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Summary

1. We continue down a few more flights of stairs.
2. The stairway ends and there is only one exit door.
3. We are one floor below the main entrance where the giant spider is petrifying the coral.
4. A huge, dark vehicle storage area is beyond the door with deadly **Pseudopods**, some of which have morphed into a fly death spears.
5. There are ramps between the vehicles with people fighting for their lives.
6. One by one we bolt out the door and descend down into the stygian void.

Detail

We are huddled at a doorway. Near the foyer, trying to decide on a course of action.

Luna is looking at the computer trying to find any information of use. We're talking to **Sky Blue**, who seems to have regained some of her memory, not current events, but more of her longer-term memories.

She said she was a research assistant that was working on the floor where we found her and she had an office one floor above that.

She doesn't remember where she lived, but she remembers that she was working on a blue orb. **Sola** had wanted the blue orb to contain acid. **Sky Blue** had no idea why or what the purpose was.

Then **Sky Blue** looks at **Luna** oddly and starts to pull up an employee of the month roster on the computer. After scrolling down quite a ways she finds **Luna's** picture, or a picture very similar to **Luna**. There are a whole bunch of different versions that look very similar to Luna going back in time. The oldest photo is of "the" Luna standing with us. The Luna with us now appears to be the first of a series, but there's a whole bunch of later versions. **Luna** frantically starts doing some research on this issue, and finds in the system his HR record. It's limited. Looks like somebody's trying to type whatever they had into fields from an HR app, which was, as usual, poorly designed and even more poorly implemented.

Our **Luna** has a serial number of A-010 and he has a rating of very high IQ, high commitment levels, and is a very genetically stable model. As he looks at some of the prior versions, their genetic stability and IQ slowly decrease over time, and

then finally the "Luna", series stops and it looks like just random people were put up as an employee of the month. Just to fill in the space with no projects listed, it seems like the Luna series were the only ones accomplishing significant projects.

We decided to go down the stairs from where we are currently located. We make it down to about seven floors and we're at the bottom of the stairway. There is only one exit door at this level. We're not in the sub-basement, but right below the main lobby where the giant spider is paralyzing the coral.

We have a very long discussion on what to do. Finally, Luna manages to get some of the cameras outside the door working. It looks like a parking bay, With non-compliant OSHA ramps between various ships and trucks and other items floating over a large deep void. Sadly, we can also see that there are people trapped in some of these vehicles fighting a vicious battle against the Pseudopods, even worse, some of the Pseudopods can fly and some of them have morphed into pterodactyls like creatures with large pointed beaks, completely black, and long tails with a needle at the end.

As we watch this, the shooting continues from some of the survivors, but we see a swarm of Pseudopods converge on one vehicle and then the shooting stops. They then move to the next vehicle. Luna has some bits of equipment in his pockets and quickly he builds a very small robot with little crab legs that he named Peter.

The plan is to open the door, send Peter out, and see just how dangerous it is in the very spacious and dark parking structure. Once we see just how fast the flying Pseudopods are, our initial plan is to bolt out the door one at a time drop down into the void and avoid the pathways.

Hans opens the door, and Luna rolls Peter out side. About 3 seconds later, 2 pterodactyls Pseudopods team up on Peter and tear it into tiny, tiny, tiny little useless pieces, and then fly off. We shut the door, look at each other and think, oh, shit we're all gonna die.

The shadow creatures are flying around at high speed. We decide their only choice is to bolt out the door one at a time. Jump off the ramp, which again is not OSHA compliant and has no handrails at all, and leap down into the void. Hans jumps seemingly undetected and flies down into the void about 120 meters and waits for the rest of the party. Then Talon jumps. He is spotted and one of the pterodactyl creatures makes a lunging attack at him. and luckily misses. Hans descends another 120 meters, and Talon is above him.

Hans notices that there is a ship in his path below him and begins to veer off to avoid hitting it. A pterodactyl Pseudopods speeds past Talen and past Han in the blink of an eye. Luna is now spotted by the pterodactyl Pseudopods as he leaps

off. Kryssle also leaps off the ramp and we are all now strung out at various depths in the impenetrably dark void.

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