

Breathing Space, Fading Frontier
contains adult language and
situations, including alcohol use,
and romantic relationships.

This episode includes scenes of
police violence against
protestors.

Additional sensory contact
warnings can be found in the show
notes.

Intro plays

I ain't got no home to go to
I ain't got nothing to sell
But my stars will never leave me
Even when I'm sold to hell
I was born under a blue sky
And I'll die out in the black
When I'm gone don't no one mourn
me
'cause my debts will drag me back

Intro fades out

INT. YUKON PRODUCTION AND FABRICATION FACILITY 1990

Ambient factory noise in the background; an attention tone
chimes over a loudspeaker

LOUDSPEAKER

Attention Associates! This is a
reminder that all liquids,
including water, are not allowed
in the FASTR Pods. A dry Pod is a
safe Pod. All beverages should be
consumed on the allocated Refresh
and Renew Breaks only. Thank you
for your understanding and
cooperation! Remember, you put the
Yu in YuKon!

Pause; attention tone chimes

Attention Associates! All associates on Team Beaver! First shift begins in 10 minutes. Please stow all personal items, sign in to your assigned FASTR Pod, and be prepared to log on at the tone. Orders have been pre-loaded to the system. An early employee is a productive employee! Your shift begins at the entrance to the building, not the hatch to your Pod. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation! Remember, you put the Yu in YuKon!

Pause

JAMILA BATORI

--just that I've been taking double shifts since the facility took on the Occulohelios delivery sector-- not that I mind! It's great to get so many hours! So I was wondering if I could maybe get off a couple hours early the last Friday of next month? Since my schedule changed, I'm not home in the evenings anymore. My daughter's turning 8 and we were going to have a little party?

Not too early! Maybe at 7 instead of 10? I could pick up a couple of hours another day if I--

REMOTE MANAGER DROID

Thank you for interacting with the RemoteManager system! You are a valuable employee,

JAMILA BATORI

(pre-recorded)

Jamila Batori

REMOTE MANAGER DROID

--but as stated in the YuKon Order Production and Fulfilment Specialist Handbook, all time off requests must be presented in writing no fewer than 30 business days prior to the requested date.

JAMILA BATORI

I tried to send the request in last month, but the Specialist Resource Hub was down for almost 2 weeks!

REMOTE MANAGER DROID

The Specialist Resource Hub is there to make your life easier! We apologize for any inconvenience this unexpected downtime caused. However, we do not find this sufficient justification for making an exception to policy. Time off requests may also be submitted in person at the Specialist Resource Center located in every Production and Fulfilment Facility.

JAMILA BATORI

I tried to do that too! The center is only open during regular working hours. I was scheduled 6 to 6 until this week. I tried to go on my lunch, but I didn't have enough time.

Look at my file! I got six YuGos! from my supervisors last year, and my attendance is almost perfect! I know it would be an exception, but--

REMOTE MANAGER DROID

We're sorry--

JAMILA BATORI

(pre-recorded)

Jamila Batori

REMOTE MANAGER DROID
but your file also indicates three
disciplinary interventions for
clocking out early in the past 12
month period. Per YuKon policy,
this disqualifies you from all
time off exceptions and exemptions
until 6 months after the last
infraction.

JAMILA BATORI
... clocking out early?

It was less than a minute! The
next Specialist needed to clock in
so he wouldn't be late and I--

REMOTE MANAGER DROID
We're sorry, but we are not able
to process further requests
regarding this matter via this
unit. If your needs have not been
met, or you have further
questions, please reach out to
your Production and Fulfillment
Specialist Liaison, available in
the Specialist Resource Center
from 10 am to 4 pm, Monday through
Friday. Appointments can be made
with the Liaison through this
RemoteManager Droid, by saying
"appointment"--

JAMILA BATORI
Appointment!

REMOTE MANAGER DROID
Thank you--

JAMILA BATORI
(pre-recorded)
Jamila Batori

REMOTE MANAGER DROID

The next available Production and
Fulfilment Specialist Liaison is

ROBOTIC VOICE
Friday, the 21st, at 3:25 pm

REMOTE MANAGER DROID
Would you like to make this
appointment?

JAMILA BATORI
That's nearly a month away!

REMOTE MANAGER DROID
Would you like to make this
appointment?

JAMILA BATORI
No.
(mutters)
Goddamn robot.

Alert tone

REMOTE MANAGER DROID
Please remember that inappropriate
language is not part of a happy,
healthy workplace, and that we
have a zero tolerance policy for
harassment. Your record has been
updated with this infraction.

Can I help you with anything else
today?

JAMILA BATORI
No.

REMOTE MANAGER DROID
Thank you--

JAMILA BATORI
(pre-recorded)
Jamila Batori

REMOTE MANAGER DROID

Have a wonderful day, and remember
...

JAMILA BATORI & REMOTE MANAGER DROID
(in unison)
You put the Yu in Yukon!

Scene Break

INT. ACTERBERG APARTMENT, EVENING.

DR. GOLD
(over a recording)
Ladies and Gentlemen of the
Stars—I ask you—what is it that
the rich man builds? Does he make
the engine of the starship go?
Does he mine for the fuel? Does he
make the rations? No. He stays in
his office and the only things he
builds are his bank accounts!

You may have no homes, but you
have worth—you are workers! The
Intragalactic Workers Movement
wants you. We will unite across
the industries. One big galaxy—one
big--

Recording cuts off

MANDA ACTERBERG
What do you think you're doing??

ANGUS SPARACELLO
Hey! We were listening to that!

MANDA ACTERBERG
Not in my home you weren't.

ANGUS SPARACELLO
We live here too! We have every
right to--

MANDA ACTERBERG
Whose name is on the lease?

ANGUS SPARACELLO
Yours, but still, just because I
sublet doesn't mean I can't--

MANDA ACTERBERG
And why are you subleasing?

ANGUS SPARACELLO
I'm not eligible for a company
lease from YuKon until I've worked
off my company demerits.

MANDA ACTERBERG
Exactly. I'm already stretching
the rules letting you live here at
all. I could be in deep trouble if
you go stirring things up. I've
told you a thousand times Angus,
just keep your head down, get your
work done, put in your time, and
get promoted. Then when you've got
seniority, if you still are
interested in all this ... union
... talk, you'll be in a position
to do something.

Door opens

ANGUS SPARACELLO
How many senior employees do you
see talking about change?

Door closes

JAMILA BATORI
Well, if they offer you a
promotion Angus, I'll be happy to
take it.

LYNETTE MOMOKA
Bad day?

JAMILA BATORI
Yeah.

LYNETTE MOMOKA

I'm sorry, sweetheart. Trouble with your printers again?

JAMILA BATORI

No. They finally cleaned the printing heads for the bio-printer. Managed to get the entire shift done with only one re-print for allergen cross-contamination. The fabber's still slower than it should be, but if I can cut time out in packing I still stay on schedule to meet quota.

LYNETTE MOMOKA

Oh. Then ... Miriam's birthday. You're not going to be able to be here, are you?

JAMILA BATORI

No. I'm sorry, love. I tried everything, and they just can't spare me.

LYNETTE MOMOKA

She's going to be upset.

JAMILA BATORI

I know. I just--

MIRIAM MOMOKA

Mama!

JAMILA BATORI

Heya, Ace, how was school?

MIRIAM MOMOKA

Boring.

Carson dared TJ to eat something out of the bio-printer's NEM recycling bin at lunch, and he did, and then he threw up. The RemoteTeacher sent Carson to the

principal, but he still had to
give TJ his Choklit Milk TM .

JAMILA BATORI
Sounds like you had a busy day.

MIRIAM MOMOKA
Why can't we eat NEM? It goes into
the bio-printer, and we can eat
what it makes. So why can't we
just eat it before it's printed?

JAMILA BATORI
Tired of waiting to get your
lunch?

MIRIAM MOMOKA
Mama! I'm serious!

JAMILA BATORI
Love, you want to take this?
You're the nutrition tech, not me.

LYNETTE MOMOKA
C'mere, Ace. Let Mama change out
of her work clothes.

We can eat raw material that goes
into bio-printers, but it isn't
very good for us. It's Nutrient
Rich Material, but because it's
made mostly of plants and algae,
our bodies weren't designed to
break it down. Some kinds of
animals can, because they have
different kinds of stomachs. But
they mostly live on Terra, or in
the bigger bubbles.

For us to eat it, it has to
already get broken up some. That's
what the printer does-- break down
the stuff we can't eat, so it's
easier for our bodies to process.
And put it back together into a
shape that we want to eat.

MIRIAM MOMOKA
Like Chikun nuggets ™ ?

LYNETTE MOMOKA
Like Chikun nuggets ™.

Some people, who don't have good jobs like your mama and me, have to eat raw NEM. But we don't eat the raw material, or the bits that get recycled because our bodies don't always know what to do with it, and we'll--

MIRIAM MOMOKA
Throw it up!

Lynette laughs; Lynette and Miriam's conversation fades out

ANGUS SPARACELLO
Jamilla, you agree, right? With Dr. Gold?

JAMILA BATORI
What? Sorry. I wasn't listening.

ANGUS SPARACELLO
Do you agree with Doctor Gold?
About YuKon? About how we need a
...
(talks low)
union.

JAMILA BATORI
I mean, I guess? Sure, they're hard to work for. But it's work. It's not perfect but what job is? If I worked somewhere else, maybe I'd make more, but you know I'd be paying more in rent. And healthcare. And for Miriam's school. YuKon's got plenty of problems, but with all the perks it could be worse.

And anyway, it doesn't matter.
Even if I thought Jorgensen and
all he stood for were evil
incarnate, nothing would change.
The company's too big. It has too
much support. I bet most of those
people out there chanting slogans
wouldn't be willing to give up
overnight delivery anywhere in the
system so a few of us can be at
our kids' birthday parties.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

What about what happened with the
8VAC people? The CO2 reclaimers
and oxygen generator workers? They
went on strike and two weeks later
they've got the APU! We could do
that! And people do care! Even if
it cost them just a little bit
more! Dr. Gold and the IWM say--

MANDA ACTERBERG

Your job skilled labor then?

ANGUS SPARACELLO

What?

MANDA ACTERBERG

What you do. Working the FASTR
Pods. That take a lot of skill and
training?

ANGUS SPARACELLO

I mean ... kind of? You have to
time everything really well, to
make sure the line stays moving,
and you don't get behind, so you
meet your Order Fulfilment Quota
for the day ...

MANDA ACTERBERG

Anyone know that?

ANGUS SPARACELLO

Nah. People think it's just "push this button, thing they ordered gets printed. Push this button, you get a box. Put it in the box. Push that button, and it gets shipped out."

MANDA ACTERBERG

Exactly.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

I still don't know what you mean.

JAMILA BATORI

She's saying they'd just replace you.

MANDA ACTERBERG

Exactly. There are hundreds of people around this Processing and Fulfillment center alone that would love the job security you've got. Someone who hasn't seen a doctor in a decade? Ask them if they want to work for YuKon, with their company clinics. Go on strike, they'll just toss you, and bring on one of them.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

But the 8VAC--

MANDA ACTERBERG

Are highly trained people who have either gone to school or apprenticed. And everyone knows it.

Also, you can't just decide to boycott your atmosphere. It's a sort of do or die thing. Neither of those apply to us. The atmo companies had to recognize the union and YuKon just doesn't.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

Dr. Gold said that if we all stand together, nothing can break us.

MANDA ACTERBERG

Well, Dr. Gold hasn't gotten up close and personal with MOUNTIES or their Hounds. If you want to pretend to be a revolutionary, you're going to get yourself killed. Or worse--fired. And I don't want to go down with you. You play those recordings in your room, or not at all.

Scene Break

INT. YUKON PRODUCTION AND FABRICATION FACILITY 1990

Ambient factory noise in the background

ANGUS SPARACELLO

Hey! Jamilla!

(a little louder)

Jamilla!

(louder still)

Jamilla!

JAMILA BATORI

What?!

ANGUS SPARACELLO

Did you hear what happened?

JAMILA BATORI

Huh?

ANGUS SPARACELLO

What happened. At the shipping hub. With the Couriers!

JAMILA BATORI

I have no idea what you're talking about. And I don't have time to

waste talking. I'm backed up out the airlock with orders already.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

You're going to want to hear it. Because it may not matter how far behind you are ...

JAMILA BATORI

What? Yeah, right.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

I'm serious!

One of 'em got killed. A courier. Sucked right out his own rear airlock.

JAMILA BATORI

What?!

ANGUS SPARACELLO

Yep. You know how they're always rushing to get loaded and get out. Well this guy was in such a hurry he didn't check his seals. The loading flap was cracked-- still open a little bit. Didn't notice while he was inside, but he got out of the bubble and woooosh. Pulled right out through the gap.

They had to wash bits and pieces of him off the packages. Put the deliveries a whole day behind!

JAMILA BATORI

That's awful!

ANGUS SPARACELLO

Gotta laugh. Or what else are you gonna do?

Anyway, the couriers are talking. They're saying they all do that-- skip checking the door seals-- to

save time. It cuts a few minutes off and they barely meet quota as it is.

JAMILA BATORI

Yeah. Well. It's part of the job. They take on the risk---

Attention tone chimes over loudspeaker

LOUDSPEAKER

Attention Associates! All associates on Team Goose! Your afternoon 10 minute Refresh and Renew break begins now. Walk around! Stretch! Remember, healthy bodies get plenty of exercise! We encourage you to enjoy the Refresh and Renew sculpture garden, located in Sector Green 7, or view one of our many, custom-designed artistic water features. Please return to your FaSTR Pod before the end of the Refresh and Renew break, or an attendance infraction will be marked against your file. And remember! You put the Yu in YuKon!

JAMILA BATORI

---they take the risk and they get paid for it.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

Not enough to get turned into jelly! They're talking about ...

(in a low voice, after hesitating)
They're talking about a strike.

JAMILA BATORI

What?

Over one accident?

ANGUS SPARACELLO

Yeah.

JAMILA BATORI

Why?

ANGUS SPARACELLO

They aren't keeping up on the delivery shuttles! My cousin's a courier over at Distribution Hub 1994. He says his ship hasn't been serviced in years. They just fill out logs, add some oil, give the hydrogen buffers a shine, and send him back out into the field. He says that even if the door was cracked, with a proper seal it would have been fine. Or even if there wasn't a seal, the alarm should have gone off way before he got out of the bubble. He says that the older the ships get, the more "accidents" we're going to see. 'Cause god knows they aren't gonna fix anything.

Did you know they've got couriers running actually to the Occulohelios station?

JAMILA BATORI

Isn't that *inside* the sun's--

ANGUS SPARACELLO

The sun's corona? Yeah.

JAMILA BATORI

Are the courier ships--

ANGUS SPARACELLO

They're not rated for anything near that much radiation. So they're just soaking it up! And my cousin says Sol's rad output has jumped nearly 200 millisieverts in the past month. And nobody's *talking* about it!

JAMILA BATORI

Still, that's dangerous. What'll he do if he loses his job?

ANGUS SPARACELLO

Eh, probably do better than if he gets killed.

JAMILA BATORI

Sure, but you even said if that courier done things right, there wouldn't have been a problem. Can't blame the company for his own negligence. At least, that's what people are going to say. You know nothing will ever stick to YuKon. Hell. I bet Preston Jorgenson could kill someone and people would *thank* him as long as he keeps their delivery times and prices down. Nothing's ever going to change that.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

Yeah. Well, maybe it's time someone tried.

Attention tone chimes over loudspeaker

LOUDSPEAKER

Attention Associates! This is a reminder that inappropriate behavior with other team members is strictly prohibited by YuKon. Our company is a family, and we strive to keep that family safe, welcoming, and professional. Any unwanted socialization, including but not limited to: unsolicited talk between pods, excessive mingling of associates from different teams, and after-hours social activities that do not include all YuKon staff are strictly prohibited and will

result in an infraction against
your record. When in doubt, avoid
making people uncomfortable. If
you wonder if you shouldn't talk
to someone, be smart, and don't!
And remember! You put the Yu in
YuKon!

Scene Break

INT. ACTERBERG APARTMENT, EVENING.

DR. GOLD

(over a recording)

--alongside them! Like the 8VAC
workers, these brave individuals
are standing up to exploitation
and abuse. Risking their very
lives to declare their labor,
their sweat, and their time to
have value. And they are doing it
loudly! Will you join them? Will
you join us?

The YuKon couriers are our family.
Our siblings in the great fight
for the rights of the worker. We
must support them as they struggle
against one of the most insidious
institutions in the System. We
must be willing to risk just as
much as they. None of us- none of
us are free from the chains of
these corporations, if even one
still remains yolked to them!

Rise up alongside us! Bring the
Couriers, and indeed every
facility worker, in every facility
around the System, into the
Intragalactic Workers Movement. I
am, myself, am going to Dion, to
Production and Fabrication
Facility 1990, to stand
shoulder-to-shoulder with my

siblings. The demonstrations have
already begun. Together, we will--

Door opens, recording is quickly turned off

JAMILA BATORI
(tiredly)
It's just me

ANGUS SPARACELLO
Oh. Yeah. Hi. How are you?

Door closes

She's coming! Dr. Gold is coming
here! We're going to show them.
We're going to change everything.

You're going to join, right?

JAMILA BATORI
Join what?

ANGUS SPARACELLO
The great struggle! The push for
recognition of the inherent
dignity of the worker! The
revolution to overthrow the bosses
and their hegemonic plutocracy!

The *strike*!

JAMILA BATORI
No.

ANGUS SPARACELLO
Jamilla! We're making *history*!

JAMILA BATORI
Which is great. And I'm glad. God
knows it would be nice to have
some things around here change. I
support you, I really do.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

Then come out with me. Leaders
from all over the System. They're
making Dion the center of the
YuKon general strike. Everyone's
on alert. It could start any time!
We're going to really say
something!

JAMILA BATORI

I can't.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

Why??

JAMILA BATORI

I have a spouse, Angus. And we
have a kid. We can't afford to
rock the boat. Even if it were
just me who got out there and
marched, Lynette's salary isn't
enough for us to live on. And I
know if I got out there, they'd
want to, too. And I will not let
them ...

I'll leave the revolutions to you
young people.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

Jamilla. You're 37.

JAMILA BATORI

Which is practically middle age.
Which is most of the way to dead.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

Whatever you say, grandma.

But pretty soon, this will get so
big that everyone will be part of
it. You won't have to worry,
because we'll be in the streets,
we'll take back our lives from the
company! And then you'll see. How
much the people can do, when they
stand together!

Scene Break

INT. ACTERBERG APARTMENT, A DIFFERENT DAY.

YORK VENTURA

(over a broadcast)

Mounting tension between YuKon workers and management polarizes System! Preston Jorgensen continues to decline to comment. This is York Ventura, for Redline U838 the Voice of the System.

Following a series of accidents across several production and shipping facilities, shopping giant YuKon has become the most recent target of the so-called Intrastellar Workers Movement. Under the direction of Dr. Gold, several industries around the system have begun the formation of new workers unions, lashing out against individuals and organizations they deem to be "enforcers of a repressive plutocracy."

Following the effective formation of the IWU-8VAC, Couriers employed by YuKon have begun efforts to obtain collective bargaining rights, and other concessions. Several small clashes have occurred at YuKon facilities between employees and the YuKon Mobile Operative Unit: Neo-Tactical Implementation Experts (MOUNTIEs), though thus far, actions have remained localized. It has, however, been reported that that fact may soon change, as a general strike has been called to begin in the next

weeks.

Preston Jorgenson, founder and CEO of YuKon has remained silent regarding the friction, though in prior interviews, he has been reported as saying that unionization was not necessary for YuKon, because of their employee-driven, family-values-based management style.

U838 was told by Jorgenson's agent that--

Broadcast turned off

ANGUS SPARACELLO

They could not be any more obvious with their bias. It's like they're just waiting for a chance to call us a mob. Or looters. Or say that we're rioting. The mainstream media wants to turn everyone against--

MANDA ACTERBERG

Oh my god. Shut up, Angus. I am so sick of you--

JAMILA BATORI

Not at the dinner table.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

This is important. It affects all of us, as employees of YuKon. We need to stay current and be ready to act!

MANDA ACTERBERG

I have had it up to here with his "activism." All he can see is the excitement of it. He has no idea how it's going to effect real--

JAMILA BATORI

If you're going to have this argument again, I would appreciate it if you'd go somewhere else to do it. My daughter doesn't need to be subjected to any more than she absolutely has--

Door opens

Lynette! Sweetheart! Your hand!
Are you ok?

MIRIAM MOMOKA

Amma?

LYNETTE MOMOKA

(out of breath)

I'm fine. No, really. It's ok. I'm fine.

There was just some ... trouble
... at work.

JAMILA BATORI

What happened?

(to Miriam)

Ace, you want to take your dinner and finish it with that new holo?

MIRIAM MOMOKA

Can I?

JAMILA BATORI

Go ahead.

MANDA ACTERBERG

And don't make a mess in there, or I'll feed you to the bio-printer.

Door opens and closes as Miriam leaves

JAMILA BATORI

What happened? Where did those cuts come from? You look like you

got in a fight with a bailing machine.

LYNETTE MOMOKA

(nervous laugh)

Well, kind of.

People have been talking. About things? What they think. What could happen. Good or bad.

I mean, not a lot, and not where anyone can hear them. But it's all over the R&R Center. People are saying if the Nutrition Techs get on board ... we're actually essential workers? Even Van says that no one would actually know how to run the industrial bio-printers if we all "got sick" on the same day. That people would notice, if they had to eat unprocessed NEMlette.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

See! Even veteran employees think--

JAMILA BATORI

Let her finish.

Ok, but how--

Attention tone chimes over loudspeaker

LOUDSPEAKER

Attention Associates! All associates on Team Loon, your shift has come to an end. Thank you for your hard work as part of the YuKon family! Please finish any orders still in your queue prior to punching out. Unfinished orders are late orders! We appreciate your thoroughness and pride in a job well done. Be

advised that work completed after
the end of your scheduled shift
will not be compensated, even if
you have not logged your shift
end. Be sure to punch out
promptly! We value your commitment
to the YuKon next-day-delivery
promise! And remember, you put the
Yu in YuKon!

LYNETTE MOMOKA

--It was an accident.

JAMILA BATORI

Lynette, what happened?

ANGUS SPARACELLO

What did those fat cat pigs do?!

MANDA ACTERBERG

What are they, cats or pigs?

LYNETTE MOMOKA

We had just finished with the
dinner rush. I went outside to get
a breath of fresh air. You know
how the kitchens get when all the
printers are running at once.

There were all these flyers
scattered around. So I picked one
up. I mean, why not, there were
hundreds.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

That's an IWM technique--
organizing via actual, physical
paper. They call it "leafleting."
It's better than comm or redline
broadcasts. It can't be hijacked.
Gets the truth straight into the
hands of the people, so we can
assemble and rebel.

JAMILA BATORI

What did it say?

LYNETTE MOMOKA

It was ... a call to a general strike and work stoppage. Next week. For all YuKon employees.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

Our time has finally come.

JAMILA BATORI

Shut up, Angus.

(to Lynette)

That doesn't explain how you got hurt.

LYNETTE MOMOKA

It was a drone. One of the new ones, that can fly? I guess they have them set up to do street sweeping, because a couple of them were going around vacuuming up the flyers, and shredding them. I guess they were programmed to identify waste paper?

MANDA ACTERBERG

Are you trying to tell us a street-sweeping drone cut your hands up? Impossible. All YuKon drones have safety blocks. Anything dangerous would have turned itself off as soon as it touched you.

LYNETTE MOMOKA

I ... I thought so too. So I didn't really worry when it came over. But when it got hold of the paper, it didn't let go. I sort of pulled on it, because I wasn't finished reading. I thought it would just let go and move on. But it didn't. The shredding attachment just kept coming. I was so surprised I didn't move until it had already cut me some.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

I told you! I've been talking to people. On the comms! They have killer drones! One that are programmed to--

JAMILA BATORI

I don't know. This could have just been an oversight. Or maybe a bug. There's no way they'd override blocks. Is there? It'd be illegal, for one thing.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

The people who make the laws don't care if they break them. Just wait. Pretty soon they'll have drones out there responding to threats with force. They'll say it's for our protection, but--

MANDA ACTERBERG

I don't believe it. Sure, YuKon management is a bunch of assholes, but they aren't going to hurt their own employees. I wouldn't put it past them to require mandatory overtime, or something, but they aren't going to send killer robots after us. We keep this company running. They need us.

ANGUS SPARACELLO

You were the one who said we're replaceable.

LYNETTE MOMOKA

It was ... it was probably just a bug. And it didn't really do any damage. They aren't even really cuts. More like scratches.

C'mon, love, give me a hand cleaning them up? Everything's

going to be fine. We'll just keep
our heads down and stay out of
trouble, and this will all blow
over.

Attention tone chimes over loudspeaker

LOUDSPEAKER

Attention Associates! Remember,
littering on YuKon company
property is strictly prohibited.
Our campuses are our homes, please
respect them! We value a clean,
beautiful atmosphere, and strive
to provide a stimulating
environment for our valuable
employees. Per the YuKon Employee
Handbook, inappropriate discarding
of trash or other materials may
result in up to 3 infractions
marked in your file. Thank you for
your cooperation. And remember,
you put the Yu in YuKon.

Scene Break

EXT. RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Sirens in the background; crowd noises, sounds of whistles
blowing and glass breaking

JAMILA BATORI

Lynette?!

Pause

... Lynette?!

Pause

Miriam?!

LYNETTE MOMOKA

We're right here.

MIRIAM MOMOKA

(near tears)

Mama!

JAMILA BATORI
Get inside. Come on.

Door closes; sound of multiple locks

JAMILA BATORI
Get away from the windows. Back here. Come on, sweetheart, it's ok, we're ok. Just stay back. Our room will be safer. It's ok ...

LYNETTE MOMOKA
What happened? We were at the El-tram stop. By her school. It had just pulled up. And we got on. And then this crowd of people. Running up the street under us. Hundreds of them. The tram pulled out, but people were climbing up the platform and trying to get on the train. But you know they don't stop once the doors close, and ...

MIRIAM MOMOKA
Why were the MOUNTIES shooting at us?

JAMILA BATORI
They weren't shooting at you, sweetheart. They were shooting at the other ...

Pause

It's all right now. We're going to keep you safe, right here.
(to Lynette)
The strike. The protest. It was today.

LYNETTE MOMOKA
I don't know. It wasn't on the news. Just all of a sudden people. And gas. Some kind of ... I don't

know. We were over it, in the
El-tram, but people looked like
they couldn't breathe. They
started falling down, and--

JAMILA BATORI
Shh. You're home, Love.

Come on, Lyn, pull yourself
together. You're scaring her more
than she already was.

LYNETTE MOMOKA
They were using drones. The
MOUNTIES. Flying ones, but also
ones on the ground. Four legs.
They looked like big, big dogs,
with square heads. They ...

I swear I saw them kill someone.

JAMILA BATORI
That's not possible. Drones and
remotes can't ... there's a law--

LYNETTE MOMOKA
I know. But one of them jumped on
a guy. And knocked him down. And
he hit his head on the pavement.
There was so much blood. And it
just stood there on him. And--

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LOUDSPEAKER
Attention Associates! Please be
advised that at this time, all
Associates and their families are
requested to remain indoors, as a
facility-wide curfew has been put
into effect until further notice.
You are valuable members of the
YuKon team, and your safety is of
paramount concern to us.

Associates not currently at their

place of residence should remain where they are-- temporary, complimentary accommodations will be made. The YuKon Mobile Operative Unit: Neo-Tactical Implementation Experts (MOUNTIES) and Remotely Operated Overhead Kinetic Implementation Expert (ROOKIE) drones have been dispatched to patrol all commercial, residential, and manufacturing areas to preserve the peaceful and welcoming atmosphere we strive for.

Those found outside residences or other facilities will be escorted to the nearest Associate Liaison Center, and will have infractions marked against their file. Our associates are our most valuable asset, and one that we strive to protect. Remember, you put the Yu in YuKon!

Pause; sounds of rioting in the background that gradually fades out as the broadcast fades in

YORK VENTURA

--are still down, nearly 12 hours after the initial report of shots fired.

This is York Ventura, reporting for Redline U838, the voice of the system, with the latest breaking news on the riots at YuKon Production and Fabrication Facility 1990 on the asteroid Dion. The facility is reported to have been locked down since 6pm UST yesterday, and a full communications blackout put into place.

It appears that labor activists, with the support of the Intragalactic Workers' Movement attempted a work stoppage and general strike, prompting YuKon management to implement countermeasures. It is unclear as to the cause, but there have been reliable reports that YuKon security has been fully mobilized, and has been engaging in violent clashes with rioters. Prior to the blackout, there were reports of several dead and hundreds injured.

When asked for comment, YuKon representatives stated that the events on Dion were a "matter of internal company negotiations" that could not be discussed publicly.

Though no official statements have been made, Redline U838's economics reporter Violetta Diku hypothesizes that the asteroid has been placed into a state of emergency, and will remain that way until hostilities have been quelled, with the people of Dion remaining in a perpetual lockdown until such time as---

Broadcast cuts off into static

Scene fades out

Thank you for joining us for this episode of Breathing Space, Fading Frontier.

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