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PIN
(1st SCENE) 29

THATCHER

She said she always would...

There's a moment between father and daughter - Fighting back the pain of losing Pin's mother... But Thatcher is pissed...

THATCHER (CONT'D)

Bloody Stocktons. Someone needs to take them down.

OLD LADY

Don't forget the Lavelles - They're as bad as each other - Remember last month, someone was setting fire to coal bunkers down here in Stockton.

A terribly sad realization falls over Pin...

PIN

They're never gonna stop are they?

OLD LADY

It's just the way the City is.

An anger starts to brew inside Pin -

PIN

That's all I hear - There's nothing we can do. "I don't set the price." "I'm just doing my job." So what? We sit here? Doing nothing? Waiting for the Lavelles to retaliate - How many more innocent people are going to have to die before something changes?

Filled with piss and vinegar - Pin stands -

THATCHER

Where are you going?

PIN

I lost something. I need to get it back.

Pin leaves with furious conviction - Thatcher looks concerned.

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INT. CABLE'S TINKER'S CARAVAN - DAY

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Cable is distilling some illicit brew - When there's a KNOCK on his door - It's Pin -

CABLE (PRELAP)

Are you out of your tiny tinker mind?
You want to break into The Watch?

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INT. CABLE'S TINKER'S CARAVAN - MOMENTS LATER

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Cable is just staring at Pin - Incredible -

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START

PIN

It's not breaking in - They know me.

CABLE

How does that make it any better?!

Pin takes a beat before revealing her secret -
She takes some PAPERS from her vest...

PIN

Cable. My Device - It's important...
Have you ever heard of Spark?

CABLE

Spark is a myth.

PIN

It wasn't. Not before all the patents
were bought up. I was at the library
a few months back--

CABLE

Who goes to the library?

PIN

Anyone with a curious bone in their
body. Anyway, I was reading about Spark.
There's not much left - The Lavelles
have seen to that, but I found this...
It's part of a patent of some kind.

CABLE

The Gas and Coal companies own all the
patents.

As Pin continues - We tell her story in FLASHBACKS - Tinkering -
Building - Failing - Trying again - Building HER DEVICE -

PIN

They must have missed it... Anyway -
It was like I'd found half a puzzle -
So I started tinkering with ideas -
And I made something - My Device -
It doesn't work. Not yet. But if I
finish it, it'll make heat and light -
And it won't use coal or gas... Do
you know what that means?

CABLE

It means trouble.

PIN

It means freedom.

CABLE

That's a dangerous word for a tinker.

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PIN

That's right - We're tinkers. You, me, Dad. Mom. And what do tinkers do?

CABLE

We fix things.

PIN

Cable... This City is broken... You've got the Lavelles, sitting up there like royalty, thinking only of themselves... And the Stocktons? Sure they won't let you fall into the gutter, but they won't let you crawl up out of the street either... I can fix this broken City - But I need my Device back before anyone figures out what it is.

51 EXT. THE WATCH - STOCKTON - DAY

Establishing

END OF 1ST SCENE

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LOGAN (PRELAP)

We are presented with a well developed, well nourished, white male--

52 INT. MEDICAL EXAMINATION ROOM - THE WATCH - LATER

52

Logan walks Aidan through the examination of the dead Enforcer...

AIDAN

His name was Nathan. Yes, he was an Enforcer, but that's still part of the Watch. He was one of us.

LOGAN

Yes, Sir. Well, there's no exterior trauma. No wounds. Was he your friend?

AIDAN

No. Why?

LOGAN

I was about to slit him open.

AIDAN

Oh. Thank you. You can go ahead.

As she makes the incision and reaches into the body, their conversation continues...

LOGAN

So, any advice for a girl who's new in town?

AIDAN

Never trust a tinker with a broken cart...

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START

INT. THE CLOCKWORK DINER - STOCKTON - A SHORT WHILE LATER

Pin and Alex are at a bustling diner, staffed by an enthusiastic army of TINY CLOCKWORK ROBOT WAITERS - One of the WAITER-BOTS delivers a napkin of ice to Alex for his bruised head -

ALEX

Thanks, buddy... Are we eating?
I could eat--

Pin is fuming - But also confused -

PIN

Get this straight - This, right here -
Not fun. Not flirty. Not will-they-
won't-they. I do not like you, Mr.
Lavelle. I do not like your family -
Understood?

ALEX

Loud and clear. Business it is -
What do you know about my Device?

PIN

Well, mostly I know that it's mine.

ALEX

Who else knew about it?

PIN

No one. The real question is how
the hell you knew about it?

Alex considers his options... Takes a cautious step...

ALEX

~~US Patent 685,957 was bought by my
family in 1901... It described a
machine capable of providing free,
unlimited energy for the world.
Those are scary words for a power
company with control issues. And my
family will stop at nothing to make
sure those ideas never see the light
of day.~~

PIN

Is that a threat?

ALEX

Just setting the scene for you.

PIN

If your family bought the patent in
nineteen-whatever - How was I able
to find it at the library?

ALEX

Because that's where I put it.

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PIN

Why would you--

ALEX

It was bait. I tried figuring out the Device on my own - But no luck. I'm street smart - I need tinker smart - So I slipped it somewhere where it might be found - By an inquisitive little ant like you.

PIN

Why not just hire a tinker?

ALEX

Too risky. All those Enforcers sniffing about. You know what they're like.

Pin does know what they're like - But she's not about to agree with him - She's too pissed at being used -

PIN

All these run-ins we've been having - You've been following me, checking in on my progress.

ALEX

I can see you're disappointed - I know, you were hoping it was a kismet, star-crossed-lovers thing--

PIN

Oh, please--

ALEX

Were you able to get it to work?

Pin hesitates imperceptibly, Alex doesn't even notice - But several thoughts flash across her eyes - Aidan just told her that the Enforcer died - Is she culpable? But mostly, she just doesn't trust this guy - So she covers her tracks -

PIN

No. It didn't work - So don't worry, it's not going to bring down your family's empire.

ALEX

That's a shame - I was rather hoping it would.

Pin looks at him the way she might look at a stopped clock...

PIN

Interesting. So what little part of you did your family break?

Alex isn't going to play that game -

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ALEX

I know you're a tinker of some skill
and I know you believe this City is
broken.

PIN

And your family is one of the broken
parts. Leave me alone.

She stands to leave -

ALEX

I have the patent you need to finish
it. You need my help.

Pin turns - Angry - Seething with pent up fury -

PIN

You have nothing that I need!!

ALEX

What is your problem?

PIN

When I was six, I watched my mother
die - Your family murdered her...

Alex stops - Where the hell did that come from?

PIN (CONT'D)

...It was winter - The Lavelles used
the cold as an excuse to raise the
price of gas. Three hundred people
froze to death, because of you. So I
do not want anything to do with you -
Or any other Lavelle. Understood?

ALEX

Absolutely.

He lets Pin take a couple of steps, before -

ALEX (CONT'D)

I just hope the Enforcers don't figure
out what you're up to.

Pin stops and considers this threat...

PIN

You may know my secret - But now I
know yours. Do not screw with me.

Alex watches her leave...

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EXT. DINER - STOCKTON - SAME TIME

Pin hits the streets - Her mind racing - What the hell has she
stumbled into?

END OF ACT THREE

END OF
2nd SCENE
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56.

PIN
3rd SCENE
(IF NEEDED)

THATCHER (CONT'D)
...I didn't lose it.

PIN
Dad? Oh, God - No--

CABLE
We need help! Someone!

PIN
(to Thatcher)
Just stay still - We're going to get someone. It's going to be okay. You're going to be okay, Dad...

She knows it's not true... They both know... The end is near...

THATCHER
Don't cry, baby girl. It's alright. It is... I'm gonna see your mom... She'll be so proud when I tell her how you turned out...
(he looks to Cable)
...Both of you.

CABLE
Dad... Don't...

THATCHER
I love you two so very much...

He smiles warmly... And then dies in a single breath...

Pin's heart is crushed... She falls to her knees beside her dad - And Cable holds her as they weep...

Then - Aidan arrives with The Watch - He sees Thatcher - Surrounded by his children - Aidan is devastated -

Pin and Aidan see each other across the wreckage - He starts towards her - Pin stands - He quickens his pace -

BUT PIN TURNS FROM HIM... AND WALKS AWAY...

~~Aidan is heart-broken...~~

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EXT. THE MID-TOWN BRIDGES - MIDNIGHT

82

Alex waits for Pin on the Bridge that divides the City -
On one side - The gas lights of Lavelle flicker invitingly...

On the other - Stockton is clouded by great billowing flumes of coal soot from the disaster...

Pin approaches him from the shadows... A myriad of emotions coursing through her - Anger - Grief - But her eyes rage with a determined fire -

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PIN

I just held my father's hand as he died.

ALEX

I am so sorry--

PIN

I don't care who started this war - I'm going to end it.

ALEX

How you going to do that?

PIN

I'll use your damn patent and figure out the Device - But not so you can settle some petty vendetta against your family. I will create a new energy that will take the power away from the Lavelles and the Stocktons and give it to everyone. No one will tell me what I can and cannot do. No one will stop me. Let them try...

Pin stands her ground...

SMASH TO BLACK

THE END

END

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