

EPISODE FIVE: Sloughers Like Us

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EXT. CHEM-O-GROW IRRIGATION SHED - NIGHT

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We hear Emmett making his way through a muddy field.

EMMETT'S COMMS

You are now approaching Chem-O-Grow
Irrigation shed.

EMMETT (V.O.)

Those pumps I saw in there are
exactly what Rebecca needs for the
hydrofarm.

EMMETT'S COMS

Night Vision mode activated.

EMMETT (V.O.)

There it is. Right next to Oscar's
grave.

Emmett slowly approaches the shed.

EMMETT (V.O.)

Someone dug up Oscar's grave.
Probably to sell for parts. He
deserved better than that.

(Beat)

The lock to the shed's still
busted.

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INT. IRRIGATION SHED - MOMENTS LATER

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EMMETT

Pumps are bolted to the floor.

EMMETT'S COMS

Caution. Removing bolts might
require more energy than available.

EMMETT

One at a time, Emmett. One at a
time.

Emmett HEAVES. The bolt loosens he keeps wrenching and in a
moment it's off.

EMMETT (CONT'D)

Wasn't too bad. Battery check.

EMMETT'S COMS
Battery twenty-two percent.

EMMETT
Last one.

He heaves with all his might but the FINAL BOLT won't give.

EMMETT (CONT'D)
Come on!

He tries again but no such luck.

EMMETT (CONT'D)
Battery check.

EMMETT'S COMS
Battery nineteen percent.

EMMETT (V.O.)
Do I have enough power to carry
this thing back to the farm?

EMMETT'S COMS
When moving heavy equipment a
supply drone is recommended...

EMMETT
Shut up.

OUTSIDE: Truck breaks squeal to a stop.

EMMETT (CONT'D)
Shit. Someone's here.

EMMETT (V.O.)
Just have to get this last bolt...

The ignition turns off. Car door opens. Boots on gravel.

EMMETT
Come on, come on...

Emmett desperately stomps on the wrench. Harder. Harder. The bolt gives way sending Emmett's knee to the concrete floor with a metallic CRUNCH!

EMMETT (CONT'D)
Argh!

EMMETT'S COMS
 WARNING! You have damaged your...
 knee. WARNING Critical component
 failure.

We hear the door squeak open. SOUNDS of someone outside.

45 EXT. IRRIGATION SHED - SAME

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Roy dons AR goggles.

ROY
 (to himself)
 If I'm stuck on patrol, no rule
 against a little company.

He turns on the goggles. We hear them power up.

AR GOOGLES
 Powering On BetterU Augmented
 Realty Goggles.
 (quick beat)
 You have selected Linda-Bot

SEXY BOT
 (sexy bot voice)
 Is that you... Roy?

ROY
 (lasciviously)
 Now that's more like it.

SEXY BOT
 I need a big strong man to protect
 me. Will you protect me --
 (Beat as program
 references the user.)
 Roy.

ROY
 Don't be scared. I'll protect you,
 Linda-Bot.

SEXY BOT
 Oh but gee wiz I'm so scared! Keep
 me safe --
 (Beat)
 Roy.

ROY
 I will.

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Emmett tests his weight on the injured knee, moans in pain.

EMMETT'S COMS
You are injured. Please stop and
seek repair. LB41.

Emmett takes a deep breath then heaves the pump out of it's housing.

EMMETT
Right after I drag this thing back
to Rebecca's.

With considerable effort, he drags it to the door and peaks out:

47 EXT. IRRIGATION SHED - SAME 47

OUTSIDE - Roy ambles toward the entrance.

EMMETT (V.O.)
Dammit he's right there. I couldn't
get past him even if I wasn't
dragging a pump on a bum knee.

ROY
I'm the law round here, ain't
nobody gonna step to me.

SEXY BOT
Ooooh, you're so strong.

ROY
What the hell? Door handle's
broken... This is it, Roy. Knew
this exo-sleeve would come in
handy.

He powers on his Exo-Sleeve.

ROY (CONT'D)
(Loudly)
Who ever's in there, this is
Association Deputy Roy McGee. I got
an Exo-Sleeve and I ain't afraid to
use it!

SEXY BOT
So strong!

ROY
Not now, Linda-Bot.

49 EXT. IRRIGATION SHED - SAME

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Roy edges closer. Closer. He's right at the door-

ROY
Come on out, you hear? I won't ask
again.

HOOOONK! HONK! HONK! HOOOOOOOONNK!

Roy's blaring truck horn echoes off the concrete walls.

ROY (CONT'D)
Who's honking that horn?

Roy rushes around the side of the shed to find Rocky slamming
into the truck horn. HOOOONK! HOOONK! HOOOOONK!

ROY (CONT'D)
That's CPA property!

ROCKY
(EQ as glitchy gibberish)
Think I give a shit about CPA
property.

ROY
Rocky? Get the hell outta my truck.

With his SleeveXR, Roy hurls Rocky out of the truck.

EMMETT (V.O.)
What's Rocky doing?

More horn honking.

~~EMMETT (V.O.)
Saving my ass that's what.~~

ROCKY
(EQ as glitchy gibberish)
Over compensating with that sleeve,
aren't you Limp Dick McGee.

ROY
What did you say to me?

ROCKY
Limp. Dick. McGee.

ROY
I don't want to hurt a lady. But I
will.

Rocky jabs Roy in the nose knocking off his AR goggles.

ROY (CONT'D)
You just punched me in the nose!
You just assaulted a deputy!

Roy backhands Rocky. She stumbles back but doesn't fall.

ROCKY
(EQ as glitchy gibberish)
That all you got, McGee?

ROY
Trespassing on Chem-O-Grow property
is a serious infraction. I could
lock you up.

ROCKY
(Whistles, unimpressed)

ROY
Exo-Sleeve, full power.

Roy's EXO-Sleeve whirs as he PUNCHES Rocky hard sending her sailing to the mud.

EMMETT (V.O.)
That soldier can take a beating...
Now's my chance.

Emmett heaves the pump toward the woods.

EMMETT (V.O.)
~~She sees me. She's saying I should~~
~~go. Thank you.~~ Sloughers look out
for each other.

50 EXT. THE WOODS - NIGHT

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Emmett drags the pump through the woods.

EMMETT'S COMS
Seek Repair. Battery critical.

EMMETT
Come on, just a little further.

The pump gets caught on a root.

EMMETT (CONT'D)
It's caught on something. Dammit.

Emmett cries out in pain as he tries to lift it over.

EMMETT (CONT'D)
Come on.

He heaves. No good. He heaves again -- WHOOSH!

EMMETT (CONT'D)
What the -- ?

ROCKY
(normal voice)
Need a hand?

EMMETT
Rocky!

ROCKY
There you go trying to carry heavy
stuff again. That's my job.

EMMETT
Thank you. For what you did back
there.

ROCKY
Slapping around Roy McGee? I should
be thanking you. Can you walk?

EMMETT
Barely.

ROCKY
Take my arm.

EMMETT
The pump.

ROCKY
I got it. Let's get you back.

Rocky puts her free arm under Emmett's shoulders and helps
him through the woods.

51 INT. CLARK FARM - BARN - NIGHT

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Emmett nurses his shattered knee as Rebecca paces nervously.

REBECCA
It was an unnecessary risk, Emmett.

EMMETT

You said yourself, we needed a pump. That was the only place to get one.

REBECCA

How was Rocky involved?

EMMETT

I wouldn't have made it back on my own. She saved me. Saved us.

REBECCA

And for that we are grateful but you can't be here. You need to go home, Rocky.

Carly dabs rubbing alcohol on Rocky's face.

CARLY

Mama, look at her face. Roy beat her up real bad.

ROCKY

(EQ as glitchy gibberish)
You see him should.

REBECCA

I'm sorry, I.... I can't understand what you're saying.

EMMETT

She wants to help.

REBECCA

No. Dwayne would have a conniption.

CARLY

Mama --

REBECCA

Don't 'Mama' me. I'm sorry, Rocky. You can't be here. Go home.

EMMETT

I can barely stand. We need her.

CARLY

You know it's true.

ROCKY

(EQ as glitchy gibberish)
Can lift anything. Save his ass.

CARLY
Thank you, Rocky.

Rebecca weighs her options. She has none.

REBECCA
Fine. But one word of this to your
father and it's over. For all of
us. Deal?

ROCKY
(EQ as glitchy gibberish)
Deal you got when start?

REBECCA
What are we going to do about your
knee, Emmett? Can you fix it?

EMMETT
I won't know til I open it up.

REBECCA
Carly, grab that blanket. Rocky,
turn on that work light.

Carly lays out the blanket and helps Emmett lift his leg to
place underneath.

EMMETT
You all going to watch me?

CARLY
Yep.

EMMETT
Most people don't like this part.

CARLY
I do.

ROCKY
(EQ as glitchy gibberish)
See can I.

REBECCA
You already know how I feel about
it.

EMMETT
Suit yourself. Mind passing me that
power drill?

We hear a high pitched WHINE as Emmett unscrews the plastic
case covering his leg. Then he lifts his kneecap clean out.

CARLY

So that plastic piece there is your femur?

EMMETT

That's right. But it's not plastic it's a carbon fiber.

CARLY

Cool!

REBECCA

Carly was going to be pre-med back when we could think about affording college.

PFFT! PFFT! Using a can of air, Emmett excavates months' worth of dust and grit.

CARLY

How do you know how to do this?

EMMETT

They give us a bunch of repair modules when we're discharged.

REBECCA

How often do you have to use them?

EMMETT

Constantly.

Emmett carefully dismantles the rest of his knee.

EMMETT (CONT'D)

Dammit.

REBECCA

What is it?

EMMETT

The radial head broke off.

REBECCA

Can you fix it?

EMMETT

For now. Do you have any really strong glue?

REBECCA

You're not going to get far gluing it back together.

EMMETT
One thing at a time.

REBECCA
Carly, grab that epoxy from the
bottom shelf.

CARLY
Here you go, slugger.

EMMETT
Hold it here. Like that.

CARLY
This is so cool.

EMMETT
There. That should hold. For a
while anyway.

REBECCA
All right. Off to bed. Everyone.
We'll start fresh in the morning.

CARLY
C'mon Rocky, I'll walk you out.

ROCKY
(EQ as glitchy gibberish)
Take care old man.

EMMETT
I will. Goodnight.

Rocky and Carly leave.

REBECCA
I'm mad at you. That was foolish.
And dangerous. But, I will admit...
necessary. Thank you.

EMMETT
You're welcome.

REBECCA
No more injuries, you hear? I only
got so much glue.

EMMETT
Noted.

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