

[Scene 3C]

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Poor Harper, dying trying to keep the bioweapon from reaching the planet. Yet here it is anyway.

Emera has never had a bioweapon program. Most people in the military are every bit as pompous and nowhere near as competent as Aiken was. Even Orkney looks good in comparison to the Emeran military.

On the other hand... laws are laws. Keeping a bioweapon around can't be legal. There's a point beyond which Blue Phoenix can't just choose to ignore "inconvenient" regulations the way C. J. Orkney's old tech company, ESTS, did.

And besides, the company needs the money desperately, and you can't imagine losing Blue Phoenix.

On the third hand, maybe we've taken enough risk: stay the course, do the work, and trust things will work out somehow.