"BLACK STAR CHRONICLES: *THE CULLING* SCRIPT 6B

RECONCILIATION"

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Characters in this Script: DINA,
Harker, Rambhatla, Miles Zennetti,

Fade In: Harker running through the main lab. fire alarms sounding

Harker is running to the control room to shut down the quarantine while Kidari fights the cultists and FERALS.

ALARMS SOUNDING, SPRINKLERS SPRAYING.

HARKER 1: FRANTIC

"*running, breathing fast and hard*"

DINA 2:

"There is a fire in the main lab. Please secure your work and follow the red quidance

lines to your safe area."

DINA 3:

"Main lab security deactivated."

DISTANT SNOW STALK CALLS

HARKER 4: OUT OF BREATH

"Kidari, are you hearing that?"

Dr. Rambhatla ⁵: Fighting off snow stalks and

"It's the snow stalks, they're in the compound. Someone shut off the perimeter."

DISSONANT MUSIC RISES

HARKER 6: RUNNING

"I can restart it! I'm almost to control B. Hang on, Kidari!"

SNOW STALK BREAKS THROUGH GLASS

HARKER 7: SEARCHING FRANTICALLY

"Agh! Oh, God, Where's her card? Where's her card?"

 \star SNOW STALK HEARS HARKER, BEGINS TO CHARGE \star

Harker drops Zen's card

NEGATIVE SCAN NOISES

HARKER 8: HYSTERICAL, SNOT AND DROOL KIND OF FEAR

"Come on! Come on! Go!"

POSITIVE SCAN, HARKER GETS IN AND SHUTS DOOR

 \star Snow stalk pounds on door \star

HARKER 9: HYSTERICAL

"*catching breath, light sobs*"

Dr. Rambhatla 10: IN RADIO

"Harker! You're in, aren't you?"

HARKER 11 STAND UP, DUSTING OFF

"I'm in B. I'm at the control. *sniffle*

I'll get the
perimeter back on as
fast as I can...
reading aloud Yes...
Yes... Confirm. Okay,
Kidari, I got it.
Here it goes."

Base powers down, and then back on.

HARKER 12-A: DEEPLY CONCERNED, BREAKING DOWN A

"Some quarantine
restrictions lifted,
main lab perimiter's
back on. I can't get
the lights on."

Dr. RAMBHATLA 13: EMERGENCY

"Forget about the lights! There's a shuttle on pad four. Get there now, move fast!"

HARKER 14: BREAKING DOWN A LITTLE

"I can't see in the dark, Kidari. They're out there waiting. I can hear them."

Dr. Rambhatla 15: IN RADIO

"You have to move."

HARKER 16: BREAKING DOWN

"I can't, Kidari. I can't."

Dr. Rambhatla ¹⁷: in radio

"Listen to me... Harker, Harker? I am right behind you. We are *leaving*."

HARKER 18: CALMING

"*jittery exhale* Okay...
okay, let's go."

HARKER OPENS DOOR

HARKER 19: WHISPERING

"It's pitch black."

Dr. Rambhatla ²⁰: calm and slow

"I'm going to guide you...
*Harker turns down comms
volume* After 20 or 30 feet
you come to a T-junction... go
left."

Harkes slow steps, skittering movements passing by.

Dr. Rambhatla ²¹: calm and slow

"Up above you there should be pipes, all running in the same direction. Follow them."

HARKER 19: WHISPERING, REITERATING

"I can't see."

Dr. Rambhatla ²⁰: IMPATIENT

"Then feel for them!"

Harker fumbles for an object and feels the pipes

HARKER ²¹: REACHING

"I can almost... reach with thi-"

THE DOOR AT THE END OF THE HALL OPENS

MUSIC RISES

HARKER 22: TERRIFIED

"*silenced ghasp* The door opened! I just saw

every living thing in
this hallway!"

Dr. Rambhatla ²³: WORRIED

"Did they see you?"

HARKER 24: TERRIFIED

"They all turned to look at the door."

Dr. Rambhatla ²⁵: Worried

"I'm coming, Harker."

CREATURES BREATHING

WHISPERS 26: EERIE

"Find more. Collect more."

HARKER ²⁷: GLEAM OF HOPE

"I think I see the light from your torch."

Dr. Rambhatla ²⁸: Worried

"Get behind me."

FLAME THROWER, CREATURES

Harker 29: SMOKE INHALATION

"*coughing and hacking*"

Dr. Rambhatla 30: SMOKE INHALATION

"*coughing and hacking*"

STEP OUTSIDE

WHISPERS 31: EERIE

"She knows."

HARKER 32 : RELUCTANT

"Is there something you're not telling me?

Something important that I should know?"

Dr. Rambhatla 33: Had been dreading this

"Ya know... there is. I don't think this is a great time for it, though."

HARKER 34: DECIDED

"This isn't a great time for anything. It may be the only time. I have to know."

Dr. Rambhatla 35: RELUCTANT

"You know what an empath is?"

HARKER 36: DECIDED

"Like the empaths Council gave us for our first expanse? People with an extra sense?"

Dr. RAMBHATLA 37:

"Yeah, Tetra Corp. has been trying to make their own empaths... here on Seeder."

HARKER 38: ENTRIGUE

"The transmitter?"

Dr. Rambhatla 39:

"It's not a transmitter.
There is a transmitter on it
but its main function is to
produce human empaths. Not
every subject is compatible.
Some subjects just turn to
gel."

HARKER 40: OUTRAGED

"This was a trial?"

Dr. Rambhatla 41:

"No... this is a trade."

SOFT MUSICAL IMPACT

HARKER 42: NOT UNDERSTANDING

"A trade, empaths for what?
With who? Council can
already make their
own empaths with any
race they want."

Dr. Rambhatla 43:

"With a non-Council race. We found them in the Talos cluster. We still don't know where they're from, but they use this device to farm gel from organic tissue. It's their resource and they don't get much trade."

LONG CONVERSATIONAL SILENCE.

Dr. Rambhatla 45:

"I'm ready to go when youare"

HARKER 46: BETRAYED

"What else do you know?"

Dr. RAMBHATLA 47:

"That's all I know."

HARKER 48: BETRAYED

"You're an empath now, what else do you know? About me? Others here?"

Dr. Rambhatla 49-A:

"Alright... You want to please everybody, like you need the validation. You're afraid... of being forgotten? Or remembered in the wrong way? Right now, you feel like I might leave you here, alone. You're taking this as criticism. You're more angry? Frightened? Of being exposed than you are of dying here."

HARKER 50: 1 BITTER 1 TRAGICALLY SHOCKED
"Is that true?"

Dr. Rambhatla 51-A:

"It's true that you feel that way. Probably because you hate something about yourself more than anyone else could ever hate you...
but not because it's
reality."

Dr. Rambhatla 52:

"Then again, I'm just a physician... not an empath."

KIDARI WALKS OFF ALONE.

MILES 53-A: TO SUBORDINATE

"After we grounded all shuttles, Harker was the only subject to pass the conversion process. Send our extraction team and make sure they act fast. Remember, the longer a human empath spends near the device, the faster they age. If she ages past 50, we're losing study time. Let's move, people."

MILES 54: TO SUBORDINATE

"And please tell our client, we're already

collecting another group of applicants for our next round...
Any memory of Harker is to be left behind from now on."

Music and credits

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Fade In: desolation.

HARKER GIVES HER CLOSING LOG.

Fade Out:

HARKER 55-A : SAD

"They took everyone, or what was left of them.

Kidari eventually passed, then it was just me. When they landed, I thought they were Tetra Corp.

Then I saw them, they

were like... crabs, shelled bodies, maybe organic exo-suits, all these pointed legs and eyes. I gathered gel for weeks before they arrived... like I was supposed to. When they had it all, they just left me with this machine. If Tetra Corp. doesn't get here before I die, I miss you, mom."

RECORDER CLICKS-A

PIP APPROACHES

HARKER 55-A: EXHAUSTED

"Pip, oh I thought you ran off for good. Let's find you some food."

END