

nothing from the outside world—except for water and energy from the sun.

Nova noticed a group of workers gathered outside one of the greenhouses. She also saw something strange. A few of the Governors were gathered inside. The Governors usually stayed in the Center. That was where they oversaw all the functions of Dome life.

Nova walked over to them. One of the workers was crying. "Yesterday everything was fine," she said. "This morning when I got to work, the plants were brown and dead. My heart started racing. I was so scared!"

She cried harder. Another worker put his arm around her.

Jordan saw Nova. He walked away from the group to talk to her.

"What's going on?" Nova asked.

"Something is wrong with the plants in this greenhouse," he said. "The workers say that the plants were healthy yesterday. But this morning, most of them were dead."

"What happened?" Nova asked.

"We're not sure yet," Jordan said.



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branches. Nova led the way up the tree, and soon she was 20 feet above the ground.

"My device is sensing the drone now," Nova said. "It's just a few miles away." They locked their devices on the drone.

They climbed down. Nova followed the red dot on her device. Suddenly she stopped. "Something is wrong," she said. "The drone is getting really close to us—fast. It knows we're here." They heard a hum.

"Get out your Bolt," Levi said in a tense voice. He already had his Bolt in his hand. The Bolt could bring down drones.

Levi jumped behind a log.

Nova went to grab her Bolt, but she was too late. The drone was above her. It attacked. Hot energy flowed out of the drone toward her.

The energy struck Nova, and she couldn't move. Her skin felt tight. Her feet were heavy. In her head, she screamed. No words came out of her mouth.

Levi saw that Nova was stuck in the energy field. The drone hadn't sensed him yet. He aimed his Bolt at the drone. He had



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