

EXT. DESERT - DAY

FOX blinks in the harsh SUNLIGHT. The desert is unforgiving and desolate. Cresting a hill of sand, a figure's silhouette blocks out the sun, facing her. They stalk towards her, threateningly.

RENO

Look what the cat dragged in. You look lost, cadet. Do you need help?

FOX glares up at them as the silhouette comes into focus, but she knows the voice of her rival and enemy: RENO. He stands before her in his space suit, the sun glinting off his visor. FOX sneers at him. He almost killed her and her MENTOR. RENO is a wanted criminal with a bounty on his head.

FOX

Reno. I was hoping you were dead somewhere.

RENO

Oh, so sorry to disappoint you.

FOX

How's being on the run feel? I bet all those bounty hunters keep you on your toes.

RENO stares at FOX, his eyes narrowing. He pretends her words don't bother him. She's just a cadet, after all. He smirks with all the confidence in the world.

RENO

Those idiots are outclassed and out-manned.

RENO chuckles, his smirk turning wicked. He decides to threaten the person she cares for most of all, her MENTOR. He had almost killed him in their last encounter.

RENO

How's the old man? Still breathing? Not for long...

FOX's eyes meet his. In a flurry of movement, she pulls her gun from the holster and quickly aims at him. RENO pulls his out at the same time and aims. It's a draw.

FOX

You stay the fuck away from him!

RENO chuckles, shifting his weight. His aim is sure. Sand spills around his feet. He's a very deadly threat.

RENO

Testy testy. If you want, we could tussle... I'm quite eager for a rematch now that we don't have anyone to interrupt us. Or rescue you.

FOX

Go fuck yourself.

RENO

Now love, you sound worried. Let me help by putting a hole in your empty little head.

FOX is in real DANGER. She can't take on RENO and win, not yet. She refuses to pull her eyes off him, but notices something moving behind him. A giant shadow looms over him. RENO'S eyes dart down; He notices the shadow on the sands, his posture stiffens.

FOX

Dumb asshole says what?

RENO

What?

RENO spins around to the sudden sound of a motor revving behind him. He risks being shot by FOX. He sees the underside of a giant vehicle as it crests the hill. He's directly in its path.

A sand barge accelerates over the hill, nearly crushing RENO. He just manages to dodge and roll out of the way. Sand flies up and the sun glares fiercely. It's nearly impossible to see either of them to get a clear shot. FOX uses this opportunity to run away. RENO scrambles to his feet, furious and red faced.

The camera pans, showing the growing distance between FOX and RENO. She's racing towards a teleport marker.

RENO yells as he spins in place, trying to spot her. He's enraged. He points his gun at every place he turns. He yells.

RENO

Go ahead and run, you little bitch! Don't think I won't find you, both of you!
You'll be two dead peas in a pod!

FOX pants as she makes it to a teleport marker. She smacks the red button on the metal outpost, starting the teleport process. FOX keeps her weapon drawn and ready. She mutters under her breath.

FOX

Not today, dipshit.

The teleportation initializes and FOX vanishes in a flicker of light and lasers. She's escaped a deadly foe, but there will be a rematch... And next time, she'll be ready for him.