

04 - A - INTERSTITIAL SCENE 1.

A PHONE RINGS AND IS ANSWERED.

CHRISTIAN YANCY: This is Christian Yancy.

A BEAT.

Hello?

AARAV PATEL: There's a man I want you speak to.

CHRISTIAN YANCY: Who is this?

AARAV PATEL: How do you have a working phone, by the way?

CHRISTIAN YANCY: How do *you* have a working phone?

AARAV PATEL: Our building is basically a Faraday cage.

CHRISTIAN YANCY: Sounds nice. I just used aluminum foil.

AARAV PATEL: And the phone lines?

CHRISTIAN YANCY: That part isn't quite legal. I'm tapping into *your* phone lines.

A BEAT.

I'm assuming this is NASC calling? Mr. Patel?

AARAV PATEL: We're using international contact lines for emergencies and critical information.

CHRISTIAN YANCY: Yeah--and everything you use to *monitor* that phone line was wiped out by the flare. So here I am.

AARAV PATEL: Did you try to call CimmTech?

CHRISTIAN YANCY: Multiple times.

AARAV PATEL: And?

CHRISTIAN YANCY: Always went to voicemail. Voicemail was always full. You're right. No one is there.

A BEAT.

Can I call you Aarav?

AARAV PATEL: No. I don't particularly like you.

CHRISTIAN YANCY: This call is going well.

AARAV PATEL: But there is *someone* that I want to talk to.

CHRISTIAN YANCY: So talk to them.

AARAV PATEL: They don't want to talk to me.

A REALIZATION.

CHRISTIAN YANCY: Ah. 'The enemy of my enemy is my friend.'

AARAV PATEL: And I'm sure this man wants to talk to *someone*.

CHRISTIAN YANCY: Or is it 'the friend of my enemy is my enemy?'

AARAV PATEL: Murray.

CHRISTIAN YANCY: It's Christian.

AARAV PATEL: The man's name is Murray.

CHRISTIAN YANCY: What's his connection?

AARAV PATEL: He used to work for NASC.

CHRISTIAN YANCY: There's a lot of those people.

AARAV PATEL: Then he quit to work for CimmTech.

CHRISTIAN YANCY: (SUDDENLY UNDERSTAND) No shit.

AARAV PATEL: Then he quit CimmTech and went into hiding.

CHRISTIAN YANCY: *No shit!*

AARAV PATEL: He lives in the Dakotas. I'll text you his number, now that I know you have a working phone.

CHRISTIAN YANCY: I'll call as soon as we hang up.

AARAV PATEL: Let me ask you: What's stranger? The fact that no one picks up at CimmTech? Or the fact that they still have a working phone line?

A BEAT.

CHRISTIAN YANCY: Aarav, I'm sorry I got under your skin at the press conference. I'm just looking for answers.

AARAV PATEL: Mr. Yancy...You didn't even *remotely* get under my skin. You gave me the opportunity to make a statement that Ms. Bryant wouldn't approve of and in a way that would make it seem...unintentional. If anything I should thank you.

CHRISTIAN YANCY: Wait--what are you saying?

AARAV PATEL: I'm saying there's a lot at stake. There's a lot of cards to be dealt. There's a lot hands left to play. Call Murray.

HANG UP AND DIALTONE.

END SCENE.