

MY SCRIPT

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KENNETH

How are your hamstrings holding up?

DARIUS

Real good.

KENNETH

Your're pretty impressive with a handgun. It was a superlative performance under simulated pressure. Our chemistry is starting to build. I really like your intensity. You're like no nonsense.

DARIUS

Well, there's no sense in non-sense, expecially when it gets hot.

KENNETH

Exactly.

DARIUS

I like your intensity too.

KENNETH

Yeah?

DARIUS

Yeah. You've got good moves.

KENNETH

Nobody's seen my moves before. I haven't brought a candidate this far into the training process.

DARIUS

Really?

KENNETH

We'll be learning from each other from now on.

DARIUS

Good.

KENNETH

You stil have to discuss your reason for going back.

DARIUS

That's classified information.

KENNETH

I can appreciate that.

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KENNETH (CONT'D)

I respect that. But I have a certain responsibility to keep as the leader of this mission...

DARIUS

Then I have to tell you that it's personal.

KENNETH

Darius, sometimes I think we're progressing in this mission, and them other times, I'm not so sure.

DARIUS

I'm going back to stop my mother from dying when I was 14.

KENNETH

How'd she die?

DARIUS

She was killed by some guy. Just some guy at a gas station took her and killed her.

KENNETH

Oh man. Just some random thing?

DARIUS

Yeah. Well, no actually. She was driving home. It was really late, and she called me to tell me she was coming home, and I...I asked her to stop and get me chocolate milk. Because I had to have chocolate milk. So like 5 minutes later she called me to tell me that she got the chocolate milk and was coming home. And her voice was like, really excited, like she was really happy. And I was like, "Ok, whatever". I wasn't even nice. That was the last time I talked to her.

KENNETH

That's not your fault.

DARIUS

Yeah. That's what they tell me.

KENNETH

Hey Darius. I think you're ready. I trust you.

DARIUS

Good. You should.

KENNETH

It's a girl. My reason for going back is a girl.

DARIUS

Who was she?

KENNETH

She was my first girlfriend. Her birthday was the exact same day in April as mine is in October. We ended up working in the same restaurant. She was just so nice to me. She would make me feel special. She would make me special food, and after work, while all her friends were getting ready to go out, she would just hang out and talk with me. She was like really pretty.

DARIUS

What happened to her?

KENNETH

She died. Some jerk, some a-hole jerk in a band got drunk and crashed his car into her living room. I should have been there, you know. People tell you that there are other girls out there, you know. It's not just about a girl, it's about...it's about a time and a place. Do you have a favorite song? Would you tell me what it is?

DARIUS

It's stupid.

KENNETH

What is it?

DARIUS

Over The Rainbow.

KENNETH

It's a really beautiful song. It's that time and that place and that song, and you remember what it was like when you're in that place, and then you listen to that song, and you know that you're not in that

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KENNETH (CONT'D)

place anymore, and it makes you feel  
hollow. Can't just go find that  
stuff again.

DARIUS

I like your reason for going back.  
It's really nice.

KENNETH

Thanks.