

**The Kingery, episode 13x05 “The Only Way Out is Through”**

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[Timey-wimey warble.]

CASSANDRA

You haven't been listening to a damn thing I've said have you?

ALYSON

Sorry, I guess not.

CASSANDRA

And now you're fucking apologizing?  
Typical.

ALYSON

Okay, then I'm not sorry. What exactly do you want?

CASSANDRA

To confirm you understand the plan for attacking the Buissons.

ALYSON

Oh...oh shit that's what we're doing? Okay uhhh...refresh my memory.

CASSANDRA

(ugh)  
I will go around the back once Major and Kaylock get here and-

ALYSON

Major and Kaylock? They're...alive?  
And happily married?

[Major and Kaylock walk up, still a little off in the distance when Major yells.]

MAJOR

'Lock you goopy snot mother fucker,  
you left my shotgun at home on  
purpose!!

CASSANDRA

Well, alive and married.

KAYLOCK

Karen, I promise you it was an  
accident. And you have your pistol,  
you'll be fine.

MAJOR

You're trying to do me in Kaylock,  
I fuckin' know it. You wanted me to  
fail since the day we got hitched.

KAYLOCK

I want nothing more than your  
success Karen, I promise.

[Major and Kaylock get to Cassandra and Alyson and join them.]

CASSANDRA

Will you two shut the fuck up?!  
Now, as I was saying, I will go  
around the back and-

[Front door of the home slowly opens.]

ALYSON

That doesn't seem good.

It rains gunfire and bullets.

ALYSON

Fuck!! Did they spot us?

CASSANDRA

Someone must have tipped them off.

KAYLOCK

I will approach from the side,  
cover me.

[Something drops on the ground, and Kaylock takes off towards the home while the group returns gunfire.]

[Something starts beeping near their feet.]

MAJOR

I fuckin' knew it, run!

[The three of them scurry away from Kaylock's grenade just in time before KABOOM!!]

MAJOR

Oh ho ho you mucus-ey mother  
fucker, that was close!

KAYLOCK

Don't worry Karen, after I take  
care of the Buissons I'll be back  
with another grenade just for you!

CASSANDRA

Fuck he's gonna to beat us to it.

MAJOR

Oh I'm quaking in my boots. That I  
wear because I'm a human with feet  
and not a giant oyster pretending  
he's a fuckin' bounty hunter. I  
hope you brought more than grenades  
if you think you're getting in.

KAYLOCK

Of course. Now that you mention it,  
it's probably best if I take care  
of you first, dearest.

[Kaylock shoots at Major with a shotgun.]

MAJOR

Is that-IS THAT MY FUCKING

SHOTGUN!? You little shit, I will  
blast you apart until you're a  
million tiny blobs of egg white!

[Major takes off towards towards Kaylock, shooting her pistol.]

ALYSON  
Wow, marriage really suits them.  
Now what?

CASSANDRA  
Now we pull ourselves the fuck  
together and try to get in there  
before-

ALYSON  
Cass...

CASSANDRA  
What? What now?!

ALYSON  
Rocket launcher. On the roof.  
Is that Chris holding it?

CHRIS  
Ladies! Please come out from the  
bushes and join us. My employer  
would love to have a chat.

CASSANDRA  
Oh fuckin' great. Run!

[The sisters get up quickly and try to run.]

[Chris shoots the rocket launcher, kaboom.]

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[Cassandra and Alyson walk up and stop.]

CASSANDRA  
I hate these meetings.

ALYSON

Sorry, who exactly are we seeing? I don't think I caught anything beyond you muttering "he's not going to be happy" over and over again.

CASSANDRA

Stop, just stop. The amnesia shit is getting old.

ALYSON

You're right, I'm soooo sorry for putting my confusion and need for help on my sister.

CASSANDRA

Fucking typical.

ALYSON

You know Cass, it's comforting that in a universe of changes, your moodiness is a constant.

CASSANDRA

Oh fuck off. Let's get this over with.

[Cassandra hits a buzzer.]

FELIX

(from inside)

Come on in gals!

[The door opens and Cassandra and Alyson enter.]

CASSANDRA

You wanted us Fix?

FELIX

I sure did. Have a seat.

ALYSON

Oh fuck.

FELIX

Is there a problem??

ALYSON

I...you're...Felix.

FELIX

In the flesh baby doll.

ALYSON

What's this about?

FELIX

Listen, I know having a lady-brain might have fried some things, but I think you know.

ALYSON

I can quite confidently say I do not.

FELIX

(annoyed sigh)

Sit.

[Alyson and Cass pull up chairs and sit.]

FELIX

So, how exactly did your little enforcement trip go? I heard there were some..."issues" I think is putting it lightly.

CASSANDRA

Someone tipped off the Buissons. They came out guns blazing before we even had a chance to get the door open.

FELIX

And you have no inclinations as to who that was?

CASSANDRA

No. No inclinations, Fix.

FELIX

Alyson, do you have anything that you would like to share?

ALYSON

So much and yet, nothing in particular to share, no.

FELIX

(sigh)

Alyson, why don't you step outside for a moment. I'd like to talk to Cassandra one on one.

ALYSON

Uhhhh...you good, Cass?

FELIX

Why are you asking her? I'm in charge here.

ALYSON

That you are. Apparently you, Felix are in charge so...I will wait outside.

[Alyson gets up.]

CASSANDRA

What?? Go outside.

ALYSON

Going, sheesh.

[Alyson steps outside the office and closes the door behind her.]

ALYSON

Deep breaths, deep breaths, there's nothing to accuse you of because you didn't do anything wrong. Right? Probably. Far as I know. I could beat the shit out of him. Yeah I'm still pretty strong I'll just beat the shit out of him. Problem solved, piece of cake.

[The door opens.]

CASSANDRA

You're up.

ALYSON

Oh good that's just what I wanted is some one on one time with Felix.

CASSANDRA

Uh huh. Whatever.

FELIX

Alyson! Join me a moment.

[Alyson walks in.]

FELIX

Close the door if you would babe.

ALYSON

Sure.

[Alyson closes the door and sits down.]

FELIX

I would love to know your version of events.

ALYSON

(under her breath)

Me too.



FELIX

What was that?

ALYSON

Uhhh...so what happened is...

FELIX

You and your sister were supposed to lead a team to eliminate some of our competition and instead it sounds like we lost several of our people. They couldn't even recover all of Kaylock. So what do you think must have happened?

ALYSON

Well so Kaylock is really a separate issue here-

FELIX

What. happened. with. the. BUISSONS??

ALYSON

It sounds like...someone must have tipped them off?

FELIX

It does, doesn't it?!

ALYSON

Fix we'll get to the bottom of it, no need to worry okay?

FELIX

Do I seem worried? Because I'm not. Cassandra made things pretty clear.

ALYSON

She did? So we're good? I can go?

FELIX

You know what, maybe I am getting

too worked up. Not good for my heart. Go ahead, go join your sister and get out of here.

ALYSON  
Okay...great.

[Alyson gets up and takes a few steps to the door.]

FELIX  
Oh Alyson, one more thing.

[Alyson stops and turns around.]

ALYSON  
(sigh)  
Yes, Felix?

[Felix walks over, and pushes a small needle into her neck.]

ALYSON  
Ow!

FELIX  
There, now we're good.

ALYSON  
Fuck what was in that? FELIX WHAT  
WAS IN THAT SYRINGE?!?

[Alyson falls to the floor with a loud thud. Cassandra throws open the door.]

CASSANDRA  
Alyson!

ALYSON  
Cass...help...

CASSANDRA  
You said you'd just fire her!

FELIX  
Oh you're so right, I forgot. Hey

Alyson?

[Felix kneels down next to her.]

ALYSON  
(struggling to breathe)

FELIX  
I don't think this employment  
situation is working out, so I will  
be terminating your contract, okay  
babe?

[Felix pats a dying Alyson on the shoulder, and then stands.]

FELIX  
Cassandra you are so right, this is  
why I need to keep you around.  
I can't be missing little details  
like that.

ALYSON  
...the desk...Cass...

FELIX  
Oh yes, Cassandra there is a big  
bottle labeled antidote right at  
the end of my desk there.

CASSANDRA  
Alyson...

[Cassandra starts to get up for it.]

FELIX  
Ah ah ah but unfortunately  
antidotes are a perk for use of  
employees only. And as Alyson has  
now been fired, per your request,  
you would be going against me by  
grabbing it.

ALYSON

Cass...please...

FELIX

You brought her here yourself. You knew what I meant when I told you she was getting fired. And the good news is, you're getting that promotion you keep asking me about!

ALYSON

(gasping for air)

FELIX

Unless of course, you don't want it anymore. Then, by all means. Grab it. It's right there.

CASSANDRA

Fuck!!

I can't stay for this. I'm so sorry.

[Cassandra leaves, slamming the door.]

FELIX

Ooh betrayed by your sister. That's gotta sting huh? Eh you don't need to worry about that for long.

ALYSON

(dying breaths)

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[Doc Briggs is shuffling some papers and grabbing some various metal instruments. She pushes a button to start recording.]

DOC BRIGGS

(sad sigh)

Beginning autopsy on...Alyson Arkell. Her sister Cassandra insists that Alyson collapsed from

"stress". I can't imagine that was  
the medical reason so...we'll see.

[Doc Briggs pulls a sheet that was covering Alyson.]

DOC BRIGGS

(briefly teary)

The fuck am I gonna do? Fuck, what  
if I'm stuck here without her?

The only way out is through.

No obvious signs of trauma on  
external inspection. Hold on...

[Doc Briggs pushes Alyson's body slightly to the side.]

DOC BRIGGS

There is a small needle prick on  
the left side of the neck.

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BERNICE

(stage whisper)

Oh no no that's not good, we need  
to preserve the integrity of the  
body.

ASA

(stage whisper)

What? Why?

DOC BRIGGS

(muffled, outside the  
closet)

Let's see what's going on inside. I  
will begin with a Y incision along  
the chest so I can access the ribs  
and the lungs.

BERNICE

(stage whisper)

No time just hit the button!!

[Timey-wimey warble noise.]

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[Alyson sits up. Metal instruments and trays are knocked around.]

DOC BRIGGS  
(startled yell)

ALYSON  
(startled yell)

DOC BRIGGS  
You're...well...I guess I can  
cancel that autopsy.

ALYSON  
Autopsy??  
Were you about to cut me open???!

DOC BRIGGS  
You were dead!!

ALYSON  
I am a little bit concerned about  
your medical background now.

DOC BRIGGS  
Your heart hasn't been beating for  
hours. Are you questioning my  
judgement now?

ALYSON  
I've found a lot of your judgement  
questionable lately so we can just  
add it to the list.

DOC BRIGGS  
Okay, okay, let's back up. How are  
you feeling?

ALYSON  
Could be fuckin' better thanks for

asking. Also...very naked except  
for this bracelet.

[Alyson adjusts the sheet back over her.]

DOC BRIGGS

I'm not sure why I hadn't removed  
it yet. I think just some small  
hope we'd both get whisked back to  
our timeline where you'd be fine.

[Doc Briggs grabs Alyson's clothes and hands them over.]

DOC BRIGGS

Here.

Do you remember dying?

[Alyson gets dressed.]

DOC BRIGGS

Alyson?

ALYSON

Yeah! Yeah I fuckin' do, okay?

DOC BRIGGS

Do you want to talk about it?

ALYSON

Oh yeah you know me, big on the  
talking and feelings.

DOC BRIGGS

Hey you don't have to do anything.

ALYSON

You're damn fucking right I don't!  
(deep breath)  
Breathing is nice.

DOC BRIGGS

I'm a pretty big fan too. I'm not  
really sure how you're breathing

but I'm certainly glad you are.

ALYSON

I'm...mostly glad too.

(groans)

The whole thing is so fucked. I didn't want to die, I was so scared and then...I felt okay about it.

DOC BRIGGS

Bright warm light at the end of the tunnel?

ALYSON

Nah none of that shit just...an overwhelming feeling of acceptance. Sorry I...to be clear, I am very happy to be breathing again and would very much like to stay that way. I just feel like a loud alarm woke me up from the best fuckin' nap.

DOC BRIGGS

I'm a little ashamed to admit I was worried what you dying meant for me...if I was stuck here without you. What happened to you? Cassandra said you died of stress.

ALYSON

Well that's one fuckin' way to put it. Felix thought I ratted him out and uh you know, needle the neck and lights out.

DOC BRIGGS

Did you? You understandably were never a big fan of him.

ALYSON

Who the fuck knows. I came to at the Buisson's. This other me could



have done anything before that.

DOC BRIGGS

Everyone's so stressed out here  
like they think anyone and everyone  
is going to stab them in the back.

ALYSON

To be fair I did get stabbed in the  
neck. Fucking Cass.  
Briggs, I think I owe you an  
apology about Asa.

DOC BRIGGS

Oh? Wow you've sure changed after  
dying.

ALYSON

Do you want the apology or not?

DOC BRIGGS

I really really do yes.

ALYSON

I'm not really going to hurt Asa.  
He's family, and he we both love  
him in different ways.

DOC BRIGGS

Agreed on that.

ALYSON

But this has to stop. I'm so tired,  
and I apparently got fuckin'  
assassinated? It's a bit much.

DOC BRIGGS

I can't imagine that was fun for  
you.

ALYSON

Well waking up to you holding a  
blade over me sure wasn't.

DOC BRIGGS

I thought you were dead! Actually  
not just thought, I'm quite sure  
you were dead!

You know what, that is beside the  
point. You're right, this needs to  
stop. I think the best thing we can  
do is go find Asa.

ALYSON

Agreed, let's go find that little  
piece of-friendship whom we love  
very much. Any guesses where we  
should look?

DOC BRIGGS

A bar?

ALYSON

As good a guess as any.

[They leave the medical room together.]

[A few seconds later, Asa and Bernice spill out of a closet.]

ASA

Ow!

BERNICE

Sorry, sorry, apologies...

ASA

Stop apologizing and just get off  
Me! That was a tiny closet, next time  
we're hiding somewhere with more  
room.

BERNICE

That was so fascinating.

ASA

Why didn't she die?

BERNICE

Oh she did. I can't say for sure without running a...probably rather "frowned upon" experiment, but because she was still wearing the bracelet I suspect the version of Alyson from our timeline was restored. It's certainly not impossible for us to die in the wrong timeline, but with a little bit of luck and a time warble at just the right moment-

[Timey-wimey warble noise.]

ASA

Again?

BERNICE

(stage whisper)

Shhhh. I didn't do that one.

[Zeff, Gib, and a reluctant Daken and Reyes quickly walk down a corridor in the Spider's Den.]

DAKEN

This might be the worst idea you've ever had.

ZEFF

I appreciate the input.

REYES

I'd like to add my input as well that an alliance with the enemy is generally a bad idea!

ZEFF

Well Gib agrees with me at least.

GIB

Unfortunately.

DAKEN

Zeff, Zeff hold on!

[The crew stops a moment.]

DAKEN

This is dangerous.

ZEFF

You think I don't know that? Daken,  
this is a really stupid idea that I  
had that I'm dragging us all into,  
but sometimes you just gotta commit  
to your stupid idea because it's  
your only idea and see it through  
to the end, okay??!

DAKEN

We can just come up with another  
plan. I'm sure there's something if  
we just take a beat and figure it  
out.

[Zeff starts marching off.]

REYES

There he goes.

GIB

We better keep up with him.

DAKEN

(sigh)

Zeff, wait!

[The rest jog off to catch up.]

[Timey-wimey warbles.]

ASA

I will never get used to that.

BERNICE

Well, hopefully you won't have to.

ASA

Considering how things are going I think I've doomed us to dealing with this forever!

BERNICE

I mean we could just...not-

ASA

"Change the timelines, change the timelines" why did I have to come up with this stupid idea.

BERNICE

Nooo it wasn't stupid! It's not exactly working well...at all...but it was a novel idea, and sometimes novel ideas run their course.

ASA

Everything is ruined and it's because of my stupid idea! I can't believe I dragged all of us into this.

BERNICE

That's not true. You only dragged the two of them into this, I came willingly.

ASA

We'll just have to keep trying. I'll do it forever if I have to. Whatever it takes. The only way out is through.

BERNICE

Hold on, there's that word again "forever."

ASA

I can get it. I have to. Whatever time I have left living I'll figure this out and make it better.

BERNICE

Hey wait a second, I'm as stubborn as they get in committing to experiments but sometimes you have to call it off. We've functionally been at it for the equivalent of a year, I don't think there's value in pouring more of our lives into this.

ASA

That's fine.

BERNICE

It is? Great, I have some ideas for an experimental cotton candy I've been itching to try.

ASA

Enjoy, I'll be carrying on by myself.

[Asa starts walking away quickly.]

BERNICE

Asa...Asa don't leave...wait I really can't advise going by yourself-

[Timey-wimey warbles interrupt Bernice.]

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[Kingery theme plays.]

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