

## **Botanical Gardens**

(I think these should be sequential in order of delivery to player)

### **-World-class quarantine upkeep: Subordinate drawing attention to supervisor of a weakness in security measures**

“Hey boss, I swapped the hydroponic purifier on Tank 34b. Also checked the filters on the atmo scrubbers and everything looks golden. Something did come to mind however, and I thought it best to raise it to your attention.

I know one of your main talking points about the facility is our world-class quarantine capabilities. I've been double-checking the security protocols during my spare time (yes, after I've tended to my laboratory responsibilities) and I think I may have found a vulnerability. :/ While we have tremendous redundancy on physical barriers, I am concerned that so much of our emergency procedures rely on a heavy supply of energy. Everything is fine so long as we always have crystite on hand. If something were to happen to our crystite, the failsafe system would release the pneumatic pumps on main doors A & B to allow all human personnel to safely exit. While I'm aware that the xeno-biological specimens would still be contained within their individual holding cells, I am concerned about reducing one more barrier between these organisms and the outside world—however implausible that may be. We should really reevaluate our emergency preparedness and consider implementing a 'ripcord' policy where—worst case situation—all of the facility is locked down, with no regard for preserving the xeno-species, despite their incalculable value. Alpha Prime's colonists can always send more.

Thanks for your time. I look forward to discussing this with you.

Ricardo

### **-Subordinate communicates with supervisor a second time, pleading for action**

Boss,

Me again. I don't mean to nag, but did you see my previous vid-packet? I really, *really* am concerned that our quarantine measures will not be sufficient in the case of an emergency loss of power. We should take steps now to safeguard New Eden from these xeno-flora specimens. While there may appear to be no obvious danger, we both know there are always unforeseen and far-reaching repercussions when a foreign species is introduced into a new biosphere. Let's please address this before it's too late.

Ricardo

### **-Angry/curt response from supervisor**

Ricardo,

Don't worry about our quarantine procedures. We have a process in place to handle just such a catastrophic event. Trust in the process. Let the process do its job and YOU do yours. I hired you to maintain mechanical hardware in our primary holding cells. That's what I want *you* to do. The *dionaea alpha muscipula* specimen in pod 127 is showing an unusual growth rate since it was moved last week from pod 32. I want you to determine why. What environmental factors are different? If you find an anomaly, CORRECT IT. No more lollygagging, Rich...stay focused.

Monohan

## **SYSTEM FAILURE OVERRIDE – LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES ABORTED**

admin log of terminal event:

- primary power source failure at: 14:55:32
- auxillary power source engaged at: 14:55:33
- all nonessential power services shutdown at: 14:55:33
- remaining power diverted solely to personnel and specimen life-support at: 17:30:12
- auxillary power source depletion imminent, lockdown procedure countdown initiated at: 19:23:45
- lockdown imminent: all personnel are directed to evacuate the facility immediately: 19:23:55
- lockdown imminent: all personnel are directed to evacuate the facility immediately: 19:24:00
- lockdown aborted: override code provided by director: {jmonohan} at: 19:24:05
- system log shutdown; manufacturing SIN imprint for post-event investigation
- end message: goodbye world at: 19:24:08

## **MESSAGE BETWEEN TWO BIOLOGISTS**

LaCroix,

Words cannot express my elation at seeing the *spectacular* results of cross-pollination between the xeno-species and our terrestrial ones! This is far more than we could have ever hoped for! Can you imagine the accolades we would have received in the old world?! We're witnessing mutations and new trait expressions in a matter of only 5-10 generations. It's phenomenal! And the results that Vicente is getting with 'Dionéia' from pod 127 is more than we could have dreamed of! That the specimen could not only adapt—but also thrive—so rapidly in our messy atmo mix—heavy with nitrogen and O<sub>2</sub>—is absolutely astounding....ASTOUNDING! He said the plant has begun sexual reproduction, releasing a cloud of orange spores. He has already submitted the spores for analysis and he promised me a first look at the results! Jelly?! Hahaha! Sad, isn't it, that the happiest I've been at this job is when our facility actually died and life is left to its own devices. I tell you, it makes me believe again in the beauty of the universe. What a delight to witness this firsthand!

Huanming