

INT. COFFEE SHOP – DAY (DREAM SEQUENCE)

Masha sits alone at an outdoor table, relaxed, coffee in hand. The world around her is peaceful.

A woman in a military uniform approaches. She stops, studying Masha.

DOLORES

(softly)

Masha? Is that you?

Masha looks up. A faint flicker of recognition crosses her face before disappearing.

DOLORES

(with a faint smile)

It's been a long time.

MASHA

(neutral)

I think you have me mistaken for somebody else.

Dolores smiles, nostalgia in her eyes.

DOLORES

No mistake, Masha. It's been a long time.

Dolores gestures toward the empty chair.

DOLORES

Mind if I join you?

Masha hesitates, then nods. Dolores sits.

DOLORES

It's been a while.

She studies Masha's face.

DOLORES

(softly)

You look like your mom.

Masha's expression changes.

MASHA

You knew my parents?

DOLORES

I knew them both. I was there, Masha. I was there when it happened.

Masha tightens her grip on her coffee cup.

MASHA

What do you mean, you were there?

DOLORES

I was part of the team that... extracted you.

MASHA

Extracted me?

DOLORES

Yes. You were... (BEAT) in a very bad way. But we were able to save you.

MASHA

What do you mean, save me?

DOLORES

We gave you a new life, Masha. A life you wouldn't have had otherwise.

Dolores gently reaches across the table and takes Masha's hand.

DOLORES

(whispering)

It's time for you to come home now, Masha. It's time for you to remember who you are.

Masha freezes. A rush of memories flashes across her face.

MASHA

(whispering)

Aunt... Dolores?

Dolores smiles warmly.

DOLORES

Yes, Masha. It's me. I've been looking for you for a long time.

MASHA

But... how?

DOLORES

It's a long story. I promise I'll tell you everything. Just not here. Not now.

MASHA

Where... where am I supposed to go?

DOLORES

Come with me, Masha. You're coming home to the Program.

MASHA

What Program?

DOLORES

The Bionic Program, Masha. It's time for you to remember.

CLOSE ON MASHA as conflicting emotions wash over her face.