

THE STRANGE CASE OF STARSHIP IRIS

EPISODE 6: PARALLEL

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CHARACTER LIST

1. Agent Park
2. Sana Tripathi
3. Arkady Patel
4. Brian Jeeter
5. Krejjh
6. Campbell
7. Agent McCabe
8. Violet Liu
9. Ricky Q
10. Gratuitously Pleasant Female Voice

3.1 ARKADY *How do we know this isn't another Ricky Q situation?"*

3.2

JUNIOR AGENT (on radio) *Be advised that three dangerous fugitives may be currently hiding in a small freighter docked next to the Capitol Landfill.*

3.3 SANA *I think we need to operate on the assumption those IDs have already been compromised.*

3.4 VIOLET *If he does come to, he is not gonna be okay. Like, ever again. (Freaked out) You hit him really, really hard.*

3.5 ARKADY *Well, shit.*

3.6 AGENT
With the Rumor still in transit, we have taken the past week to regroup. The influx of personnel and resources, coupled with our ever-increasing access to these transmissions, has greatly boosted our capabilities. See attached file for more details. My thanks, as always, to General Jahansooz, and to Junior Agent McCabe and the rest of our team.

4.1 JUNIOR AGENT

Junior Agent McCabe here. While much of the new data is, of course, largely redundant, some moments need closer analysis. The following three transmissions have been pieced together from audio obtained over roughly the same twenty to twenty five minute period aboard the Rumor.

4.2 AGENT

Transmission 9-zero, begin.

4.3 BRIAN

(doing a blatant Krejjh impression) Folks, this is your translator speaking, here with the nightly flight report. We recently received a message up here at the cockpit from Captain Tripathi herself, who wanted to let us know she has finished fixing the temperature reg. Within the hour, we should be back down to 32 degrees Celsius--which, fun fact, is about 305 Kelvin, 90 Fahrenheit, or 120 Jibleens--

4.4 KREJJH

("off-mic" in the distance) More like 110? If you trust *my* math, which, (dubious noise)--

4.5 BRIAN

Sorry, 110 Jibleens. By any measure, a refreshingly cool improvement. And within just two short hours, we will once again reach comfortable temperatures for living and sleeping.

5.1 BRIAN CONT'D

Current on-ship time is 2:38 a.m., as we continue towards Rosalind, the jewel of the Payne-Gaposchkin system. No anomalies, robot clouds, or giant ghost squids have yet been detected, and I think we can all agree: that sounds like the makings of a pleasant night indeed. Brian Jeeter out. (FX: comm hangup noise)

5.2 VIOLET

Arkady? Can I talk to you for a second? You don't have to say anything. In fact, it's probably better if you don't. Uh, no offense. But I need to get this out. I can't stop thinking about what happened on Elion. You'd think, after a decade living under the IGR I'd be an expert at pretending everything's okay, but-- (PAUSE) *What are you doing, Vi?* (PAUSE) "Hey Arkady, maybe you're having a great time lurking in the shadows, but every time I rehearse this conversation it somehow gets *worse*, so if you could *grow up* and quit bolting at the sound of my voice--"

5.3 JUNIOR AGENT

Junior Agent McCabe. This continues. For some time. It's been filed. Skipping ahead--

- 8.1 BRIAN (Amused) Secret, like, ones I don't know about?
That's what we call an Arkady question, man.
- 8.2 VIOLET Right.
- 8.3 BRIAN It was great, though, he was super easy to trade with. We'd send him info on a Dwarnian programming language, he'd get us early access to E.L.L.A. or whatever.
- 8.4 VIOLET (Unimpressed.) Uh-huh.
- 8.5 BRIAN Okay, not the best example, but big-name software has a ton of safeguards, to control what you can and can't do. It's way easier to mess with the cheap stuff.
- 8.6 VIOLET "Mess with?"
- 8.7 BRIAN Teach the system to recognize Dwarnian? Disable any built-in tracking devices? E.L.L.A. is legal, but if you tweak it, you can use it for some pretty shady stuff.
- 8.8 VIOLET Huh. Is it weird the Iris was running the same system?

10.1 BRIAN

Right, but you're a cloud. (PAUSE) Let's say that cloud splits in half. The other half, the half that doesn't contain you-the-nanobot, is also still kind of you, right? It's made of the same stuff, it was part of your consciousness at some point, it could rejoin at any time. But it could also travel millions of miles away. So you're sitting in, and also part of, one half of a cloud, and you need to relay some info to the other half.

10.2 VIOLET

Think I'm with you so far.

10.3 BRIAN

Yeah. What pronouns do you use?

10.4 VIOLET

What?

10.5 BRIAN

They speak Vre Chel Noke, which they must've borrowed from their creators. But when I tried to translate their speech, it was borderline unintelligible. Everything was "we" and "us." But, like, why would they use pronouns the way we use pronouns? Their whole notion of identity, the self, must be completely different.

BRIAN CONT'D OVER

11.1 BRIAN CONT'D

If you were a cloud of tiny robots, and you were gonna adapt the language of a bunch of monolithic organic consciousnesses, wouldn't pronouns be the first thing you'd change?

11.2 VIOLET

Yes? I have no idea.

11.3 BRIAN

The way they use "we" and "us" is actually pretty consistent. Okay, imagine "us" is the cloud you-the-nanobot are currently in, and "we" is another cloud. "Why do we not respond to us? Us can clearly sense we. We must be compromised. Us cannot rescue we for fear of the same as we. May we forgive us and the...something something something fools. Us loves you. Goodbye."

11.4 VIOLET

You think they thought we were a swarm, too.

11.5 BRIAN

Until the part where they switched to "you."
Right after something about fools.

11.6 VIOLET

But they said they could "clearly sense"...something. If they thought we were a swarm, how would they be so sure? And didn't they start off by asking about Thasia and someone named Craddock? We've established that those aren't Vree Chel Nokean names, right?

13.1 VIOLET Nice and noncommittal.

13.2 BRIAN No man, just like. She means well, you know?

13.3 SOUND DOOR OPENING, FOOTSTEPS,

13.4 BRIAN CONT'D (AWARE OF Arkady) She means well. Also, she's, like, a totally ridiculous person. Hey Arkady.

13.5 ARKADY (very much aware that Brian was aware she was in the room) Jeeter. Krejjh is looking for you.

13.6 BRIAN You know, I think you might be right?

13.7 VIOLET Arkady, can I talk to you for a second?

13.8 ARKADY Um. Yes?

13.9 BRIAN Well. Ciao, dudes!

13.10 SOUND DOOR CLOSING, FOOTSTEPS

13.11 VIOLET (blurting out) Do you think I'm the one who informed to the IGR?

15.1 ARKADY (Has hit the limit on levity) I saw your face when you checked that guy's head. You can't tell me you were okay with it.

15.2 VIOLET You're right. I wasn't. I'm not.

15.3 ARKADY (hollow, tired) Yeah.

15.4 SOUND ARKADY BEGINS TO WALK AWAY

15.5 ARKADY (still hollow and tired) Have a good night.

15.5 SOUND DOOR OPENS

15.6 VIOLET (As Arkady is heading out) But I keep replaying it, and I don't know what else you could've done. And I don't think you do, either. And, to tell you the truth, I don't get the impression you're okay with it.

15.7 SOUND DOOR CLOSES, STEPS BACKTRACK

15.8 ARKADY *Feeling a little weird about all the murder you've done is kind of a low bar.*

- 16.1 VIOLET I meant--they don't care one way or another. The Regime.
- 16.2 ARKADY The guys at the top, yeah. The grunts at the bottom--it's a wider range than you might think. Of course, what difference does it make? The killing gets done either way.
- 16.3 VIOLET (Arkady is looking confused) What?
- 16.4 ARKADY ...you said "Regime." Not "Republic."
- 16.5 VIOLET I'm aware. (coughs) Hey, do you want something to drink? I was gonna make myself some tea, but--
- 16.6 ARKADY In this heat?
- 16.7 VIOLET I think I've got a cold? Anyway, it's a moot point. We're out.
- 16.8 ARKADY ...How do you feel about herbal tea?
- 16.9 VIOLET I'm--in favor of it?
- 16.10 ARKADY Okay, one sec.

- 17.1 SOUND A FEW BUTTONS ARE PUSHED, THEN A MINI GREENHOUSE
FOLDS OUT OF THE wall)
- 17.2 VIOLET (in wonder) Is that--a tiny greenhouse? That
folds out of the wall?
- 17.3 ARKADY Jeeter didn't show you? Dammit Jeeter, what do we
pay you for?
- 17.4 VIOLET How does it work?
- 17.5 ARKADY Ask Tripathi, she invented it.
- 17.6 VIOLET Is that basil?
- 17.7 ARKADY Yep, and--
- 17.8 VIOLET Oregano, spearmint, and aloe vera.
- 17.9 ARKADY Four for four, Liu. Yeah, rip off some leaves and
I'll grab the cups and get the water going.
- 17.10 VIOLET What?
- 17.11 ARKADY (Drily) I'd recommend the spearmint. I mean, if
you *want* a hot cup of oregano, I won't stop you.

18.1 SOUND (OVER 17.11) ARKADY GETTING CUPS (maybe?)

18.2 VIOLET A mini greenhouse. It's incredible.

18.3 SOUND ARKADY FILLS A KETTLE WITH WATER, ACTIVATES WITH
A BEEP

18.4 ARKADY Tell me about it. First time I saw one, I lost my
shit. I'd never seen plants grow before.

18.5 VIOLET City kid?

18.6 ARKADY (Not the whole truth) Something like that.
(Pause) Okay, you're gonna need, like, twice as
much.

18.7 VIOLET I don't wanna use it all.

18.8 ARKADY It's not--it's there to be used, y'know?

18.9 VIOLET Technically, don't I owe you a drink? We made
that deal when I was on the Iris--

18.10 ARKADY You made a deal with Kay Grisham. (Drily) Don't
worry, the fake imaginary captain isn't coming to
collect.

21.1 VIOLET CONT'D

And every one of them not-so-secretly wanted my job. Um, I should probably mention: this was a good posting. Cutting-edge facilities, basically unlimited budget, plus we had an opt-out on the Mandate.

21.2 ARKADY

Damn. So it was you, and a bunch of little snots who bought their way in.

21.3 VIOLET

We had some amazing talent on staff, but--yeah, it was maybe half-and-half, and I think there's a reason the lab wanted someone watching those six. Some of them had an actual science background, but you could kinda tell they'd never had to worry about getting fired?

21.4 ARKADY

(wry) How were they at taking orders?

21.5 VIOLET

(Kind of laughs) I don't know, maybe if one of *them* had been promoted, they all would've accepted it. But, uh, literally however you want to define it, I was not one of them. And growing up with an anxiety disorder, everyone's always telling you not to worry.

VIOLET CONT'D OVER

22.1 VIOLET CONT'D

You get that crawling feeling in your gut, and it *might* be a threat, but it's probably your brain chemicals lying to you. You learn to doubt your own thoughts. You have to. So no matter how many times my team pretended not to understand my directions, or moved stuff I needed to shelves I couldn't reach, or made comments they knew I could overhear, part of me was always asking, 'Are they trying to force me to quit, or is it all in my head? Is this really about--y'know, racism, classism, sexism, biphobia, some or all of the above--or is it about me?'

22.2 ARKADY

Shit.

22.3 VIOLET

The longer I tried to do my job, the uglier it got. I had to transfer to a different internship because this guy on my team started hinting he was gonna formally accuse me..

22.4 ARKADY

For hurting his feelings?

22.5 VIOLET

For separatism. Some ships on a nearby station had been sabotaged, allegedly by Chinese nationalists. The magistrate already wanted someone they could make an example of.

- 23.1 ARKADY (not shocked so much as "well that's fucked up")
Weren't you born *in* the U.S.? Like, the original-flavor earth-U.S., with the Grand Canyon and the Great Lakes and those trees you can drive through?
- 23.2 VIOLET (wry) Right, because that would've protected me?
- 23.3 ARKADY It's just--I was gonna say "ironic" but I think the word I'm looking for is "shitty"?
- 23.4 VIOLET Yeah, well. Either works.
- 23.5 ARKADY Hey, so if you're still wondering if this was about your co-workers being bigoted assholes--
- 23.6 VIOLET Sure, in hindsight. (sigh) I had to walk away from months of research, and I don't even know if anyone saved my notes. And the worst thing is, no matter what happened, even when I was doubting my own sanity, part of me was never that surprised? It's like, on one level, I'd been waiting for something like this since the coup. Sometimes the voice in your head telling you to run is mental illness, and sometimes, it's just...
- 23.7 ARKADY (gets it, immediately) History.

- 26.1 VIOLET CONT'D For what it's worth? (Carefully, meaningfully)
Except for the times where it really does seem
like we're all about to die, living on this ship
is the safest I've felt since before the war.
- 26.2 ARKADY (touched) Wow, Violet, that's--very disturbing.
- 26.3 VIOLET (also smiling) Then why are you smiling?
- 26.4 ARKADY Sometimes I smile. Y'know, every now and then.
- 26.5 VIOLET Good to know. (More serious) Um, look, there's
something I should probably tell you. I actually
don't know why I haven't mentioned it sooner,
I've been debating it and I think I kind of
waited too long. And it's gonna be weird now,
because I don't know, maybe it's nothing, but
just in case it is something, I mean, we could
wind up really regretting it down the line if I
didn't at least bring it up, so--
- 26.6 ARKADY Liu. *For the love of god.*
- 26.7 VIOLET I kept one of the samples.
- 26.8 ARKADY (This is maybe not what Arkady was hoping
Violet's secret would be.) What?

27.1 VIOLET

Back on the Iris, when there wasn't room in the cryo chamber for me and the tray of samples we'd collected from that planet. I took one, the smallest one. Hid it in my jacket pocket. You never searched me, you just scanned me for bugs. I guess I figured, maybe I could get it to the IGR somehow, or use it to barter for better conditions or something. But when I got here, nobody cared about the mission at all.

27.2 ARKADY

Uh, is that safe? The samples were supposed to be frozen, right?

27.3 VIOLET

We used to defrost them sometimes, for experiments. Um, by the end of my first day here, I moved it to a tupperware in the back of the freezer.

27.4 SOUND

FREEZER OPENS, HUMS

27.5 VIOLET

It's, uh, that one.

27.8 ARKADY

Wow.

27.9 SOUND

FREEZER CLOSES

28.1 ARKADY We seriously never clean out the freezer, huh?

28.2 VIOLET You seriously don't. (More serious.) Brian was saying tonight that the nanoswarm cloud could've been trying to talk to us like we were part of the swarm. And I've been thinking, in all of space, what are the odds of us running into that thing a few days away from the Iris?

28.3 ARKADY If the IGR found out about nanotech that can invisibly relay messages or eat metal, they'd want it.

28.4 VIOLET Right. What if the swarm and the Iris were looking for the same thing? What if the swarm wasn't even talking to us? What if it was talking to whatever's in that test tube I brought from my ship? What if none of this is a coincidence? Not like fate, that's stupid, but--

28.5 ARKADY (Gets it immediately) Occam's Razor.

28.6 VIOLET Am I making any sense?

28.7 ARKADY ...let's go find Jeeter.

28.8 SOUND TWO PAIRS OF FOOTSTEPS

32.1 SANA I appreciate that, but honestly, it's just--been a long couple of days, and it's almost 3 a.m. and I don't see why this can't wait until tomorrow?

32.2 VIOLET Yeah. Of course.

32.3 ARKADY Captain, if there's anything we can do...

32.4 SANA (Wry) Don't worry. I'll let you know.

32.5 JUNIOR AGENT Transmission 9D, begin. (The cockpit)

Scene 2: Opens on the tail end of Brian's announcement from cue 5.1, but now live instead of through a speaker

32.6 BRIAN Current on-ship time is 2:38 a.m., as we continue towards Rosalind, the jewel of the Payne-Gaposchkin system. No anomalies, robot clouds, or giant ghost squids have yet been detected, and I think we can all agree that sounds like the makings of a pleasant night indeed. Brian Jeeter out. (FX: comm hangup noise)
(Back in his normal voice) How was that?

32.7 KREJJH Not bad at all, Crewman Jeeter.

- 33.1 BRIAN Uh-huh.
- 33.2 KREJJH (Human impression) Buddy, you're a real champ.
- 33.3 BRIAN (Amused) Dude, when does your shift end?
- 33.4 KREJJH Give it another thirty Earth-minutes and we should be clear enough to autopilot for a while. Nice to get some downtime together, though.
- 33.5 BRIAN Wanna take bets at how long 'til somebody busts in here? Winner brings the loser a fresh cup of ice.
- 33.6 KREJJH Ugh, deal. Ten seconds.
- 33.7 BRIAN ...I was gonna say, like five minutes.
- 33.8 KREJJH (Laughing) Optimist Prime over here. (Absolutely doesn't know what Optimus Prime was)
- 33.9 SOUND DOOR OPENS
- 33.10 BRIAN (laughing a little) Yeah, back in a few. (FX: a few steps) Hey Arkady.
- 33.11 ARKADY (Rushed as they pass) *I was never here!*

34.1 BRIAN (Immediately, easily) Okay.

34.2 SOUND DOOR CLOSES

34.3 KREJJH First Mate Patel! How are you?

34.4 ARKADY We're coming up on the ass-end of the witching hour and I'm sweating out of pores I never knew I had, so, y'know. Been better.

34.5 KREJJH And you're hiding from Science Officer Liu.

34.6 ARKADY Who told you that?

34.7 KREJJH Usually you only stop by if you're working, or trying real hard not to be someplace else. Hey, pull up a chair! Can I get you something? Fruit jerky? Tepid water?

34.8 ARKADY Not in the mood for a slumber party, Krejjh.

34.9 KREJJH A slumb...a *party for sleeping*? Okay, I have a ton of follow-up questions.

34.10 ARKADY Forget it, I'll go hang out in the vents again.

36.1 ARKADY CONT'D

And then, a few hours into the coup, General J. Frederick gives that speech, "The new Republic will bring the fight to any planet, any station--" I remember thinking, 'This is what it takes to get us all on the same side. It's a war against space aliens or nothing.' Those early years on special forces, no matter what I did, I never felt like a monster, because the Dwarnians were always worse. And then it all went to shit, and then we picked up you and Brian. And maybe I could say, 'Krejhh left, Krejhh is barely one of them,' but that's bullshit, right? You had friends. And Eejhhgreb's an ass, but you had family. And they had friends, and they had family. And they had friends... You never hurt just one person, you know? It ripples out. And I killed a lot of you.

36.2 KREJHH

(Blurting out.) Well heck, I killed a lot of your guys, too, no hard feelings there. (More careful. Krejhh isn't used to being careful.) And yeah, I lost some folks, but they knew what they were signing up for.

36.3 ARKADY

(Angry) Well, we had *no idea* what we were signing up for.

ARKADY CONT'D OVER

- 37.1 ARKADY CONT'D (More upset than angry now) The Landers came in more prepared than anyone on our side, not that it did us any goddamn good out there. Sana wants me to talk to a professional, but some things you can't make civilians understand.
- 37.4 KREJJH No. You can't.
- 37.3 ARKADY She tries, but the shipyards were not the front. And Jeeter might as well've been living in another dimension.
- 37.4 KREJJH In his defense, Neuzo.
- 37.5 ARKADY Hell, Liu thinks we *won the war*, did you notice that? But you were there. You know.
- 37.8 KREJJH The only reason Dwarnians stopped fighting is because we got bored. The war ran a little longer than expected, and none of our politicians were willing to tweak the defense budget. That's all. And what you guys saw was fifteen percent of our military might. *Maybe*. If the Central Federation really made up their minds to do it, we could crush you in a heartbeat.

41.1 ARKADY (whispering, through gritted teeth): *What are you doing. What are you doing, what are you--*

41.2 KREJJH Boy am I embarrassed, but I seem to have misplaced something important. My fiancée, Crewman Jeeter? Along with a cup of ice he totally still owes me? Gonna advise that you sit tight as I dispatch our very own First Mate Patel to the kitchen to solve this little mystery. So, keep an eye out for that, *crew*, and plan accordingly. Krejjh out. (Comm disconnect sound.) There. Shoe's in her court. See what happens. Ooh, give her a gift! Humans love gifts!

41.3 ARKADY (Footsteps) I've got nothing she'd want.

41.4 KREJJH She's a biologist, she probably likes stuff that's...alive. (A sudden, brilliant idea) Give her your mint plant!

41.5 ARKADY Krejjh? (FX: Door opens) That's the stupidest idea I've ever heard.

41.6 SOUND DOOR CLOSES, TRANSMISSION STATIC

- 43.1 KREJJH CONT'D It's like all the normal rules are-- right there in sight but floating for a sec, suspended like gravity took a breather. There's a word we have where I'm from to describe nights like these, y'know: *Eshalzo*.
- 43.2 BRIAN Yeah, uh, we more or less have that word in English, too.
- 43.3 KREJJH What--
- 43.4 BRIAN "Strange."
- 43.5 KREJJH Oh, right. *Strange*. Strange night. Hey, can you say "jerky"?
- 43.6 BRIAN Jerky.
- 43.7 KREJJH Jerky. Jerky. Juh, why can't I say it like you?
- 43.8 BRIAN On the upside, I promise the untrained human ear absolutely can't hear the difference.
- 43.9 KREJJH I know, that's what makes your accent so cute.
- 43.10 BRIAN Dude, d'you know how hard I studied to try to learn the Dwarnian J?

- 49.1 CAMPBELL I wasn't sure it was related. The mob dumps bodies there all the time. Are you guys okay?
- 49.2 SANA We're fine. Are you sure nothing might've--gotten out.
- 49.3 CAMPBELL Red's always been unorthodox but he's careful. If you're worried something's compromised, I promise you can cross him off the list.
- 49.4 SANA ...it's not a very long list, Campbell.
- 49.5 CAMPBELL Well, who else knew you guys were gonna be on Elion?
- 49.6 SANA Just you.
- 49.7 CAMPBELL ...someone on your ship's been bugged.
- 49.8 SANA No. We scan everyone who comes onboard, including ourselves.
- 49.9 CAMPBELL Then you've been hacked.
- 49.10 SANA Arkady would know.

51.1 CAMPBELL CONT'D

Take someone from three hundred years ago, and they wouldn't begin to comprehend it. So can you tell me there's no alternative here? You needed me for this job in the first place because your IDs were already compromised, how do you know it's not the same breach as before?

51.2 SANA

I don't. Do you know when we started having trouble with those IDs? Because it wasn't that long after you learned we were changing course.

51.3 CAMPBELL

We haven't had a free election here since the coup. I lost ninety percent of my first unit because the IGR saw us as cannon fodder. In what universe would I turn on you for them?

51.4 SANA

I don't think they bought you out, Campbell. I don't think that's possible. But I know you care about a lot of people there. And if someone made you choose between...us and your nephews, or--us and your entire neighborhood--we both know how the IGR operates--I think if you were put in a tight spot, and you had to make that call, it would be really, really hard for you. But I also think, until we are truly cornered, none of us have any way of knowing for sure what we'll do. And we screwed you over.

54.1 SANA (Sana's first reaction here is anger, not fear.)
..how did you get this number.

54.2 RICKY Sana. It is Sana now, right? Sorry, that's gonna
take some getting used to. Sana. You work with
criminals. How hard do you think you are to find?

54.3 SANA You work with the Regime--

54.4 RICKY I work with a lot of people. (Answering her
original question) I talked to the Fowleys. Nice
folks.

54.5 SANA No they're not.

54.6 RICKY (Agreeing instantly, to the point of maybe
overlapping) No, they're not, no. But they were
helpful. I told them it was a business matter,
which, it is. I have an opportunity for you.

54.7 SANA Not interested.

54.8 RICKY You haven't heard my offer yet.

54.9 SANA Don't care.

- 55.1 RICKY I'll tell you who's been betraying you. (He knows he's just won the argument) C'mon, you have to be wondering.
- 55.2 SANA (Trying not to let the first pangs of fear show)
Given that I have *no idea what you mean?*
- 55.3 RICKY C'mon, you're good at a lot of things, but you've always been a terrible liar. You know exactly what I'm talking about. I'm gonna go out on a limb here and say it's all you've been thinking about for days. I'm sure you'd love to blame me, but you realize I couldn't have done it, right? The security boost *and* the IDs? That's the work of somebody close to you. Somebody with access.
- 55.4 SANA Then how do you know about it.
- 55.5 RICKY I work with *a lot of people.*
- 55.6 SANA Well, bad news: you have terrible timing. The leak's already been dealt with.
- 55.7 RICKY Yeah? Who is it? (Pause) If you're a hundred percent sure they've turned on you, screw 'em, right? Throw them to the dogs. What's their name? (Pause.) Yeah, you're not sure.

- 59.1 RICKY I'll send you the coordinates when you're closer. Both for landing, and for our meeting. Oh, and I assume this goes without saying, but come alone, and don't tell anyone about this. I'll know if you do.
- 59.2 SANA Is it near a market?
- 59.3 RICKY Not sure how much time you'll have to go shopping.
- 59.4 SANA (Has been barely containing herself until now) If you know what happened on Elion, you know we had to leave in a hurry, and that means you've probably put together that we are hurting for basic supplies right now. How badly do you need to pull a power play on us?
- 59.5 RICKY Fine. Send me your list, I'll have a courier pick up what you need, hide it near the landing site.
- 59.6 SANA You can take the cost out of what you're paying us for the headphones.
- 59.7 RICKY I assume I can't take the "friends and allies" discount?

61.1 SANA (Talking to herself) You can do this.
(Practicing, agitated) "Hey, so we have an opportunity to land on Hafizah instead of--" No. "Hey guys, good news: I just heard from someone on Hafizah and--" "Good news: I've got a contact on Hafizah willing to take our cargo." (Deep breath. Trying a different delivery) "Good news: I've got a contact on Hafizah willing to take our cargo."

61.2 SOUND FADE OUT AS SANA CONTINUES TO REHEARSE

61.3 AGENT End of transmission. This case is now at Priority Three status.

For more on Krejjh, see file marked Brittony LeFever.

For more on Violet Liu, see file marked Cindy Chu.

For more on Brian Jeeter, see file marked Jamie Price.

For more on Arkady Patel, see file marked Ishani Kanetkar.

For more on Sana Tripathi, see file marked Rukhmani Desai.

Ignatius Campbell has been linked to several other possible aliases, including Fred Smedley and Alexander Cole.

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This is Agent Park, codename Apollo, thanking you for reviewing this report. Thanks to Junior Agent McCabe, codename Andrews, for their help as well. Additional thanks to Agent Bauman and Agent Cross, and to the specialists at Procyon.

We still have no confirmation on the identity of the individual in this transmission who calls himself Ricky. Every detail of his story is unverified, and it goes without saying that he was not the source of our intelligence on Elion. If he is, as Agent Reeve has suggested, the same figure as the Ricky Q mentioned in the previous report, this raises a number of troubling questions. It is unclear how he discovered the existence of Krejjh, the whereabouts of Violet Liu, or the original intended route of the Rumor. Further investigation is required, immediately.

Please note all agents headed towards Rosalind in anticipation of the Rumor landing should now prepare to divert to Hafizah. While the situation is not ideal, if we can reorganize quickly, it may still be possible to intercept the Rumor before any further damage is done. Long live the Republic.