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"AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU EVER THINK ABOUT OUTSIDE, BUT I **ALWAYS** DID I GOT UP TO LEARN- RITE SEVEN BEFORE I HAD TO GO TO WORK. BUT NONE OF THE PROGRAMS EVER SAID WHAT THE TERROR WAS.

"THEY JUST SAID OUTSIDE HAD SOMETHING IN THE AIR, LIKE CHEMICALS, OR SOMETHING RADIOACTIVE.



"THEY NEVER TOLD US THE TRUTH. WHAT REALLY HAPPENED.



"IF IT WASN'T FOR THE BOOK BOYS, I NEVER WOULD HAVE KNOWN..."



THEY TEACH US LIES ABOUT OUTSIDE  
IF THEY TOLD THE TRUTH, THEY'D ALL DIE







UYUT77-KJ09  
OUTSIDE

RB11L-M331  
SEX TUNNEL AT YEAR 15

"THAT'S WHEN I  
DECIDED TO GO  
OUTSIDE, LYNNY. IF I  
JUST WENT INTO  
THE SEX TUNNELS,  
WHAT CAIN DID  
WAS ALL FOR  
NOTHING."

"BUT I COULDN'T GO OUT  
THE WAY THEY TOOK CAIN.  
THERE ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE  
THERE, WAITING FOR  
SOMEONE TO COME BACK.  
BUT THEY NEVER DO. STILL,  
THEIR PEOPLE WAIT..."



"SO I JUST KEPT  
WALKING, UNTIL I  
WAS OUT OF THE  
CHARTED ZONE."



"I CAN'T TELL YOU  
WHERE I WENT  
THEN, OR WHO  
HELPED ME. THE  
RULERS MIGHT BE  
LISTENING, AND IF  
THEY FOUND THE  
CHANNEL TO  
OUTSIDE, THEY'D  
CLOSE IT OFF."



"THE RULERS LIED,  
LYNNY. CAIN DIDN'T  
DIE FROM THE BAD  
AIR, OR FROM THE  
TERROR EITHER. I  
KNOW. BECAUSE  
I FOUND HIM."



"AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT WE HAVE  
NOW, LYNNY? A BABY. OUR OWN BABY.  
OTHER PEOPLE HAVE THEM HERE  
TOO. THEY PROTECT THEM."





"WE ALL PROTECT THEM. HERE YOU LIVE A CERTAIN WAY BECAUSE IT'S RIGHT, NOT BECAUSE THERE ARE RULES TO MAKE YOU. IT'S CALLED A MORAL CODE. YOU CAN'T HURT CHILDREN HERE, OR HAVE SEX WITH THEM, EVEN YOUR OWN.



"WE CALL OURSELVES THE PEOPLE. IF SOMEONE HURTS A CHILD, THEY HAVE TO GO AWAY, AND LEAVE THE CHILD WITH US. THE ONES WHO LEAVE ARE THE LONERS, AND THEY STAY AWAY FROM EVERYONE.



"BUT SOMETIMES AT NIGHT, BY THE FIRE, YOU CAN FEEL THEM LOOKING DOWN AT US.



"WE HAVE FAMILIES HERE, NOT JUST SPRAY LIKE IN UNDERGROUND. OUR FAMILY IS THE WARRIORS. WE GUARD THE OTHER FAMILIES. THAT'S OUR WORK.



"AND I HAVE A NAME NOW, LYNNE. MY OWN BIRTH NAME PLUS MY FAMILY NAME. I'M NOT RACHEL/RB1L-M331 ANYMORE.



"MY NAME IS RACHEL GUARDIAN.

