

THOMAS

Okay, I understand. ...do you know if there is any way I could still talk to her without all the data problems? Like use her just as a chat bot while we're going?

Beat. Lamoreaux just stares at him.

THOMAS (CONT'D)

...it's just that... Dr. Shannon with the GNA suggested I talk to her--

LAMOREAUX

Why?

THOMAS

...She doesn't treat me like I belong in a museum.

LAMOREAUX

You feel like she's your only friend?

Lamoreaux

Beat.

LAMOREAUX (CONT'D)

That's how she wants everybody to feel. And most people feel that way.

In their weakest moments, she takes alcoholics on walks past her bars. She connects addicts with the dealers she controls. She directs criminals against her competitors. People who make themselves too much of a nuisance get two bullets in the forehead, their body disappears, and the missing person report is marked as "fully investigated" without any actual investigations being done. Alice is not welcome aboard.

I'm sure you'll be able to make friends on the crew. We've got a good group here.

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Davis, destroy this before it can sync with anything.

She slides it across the desk.