

LUCAS

And I know that's part of the problem. You needed them. Hell, the planet needed them, but we took them. I took them. I--I know it's too late and it doesn't matter. But for the little it's worth, I'm so sorry. I didn't realize -

TRIONA

Seriously?

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LUCAS

I know I have no excuse not to have realized. You told me a thousand times what we were doing. What this would cost. But I was too in love with what it meant that I got out of the projects and to the stars. So I refused to see it. Hell. We launched from White Sands and...I still never thought. I didn't think it would happen so fast. I thought we'd find a way out. I -- I never thought I'd leave you to die. I didn't meant to. I..I didn't want to face what I was asking for. I never wanted to admit someone would have to stay here in the mess we made. I'm sorry I asked it of anyone. Especially you. I -- never thought it would end like this. (Pause) You were right. I can't do this. I can't just leave you.

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Please, just hold on while we try to make this right. We will find a way to figure this out. I know you're tough. I know you're going to stick in there. The good news is we're almost done with the repairs to our system. In a day or two you won't have to worry about pulling all the power to send us charts. (TRIONA laughs darkly). Just hold on until then, ok?

(TRIONA takes a moment to process this. She rewinds. She selects a moment and starts the recording again.)

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(The ERGO makes a noise as it finishes processing some charts. TRIONA gets up to retrieve the data.