

VODIAN

Yet, I'm still here.

AVRIEL seems about to respond with something quick witted, but stops himself to absorb the depth of what VODIAN said.

SCENE 4: INT. - DARK HAWK WORKING BAY

NEVAN is seen cranking something on D9-1ED. She is full of grease and exerting a lot of effort.

NEVAN

Almost done...

She goes to check around the back of and noticed he doesn't have a battery compartment. NEVAN looks on confused, she looks at D9-1ED who looks back at her, then she looks in his back again...and then back at him.

NEVAN

Uhh, I don't mean to alarm you, but you shouldn't be alive right now.

D9-1ED

(panicked)

Excuse me? I'm not alive? Help!  
Help!

D9-1ED starts to panic, he flings his arms out, knocking NEVAN to the ground. She quickly regains herself, and calms the droid down.

NEVAN

D9, relax! It's fine!

D9-1ED

How bad is it? You can tell me. I can take it.

NEVAN

It's fine! I just, I've never seen this before...

D9-1ED

What are you talking about General?

NEVAN

Your battery, or should I say your lack there of..

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D9-1ED  
(He swipes away NEVANS hands)  
Oh that. That's nothing.

NEVAS looks on confused as the droids continues to function without worry and moves about the room, as she stands still in awe.

SCENE 3 CONT'D: INT. - DARK HAWK

VODIAN and AVRIEL are further along in their conversation. They are now eating together. AVRIEL breaks a piece of bread and passes it over to VODIAN.

VODIAN  
And the droid...? He came from  
Loris as well?

AVRIEL  
D9? Nope. I found him. Pretty much  
left over scraps. But I restored  
him... Using the force.

VODIAN  
So you put him together using the  
force?

AVRIEL  
Erm, not exactly...

SCENE 4 CONT'D: INT. - DARK HAWK WORKING BAY

NEVAN is packing up her tools as D9-1ED continues their conversation.

D9-1ED  
The master, and I share a unique  
bond. His life essence powers my  
very own.

NEVAN  
How is that possible?

D9-1ED  
Neither of us are completely sure,  
to be honest.

NEVAN  
So that's why you're so protective  
of him?

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D9-1ED

Quite the contrary General. Avriel and I have seen many adventures together. He is my family. Do you have any family, General? (Inquires like a child)

NEVAN thinks to herself for a brief moment... She ponders this thought very deeply as she responds.

NEVAN

I used to. But...sometimes things change. And those changes are beyond our control. We just have to make the best of it. Keep pressing forward. You know...?

D9-1ED

No. I do not. Why do "we" press forward?

NEVAN

...That's not a simple answer. Life has an odd way of always letting you feel like everything's gonna be alright. That maybe just once things would actually turn in your favour...(she smiles, at the reactionless droid.)But it never does. Sometimes we need things to be bad, so we can appreciate them when they are good.

D9-1ED

And are things good?

NEVAN

(she smiles)

They're always good. Come on, lets go.

A confused D9-1ED follows NEVAN out of the room.

SCENE 3 CONT'D: INT. - DARK HAWK

AVRIEL and VODIAN can be seen chatting again. Both seated.

AVRIEL

What brought you and the General back together?

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