

We are headed to Cargo Bay 9!

Ping is waiting for us there. When he sees us coming around the hallway, he quickly approaches Carlos/Erizo with the 'Hey, we need to chat, like, just the two of us.' We acquiesce.

He gets super quiet and secretive and says, "Hey, what are you doing? We can't bring clients to an orange protocol." "Of course. They know nothing, and think they're just going back to their quarters."

Ping says Erizo doesn't sound like himself. Carlos/Erizo says he thinks he's coming down with something, but nothing to worry. Ping offers pills. Carlos/Erizo starts to open, but Ping says they're for sleeping. He offers to call Kathy (Doctor?). Carlos/Erizo says not now, more pressing matters.

Pulls out tricorder. There's residual evocation activity, transmutation all around the entirety of the room. Black ectoplasmic goo? Van upside down, but orange alert, so focused on the arcana. Garage door was open. Whatever created all of this left. Security checking the footage -- it looked like no activity, then suddenly, this. And let me tell you: that black goo is rank.

There's a plastic canopy. Ping waves and the zipper opens up to let me in. Smells like a pig sty.

Ping is finishing stuff up outside and will keep anyone from coming in or out, due to security questions, per Carlos/Erizo's directive. Says there are Arcsubs that will do as Ping, Kathy or I request, but given my voice, may need the overrides.

Carlos/Erizo enters the room. Zipper closes behind.

Hrothulf talks to Ping, asks whether he or someone can check up on his very important project and whether any impact on that will be had from this calamity. Ping directs him to the white courtesy phones, which can connect him to his concierge. Hrothulf pushes, but Ping says he is not associated with Hrothulf's project and so doesn't know. For safety, Ping tells him he needs him to step away, and that he can go into his lodging and there he can also reconnect with his concierge.

Darnit shows up. Says, "Hey, I got my stuff." He's wearing a black, not mess, not kevlar, not nylon, but something in the middle for gloves. His weapons look shinier. "So what's going on?" he seems to say.

Carlos/Erizo -- by garage door -- two floating, kind of spherical constructs that I haven't seen before, though they kind of remind me of the robotic things from Mystra...you have some of their goo tubes. As best as I can tell, they're looking away from the space. When I walk in, they turn, and a sort of magenta glow comes pulses from the face area, then they turn around to their position.

Carlos/Erizo looks all around the room. Discerns no cameras, though Ping said they eventually showed the current status, so presumably they came back online.

Carlos/Erizo asks the robots to help him flip the van right side up. They inform that they are in sentry mode -- 'danger Will Robinson' kind of voice - bad tech, bad syntax too. Requires manual override. There is a nine... symbol... keypad on screen. At first, don't recognize, but then recognize them from Thorin's temple from Mystra.

In the corridor -- Izar casts sleep on Ping. Ping falls asleep. Hrothulf picks up the tricorder and looks at it. It says "data transfer complete" or something to that effect on it. He then gently sets it down so as not to wake Ping. Izar presses him to go forward and unzips.

Carlos/Erizo says to the robots, "The greater danger may not be outside, it may be in here. Please help me." They say, "Will comply," and come to get van. As they have the van at a 45 degree angle, the zipper unzips. They drop the van, it lands upright, and they say, "Intruder alert! Intruder alert!"

Roll for initiative!

1. Izar -- "Carlos, we need to go, like, now. Are we set to do that?"
2. Carlos -- "Who the fuck is Carlos? This is a disaster. We need to evacuate this island."
He says this while getting in the back of the van
Izar comes over toward the van. Tells everyone to get in the van. Tells Hrothulf to get in the driver seat. He jet packs, trying to lure them after him, ranseur at the ready. Hiare creates a scene also, grabbing at robot tentacle things. He says, "You're the real intruder" in Netherese. When he flies by, five or six of the tentacles of the arcsub lash out and electrify, but Izar is erratic with the jet pack and fortunately dodges
Carlos, in the back of the van, finds that the traps are still on, but there is no Erizo body -- it is black goo.
Carlos says, "Arcsubs, we must initiate the evacuation procedures!" The do not respond.
3. Arcsubs -- Go over to Izar and electrocute. Izar blacks out for a second, but then kind of regains consciousness.
4. Hrothulf -- Hrothulf gets in the van and takes the wheel. Looking around, "Boy, this reminds me of my moonshine running days back on the homeworld huh huh!" Hrothulf turns the key. It doesn't start. He tries it thrice more. It still doesn't start. With a bad enough roll, he may have even broken the starter further. On the fifth turn, nothing happens.
5. Darnit -- The hammer (Oshuut) comes out. Darnit moves in range of the arcsubs and throws the hammer at the nearest one. It drops to the ground and its tentacles are flailing haphazardly. It only speaks in Netherese now, not common, and it says, "Hurting. Hurting. Hurting." Izar also says the same.
6. Izar -- Says in Netherese, "In the name of House Lukesi, we are not intruders. We are friends of the Lukesi household." The operational arcsub says, "Identity not confirmed."

Izar puts a little of his blood on his ranseur, then shakes it at the tentacles, offering. Then he goes to the side of Darnit. The arcsub lunges at him,

7. Carlos/Erizo yells to the room with his best urgency, "You have to evacuate! You have to evacuate this facility NOW!" Alarms go off. I say to the Arcsubs, "We are in danger! Please help us get out of here! We have to get out of here now!"
Carlos/Erizo tries to get the van to start.
8. Arcsub One floats over to Arcsub Red and begins repairs
9. Hrothulf -- Puts up his purple shield and draws his broadsword, at the ready.
10. Darnit -- Gets in the driver's seat.
11. Izar -- "Please help our house, we need our protection now!" They don't seem to pay attention. "By the name of the Lady Saharel, please!"
12. Carlos/Erizo -- Under the hood. Cable to the starter has fallen out. Carlos/Erizo reach it and reattach it with ease. Darnit starts up the van no problem. Carlos/Erizo gets in the passenger seat of the van and encourages others to get in also.
13. The Arcsubs get up. It looks like Red has been fixed up real nice. Through the zipper door come a couple of the sentry bots that assaulted Dorinda down in the basement. They are looking for evacuation codes and reason for evacuation, but mostly the codes. The Arcsubs fly at full speed toward Izar, pass him, and tackle these sentry droids.
14. Hrothulf gets in the van.
15. Darnit slowly starts moving, awaiting the rest of the crew to get into the van.
16. Izar and Hiare get in the van.
We see Ping who looks at the front of the van in abject confusion, saying, "They're abducting the director."
17. Carlos/Erizo yells out the window, "Ping! Evacuate now! Save yourself!"
18. We can see behind us the sentry bots absolutely demolishing the Arcsubs.
19. Hrothulf leans up to the front and says, "Ah, I say ah, hey y'all, where are we going?" We need to get through the gate. We intend to use our black card that should work on the gates, but we're concerned about the sentry bots running our way that have guns. Hrothulf positions himself so as to take potential shots.
Carlos is yelling out the window, "Evacuate! Evacuate! Space and time are pulling apart! Evacuate!"

Darnit pulls up to the gate with a screeching halt in the mud. He drops the key. He looks in the rearview mirror and sees that drones have taken flight.

Carlos gets out, waving his arms, "Don't shoot! Evacuate everyone!" and runs around the van, gets the card, uses it to open the gate. Gate slowly begins to open.

Bullets hit the side of the van and the gate, but none get inside the van. They're still a distance away, but closing.

There's a whirring sound, like something powering up, perhaps.

Darnit yanks Carlos/Erizo into the van. Carlos/Erizo feels lots of pain in the foot. Thinks he probably got shot by a stray bullet. He reverts back to Carlos, and "Evacuate" becomes "I've been hit!"

20. Izar -- cast Fog Cloud

21. Carlos yells, tries to get himself to where he can stabilize his foot, clutches his leg, and looks to see how bad it is. There is no blood.

22. Hrothulf puffs himself up to absorb as many incoming rounds as possible and says, "Alright, y'all, let's get outta here." He gets shot. Takes a whopping 1 point of damage.

23. Darnit -- drives. Toward the junkyard, Bagmulgwan? Straight toward the ship?