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brainwashed people who walk around. I knocked out the person who lived there and grabbed as many supplies as I could. When the drones came, I left the room. I've been wandering around looking for an exit, or at least another room where I can get more supplies, but I haven't had any success yet. My supplies are also running low."

As he spoke, his eyebrows raised every second or so, as if he were feigning emotion. His voice lacked vigor; it had almost a mechanical monotone. Above all, his eyes remained focused on me, boring holes in my brain.

We sat in silence for a few moments before I spoke. Deciding to change the conversation to something more pleasant, I said, "How was your family doing before you came here?"

"They were doing well, my wife and three children."

"You have two children."

His forehead wrinkled, and he seemed perplexed. "I was sure I had four." He shook his head and rolled his eyes strangely. "I mean three."

"No, you definitely have two. Surely you remember."

He shook his head and grinned. He intended to make me relax, but he only sent a dark chill through my bones.

"Does it matter? Let's look around this room."

He trudged in without a word.

There was a large device attached to the wall. A person was inside a chamber, and mechanical arms were folded up against the chamber's side. A pile of corpses lay in a large bin nearby.

"What is this place?" I said, "What are they doing here?"

The other inspector did not speak.

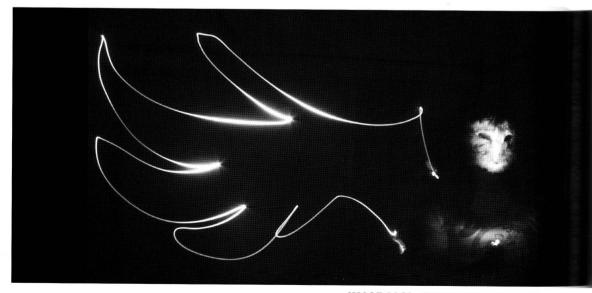


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