EMBERS

FADE IN.

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Specks of Ash drift in the air.

LUCIUS The end of the world came quicker than we thought it would.

A child looks up to the sky, sun beams on her face as in her eyes we can see the reflection of a large meteorite in her eye.

> LUCIUS (CONT'D) We believed that our end would come due to the greed of man. That we would be the masters of our own undoing.

Smoke rises from the crashed meteorite.

People gather round and look in awe at the alien rock.

LUCIUS (CONT'D) Little did we know that in the end we were masters of nothing.

The meteorite cracks open, two large grey appendages reach out.

LUCIUS (CONT'D) Only subjects to a greater, more dangerous threat than one we could have ever imagined.

CUT TO BLACK.

EXT. LONDON - LONDON EYE - EARLY MORNING

BLACK SCREEN.

SUPER: 100 YEARS LATER.

Ash streams fall from the sky.

We see a man in his twenties, looking up at the LONDON EYE. This is TRISTAN, he wears a gas mask and holds a wooden bat.

Tristan inhales deeply.

The ash stream stops and Tristan pauses until the grey cloud overhead dissipates.

Tristan takes off his mask and hooks it onto his belt.

Behind him a small figure approaches wearing an over-sized camouflaged jacket, a gas mask and holds a teddy bear that also wears a smaller gas mask.

This small figure is RO, Tristan's sister.

Ro runs up to Tristan and tugs on the back of his jacket.

TRISTAN

Mask off. It's safe now.

Ro nods her head and takes off her mask and the mask of her teddy bear.

Tristan bends down so that can be at Ro's level.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) You know, I don't think Ted really needs to wear a mask.

Ro tilts her head to one side.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Or maybe he does, who knows what the Ashfall does to bears.

Tristan pats Ro on the head and stands up.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Anyway we haven't got long left, Cutter said the drop point should be just around...

Tristan goes quiet as a flock of pigeons nearby fly upwards.

He crouches down and readies his bat.

Ro stays behind him, the pair move together.

Its Obvious that they have done this for a while.

They move towards a broken wall.

Tristan peers above the wall and sees THREE MEN.

Two of the men are dragging a BLOODIED WOMAN, while the other man is walking ahead.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Scavs.

LEADER SCAV This 'ere will do. Chuck her down.

The woman falls to the floor as the two men let go of her. One of the men proceeds to spit at the woman. Tristan sighs. TRISTAN We have to keep moving. Tristan starts to move but stops as he feels his jacket being tugged. He turns to see Ro. Tristan looks from Ro to the woman. TRISTAN (CONT'D) We only fight when its absolutely necessary. Tristan looks back at the Scavs. He looks to Ro. He sighs. EXT. LONDON - BELOW THE LONDON EYE - CONTINUOUS SCAV LEADER She still awake? The bigger scav, DUNK, looks at the woman. DUNK Ugh I dunno boss. She looks kinda dead. SCAV LEADER Dead? Shit. She better not be, Renner will have our guts out if she is. Errol check 'er. The leaner Scav bends down and places his ear next to her mouth. ERROL Ah yeah boss I can hear her... Errol screams in pain as the woman sits up and bites Errols ear.

ERROL (CONT'D) You bitch, that was my ear, you fucking bitch.

WOMAN Next time its your throat.

DUNK Errol your ear is bleeding.

Errol writhes around on the floor.

Dunk looks to Errol and then back to the woman.

DUNK (CONT'D) You hurt my friend.

Dunk pulls out a sledgehammer he was carrying on his back and holds it ready to swing at the woman.

THWACK.

Dunk stops in his tracks. Blood begins to pour down the front of his face.

Dunk turns around to see Tristan.

Tristan swings the bat again at the big man knocking him down.

SCAV LEADER Who the fuck are you?

The three men all look at each other.

The Scav leader pulls out a knife and grabs the woman.

SCAV LEADER (CONT'D) Drop the bat or I drop the bitch.

The woman struggles but the Scav leader holds her tight.

Tristan grunts.

Errol crawls over to Dunk.

ERROL Dunk. Buddy, you alive?

Errol places his working ear next to Dunks mouth.

ERROL (CONT'D) I can't hear anything. I swear to god if he's dead. Errol tries again.

ERROL (CONT'D) You son of a bitch I swear..

SCAV LEADER Shut it Errol! Too much sound attracts the nasties.

The Scav leader runs his knife across the womans face.

SCAV LEADER (CONT'D) Drop. The. Bat.

Tristan drops the bat to the floor.

The Scav leader smiles.

SCAV LEADER (CONT'D) Looks like we will be eating well tonight.

Errol grabs the bat and goes to stand but he is off balance.

SCAV LEADER (CONT'D) Errol calm yourself, looking like you're about to fall on your ass.

Errol steadies himself and grips the bat.

ERROL Lemme take a swing at this fucker.

SCAV LEADER

Hmmmm.

Beat.

SCAV LEADER (CONT'D)

Okay. Just the one swing though. Knock him out cold, bring him back to base. I'm sure Renner would love some scraps.

Errol readies himself with the bat.

ERROL You're going to regret what you did to Dunk you son of a...

BANG.

Errol drops the bat as a bullet hole forms in the centre of his chest.

Smoke rises from the handgun in Tristan's hand.

Tristan turns towards the Scav leader and sees that he has slit the woman's throat.

The woman falls to her knees holding her neck.

SCAV LEADER Stupid fuckin...

BANG. BANG.

The Scav leader falls to the ground.

Tristan pauses and looks at the scene in front of him.

Beat.

Tristan ejects the magazine of his handgun.

He counts the bullets.

TRISTAN

Four.

He reinserts the magazine and walks over to pick up his bat. He pauses as he looks towards the woman.

The woman is dead.

EXT. LONDON - LONDON EYE - CONTINUOUS

Ro sits with her Teddy bear behind the wall, she wears ear muffs.

Tristan walks up to her and taps her on the shoulder.

Ro looks up at Tristan and looks next to him for the woman.

Tristan sighs and shakes his head.

Ro looks down to the floor. She stands to her feet and starts to follow Tristan away from the London eye.

She turns around to see the bodies of the Scavs and the woman on the floor.

She also catches the glimpse of a long grey alien appendage drag Dunks body into one of the buildings nearby.

CUT TO BLACK.

EXT. LONDON - SLUMS - NIGHT

A fire-pit crackles.

Tristan and Ro sit at the fire, the flames illuminating their faces.

To the side of the firepit is a backpack full of electronics and canned goods.

Tristan stares into the fire as Ro eats from a metal dish.

Ro finishes the food from the metal dish and places it down on the ground.

Tristan looks over to her.

TRISTAN We did well today.

Ro nods and lies down besides the fire-pit. She uses her Teddy bear as a pillow.

Tristan looks at the backpack.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Scavs are getting too close to our territory though.

Tristan scratches at his beard.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Weird to see them this far down into Thames territory, we should let Royce know when we're back.

RO

Tristan.

Tristan turns to Ro.

TRISTAN

Yeah?

RO I miss mother.

Tristans face drops.

TRISTAN

Me too.

Beat.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Hey, you still hungry?

Ro sits up and nods.

Tristan smiles and reaches across to the backpack.

He opens it and reaches inside.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Ok so we have...

Tristan pulls out two cans.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Beans and spam. Why is it always spam?

Ro thinks for a second.

RO Beans please.

Tristan sighs.

TRISTAN

Spam for me then.

Tristan passes the can of beans to Ro, who pulls out a SWISS ARMY KNIFE and uses the can opener on it.

Tristan does the same and pours out his spam into a metal dish.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Yum.

Tristan looks to Ro who laughs at him.

The pair share a brief moment of peace.

DING-DING.

Tristan pulls out his bat and stands to his feet.

Ro looks over to the sound.

Tristan places a finger on his lips and gestures to Ro to stay behind him.

DING-DING.

The ringing sounds more frantic.

Tristan walks over to the sound and sighs.

He bends down and picks up a rabbit caught in the trap.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Beats beans and spam.

CUT TO:

EXT. LONDON - SLUMS - MOMENTS LATER

The rabbit, now cooked and half eaten, lays on the side of the fire-pit.

Ro is asleep on her teddy bear and Tristan stares into the flames.

A woman with dark hair comes and sits down next to Tristan.

TRISTAN What are you doing here?

The woman smiles.

WOMAN Well that's a little hostile don't you think?

Tristan picks up a nearby stick and stokes the flames.

TRISTAN I'm sorry. Today was...

The woman sighs.

WOMAN If you want to try and be hero, this is not the city nor the life for it.

The woman lays a hand on Tristans shoulder.

WOMAN (CONT'D) She doesn't need a hero. She needs a brother.

Tristan looks over to Ro.

WOMAN (CONT'D) She needs her brother. Tristan shakes his head.

TRISTAN What if I'm not enough?

The woman sighs.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Like I wasn't enough to protect you.

WOMAN That wasn't your fault.

Beat.

WOMAN (CONT'D) You need to survive Tristan, you and Aurora. You are the future.

The woman stands and up and touches the fire-pit.

TRISTAN

Mum?

Flames begin to engulf the woman.

WOMAN Promise me you will keep each other safe.

The woman explodes into more flames that engulf Tristan.

EXT. LONDON - SLUMS - NIGHT

Tristan sits upright.

It was just a dream.

He turns and looks at the fire-pit.

Only ash and embers remain.

CUT TO:

EXT. LONDON - SLUMS - DAY

A knife plunges into the side of a deers throat.

TRISTAN This should make up for the beans and spam that we... uh... "borrowed" yesterday.

Ro stands behind Tristan.

Tristan starts to gut the deer in front of Ro. Who in turn watches, interested.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Like, don't get me wrong, I'm sure he wouldn't notice. But if he did, I just would rather avoid cleaning the toilets for a week.

Ro smirks.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) You know it's true. He will probably make me use teddy as a toilet brush.

Ro's face depicts one of horror as she imagines her bear covered in faecal matter.

Tristan pulls out the deer's guts.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

There we go.

The guts fall to the ground.

A moment of silence is shared between the pair.

Ro walks up to Tristan and places a hand on his shoulder.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Whats up?

Ro points forward.

Tristan looks up and sees a fawn watching the pair.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Ah. Shit.

Tristan looks down at the dead deer in front of him. He sighs.

> TRISTAN (CONT'D) Come on Ro. We have to go.

Tristan picks up the body of the deer and slings it over his shoulders.

The fawn calls out to the dead deer on the ground.

EXT. CAMP OUTSKIRTS - EVENING

Tristan and Ro walk up to an armoured gate. Tristan lays down the deer's body on the floor.

The words TRESPASSERS WILL BE SHOT. SURVIVORS WILL BE SHOT AGAIN. Are spray painted on it.

TRISTAN My favourite gate.

Tristan knocks on the gate three times.

A BEARDED MAN holding a SCOPED RIFLE appears from above the gate.

BEARDED MAN

Fuck you want?

Tristan raises his hands.

TRISTAN (Hushed) And my favourite gate guard.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Stevens! Its me. I'm coming back from a run.

STEVENS Tristan? Shit. And little Ro as well.

Stevens shoulders his rifle.

STEVENS (CONT'D) I'll come and open the gate now.

TRISTAN Great. Thank you.

Stevens disappears from the top of the gate and Tristan picks up the deer carcass.

The gate opens ahead.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Home sweet home. INT. CUTTERS CAMP - EVENING

Other survivors, men, women and children walk about the camp, some playing, others working and fixing things.

Tristan walks up to two men.

TRISTAN

Henry, Sam.

The two men look at Tristan.

HENRY walks over.

HENRY Hey Trist. Successful run?

Tristan passes the deer to Henry.

TRISTAN

I would say so.

Henry rests the deer on his shoulders.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) How's he been?

Tristan gestures towards SAM. The man begins to cough.

HENRY Been better. But we are taking each day as it comes you know?

Tristan nods.

Henry looks down to Ro.

HENRY (CONT'D) And did you find anything exciting on your run?

Ro shows Henry her teddy.

Henry gasps.

HENRY (CONT'D) No way. Ted has a mask as well? That's good. You can never be too careful.

Ro smiles and Henry looks back to Tristan.

HENRY (CONT'D) Dinner will be around 8.

TRISTAN

Fantastic.

HENRY You know Royce has been asking around.

TRISTAN

Oh yeah about?

HENRY

Someone stole some items from the pantry yesterday. A couple of cans of beans and spam. You wouldn't know anything about that would you?

Tristan shrugs.

TRISTAN Who would steal just beans and spam?

HENRY That's what I said.

Henry sighs.

HENRY (CONT'D) Anywho, thanks for the deer. I'll see that it gets put to good use.

Henry smiles and walks off to Sam.

He puts the deer down on a nearby table and embraces Sam. Tristan and Ro walk off deeper into the camp.

INT. CUTTERS CAMP - MEDICAL - CONTINUOUS

Tristan walks past a tent full of injured people.

A YOUNG MIXED RACE WOMAN with BRUNETTE HAIR walks out.

She wears a DOCTORS LAB COAT and holds a CLIPBOARD.

This is MARIA and she is ANGRY.

TRISTAN

Ah shit.

MARIA

Tristan!

TRISTAN

Maria.

MARIA

You have it?

Tristan scratches his head.

TRISTAN

Have...?

Maria turns Tristan around and opens the backpack.

MARIA The gauze. Rubbing alcohol and bandages.

Maria searches through the backpack and pulls out a FIRST AID KIT.

TRISTAN Does Cutter know you're taking that?

Maria zips up the backpack and spins Tristan around again.

MARIA Does he know? I'm the one telling him what to pick up.

Maria takes a moment.

She exhales.

MARIA (CONT'D) Thank you for getting this.

Maria looks to Ro.

MARIA (CONT'D) Both of you.

TRISTAN Everything ok?

Maria shakes her head.

MARIA More and more people are coming in sick.

TRISTAN Is it to do with the Ashfall? Maria sighs.

MARIA

Yes and no.

Beat.

MARIA (CONT'D) Come, look at this.

Maria heads off into the MEDICAL TENT.

INT. CUTTERS CAMP - MEDICAL TENT - CONTINUOUS

The inside of the tent is full of men, women and children all covered in grey splotches.

TRISTAN (To Ro)

Don't look.

Ro turns her head and follows Tristan and Maria deeper into the tent.

Four other people in lab coats busy themselves with the patients.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) This all looks like Ashfall sickness.

Maria murmurs in agreement.

She opens a tent flap and holds it open for Tristan and Ro.

MARIA That's what I thought until I saw this.

Maria walks over to a body bag on a metal table.

MARIA (CONT'D) Ro, you may want to look away from this.

Ro nods her head and turns around.

Maria unzips the body bag to reveal a BLOATED CORPSE. Black veins cover the body.

TRISTAN Holy shit is that Marcus? Tristan inspects the body.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) I don't get it. He was fine before we left.

Maria nods.

MARIA

Its a mystery to us as well. Definitely not Ashfall sickness.

A moment passes.

TRISTAN Does Cutter know about this?

Maria pauses.

MARIA Not yet. He will want a solution, one that I don't yet have.

TRISTAN So, we keep this quiet?

Maria nods.

The tent flap opens and a YOUNG DOCTOR walks in.

YOUNG DOCTOR Doctor Reyes, we need you.

Maria nods and walks past Tristan, the pair share a look.

An old flame sparking.

Maria exits the room.

CUT TO:

INT. CUTTERS CAMP - MEDICAL - CONTINUOUS

Tristan and Ro leave the medical tent.

Ro stomach begins to gurgle.

TRISTAN

Hungry?

Ro nods.

Tristan laughs, he looks towards Henry's tent.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Go see Henry, I'm sure that he will give you something now.

Ro runs off towards Henry's stall.

Tristan smiles as he watches her go.

DANNY (O.S.)

Tristan?

Tristan turns around and sees DANNY.

A young man, 19 years old, wearing a camouflaged jacket, dark blue jeans and military style boots.

He holds a bolt action rifle.

TRISTAN Danny, what's up?

DANNY Cutters looking for ya.

TRISTAN On my way to him now.

DANNY Good I'll walk you there.

Tristan sighs.

He begins to walk towards Cutters cabin.

The pair walk in silence.

TRISTAN You know, I don't need an escort. I'm -

DANNY

I know.

Danny continues to walk nearby Tristan.

TRISTAN Look Danny, what's going on here?

Danny remains silent.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) A problem shared is a... Enough. Tristan.

Tristan sighs.

TRISTAN Look man, I tried.

Danny says nothing.

DANNY

I know.

Danny walks Tristan to the front door of Cutters Cabin.

Tristan knocks on the door, three times.

CUTTER (O.S.)

Come in.

INT. CUTTERS CAMP - CUTTERS CABIN - CONTINUOUS

ROYCE CUTTER is a tall, stocky man. He has a big black beard and a moustache that curls at the end. He wears an open plaid shirt with a bandoleer of shotgun shells across his chest.

A plain black t-shirt and camouflaged trousers with military boots.

Tristan walks into the room to see Royce stood looking over a map on a wooden desk.

TRISTAN

Cutter.

Royce looks up at him.

ROYCE About bloody time.

Royce lets out a deep belly laugh.

ROYCE (CONT'D) Tristan my boy. How was the run?

Tristan smiles and slings off his backpack onto the ground.

TRISTAN

Pretty good.

ROYCE Any trouble?

TRISTAN

Ran into a few Scavs.

Royce huffs and twirls his moustache.

ROYCE Scavs? This far down the Thames.

Royce stands up and walks over to a wooden cabinet.

He pulls out a bottle of alcohol.

ROYCE (CONT'D) Take a seat son.

Tristan nods and sits at the table.

ROYCE (CONT'D) Little Ro not joining us today?

Royce pours some of the liquid into a glass.

TRISTAN She went for food.

ROYCE The strangest thing happened two nights ago, our larder was seemingly raided.

Royce sits down opposite Tristan and slides a glass towards him.

Tristan catches it and swigs the drink.

TRISTAN

Oh right?

ROYCE Aye, the felons only stole spam and beans though. The oddest thing.

Tristan nods.

ROYCE (CONT'D) Anyway, back to business. These Scavs, they are getting too close. Way too close for my liking.

Royce twirls his moustache.

He stares off in thought.

What's the play then?

ROYCE I want you to pay a visit to an outpost in Piccadilly. Its run by an...old friend of mine, goes by the name of Jakob.

Royce reaches under the desk and pulls out an OLD SHOEBOX.

ROYCE (CONT'D) Give him this, he will know what it is.

Royce hands Tristan the OLD SHOEBOX.

TRISTAN Can I know what it is?

ROYCE

Jakob would not be pleased if you opened it. As you can see its taped shut. Best if it remained that way.

Tristan nods.

TRISTAN

And you think seeing this Jakob will stop the Scavs from progressing further down the Thames?

ROYCE

Oh I would bet my life on it. You see Jakob and the Scavs have a somewhat special connection.

TRISTAN

Is he a Baron?

Royce laughs.

ROYCE

A baron? No. He wishes. No, no he just has affiliations. That's all.

Royce swigs his drink.

ROYCE (CONT'D) Do you have anything else to report from your run? TRISTAN

No.

ROYCE Well then, if nothing is to be said...

Royce gestures towards the door.

TRISTAN Hang on, there is one thing actually.

Royce lowers his hand.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) It's to do with Marcus.

ROYCE Marcus? What's happened?

TRISTAN He's sick.

ROYCE Sick? Like sick sick or..

TRISTAN It isn't Ashfall sickness. It's something else.

ROYCE How do you know about this?

TRISTAN Maria showed me. She told me to keep it secret. Not to worry the camp.

Royce nods.

ROYCE Smart girl, she's a good egg. Whatever happened between you two.

Tristan sits back in the chair.

ROYCE (CONT'D) Not to worry, your secrets safe with me. Now if you don't mind, I got some more runs to plan before the days end.

Tristan stands to his feet.

An old HAM RADIO in the back of the room starts to buzz and static crackles.

SARAH (O.S.) Tamesis...come in...over.

TRISTAN Holy shit is that -

SARAH (O.S.) Tamesis. Run did not go as planned... stopped by... Traitors gate...

The radio cuts out.

Royce sits in silence.

TRISTAN That was Sarah. What is she doing that far from camp?

Royce remains silence.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Royce talk to me!

Royce stands up, he stands over Tristan, the look of a jovial father dissipates into the look a warlord.

ROYCE

Don't you dare raise your voice against me boy! I know what's best for this camp and for its people, don't you forget who took you and your sister in. Who saved you from the horrors out there. You would have died if not for me.

Royce exhales.

ROYCE (CONT'D) Sarah wanted to do a run, I advised

her against it but you know how she is, stubborn as an ox. So she went with Troy.

TRISTAN A run? To Traitors Gate? That's Bloody Raven territory.

ROYCE Aye, I know son. You do also realise that she is -

Royce holds up a hand.

ROYCE

Aye. I know.

Royce pours some more alcohol into his glass.

ROYCE (CONT'D) Which is why I sent Troy to go with her.

Tristan sighs.

TRISTAN Well I need to go and save them don't I?

ROYCE

No.

TRISTAN What do you mean no?

ROYCE Your priority is delivering that to Jakob.

Tristan looks down at the old shoebox.

TRISTAN Get Danny to do it.

ROYCE Oi, I've told you to do it. So you do it. I brought you into this camp, I can just as quickly exile you from it. You and your sister. Let's not forget that eh?

Tristan scratches the back of his neck.

TRISTAN Fine. Jakob first but then I'm going for Sarah.

Royce shrugs and downs the alcohol in the glass.

ROYCE

As long as the job gets done.

Tristan puts the OLD SHOEBOX into his backpack.

Tristan looks to Royce.

A solemn expression on his face.

ROYCE (CONT'D) You and I both know this situation is getting worse. Ashfalls are becoming more frequent, Scavs are growing greater in number and now this new sickness.

Royce downs the last of the liquid in his glass.

ROYCE (CONT'D) In order for us to survive we need to make new friends out of old enemies.

Tristan nods.

INT. CUTTERS CAMP - CONTINUOUS

Ro sits with her teddy bear.

She eats a bowl of DEER STEW.

HENRY How is it sweetie?

Ro looks up and smiles.

HENRY (CONT'D) That's good.

Henry looks towards the camps front gate.

HENRY (CONT'D) You know, I don't think Tristan should be taking you out into the city.

Ro stops eating.

She looks up.

HENRY (CONT'D)

It's no place for a young girl like you. You're pure Ro. A light in the dark. The world out there is wrong. It's evil. Henry shakes his head.

HENRY (CONT'D) If I were your brother I wouldn't let you -

TRISTAN (O.S.)

Ro.

Henry turns around and sees Tristan stood behind.

HENRY Tristan! Ro seems to be enjoying the food.

TRISTAN

I can see that.

Tristan turns to Ro.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) You ready to head out?

Ro picks up the bowl and drinks the rest of the stew.

She hops down from the bench and picks up her teddy bear.

HENRY Heading out again? You've only just got back.

TRISTAN

Royce's orders.

Tristan looks towards the larder.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Got anything we can take?

HENRY Nice of you to ask this time. Let me go and see.

Henry walks off towards the larder.

RO Where are we going?

TRISTAN To Traitors gate.

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EXT. ROAD TO TRAITORS GATE - CONTINUOUS

Tristan and Ro walk down a long road.

Abandoned buildings surround them on either side.

Tristan looks to the sky, a grey cloud starts to form.

TRISTAN

Lets take shelter here.

He points towards an abandoned cathedral.

CUT TO:

INT. SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL - CONTINUOUS

Light spills in from a broken stained glass mural.

Pews are broken and turned over, signs of distress and chaos juxtapose the quiet in the air.

Tristan points towards the altar.

TRISTAN Lets set up over there.

He looks up towards the broken mural and sees grey flecks start to fall.

CUT TO:

4 INT. SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL - EVENING Tristan looks at his watch.

Cracks spread across the glass face but the hands still move.

Tristan rubs his eyes as he looks up towards Ro.

Ro is not there.

TRISTAN

Ro?

Tristan stands to his feet.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Aurora?!

Ro screams nearby.

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Tristan steps off of the altar and freezes.

He looks down to the ground and sees mounds of ash that cover the floor.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Shit.

Tristan reaches for his gas mask.

His hand grasps thin air.

He turns around and sees his gas mask back where he was laying.

Ro screams out again.

Tristan turns to face Ro's cries for help.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Screw it.

He starts to wade through the ash mounds, flecks of ash shoot up towards his face.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) I'm coming Ro.

As Tristan walks through the ash he starts to sink deeper into the mounds.

Tristan, now waist high in the ash starts to cough and splutter.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Ro!

Tristan looks ahead and sees a hand reaching from a mound of ash.

He grabs it and starts to pull.

Ro emerges from the ash pile.

She coughs and splutters.

Tristan pulls her out and hugs her.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Are you okay?

Ro nods.

RO You saved me.

Tristan smiles.

TRISTAN And I always will.

Ro smiles.

Blood sprays Tristan's face.

He looks down to see a long grey pincer emerge from Ro's chest.

Tristan looks up to see two dark black spheres in a mass of grey.

He screams.

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INT. SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL - DAY Tristan sits up. Cold sweat drips down his brow. He looks up and sees Ro asleep with her teddy bear. He exhales and checks his watch. He then looks towards the broken window. Clear skies.

EXT. SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL - CONTINUOUS 6 Deer graze on some grass just outside the cathedrals steps.

> RO What was that building? TRISTAN A cathedral. RO What's a cathedral?

TRISTAN It's like a special place. Well it used to be. RO Used to be? TRISTAN Before all this. The world before. RO Before me? TRISTAN Yes and even before me. RO So during mums time? Tristan smiles. TRISTAN Yeah. A gunshot rings out in the distance.

Ro runs back and hides behind Tristan. Tristan crouches down and pulls out his bat.

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EXT. LONDON BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

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A pair of SCAVS stand outside an entrance to the underground.

BOIL I sees it in there.

TOIL You 'saw' it. Sees is not a word dumbass.

BOIL Well I saws it go in there.

Boil points towards the entrance to the underground.

TOIL So your genius idea was to start shooting at the entrance?

BOIL Well yes. I me's was getting shot at I would not want to leave my house. TOIL I. BOIL Huh. TOIL If 'I' was getting shot at. BOIL You are getting shot at? Toil grunts. Tristan watches on from behind a nearby wall. TRISTAN (Hushed) Stay here. Ro nods. TOIL How many bullets do you have left? BOIL Not many? TOIL Well have you looked? BOIL Ughh... Tristan whistles. The two Scavs turn around fast. TRISTAN You boys trying to wake up the Ashen? BOIL No but we sees one in there. TOIL Saw.

BOIL Right. Saws one.

Tristan looks behind the pair of Scavs.

TRISTAN You saw an Ashen go into the underground?

Boil nods.

TOIL What's it to you?

TRISTAN Well I need to go through there.

TOIL The underground?

TRISTAN

Yes.

TOIL

What for?

TRISTAN My matters are my own.

Toil chuckles.

He takes the gun from Boil.

BOIL Hey, that's mine.

TOIL Shut it Boil.

Toils aims the gun at Tristan.

TOIL (CONT'D) Hands where I can see them.

Tristan raises his hands.

TOIL (CONT'D) Nice and slowly.

BOIL Once his hands are up can I has my gun back? TOIL Shut up Boil! And its 'have' not has.

TRISTAN What gun is that?

BOIL

Lenfeld.

TOIL Lee-Enfield. Two words.

TRISTAN Nice piece. Automatic?

TOIL Bolt action. Why?

TRISTAN Just wondering.

Tristan edges closer to the Scavs.

TOIL Hey! What you doing?

TRISTAN I really need to get to that tunnel.

TOIL I really need you to back off.

Boil turns around and faces the entrance of the underground.

TRISTAN Look a friend of mine is possibly very hurt, I need to see if their okay.

TOIL You keep walking close up to me, then it's going to be you who gets very hurt.

TRISTAN Is that so?

Tristan takes another step closer.

TOIL I'm warning you. Boil squints as he looks into the darkness of the tunnel.

BOIL Toil. I has gun now?

TOIL Have gun. And no you can't.

Tristan steps closer.

TRISTAN You said it was bolt action right?

TOIL Right. More powerful. More deadly.

TRISTAN

I agree.

Tristan takes one more step towards the Scavs, the barrel of the rifle touches his chest.

TOIL Sorry it had to come to this friend.

Toil pulls the trigger.

Click.

Toils eyes widen.

TRISTAN It's bolt-action pal.

Tristan bats the gun out of Toils hand, he grabs it and pull back the bolt.

He aims it at Toil.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Let's see those hands.

Toil grits his teeth.

TOIL You didn't cock the damn rifle Boil.

Boil does not respond. He stands transfixed on something in the entrance.

Tristan looks behind Toil and slowly lowers the rifle.

TRISTAN What is that?

TOIL

What are you both -

Toil gasps for breath as his chest bursts open.

A large grey appendage pierces him and lifts in the air.

Toil screams and struggles as the appendage recoils back into the darkness of the underground taking him with it.

BOIL

Toil!

Boil turns to Tristan.

BOIL (CONT'D) It have Toil!

TRISTAN Hey man I would recommend you forget about him and leave this place.

BOIL Forget? He's my brother.

Tristan exhales.

Boil waits for a second before he charges into the underground.

Tristan whistles.

Ro emerges from a building just behind him.

TRISTAN

You okay?

Ro nods.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) The bridge to Traitors gate is out, so we need to head through there.

Ro looks towards the entrance.

RO It's dark.

TRISTAN

It is.

Monsters live in the dark?

TRISTAN

They do.

Ro grips hold of her teddy bear.

RO

Okay.

Tristan checks the magazine of the rifle.

Five bullets.

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He loads the rifle and walks towards the tunnels entrance.

INT. LONDON UNDERGROUND - CONTINUOUS

Boils shouts echo through the tunnel.

Tristan aims the rifle, he looks from left to right.

TRISTAN Well if anything was hiding in here its long gone now thanks to those two.

RO Should we help him?

Tristan shakes his head.

TRISTAN We don't help Scavs Ro.

RO But he said that it was his brother.

Tristan sighs.

TRISTAN Brothers or not. They're Scavs.

RO But they are also people.

Tristan crouches down to Ro.

TRISTAN You know what? You're too good for this world. 8

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Fine, lets save ourselves a couple of Scavs.

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INT. LONDON UNDERGROUND - DEEPER - CONTINUOUS Boil walks forward, he looks around himself.

BOIL

Toil?

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Boil looks to the ground and sees a blood trail.

BOIL (CONT'D)

Toil?!

Boil follows the trail and finds Toil sat against a wall. His hand on his stomach, blood seeps through his fingers. Toil looks up to see Boil.

> TOIL What are you doing down here you idiot?

Boil runs over and puts his hands on Toils shoulders.

BOIL You're hurt?

TOIL Nah, its a scratch.

BOIL Big scratch.

Tristan and Ro turn the corner and find the brothers.

TOIL Oh. Looks like you were followed.

Boil turns around.

BOIL What do you want?

He pulls out a knife.

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Tristan turns around and starts to walk away. He looks to his side. Ro is not there.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Ro?

He turns around to see Ro stood opposite Boil.

RO We just want to help.

Toil smirks.

TOIL Little kid wants to help? That's cute.

Toil coughs up blood.

BOIL Help? You want to help us?

Ro nods.

Boil lowers his knife.

TOIL Kid, I'm done for. That thing got me good. Listen to your friend. Leave while you still can.

Ro looks back to Tristan.

RO He's my brother.

Toil laughs, he coughs up more blood.

TOIL Well ain't this a nice family reunion.

He winces in pain.

BOIL I don't know if help is going to save him. Boil eyes begin to tear up.

TOIL Hey now, don't you go crying on me. What would dad think eh?

Boil wipes his eyes.

TOIL (CONT'D) This world will eat you up at the first sign of weakness. You got to be strong Boil.

Boil nods.

Toil turns his head to Ro.

TOIL (CONT'D) You're a good kid. I forgot what good was.

Toil falls limp.

Boil shakes his body.

BOIL

Toil? Toil?!

Tristan walks up to Ro and grabs her shoulder.

TRISTAN

Come on.

Ro nods and turns away.

The pair walk back down the tunnel, Boils cries and whimpers echo behind them.

10 EXT. TOWER HILL UNDERGROUND ENTRANCE - MOMENTS LATER

Tristan and Ro exit the station.

TRISTAN What's the matter?

Ro hangs her head.

RO I wish we could have helped them.

TRISTAN They would have betrayed us. RO How do you know that?

TRISTAN Because they're Scavs. That's what they do. They would have waited till we fell asleep and slit our throats.

RO You don't know that.

TRISTAN We can't save everyone.

RO Maybe we should try.

Tristan stops.

TRISTAN Grow up Aurora!

Ro looks at him.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) This world, this city. It has no room for saviours. No room for heroes. Good people don't exist anymore. Their are only two types of people in this world those that are alive and those aren't. If You keep thinking that we can save everyone we come across then we are going to end up as the latter.

Ro faces the floor.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) I...I'm sorry for raising my voice. It's just...I'm only trying to protect you.

HOODED WOMAN (0.S.) That's sweet.

Tristan turns quick, his rifle aimed at the mysterious woman's chest.

TRISTAN Shit. Bloody raven. Beat.

HOODED WOMAN (CONT'D) Brother and sister?

Tristan steps to the side.

TRISTAN (hushed) Ro, get behind me.

HOODED WOMAN What brings you all the way to the Tower?

TRISTAN We're looking for two of our own. They came this way.

HOODED WOMAN Is that so?

Tristan steps to the side.

TRISTAN A man and a woman. Have you seen them?

HOODED WOMAN Maybe. Information comes with a price though.

TRISTAN Of course it does. What do you want?

HOODED WOMAN What do you have?

TRISTAN We have food.

HOODED WOMAN Got food. Plenty actually.

TRISTAN

Bullets?

HOODED WOMAN Got enough guns thank you. TRISTAN That's all we have.

HOODED WOMAN

The girl.

TRISTAN

No way.

Tristan steps to the side once more.

HOODED WOMAN Oh I wasn't asking.

The hooded woman presses a button on a remote control.

Tristan looks down as his foot is snared by a rope and he is yanked up into the air.

He drops the rifle and slams face first into the side of a building.

CUT TO BLACK.

11 INT. THE TOWER OF LONDON - CELLS - LATER

Tristan opens his eyes.

He is in a cell. Its dark and a damp musk fills the air.

He stands as the HOODED WOMAN from before approaches the cell door.

HOODED WOMAN

He's awake.

Tristan takes a step forward but stops as his leg is chained to the wall.

TRISTAN Where's Ro? Where's my sister?

HOODED WOMAN Your sister is safe.

TRISTAN How can I trust you?

HOODED WOMAN

You can't.

The hooded woman walks away from the cell door.

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TRISTAN

Wait.

She pauses.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) The man and woman. Are they here?

The hooded woman pauses.

HOODED WOMAN The woman is. Yes.

TRISTAN

And the man?

The hooded woman walks off into the shadows.

Tristan sighs.

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12INT. THE TOWER OF LONDON - CELLS - EVENING12Tristan sits with his back against the cell wall.

A door nearby opens.

HOODED WOMAN

Tristan looks up.

The woman throws a key into the cell.

HOODED WOMAN (CONT'D) Unlock your chain and follow me.

Tristan picks up the key.

Tristan?

13 INT. THE TOWER OF LONDON - MAKESHIFT THRONE - CONTINUOUS 13 Tristan follows the hooded woman into a large room.

Torches line the walls and other hooded figures stalk in the shadows.

A slender lady with dark skin and dark eyes sits on a makeshift throne at the end of the room.

The hooded woman signals Tristan to stay.

My Queen.

The hooded places an arm on her chest.

RAVEN QUEEN Why is that man still standing?

The RAVEN QUEEN's voice is soft but sharp.

The hooded woman looks over her shoulder towards Tristan.

He falls to one knee.

RAVEN QUEEN (CONT'D) A man that knows his place is the only man that deserves to live.

The Raven queen turns her head.

RAVEN QUEEN (CONT'D) You are lucky.

TRISTAN I don't feel lucky.

RAVEN QUEEN You're still alive.

The Raven Queen stands up from her throne.

Her long black robe flows behind her.

RAVEN QUEEN (CONT'D) All thanks to this little one.

Two other hooded woman escort Ro out from the shadows.

TRISTAN

Ro!

RAVEN QUEEN She assures me that you are a good person. Is she to be trusted?

TRISTAN

Yes.

RAVEN QUEEN How many people have you killed?

TRISTAN I only kill when I have to. RAVEN QUEEN Is that so? How many women have you had to kill?

Tristan hesitates.

The Raven Queen smirks.

HOODED WOMAN My queen if I may.

RAVEN QUEEN

You may.

HOODED WOMAN I observed this man dispatch of two Scavs by the Eye who were attacking a woman. He tried to save her.

The Raven Queen takes a moment.

RAVEN QUEEN

Stand.

Tristan stands to his feet.

RAVEN QUEEN (CONT'D)

Approach.

Tristan does so.

The Raven Queen goes and sits back down on the throne.

RAVEN QUEEN (CONT'D) Is that true?

TRISTAN Yes, but I remember I dispatched three Scavs not two.

HOODED WOMAN One got away.

RAVEN QUEEN Regardless, thank you.

Tristan nods.

RAVEN QUEEN (CONT'D) What brings you to my Tower?

TRISTAN

I have reason to believe that two people from my camp came here Andy and Sarah. Sarah's pregnant.

RAVEN QUEEN Sarah is fine. She is resting at the moment.

TRISTAN

And Andy?

RAVEN QUEEN He is away.

TRISTAN

Away where?

RAVEN QUEEN On a mission.

TRISTAN

A mission?

RAVEN QUEEN

Yes.

TRISTAN What mission?

RAVEN QUEEN To kill a local Scav leader that has made themselves quite the nuisance.

TRISTAN Where is he?

RAVEN QUEEN Piccadilly.

Tristan's face pales.

TRISTAN I need to leave. Now.

Tristan turns around.

The Raven Queen snaps her fingers.

The hooded figures all jump from the shadows and circle Tristan.

RAVEN QUEEN Why the rush?

TRISTAN I made a promise to a friend that I intend to keep.

RAVEN QUEEN

Fine.

She clicks her fingers once more and the hooded figures take a step back.

RAVEN QUEEN (CONT'D) You go, but the girl stays.

TRISTAN

What?

RAVEN QUEEN

I tell you what, you go to Piccadilly, find this Scav leader and if he isn't already dead, bring him back to me. Alive. And in return I'll let you have your sister back.

TRISTAN That's insane. She's my sister.

RAVEN QUEEN Yes, and you would bring her into the heart of a Scav base. That to me is insane.

Tristan grinds his teeth.

TRISTAN

Fine.

He looks to Ro.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) I will be back. I promise.

Ro's face drops as her eyes begin to fill with tears.

Tristan turns to face the Raven Queen.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

May. I. Go.

The Raven Queen nods.

The hooded lady from before raises her head.

RAVEN QUEEN (CONT'D) Escort our 'guest' to the exit would you?

HOODED WOMAN/ CATHERINE Yes my Queen.

CATHERINE grabs Tristan and walks him out of the room.

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Torches illuminate the walls around the pair as they walk.

Catherine turns around and checks her surroundings.

She then pulls down her hood to reveal a woman in her early twenties with purple eyes, black hair and angular features.

CATHERINE

Come here.

She pulls Tristan into the shadows.

TRISTAN What are you doing?

Catherine unlocks an old iron gate.

CATHERINE

Follow me.

The pair walk down a spiral set of stairs and into -

INT. UNDERGROUND TUNNELS - CONTINUOUS

A large underground tunnel.

TRISTAN These tunnels? They're different to the other ones.

Catherine nods.

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CATHERINE

These connect all major parts of the city, not unlike the other tunnels, except these are secret. No chance of running into Scavs.

TRISTAN

The Ashen?

CATHERINE

Always a chance to run into one of those. Lets just hope it is not tonight.

TRISTAN

Why are you helping me? Your queen said to -

Catherine interjects.

CATHERINE

Queen Naoka is ruthless. She believes that all men should die and that they are the cause of all that is wrong with the world.

TRISTAN

I mean she has a point.

CATHERINE

She is wrong. The sins of the few should not weigh heavy on the shoulders of the many. She can not condemn and entire people because of a few bad ones.

Tristan nods.

TRISTAN

I do kinda get where she's coming from.

CATHERINE Your promise by the way what was it?

TRISTAN

Excuse me?

CATHERINE

Back in the tower you said that you made a promise and that you intended to keep it. What promise did you make? Tristan takes off his backpack and opens it up. He pulls out the OLD SHOEBOX.

> TRISTAN I was told to deliver this to a man named Jacob in Piccadilly. I'm assuming this Jacob is the Scav leader that your queen sent Andy to kill.

Catherine nods.

CATHERINE What's in the box?

TRISTAN I don't know. I was told not to open it.

Catherine.

CATHERINE Okay. This tunnel should take us straight to Piccadilly.

Catherine walks down the tunnel with Tristan following behind.

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16 INT. CUTTERS CAMP - CUTTERS CABIN - CONTINUOUS

Royce sits at his desk.

Two empty bottles of whiskey lie on his desk.

Another bottle, half-full slams down on the desk. Royce wipes his face.

Three gunshots ring out outside the camp.

ROYCE

Shit.

17 INT. CUTTERS CAMP - FRONT GATE - CONTINUOUS 17

Stevens stands by the main gate. His rifle drawn.

ROYCE Stevens. Who is it? STEVENS Death himself has come a knocking.

ROYCE

Oh, have mercy.

Other members of the camp all crowd around the front gate.

Danny, Maria, Henry and Sam all stand by Royce.

ROYCE (CONT'D) Open the gates.

The front gates screech open.

TWO MEN stand just outside the gate.

The front man, DECKER, stands proud, a rifle in his hands. He has an eyepatch and wears MILITARY FATIGUES.

To his side is RENNER, he stands hunched over, his face bears scars and his lower jaw is made of IRON.

DECKER laughs.

DECKER Cutter fucking Royce! The fat man on the Thames.

He scoffs and shoulders his rifle.

DECKER (CONT'D) Didn't think you were going to open up.

ROYCE What do you want?

DECKER Straight to the point. As always. The name Cutter suits you so well.

ROYCE Thank my parents.

Decker narrows his eyes.

DECKER I have reports of dead Scavs by the eye. (MORE) DECKER (CONT'D) These reports are very disheartening for Mister Renner here, You wouldn't happen to know anything about this brutal act of unruly violence towards Mister Renners people would you?

Royce shakes his head.

ROYCE

My territory is from Southwark to London Bridge. Any Scav caught in that territory who doesn't submit to disarmament will suffer the consequences.

RENNER Consequences? Is that a threat?

DECKER

Calm down Renner before you choke on a bolt.

Decker faces back to Royce.

DECKER (CONT'D) Look we don't want any trouble.

ROYCE

Those that say they don't want trouble, most definitely want trouble.

Decker smirks.

DECKER

Well, Mister Vane would rather we avoided any potential conflicts.

Royce sighs.

ROYCE

If these Scavs did die in my territory, the information of which I am totally unaware of, what could I do to repair my reputation with Mister Renner and in turn Mister Vane.

RENNER

Gimme that one.

Renner points straight ahead.

Royce pales.

He points towards Maria.

MARIA

No, no way.

Decker claps and whistles.

DECKER Damn Ren. You are one dirty dog.

Renner smiles, saliva drools from his iron jaw.

DECKER (CONT'D) Disgustingly dirty.

Decker laughs.

DECKER (CONT'D) Okay princess, come here.

Maria shakes her head.

She spits on the ground.

MARIA I am not going anywhere with you Puta! Royce tell them. Tell them that it is not going to happen.

Royce looks down to the ground.

DECKER Yeah Royce tell us, or, you tell them what happens when you fail to appease Mister Vane.

Royce turns his hands into fists.

ROYCE

Maria. Go.

MARIA

What?

Royce nods to Stevens.

STEVENS Miss Reyes, come on now.

MARIA

There's no...

He is on the verge of tears.

STEVENS I'm sorry. But I've seen what happens.

Maria looks around her.

Henry and Sam look to the ground.

MARIA

Danny?

DANNY We will find you.

DECKER

No you won't. If I see anyone try to follow us I will shoot her and burn down your entire camp. People too. I'll make this end of the world shit look like a fucking children's story.

Maria nods.

She walks past Royce who grabs her by the hand.

ROYCE

I'm truly sorry.

Maria locks eyes with Royce, a strange object is placed into her palm.

Royce nods to Maria who in turn nods back.

DECKER Okay, very sad, yes yes. Let's go now.

Maria walks over to Decker.

She glares at him.

Decker grabs her by the throat.

DECKER (CONT'D) Careful now princess. Keep that attitude up and I'll show you how I lost my eye.

Decker smiles wide and throws Maria behind him.

Decker and Renner stalk off into the night with Maria.

ROYCE Close the gates.

Royce stares off into the darkness as the gates close in front of him.

Royce turns around and walks towards his cabin.

Danny walks behind him.

DANNY You can't be serious? Maria?

Royce walks in silence.

DANNY (CONT'D)

Royce?!

Royce stops still.

ROYCE I had no choice.

DANNY

What do you mean you had no choice? You could have said something!

ROYCE And my words would have condemned you all to death.

A memory of fire, flashes in front of Royce.

Burning bodies, children crying.

He blinks it away.

DANNY Who were those men?

ROYCE Ghosts of a time long past. Consequences of my prior mistakes made manifest.

Royce turns around and walks back towards his cabin. Danny sighs. ROYCE (CONT'D) What I did tonight was the protect all of you.

Danny turns around and sees that Royce is addressing the camp.

ROYCE (CONT'D) I have been trying my best to protect you all from the outside world. Those who walk on the bodies of their fellow men, those that eat the corpses of women and children. Those who would put innocent lives to the torch because of a bruised ego.

Royce shakes his head and holds up his hand.

ROYCE (CONT'D) But the terrible, horrifying truth is...

He pauses.

The camp watch him in anticipation.

ROYCE (CONT'D) I can't protect you. A war is coming. And after that...

Royce lowers his hand.

ROYCE (CONT'D) The dark days shall follow.

He turns around and walks up the stairs to his cabin.

CUT TO:

18 EXT. PICCADILLY CIRCUS - DERELICT BUILDING - CONTINUOUS 18

Catherine exits out of an iron gate.

TRISTAN So those tunnels? Who built them?

CATHERINE Apparently they were built by the Children of the Underground.

TRISTAN Children of the Underground? Yes.

TRISTAN

And they are?

CATHERINE Not much is known. All that is known is that they resorted to cannibalism. The tunnels are all that are left.

Catherine walks ahead and stops on a ruined balcony.

Tristan follows and stops as he sees the gutted remains of a BOEING 737.

TRISTAN What is that?

CATHERINE Those who lived before used to command the skies with those.

TRISTAN They used to fly?

CATHERINE As birds sore so did humans, once.

Tristan stands in awe.

The remains of the aircraft have now become home to looters and raiders.

TRISTAN It looks quiet.

CATHERINE That's good. Means your friend hasn't made it here yet.

TRISTAN Or it means he has. And we are too late.

Catherine looks down.

CATHERINE How do you want to play this?

TRISTAN

What?

She nods to a row of buildings.

CATHERINE We can sneak around, using the buildings for cover or...

TRISTAN

Sneaking? No. We don't need to sneak.

CATHERINE You want to walk up to the front gates?

TRISTAN If we're caught sneaking then they will shoot us on site.

CATHERINE Oh and if we walk up to the front gate you don't think they will do the same?

Tristan places his hands on his hips.

TRISTAN Look, all I need to do is talk to this Jacob guy.

CATHERINE And Convince him to come back to the Tower?

TRISTAN I can be very convincing.

CATHERINE Sure you can, let's see how that works out for you when you're bleeding out.

Tristan pauses.

TRISTAN How about you go sneak around and I go for the main entrance?

CATHERINE

What?

TRISTAN That way you can keep an eye. living in this world?

TRISTAN

Look, I didn't ask you to come with me on this mission. You chose to come here.

CATHERINE

Because...

Catherine stays her tongue.

CATHERINE (CONT'D) Fine. Let's do it your way. I swear if you get us killed I am going to murder you.

Catherine jumps down from the ledge of the balcony.

CUT TO:

19 EXT. PICCADILLY CIRCUS - JACOBS CRADLE - CONTINUOUS

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Catherine and Tristan continue walking towards the cockpit of the crashed aircraft.

TRISTAN See? So far so -

Tristan falls silent as the blade of machete falls across his neck.

A YOUNG MAN with dark black skin and dark braided hair steps out of an alleyway. He wears ragged military clothing and has a red bandana around his neck.

> BANDANA What you doing here?

TRISTAN I have come to speak to Jacob?

BANDANA raises an eyebrow and looks to Catherine.

BANDANA You walk with a Bloody Raven?

Tristan swallows.

TRISTAN

Yes.

Bandana presses the edge of the blade into Tristan's neck.

It draws blood.

BANDANA We don't like those who work with the Bloody Ravens.

Tristan winces.

CATHERINE He doesn't work with us.

Bandana eyes Catherine.

He releases his pressure on Tristan's neck.

BANDANA Why do you need to speak to Jacob?

TRISTAN I have a package from Cutter Royce.

Bandanas eyes open wide.

The name Royce. He remembers.

Bandana takes the machete away from Tristan's neck and sheathes it.

He gestures to the surrounding buildings.

Tristan looks up and sees a dozen of armed men and women standing with rifles aimed at him and Catherine.

> BANDANA I'll take you to Jacob.

Bandana turns around and walks towards the cockpit of the plane.

Tristan raises his hand to his neck.

Blood.

He turns to Catherine.

TRISTAN See? Convincing.

Catherine scoffs and the pair follow Jacob into the cockpit.

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INT. JACOBS CRADLE - COCKPIT CAMP - CONTINUOUS

Bandana opens a door and leads Tristan and Catherine inside.

Black men, women and children all look on as Tristan and Catherine enter.

The women hold the children as the men stand in front of the women.

Their clothing in tatters.

TRISTAN What happened?

BANDANA The end of the world hit some of us harder than others.

Bandana points towards a wooden staircase.

BANDANA (CONT'D)

Up there.

Tristan nods and walks up the stairs.

He reaches the top, opens the door and walks inside to see -

21 INT. JACOBS CRADLE - JACOBS OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

No one.

TRISTAN

What?

CATHERINE We've been set up.

Tristan turns around to see Bandana locking the door behind them.

TRISTAN No. It's you. You're -

Bandana smirks.

JACOB

Yes.

Jacob unsheathes his machete and walks over to Tristan.

He hangs it up on a hook and goes to sit down on a large metallic chair.

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JACOB (CONT'D) The hell does Royce want then?

TRISTAN He wants you to have this.

Tristan takes off his backpack.

Jacob picks up a REVOLVER and aims it at Tristan.

JACOB

Slowly now.

TRISTAN

Okay, okay.

Tristan unzips the backpack and pulls out the shoebox,

Jacob spins the revolver around and holsters it.

He takes the box from Tristan.

JACOB He tell you what's inside?

Tristan shakes his head.

TRISTAN Only to not open it.

Jacob nods.

JACOB (hushed) After all this time...

Jacob places the shoebox on the ground next to him.

JACOB (CONT'D) So he wants an alliance then?

Catherine glares at Tristan.

TRISTAN Yeah I guess.

Jacob nods.

JACOB Tell him he has it.

TRISTAN Hang on, how do you know Royce? JACOB He and I used to run in the same circle.

TRISTAN

Royce's Raiders?

Jacob laughs.

JACOB

Oh that's what he called it huh? He hasn't changed. No. Royce's Raiders was the name that he wanted us to be called but the man in charge thought it sounded too aggressive. Too violent. We had already survived the end of one world why make this new world just as dangerous.

Jacob takes a moment to reminisce. We flashback to an earlier time.

22 INT. WESTMINSTER PALACE - COURT ROOM - FLASHBACK

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A younger Jacob sits with his feet up on one of the pews.

Royce sits opposite, his beard shaved and tidy.

In the middle of the room stands Decker, both eyes intact.

ROYCE

How about Royce's raiders?

Jacob groans as Decker sighs.

DECKER

Royce are you actually going to give us any decent suggestions? We're supposed to be building a new world. That name strikes fear not hope.

Royce grumbles and sits back in his chair.

DECKER (CONT'D) Jacob? Any ideas?

JACOB How about The New Age?

Decker rolls his eyes.

DECKER

No. We need something strong. Something that resembles us a species. Something that people can relate to for generations to come.

A voice from up above chimes in.

LUCIUS

Mr Decker, If I may.

Decker nods.

DECKER

Of course.

LUCIUS leans forward, a ray of light catches one half of his face to reveal a large scar and a dark red eye.

LUCIUS

Like you say, we need something that resembles what we once were. Humanity was the species on top of all species. We were the protectors of the planet, we mastered air, water, lightning and fire. We can not forget that and the people must not forget that.

Lucius looks up at the skylight.

Ash falls onto the window.

DECKER

The arrival of the Ashen plunged our once bright world into darkness. The once great flame of humanity extinguished till nought but a few of us remain. We are the embers of that once great flame and if we all work together we can create a spark bright enough, powerful enough to rekindle the fires and take back what was once ours.

Lucius sits back, his face covered by darkness once more. Decker nods. DECKER (CONT'D) that is that then, from this day onwards we shall be known as Embers. Humanities last hope.

FADE TO:

23 INT. JACOBS CRADLE - JACOBS OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Jacob leans forward.

JACOB

Embers.

He smirks.

JACOB (CONT'D) An idea, like all embers, that eventually got snuffed out.

TRISTAN What happened?

JACOB What always happens.

Beat.

CATHERINE Jacob you need to come to the Tower with us.

Catherine steps forward.

Jacob laughs.

JACOB The Tower? Yeah that ain't going to happen.

CATHERINE It wasn't a request.

Catherine grabs a knife from under her sleeve.

JACOB So it's going to be like that is it?

CATHERINE Only if it needs to be. 23

TRISTAN

Wait. Wait.

Tristan turns to Jacob.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) They have my sister.

Jacob freezes.

JACOB

They what?

TRISTAN My sister. She's about eleven years old. Her people, the Bloody Ravens have her.

Jacob looks to Catherine and back to Tristan.

He runs his hand through his hair.

JACOB Naoka wants me and in return you get your sister right?

Tristan nods.

Jacob sighs.

JACOB (CONT'D) I had a brother once.

He taps his fingers on the arm of the chair.

JACOB (CONT'D) I'm sorry man, it sucks but there's no way I'm stepping into Bloody Raven territory.

The door to the office swings open.

A panicked young boy stands in the entrance.

JACOB (CONT'D) Markus? What is it?

Markus' eyes widen.

MARKUS They're here.

CUT TO:

24 EXT. PICCADILLY CIRCUS - JACOBS CRADLE - CONTINUOUS 24 Jacob walks outside his office and notices his people are all hidden. Tristan emerges behind him, Catherine follows. TRISTAN What's happening? Jacob ignores him. He crouches down to Markus. JACOB Be ready on the gate, okay? Markus nods. Jacob places his forehead against his. Markus runs off towards the gate. JACOB (CONT'D) You a fighter? TRISTAN Only when it's necessary. Jacob smirks. JACOB And you? Raven? CATHERINE Always. Jacob nods. JACOB Good. Stick to the shadows. Wait till I give the signal. Jacob heads down towards the main gate. 25 EXT. PICCADILLY CIRCUS - JACOBS CRADLE - GATE - CONTINUOUS 25 Jacob walks up to the GATE. He whistles.

The gate raises up.

On the other side are FIVE SCAVS.

Two men, two women and DUNK who leads the pack.

Dunk, now sporting a bandaged head, walks under the gate.

DUNK Took your time.

Jacob squints at the head wound.

JACOB What happened? Take a tumble big man?

Dunk snorts.

DUNK We are here for the stuffs.

Tristan looks on from the shadows. His eyes widen at the site of Dunk.

> JACOB Tell Renner that -

One of the SCAV WOMEN, REZZY, interrupts.

REZZY He doesn't want anymore excuses Jakey.

Rezzy circles Jacob.

JACOB It's not an excuse. He will get the guns when I -

DUNK How about we get them now?

REZZY Now's good. Now works.

The three other Scavs all begin to encroach on Jacob.

DUNK Come on. Don't make me hurt you now. Jacob closes his eyes.

He exhales.

REZZY Oh Dunk, I think you broke him.

JACOB Now is the winter of our discontent.

Jacob looks up to Markus and nods.

Markus cuts the rope and the gate falls behind the Scavs.

REZZY

What the -

Jacob unsheathes his machete and swings it down fast.

It cleaves through the neck of Rezzy, her head falls to the ground and so does her body.

Dunk backs away.

DUNK

You... you...

Jacob snarls at Dunk.

Tristan runs from the shadows and swings his bat at one of the other Scavs, another one down.

Dunk looks to Tristan, his eyes ablaze.

DUNK (CONT'D)

YOU!

Dunk charges at Tristan.

Before he can jump out of the way, he is grabbed by the shirt and thrown to the ground.

The other Scavs start to attack Jacob.

One of Jacobs camp members stalks out of hiding, Jacob places his hand out and the man stops.

Jacob shakes his head and the man retreats back to hide.

Dunk slams Tristan against the ground once more.

DUNK (CONT'D) You killed Errol. You killed Errol. You killed my brother.

Tristan picks up a nearby stone and jabs it in the side of Dunks head.

The man does not move.

He lets out a feral cry as the stone sticks out of his bandaged head.

DUNK (CONT'D) I will make you pay. I will -

Dunk is cut off as a throwing knife pierces his eyeball.

Tristan crawls away as Dunk falls to the floor.

He looks around and sees Catherine's cape flutter into the shadows.

He smirks.

Jacob pushes off one of the Scavs and slices another with his machete.

The last Scav pauses.

She looks around, her fellow Scavs all lie on the ground.

CRATZ When Renner hears about this he's gonna gut you all. He's gonna eat your insides and wear your flesh.

She sprints at Jacob.

A throwing knife soars through the air and hits her square in the head.

She stumbles, raises her hands up to her forehead and feels the hilt of the blade, she grips the hilt and starts to pull.

The knife sticks and scrapes across bone, blood spurts out of the wound.

CRATZ falls to the floor.

Jacob sheathes his blade.

He turns to face Tristan, Catherine emerges from the shadows just behind him.

He nods to them both.

TRISTAN I still need you to come to the Tower.

JACOB

After this little skirmish I can't afford to leave my people alone. Once Renner finds out that his patrol didn't return he will send more. I need to be here to protect my people.

Tristan sighs.

TRISTAN If you don't come with us, I will never see my sister again.

Tristan grips his bat.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Please, come with us.

Jacob takes a moment.

He unsheathes his machete and uses it to cut off one of his braids.

JACOB Take this. Tell Queen Naoka that someone else got to me before she did.

Tristan takes the braid.

TRISTAN

Thank you.

CATHERINE You expect us to lie to our Queen.

JACOB Your Queen. Not mine. And I expect you to help save this mans sister.

Jacob flicks his machete around and sheathes it.

JACOB (CONT'D) Your name what is it?

TRISTAN

Tristan.

JACOB

One of sorrow. You fought well today.

TRISTAN

As did you.

Jacob nods.

He turns around and walks away towards the people of his camp.

Jacob turns to Catherine.

TRISTAN (CONT'D) Reckon this will be enough?

CATHERINE

It will have to be. I don't agree with Queen Naokas actions but lying... two wrongs do not make a right.

TRISTAN

She has my sister. I don't care how many wrongs I commit I need to get her back.

CATHERINE

Be careful, you start to walk down that road there is no coming back.

Tristan looks at Jacobs braid in his hand.

TRISTAN

Come on.

CUT TO:

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INT. CUTTERS CAMP - FRONT GATE - CONTINUOUS

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Stevens stands atop the front gate.

Dawn approaches.

DANNY Stevens! Open the gate.

Stevens looks down to see Danny, he holds a rifle and a kit bag.

STEVENS Daniel is that you?

DANNY

Just can you open the gate please?

Stevens scoffs.

STEVENS Where do you think you're going at this hour?

DANNY I'm going to save Maria.

Stevens sighs.

STEVENS You know I can't let you do that son.

DANNY She's one of us. She's family, I can't just let her...

Danny clenches his fist.

STEVENS I understand that. But you going after her is just going to cause us all more trouble. You heard what that Scav said.

DANNY I don't care what he said, I'm going to save her.

STEVENS Not through here you ain't.

ROYCE (O.S.) Open the gate.

Stevens looks to see Royce stood behind Danny.

STEVENS

But Royce...

ROYCE That's an order.

Stevens nods and starts to open the main gate.

Royce walks up to Danny.

ROYCE (CONT'D) Sneaking out now are you Danny? DANNY

I...someone has to go and get her back.

ROYCE

I agree.

Royce places a hand on Danny's shoulder.

ROYCE (CONT'D) You know where you're going?

Danny looks down.

DANNY Where ever there are Scavs I guess?

Royce smiles.

ROYCE Battersea power station. If memory serves that is where Renners base of operations is.

DANNY If memory serves?

ROYCE I've survived for a long time my boy, in this world you don't get far by only playing the hero.

Royce pats Danny's shoulder.

The gate behind is now open.

ROYCE (CONT'D) Now go, before I change my mind.

Danny nods, he turns and walks out of the camp.

27 INT. BATTERSEA POWER STATION - SUNRISE

The once historic power station is now a stronghold of metal and gore.

Torches line the walls and skeletal remains litter the floors. Scavs shout and fight amongst each other, others mutilate themselves and replace broken flesh with parts of metal.

Maria sits in a cell.

Her left food chained to the wall, she reaches up the sleeve of her shirt and pulls out the object that Royce gave to her. A miniature IED. She hides it again as she hears movement outside her cell. RENNER Well, well, well... hello little birdie. Renners lower jaw clamps and spittle drools down to the floor. MARIA What do you want with me? RENNER You're going to bring us our saviour. MARIA What do you mean? RENNER A child born from the ashes of what once was will lead us to the world that shall be. MARIA What? CUT TO: EXT. LONDON - ENTRANCE TO THE TOWER - CONTINUOUS Catherine emerges from the secret passage.

She pauses.

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Smoke rises nearby.

CATHERINE

No.

The Tower burns.

TRISTAN

What the -

A patrol of Scavs walk passed Tristan and Catherine.

SCAV PATROLMAN Lord Renner wants the pregnant one brought back to the stronghold. Any Raven that tries to fight will die at our hand.

Catherine grips a throwing knife.

Tristan grabs her arm.

TRISTAN There's too many.

Catherine releases her grip on the knife.

CATHERINE

Their...how?

Another group of Scavs walks passed the pair.

CATHERINE (CONT'D) Come on, we have to get to Queen Naoka.

The pair sneak past the groups of Scavs.

INT. THE TOWER OF LONDON - THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Dead ravens litter the floor of the throne room.

A pyre of bodies illuminates the centre of the room.

Tristan runs forward.

He falls to his knees as he sees what adorns the top of the pyre.

Ro's teddy bear.

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Catherine walks over to Tristan.

CATHERINE The queen is not here which means neither is your sister.

TRISTAN How do you know that?

CATHERINE For how cruel and backwards Queen Naoka is she does understand the importance of family. If she is alive so is Ro.

Tristan looks up to Catherine.

TRISTAN I hope you're right.

Catherine nods.

CATHERINE Come on. I have an idea of where they could be.

Tristan stands to his feet, he stares into the flames.

CATHERINE (CONT'D)

Tristan.

Tristan looks over to see Catherine stood by the throne, a staircase leads below.

30 INT. THE TOWER OF LONDON - HIDDEN ROOM - CONTINUOUS 30 Catherine heads down the tunnel, Tristan follows behind her. The pair make their way through the twists and turns of the tunnels.

The tunnel opens out to the -

31 EXT. TOWER OF LONDON - THAMES - CONTINUOUS Thames.

CATHERINE

My Queen?!

Queen Naoka sits by the river, she holds her side.

Blood seeps through onto the ground and into the water.

QUEEN NAOKA Sister Catherine.

Catherine runs over and kneels down by Naoka.

Two other Ravens stand by the Queen.

No sign of Ro.

TRISTAN Where's my sister?

Queen Naoka winces.

QUEEN NAOKA We did the best we could there were just too many...

Tristan pulls out his handgun.

He pulls back the hammer and aims it at Queen Naoka. Anger, sadness, fear fill his eyes.

> TRISTAN Where. Is. She?

QUEEN NAOKA They took her and Sarah to their stronghold.

TRISTAN Where is it?

CATHERINE Tristan you cant...

Tristan points the gun at Catherine.

TRISTAN I won't ask again.

Catherine's face falls.

CATHERINE Follow the river. It's hard to miss.

Tristan nods.

He keeps the gun aimed at Catherine and Queen Naoka.

TRISTAN

I'm...

He turns and runs down the bank of the river towards Battersea power station.

32 EXT. BATTERSEA POWER STATION - CONTINUOUS

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Danny looks at the power station through the scope of his rifle.

He exhales as he closes his eyes and steels himself.

He makes his way over to the main entrance of the power station stronghold.

33 INT. BATTERSEA POWER STATION – ENTRANCE – CONTINUOUS

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The main entrance of the power station is blocked off by a large iron gate.

A small break in the wall allows Danny to shimmy through.

Small gangs of Scavs busy themselves by eating or talking, a couple of Scavs get into a fight and it results in the one of them biting the others throat out.

Viscera and gore adorn the outer walls.

Danny crouches and keeps to the shadows.

He pauses as he sees the man from Royces camp.

DECKER.

DECKER

I don't give a damn what that iron jawed creep wants, Vane wants the girl. Simple as. If you can't accommodate then you will be branded as an enemy to the new world. Simple. As.

Decker shoves a Scav lieutenant.

SCAV LIEUTENANT You think that lord Renner is just going to give up that girl that easily?

Danny stalks around, watching the conversation.

DECKER If he knows what's in his best interests then he will...

The Scav Lieutenant squares up to Decker.

SCAV LIEUTENANT And who are you to know what's in our lords best interest?

Decker smirks and rubs his chin.

Quick as a flash he pulls out his knife and stabs it in the lieutenants throat.

DECKER Because mate, I am Deaths right fucking hand. DECKER (CONT'D)

Shit.

Decker pushes the big Scav over.

DECKER (CONT'D)

My face.

He pulls out a handkerchief and wipes the blood from his eye.

Other Scavs watch on and do not react.

Decker points at another Scav, a small wiry man.

DECKER (CONT'D) You. What's your position?

THITZ Me? Scrap-eater Thitz they call me.

DECKER Well congratulations, with the power given to me by the leader of the new world you have been hereby

promoted to lieutenant Thitz.

THITZ smiles wide.

THITZ Aw thank you thank you.

DECKER Yeah yeah, tell Renner that the girl is coming with me.

Thitz nods and runs off.

DECKER (CONT'D) Someone get rid of this big pile of shit please.

Decker wipes his face once more and leaves the room.

Danny continues onward into the base, he follows Thitz.

34 EXT. BATTERSEA POWER STATION - CONTINUOUS

Tristan makes his way up to the front gate. He pauses as he sees a platoon of armed soldiers .

They wear dark black military gear and wield hi-tech weapons.

On their arms is a symbol of a globe surrounded by a flame.

The leader of the platoon holds up his hand and the soldiers all stop.

He walks up to the gate and knocks on it.

An old Scav looks down from the top of the gate.

OLD SCAV

What?

PLATOON LEADER Open the gate.

The old Scav squints.

OLD SCAV Who are you?

PLATOON LEADER Embers of the new world.

The old Scav sighs. He cranks the wheel next to him.

The gate below starts to open.

The platoon leader raises his gun.

OLD SCAV Woulda been nice to have been told to expect you -

The platoon leader fires a suppressed shot, it strikes the Old Scav in the head.

The platoon all move through the gate and into the stronghold.

Tristan follows them inside.

35 INT. BATTERSEA POWER STATION - OPERATING THEATRE - CONTINUOUS35

Renner walks Maria into a makeshift operating theatre. On a table in front of the pair is Sarah.

She is gagged with her legs and arms are shackled to the table.

MARIA

Sarah?

Sarah turns her head to Maria, tears stream down her face.

Renner grabs Maria by the back of the neck.

RENNER This is a holy site. You will bring forth the saviour of the new world.

MARIA What do you mean?

Renner lets go of Maria.

RENNER She carries within her the start of a new generation.

MARIA How do you know that?

Renner tenses up.

He grabs Maria by the throat and lifts her in the air.

His iron jaw drools with saliva.

RENNER How do you know that she doesn't?

Maria chokes.

Renner lets go and she falls to the ground.

RENNER (CONT'D) Bring me our saviour.

Maria stands to her feet and walks over to Sarah.

She lifts up her top to expose her belly.

Maria shakes her head.

MARIA She's not ready yet.

Renner picks up a rusted scalpel.

RENNER Then cut it out.

Maria picks up the scalpel.

She looks at Sarah, her face contorts in fear.

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MARIA I'm so sorry.

Renner watches on as Maria plunges the scalpel into Sarah.

INT. BATTERSEA POWER STATION - CELLS - CONTINUOUS

Danny splits from Thitz as he explores the cells.

DANNY (hushed)

Maria?

No answer.

Danny looks into each one of the cells.

Dead bodies, but none are Maria.

DANNY (CONT'D)

Shit.

Screams of pain echo from deeper inside the power station. Danny goes to investigate.

37 INT. BATTERSEA POWER STATION - MAIN HALL - CONTINUOUS 37 Tristan follows the platoon into the main hall.

Dead Scavs litter the room.

PLATOON LEADER You two come with me, you stay here and watch the entrance. Anyone that comes in that isn't one of us. Kill them.

The soldier nods and the leader runs off with the two other soldiers.

Tristan waits for the others to leave.

He pulls out his bat and stalks the lone soldier.

38 INT. BATTERSEA POWER STATION - OPERATING THEATRE - CONTINUOUS38 Renner watches on with delight as Sarah cries out in pain.

> THITZ (O.S.) Lord Renner!

He turns his head.

RENNER Do not disturb the birth of our saviour scrap eater!

THITZ Scrap eater no longer my lord. Now lieutenant.

RENNER

What?!

Renner grows furious.

His lower jaw fills with saliva and spittle.

THITZ The leader of the new world wants the girl. says that you must give her up.

Renner throws a rusted stool against the wall.

RENNER He dare make demands of me?!

Renner pauses.

THITZ What shall I say my lord?

RENNER You tell him that the girl is mine. If our glorious leader wants her he will have to come and take her.

Thitz nods.

THITZ

Yes my lord.

Thitz runs off, Renner turns around to Maria and Sarah.

RENNER Well? Get to it!

Maria sighs and plunges the scalpel down once again.

Danny sneaks past some more Scavs.

Two Scavs open a door in front of him.

SCAV GRUNT #1 Not heard from the boys by the gate. Think they're okay?

SCAV GRUNT #2 Could always check.

SCAV GRUNT #1 Something seems off. I don't know what it is, but I don't trust that Decker guy.

SCAV GRUNT #2 Nah me neither. Heard he killed our lieutenant, made Thitz the new one.

SCAV GRUNT #1 What? That scrap eater?

SCAV GRUNT #2

Yep.

SCAV GRUNT #1 It's pretty quiet.

The two Scavs hesitate, before running off to the front of the stronghold.

Danny waits in the shadows.

A hand grabs him by the mouth.

TRISTAN (Hushed) Danny?

Danny turns around to see Tristan.

He wears one of the soldiers uniforms, he removes his mask.

DANNY Tristan? What are you doing here? Where did you get that look from?

TRISTAN I'm here to save Ro and Sarah, and I got this from a soldier by the front gate.

DANNY

A soldier?

TRISTAN Yep. Looks like they work for some leader of the new world, they want the Scavs out it seems.

DANNY Leader of the new world. I've heard that before.

TRISTAN What are you doing here?

DANNY

Saving Maria.

TRISTAN Maria's been taken?

DANNY

Yeah.

TRISTAN

Shit.

More cries of pain sound out just past the door.

DANNY Come on, I think they're through here.

40 INT. BATTERSEA POWER STATION - OPERATING THEATRE - CONTINUOUS40 Sarah squirms in pain as Maria pulls open her the incision.

> RENNER Now dig within and pull out our saviour.

Renner raises his arms above his head.

Maria reaches into Sarahs stomach and pulls out her baby.

The baby cries as Renner cuts the umbilical cord.

RENNER (CONT'D) Our saviour has been born.

Up above Tristan and Danny enter the room.

Oh my...

TRISTAN We need to do something.

Tristan aims his gun at Renner.

Danny lowers it.

DANNY

Wait.

Another door opens underneath the pair.

Thitz runs in, he's bleeding.

THITZ Lord Renner, we have...

Thitz head explodes as a gunshot rings out.

Renner takes a step back as bits of Thitz fall onto him.

RENNER

What the...

Decker strolls in behind Thitz.

DECKER You know I planned for this to happen.

RENNER

Decker!

Decker whistles and the three other soldiers gather up behind him.

DECKER

You see, we have no place for savages like you in the new world. You're sick Renner, we turned a blind eye to your actions because you benefitted us. But now...

Decker smiles.

DECKER (CONT'D) Well now its time to root out the corruption from our new world. Simple as. One of the soldiers behind Decker cries out as a machete pierces through his chest.

DECKER (CONT'D)

What the -

Three Scavs burst in behind them, swinging their weapons wildly.

The soldiers shoot their guns and Decker falls to the ground.

RENNER You come to my house and make demands of me?!

Decker fires two shots at one of the Scavs destroying his head.

TRISTAN lowers his gun.

TRISTAN Lets get down their. Let them kill each other.

Danny nods and the pair make their way down during the chaos.

Maria hides behind the stone table, she holds Sarahs baby.

Danny hops over a railing and lands nearby.

MARIA

Danny?

Tristan goes to vault over the railing but is grabbed from behind.

He is thrown to the ground by a Scav.

The Scav pulls out a large serrated piece of metal and holds it above his head.

Tristan rolls onto his back and fires a shot from his handgun.

The Scav falls to the ground.

DANNY I'm here. Come on we have to go.

Danny goes to pick up Maria from the ground but is grabbed from behind by Renner.

RENNER You're from the camp. Renner slams Danny onto his back.

RENNER (CONT'D) Little boy has come to try and be the hero?

Renner slams his boot down on Danny's left shoulder.

It breaks under the impact.

RENNER (CONT'D) There are no heroes in this world boy.

Tristan jumps down from the railing and tackles Renner to the floor.

Danny crawls away, his left shoulder mangled.

Renner rolls to his feet.

RENNER (CONT'D)

Who are -

Tristan swings his bat, it collides with Renner's iron jaw. The bat starts to splinter.

TRISTAN Where's my sister?

Renner turns his head again to face Tristan.

Tristan swings, again the bat collides with the iron jaw.

It starts to crack.

RENNER

Sister?

Tristan swings once more.

Renner catches the bat.

RENNER (CONT'D) Oh. So you're the brother.

Renner tightens his grip and the bat explodes. Tristan drops the handle and reaches for his gun. Renner rushes him and tackles him to the ground. RENNER (CONT'D) Yeah, I'm going to gut you kid. And feed you to your sister.

Renner punches Tristan in the face.

Tristan swings his fist but Renner catches it.

RENNER (CONT'D) Lemme see what you taste like first.

He bites off two of Tristan's fingers.

Tristan cries out in pain.

Danny leans up against the stone table.

He holds his rifle against his wounded shoulder.

RENNER (CONT'D) Not too bad. Bit tough for my taste. Reckon your sister will know?

Danny fires his rifle, the bullet pierces Renner's side.

Renner falls to the ground, Tristan tries to pick up his handgun but fumbles as his hands are bloody.

Danny pulls the bolt back on his rifle and goes to load in another round.

He drops the bullet on the ground.

DANNY

Shit.

Maria walks to Danny.

DANNY (CONT'D) You have to leave. Now.

Maria hesitates, she holds Sarah's baby.

MARIA

Take this.

Maria gives Danny the I.E.D.

DANNY

Maria! Move!

Maria nods.

She and the baby exit through a door.

RENNER

Our saviour!

Renner goes to follow Maria.

Danny fires his rifle at Renner, the bullet strikes him in the gut.

Renner drops a hand down to his gut.

RENNER (CONT'D) Why you piece of...

Tristan tackles Renner to the ground and proceeds to punch his face.

Tristan grabs Renners bottom jaw and starts to pull.

Renners iron jaw creaks and snaps off.

Blood and spittle drip out of his mouth.

DANNY

Tristan!

Danny throws Tristan the I.E.D.

Tristan catches the I.E.D. arms it and places it in Renners open mouth.

He dives away as the bomb explodes.

The dust settles and Tristan stands to his feet.

Danny uses the table to help stand himself up.

DANNY (CONT'D)

Oh no.

Danny holds Sarah's hand.

DANNY (CONT'D) She must have bled out during -

Danny's head snaps to the side as a bullet pierces through one side of his temple and leaves the other.

Tristan screams out and turns around with his handgun.

Decker stands with the platoon leader.

Tristan fires two bullets.

They miss.

Decker shoots and hits him in the gut.

Tristan falls to his knees.

DECKER

Wow.

Decker looks at the carnage around him.

DECKER (CONT'D) This could have gone so much easier.

Decker turns to the platoon leader.

DECKER (CONT'D) Take that one and the girl back to base.

PLATOON LEADER What about the one that got away?

DECKER Leave her. The monsters will take care of her.

Tristan looks over at Danny.

His lifeless eyes look back at him.

TRISTAN

I'm sorry.

PLATOON LEADER

Hey, pal.

Tristan turns and gets the butt of a rifle to the face.

CUT TO BLACK.

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41 INT. WESTMINSTER PALACE - COURT ROOM - NIGHT

Tristan wakes with a bag over his head.

He hears people talk around him.

LUCIUS He's awake. Sergeant Defranco Remove the bag.

The bag rips off of Tristans head.

He looks up and recoils.

In front of him is the calcified remains of a large Ashen.

The creature is horrific, six alien appendages sprout forth from its belly and its head is long.

One dark spherical orb sits in the centre of its head.

LUCIUS (CONT'D) Disgusting isn't it.

Tristan looks up to see an imposing man sat in the SPEAKERS CHAIR. He wears a dark black suit which has flecks of red stitching. His hair is jet black and one of his eyes is scarred which leaves his iris red.

> TRISTAN Is that...an Ashen?

> > LUCIUS

Yes.

TRISTAN You managed to kill one?

LUCIUS

Yes.

Lucius stands up and walks down towards Tristan.

LUCIUS (CONT'D) You're wearing one of my soldiers uniforms. It suits you.

Beat.

LUCIUS (CONT'D) Usually I would enact the eye for an eye law, but things are different.

TRISTAN I don't care. Where is my sister?

LUCIUS You mean Aurora?

Tristan looks up to Lucius.

He smirks and snaps his fingers.

Ro is escorted in from a nearby room.

LUCIUS (CONT'D) As you can see, she is in perfect health.

TRISTAN

RO

Ro!

Tristan!

Tristan winces in pain, the hole in his gut worsens.

TRISTAN Don't worry I will get you out of here.

LUCIUS She kept the names after all.

Lucius grunts.

TRISTAN

What?

LUCIUS Do you have any idea who I am Tristan?

TRISTAN Some psychopathic warlord?

Lucius laughs as Decker turns the safety off his gun.

LUCIUS No need Decker. No Tristan, I'm actually hurt that Laura didn't tell you about me.

TRISTAN

Who are you?

Lucius grins.

He turns to Ro.

LUCIUS Aurora, darling let me tell you a story of how this world came to be.

Lucius puts a hand on her shoulder.

LUCIUS (CONT'D)

You see the end of the world came much quicker than we thought it would. We believed that our end would come due to the greed of man. That we would be the masters of our own undoing.

Lucius gestures to the calcified remains of the Ashen.

LUCIUS (CONT'D)

Little did we know that in the end we were the masters of nothing, only subjects to a greater, more dangerous threat than one we could have ever imagined.

Beat.

LUCIUS (CONT'D)

I strongly believe that the threat is not each other, it's not humans we should be worried about but those things. I believe in a new world, one where we can all live together, no more ashfalls, no more hiding from monsters that lurk within the shadows and hide underground. No more unnecessary death.

Ro nods.

LUCIUS (CONT'D) Your mother and I we had this vision together.

RO You knew my mummy?

Lucius grins.

LUCIUS

Very well. We were close. That was until she betrayed me and ran away with a madman. Someone who you might know very well.

Lucius turns to Tristan.

LUCIUS (CONT'D) Cutter Royce.

Tristan looks up to Lucius.

LUCIUS (CONT'D)

The pair of them stabbed me in the back and left me for dead. They did not agree with my plan for the new world, believed that the old ways were over. Extinguished. Did you ever ask Royce what happened to Laura?

TRISTAN

I...I...

LUCIUS He killed her.

Tristan's face drops.

LUCIUS (CONT'D) Maybe that's why he took you both in. The guilt nestled deep.

TRISTAN

You lie!

LUCIUS

I wish I did. I loved Laura with all my heart. She had visions you know. She saw things. She saw a time where the Ashfalls got so big, became so frequent that they would block out the sun. The dark days she called these. She became obsessive. Maybe that's why Royce killed her. for some peace and quiet.

Tristan rages, he shouts out.

TRISTAN

That's not true!

LUCIUS

Who are you to know what's true? You have been lied to your whole life. The truth... the truth is that this is your end. The new world has no need for those who kill and scavenge. We already took care of one savage group of scavengers we do not need another.

TRISTAN

If that's the truth then why haven't you killed me yet.

LUCIUS Because I want to offer you a chance of redemption.

Tristan winces, blood pools on the floor.

LUCIUS (CONT'D) You're not going to survive for much longer, I have the medical staff here on site who can tend to your wounds. They can save your life. All you need to do is join me. Join the last embers of humanities once great flame and help me achieve a new world for us all.

Tristans breathing becomes shallow.

TRISTAN

If I say yes what happens next?

LUCIUS

We put to the torch your old life. Start anew. A fresh slate cleansed of your previous wrongdoings.

TRISTAN Put to the torch? Royce? The camp?

LUCIUS

Yes. Royce's camp will have to go. The tower and anyone else who disagrees with our vision.

TRISTAN

I thought you said no more unnecessary killing?

LUCIUS

These deaths will be necessary in order to achieve a new world.

Tristan smirks.

He closes his eyes.

A familiar warmth closes in by him.

Its the woman from the campfire, LAURA.

She places her hand on Tristan's shoulder.

TRISTAN

Ro.

LAURA She doesn't need a hero. She needs a brother. She needs her brother.

TRISTAN I can't...I can't...

LUCIUS So Tristan? What will it be?

Laura vanishes.

Tristan blinks away tears.

His mind made up.

TRISTAN

Ro. I love you and I will always be with you. Stay strong. Stay brave. And most importantly stay alive.

Lucius swallows.

LUCIUS

Pity.

He gives a nod and Decker pulls out a pistol, he places it to the back of Tristan's head and -

42 INT. SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL - NIGHT

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Tristan wakes up.

He is back in the cathedral, in front of him lies Ro.

Sound asleep.

He looks up towards the broken stained glass window and sees the night sky.

He leaves the cathedral.

43 EXT. SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL - CONTINUOUS
43 Tristan gazes upon the night sky.
Not an ash cloud in sight, just a vast number of stars.
He sits down and exhales.

First time seeing the stars?

Tristan turns to see Danny, he takes a seat next to him.

TRISTAN

What? No. Of course not. Just tonight, I don't know they're different. Brighter.

Danny nods.

DANNY She's lucky you know.

TRISTAN

Huh?

DANNY

Ro. To have had you as her brother. I honestly don't think anyone else could have done a better job and I hate the fact that I am saying that.

The pair laugh.

TRISTAN

How come you're here, shouldn't you be back at camp?

DANNY Yep. But I got sent to find you.

TRISTAN Royce finally found out that it was me who raided the pantry?

DANNY He has always known it was Tristan.

Tristan smirks.

DANNY (CONT'D) She says that it's time to go now Tristan.

Tristan shakes his head.

TRISTAN Not yet. I can't leave her.

Danny places his hand on Tristan's arm.

DANNY

You've done the best you could.

Tristan looks back at the cathedral, he winces in pain.

He reaches his hand up to the back of his head.

Blood.

Danny stands up.

DANNY (CONT'D) Come on mate.

The stars in the sky become brighter.

TRISTAN Are you sure she is going to be okay?

DANNY

I am sure.

Tristan grabs Danny's hand.

The light from the stars engulf the pair.

44 INT. WESTMINSTER PALACE - COURT ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Ro cries out as Tristan's body falls to the floor.

Lucius grabs her.

Ro pulls out her Swiss army knife and stabs Lucius in the hand with it.

He shouts out and lets go.

Ro jumps down from the stands and goes over to Tristan's body.

Decker aims his gun at Ro.

DECKER

My lord?

Lucius looks at his hand, dark spots appear in his blood.

LUCIUS

Put down your gun.

He exhales.

LUCIUS (CONT'D) Let her grieve. It is her brother after all. Decker nods and stows is gun. He crouches down to Ro's level. DECKER (hushed) You try any of that ninja shit with me and I will blow your little head off. Decker smiles wide. Ro snarls at him. DECKER (CONT'D) Weird kid. Lucius flexes his hand. Ro cradles Tristan's head in her hands. She tilts her head up towards ceiling, a skylight sits in the middle. A flash of a black cloak disappears into the night. EXT. CUTTERS CAMP - CONTINUOUS 45 45 Stevens stands on the wall of the gate. He chews a toothpick and scans the outside world. He sees something. He picks up his rifle and looks through the scope. His eyes widen. INT. CUTTERS CAMP - FRONT GATE - CONTINUOUS 46 46 Maria stumbles into the camp holding Sarah's baby. Henry rushes forward and takes the child from her. HENRY Who's baby is this?

Maria pants.

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MARIA

Sarah's.

Sam joins Henry.

HENRY Sam this is Sarah's baby. Sam takes the baby from Henry. SAM Hello little guy. ROYCE Maria? Maria looks toward Royce. ROYCE (CONT'D) Did Daniel... Maria shakes her head. SAM And Sarah too I take it? Maria nods. ROYCE I'm happy you are back... Maria holds out her hand towards Royce. MARIA They made me... Tears swell in her eyes. MARIA (CONT'D) They made me... Her arm falls down as Royce embraces her. ROYCE I'm sorry. She cries into Royce's shoulder. STEVENS Royce! We have a visitor. Royce looks towards the front gate.

Out of the darkness walks a hooded figure.

Royce grimaces.

ROYCE Bloody Raven. What do you want?

The hooded figure stops, they drop their hood.

It is Catherine.

CATHERINE I bring news.

ROYCE What is the news.

CATHERINE Tristan is dead.

The group go silent.

Royce cracks.

ROYCE And what of little Ro?

CATHERINE

She lives.

MARIA Where is she?

CATHERINE In Westminster Palace.

MARIA Westminster? That's not too far we can..

ROYCE

No.

Maria turns to Royce.

MARIA

What?

ROYCE No. Westminster is off limits.

MARIA Off limits? Aurora is...

ROYCE

Safe.

MARIA

What?

ROYCE

Westminster palace is occupied by Lucius Vane and his Embers. If any of you even set foot near Westminster you will die. I have already lost...

Royce exhales.

ROYCE (CONT'D) I can't... I can't lose anymore.

CATHERINE You don't have to.

MARIA What are you saying?

CATHERINE I will go and save Aurora.

ROYCE What's the catch?

CATHERINE

That when I do, I will bring her with me back to the tower.

MARIA

The bloody tower? No. No way. She's too young.

CATHERINE

The girl has a fire inside her. I've seen it. If I bring her with me, I cant teach her how to strengthen it, turn it into a great flame and when she is ready she can use that to burn Lucius vane and everything he has built to the ground.

BEAT.

ROYCE Fine. Save her.

Catherine nods.

CATHERINE

I just...

She pauses.

CATHERINE (CONT'D) I am sorry about Tristan.

Royce nods.

CATHERINE (CONT'D) I think its time that we put down our sticks and learnt how to use the rope.

Catherine turns and walks out of Cutters camp and back into the darkness.

47 INT. JACOBS CRADLE – JACOBS OFFICE – CONTINUOUS 47

Jacob sits on his makeshift throne.

He spins a switchblade around his fingers.

MARKUS I can't believe you gave them one of your dreads.

JACOB It was necessary.

MARKUS

Necessary?

JACOB Yeah little man, it means like it was needed. Had to be done.

MARKUS But why though?

JACOB For an alliance.

MARKUS We need an alliance?

JACOB Yes. Don't get me wrong, we're strong. But we can be stronger.

Markus nods.

MARKUS Okay okay.

He looks at the shoebox.

It sits near the throne.

MARKUS (CONT'D) You going to open that?

JACOB

In time.

MARKUS In time? Come on.

Jacob smirks.

JACOB You know what they say about curiosity.

MARKUS I ain't no cat. Curiosity try and get me I'll hit them with a -

Markus jabs and then does a left hook.

Jacob laughs.

JACOB

Okay. Okay.

He picks up the box and cuts the Sellotape away.

He removes the lid.

Markus looks inside.

MARKUS What is that?

JACOB This. This is how we win.

Inside the box sits a black key with a red tag.

The tag has two words engraved onto it.

'LAUNCH KEY.'

CUT TO BLACK.

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