

TEASER**INT. LABSEA PENAL COLONY 60.45. NIGHT**

A corridor of riveted metal panels lit by harsh fluorescents. The look of a submarine but extrapolated to a skyscraper.

On the wall - "LABSEA PENAL COLONY 60.45" printed in a militaristic sans serif font.

Water pours from the ceiling, through portholes, already ankle deep. An emergency beacon sounds and flashes it's warning.

There's no-one in sight but footsteps splash closer just as--

--two men thunder in, SETH Callaghan (22), a Prisoner, and Lt. GUNNER, (40s), a Guard - they have each other by the throat.

Seth, Old Hollywood gorgeous, the type to break your heart without knowing it. Brave but foolhardy. Fiercely loyal but Machiavellian when it comes to protecting someone he loves.

Gunner, grizzled, sharp crimson uniform, soaked through.

Though driven with the strength of rage, Seth is no match for the much heftier Gunner - who slams him against a wall.

GUNNER

Give up, boy, you're finished.

Seth, red-faced, chokes with Gunnar's weight on his chest.

SETH

You wish.

Gunner smirks, as he grasps Seth's collar and throws him into the water. Seth rolls forward and ends up on his knees.

He tries to stand but is too winded. Seth gasps for breath - defeated. Gunner laughs as he slowly approaches. Savours it.

GUNNER

I always knew you'd be trouble. Ever since that slut, Callaghan, brought you here in her belly. Too bad mummy isn't here to save you--

Gunner raises his fist to strike and Seth cowers.

JEN (O.S.)

--Hey, Gunner!

Gunner whips around just as a bullet strikes him between the eyes. He stumbles and splashes into the water beside Seth.

Shocked, Seth glances ahead to see his mother, JEN Callaghan, (48), as she lowers her weapon.

Jen, brave superhero, hard as nails but soft and caring. The truest, most loving Tiger Mum. Beige prison jumpsuit.

With her other arm, Jen holds up, NORIN Callaghan, (17), who has been wounded in the stomach.

Norin, typical lad, brave but spoilt by being the baby of the family. Clumsy but loyal. Beige prison jumpsuit.

JEN

You okay?

Seth nods as he gets up and wades quickly to his family, Jen winces as she passes Norin's weight over to him.

Norin yelps in pain and clutches his wound with shaky hands.

SETH

What happened?

Jen shakes her head as she checks the ammo in her pistol.

JEN

Meurtielle's men took back the Control Room. We only just got out.

SETH

What do we do now?

JEN

I've sent the others to the pods. We need to spread out. Regroup--

Seth scoffs at this, fired up by adrenaline.

SETH

--but we've got Meurtielle on the back foot, we can take it back!

Jen puts her hand on Seth's neck, looks deeply into his eyes.

JEN

You put up a good fight, kid, but the Berg's done. It's time to let go.

A loud clang rings out far above them and the Berg shudders and the lights dim to emergency red.

ALARM RECORDING (V.O.)

(repeatedly)

Emergency - Catastrophic rupture
imminent - evacuate immediately via
your closest flume station...

JEN
That's our cue!

Jen shares Norin's weight with Seth and they carry him...

INT. LABSEA PENAL COLONY 60.45. FLUME STATION. NIGHT

A large oval room of riveted metal panels full of round flume ports covered by a closed apex of metal panels. Only one Flume Capsule remains in situ (essentially a high-tech Bathysphere).

Electrical cables spark from a shot out door control panel. Dead Guards float in the knee-deep water that fills the room.

They drag Norin into the Flume Station and Jen's face brightens when she sees there is an open Capsule.

JEN
There! Get your brother up. There should be a MedKit inside.

They climb up into the pod and lay Norin on the floor. Seth kneels by Norin as Jen tries to access the control panel.

Seth sees Norin's eyes flutter closed and he slaps him awake.

SETH
Norin, mate, stay alert!

Seth rips a Med Kit off the wall and pulls reams of bandages out of it. He presses them onto Norin's wound.

Jen tries to activate the navigation system but the words "DISABLED" flash on the screen. Jen's eyes widen in horror.

The Berg judders again and the water rises more quickly.

SETH (cont'd)
Mum, hurry - she won't hold out much longer!

Jen glances around frantically, outside the pod is a lever labelled "MANUAL EJECT", and her face sets into determination.

JEN
Look after your brother, okay--

Jen exits the pod.

JEN (cont'd)
--you're all he has now.

Seth frowns and glances over his shoulder. His eyes widen in horror when he sees Jen at the pod door.

JEN (cont'd)
You hear me!

SETH
Mum! No!

Seth jumps up but he's too late to stop Jen, she closes the pod door and the words "LOCK ACTIVATED" illuminate above.

Seth scrambles to open the door, but it's no use.

SETH (cont'd)
Don't do this, please! We'll find another way.

The Berg judders spectacularly and Jen glances at the tunnel, she can hear the water rushing towards her.

JEN
There's no time.

She moves her face urgently close to the glass.

JEN (cont'd)
Find him, Seth. Promise me you'll find him.

SETH
Mum?

Jen bashes the glass.

JEN
PROMISE ME!

Seth's eyes fill with tears as he places his hand over hers.

SETH
I promise...

Jen blinks away tears as places her hand over the "MANUAL EJECT" lever. Seth tugs helplessly at the door.

SETH (cont'd)
No! No!

Jen pulls the lever and the Pod is launched backwards and the image of Jen quickly grows tiny.

The Berg rattles and Jen is engulfed by a huge wave of water.

The Pod SWOOSHES through the evacuation tunnel and into...

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