

R. Tam Sessions

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TITLE CARD: R. Tam Session 416 Second Excerpt

INTERVIEWER

(Choking) (Gasping) (Gagging) (Grunting) (Coughs) (Gasping)

RIVER

(Whispering)

I can see you.

(Static)

TITLE CARD: R. Tam Session 1 Excerpt

INTERVIEWER

And you like school?

RIVER

I do. It's... Sometimes things move a little slowly for me.

INTERVIEWER

I imagine they do. What's your favorite subject?

RIVER

I'm finding physics a challenge.

INTERVIEWER

You're in the graduate program already.

RIVER

They call me "Little Mouse".

INTERVIEWER

Do you think they're jealous because you're so young?

RIVER

Volger is, a little. He plans to become very important.

INTERVIEWER

Did he tell you he was jealous?

RIVER

Oh, no. I just...

INTERVIEWER

You feel it.

RIVER

People tell you things all the time without talking. The way they move, the way they aren't talking.

INTERVIEWER

You're very intuitive.

RIVER

Simon says I was born with the third eye. He hates when I can tell which girls he likes.

INTERVIEWER

Your brother, he's a doctor, right?

RIVER

He's a trauma surgeon in Capital City.

INTERVIEWER

Quite a family.

RIVER

Simon's a genius. I could never do what he does.

INTERVIEWER

I think you could do whatever you put your mind to. That's what the Alliance needs. That's what this institute is all about. Your mind, letting it do everything it could. Does that sound like something you'd be interested in?

RIVER

Would I still be allowed to dance?

(Static)

TITLE CARD: R. Tam Session 22 Excerpt

INTERVIEWER

But you understand why these treatments are important?

RIVER

I don't think... I'm sorry. I think there's been an error. I don't think... I think I may not be the right subject for these... For this program.

INTERVIEWER

It's perfectly natural to feel a little nervous.

RIVER

I just... If it were possible to be transferred, I would make a... I would like to request a transfer.

INTERVIEWER

You want to be back in GenEd.

RIVER

Please.

INTERVIEWER

You told us that was no good for you, that it was too slow. That's why you're here.

RIVER

Please. It hurts.

INTERVIEWER

Well, I can help you with that. You know how proud Dr. Mathias is of how you're progressing.

RIVER

I'm not progressing.

(Static)

RIVER

It's the Pax.

INTERVIEWER

Tell me what you see.

RIVER

You lost the first one. You cut too deep, he died on the table. One of your attendants cried and you comforted her. "We're doing such good work."

INTERVIEWER

Do you understand that that is true? Work we do here is very important, and you're a part of that.

RIVER

I would like to see my brother.

INTERVIEWER

Well, you can write to him anytime you like.

RIVER

I need to... I would like, please, to see him.

INTERVIEWER

Well, I'm sure he's very busy.

RIVER

Yes. Yes, I'm sure.

(Static)

TITLE CARD: R. Tam Session 165 Excerpt

RIVER

I have a system. You make an assumption because you have a system. Your system. You're symptomatic. It's chronic. You think it's benign, but it has to be cut out. This system is simple. Blanket folded thus, the sheet pulled taut, the mattress. The mattress can't be trusted. It has to be gutted. I looked under 20 and found a pea, and you wonder why I'm not sleeping? Are you worried that I cut up my mattress for no reason, or that I had a perfectly good reason that you can't see? Can't see anyone. Even the orderlies wear masks.

INTERVIEWER

Why did you cut up your mattress?

RIVER

I am trying to protect my spine.

INTERVIEWER

Are you worried you might be injured? Your movement trainers have given you excellent...

RIVER

No one will give me a mission.

INTERVIEWER

A mission?

RIVER

I have a reason. I'm reasonable. I have a reason.

(Static)

RIVER

My movement hasn't been dictated yet, but I am not here for nothing. I am a... Sty. And you know I have a spine. There's something wrong with the body politic.

(Static)

RIVER

(SCREAMS)

They're sticking in me. It's in the mattress and it's crawling inside me. You cut it out! You cut it out! You cut it out!

(Static)

TITLE CARD: R. Tam Session 416 First Excerpt

INTERVIEWER

You're very quiet today. How did your session with Dr. Mathias go?

RIVER

He gave me a mission.

INTERVIEWER

Really? Did he tell you your mission out loud, or did you just hear it?

RIVER

He plays hide and seek with me.

INTERVIEWER

Dr. Mathias?

RIVER

My brother. He's a doctor. He thinks he can find me, but I'm deep down and I do not make a sound.

INTERVIEWER

River, what mission did Dr. Mathias give you?

RIVER

I can't tell you.

INTERVIEWER

You can tell me anything. You know that.

RIVER

Can't tell. I'll have to write it down.

(Static)

THE END