

Ch.1

A bored voice over the intercom says *“For today's news, don't use the bathrooms on the second “floor”, In other news, we have a news network visiting at 3 pm EST. So clean yourselves up and be on your best behavior, and have what you want to say for your interview.**

Mary-

There's nothing Mary hates more than waking up in the gray and white void of a windowless room. What monster at NASA decided that all white with no windows would be the best design, not only does it make everything look messier but it also just hurts your eyes, with the blaring office lights harshly shining down on the glaring white fabric. At least they gave them their own personal rooms. Let them keep their pets, but they could've chosen a gray or nicer color.

Ashby-

As much as Ashby appreciates the ground crew, he hates when they boss **his** crew around. They don't know what it's like to be on a ship for 6 months with a new crew and constant surveillance, they get to go home to their partners and kids every night. He's starting to believe Jacobs' conspiracy that they don't need samples of anything on Mars, they just want to do experiments on the crew. His thoughts then went back to the interview he had to give, what if he or one of the crew leaked something classified? What if they all got sent to prison because he revealed something he wasn't supposed to, he knew it was crazy but he still took 2 hours to write his script which as he read it back to himself was interrupted by two sharp knocks. And before he can invite whoever it is in, they swing open the door. Not even needing to look from the desk he

already knows who it is. One of the scientists Eo, she's a ghastly pale almost see-through level of white. She has blonde hair and is so skinny that sometimes Ashby thinks he sees her heartbeat under her shirt. And on top of all of that, she's one of the most entitled, selfish, and on-edge people ever. **She is also** his sister and acts like she's their captain. Ashby trying to be polite starts to say "How's your morning?" But gets cut off before he can finish "your"

She cuts him off saying "Jacob ate an extra ration last night and should be reprimanded with half rations for a rotation."

As much as Ashby dislikes Eo he feels bad for her. But as arrogant and annoying as she is this is probably the crew is probably the closest thing she has to friends and her only family. But all of that vanishes as soon as she opens her mouth.

Ashby used to Eo, and Jacobs always being at each other's throats. Is used to having to mitigate the two. Even though Jacobs is one of his closest friends he tries his best to be fair.

"Eo, I'm not starving one of our crew members because they had an extra ration, this isn't the Russian space station, besides how do you even know it was Jacob?"

"That wasn't funny, because he ate one of my rations."

Right when Ashby thinks of his response, one of the pilots Blue, comes in and says

"The news crew will be here sooner than expected at around 1ish."

"Thanks but aren't you supposed to be piloting?"

"Yeah but we have cruise control, autopilot, Peppers up there, and we're orbiting Earth there's nothing to pilot towards."

Eo interjects with "Umm... I'm dying because you think we're okay, get back up to the cockpit right now."

“Eo, you can’t order my crew around just because you're related to me, but yes can you please go back to the cockpit now, thank you. ”

Blue gives a deep sigh and walks back down the hall.

He yells after her “DON’T FORGET TO WRITE YOUR SCRIPT AND SEND IT TO ME!”

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Eo

People undervalue her, especially her brother. They probably think she’s only there because of her brother but without her, the ship probably would’ve exploded a dozen times by now. And he doesn’t even believe half of what she says. But do they all think she has enough time to talk to an irrelevant, useless news crew? Not only does she have to talk to them but she has to write a script, send it to Ashby and let him approve it, when will she find the time? She doesn't even have time to eat. And she doesn’t even like talking to the crew. But now she has to pour her heart out to this dunce of a reporter. And let Ashby approve of what she says. There’s no way Ashby thinks this is a good idea.

But that doesn’t matter because when the ship is docking with the station, sun bleached and creaky, old ugly soviet era ship that’s still somehow flying. She hopes the ship doesn’t contaminate her, or her lab. And as she is still the one waiting for the doors to open. Mary joins her, Eo doesn’t talk to Mary frequently, hell she avoids her, as she finds Mary repulsive. And nothing more than a short redhead, who plays in the dirt, steals her parents' love, and has this annoying childish attitude. She is wearing a jean jacket that their Dad gave her and green cargo

pants that are covered in oil and grease from working with the engines, She's bouncing on the heels of her feet, and says

“Hi! I didn't think you'd volunteer for this job!”

“I didn't, and you're supposed to dress nicely.” she sneers back to her sister

The airlock finally opens

Mary

When the airlock finally opens it makes a hissing sound that she momentarily mistook for applause. Her sister's comments on her clothes shook her, especially comparing them to everyone around her, Eo had on a nice suit jacket and skinny jeans (Which were extra extra skinny to fit her.) And across them was a beautiful woman with brown hair and eyes a tight blue dress and high heels. The cameramen luckily weren't in suits, just hoodies, and jeans.

She was also the first person to speak when she said “Hi, I'm Mary ” And held out her hand which was covered in grease so she quickly retracted it. when she said that she felt like a fraud. The speckless white walls were a stark contrast to the dirty and disgusting clothes she was wearing. But she was proud of her script and is excited about the interview.

Ashby

He liked the news interviewer-Amy, who wore a lovely blue dress and had a cheerful attitude, and the two cameramen Joel, and Mike who seemed nice enough but only really talked to each other. He thinks he only likes them because they were a change of pace from everyone else. He was nervous about his script but the NASA public relations people approved it with some minor tweaks. That didn't stop his voice from cracking and his palms from sweating the

first couple of takes. But on his fourth or fifth take he finally followed through, he actually delivered it so well that Mike started to tear up.

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Eo

“I think listening to all of the speeches is a waste of time.”

“Well, that’s why I became the captain, besides, I think you’ll like it.”

But being with some of your least favorite people while they were drunk and smelt atrocious, watching T.V was not the kind of day off she was hoping for. When I finally Ashby's interview, the last one started to play.

At first, she was just happy to almost be done, but Ashby walked over to her with Mary behind him and they all sat together and watched as he said

"Becoming an astronaut, and the captain of this crew was not easy, but having my friends, and my family there made it easier, I just want to give a special to my sister, Eo, and Mary who is also on this crew but make very day being stuck up here worth it thank you. Thank you for all of your support, I truly appreciate the best sister on, and off of the world. I wouldn't be here without you, and even though you drive me insane there's no one I'd rather go insane with" He then smiled at the camera with a tear going down his cheek and waved goodbye.

Eo then turned to her brother and for the first time in a long time felt loved and appreciated she then hugged both him and her sister.