EVADA

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28 Plays Later – Challenge 22

Act 1

A dry, dusty wasteland in front of a shabby military unit

AMY and EVAN walk around the dirt, trying to breathe in as much fresh air as they can

In the dirt, AMY sees something

AMY An apple! Do you see?

EVAN Be careful, what is it?

AMY Can you not remember them?

Pause as AMY bends to pick up to the apple

EVAN Don't touch it – it's poisonous.

Alarms sound in the distance, growing louder. C enters in military gear

C Everybody back inside!

EVAN Follow me, quickly, before he

AMY Go inside then, leave me

C Hurry up pilgrims! The rains

EVAN I can't leave you here

C strides over to A and B

AMY Just go, I'll be fine

C Keep up or face punishment

AMY Look, an apple has fallen

C Madness! All fruit has gone!

AMY No, look, in my hand

C Oh my god! Drop it!

C raises his gun

AMY Please, this is a sign

C hits AMY on the head, she drops to the floor

C turns on EVAN

C Quickly, grab her - follow me

EVAN picks up AMY and follows C into the military unit as the toxic rain begins to fall

Act2

Military quarters – maps and technology everywhere

D stands in a clean, smart suit, but with two guns strapped to her thighs.

AMY lies unconscious on the table

D and C stand together, whispering

- D And it was discovered outside?
- C Believe me, I'm also shocked
- D Could it be? The earth
- C Don't get your hopes up

A wakes up

AMY Evan...Evan, where is Evan...

D Find this Evan for her.

Pause as D reluctantly exits

A takes in the suite of D and spots a vase of white roses

D Gorgeous, aren't they? But fake

AMY How did I get here?

D I believe you found apples

AMY Just the one, where is/

D Kept somewhere safe, for later

AMY Later? I don't understand what...?

D My government relies on compliance

AMY Naturally. All government's need that

D Oh, I'm glad you understand

AMY People need a strong leadership

D Quite. That's why you're here

AMY Respectfully, that doesn't explain anything

Evan and C enter, Evan is in handcuffs and has been beaten

C throws Evan on the floor

AMY Stop it! You're hurting him!

D nods at C, C shoots Evan and then turns the gun on A

D This is the only way

C shoots A, A passes out

Act 3

AMY wakes up in Evada

A world that is dark, menacing, nightmarish. Smoke and ash fills the atmosphere. Undistinguished forms move slowly, painfully in the darkness behind, below and above her.

AMY opens her eyes and begins to panic – she holds out her hands and blinks, desperately trying to see into the darkness

EVAN (in the distance) Amy, can you hear me?

AMY But, but you were dead!

EVAN Careful, they can hear you

AMY Do you know where we/

EVAN Evada. The holding place for

AMY Felons. Oh god, how do...

AMY begins to cry

EVAN finds her

EVAN Give me your hand, please

AMY How, why? We didn't do...

EVAN It's going to be ok

AMY Just tell me the truth

EVAN Keep calm, look at me

EVAN kisses AMY

AMY Let me go, you're crazy!

EVAN Maybe, but we're here together

AMY (fearfully) No, we are not alone

EVAN Open your eyes, see me

AMY Protect me, I'm so scared!

EVAN Quietly, so the other felons...

AMY Right now I don't care

EVAN Soon you will, if they...

AMY They, ghosts, can't hurt us

EVAN Unconscious - they're unconscious, not dead

AMY starts to cry

AMY Victory will never be ours

EVAN holds her in his arms as AMY weeps