

A way out?

„Well crap, this could be potentially awkward“, Jaryl notes. He and Jin reached a staircase leading down into a part of the Laboratory that has been flooded, and without special equipment, they are unable to proceed.

„Uh-huh... you can't swim, right?“

„Nope. You?“

„Not at all. Dammit, what're we gonna do...?“

„Hm... oh, wait, look. We could climb up there, there's a way leading to another floor above us“, Jaryl says as he points to a destroyed stairway leading up.

„Ok, then let's do that“

Right after both of them managed to climb up, they hear stomping sounds coming from the hallway. They immediately move back a few steps so they'd be out of sight. A few seconds later, a grotesque abomination of a monster breaks through the doorframe. It appears to be a mixture of an alligator, a toad, a tiger and a human, coupled with a few mechanic parts sticking out from its bloodied body, and as it lets out the same ungodly scream they had heard before, it proceeds to stomp to the stairway and make its way down into the lower, flooded floors of the laboratory.

They stay quiet for a few minutes, not wanting to have that monster notice them.

„What the fucking piss was that???“, Jin blurts out exasperated after a while, unable to stay calm,

„Who... what... *Why*???“

„Jin, I know, calm down. Let's... let's just disregard that thing, we need to get the fuck away from here, so let's hurry!“, Jaryl says, also disturbed by the creature they just saw.

Once they have reached the top of the staircase, they arrive at a single room. It seems to be a control-room of some sorts, since there's lots of computers and machines in it. Only one of them seems to be in a functional condition.

„Oh that's nice, this one has a map of this facility!“, Jaryl notes cheerfully as he searches through the files on the computer.

After opening the map-program, it shows the entire lower sector of the laboratory in red, with the words „*WARNING! AREA IS FLOODED! ACTIVATE DRAINAGE!*“ besides it.

„Alright, there is a way to remove all that water from there. I wonder how it got flooded in the first place, though... it's not like we're anywhere near the beach here“, Jin says, sunken in thoughts.

„My first guess would be that there's, like, some sort of aquarium down there. Y'know, where they keep creatures that require living in water. They must've had a lot of these down there, else I couldn't think of how it would be able to completely flood the area, though...“, Jaryl theorizes, as he keeps looking at the map, searching for alternate exits out of this facility.

„Hm, seems legit“, Jin mumbles, shrugging.

After looking at the map for a while, they give up.

„Goddammit, what facility is this??? The only alternate exit I can see here is on the roof, but I'm NOT in the mood of jumping or climbing down a big building, to be quite honest with you“, Jaryl grumbles.

„I thought that buildings like these here need more ways out in case of things getting really bad, but no, ugh... is there a way to open the front door where we came in?“, Jin asks disgruntled.

„Hm... seems like we need some sort of keycard. There's this button to unlock the door, but I keep clicking on it, and it does nothing. We also need to activate the drainage and... **sigh**... go through the lower sector in order pretty much make a loop to the entry of the building, where we can then leave and never return here again“, Jaryl rattles off, very eager to get away from this place.

„Okay, good. Oh shit, wait, what if that creepy monster is still down there when we activate the drainage? It will notice that we are here, and it will try to find and kill us“, Jin realizes.

„In that case, we have to kill it first then. I really don't think that it is invincible, everything can be killed in some way. Also, we do have tremendous magical powers at our side. If all else fails, we just nuke that fucker to death and be done with it. Shouldn't be *that* difficult“, Jaryl says.

„Alright, if you say so...“, Jin mumbles, still having quite a bit of doubts about this.

„Hey... Jin, look. We will survive this, together. We just have to be careful. Don't be worried... please...“, Jaryl says, hugging Jin in an effort to try to calm him down.

„Yeah... yeah, you're right. Thank you, Jaryl“, Jin mumbles, blushing and smiling a little bit.

„Any time, honey“, Jaryl says with a smile, „Well then, let's search that keycard first. I'm sure it's here somewhere, this looks like a place where they store such cards“

They proceed to search the room, finding a couple of them in a drawer. They decide to take every card with them, just to make sure. Then they activate the drainage via the computer.

„Okay, that's done now. Let's go, Jin...“