

FIND US ALIVE EPISODE 15: D-Class Personnel

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HARLEY

Interview Log.

Foreword: Subject interview occurred following an incident in which D-8379834, henceforth referred to as D-Class, caused several of SCP-SixtyThreeTwenty's Wild Card effects through the deliberate creation of several instances of SCP-SixtyThreeTwenty Dash One.

These instances were incomplete at the time D-class was restrained, causing them to be set off several minutes later after completing themselves. D-class constructed these incomplete instances in an area infrequently observed by surveillance equipment.

Interviewee: D-8379834

Interviewer: Dr. Orion Lancaster.

Begin Log.

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LANCASTER

Hi, D-class. My name is Dr. Lancaster. I'm going to refer to you as D-1, is that alright?

D-1

Let me out.

LANCASTER

You've been released from your restraints for this interview, I'm afraid there's not much more I can do.

D-1

Let. Me out.

LANCASTER

Do you understand why we can't do that?

D-1

All I was doing was trying to escape.

LANCASTER

How would creating Dash Ones help you escape?

D-1

I don't fucking know, I'm not a fucking scientist. But isn't it obvious?

LANCASTER

It's not obvious to me, could you explain a little more?

D-1

Everything in here just wants to leave.

[Click]

KLEIN

You know, color me surprised. Didn't think you'd agree to something like that.

LOVE

Fuck off. I'm just doing it because then he doesn't bug me about it.

KLEIN

For what it's worth, I don't think it's a terrible idea. Therapy can really help sometimes.

LOVE

Well, it's not helping yet.

KLEIN

Stick with it, maybe it'll help later.

LOVE

Yeah, whatever.

KLEIN

Trust me on this one, enough time working in the Foundation, you're gonna be really glad for whatever therapy you can get.

LOVE

Yeah, cause it sucks here.

KLEIN

Eh, depends on where they put you. Sometimes it's not so bad.

[Click]

LANCASTER

So this knowledge, does it feel like you're being told all this?

D-1

No. It's like a gut feeling.

[Pencil scratching]

LANCASTER

Okay. Interesting.

D-1

You should try it.

LANCASTER

I'm sorry?

D-1

Why don't you and your people try making more of them on purpose? What's the worst that could happen?

LANCASTER

..We almost lost our primary food supply the last-

D-1

(Dry chuckle)

I've been eating that goo for a week, I have nothing to lose.

LANCASTER

We told you, we have to keep you on nutrient paste until you stop drawing Dash Ones-

D-1

You could just let me. And watch.
I know how much you people love
watching.

[Click]

[Pen scratching on paper]

HARLEY

(Humming to himself)

This is extremely contrived~
None of this even makes sense~
This probably won't even work
anywa-

[Door opens]

RADDAGHER

Harley.

HARLEY

(Startled)

AAHYOU do have a habit of doing
that, don't you?

RADDAGHER

Sorry.

HARLEY

What's up? Is Love on shift?

RADDAGHER

No.

HARLEY

So it's empty?

RADDAGHER

Burnett from Security is up there.

HARLEY

...Oh.

RADDAGHER

Did you hit the rift with
something?

HARLEY

Did I- what? No. What? No. Like,
did I hit SixtyThreeTwenty? No, I
didn't, why?

RADDAGHER
Do you know who did?

HARLEY
Did somebody do that?

RADDAGHER
There was something that looked
like a crack in it after the
blackout.

HARLEY
...huh. That's weird.

RADDAGHER
Are you trustworthy?

HARLEY
...Yes?

RADDAGHER
Love and I think somebody tampered
with it when the lights were off.

HARLEY
Have you told Klein?

RADDAGHER
Klein could be in on it.

HARLEY
You don't trust Klein.

RADDAGHER
No.

HARLEY
What about Lancaster?

RADDAGHER
No.

HARLEY
Well, aren't you just the perfect
Foundation employee then?

[No response]

HARLEY
(awkwardly)

Because- you don't trust anybody,
and you're... paranoid- nevermind.
No, I didn't tamper with the rift.

RADDAGHER

Okay.

[Door opens and closes]

HARLEY

(Amused)

Okay, bye!

[Click]

LANCASTER

So when these thoughts come to
you, they don't- they aren't clear
exactly? More like- more like
impulses?

D-1

Sure.

LANCASTER

Are you telling me the truth?

D-1

Why would I lie? I wouldn't get
anything out of it.

LANCASTER

Okay, but that thing you set up,
the instances you put up on a
delay, that seems premeditated. I
don't know if I believe that you
did that on impulse.

D-1

It's not entirely impulse alone,
doc. It's more of a slow burn.

LANCASTER

Please explain.

D-1

Like my gut knows what to do, but
it takes me longer to plan it out.

LANCASTER

So you aren't receiving clear
instructions?

D-1

No, 'course not. You don't get instructions to get hungry, do you?

[Click]

[Hallway ambience. Klein and Harley walk]

KLEIN

God, this would be so much easier if Dr. Carson had noted ANYTHING about what the FUCK that thing is for.

HARLEY

There's really nothing on it?

KLEIN

I can't find anything. Nothing in emails, documents, the database, nothing.

HARLEY

What do you think, then? Top secret stuff?

KLEIN

(Annoyed)

The Foundation is so far up its own ass with all the secrecy... It's probably not even anything important, maybe something from when they were still figuring out how to build this place.

At least we're finally getting to actually see it.

[Mechanical humming in the background]

HARLEY

...Is *that* it?

KLEIN

That's- wait.

Did somebody do something to it already? Why's it-

HARLEY

Note.

KLEIN

Oh.

[Paper crinkles]

KLEIN

"It was like this when we found it, love Maintenance."

It was like this when they found it, I guess.

HARLEY

I... don't know what I'm looking at here.

KLEIN

It's only half.

HARLEY

What?

KLEIN

It's only half of one Reality Anchor. The other side has been... jimmed off.

HARLEY

But it's still working, look. The lights are still on.

What does "track ready" mean?

KLEIN

(Thinking)

Where? Where does it- oh. That means it's connected to something. Or at least it thinks it is.

HARLEY

Connected to the other half? Does that mean we're looking for another one?

KLEIN

Yeah. Yeah, it probably does. What's the Maintenance channel?

HARLEY

Channel 2.

KLEIN

Great.

[Click]

LANCASTER

How long have you been doing this,
exactly?

D-1

Couple weeks. Fuzzy on the
details.

LANCASTER

Did you- did it start after you
touched a completed Dash One for
the test you participated in?

D-1

I don't think so.

LANCASTER

Can you think of anything that
might have started it?

D-1

Have you tried doing it on a
person?

LANCASTER

..Doing what?

D-1

Making a replication.

LANCASTER

Is that something you are feeling
an urge to do?

D-1

Anyone can see it's the next step.

LANCASTER

The next step towards what?

D-1

I don't really know.

Why don't any of you feel like it
is? I'm not crazy.

LANCASTER

(Tonal shift)

You're right. A crazy person would never hide bodies in their crawlspace.

[Handcuffs rattling. Clothes shifting, Lancaster grunts]

D-1

I'm not crazy. Sooner or later you'll feel it too.

[Heavy metal door opens. Several guns load.]

KLEIN

(Intercom)

Hands off or we will fill your ass with lead.

[Lancaster makes a short gasping noise]

D-1

Hands are off. Not gonna hurt anybody, see?

KLEIN

Doctor, you good?

LANCASTER

(shaking it off)

I'm good. I'm closing this interview, D-1. You may await notice for additional interviews or further testing.

D-1

Think about what I said, Doc.

LANCASTER

Fuck you.

[Click]

HARLEY

End log.

Afterword: medical examination of Dr. Lancaster found no evidence of injury. D-1 is denied usual leisure activities due to assault of Foundation personnel, and has

since been returned to full-body restraints.

[Static]

KLEIN

Lancaster? Laaaaaancaster.

LANCASTER

Hm? Oh. Sorry. I was... sorry. I was distracted.

KLEIN

Something about the memetic?

LANCASTER

Right! Right. Yeah. No notes, obviously, but I did find something out.

KLEIN

Hit me.

LANCASTER

I've failed every time I've tried to record explicit details about the effect. I've tried writing it down, recording it on my phone, every time I get distracted and it doesn't go anywhere. But I DID succeed at getting it on record ONCE.

KLEIN

Yeah?

LANCASTER

Yeah. By accident. I got it on recording when I was working on it. I was- had left one of Harley's recorder things working because I kept hearing stuff in the wall, like mice or something, and I forgot to turn it off. I caught about four minutes of me muttering to myself about it.

KLEIN

Do you-

LANCASTER

I don't have it, no. It was before the last reset.

KLEIN

Dammit.

LANCASTER

I tried to play it over my walkie once. Which uh- didn't work. I couldn't keep my head straight. But you know what I can't figure out?

KLEIN

What?

LANCASTER

Harley can talk about it on the air.

KLEIN

Is he taking recordings?

LANCASTER

Not anymore, he stopped after the first reset. He's- he just broadcasts now.

KLEIN

And that works? He can talk about it?

LANCASTER

Yeah. Not in recordings, unless it's by accident, but he doesn't forget if it's broadcasting live.

KLEIN

Huh. There's definitely something here. Keep working on this, I'll talk to him.

[Click]

[Door opens. Servers hum.]

LOVE

Hey!

RADDAGHER

Hey.

LOVE

Did you watch that thing with the
D-class guy today?

RADDAGHER

Yes.

LOVE

I woulda laughed so hard if Lanc
got strangled.

[No response]

LOVE

Okay fine, I wouldn't have
actually laughed. Whatever.

(Muttering)

But he didn't get strangled, and I
definitely laughed a little bit.

[Pause]

RADDAGHER

I set up more cameras in d-class
containment.

LOVE

Good idea.

How many extra cameras do we have?

RADDAGHER

We had four.

LOVE

Are they all in there.

RADDAGHER

No.

LOVE

...Are you okay?

RADDAGHER

What?

LOVE

You're fidgeting.

RADDAGHER

Uh...

LOVE

You look like you're nervous or something.

RADDAGHER

I got Haldi to hire two more people. To replace you.

[Pause]

LOVE

(Disappointed)

Oh.

Okay.

I guess I deserve that. Um, I'll see you around for the 14B meetings-

RADDAGHER

No. I meant so you could do the same shift as me.

LOVE

What?

RADDAGHER

You don't have any surveillance training. They do. I can train you properly if we're on the same shift.

LOVE

Nice!

[Pause, a beat. Chair squeaks]

LOVE

And... I did mean it, when I said sorry. I really fucked up. That was- it was a fucked up thing to do. And you seem cool, so I didn't want to-

RADDAGHER

It's fine.

LOVE

...It is?

RADDAGHER

(Severely)
Just don't do it again.

LOVE
(Nervous laugh)
Don't worry. I won't.

[Click]

HARLEY
Additional medical examination of D-1 has discovered a darkened mark on the palm of D-1's right hand. This mark corresponds to a test in which D-1 was instructed to touch an instance of SCP-SixtyThreeTwenty Dash One. The mark is a perfect shape copy of SCP-SixtyThreeTwenty.

Further tests have been conducted on D-class 2 and 3. Test content is as follows.

The first test mimicked the suspected cause of D-1's behavior: direct skin contact with a Dash One instance. Subject now bears a mark on his skin, similar in color to an ordinary birthmark, in the shape of SCP-SixtyThreeTwenty. Mental state at time of recording is so far normal, but will be monitored closely.

The second test involved invasive injury to test a new theory on the formation of dash one instances. An incision was made on the subject's forearm, cleaned and dressed but left open. Subject complained of constant pain for the next thirty two minutes, until suddenly reporting a sharp and intense pain at the site of the injury, accompanied by a short hissing sound.

Uncovering the wound found a clean cut branching off the original in the shape of SCP-SixtyThreeTwenty. The wound was no longer bleeding.

Although no subjects report unusual feelings, thoughts or impulses, all will be closely watched.

D-1 has officially been designated the first observable instance of SCP-SixtyThreeTwenty Dash Three.

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