MAYBE ON EARTH
MAYBE IN THE FUTURE

BLAME!

NIHEI TSUTOMU
Killy's Quest.
The investigation begins.

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LOG1: The Net's Offspring
READ BLAME FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, NOT YOUR CONVENTIONAL RIGHT TO LEFT. AS FLIPPING THE SCANS (BACK TO THE ORIGINAL FORMAT) WOULD MESS UP ALL OF THE SFX. THANKS. - ZYPH
A HUMAN?

GET IN THERE.

...
WHERE'D you come from?
I haven't seen anyone for a long time.

Guess it was just my imagination.

I thought I had seen another one from a distance.
Hey

Yeah?

Eh?

Skaa!

Tshun

Baaa!
Killy, I bet he wanted my cell.
THANKS, YOU WERE FAST.

SO, YOU FOUND IT?

YEAH.

I'M SURE HE HAD A PURE STRUCTURE...

THE LITTLE ONE.
WHO'S THE OTHER ONE?

I COULDN'T SCAN HIM.

HEY, SAVE MY MEMORY.

EH!? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

VLAM
PAOM

PAM PAM

CLANG
EHHHAAAAAA!

PAOM

BOM
BRRRRRR

BRRRM

BRRRM
CRAHHH!

[Image of a person falling through the ceiling with the word "HAADDDDDDDDD"

CRAHHH!

[Image of a person in a room with debris falling from the ceiling]

CRAHHH!

[Image of a person kneeling on the floor]

CRAHHH!

[Image of a person in a room with debris falling from the ceiling]
CLANG
PSCHHH
OK, I got it from Killy. I'll be back soon.

Uh-uh

Some small irregularities in chromosomes #10 and #11. Prepare for the recording.
THE SYSTEM HAS FOUND AN INHABITED AREA ABOUT 3000 LEVELS ABOVE, BUT...

—WE DON'T KNOW IF THEY ARE HUMAN!
BUT CHECK IT OUT
"WHEN THE EARTH, COLD AND CALM, CLEARS, A SHADOW CLIMBED THE HILL..."
WHAT'S THE "EARTH"?

WHAT'S THAT?
IT SEEMS TO BE A PRINTED BACKUP... IT'S DEFINITELY VERY OLD

CAN I TAKE IT WITH ME?
IT’S GETTING DARK.
I can take you to the next level.
SHICIZO ISN'T HERE YET?

HE'S FAR BEHIND
SHICIZO, THE WATCHERS ARE COMING! AFTER YOU HEAR THIS, TURN THE RECEIVER OFF.

PSHU

ZZ ZZ... SHICIZO... RESPOND ZZZ ZZ

WHAT? I CAN'T HEAR YOU!

SHIT! THE WATCHERS ARE HERE!

YOKE! STOP TRANSMITTING, THEY WILL PICK IT UP!

WHAT?! REPEAT!
BZZ

WHAT WAS THAT?

THE WATCHER VANISHED FROM MY TRACKER!

YONE, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

HEY! WAIT!

I'M GONNA CHECK WHAT HAPPENED!

FSHAM
A WATCHER?

IT'S DEAD!

WHAT HAPPENED?
BRO. COME HERE?

WHAT'S UP?

WHAT A MESS
EVEN ONE WILL BE SURPRISED!

NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN A HUMAN OUT OF A SHELTER BEFOR
WHO'S THAT? WAS HE OUTSIDE?

Yeah, he's got a big bash on his forehead. Take care of him quickly!

So, you revived?
I'm surprised there were any survivors other than ourselves.

Is there anyone here with terminal DNA?

Is there anyone here who can access the net?

The net?
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

CLAC

PSSH

KILLY

BOY... WHATTA CATCH.
Pshupshhuuoc

POUM!

ASEKO! CLOSE THE MIDDLE GATE!

I'LL LEAD EVERYONE OUT!
LET'S GET MOVING PEOPLE!!

HAAH

HAAH
You better leave. More watchers are bound to come.

Do you know where they come from?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THEY'LL SEE YOU!
DO PEOPLE LIVE AROUND HERE?
I NEED SOME FOOD.
THERE'S A VILLAGE NEAR THE 40TH FLOOR

BUT I HAVE SOME FOOD
THANKS

I'VE GOT

PShh
DON'T MOVE!

LIKE I THOUGHT, HE'S AN ORDINARY HUMAN.
BUT WE CAN'T ASSUME HE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE AUTHORITIES

LET'S KILL HIM

GIMME YOUR GUN!
WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

DOWN MORE THAN 5000 FLOORS
HE'S WRONG, THERE ISN'T SUCH A FAR OFF PLACE.

SO YOU ARE JUST GOING UP?

I'M LOOKING FOR DNA WITH UNCHANGED MOLECULES.

THERE WILL BE NO PEOPLE UP FROM HERE.

IT WAS LIKE THAT UNTIL HERE, RIGHT?
GIMME HIS STUFF!
I don't care where you go, just don't stay around here.
THAT GUY WAS OUR LAST NEURO ENGINEER.

DO YOU WANT A CELL SAMPLE?

THERE IS A BETTER WAY ...
AND ...

I COULD MAKE A COPY FOR YOU.

THERE’S A GATHERING OF MY FRIENDS NEAR HERE.

WHEN WE GET THERE YOU CAN MAKE AS MANY COPIES AS YOU WANT.

THERE’S A FAMILY GENERATION OR DNA RECORDED HERE.

WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
HERE, SEE FOR YOURSELF.

CLIC

ZUIP

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY VIRUSES, DO YOU?

CLAC
WE GOT 'EM!
HEZIN, COME HERE, TOHI IS STILL ALIVE!

GRANDMA, COME QUICK!

SHIT! WHAT WAS THAT?
WHO WERE THEY?

THEM ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE AUTHORITIES?

WHAT ARE THE AUTHORITIES?

THE AUTHORITIES... ARE THE AUTHORITIES...

THEY’VE BEEN OUR ENEMY FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER

YOU DON’T KNOW ABOUT THEM?
I'm sure there are still some cleaners around.

But my system can't locate them.

It's insane trying to destroy them.

If you see them, run.
THESE ARE OLD BUILDING MACHINES. IT'S SAID THE AUTHORITIES ARE RE-USING ALL THE OLD TECHNOLOGY.
SHIT, HE DIDN'T MADE IT.
BLANG

TSHONG
IT'S QUITE A WEAPON YOU HAVE

NEVERMIND, IT DOESN'T MATTER.
IS IT NEAR?

HEY!
I know you.
YOU KILLED ONE OF OUR PEOPLE.
YOU GOT ANOTHER DNA RECORD, HUH?

OH, THE OTHER ONE WAS JUST A SAMPLE.

ACTUALLY, WE WERE JUST PASSING BY.

THE AUTHORITIES DIDN'T ATTACK US ANYWAY.
THEY DON'T GIVE A SHIT ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS

BY THE WAY, I FOUND A PLACE THAT WAS GROWING YOUR BABIES

I BLEW IT UP!

THEIR MINDS ARE TOO COMPLEX FOR US CYBORGS TO UNDERSTAND ANYWAY.
SO THAT WAS YOU

GET HIS GUN!
CAIII

AAAH!
YOU DO EXIST!

WAIT! DON'T GO!
Yaki wants to see you! And others too!

I'm Kumo! I travel with Yaki. She's the one who told me I should do it!

By the way, what's your name?

The place we're in is under construction. That's why they're so active...

It was hard to find a place where builders don't come. They destroy every nice place.
KUMO!

WHY ISN'T THERE A WALL HERE?

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

HERE! YOU CAN SEE IT FROM HERE

YAKIMA

IT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS BRIDGE.

IT'S TOO FAR, YOU CAN'T REALLY SEE IT.
WE WERE WAITING FOR YOU!

FOR A LONG TIME

YAKI CAME WITH ME FROM YAKIMA.

IT'S ME!

YAKI GOT A LITTLE SICK.

WHEN WE'D JOURNEY ONWARD,

SHE'S LIVED A LONG TIME, SO SHE'S STARTING TO BREAK UP.

THIS IS YAKI!
YAKI, THIS IS THE CURER KILLY!
HE CAME AT LAST!

I'M NOT A CURER.  ARE YOU HUNGRY?
Yaki told me how to make it.

Help yourself!

She knows everything.

Have you ever seen letters?

Me?

I don't think so.
DID YOU STOP THE BUILDER?

I GOT IT OFF A GUY IN A SIMILAR SITUATION.

WHAT IS THAT?

I DON'T KNOW HOW IT'S MADE UP THOUGH.

HEY! THERE'S ANOTHER BUILDER I WANT YOU TO STOP!
QUICK!
IT'S THAT BIG ONE!
That Builder was far off before.

If you don't stop it, this place will be remade.
NOT THAT, THIS.
PSGH!!!!

IT STOPPED!!!
HYA
HA
HA
HA!

PAM

IT STOPPED!
There isn’t... such a curer, don’t lie to me.

Don’t worry, the curer is here.

I knew it, I don’t care anymore.