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There is static for a moment but then Dr. McFarland's voice echoes clear over the CB.

DR. MCFARLAND
Robert. Are you there? Hello?

ROBERT
Charles, is that you?

DR. MCFARLAND
Yes, it's me.

ROBERT
You're alive.

DR. MCFARLAND
Of course I'm alive. Were you in town today?

The woman looks at Robert's gun in his hand.

Then she looks down at the pack.

ROBERT
Yes. I'm heading back now. Where are you?

DR. MCFARLAND
In the office.

ROBERT
You've survived there this long? In town is the worst place to be. They are all over the place.

DR. MCFARLAND
Where have you been all this time?

ROBERT
We've been boarded up in the house. It's safe there. You need to come and look at Will. He's hurt.

DR. MCFARLAND
I can't leave. Come back into town.

The woman slowly unzips the bag, trying not to let Robert notice.

ROBERT
It's getting late. It's more dangerous at night.

DR. MCFARLAND

I need you to come back. It's a
matter of life and death.

ROBERT

Hold tight. I'll come back for you
tomorrow. Signing off for now.

She almost has it open.

She looks over to Robert.

He doesn't notice what she's doing.

DR. MCFARLAND

No wait...

Robert turns off the CB.