

Maybe he's trying to reach out to us.

MAYA

I think even you know that that's a stretch. If he's still alive out there that means he never had any intention of coming back.

John pauses for a moment, visibly upset by that implication. He grabs himself a can of fruit and opens it.

JOHN

No matter what the case outside of here these supplies aren't gonna last forever, even without mom here. With dad not making supply runs any more we've only got a few more years before we're gonna have to go out--

MAYA

-Well that's in a few years. Maybe by then someone will have come to--

JOHN

- Come to what? Come to rescue us? Who? No one knows we're here. You said it yourself if dad was coming back he probably would have been here already. We have to save ourselves if we have any chance of living.

MAYA

It may be for nothing! Maybe a few more years is our best case scenario.

JOHN

Maya--

MAYA

- If all we have are a few more years I don't want to throw it away on some gamble. I want to spend it livng here.

JOHN

Spend it here doing what? Eating canned fruit and listening to the same record and doing the same thing we've been doing for our whole lives?

MAYA

Living in this bunker has been

miserable, I know that just as well as you do. It's hot, it's cramped, we don't get to see the sun or talk to other people. But the one good thing about living here it is that I know every day no matter what you're gonna be here with me.

JOHN

We haven't been living here Maya we've been surviving, and if there's even a one percent chance that I can leave this bunker and go live, then I'm going to take it--

MAYA

-This bunker is our home! Whether you like it or not this terrible, cramped, unbearable bunker is our home. And now you're the only family I have left. I don't want to lose that. So yea, I will do what we've done for our whole lives and I'll make the most out of an awful situation.

John contemplates this. He's genuinely torn up about the decision he has to make.

JOHN

I'm the one who's making the best out of this situation. I'm trying to make a better life for us.

(beat)

And if you're not gonna come with me, then...I'm just gonna have to go on my own.

MAYA

(visibly hurt)

You're really gonna leave me here.

JOHN

It won't be forever. I'll come back for you--

MAYA

- Just like dad?

John stands in stunned silence.