down around all of them.

Moments later as the dust settles Pat, Jamie and Wade crawl from under the rubble. Pat notices Steve unconscious and she races over to him then pulls out a miniaturized communications device.

PAT (CONT'D) I'm going to need a retraction team A.S.A.P!

Jamie and Wade emerge and notice Steve's right arm has been ripped open exposing his damaged bionic circuitry.

Alicia pushes through some rubble and looks over at her father's lifeless body.

#### ALICIA

Dad!

She attempts to completely free herself but her legs are pinned.

ALICIA (CONT'D)

My legs!

Wade and Jamie race over to Alicia's aid.

# ALICIA (CONT'D) My legs... I can't feel my legs.

Wade and Jamie lift the rubble from off Alicia's legs but it's too late- they're crushed.

WADE Oh my god- Alicia!

### ALICIA

My father!

Wade races over to Brit and checks his pulse- he's dead.

# WADE

I'm sorry.

Sirens blare in the background as Alicia lays broken and distraught.

# ALICIA

No!

# INT. HOSPITAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT- DAY

Alicia lays unconscious- Wade at her bedside. Jamie stands at the doorway watching. DOCTOR OLIVER MARTIN enters and checks Alicia vitals.

#### WADE

Will she wake up.

# OLIVER

Eventually. She's suffered major trauma when her pelvis and legs were crushed. We've induced a coma so that she has a better chance at recovery.

WADE Will she walk again?

### OLIVER

Her vertebrae was shattered. Only a miracle will make her walk again. I'm sorry.

Oliver exits. Jamie slowly approaches.

#### JAMIE

I am so sorry.

### WADE

It's not your fault. It's not anybody fault.

### JAMIE

With everything that's going on I wanted to see you.

WADE

Me?

JAMIE I don't know why I just wanted to see you.

WADE That's good to hear. Is the launch still happening?

JAMIE

I'm not sure. I've tried to reach Dr. Wells but there's no answer.

WADE How's Colonel Austin?

#### JAMIE

Steve? I don't even know if Steve's alive or if he's even human for that matter.

WADE Where did they take him?

JAMIE I don't know- I've asked but they won't tell me.

## WADE

Does anyone know what that was that attacked us?

JAMIE

No... (Jamie notices Pat) But I know who does.

Jamie exits.

INT. I.C.U HALLWAY- CONTINUOUS

Pat is talking to some military brass as Jamie approaches.

PAT

Jamie. I'm so glade you're okay.

# JAMIE

Skip all that- do you mind telling me what that was that attacked us the other night or what for that matter is up with Steve's arm? What ever do you mean?

#### JAMIE

Don't play coy with me I saw circuitrylike he had some kind of mechanical arm and the way he moved?

The brass stares at Pat confused.

PAT

You're mistaken Jamie. The debris must have hit you in the head. Gentlemen if you'll excuse us please.

Pat takes Jamie by the arm.

JAMIE

You're hurting me.

PAT

That's better than what will happen to you if you don't shut up!

### JAMIE

General Michael was killed and Alicia is lying in a hospital bed with a crushed vertebrae. So maybe I will shut up if you explain what happened.

PAT

You're a very bright girl- I'm sure you understand that there are things in the world that's beyond your understanding.

#### JAMIE

Don't give me that crap Dr. Wells! I was about to launch into space on a mission to Mars with a man I've known for years who doesn't even appear to be human. That doesn't begin to explain that creature or the weapon you used to try and stop that thing.

#### PAT

Alright Jamie since you need to know I'll show you. I just hope your ready for the answers.

Wade approaches.

WADE We're both ready. Pat leads Jamie and Wade down the hallway.

They approaches a sealed door marked "HIGH LEVEL SECURITY" and Pat places her eye to a retina scan and the secured door opens.

They enter a clean room where Steve Austin- being repaired by robotics. Jamie walks up close to investigate.

### JAMIE

Steve?

STEVE Yes it's really me Jamie

JAMIE (to Pat) What did you do to him?!

PAT What was necessary.

JAMIE Are you a robot?

PAT No- he's been rebuilt with bionics.

STEVE Jamie I've wanted tell you but I couldn't.

JAMIE I'm listening now.

#### STEVE

Ten years ago on one of the first space shuttle missions my ship was hit by debris from a Russian Sputnik. The cabin's hull was breached and we had no way of getting help from central command. I lost a lot of good men that day but I was able to get into a suit and ride out the reentry back to earth but not without loosing my legs and arm.

### JAMIE

Oh my god.

### STEVE

That's when I met Dr. Wells. She and her team gave me a new lot on life and I was able to come back to the one thing I'd loved most. So then everything you were, everything I looked up to is a lie.

#### STEVE

If all you were looking at is space prep time records then maybe it is. But if you're looking at a man who could love you no more than if you were his own daughter then no.

#### PAT

Don't get confused Jamie- Steve's expertise as a astronaut is par non.

# JAMIE

So he's still human?

### PAT

Absolutely one hundred percent- just enhanced with bionics.

#### WADE

This is crazy.

## JAMIE

If you're still human than you should understand how I feel.

### STEVE

More than you will every know. I live with the guilt of letting everyone down- of loosing my crew. You have no idea how many sleepless nights I still spend wishing it was me who died instead of them.

### PAT

He couldn't say anything Jamie because it was top secret- which it has to remain. The U.S government spent six million dollars on Colonel Austin and having a bionic man running around is not exactly the narrative they want in the public.

### JAMIE

Was that a bionic dog that attacked him?

 $$\rm PAT$$  Not at all. What you two saw was a  $\rm E-R.O.V.A.$ 

#### WADE

What's that?

PATAn enhanced R.O.V.A created by a genius named Dr. Rand Palmer. A machine that was intended to accompany you to the planets surface for exploration. JAMIE Was he the one who created the bionics too? PAT No... That would be me. WADE First Alicia now Colonel Austin. Why did this E.R.O.V.A attack Steve anyway. PAT I think it was to stop the mission. WADE I guess they succeeded then. PAT The launch is still going to happen. JAMIE Maybe it is but not with me. STEVE Jamie. PAT What are you talking about? JAMIE I can't do this. STEVE Yes you can Jamie- I have faith in you. JAMIE But I don't have faith in you anymore or any of this. Jamie starts to exit. PAT You can't just leave now. JAMIE Why not?

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PAT The E-R.O.V.A attacked Steve to stop the mission- it could very well be after Jamie too.

JAMIE I'll take my chances.

Jamie exits and Wade quickly follows.

PAT

I'll get her...

# STEVE

No. I know where she is right now and this is something she's going to have to work out on her own. I'll continue to prep for the launch-I'll ask MARSHALS to prep for copilot.

PAT I just wish Dr. Palmer weren't in a coma we could really use his help.

ENGINEER BRET DANIELS enters.

BRET Excuse me Dr. Wells- It's about Dr. Palmer.

# PAT

Is he awake?

BRET No he's disappeared.

On their reaction we,

EXT. HIGH TECH FACILITY- CONTINUOUS

Jamie exits the facility and Wade catches to stop her.

WADE Jamie wait. Man- you are fast.

JAMIE

I don't want to hear it Wade. This is way too dangerous and crazy.

WADE

I know. I'm with you but what are we going to do now. We can't just go back and act like everything is normal. JAMIE

That's exactly what I'm going to dogo back to something normal.

WADE

Like what?

# JAMIE

I'm going home.

Jamie starts to exit and Wade again follows.

JAMIE (CONT'D)

Alone, Wade!

WADE

You said you wanted to open up and trust me- well this is trust.

JAMIE

I'm out.

WADE (stopping her) Well I'm still going whether you like it or not. You'll have to get that E-R.O.V.A to try and stop me.

JAMIE

Common.

They exit together.

INT. HOSPITAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT- EARLY EVENING

A nurse checks Alicia's vitals while she lays in bed unconscious. Dr. Palmer approaches from behind and injects the nurse with a syringe to the neck- the nurse collapses to the floor.

He quickly closes the door then approaches Alicia's i.v. and injects a second needle with fluid into it.

The fluid flows into Alicia's i.v and she immediately comes to.

ALICIA

Gasp!

RAND Careful my dear you were in an induced coma (Alicia hype) If you don't calm down you're going to go into cardiac arrest.

Alicia starts to control her erratic breathing.

RAND (CONT'D) There you go nice and slow. I've always knew you were a strong girlmuch like you father.

ALICIA

Who are you?

RAND I am the answer to what ails you.

ALICIA What are you talking about?

RAND

Your body.

ALICIA Where's my father?

RAND I'm afraid he's dead.

Alicia is broken.

RAND (CONT'D) But I will help you right the wrongs committed against you. All the injustice done to you by Dr. Wells.

ALICIA

It's Jamie Sommers I want. None of this would have happened if it weren't for her. I've lost everything.

RAND

See we do have a common goal- revenge. Come my dear let's get you out of here- First I will make you whole again and then we will stop a launch.

ON SCREEN: COUNT DOWN TO LAUNCH: T-MINUS FOUR DAYS AND COUNTING

INT. I.C.U ROOM- DAY

Steve and Pat talk to Dr. Martin.

PAT What do you mean she's gone... she was in a coma?

OLIVER We don't know what happened.

STEVE First Dr. Palmer now Alicia.

# PAT (Realizing) I need to see your security footage.

INT. HOSPITAL SECURITY ROOM- LATER

Pat, Wade and Jamie watch as one of the security guards scrolls through footage of Jamie's room over the last day.

Pat notices as Dr. Palmer enters.

PAT

Slow it down.

The security guard slows down the scroll.

ON MONITOR: Dr. Palmer revives Alicia.

PAT (CONT'D) Stop there. Rand- what the hell are you up to? (On her phone) Central I'm going to need the local authorities to put out an A.P.B on Dr. Rand Palmer.

STEVE What does he want with her?

PAT I pray to god I'm wrong but we have to find him before the launch. I"m going to need you two to be ready.

ON SCREEN: COUNT DOWN TO LAUNCH: T-MINUS 120 HOURS AND COUNTING

END OF ACT TWO

EST CHICAGO INNER CITY- DAY

INT. APARTMENT BUILDING HALLWAY- CONTINUOUS

Jamie and Wade exit the elevator and begin to walk down the hallway but Jamie stops him.

JAMIE Before we go inside there's something I need to tell you.

WADE The boy in the picture is not your brother he's your son.

JAMIE

You knew?

WADE

Not exactly but I kind of figured. You've been so secretive about your private life I just assumed that you were hiding something.

JAMIE

Thank you.

WADE For what? I didn't do anything.

JAMIE For being here.

She touches his face and they continue down the hall. They approach the door and Jamie rings the bell.

Jamie's grandmother MARINA SOMMERS (62) opens the door.

MARINA

Jamie!

She hugs her up like a sponge.

MARINA (CONT'D) Oh my god- let me take a look at you.

JAMIE Grandma this is Major Wade Adams.

MARINA

Hello.

WADE It's nice to meet you. JAMIE I wanted to surprise you. Where's Steve?

MARINA He's in the back watching T.V. He's going to be so surprised to see you.

Jamie leads Wade to a room at the end of the hall and opens the door to find STEVE SOMMERS (10) watching T.V.

JAMIE Your homework had better be done.

Steve turns around and nearly leaps across the room and into her arms.

#### STEVE

Mommy!

JAMIE How's my favorite guy?

STEVE Fine. I missed you so much.

JAMIE I missed you too. I want you to meet my friend Wade.

# STEVE

Hello.

WADE Hello Steve. Are you an astronaut too? Yeah kind of.

JAMIE

Remember I told you I was going to Mars.

# STEVE

Yes.

JAMIE Well what if I told you that I might not be going anymore and that we could spend way more time together-Wouldn't you like that?

### STEVE

No.

JAMIE

You don't want to spend more time with mommy?

STEVE Yeah I do but I want you to go to Mars first.

Mars first.

WADE What a brave young man.

STEVE

I'm not brave but she is. My moms brave enough for the both of us. She's not afraid of anything. That's why uncle Steve choose her.

WADE

Your right about that little guy.

Jamie contemplates

INT. DINING AREA- LATER

Marina, Jamie, Wade and Steve sit talking and eating at the table.

MARINA And you should have seen her. She said up grandma up- throw me up into space.

They laugh.

MARINA (CONT'D) Look at you now. An astronaut- your mother would be so proud- if she didn't pass so soon.

WADE I'm sure your father is proud too. Is he still...

JAMIE (Cutting him off) Steve, honey why don't you get ready for bed. I'll be in to see you before you go to sleep.

Steve gets up from the table and exits.

WADE I'm sorry did I say something wrong.

JAMIE I'll do the dishes. JAMIE No grandma- you've done enough.

Jamie exits.

WADE

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

MARINA

She never knew her father- he'd left by the time she could talk. She doesn't talk about him.

WADE

She doesn't talk about much.

### MARINA

Jamie had it hard. We lived in one of the roughest neighborhoods in Chicago. Those streets took my precious daughter and Jamie's father in different ways. Then she graduated from high school early and went into the space program. That's where she met Steve Austin- the only father she's ever known and the only one she's ever needed. That's why she named her son Steve. I'm just glade she has him.

Marina continues to clear the table.

WADE

I'm sorry.

#### MARINA

Well let me get this table right- it wont clear itself. Marina exits and Jamie enters.

JAMIE

We better get ready to leave.

WADE

I'm sorry about bringing your father up.

JAMIE It's okay- how could you know.

WADE Your son's right you know- you're the bravest person I know. I'm not brave. The only reason I seem strong is because of Steve. He gave me the confidence to believe in myself. Without him I'm nothing.

WADE

You had the courage to join the space program- move your family from out of danger- that wasn't Steve that was you. You may not believe in yourself Jamie but I do and you know who else does?

Jamie looks out into the living room at young Steve playing. . ON SCREEN: COUNT DOWN TO LAUNCH: T-MINUS 2 HOURS AND COUNTING EST. CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE MISSION CONTROL ROOM- DAY

Wade looks on anxiously while Pat reviews plans and everyone at Space station central is buzzed with activity for the mission to mars launch.

> ENGINEER We're about an hour and forty minutes to launch Dr. Wells.

> > PAT

Thank you.

INT. ASTRONAUT PREP ROOM- CONTINUOUS

Jamie enters while Steve and crew suit up.

JAMIE Room for one more?

STEVE (O.S.)

Of course. (in body mic) Mission control we have to make an adjustment to the flight roster.

INT. MISSION CONTROL ROOM- CONTINUOUS

Pat picks up Steve's com-link.

PAT

What type of adjustment?

Pat gives Wade a look.

ON SCREEN: COUNT DOWN TO LAUNCH: T-MINUS 45 MINUTES AND COUNTING

### INT. FLIGHT RAMP- LATER

Steve, Jamie and flight crew walk down the ramp leading to the space shuttle.

INT. SPACE SHUTTLE- LATER

Steve and Jamie and crew prep for take off in the cockpit.

ANNOUNCER (O.S.) Attention all personnel- this is the engineer conducting the launch status check.

INT. MISSION CONTROL ROOM- CONTINUOUS

Pat and Wade look on pensively as the launch goes into it's final stage.

STEVE (0.S.) Our launch team is ready to go.

ANNOUNCER Verify ready to resume count and go for launch. T-minus thirty seconds and counting...

STEVE Feels good mission control...

ANNOUNCER Astronauts report that it feels good... T-minus thirty five seconds and counting... thirty four, thirty three, thirty two...

Just then Wade notices something on the monitor.

WADE What the hell is that?

EXT. SPACE SHUTTLE- CONTINUOUS

Pandemonium ensues as Alicia and the E-R.O.V.A attack the outer hull of the space shuttle.

INT. MISSION CONTROL ROOM- CONTINUOUS

Everyone is fixated on the melee

PAT Shut down the countdown now!

ENGINEER

Mission abort! Mission Abort! Shutting down launch sequence now. INT. SPACE SHUTTLE COCKPIT- CONTINUOUS

Steve unbuckles himself and turns to Jamie.

STEVE Get everyone off now!

Jamie rushes to get the crew to safety out the emergency exit as Steve Races into action.

Steve exits the shuttle from the opposite side. The E-R.O.V.A springs to attack but Steve deflects it and knocks the unit off- hurtling to the ground.

STEVE (CONT'D) Alicia what are you doing?!

ALICIA You picked the wrong side Steve!

STEVE Stop this now! Think about your father!

ALICIA My father's dead. (notices Jamie) And she's the reason for it.

Alicia leaps to attack Jamie and knocks her back into the shuttle.

INT. MISSION CONTROL ROOM- CONTINUOUS

Pandemonium continues as Wade rushes out.

Pat has rallied the troops.

PAT Get security up there now!

AUTOMATED VOICE (V.O.) T-minus eight minutes and counting.

PAT What the hell? I thought we shut down the mission launch!?

ENGINEER Someone has taken over mission control and started up the countdown again.

Wade races out.

PAT

Wade!

INT. SPACE SHUTTLE COCKPIT- CONTINUOUS

Jamie has been knocked back into the shuttle as the door closes and locks.

AUTOMATED VOICE (V.O.) T-minus sevem minutes and counting.

As Steve and Alicia are engaged in battle.

EXT. SPACE SHUTTLE- CONTINUOUS

Steve starts to get the advantage and knocks Alicia onto the platform. Alicia leaps back onto the shuttle and begins to turn the tide on Steve.

INT. SPACE SHUTTLE COCKPIT- CONTINUOUS

Jamie attempts to open the shuttle door but it's locked. She runs to the control panel and opens a com-link to central control.

> JAMIE This is Jamie Sommers. I'm trapped in the shuttle! Please somebody stop the countdown.

AUTOMATED VOICC (V.O.) T-minus six minutes and counting.

Jamie looks out the window at Steve and Alicia fighting.

EXT. SPACE SHUTTLE- CONTINUOUS

Steve notices that the shuttle launch has been re-initiated and makes an attempt head for the door and open it but Alicia beats him to it.

EXT. LAUNCH PAD BAY AREA- CONTINUOUS

Wade has made it out to the launch pad. The E-R.O.V.A starts to creep up on him then suddenly pounces.

INT. MISSION CONTROL ROOM- CONTINUOUS

Pat and the engineers work frantically to stop the launch.

AUTOMATED VOICE T-minus five minutes and counting.

PAT Where's the fail safe shut off?

## ENGINEER

It's outside by the bay area but it's behind a re-enforced titanium plate. PAT Who's bright idea was that?

ENGINEER Yours and Dr. Palmers.

PAT

Oh yeah.

Pat opens up a suitcase to reveal advanced weaponry.

PAT (CONT'D) Hold the fort gentlemen.

Pat races out.

EXT LAUNCH PAD BAY AREA- MOMENTS LATER

AUTOMATED VOICE T-minus four minutes and counting.

Wade is runs and slips out of sight into a corridor to avoid the E-R.O.V.A.

Wade looks to his left to find a large pipe and slowly uncouples the pipe and holds it close to his chest.

Wade peeks out to notice the E-R.O.V.A creeping down the hall in his direction.

Wade lifts the pips as the E-R.O.V.A gets closer and as soon as he sees the unit's head he creams it with the pipe.

The E-R.O.V.A looks at him as if to say "No you didn't". Wade backs into the corridor as the E-R.O.V.A takes a stance to pounce.

Pat blast the E-R.O.V.A to kingdom come from behind.

AUTOMATED VOICE (CONT'D) T-minus three minutes and counting.

PAT Common we have a launch to stop.

They quickly exit.

EXT. SPACE SHUTTLE- CONTINUOUS

Steve is injured but has managed to knock Alicia off balance.

STEVE I know your grieving but this is not the answer.

ALICIA Shut up! You don't know anything about me. Not really but I knew your father. He was an honorable man- what would he think if he knew what you've done.

ALICIA My father was a simple man- he only knew how to do what he was told.

Steve stands in front of the space shuttle window as Jamie attempts to break the glass to escaped.

#### STEVE

Isn't that what your doing? following someone else orders. Dr. Palmer has twisted your mind.

## AUTOMATED VOICE T-minus two minutes and counting.

Alicia notices as Jamie attempts to escape the shuttle.

#### ALICIA

You think I'm stupid. You're trying to buy time for you and Dr. Well's experiment. What makes her so special?

Alicia attacks the window and Jamie backs off.

ALICIA (CONT'D) You can't protect her anymore. The Shuttle has been programmed to crash into Houston and kill a lot of people including that bitch!

Alicia springs to attack and hits Steve with a near fatal blow. She attempts to finish him off But he deflects her and executes a devastating attack that hurtles Alicia off the Shuttle.

> AUTOMATED VOICE T-minus one minute and counting.

Steve is mortally wounded. He and Jamie look at each other. Steve opens her com-link.

#### JAMIE

Hold on!

Jamie makes an attempt to exit but the door is still locked.

STEVE

Jamie!

She rushes back to the window.

JAMIE Just hold on someone will.

STEVE It's too late for me.

JAMIE No I don't want to hear that.

STEVE I need you to be strong.

JAMIE I can't... Not without you.

STEVE

Yes you can. You were always strong you don't need. Remember what you started this for- this fight doesn't end here.

AUTOMATED VOICE T-minus thirty seconds and counting.

STEVE I couldn't be more proud of the woman you've become.

Steve is taking his last breath and Jamie weeps.

EXT. LAUNCH PAD BAY AREA- CONTINUOUS

Pat and Wade reach the control panel.

PAT

Get back.

Wade ducks as Pat blast the wall with her weapon and opens it to find the launch fail safe has been deactivated.

> PAT (CONT'D) Someone's deactivated the fail safe.

AUTOMATED VOICE T-minus fifteen seconds and counting.

WADE (looking up at the shuttle) Jamie...

INT. SPACE SHUTTLE COCKPIT- CONTINUOUS

Jamie is focused and determined as she suits back up and regains control of the launch.

JAMIE Mission control this Jamie summers. Colonel Austin is dead.

INT. MISSION CONTROL- CONTINUOUS

Pat and Wade have arrived back to mission control and Pat quickly takes the comm.

PAT Jamie we're going to get you out of there.

ON SCREEN: JAMIE ON MONITOR

JAMIE No time- Colonel Austin is dead and I'm going to guide the shuttle somewhere safe or a lot of people are going to die.

INT. MISSION CONTROL- CONTINUOUS

WADE

Jamie no!

JAMIE Wade I need you to do something for me. Take care of my little mantell him he was right about his mom.

AUTOMATED VOICE T-minuse five, four, three, two, one. Take off.

EXT. LAUNCH PAD- CONTINUOUS

The shuttle blast off.

INT. MISSION CONTROL- CONTINUOS

Pat, Wade and company watch as the shuttle takes off.

INT. SPACE SHUTTLE- CONTINUOUS

Jamie rides out the launch.

EXT. SKIES OVER CAP-CANAVERAL- CONTINUOS

The space shuttle careens through the sky like a comet.

INT. MISSION CONTROL- CONTINUOUS

Pat, Wade and company watch as the monitor goes to static.

PAT Jamie use the emergency evac Pat gives Wade a look the he races to the window to watch as the shuttle steers back to towards the base.

WADE Common Jamie- you can do it.

know what to do.

JAMIE(0.S) I can see the landing strip but I've got a blow out in engine three- I'm loosing altitude... I can't hold her... She's breaking up! She's breaking...!

They watch as the comm-link ends and the space shuttle crashes.

CUT TO WHITE

END OF ACT THREE

### ACT FOUR

INT. HIGH TECH FACILITY OPERATING ROOM- ONE WEEK LATER

Jamie lies on operating table as surgeons work on her nearly destroyed body.

PAT Jamie Sommers- Astronaut. A woman barely alive.\

The surgeons continue to work on Jamie.

PAT (CONT'D) Gentleman we can rebuild her, we have the technology. We have the capability to make the worlds first bionic woman.

Wade looks on from an observation window.

PAT (CONT'D) Jamie Sommers will be that womanbetter than she was before... Better, stronger, faster...

INT. HOSPITAL VIEWING ROOM- NIGHT

Jamie lies completely bandaged in a bed in a clean room with a viewing glass. Wade watches her from behind the glass. Pat approaches.

> PAT She's quit the strong girl- I can see why you love her.

WADE This is all my fault.

PAT Why do you say that?

WADE

Maybe if I'd reached out to Alicia... Maybe if I'd saved her father or was able to save Colonel Austin.

PAT

Did I ever tell you you take on way too much water?

WADE It's not water it's my responsibility.

PAT Get off the cross we need the wood. WADE

What's going to happen to her?

PAT She's going to survive.

WADE Like Colonel Austin?

PAT

Oh no much more than Colonel Austin ever was. The advancements in bionic technology since Austin's enhancements is like comparing morse-code to a smart phone.

WADE

Will she remember...?

PAT You? Of course she will but her recovery wont be easy. She's going to need you.

WADE I'm here for her.

 $\mathbf{PAT}$ 

Good.

WADE What about Alicia and Dr. Palmer?

PAT Don't worry we'll find them and Dr. Palmer will pay for what he's done.

Wade starts to exit.

PAT (CONT'D) Where are you going?

WADE

There's someone I need to keep a promise.

Wade exits leaving Pat as she looks over Jamie.

END OF ACT FOUR

EXT. CAPE CANAVERAL- ONE WEEK AGO

The space center's runway and launch area is demolished and covered with debris as fires rage in the background.

Dr. Palmer slowly walks the launch pad- carefully avoiding debris then stops to notice the E-R.O.V.A strewn across the ground in pieces and

He stops and stoops down to look at it- lifting and examining it's parts.

Alicia stirs.

### ALICIA

Help me.

Dr. Palmer rises and approaches Alicia- her body in pieces.

DR. PALMER We have to stop meeting like this.

ALICIA What did you do to me.

DR. PALMER Exactly what you wanted- you now have the ability to exact revenge on those that hurt you.

Alicia looks at her dismembered body parts.

ALICIA

Am I alive?

DR. PALMER That's a choice question. You are reborn into a new body- one that cannot be destroyed.

ALICIA I thought you were just going to repair my legs.

DR. PALMER I did and so much more. Why look at all the destruction you've caused and you successfully killed Colonel Austin.

ALICIA I didn't mean to.

DR. PALMER A mere casualty of war.

Is that bitch dead.

## DR. PALMER

No. That seemed to be beyond your ability. She's still alive and I believe she will be enhanced by my Nemesis Dr. Wells.

#### ALICIA

She's just as guilty.

### DR. PALMER

She laughed at me- told me my transference technology would never work but you are living proof that it does.

## ALICIA

Give me another chance and I'll make this right for the both of us.

DR. PALMER What about young Wade Adams?

ALICIA

What about him?

## DR. PALMER

He seems to be taken by the young ingenue and your feelings for him could complicate things. Funny I hadn't thought of that earlier.

## ALICIA

Wade made his choice- if he stands with her then he's against me. I'll crush him too!

# DR. PALMER

-Save that young lady- save all of that. You are the dark angel and you will avenge you and your father.

## ALICIA

I'm going end her and everything she loves.

## DR. PALMER

You'll do more than that my dear. There's a reason for all of this and it's not just petty revenge- though satisfying it is my plan is to change the world.

#### ALICIA

How

## DR. PALMER

Imagine a world without sickness or death- without regret. I wanted to do what I did for you for all mankind. Dr. Wells thought I was insane but I'm not. I'm a visionary and you my dear are my first vision. It's unfortunate that your father lost his life- I believe he would have understood.

ALICIA He was a short sited man who understood nothing.

DR. PALMER Careful my dear he was still your father.

ALICIA I have no father and all I am to you is an experiment.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{DR. PALMER} \\ \text{You are my first born-my daughter...} \\ \text{My EVE.} \end{array}$ 

THE END