Dimly Lit

A sci-fi interrogation over a case of insulin. The player picks one of three answers, and each plays out to its own end.

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SCENE 1 · INTERIOR · SPACESHIP CORRIDOR

Two ships are docked through a pressurised airlock. Beyond the plexiglass is open space. Inside, white lights flicker along a chrome corridor. Magnetic stabilisers click overhead. Forced-entry warnings flash on the wall panels. Severed cables hang above a leak of black fluid. Someone is screaming deeper in the ship.

SCENE 2 · INTERIOR · SPACESHIP CORRIDOR · CONFRONTATION

Antibiotic vials lie scattered around KAIDAN. TOLGAR hauls him up by the collar and punches him in the stomach.

TOLGAR
Where is it? You think I'd come all this way
for antibiotics?

He kicks a vial down the corridor.

KAIDAN
That's the whole shipment.

TOLGAR
Where's the insulin?

KAIDAN
You know what organic insulin sells for. So do I.

Tolgar hits him across the face. Kaidan drops to his knees. Tolgar draws a laser pistol and presses it to his head.

TOLGAR
Tell me where you put it, or I'll cut the last of it
out of your pancreas. Your choice.

> **PLAYER CHOICE**
>
> 1. Bluff about the insulin's location.
> 2. Tell him the truth.
> 3. Stay silent.

Choice 1

CHOICE 1 · BLUFF

KAIDAN
All right. Move the gun.

TOLGAR
Talk.

KAIDAN
I left it with Tormir.

TOLGAR
The organ smuggler?

Kaidan nods.

TOLGAR
Why would you give it to him?

KAIDAN
I needed somewhere you wouldn't look.

TOLGAR
On the planet?

KAIDAN
Yes.

Tolgar lowers the pistol.

TOLGAR
If I have to come back, I'm using this.

He turns to his guards.

TOLGAR
Take the antibiotics. You stay with him.

The guards gather the vials. Tolgar leaves through the airlock. It seals behind him.

Choice 2

CHOICE 2 · TELL THE TRUTH

KAIDAN
Lower deck. Between the ignition relay plates. Now get that thing away from my head.

Tolgar gestures to two guards with the pistol.

TOLGAR
Fetch it.

Their boots recede down the stairs.

KAIDAN
Let me sell it. I know buyers who'll pay more. You take seventy, I take thir...

Tolgar punches him in the stomach.

TOLGAR
We're waiting. Quietly.

KAIDAN
Worth asking.

TOLGAR
Keep talking.

KAIDAN
Untie me, then. We could play a hand while we...

Tolgar stuffs a rag into his mouth. A crash comes from below, followed by shouting.

TOLGAR
You two. Downstairs.

He turns back to Kaidan.

TOLGAR
What have you done?

Laser fire from the lower deck. Running footsteps. The airlock opens.

LIRIEN
Looking for this?

LIRIEN steps into the corridor with the insulin case in one hand and a pistol in the other.

TOLGAR
Who are you?

LIRIEN
Put the gun down.

Her pistol charges. Tolgar's men open fire. Kaidan tries to shout through the gag. When the shooting stops, footsteps approach him.

Choice 3

CHOICE 3 · STAY SILENT

Kaidan keeps his eyes on Tolgar. The pistol's charge rises in pitch.

TOLGAR
We could have settled this, old friend.

LIRIEN
Wait. I've got it.

Tolgar turns toward her and lowers the gun.

TOLGAR
You left her out of the introductions, Kaidan.

KAIDAN
Lirien, keep the case. Don't give him anything.

LIRIEN
I'm tired of waiting for someone to come and kill us over it. Take it, Tolgar. Then leave.

Tolgar beckons his guards.

TOLGAR
Bring it here.

Lirien tosses them the case. Tolgar opens it and checks the vial.

TOLGAR
There it is. You should thank her, captain. She just saved your life.

He closes the case.

TOLGAR
We're done here.

Tolgar and his men leave. The airlock seals.

SCENE 2 · INTERIOR · SPACESHIP CORRIDOR · AFTERMATH

Kaidan sags against the wall. Lirien stands over him.

KAIDAN
That insulin belongs to Lord Tormir. What do I tell him when he comes looking for it?

LIRIEN
Get up. We need to move.

KAIDAN
You saw how much that case was worth. We're dead.

LIRIEN
He took sugar water.

KAIDAN
What?

LIRIEN
It'll take him a while to notice. I'd like to be gone when he does.

Kaidan pulls himself up and kisses her on the cheek. She rolls her eyes.

KAIDAN
Lirien. You kept it.

LIRIEN
Command room. Come on.