

The Kingery, episode 12x00A "A Little Elevator Muzak"

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[Background elevator rebooting sounds.]

KAYLOCK

Is this going to take much longer?

CORRY

Look, the lift's nav system got soft-locked. Not much I can do to speed this up, I had to manually shut it down, then reboot it, and now I have to hope it doesn't BSOD again.

KAYLOCK

That sounds –

CORRY

Really complicated, yeah? I know, it's a shame I get paid so little. Well, *got* paid so little. The boss has taken care of that. Still can't believe it was so easy.

KAYLOCK

It sounds like too much information.

CORRY

Just trying to pass the time. Besides, if you knew Jace, you'd understand why I have to spend so much time talking shop.

KAYLOCK

(disgruntled hmph)

CORRY

(sigh) I'm doing the best I can with what I've got, mate. This would have been a lot easier had I not been stuck in here with you.

KAYLOCK

I fail to see how that could possibly be the case.

CORRY

Well, for one thing, I would have just come down through the hatch above and pulled you out. Or... what, would I drop a bucket? I'm not sure how that works.

KAYLOCK
(SUFFERING SIGH)

CORRY
I don't mean to sound insensitive! I just wouldn't want to hurt you, so I mean... bucket with a rope? Like it's a well?

KAYLOCK
We're stuck in an elevator. I fail to see why this needs to be a... social experience. We can just... wait for the elevator to reboot. Quietly.

CORRY
Fine, fine... normally I'm the one asking Jace to shut the hell up.

[A long beat of silence, then a loud beep from the elevator.]

KAYLOCK
Is it working?

CORRY
(satisfied sigh) Yup. We are back in business. Should have us to the thoroughfare in no time. I'm damn good.

KAYLOCK
Huh. For the record, if you don't want to be insensitive... softlocking would be considered a slur on my home planet. My family moniker is "Lock." You essentially questioned my ability to bud.

CORRY
Uhhh...

[Elevator whooshes open.]

KAYLOCK
I've been struggling with the security terminal in my home, as it's been... failing to respond in a timely manner. Would you be able to take a look?

CORRY
You mean it's softlo-

KAYLOCK
On second thought –

CORRY

No! No, hey! Wrench at your service. Lead the way. That's really an insult? I feel like a heel now...

KAYLOCK

Hardly. I was fucking with you. And yes, you'd probably have to pull me out of an elevator with a bucket. Not a bad improvisation for a biped.

[Kingery theme plays]

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