

INT. SHADOW HUNTERS HEADQUARTERS

The Sentries lead Rotor to the Shadow Hunter Leader.
Dump him unceremoniously at their Leader's feet.

Rotor dusts himself off.

 ROTOR
Hospitable as ever, I see.

 SHADOW HUNTER LEADER
What brings you here uninvited?

 ROTOR
As you know, we live in
interesting times.

 SHADOW HUNTER LEADER
An ancient Chinese curse. I am
well familiar with it.

 ROTOR
Since you and I are business
associates, nay, dare I say,
friends...

The Shadow Hunter Leader narrows his eyes. He apparently
does not consider Rotor a "friend."

 ROTOR (CONT'D)
... I have come to you humbly
seeking sanctuary.

 SHADOW HUNTER LEADER
Sanctuary? From whom?

 ROTOR
I don't know if you've heard, but
there's been a bit of upheaval at
the Outpost.

 SHADOW HUNTER LEADER
I am aware of this. My men are
investigating--

The door flies open as Angelica bursts in.

 ANGELICA
Your men are dead.

She kneels in deference. Rotor shrinks into the shadows,
admiring Angelica from afar.

 ANGELICA (CONT'D)
M'lord. I am sorry.

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The Leader collapses in his throne. His heart heavy.

SHADOW HUNTER LEADER

All of them?

ANGELICA

Yes... I was the only survivor.

SHADOW HUNTER LEADER

What happened?

ANGELICA

There were bodies, but they were killed by weapons, not disease. I suspect the outbreak was just a rumor to get civilians to evacuate the area.

SHADOW HUNTER LEADER

DNA Hackers?

ANGELICA

There's no indication hackers were involved. The man who attacked me was a bio-punk.

The Shadow Hunter Leader glares at Rotor, accusing.

SHADOW HUNTER LEADER

A bio-punk? Was this same bio-punk also responsible for the death of my men?

ANGELICA

Yes, M'lord.

SHADOW HUNTER LEADER

How did you escape?

ANGELICA

I was saved. By a woman looking for a man called Rotor.

SHADOW HUNTER LEADER

Rotor...

ANGELICA

Do you know him, M'lord?

SHADOW HUNTER LEADER

Rotor has a reputation for being reckless and irresponsible. The time has come for him to finally reap what he has sown.

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Rotor squirms uncomfortably in the corner.

SHADOW HUNTER LEADER (CONT'D)

We need to find out who was behind this. I doubt one lone bio-punk could have orchestrated something this elaborate...

ANGELICA

Whoever it is, I will make them pay.

SHADOW HUNTER LEADER

No, I need you to gather information only. We will not strike until we know what we are dealing against here.

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ANGELICA

Yes, M'lord.

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SHADOW HUNTER LEADER

And take this refugee back with you.

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ANGELICA

As you wish...

He turns to Rotor, cold fury in his eyes.

SHADOW HUNTER LEADER

Your request for sanctuary is denied. Don't ever come back here again or you'll be shot on sight.

Accepting his fate, Rotor nods. As he starts to leave with Angelica, the Leader calls after him.

SHADOW HUNTER LEADER (CONT'D)

By the way, there is a second part to that curse. It goes "May you find what you are looking for."

Rotor ponders this as Angelica escorts him out.