

FIND US ALIVE EPISODE 09: A VERY SMALL ROOM

[Clock ticking]

LANCASTER

Soooo...

LOVE

Shut up. What are you looking so smug for?

LANCASTER

(smugly)

This is the first time I haven't had to drag you in here kicking and screaming.

LOVE

Get your head out of your ass, this isn't therapy. And it's not because I like you. You're still a weird nosy loser.

LANCASTER

But here we are.

[Love growls]

LANCASTER

I'm just messing with you. What do you want me to be a weird nosy loser about?

LOVE

I don't WANT to-

LANCASTER

But you will, because...

LOVE

...the Fresno Nightcrawler is mad at me.

LANCASTER

The what?

Oh, you're talking about Officer Raddagher, okay.

[Static]

HARLEY

-and THAT, Overwatch Command, is  
how I got kicked out of the rug  
shop on the 6th floor of the  
haunted Macy's in downtown-

[Comm clicks on]

HARLEY

...hm?

RADDAGHER

Harley.

HARLEY

Oh! Hello! Uh, hi, is everything  
alright? You don't usually... talk  
to me. And... wait a second, isn't  
it supposed to be Love's shift  
right now?

RADDAGHER

Yes.

HARLEY

So why are you still in there?

RADDAGHER

I kicked her out.

HARLEY

Oh no.

[Static. Servers humming]

RADDAGHER

You're off shift. You can leave.

LOVE

I don't want to leave, though.

RADDAGHER

Why not-

LOVE

What does this do?

RADDAGHER

Don't touch that.

LOVE

Why won't you actually teach me  
what anything does?

RADDAGHER

You're a temp. You don't need to know.

LOVE

(defensive)

I am NOT A-

[Pause]

LOVE

(under her breath)

I'm not a fucking temp, okay?

[Pause]

LOVE

Stop staring at me. It's creepy.

RADDAGHER

I don't need you in here. I was fine by myself.

LOVE

Well, tough shit.

[Pause]

LOVE

And what do you MEAN, you were "fine by yourself?" You said you sleep, like, three hours a night. Can't you DIE from that?

RADDAGHER

I don't know.

LOVE

(laughs)

You'll find out if you keep doing it, I guess.

RADDAGHER

Please stop talking.

LOVE

Fine.

(muttering)

...frigid little freak.

[Click]

HARLEY

Can you pin down exactly what about her you don't like?

RADDAGHER

Talks too much.

HARLEY

This seems like a strong reaction to her... talking too much.

RADDAGHER

I don't trust her.

HARLEY

That's... fair. Not unusual for Foundation folks not to trust each other. Is that why you gave me the rotating camera feed, then?

RADDAGHER

I don't trust you either. It's just useful.

HARLEY

Wh- then why did you come to me about all this?

RADDAGHER

...dunno.

HARLEY

(shit-eating)

Mm hmm.

RADDAGHER

I need help.

HARLEY

There it is.

[Pause]

HARLEY

Help dealing with Agent Love?

RADDAGHER

Help getting her to leave.

[Click. Clock ticking]

LOVE

It's not like I hated her or something! Sure, she's definitely weird and kinda creepy and she DEFINITELY hates me, but she's- she's FINE, you know? I've partnered with worse before. I'd rather work with somebody who minds their own business than somebody like you who won't leave me alone and keeps sticking their nose into everywhere it doesn't belong. No offense.

LANCASTER

Aw, my feelings.

LOVE

Shut up- And it got off to a rocky start, sure. I mean, a REALLY rocky start. Holy shit, the first couple days? You should have SEEN the way she would STARE at me.

LANCASTER

Stare at you?

[Click. Servers humming]

LOVE

...will you PLEASE stop doing that.

RADDAGHER

What.

LOVE

LOOKING at me. You've just been staring for like, fifteen minutes, what's your problem?

RADDAGHER

Oh. Sorry.

LOVE

Geez.

[Pause]

LOVE

Why do you wear all that stuff,  
anyways? It's basically pitch dark  
in here.

RADDAGHER

The lights give me headaches. So  
does the cleaner smell.

LOVE

Oh.

[Pause]

LOVE

(slightly amused)

You're so weird, you know that?

RADDAGHER

(coldly)

Yes.

LOVE

No, not like- not BAD weird, but  
don't get me wrong, I'm pretty  
sure you hate my guts, but like...  
have you ever been driving through  
the woods and there's just, a  
random concrete staircase in the  
middle of the forest? And it's  
super creepy and probably haunted  
or evil or something, but you also  
*really* want to know what it's  
whole deal is? You're like that.

RADDAGHER

(unsure)

...okay.

[Pause]

RADDAGHER

...you're also weird.

LOVE

HEY-

RADDAGHER

Not bad weird.

LOVE

Oh.

[Pause]

LOVE

(gasp)

I see one! Look look look, right there! The crack in the wall, next to the floor!

RADDAGHER

We need to get someone to get it-

LOVE

I'M ON IT.

[Commotion as Love throws the door open and runs out into the hall]

RADDAGHER

Oh. Okay.

[Click]

HARLEY

-We'll need a drill for some pilot holes, stud finder, can we get our hands on a jigsaw or something-

Wait- hang on, was that-

[button clicking a couple times]

Sorry, I just caught Agent Love running in a dead sprint down the hall carrying a... wait-

[Button clicks]

Little metal toolbox? Where is she-

Oh, shit, there's a Dash One in BF-3- Annnnd there's Agent Love.

Wow, damn. That is a... serious dent. And a very sturdy toolbox.

Crisis averted, I guess?

[Static]

[Servers humming]

LOVE

Okay, item 1: Who would try to  
smash the rift?

RADDAGHER

Dunno.

LOVE

Engineering. Engineering sucks. So  
does Botany-

RADDAGHER

Their cards don't let them into  
the BH-9-7 door.

LOVE

What's that, the main containment  
chamber?

RADDAGHER

Yeah.

LOVE

Who CAN get in there?

RADDAGHER

Containment, Mr. Hodges, Medical,  
Research, Security, and Dr. Shao.

LOVE

...that's like, half the site.

RADDAGHER

Medical was busy during the  
blackout.

LOVE

Where was Gravett, though?

RADDAGHER

I don't know.

LOVE

What about the D-Class, where were  
they?

RADDAGHER

D-Class cells lock down  
automatically. They were in their  
rooms the whole time. I don't know  
what was happening with them.

LOVE

Give me something to write with,  
we'll crack this together.

RADDAGHER

Okay.

[Paper rustles, pen clicks]

[Static]

RADDAGHER

Left.

LOVE

(on walkie)

Left it is!

RADDAGHER

Second door on your right.

LOVE

O-kay.

RADDAGHER

Crack in the drywall, under the-

LOVE

I see it!

[Pause]

LOVE

HAHA, got it-

(off mic)

oh relax, it was a Dash One! Don't  
get your panties in a twist, geez.

Hey, did you see me in the  
cameras?

RADDAGHER

Yes.

LOVE

Nice!

RADDAGHER

Nice.

[Click. Clock ticking]

LOVE

It was... okay! For a while. She still barely ever left the office and just sorta sat there watching me watch the cameras for like, way too long, but we started to have... a system, sort of?

And I don't know, I thought it was going NOT horribly. It seemed to be working pretty well, aside from her hovering over me constantly.

LANCASTER

I know. It can be hard to tell, especially with certain people.

LOVE

I can read people fine, shut up! I know how to tell when people don't like me because MOST PEOPLE DON'T LIKE ME. But I- I felt like I actually had a shot at getting somebody in this shithole site to NOT... not... like me.

LANCASTER

I like you.

LOVE

Yeah, but you like everybody. You don't count.

God, I- I thought it was going alright!

[Click]

RADDAGHER

She could run for a long time. We'd find an instance, she'd run out and get it. Worked well.

HARLEY

So when did it... stop working?

[Pause]

HARLEY

...you still there?

RADDAGHER

Yes.

[Another pause]

HARLEY

Alright, you seem like you need a little-

RADDAGHER

I was fine.

HARLEY

Oh, now? Then? Wait, what are you talking about-

RADDAGHER

I was fine doing it by myself.

HARLEY

O- okay...

RADDAGHER

My job was fine. I don't need you.

HARLEY

Me specifically, or...?

RADDAGHER

I don't want to be in this... group. I don't want to be a 14B.

HARLEY

Well, as far as we know, there isn't a way to change your PRI-

RADDAGHER

NO- I don't want to be a 14B with YOU. You all. I just want to be ALONE. I just want everyone to LEAVE ME ALONE. I want Love GONE, I want to be LEFT ALONE.

HARLEY

Hey, are you okay?

RADDAGHER

NO!

[Something slams against the table on Raddagher's end]

[Comm clicks off]

[Pause]

[Walkie beeps]

HARLEY

(quietly)

Lanc, if you've got a second, you might want to send somebody to go check on Surveillance, over.

[Raddagher's comm clicks back on]

RADDAGHER

Harley?

HARLEY

Yup, right here. You sound a little... stressed out, are you alright?

RADDAGHER

...How do I get her to leave?

[Static, servers humming]

LOVE

...you're joking.

RADDAGHER

No. It's built in a mineshaft. They kept all the old stuff. It's all right in... this closet here.

LOVE

You can actually get me a real pickaxe for one of those things?

RADDAGHER

Probably.

LOVE

AWESOME. I'm gonna carry it over my shoulder like a CROTCHETY OLD PROSPECTOR. I'M GONNA FUCK UP THOSE DASH TWO'S-

RADDAGHER

We haven't seen a Dash Two since the blackout-

LOVE

GONNA FUCK EM UP ANYWAYS.

[Raddagher blows air out her nose]

LOVE  
...was- did you just laugh?

RADDAGHER  
...no.

LOVE  
You definitely did.

RADDAGHER  
No, I didn't.

LOVE  
Then what was-  
(blows air out nose)  
What was that?

RADDAGHER  
Trying not to sneeze-

LOVE  
BULLSHIT.

RADDAGHER  
It's not bullshit-

LOVE  
Relax, Ice Queen. Your secret's  
safe with me.

RADDAGHER  
...okay.

[Pause]

RADDAGHER  
...Can I show you something?

LOVE  
Yeah, sure!

[Buttons click, quiet static]

LOVE  
What's this?

RADDAGHER  
The feed from the storage room.

LOVE

The one where you and Klein found  
that huge Dash One?

RADDAGHER

Yeah.

LOVE

What about it?

RADDAGHER

...I want you to help me look it  
over.

LOVE

Cool! Teamwork.

RADDAGHER

You can't see the shape from this  
angle. But see the boxes?

LOVE

Yeah, like from the picture you  
took.

RADDAGHER

Yeah.

LOVE

Wait- slow it down, who was that?

RADDAGHER

Keep watching.

LOVE

...How do they know how to do that?

RADDAGHER

I don't think they do.

LOVE

So the Records people-

RADDAGHER

Records and Maintenance-

LOVE

Yeah, and other people, whatever-  
they spent the whole first cycle  
thing gradually moving boxes  
around until they almost made a

whole huge Dash One that you can't even see unless you're standing in the right spot, and they didn't even realize they were doing it?

RADDAGHER

In theory.

LOVE

Why haven't you brought this up to anybody else?

RADDAGHER

I don't know who's in on it.

LOVE

(Lol)

...You think people are "in on it?"

RADDAGHER

...There's a possibility.

LOVE

God, you're so weird. What about me, do you think I'm in on it?

RADDAGHER

No.

LOVE

Why not?

RADDAGHER

Because.

LOVE

Cool.

[Comfortable pause]

LOVE

Do you actually only sleep 3 hours?

RADDAGHER

Yes.

LOVE

That has to be, like, super bad for you.

RADDAGHER

I need to watch the cameras.

LOVE

That's why I'm here, weirdo!

[Pause]

LOVE

Oh, COME ON! I can do it by myself! I'll prove it one of these days. And you can finally go and sleep for once in your weird life.

RADDAGHER

Okay.

LOVE

You'll see.

[Click, clock ticking]

LOVE

I SWEAR, I just did it because I thought it would help! She's making too big a deal out of it and I don't know why! I was only trying to-

LANCASTER

Okay look, I really can't help you unless you tell me what actually happened.

LOVE

...fine. But you don't get to judge me.

[Click]

HARLEY

(muttering)

This isn't fitting in my grid, this won't work. How many letters do I still have?

...okay, what if I take out the H, can I take out the H...? Do I need an H? ...use another dot, maybe? No, I should keep that for...

Hm? Hey, you're not supposed to-

[tapping on screen]

...is it my computer or is it...?

[Comm clicks]

Love, you up there? I'm having  
problems connecting to the  
cameras-

LOVE

(whisper-shouting over comm)  
SSSSSH HARLEY SHUT UP-

HARLEY

(whispering)  
WH- WHAT WHY WHAT'S GOING ON-

LOVE

SHUSH OR YOU'LL WAKE THE GARGOYLE

HARLEY

(still hushed)  
Hold on- what?

LOVE

Surveillance is asleep in her  
chair right now, so shut it or  
you'll wake her up.

HARLEY

She is? With you in there? I  
thought she-

LOVE

Oh, yeah, she's PASSED OUT.

HARLEY

Is she- I mean, is she okay? Is  
something wrong with her?

LOVE

No, she- wait.

[Pause]

LOVE

Nope, she's good, she's still  
breathing.

HARLEY

Huh. Well, guess the deprivation finally caught up with her.

LOVE

Yeah, and also I spiked her water bottle with Tylenol PM while she was in the bathroom.

[Pause]

HARLEY

...I cannot tell if you're joking right now.

LOVE

It was SO HARD to get the nurses to give it to me.

HARLEY

Oh, you're serious-

LOVE

Worked like a charm, though! She's out like a light.

HARLEY

Uhhhhhh-

[Clock ticking]

LANCASTER

Uhhhhhhhh-

LOVE

What?! It's just cold medicine!  
It's not like it's fucking chloroform! I was just trying to help! I thought that maybe if she got some real sleep for once, she'd realize she's-

LANCASTER

And you're sure this has nothing to do with your need to prove you could do it on your own?

LOVE

That's- that's different!

LANCASTER

And nothing to do with you being annoyed that she hovered over you so much?

LOVE  
(bitterly)  
...no.

LANCASTER  
Okay. Love, you still made the wrong call.

LOVE  
I was just COLD MEDICINE.

LANCASTER  
What if she had an allergy to one of the ingredients? What if she was on a different medication that you can't mix with-

LOVE  
I get it, okay?!

LANCASTER  
L- Okay, I know what you were trying to do-

LOVE  
I WAS JUST TRYING TO HELP!

[Pause]

LOVE  
...what do I do?

LANCASTER  
Apologize.

LOVE  
For helping?

LANCASTER  
For breaching her trust.

[Pause]

LOVE  
...fine.

[Static. Servers humming]

[Long silence]

LOVE

...hey.

[no response]

LOVE

So, about the other day...

[no response]

LOVE

I'm sorry. For putting stuff in  
your water bottle.

[no response]

LOVE

I shouldn't have done that.

[no response]

LOVE

(trying to lighten the mood)  
You, um, you picked out a pretty  
cool pickaxe, though-

[no response]

LOVE

...Okay.

(quieter)

Okay.

[END OF EPISODE]