

Lost in Space

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2 monologues that could be performed separately or together.

Dr. Smith talks to the robot as she reassembles it.

Dr. Smith:

Sorry you had to be broken apart like this, but, uh, I'll get you back together. I know you can't hear me. I'm not crazy. It's just, when you spend so long pretending to be something you're not, sometimes you have to say things out loud to remind yourself of what's true. My name's not Smith. It's June Harris. The truth... I'm no different from the Robinsons. [sighs] I wanna put the past behind me... and have a fresh start, just like them. The truth is... [grunts] I'm going to be a productive member of the colony. [grunts] Unless Captain Radic, up at the Resolute, tosses me out of the airlock first. And the truth... 317 that Radic can't seem to understand... is that... is that I'm a good person. I'm not a violent person. 320 I'm not a killer, like you. You were made to kill. The truth is that I'm not going to do any of the bad things that are going to happen. You are.

Will, is that you?

OK. Then don't talk to me.

I don't want you to get caught up in this.

It's really not my place.

It's just... Some people think that kids aren't mature enough to handle the truth. The truth about the mission.

Has your mother told you how dangerous it is?

Wow.

You're such a strong kid.

I mean... I don't think I could let my dad sacrifice himself, even if it did get everyone off this planet.

I know, I know. He said he'll be fine.

I was about your age when my dad went into the hospital. And I remember, everyone was there, and when I asked what was going on, they told me not to worry, that he was going to be fine.

Turns out everyone was just saying that...because they didn't want me to be sad. But when he died...it hurt so much.

Would it have been easier if I'd been able to prepare for it?

Maybe. Sometimes parents think they have to lie to protect their kids.
But friends can be honest with each other.
And right now, I'm the only one telling the truth.
There's a chance that Jupiter makes it to the Resolute, but whoever flies
it won't survive the trip.

You're mom is a very intelligent woman... but she doesn't know everything.
She doesn't know there's someone else who can fly this Jupiter.

It doesn't have to be your dad.

-[sighs] Will, listen to me.

Come closer and I'll show you.

(she shows will the head of the robot in her backpack.)

We could bring it back.
You and me. Together.

But it was only bad
because you told it to be bad, remember?
What if... What if we start it over and you told it to be good?
He could fly that ship.
All you have to do is open this door, and your father can come home.