*Skeleton Crew*

Glossary

**Assembly Line:**  A series of workers and machines in a factory by which a succession of identical items is progressively assembled. Three of the four characters in *Skeleton Crew* work on an assembly line.

**Blue Collar/White Collar:**

 “Blue Collar” refers to manual work or workers, particularly in industry

 “White Collar’ designates a desk worker or manager, as distinguished from a worker who performs manual labor. The term refers to the tradition of workers in such positions wearing white shirts and ties.

 In *Skeleton Crew,* Faye, Dez, and Shanita are blue-collar workers. Reggie would be considered white collar.

**Break Room:** a room in a workplace that is set aside for employees to use during a break from work, as to relax, socialize, or eat. *Skeleton Crew* is set in the workers’ break room.

**Financial Crisis of 2008:** A world-wide economic crisis that caused severe hardship at every level. Major companies went bankrupt or closed, workers lost jobs, and homeowners, unable to pay their mortgages, lost their homes.

**Labor Union:** an organized association of workers, often in a trade or profession, formed to protect and further their rights and interests.

**Middle Manager:** Someone who leads a team of workers and reports to an executive manager or department head

**Severance Package (Severance Deal):** Pay and benefits that employees may be entitled to receive when they leave employment at a company unwillingly.

**Automobile Stamping Plant:**  A factory where sheet metal is formed into auto parts, such as doors, fenders, etc.

**UAW:** An international labor union, best known as United Auto Workers. Faye, Dez, and Shanita are all members of the UAW.

**Union Representative:**  Also known as a “union steward” or “shop steward” is an employee of an organization or company who represents and defends the interests of their fellow employees as a [labor union](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trade_union) member and official. In the play, Faye is Union Rep of the local chapter of the UAW.