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HAM RADIO TRANSMISSION SOUND.

MITCHELL TILLSON: (DEPRESSED, MALE 30s) QST QST QST.

This is Mitch, "Victor Echo One Uniform Tango," net control operator for the Calgary Amateur Radio Club. This is a controlled net, please don't transmit unless called by Net Control. Visitors are welcome. Stations with emergency traffic may break in at any time. Are there any stations with emergency traffic?

SILENCE. HE WAS REALLY HOPING TO HEAR SOMETHING...

Please remain on frequency--

RADIO STATIC.

ADAORA: (OUT OF STATIC, PRE-TEEN FEMALE VOICE) ...Hello? Is someone there--?

MITCH: Yes yes yes! I'm here! Are you out there?

ADAORA: I'm here!

MITCH: Hi!

ADAORA: I uh--I don't know my call sign.

MITCH: That's okay, that's okay...um...I haven't heard anyone on the radio for weeks. Well--no one that knew English.

ADAORA: I'm amazed this works, to be honest.

MITCH: Yeah--the flare took out--...It was bad!

ADAORA: I know. I was there!

MITCH: Sure, sorry. I'm Mitch. Calgary.

ADAORA: I'm Adaora. Spokane.

MITCH: I had a spare antennae so I replaced it right after the flare in case there were emergencies I could help direct, but...silence.

ADAORA: My family had this whole set-up stored in the basement. After the flare, my step-mom mentioned it was just sitting down here...so I put it together. Since the phones are down and--

THE AUDIO WARPS FOR A MOMENT.

MITCH: You still there?

ADAORA: I'm here.

MITCH: We might lose each other soon...Just in case, I'll be back on here tomorrow at the same time and frequency.

ADAORA: Okay.

MITCH: So why'd you set up the radio?

ADAORA: ...It's stupid but...I was thinking maybe I could hear something from the Aethon.

MITCH: It's not stupid. I'm cheering for them to make it home, too. But space programs stopped using this type of radio communication a long time ago.

ADAORA: Really?

MITCH: I'm afraid so.

ADAORA: Then why'd my mom leave one in my basement?

AUDIO WARPS AND A STATICS...

THEN A LOUD WHINING METALLIC SOUND.\*

WE LOSE ADAORA.

MITCH:

Adaora! Adaora?!...

A BEAT.

Okay...well...We had...one check-in tonight. Once again, thank you to the Calgary Amateur Radio Club for use of these machines...

This is Mitch, "Victor Echo One Uniform Tango," net control operator for the Calgary Amateur Radio Club, saying 73 to all. Hope to hear you all next week. 73s to all.

END RECORDING.

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PROTOCOL 43"