

C4 & D29

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INT. SKY RISE APARTMENT - EVENING

C4 looks out the window while D29 sets the table for dinner.

C4
They are watching me.

D29
Don't be foolish.

C4
...I saw one in the sky.

D29
When?

C4
Three months ago. I was resting in bed. It was early in the morning and it was staring at me. I wasn't scared.

D29
Why should you be scared?

C4
No reason. I'm just telling you, I wasn't.

D29
I thought they stopped making the rounds years ago. Isn't it law?

C4
It is.

D29
Shouldn't you report it?

C4
I don't want to get involved.

D29
But what if your image was taken?

C4
Maybe it was.

D29
So, shouldn't that concern you?

C4
It should, but it doesn't.

D29
You must report it.

C4
I'm not reporting it. It's already
been months.

D29
Do you realize that this could be
a test?

C4
I don't care if it's a test. What
test? Why should I be singled out
and tested?

D29
Because you are already on record!

C4
They would have come for me by
now.

D29
They could be acquiring additional
data. Why didn't you tell me
sooner?

C4
I did nothing wrong. All I did was
notice and when I noticed I didn't
move or make it obvious.

D29
It doesn't matter. All they have
to do is connect you.

C4
What if I refuse?

D29
You cannot refuse.

C4
I should refuse. It's my brain. I
can do what I want with my own
brain.

D29
This is why they are watching
you...because you refuse to play
by the rules. Do you want to be
sent to the fields?

C4

I rather work in the fields than feel imprisoned on this floating island!

D29

You are so---you only care about yourself. You give no thought to your family!

C4

Yes I do but things need to change. We've talked about this.

D29

And who is going to change it? You? Me? WHO? It's not up to us only.

C4

...We have lost so much.

D29

You say that all the time but we are rebuilding. Don't you understand that it's the future? It's a better future.

C4

This isn't going to work, either. We are only wasting more time.

D29

I cannot bare getting into your philosophies. What will you do if they come for you?

C4

They won't.

D29

Answer my question. What will you do?

C4

...I will let them take me. I have no choice...you and the children.

D29

And then what?

C4

I will have no choice but to give them my neural lace.

D29
Do you promise me?

C4
I promise.

D29
What will they do if and when they
find out you knew of being
sighted?

C4
I will tell them the truth. I will
say I thought it a dream. Nothing
more.

D29
But that isn't---

C4
That is the truth. Nothing more.

D29
Okay...

Pause.

C4
There is something else...I could
overwrite it.

D29
I cannot believe what you just
said.

C4
I know someone who can override
that moment.

D29
You are impossible! Don't you
dare!

C4
He is trusted and has already done
it. It works!

She begins to walk away from him.
Listen, I can do that in case they
come. They won't find anything.

D29

What if they do? You will be in more trouble then you are already in! If they see that you have been tampering with your own neural lace, this can destroy everything. You will be going against everything.

C4

I've done it.

Pause.

D29

What?

C4

I'm sorry...I've already done it.

D29

How?

C4

I told you. There's a place. I won't tell you anymore than that. It was taken care of for us. I did it for us and the kids.

D29

I don't know who you are anymore. Are you sure they didn't erase your reasoning?

C4

Hey! I'm asking you to calm down. It was handled. It will be undetected. It's the only way.

D29

I need to be alone.

C4

I will leave you alone but you need to know that this was the only way...I'm sorry...but, this is the only way to protect my family. I have a record, you said so yourself. I don't want to be banished to the fields.

D29 nods and sulks.

C4 walks away after rubbing her shoulder and patting her back.