

# "MELISSA"

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RAM

I have complete faith in you.

She nods, *thanks*. Then, Ram steps out of the airlock. He locks the hatch between them and the rest of the ship.

INT. ATLAS - AIRLOCK

And the airlock starts to DECOMPRESS. Ram's voice comes through their headsets--

RAM (V.O.)

14.7 psi--

Emma and Misha breathe pure oxygen.

MISHA

(bringing up plan on iPad)

Let's go through the plan again--  
You'll leave the airlock first. Tether to this hold--

Emma nods, and we CUT TO--

SC. 1

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM

ON THE NASA FEED, the ship hurtles through space.

START →

MELISSA

Hey--

Matt looks away from the TV to see Melissa entering the room still in her NASA duds.

MATT

Melissa-- thanks for coming by.

MELISSA

Of course. I wanted to catch you before they got out there.

She takes a seat by the bed.

MATT

So, uhm, I found out today that I may be in here for a while.

Melissa takes that in.

MELISSA

I'm so sorry, Matt.

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MATT

And I wanted to see how you felt about keeping Lex for the duration.

MELISSA

It's what I signed up for.

MATT

I doubt when you signed up to be Emma's emissary to the ground, you thought you'd be getting another full-time teenager.

She laughs.

MELISSA

If there's anything life has taught me, you never get exactly what you sign up for.

Matt smiles--

MATT

Thank you, Melissa--  
(then)  
I'm sorry--

MELISSA

What for?

MATT

That we lost touch, as the kids got older, I always felt bad about that.

She takes that in--

MELISSA

Having disability in your life changes things. It's hard for people. I'm not saying this accusingly. It's just the way it is.

He takes that in.

MATT

I guess I'm about to find out.

**/END**

Melissa nods, then grasps onto his hand, a connection between these two. As we PRE-LAP:

RAM (V.O.)

Pressure at 4.3.



MELISSA

Then I can come pick her up, no problem.  
But honestly, Emma, I think she's okay.

Emma nods, reassured, though unable to relax.

EMMA

Mel, I... I'll never be able to thank you  
for the way you've stepped in here.

MELISSA

It's not a big deal.

EMMA

It is an enormous deal.

MELISSA

No what I'm saying is... you can tell a  
lot about a person by how they act around  
Cass.

(then)

You and Matt have raised a great kid.

On Emma, her love for her family all over her face.

EMMA

Listen he won't admit it, but Matt's  
gonna get a little lonely without Lex at  
the hospital. If you could just pop in  
from time to time...

MELISSA

Of course.

EMMA

Oh and he has this habit of growing a  
mustache when I'm not around.

MELISSA

I'll talk him out of it.

EMMA

Thank you.

They're quiet a moment, these once-close friends.

MELISSA

How're you holding up, up there?

EMMA

(brief beat; then)

It gets harder every day, Mel. I miss  
them more every day.

