

**STARGATE ATLANTIS**  
**"RUNNER"**  
**EPISODE #203**  
**DIALOGUE CONTINUITY SCRIPT**

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TIMECODE                      DIALOGUE

START TIMECODE 01:00:00:00 AT FIRST FRAME OF PICTURE

**TEASER**

01:00:01:24	LORNE: You know, when they told me I'd be traveling to another galaxy, visiting strange new worlds, defending humanity against unimaginable alien threats, this just is not what I pictured.
01:00:16:27	PARRISH: We could be saving Earth right here, right now, Major.
01:00:20:29	LORNE: Oh, yeah? How's that?
01:00:22:23	PARRISH: Through a greater understanding of the long-term effects of severe ozone depletion on plant life. You may not want to admit it, but it's a real danger.
01:00:33:24	LORNE: Oh, yeah. Sure. Global warming, Wraith attack...I see the similarity now. You're right. Yeah, it's great. Hey, not too far, Doc, okay?
01:00:43:13	PARRISH: Oh, not to worry, Major. I don't think there's much chance any animal could survive long-term effects of exposure to the sunlight on this planet.
01:00:51:27	LORNE: So not a place to build a summer home?

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01:00:54:10

PARRISH: It's the fact this vegetation is thriving.

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01:00:59:15 PARRISH (CONT'D): Somehow, it's managed to persist despite what should be extremely destructive ionizing radiation.

01:01:08:00 PARRISH (CONT'D): Oh, would you look at that? Now, what is a Williamsonia Sewardiana doing here?

01:01:27:24 PARRISH (SHOUTING): Major!

01:01:38:28 LORNE: Doesn't look like the sun killed him.

01:01:41:08 PARRISH (O/S): What do we do?

01:01:45:23 LORNE (INTO COMM): Coughlin, this is Lorne. Any activity?

01:01:48:03 COUGHLIN (V/O OVER COMM): No, Sir.

01:01:49:15 LORNE (INTO COMM): I got a...

01:01:49:23 LORNE (CONT'D O/S): Dead sucker here. Looks K.I.A. No more...

01:01:51:18 LORNE (CONT'D): Than a day old. We're on our way. Come on, Doc. Let's get you back to the gate.

01:01:57:19 PARRISH: I...I don't understand.

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01:01:58:20            LORNE: Well, neither do I. All I know is he didn't do that to himself. Come on, let's go.

**END OF TEASER**

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01:02:44:15            SHEPPARD (V/O): Is the gate covered?

01:02:46:20            LORNE (V/O): Coughlin and Reed, yeah.

01:02:48:15            SHEPPARD: They found a dead Wraith. Shot several times.

01:02:51:21            LORNE: Looked like bullets, but it was hard to say.

01:02:53:14            LORNE (CONT'D O/S): The guy was a mess.

01:02:55:05            TEYLA: The Genni use such weapons.

01:02:56:16            WEIR: Dr. Beckett is performing an autopsy.

01:03:01:06            WEIR (CONT'D): Here he is now.

01:03:02:26            BECKETT (O/S): I'm not done, not nearly but I thought...

01:03:04:12            BECKETT (CONT'D): You might like to know this. The enzyme sac in the right  
arm has been removed.

01:03:09:10            SHEPPARD: Ford.

01:03:03:13:15        MCKAY: What's going on?

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01:03:14:10 SHEPPARD: Thanks for coming, Rodney.

01:03:16:09 MCKAY: I was...I was right in the middle of...

01:03:17:20 WEIR (O/S): P3M-736. They found a dead Wraith...

01:03:20:04 WEIR (CONT'D): That may have been killed by Ford.

01:03:21:27 SHEPPARD: He could still be there.

01:03:24:15 MCKAY (O/S): Wait a minute...

01:03:24:27 MCKAY (CONT'D): 736...the UV index there during the day is like a thousand.

01:03:28:26 SHEPPARD: Bring sunscreen. Be ready in ten minutes.

01:03:34:15 MCKAY: What? I want to get Ford back as much as anyone. Have you seen my complexion?

01:03:38:15 TEYLA: Yes.

01:03:39:04 MCKAY: Yes, it's very fair. Extremely fair.

01:03:46:13 MCKAY (CONT'D): This isn't fair.

01:03:51:20 CALDWELL (O/S): Colonel.

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01:03:53:03            SHEPPARD: Colonel.

01:03:55:00            CALDWELL: Something urgent?

01:03:56:10            SHEPPARD: I think we have a bead on Ford.

01:03:58:00            CALDWELL: So I heard.

01:03:59:00            SHEPPARD: That was fast.

01:04:00:15            CALDWELL: Base protocol dictates all senior officers be notified of situations  
code orange and above.

01:04:04:25            SHEPPARD (O/S): Right. How does that go again? Red, orange, blue...

01:04:08:20            SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Or the other way around? You mind if we go over that  
when I get back?

01:04:11:22            CALDWELL: Colonel.

01:04:12:10            SHEPPARD: Look, you don't have to remind me of our respective positions or that  
you outrank me, Sir.

01:04:15:20            CALDWELL: I was wondering if I needed to remind you...



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01:04:16:27 CALDWELL (CONT'D): Lieutenant Ford is a significant threat to the security of this base.

01:04:19:01 SHEPPARD: He's also a friend in need.

01:04:20:12 CALDWELL: His condition forces him to seek out the Wraith. If he's caught, he would compromise—

01:04:23:00 SHEPPARD (INTERRUPTING): Look, I'm going to find him and I'm going to bring him back.

01:04:26:04 CALDWELL (O/S): According to Dr...

01:04:26:14 CALDWELL (CONT'D): Beckett's report, there may not be anything that can be done to help him.

01:04:34:23 SHEPPARD: With all due respect, Sir, I hope you're not saying what I think you're saying.

01:04:37:21 CALDWELL: Lieutenant Ford has already proven resourceful enough to penetrate security and escape the city.

01:04:42:26 CALDWELL (CONT'D): I am saying if you encounter him and there is any chance whatsoever...

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01:04:46:07 CALDWELL (CONT'D): That his capture might prove elusive, you are duty-bound to eliminate the threat.

01:04:56:10 CALDWELL (CONT'D): Lieutenant Ford may have been your friend.

01:04:55:07 CALDWELL (CONT'D) But he's not anymore. I know you understand. You'll do what's right. You didn't seem to have a problem with mercy when it came to Colonel Sumner.

01:05:08:06 CALDWELL (CONT'D): Dismissed.

01:05:43:10 SHEPPARD: Life-signs detector is useless.

01:05:45:03 MCKAY: I told you so.

01:05:46:03 SHEPPARD: Just preserving your streak of being right. Officially.

01:05:49:04 MCKAY: Dr. Parrish believes that the indigenous plant life retains enough residual radioactivity absorbed during the daylight to, um, well, to screw up our sensors.

01:05:57:21 SHEPPARD: Making it the perfect place to hide.

01:05:29:25 MCKAY (O/S): Yes...

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01:06:00:06 MCKAY (CONT'D): Or the perfect place to be exposed to dangerously high levels of solar radiation.

01:06:07:10 LORNE: Any activity while we were gone?

01:06:08:22 REED: No, Sir.

01:06:11:05 SHEPPARD: Let's start a sweep. Teams of two. Radio contact every 20 minutes.  
How come it smells like I'm on vacation?

01:06:18:20 MCKAY: Could it be the simulated tropical aroma of cocoa butter?

01:06:22:09 SHEPPARD: Strong enough for anyone within five miles to smell you.

01:06:24:15 MCKAY: Like they haven't been tipped off by the Aqua Velva?

01:06:26:09 SHEPPARD: It's dark.

01:06:28:15 MCKAY: Yeah, well, the sun will be up in two hours, 43 minutes, and...10 seconds.

01:06:33:10 SHEPPARD: It's raining.

01:06:35:20 MCKAY (O/S): So we'll be cold and miserable.

01:06:36:20 MCKAY (CONT'D): Look, cloud cover will depreciate a small percentage of UV

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rays, but 95% of deadly is still deadly.

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01:06:43:00 LORNE: Dr. Parrish said a day or two of exposure wasn't going to kill us.

01:06:45:15 MCKAY: Oh, yes, and Dr. Parrish has a PhD in what? Right. Botany.

01:06:49:16 SHEPPARD: Teyla, you're with me, Coughlin, take Billick, Reed, you and  
Sherman cover the gate, and Major, you've got Mckay.

01:06:55:26 LORNE: Oh, lucky me.

01:06:57:25 MCKAY: Here. Try some. SPF 100.

01:06:59:20 LORNE: A hundred?

01:07:00:15 MCKAY: You can't buy this kind of protection. I make it myself. Waterproof, too.

01:07:03:05 LORNE: Great.

01:07:19:04 SHEPPARD: Do you have any idea what a lone Wraith would be doing here  
around here on foot?

01:07:21:18 TEYLA: No. It is unusual. Perhaps Lieutenant Ford was able to lure him through  
the gate.

01:07:36:20 TEYLA (CONT'D): It looks as if someone might have headed off in this direction.

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01:07:43:25            MCKAY: So exactly what kind of special training do you guys have to go through to get this sort of mission?

01:07:48:22            LORNE: "You guys"?

01:07:49:28            MCKAY: Yeah, you know--Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines. It's a great place to start.

01:07:55:01            LORNE: And by this mission, you mean hunting down a skilled weapons expert hopped up on Wraith drugs in the pitch black of an alien planet?

01:08:01:14            MCKAY: Yes.

01:08:02:15            LORNE: Actually, I skipped that course in major school.

01:08:05:08            MCKAY: Yeah, I was afraid of that.

01:08:07:20            LORNE (O/S): I was hoping Lieutenant Ford might recognize...

01:08:09:04            LORNE (CONT'D): A friendly face and just turn himself in.

01:08:11:28            MCKAY: What, you mean me?

01:08:13:08            LORNE: Well, you were friends, weren't you?

01:08:16:00            MCKAY (O/S): Oh yeah.

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01:08:16:08 MCKAY (CONT'D): When we weren't out on harrowing missions, we used to hang out together. I'd share my dreams of a self-sustaining fusion.

01:08:21:29 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): He would talk of how you could sever a man's torso with a P-90.

01:08:24:17 MCKAY (CONT'D): What, that means "quiet," right?

01:08:26:04 LORNE: Get down, get down, get down.

01:08:27:12 MCKAY: What? What?

01:08:31:04 LORNE: I thought I saw something move.

01:08:38:26 SHEPPARD: What is it?

01:08:40:29 TEYLA: I heard something.

01:08:44:09 SHEPPARD: Ford? Is that you? It's John.

01:08:51:04 TEYLA: Aiden, listen to me.

01:08:53:12 TEYLA (CONT'D): We want to help you. Please. Just come out.

01:08:57:11 TEYLA (CONT'D): We only want to talk.

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01:09:08:17 MCKAY (WHISPERING): What?

01:09:09:06 LORNE (WHISPERING): Say something.

01:09:10:29 MCKAY: What?

01:09:12:19 LORNE: Talk to him.

01:09:14:09 MCKAY: What if it's not him?

01:09:18:08 MCKAY: Ford? You there? It's your...best friend Rodney.

01:09:25:01 MCKAY (CONT'D): Rodney McKay. Everyone...misses you back at Atlantis, and  
Dr. Beckett's figured out a way to help you, so you've just got to trust me  
and--

01:09:39:12 LORNE (INTO COMM): Colonel Sheppard, it's Major Lorne. In pursuit of suspect.

01:09:42:12 SHEPPARD (INTO COMM): What? So are we.

01:09:44:07 SHEPPARD (OVER COMM CONT'D V/O): Where are you?

01:09:45:15 LORNE (V/O OVER COMM): We're two clicks south of the Stargate.

01:09:46:26 LORNE (V/O OVER COMM CONT'D): Where are you?



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01:09:58:04

MCKAY: What is it?

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01:09:59:11            LORNE: I lost him.

01:10:02:15            LORNE (INTO COMM): Colonel Sheppard...

01:10:03:19            SHEPPARD (INTO COMM): Stand by. Teyla's been hit.

01:10:10:23            (GASPS)

01:10:13:16            LORNE (INTO COMM): Colonel Sheppard, say again. What's your position?

Colonel Sheppard, please respond. Colonel Sheppard, come in, please.

Colonel Sheppard.

**END OF ACT ONE**

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01:10:50:15 LORNE (V/O): We haven't heard from them since...

01:10:52:09 LORNE (V/O CONT'D OVER RADIO): 26:30 Atlantis Standard Time.

01:10:54:06 WEIR: I know the life signs detector doesn't work there, Major, but can you use  
the Jumper to search from the air?

01:10:59:09 LORNE (V/O OVER RADIO): No, ma'am. The foliage is far too dense for that.

01:11:02:09 WEIR: I'll send another team to assist.

01:11:04:08 LORNE: Well, anyone you could spare would be great.

01:11:06:04 WEIR (V/O RADIO): Anything else you need?

01:11:08:10 MCKAY: Elizabeth, it's Rodney. Yes, hi. There are four class one radiation suits in  
med lab storage. We'll need them all. What? Look, I know there's not  
enough for us all, but we can...take turns.

01:11:20:14 WEIR: Any sign of Lieutenant Ford yet?

01:11:22:07 LORNE (V/O OVER RADIO): Uh, no, Ma'am. Not that we can confirm. The fact is,  
we don't even know if this is Lieutenant Ford we're dealing with.

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01:12:01:01 SHEPPARD: Ford?

01:12:10:29                   TEYLA: Colonel?

01:12:12:11 SHEPPARD: You okay?

01:12:14:09 TEYLA: My head is pounding. Where are we?

01:12:19:00 SHEPPARD: I don't know, but I was just about to ask him.

01:12:29:15 SHEPPARD: You might want to be careful where you point that thing. Looks like you got the safety off.

01:12:39:11 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): Okay.

01:12:41:18 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Be that way, but my guess is if you wanted us dead, we'd be dead right now, so why don't you tell us who you are and what you want?

01:12:51:20 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): All right, I'll go first. I'm Lieutenant Colonel John Sheppard.

01:12:56:26           TEYLA: I am Teyla Emmagan.

01:12:59:11                   RONON: Colonel...

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01:13:01:15            SHEPPARD (O/S): It's my rank.

01:13:02:23 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Military designation.

01:13:04:23 RONON: Specialist Ronon Dex.

01:13:08:05 SHEPPARD: That's you?

01:13:10:02 RONON: Name and rank.

01:13:17:05 SHEPPARD: Military?

01:13:22:14 RONON: I used to be.

01:13:25:05 (GUNFIRE)

01:13:28:04 (GUNSHOT)

01:13:30:06 RONON: Go! Move, move, move!

01:13:38:17 RONON: It was a long time ago.

01:13:42:00 SHEPPARD: And now?

01:13:46:24 RONON: Now I'm deciding whether to kill you and your friends.

01:13:58:22 LORNE: Okay, listen up. I want regular radio contact. Report anything unusual,  
and I'm talking anything unusual at all. All right, move out.

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01:14:07:21 MCKAY: Hey, wait, aren't any of them going to...okay, that--that's just reckless.  
There are four suits.

01:14:14:16 LORNE: Not exactly designed for moving through dense brush and rough terrain,  
not to mention possible combat, huh?

01:14:19:19 MCKAY: No, but by my calculations, we've been exposed to 327 millisieverts  
since the sun came up. May not sound like much to you, but...

01:14:27:20 MCKAY (CONT'D): I've been keeping a running tally of my lifetime exposure to  
radiation--X-rays, cellphones, plane rides...

01:14:34:02 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): That whole unfortunate Genii nuclear reactor thing. My  
God, last week, we flew dangerously close to the corona of a sun.

01:14:40:29 MCKAY (CONT'D): As it is, I may have to forego reproducing.

01:14:43:19 LORNE: Yeah, that's funny. I was just...

01:14:46:05 LORNE (CONT'D): Thinking that might be wise.

01:14:59:26 SHEPPARD (O/S): Look...

01:15:01:00 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): The men guarding the Stargate are highly trained soldiers  
armed with...

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01:15:04:22 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): Deadly weapons.

01:15:06:05      RONON: Stargate?

01:15:07:09 SHEPPARD: Stargate. Big circle thing.

01:15:09:25 RONON: I've always known it as the "Ring of the Ancestors." No matter. I have to make it through.

01:15:17:14 SHEPPARD: Look, we didn't come here looking for trouble...

01:15:20:20 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): And the whole killing thing is really unnecessary.

01:15:23:01 RONON: If your friends try to stop me--

01:15:24:06 SHEPPARD (INTERRUPTING O/S): They won't...

01:15:25:16 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): If I tell them not to. Untie us. We'll all go to the gate together...

01:15:31:22 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): And you can be on your way.

01:15:34:21      RONON: Why should I trust you?

01:15:38:21 SHEPPARD: That's a good question. Teyla, why should he trust us?



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01:15:45:22           TEYLA: We mean you no harm. We are only here searching for a friend.

01:15:57:24           (GUNFIRE)

01:16:08:00           FORD: Drop it.

01:16:17:01           (WRAITH GRUNTS)

01:16:19:23           (GUNFIRE)

01:16:52:09           RONON: I saw him. Your friend.

01:16:55:09           SHEPPARD: Where? When?

01:16:58:02           RONON: He killed a Wraith who was hunting me.

01:17:01:04           SHEPPARD: Hunting you?

01:17:04:13           RONON: Why are you looking for him?

01:17:06:14           TEYLA: His name is Aiden Ford, and he is sick.

01:17:09:01           TEYLA (CONT'D O/S): He needs our help.

01:17:15:05           RONON: I thought he'd been in the sun too long.

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01:17:16:22 RONON (O/S): It can make you sick here.

01:17:19:10 SHEPPARD: We know that, and that may be true, but that's not all...

01:17:24:14 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): That's wrong with him.

01:17:26:17 RONON: Then why is he running from you?

01:17:27:20 SHEPPARD: Well, he's not, exactly.

01:17:29:15 RONON: What is he doing...exactly?

01:17:36:06 SHEPPARD: It's complicated.

01:17:38:00 RONON: You can do better than that.

01:17:46:16 LORNE (INTO COMM): Colonel Sheppard? Teyla? This is Major Lorne. Do you  
read?

01:17:54:08 MCKAY: It's so hot.

01:17:55:16 LORNE: Oh, come on. Step it up, McKay, would you?

01:17:58:17 MCKAY: I am moving as fast as I can. I'm very hot. Aren't you hot?

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01:18:03:08            LORNE: Actually, I'm quite comfortable, but I'm not wearing a 50-pound rubber suit, am I?

01:18:08:10            MCKAY: I can't breathe. I've got to stop. Sweet relief. I think the fumes from the sunblock were making me dizzy.

01:18:21:22            MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): I got to...just, uh...

01:18:24:12            MCKAY (CONT'D): Rest here.

01:18:30:03            LORNE: Unbelievable.

01:18:31:26            SHEPPARD: The Wraith was feeding on him.

01:18:34:02            SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): Apparently, they inject some sort of drug into you when they feed.

01:18:38:08            (WRAITH GRUNTS)

01:18:46:25            SHEPPARD (O/S): He killed the Wraith...got an overdose...

01:18:49:22            SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Of the drug. It kind of messed him up.

01:18:53:11            TEYLA: But we think we can help him if we can find him.

01:18:56:07            (STATIC CRACKLING ON RADIO)

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01:19:00:20           RONON: What is that?

01:19:01:29 SHEPPARD: Radios.

01:19:03:11           TEYLA: Communication devices.

01:19:05:12 SHEPPARD: Our people are trying to contact...

01:19:06:24 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): Us. The cave must be causing some interference  
with the signal.

01:19:16:03 SHEPPARD: What the hell are you doing?

01:19:18:07      TEYLA: Getting my hand free.

01:19:20:26 SHEPPARD: Doesn't feel that way.

01:19:24:02 LORNE: Okay, you've had your fresh air. Come on, let's go.

01:19:28:15 MCKAY: Well, shouldn't we be headed back? I mean, it's been half an hour.

01:19:30:15 LORNE: It's been 15 minutes.

01:19:32:02 MCKAY: Oh, really? I thought--it feels longer.

01:19:35:26 LORNE: Wow, you must really be some kind of genius.

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01:19:37:23 MCKAY: Well, as a matter of fact, I, um...wait a minute. See, why would you say that now?

01:19:43:27 LORNE: Something has to have kept Colonel Sheppard from shooting you all this time.

01:19:46:21 MCKAY: Yeah, yeah, like I didn't see that one coming.

01:19:50:20 (GRUNT)

01:19:52:05 MCKAY (INTO COMM): Mayday! Mayday! We are under attack. Lorne's been hit.  
I repeat, we are under Wraith attack!

01:20:00:28 FORD: Will you relax, McKay?

01:20:04:01 MCKAY: Ford.

01:20:05:05 FORD (O/S): How about you drop your gun?

01:20:06:12 FORD (CONT'D): I know what you're like with weapons. I wouldn't want it accidentally going off while it's pointed at me.

01:20:13:21 MCKAY: Right.

01:20:17:12 FORD: Good. Now you and me can catch up.

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01:20:26:18 REED (V/O OVER RADIO): Dr. McKay, what is your position?

01:20:28:00 REED (V/O OVER RADIO CONT'D): Please respond.

01:20:29:20 REED (V/O OVER RADIO CONT'D): Major Lorne, come in--

01:20:33:26 FORD (O/S): Let's go.

01:20:36:17 MCKAY: We can't leave...

01:20:37:03 MCKAY (CONT'D): Major Lorne.

01:20:38:12 FORD: He'll be fine.

01:20:39:17 MCKAY: No, I--

01:20:46:03 MCKAY: You know that the sunlight on this planet is kind of dangerous.

01:20:49:00 FORD: Not for me.

01:20:50:14 MCKAY: Well, actually—

01:20:51:14 FORD (INTERRUPTING): Listen, McKay...

01:20:52:15 FORD (CONT'D): You guys all think I'm crazy or something--

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01:20:54:00 MCKAY (INTERRUPTING): No, no one thinks that.

01:20:55:12 FORD: Sure. Here's the thing--I'm not just fine. I'm better than fine.

01:20:59:10 FORD (CONT'D): Really. This is the best thing...

01:21:01:09 FORD (CONT'D): That ever happened to me.

01:21:03:04 MCKAY: Well, good. Good for you.

01:21:05:11 FORD: I can prove it. You just have to give me the chance to prove it.

01:21:08:01 MCKAY: Sure. Let's, um...let's head back to the Jumper--

01:21:10:29 FORD: No way. First, I'm going to prove to you...

01:21:13:05 FORD (CONT'D): That I'm okay, that things are better this way, and then you can  
go back and tell the others, and then they'll let me come back.

01:21:18:01 MCKAY: You can come back to Atlantis right now. Dr. Beckett is—

01:21:20:25 FORD (INTERRUPTING): No.

01:21:21:12 FORD (CONT'D): First we have to save Major Sheppard and Teyla.

01:21:23:19 MCKAY: You know where they are?

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01:21:25:14            FORD: Yeah.

01:21:28:01            MCKAY: Which way did you--

01:21:32:19            FORD: So obviously the Wraith didn't destroy Atlantis. Anything else happen  
since I've been gone?

01:21:37:07            MCKAY: Uh, Major Sheppard got promoted to Lieutenant Colonel Sheppard.

01:21:40:08            FORD: Really?

01:21:41:08            MCKAY: Yeah.

01:21:41:15            FORD: Good for him.

01:21:43:29            MCKAY: Yeah.

**END OF ACT TWO**



**ACT THREE**

01:22:03:27 (GUN COCKING)

01:22:08:05 SHEPPARD: Keep your hands where I can see them.

01:22:18:03 RONON: I told you I have to get through the ring.

01:22:19:28 SHEPPARD: Why?

01:22:20:28 RONON: Because the Wraith are coming.

01:22:21:09 SHEPPARD: How do you know?

01:22:22:13 RONON: I know. They're hunting me.

01:22:24:08 SHEPPARD: Join the club.

01:22:27:07 TEYLA: You are a Runner.

01:22:31:01 TEYLA (CONT'D): I have heard stories, but...

01:22:33:18 SHEPPARD: What's a Runner?

01:22:38:10 RONON: I was captured during a culling on my planet. I was taken to a ship. A  
Wraith started to feed on me.

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01:22:44:03 (WRAITH GROWLS)

01:22:48:19 RONON: Something made him stop.

01:22:54:29 (YELPS)

01:23:08:25 RONON (V/O): They operated on me...

01:23:09:13 RONON (CONT'D): Put some sort of tracking device in my back, and released  
me.

01:23:19:24 RONON (CONT'D): They hunted me.

01:23:27:26 RONON (CONT'D): I hunted them back. I've been running ever since.

01:23:33:25 SHEPPARD: Don't do it. Like I said, we're not here to get in your way.

01:23:38:20 RONON: That's good.

01:23:41:10 (GUNFIRE)

01:23:48:15 RONON: You're lucky I had that set to stun.

01:23:53:26 MCKAY (O/S): You sure this is the right way?

01:23:54:29 FORD (O/S): Yeah, I'm sure. Keep moving.



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01:23:56:02            MCKAY: And you say this guy has them?

01:23:57:05            FORD: Yeah.

01:23:58:05            MCKAY: What guy?

01:23:59:05            FORD: I don't know. "What guy..." A guy. Look, I was on a Wraith planet. Uh,  
                              P3X...P3X-447? 447? I know the address.

01:24:09:29            MCKAY: And there are Wraith there?

01:24:11:10            FORD: Yeah. A whole hive ship. Anyway, I was scouting the place out, looking for  
                              the best way in so I could kill a couple.

01:24:18:17            MCKAY: For the enzyme?

01:24:19:17            FORD: Exactly. McKay, I'm telling you, it's the key to defeating them. We could  
                              create a whole army of supermen like me.

01:24:25:04            MCKAY: You were saying?

01:24:26:04            FORD: What?

01:24:26:10            MCKAY: About the guy.

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01:24:28:00            FORD: Right. So this one Wraith, armed to the teeth, comes walking towards the gate. I figured one Wraith by himself is easy pickins, so I followed him here to this planet. Anyway, I think he was looking for the guy.

01:24:40:25            MCKAY: How do you know?

01:24:47:19            FORD: Well, he was running from the Wraith when I killed the sucker.

01:24:50:19            MCKAY: Okay, so what does the guy want with Sheppard and Teyla?

01:24:54:06            FORD: I don't know, but when I save them, you'll find out.

01:25:00:10            SHEPPARD: Look, you want to go through the gate, go. Give me my radio, and I'll order my men not to stop you.

01:25:08:13            RONON: You can tell them in person. I'm taking you with me.

01:25:11:09            SHEPPARD: You know, there's a chance we could help you.

01:25:14:02            RONON: How?

01:25:15:02            SHEPPARD (O/S): We know a pretty good...

01:25:16:00            SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Doctor. Maybe he could take that tracking device out of you.

01:25:18:13 RONON: You think I haven't tried?

01:25:20:02 SHEPPARD: Suit yourself.

01:25:27:29 RONON: Why would you do that?

01:25:29:12 SHEPPARD: Because I'm a nice guy. Look, I told you, you hate the Wraith, we  
hate the Wraith. It's something we all have in common. We just want our  
friend back.

01:25:41:14 RONON: You get this tracking device out of me, I'll get your friend back for you.

01:25:45:08 SHEPPARD: Okay. Good. It's a deal.

01:25:59:29 REED: Major.

01:26:05:14 SHEPPARD: Where's Lorne?

01:26:06:17 REED: He's inside, Sir.

01:26:07:21 SHEPPARD: What happened to you?

01:26:09:00 LORNE: I got hit by a Wraith blaster looking for you. Now McKay's missing.

01:26:12:21 SHEPPARD: Great.

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01:26:13:22            LORNE: What about Teyla?

01:26:14:22            SHEPPARD: Long story. You can listen to it when I tell Dr. Weir.

01:26:21:10            BECKETT: This is a joke, right?

01:26:22:22            WEIR: I'm afraid not.

01:26:24:00            BECKETT: You want me to go to an alien planet and perform surgery on an  
   armed man holding Teyla hostage?

01:26:28:27            WEIR (O/S): Yeah, something like that...

01:26:30:04            WEIR (CONT'D): And apparently, you don't have much time.

01:26:32:11            WEIR (CONT'D O/S): The Wraith could show up any minute.

01:26:34:12            BECKETT: Oh, it's getting better all the time. Have they found Lieutenant Ford  
   yet?

01:26:39:10            WEIR: No. I haven't told you about McKay yet either.

01:26:42:29            WEIR (CONT'D O/S): Come on, pack up what you need.

01:26:45:24            BECKETT: I don't think an operating room and a bloody army will fit through the  
   gate.





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01:26:57:20            FORD: Why are you stopping?

01:26:59:01            MCKAY: Because I am tired, and you have no idea where you're going.

01:27:02:08            FORD: How do you know?

01:27:04:21            MCKAY: We've been walking around in circles for hours.

01:27:06:13            FORD: So that's it?

01:27:07:18            FORD (CONT'D): You just give up? Is that it? That's what you do, isn't it? You  
   just--you give up on your friends when they need you most.

01:27:13:00            MCKAY (O/S): No one's...

01:27:13:11            MCKAY (CONT'D): No one's given up on you, Ford. We want to help you.

01:27:15:10            FORD (SHOUTING): I'm talking about...

01:27:15:18            FORD (CONT'D): Major Sheppard and Teyla.

01:27:16:27            MCKAY: Lieutenant Colonel Sheppard.

01:27:18:16            FORD (SHOUTING): Oh, right. Lieutenant Colonel. So Ford's lost it. Ford's all  
   crazy. Ford can't even remember a simple little thing.

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01:27:23:22 MCKAY: Hey, I never said that, although the fact that you keep referring to yourself in the third person does indicate clinical dissociation.

01:27:28:19 FORD (SHOUTING): You don't even know what a friend is, do you, McKay?

01:27:30:26 FORD (CONT'D): All you care about is yourself.

01:27:32:06 MCKAY: Will you relax? I just--

01:27:33:12 FORD (INTERRUPTING): You relax. You're pathetic. You're always making fun of me. You want to play a game of "pick on Ford"? I could shoot you...

01:27:38:13 FORD (CONT'D): And leave you here to die.

01:27:39:14 MCKAY: Shoot me? When did this escalate to physical violence?

01:27:41:20 FORD: You're the one...

01:27:41:28 FORD (CONT'D): Who thinks I'm nuts! I'm capable of anything. I could go off at any time!

01:27:45:16 MCKAY (SHOUTING): All right, you want to shoot me, shoot me. Fine. I don't care. It'll just save me from suffering one of the many horribly painful deaths I am in line for from having been exposed to this much radiation, and quite frankly, it'll prove just how far gone you are.

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01:27:55:07            MCKAY (CONT'D): Now, I'm heading back to the Jumper, and you're welcome to  
                                 join me!

01:27:58:07            (GUNFIRE)

01:28:01:10            MCKAY: Are you crazy? You could have killed me!

01:28:04:08            FORD: I'm sorry.

01:28:08:15            FORD (CONT'D): Look, you don't know what it's like, almost dying like I did,  
                                 having your friends turn on you, no one trusts you...I'm out here all alone.

01:28:15:22            MCKAY: You don't have to be alone, Ford. Look, this drug is messing with your  
                                 head.

01:28:21:03            MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Come back to the Jumper with me...

01:28:23:26            MCKAY (CONT'D): We'll go back to Atlantis, and Dr. Beckett may even be able to  
                                 figure out a way for you to keep all your new super powers.

01:28:30:09            FORD: You think?

01:28:31:18            MCKAY: Sure, why not?

01:28:35:06            FORD: First we've got to save Colonel Sheppard and Teyla.

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01:28:36:24            MCKAY (O/S): No, no, wait--

01:28:37:24            FORD (INTERRUPTING): No, that'll prove that I'm okay.

01:28:40:14            FORD (CONT'D): You go back to the Jumper. I'll meet you there.

01:28:42:18            MCKAY: Ford! No!

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## ACT FOUR

01:29:05:23 TEYLA: This is not necessary, you know.

01:29:11:07 TEYLA (CONT'D): How long have you been on the run?

01:29:14:03                   RONON: Seven years.

01:29:16:08 TEYLA: And you've been on your own all that time?

01:29:19:12      RONON: Not much choice.

01:29:21:11      TEYLA: Afraid of bringing the Wraith down on anyone you were with.

01:29:27:08 RONON: Can't go home. Can't stay in one place for too long.

01:29:34:12 TEYLA: Why do you think they do it?

01:29:36:22 RONON: I don't know. Sport. Training. To learn how we fight. Measure our will to survive.

01:29:48:25 RONON (CONT'D O/S): You said, uh...

01:29:51:16 RONON (CONT'D): You heard stories...

01:29:54:12 RONON (CONT'D O/S): About others like me.

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01:29:56:03           TEYLA: Yes, I've heard of Runners my whole life, but I've never met one. I did not even believe it was true.

01:30:03:24           RONON: One time I accidentally came across a planet with a village near the ring.

01:30:08:17           TEYLA: What happened?

01:30:10:13           RONON (O/S): I stayed.

01:30:11:26           RONON (CONT'D): One night. Ate a real meal for a change.

01:30:15:20           RONON (CONT'D O/S): Left right away the next day.

01:30:19:01           RONON (CONT'D): Didn't matter. I later heard...the whole village...

01:30:30:06           SHEPPARD (V/O OVER RADIO): Teyla, this is Sheppard. Come in.

01:30:39:03           TEYLA (INTO RADIO): Go ahead, Colonel.

01:30:40:18           SHEPPARD (V/O OVER RADIO): You okay?

01:30:41:27           TEYLA (INTO RADIO): Yes, we are fine.

01:30:43:09           SHEPPARD (V/O OVER RADIO): I'm here with Dr. Beckett. He's coming in.

01:30:45:17           RONON: Unarmed.

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01:30:48:03           TEYLA (INTO RADIO): Ronon would like me to remind you that Dr. Beckett remain unarmed.

01:30:58:19           SHEPPARD (WHISPERING): All right, for what it's worth, I'd never send you in there if I thought the guy was going to hurt you.

01:31:04:18           BECKETT (WHISPERING): Is that opinion based on some sort of evidence, or is it just a gut feeling that this gentleman isn't dangerous?

01:31:10:12           SHEPPARD (WHISPERING): I didn't say he wasn't dangerous. He could probably kill you in the blink of an eye. I don't think he will.

01:31:17:05           BECKETT (WHISPERING): Well, thank you. I feel much better now.

01:31:19:09           SHEPPARD (WHISPERING): You ever heard of Androcles and the lion?

01:31:22:18           BECKETT (WHISPERING): Aye, and who are you in this retelling? The Romans?

01:31:25:26           SHEPPARD (WHISPERING): I'll be right up there. Go.

01:31:41:05           BECKETT: Hello. I normally don't make house calls like this, but then again, this isn't really a house, is it?

01:31:48:12           RONON: What's in the case, Doc?

01:31:49:28           BECKETT: Surgical implements, diagnostic tools, various drugs--

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01:31:53:04 BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): Analgesics, antibiotics...

01:31:54:13 RONON: What?

01:31:55:26 TEYLA: Ronon, Dr. Carson Beckett.

01:31:58:10 TEYLA (CONT'D): Dr. Beckett, Ronon.

01:32:00:28 BECKETT: Pleasure. I understand you have some sort of a transmitter in your  
back. Well, have a seat. Off with your shirt. Let's have a look.

01:32:11:29 RONON: Little help?

01:32:31:09 BECKETT: My God. Tell me you didn't try to cut this thing out yourself.

01:32:34:29 RONON: Yeah, I tried once with a mirror. Couldn't quite reach.

01:32:37:17 RONON (CONT'D): Most of it's from two different doctors.

01:32:40:09 BECKETT: No one I know who calls himself a doctor would do this.

01:32:57:18 RONON: Is that Ancestor technology?

01:33:00:25 BECKETT (O/S): That it is.



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01:33:07:14           BECKETT (CONT'D): Son, you're going to have to put that weapon down and lie down.

01:33:09:29           RONON: Not a chance.

01:33:11:20           BECKETT: Now, you listen to me. I've located the transmitter. It's in the soft tissue next to the second thoracic vertebra.

01:33:16:13           RONON: Good. Cut it out.

01:33:18:03           BECKETT: I can't do that with you sitting up like this, and I'm going to have to give you some anesthetic to make you sleep.

01:33:21:19           RONON: No, you're not.

01:33:22:22           BECKETT: Excuse me?

01:33:23:28           TEYLA: Ronon, you need to trust us.

01:33:25:19           RONON: I do. That's why he's here and you're still alive.

01:33:30:12           RONON (CONT'D): Now, get to work, Doc.

01:33:35:13           MCKAY: Look, if you'd just turn on your radio, we could hear what's happening.  
The others must have called for backup by now. Maybe Sheppard and Teyla don't even need rescuing anymore. Ow!

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01:33:47:22            FORD: Shh.

01:33:48:22            MCKAY: Ow.

01:33:51:26            FORD: Someone's coming.

01:33:53:13            MCKAY: What do I need this for?

01:34:03:01            BECKETT: Okay, I'm ready. Look, I just want to say one last time...

01:34:06:13            BECKETT (CONT'D O/S): I really don't think this is a good idea. I'm going to be  
                                 cutting...

01:34:08:19            BECKETT (CONT'D): Very close to your spinal column here. If you were to  
                                 flinch—

01:34:10:11            RONON (INTERRUPTING): I won't flinch.

01:34:14:06            BECKETT: Okay. Here we go.

01:34:22:03            (INSTRUMENTS CLINKING)

01:34:30:06            (WINCES)

01:34:52:10            BECKETT: I think I've got it.

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01:35:23:27

MCKAY: Don't shoot!

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01:35:25:06 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): It's just me!

01:35:28:09 (GUNFIRE)

01:35:32:29 FORD: What the hell are you doing, McKay?

01:35:34:12 MCKAY: What the hell am I doing? What the hell are you doing? Those are our  
guys!

01:35:39:14 FORD: I can't trust them.

01:35:40:22 MCKAY: Oh, that's it. Yeah, I've had it. Drop your weapons now!

01:35:45:01 (LAUGHS)

01:35:46:24 FORD: You're going to shoot me?

01:35:48:17 MCKAY: I will if I have to. Ford, I'm taking you in. Look, you may not believe this,  
but it's for your own good.

01:35:59:22 (GUNSHOT)

01:36:09:23 MCKAY: Oh, boy.

01:36:18:24 BECKETT: I'm quite certain I've disabled the device.

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01:36:24:05      TEYLA: It may be too late.

01:36:25:22 SHEPPARD: We know at least one Wraith tracked Ronon here. I'm going to go look for McKay and Ford.

01:36:30:14 TEYLA: Yes, we will be fine.

01:36:32:01 BECKETT: Now that the lion's passed out cold.

01:36:33:12 SHEPPARD: I'm going to pick you up with the Jumper as soon as--

01:36:36:02 (GUNFIRE)

01:36:40:10 MCKAY: Help me! Help me!

01:36:42:10 (GUNFIRE)

01:36:46:00 (SCREAMING)

01:36:50:05 LORNE: To the Jumper! Now!

01:36:56:16 LORNE (CONT'D INTO RADIO): Colonel Sheppard, we got gate activity.

01:37:04:24 LORNE (CONT'D V/O OVER RADIO): Three Wraith darts just came through.

01:37:06:28 SHEPPARD: Great.

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01:37:08:17           TEYLA: We should head back inside.

01:37:21:09           TEYLA: He went through there.

01:37:31:07           MCKAY: You've got to be kidding me!

**END OF ACT FOUR**

**ACT FIVE**

01:37:53:19           TEYLA (V/O OVER COMM): Colonel, Ronon is gone. There's another way out of the cave.

01:37:57:15           SHEPPARD (INTO COMM): Get back to the Jumper.

01:38:03:28           FORD: Well, look at you.

01:38:05:24           MCKAY: Yes, look at me. It's funny, huh? Did you set this up? That's clever.

01:38:12:22           FORD: Wasn't me.

01:38:13:23           MCKAY: No, huh?

01:38:14:24           MCKAY (CONT'D): Well, I'm glad we can both...still laugh about this together. Ha, ha. How about cutting me down now?

01:38:23:04           FORD: No, I think I'm still going to kill you.

01:38:26:08           MCKAY: What? What do you mean, "still"? When did this escalate to killing?

01:38:29:03           FORD: When you shot me.

01:38:30:11           MCKAY: It's a flesh wound! I knew it wasn't going to hurt you! You're--you're SuperFord...

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01:38:33:28            MCKAY: Remember?

01:38:34:28            FORD: You tried to kill me!

01:38:35:14            MCKAY: Wait!

01:38:36:28            MCKAY (CONT'D): You can't kill an unarmed upside-down man!

01:38:41:23            (SCREAMING)

01:38:43:08            (GUNFIRE)

01:38:48:26            (GRUNTING)

01:39:27:10            (SCREAMING)

01:39:39:12            SHEPPARD: Lieutenant!

01:39:43:14            SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Don't.

01:39:52:23            SHEPPARD: Ford!

01:40:00:07            MCKAY: Hi.

01:40:01:11            MCKAY (CONT'D): It's Dr. Rodney McKay.



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01:40:03:28 MCKAY (CONT'D): Could you, um...get me down, please?

01:40:17:10 (DARTS FLYING OVERHEAD)

01:40:17:00 SHEPPARD: Ford!

01:40:20:19 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Keep your hands where I can see them.

01:40:25:10 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): We want to help.

01:40:34:25 (GUNSHOT)

01:40:40:16 SHEPPARD: You're not getting off this planet.

01:40:48:02 FORD: I'll show you.

01:40:51:23 FORD (CONT'D): You'll see!

01:41:06:16 SHEPPARD: After they scooped up Ford, the darts made a beeline for the gate.  
We tried to stop them, but...

01:41:10:19 CALDWELL: You had him in your sights, and you let him get away.

01:41:13:16 SHEPPARD: I shot him once. It didn't slow him down.

01:41:16:25 MCKAY: I shot him too.

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01:41:18:18            SHEPPARD: He ran into the beam.

01:41:20:00            WEIR (O/S): Are you suggesting...

01:41:20:15            WEIR (CONT'D): He wanted to be taken?

01:41:21:25            SHEPPARD: I think he saw it was the only way off the planet.

01:41:24:10            MCKAY (O/S): I can tell you from the quality time...

01:41:26:01            MCKAY (CONT'D): I spent with Ford, he was definitely not thinking straight.

01:41:28:03            CALDWELL (O/S): Now, thanks to you...

01:41:28:13            CALDWELL (CONT'D): He's in enemy hands with information that could  
   compromise all of us.

01:41:32:18            SHEPPARD: I don't think he'll give us away.

01:41:34:08            CALDWELL: Oh, thank you so much for your assurance, Colonel. I'll be sure to  
   include your feelings in my report.

01:41:56:24            SHEPPARD: How's it going?

01:41:58:07            RONON: This place is impressive.

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01:42:00:09            SHEPPARD: Those Ancestors...

01:42:01:23            SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Sure could build 'em.

01:42:03:07            RONON: The guards are unnecessary.

01:42:06:08            SHEPPARD: Well, with your habit of taking people hostage and all...

01:42:10:13            RONON: I meant, should I want to escape, they would not be able to stop me.

01:42:16:09            SHEPPARD: Right.

01:42:17:17            RONON: Were you able to contact my homeworld?

01:42:20:17            SHEPPARD: Well, that's why I'm here.

01:42:34:16            RONON: I don't understand.

01:42:36:19            WEIR: We have machines called MALPs. They're capable of transmitting back  
                                 images and information from other planets.

01:42:43:18            WEIR (CONT'D O/S): We sent this one to the address you gave us.

01:42:50:26            RONON: That is Sateda?

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01:42:52:09            SHEPPARD: I'm sorry. It doesn't look like anyone survived the last attack.

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