

Film 1: Eternal data

4th Draft

1A EXT. JETTY - DAY

Dawn, on a metal jetty on the water front. Stairs lead up from the jetty to levels above. VIDHIYA is filming and we see her perspective throughout.

THE CELEBRANT wears a black, twinkling mask hanging down over her face. Her eyes are visible glimmering beneath.

We pan down to ARIADNE who died earlier today. Her face is covered with a glossy, rigid Mask. Her arm is bent across her chest so that her left hand is tucked behind her right ear. Her body rests on the split open trunk of a tree. HESSA (and VIDHIYA unseen) stand either side of the body, touching ARIADNE's chest. REKA has her hand on HESSA's shoulder. MASS and VARDA stand alongside REKA.

Beyond the group in the far distance, we can see the estuary opening to the sea. THE CELEBRANT looks to see a black form – the Tanker - growing on the horizon.

HESSA and VIDHIYA reach out to touch the Mask. As they touch it, THE CELEBRANT gently pries it loose and walks away towards the stairwell, followed by HESSA, VIDHIYA, REKA, MASS and VARDA. HESSA stares out to sea as she leaves.

1B EXT. BRIDGE - DAY

THE CELEBRANT, HESSA and VIDHIYA have found a vantage point on a bridge looking down onto the seafront buildings. VIDHIYA is filming the scene. THE CELEBRANT holds the Fist as they watch.

1C EXT. SHORE - DAY

The tanker glides up to the shore. It is over 30 stories high and overshadows all of the buildings. MOLOK is written on it. As it reaches the jetty an enormous door opens within the tanker and a molecular harvester emerges from within. The vast machine has a reflective cutting edge.

The cutting edge slices the jetty with the body on it, one molecule at a time. The jetty – and ARIADNE's body - disappears into the harvester.

1D EXT. BRIDGE - DAY

VIDHIYA films THE CELEBRANT and HESSA as they watch.

THE CELEBRANT turns the Mask over to show HESSA the computer chip inside it.

THE CELEBRANT
You can begin the data transfer when you like.

HESSA nods.

THE CELEBRANT
But, once you do, you cannot rule any more.

She presses the Mask into HESSA's hand.

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