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THE
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TRANSFER





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For Yvette, my forever love.



BEEP « SPECIALIST, THIS IS FACILITATOR. YOU ARE APPROACHING THE TRANSFER SITE. IT IS LOCATED AT THE NORTHERMOST CORNER OF THE VALLEY. CONTINUE NORTH AT YOUR CURRENT RATE OF SPEED. » *BEEP*

COPY THAT FACILITATOR ETA AT TRANSFER SITE...

AT OUR CURRENT RATE OF SPEED, WE WILL ARRIVE AT OUR DESTINATION WHEN THIS SUN IS 14 DEGREES BELOW THE VISIBLE HORIZON.

... IS AT SUNSET.

I WILL REPORT BACK WHEN WE HAVE REACHED THE PORTAL SPECIALIST. OUT.

SPECIALIST, WHY DID YOU NOT PROVIDE MY FULL CALCULATION?

WE DONT NEED TO BE THAT PRECISE, MECH.

WE HAVE THE ARTIFACT. WE ARE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, AND WE ARE CLOSE TO THE TRANSFER POINT. THE MISSION IS ALMOST COMPLETE.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES. PRECISION IS MY NATURE.



NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE. I APPRECIATE YOUR EXACTNESS.

IT COMES IN QUITE HANDY AT TIMES.

SOMETIMES IT'S BEST TO BE LESS PRECISE IN PREDICTING OUT COMES. A LITTLE MARGIN FOR ERROR CAN BE A GOOD THING.



SO, YOU PREFER TO BE IMPRECISE TO MAKE ALLOWANCES FOR UNKNOWNNS THAT MAY OCCUR IN THE COURSE OF A MISSION?

PRECISELY.



WELL, THIS LOOKS LIKE THE PLACE.



FACILITATOR
THIS IS MISSION
SPECIALIST.

WE HAVE
ARRIVED AT THE
TRANSFER SITE. AWAITING
YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.
PLEASE ADVISE.

BEEP « SPECIALIST, THIS IS
FACILITATOR. INITIATE TRANSFER
PROTOCOL BY PLACING YOUR HAND ON
THE STRUCTURE. BE ADVISED THERE
MAY BE A DELAY BEFORE THE GATEWAY
FULLY MATERIALIZES. » *BEEP*



WE ARE
HERE, SPECIALIST.
WHAT NOW?



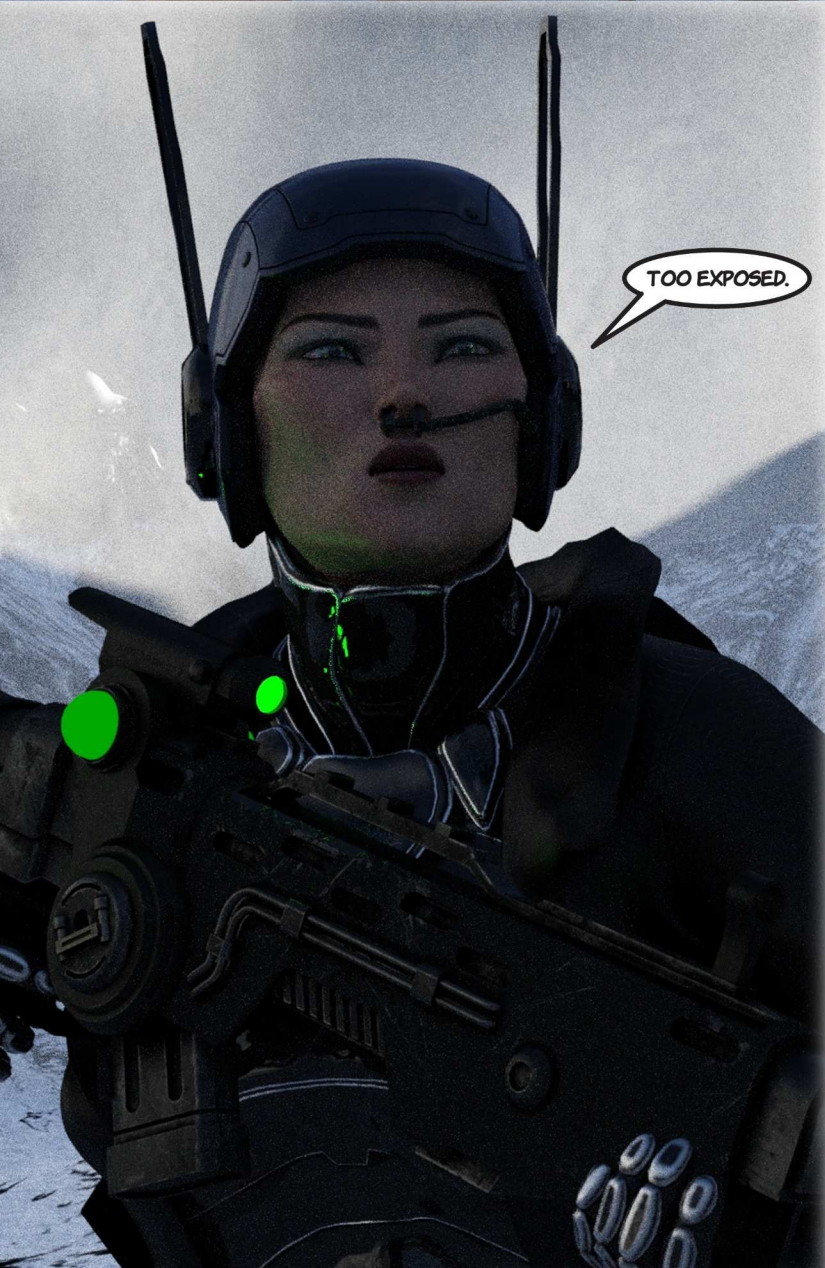
I REQUEST
ACCESS TO OPEN
THE GATE.



THEN WE
WAIT.



LET'S HOPE
THE GATE OPENS
QUICKLY. WE ARE
EXPOSED HERE.



TOO EXPOSED.



TIME TO
KNOCK ON THE
DOOR AND LET THEM
KNOW WE ARE
HERE.

LET'S HOPE
WHOEVER IS ON THE
OTHER SIDE IS ALERT
AND AWAKE.



I SENSE
SIGNIFICANT TREMORS
IN THE TEMPORAL
WAVEFORM.

A POWERFUL
FORCE IS MOVING
THROUGH THE QUANTUM
SUBSTRATE.

THE TIDAL
PULL IS CREATING
A HIGHLY LOCALIZED
CAUSAL DISRUPTION.
INTERESTING.





THERE IS GREAT CONFLICT. IT IS THE SOVEREIGN EMPEROR.

{ LADY KATRIN, PARDON THE INTERRUPTION. WE HAVE RECEIVED A GATE ACCESS REQUEST FROM A WINTERBORNE OPERATIVE NEAR THE NORTH POLAR ACCESS POINT. THE FACILITATOR CONFIRMS THE OPERATIVE'S IDENTITY. }

VERY WELL, INDEX PLEASE PREPARE A SENSORIUM EVENT TO GUIDE ME TO THE GATEWAY LOCATION.

HIS FOLLOWERS ARE DESTROYING THE KNOWLEDGE AND MACHINES THAT HELPED MAKE THIS WORLD.

{ ONE MOMENT PLEASE, LADY KILLIAN, WHILE WE HARNESS THE REQUIRED BOSONS TO CREATE THE SENSORIUM EVENT. }

{ CALCULATING ... FIELD STRENGTH IS NOW SET. THE SENSORIUM EVENT IS PREPARED, LADY KILLIAN. }

I AM READY. PLEASE PROCEED, INDEX.

{ INITIATING ... }

BEEP « SPECIALIST, THIS IS FACILITATOR. WE HAVE DETECTED FOUR VEHICLES APPROACHING YOUR LOCATION. FORWARD OBSERVER REPORTS MARKINGS SHOW THEY ARE SOVEREIGN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES. » *BEEP*

MECHS WE ARE GOING TO HAVE COMPANY

GET INTO POSITION SO YOU CAN TRANSFER AS SOON AS THE GATE OPENS.

WARNING: WE ARE NOW WITHIN RANGE OF THE SOVEREIGN STEAM CANONS. BE PREPARED FOR ...

... INCOMING.

THAT WAS
TOO CLOSE. I MUST
TAKE ACTION.



A FIRING SOLUTION
ADJUSTMENT OF SIX
DEGREES AZIMUTH WILL
RESULT IN A DIRECT
HIT TO THE CONTAINER
WE ARE CARRYING.

FROOSH!





FACILITATOR
THIS IS MISSION
SPECIALIST.

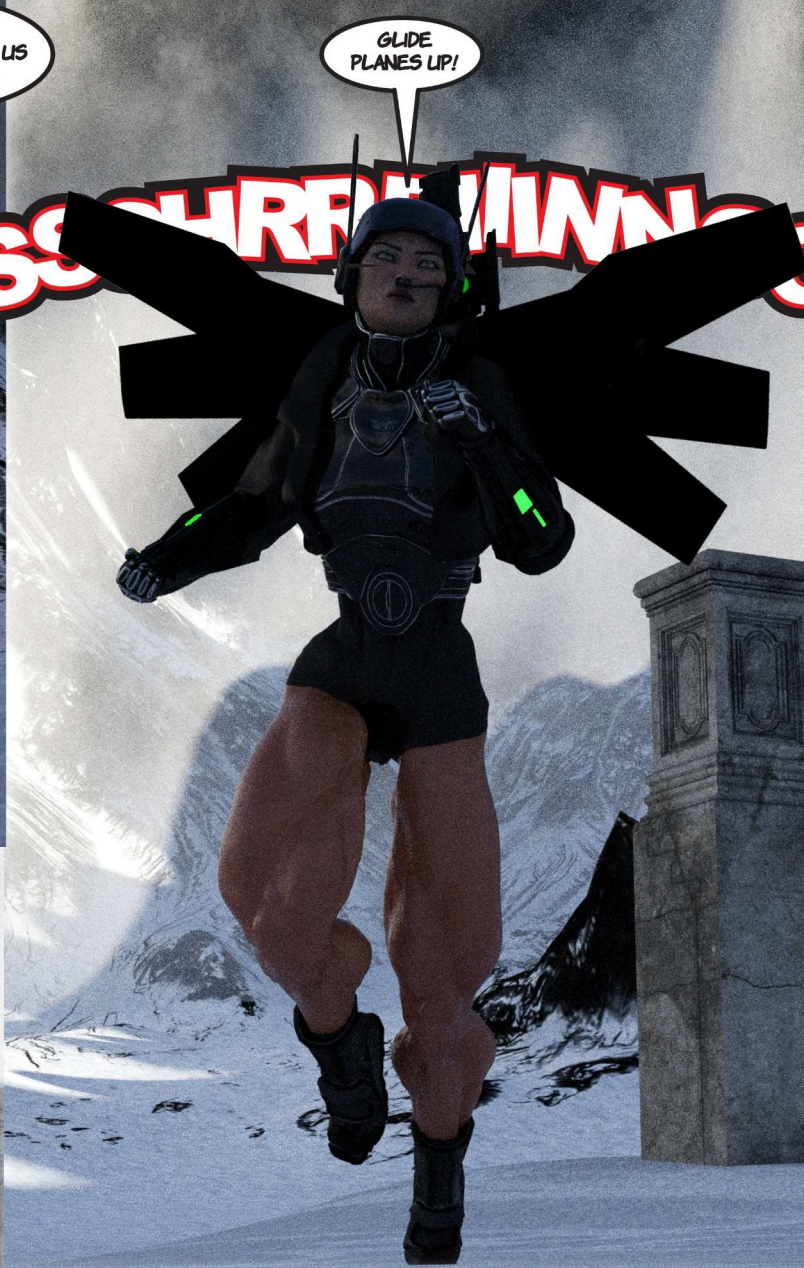
WE ARE
TAKING ENEMY FIRE.
PERMISSION TO ENGAGE
IN DEFENSIVE ACTION.
PLEASE ADVISE.

BEEP « SPECIALIST, THIS IS
FACILITATOR. YOU HAVE PERMISSION
TO ENGAGE THE ENEMY. » *BEEP*



LOOKS LIKE IT'S TIME TO BUY US A LITTLE TIME.

SNIK!



GLIDE PLANES UP!

SQUIRREL



NOW FOR SOME MOMENTUM. HERE WE GO!



LEGS DO YOUR THING, JUST LIKE BACK HOME!





NOW TO
SLIGHTLY ADJUST
MY GLIDEPATH.

THERE THEY
ARE ALL NICELY
CLUMPED TOGETHER.
THAT MAKES THIS
PART SO MUCH
EASIER!



HEY YOU
SOVEREIGN
TURDS!

HERE'S
SOMETHING
SPECIAL FOR YOU
COURTESY OF THE
WINTERBORNE.
ENJOY!



WHHIMP!

THE TIPS OF
THE TALL GRASS
CARESSING MY
FINGERS.

TREE BRANCHES
CREAKING AND LEAVES
RUSTLING IN THE
BREEZE.

THE SMELL OF
DAMP, COLD STONE AND
CRISP AIR CHARGED
WITH IONS.

SO MANY
MEMORIES.

MOTHER'S
JOYOUS LAUGH
FLOATING ACROSS
THE FIELD.

FATHER'S
CORSE BEARD BRUSHING
AGAINST MY FACE.

GRANDFATHER'S
STRONG HANDS LIFTING ME
TO HIS SHOULDERS.

THE VOICES OF
SO MANY TRAVELERS
WAITING TO USE
THE GATE.

FADED. SO
LONG AGO.

NOW, THERE
IS ONLY ME. I AM
THE LAST GUARDIAN.
THE LAST KEEPER
OF THE GATE.



ONE LIFETIME
AND THEN I TOO WILL
LEAVE THE KEY BEHIND
AND PASS BEYOND THE
PORTAL'S END.

THERE IS STILL
MUCH TO DO; TO SET
RIGHT WHAT HAS BEEN
MADE WRONG.




THE DAYS
AHEAD WILL BE
FULL OF TURMOIL
AND STRIFE.



INDEX,
PLEASE INITIATE THE
PORTAL ACTIVATION
SEQUENCE.

{ LADY KILLIAN, THE GATEWAY
ACTIVATION PROTOCOL HAS BEEN
INITIATED...
> ALIGNING MAGNETARS
> RAYTRACING GUIDE BEAM
> TUNNELING
> BUILDING PORTAL INTERFACE
> PREPARING EVENT HORIZON
...}





SPECIALIST: THE
PORTAL HAS OPENED.
WE ARE TAKING THE
CONTAINER THROUGH
THE GATE.

I WILL BE
THERE MOMENTARILY,
MECH. THERE'S ONE LAST
LOOSE END TO
TIE UP.



WE WILL AWAIT
YOUR ARRIVAL ON
THE OTHER SIDE.

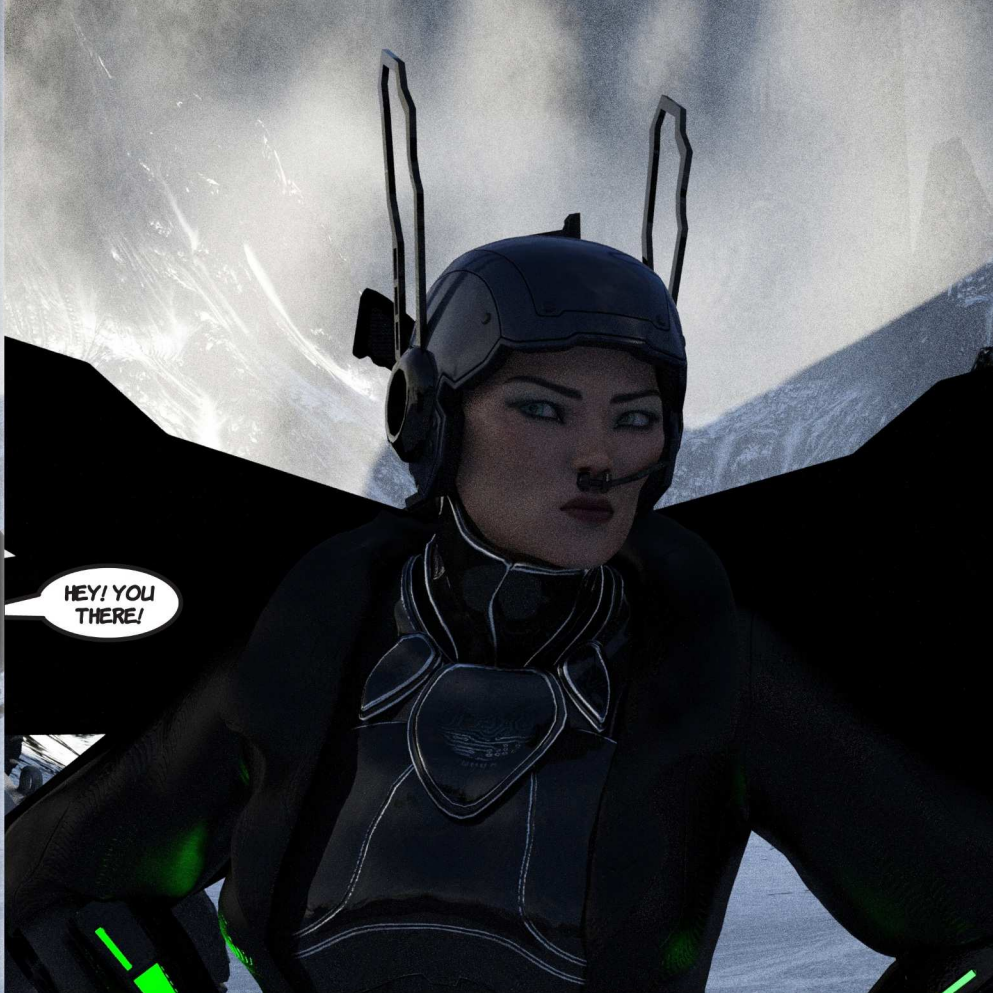
MECH, WE
CANNOT ALLOW
THE SOVEREIGN TO
ENTER THE GATE. THEY
MUST NOT REGAIN
POSSESSION OF
THE ARTIFACT.

IF I DO
NOT TRANSFER IN
THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES,
INSTRUCT THE GATE
KEEPER TO CLOSE
THE PORTAL.



SPECIALIST,
WE HAVE MADE
THE TRANSFER.
STARTING THE
FIVE MINUTE
COUNTDOWN.








MAKE ME.

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU CAME FROM, BUT NO ONE STEALS FROM THE EMPEROR AND GETS AWAY WITH IT!

I WAS HOPING SHE'D SAY SOMETHING STUPID LIKE THAT.



GATEKEEPER, OUR MISSION
SPECIALIST HAS BEEN DELAYED
BY THE SOVEREIGN. PLEASE
PREPARE TO CLOSE THE GATE
IN THREE MINUTES AND
SIXTEEN SECONDS.

THOSE ARE
THE SPECIALIST'S
ORDERS.

THANK YOU
FOR RELAYING HER
REQUEST, MECH BUT
I TAKE ORDERS
FROM NO ONE.

INDEX, PLEASE
ADJUST THE ACTIVE
SENSORIUM EVENT SO THAT
I MAY SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING
ON THE OTHER SIDE
OF THE PORTAL.

{ ONE MOMENT PLEASE,
LADY KILLIAN, WHILE
WE PERFORM THE
ADJUSTMENT. }

{ ADJUSTMENT COMPLETED. }

HMMM. THE WINTERBORNE OPERATIVE APPEARS TO BE SURROUNDED BY SOVEREIGN SOLDIERS.

I BELIEVE THIS SITUATION REQUIRES A QUICK INTERVENTION SO SHE MAY REACH THE PORTAL.

INDEX, I WILL BE MAKING A PARTIAL STATIC TRANSFER. PLEASE PREPARE THE PORTAL FOR AN OCCCLUSION.





{ LADY KILLIAN, GATE DYNAMICS HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED FOR A PARTIAL STATIC TRANSFER. PLEASE PROCEED WITH YOUR INTERVENTION. }

THANK YOU, INDEX. I WILL NOW CROSS THE EVENT HORIZON.



WHAT THE...!

WHOA! HEY!

EMPEROR'S BEARD!!!

THIS SHOULD GIVE THE WINTERBORNE OPERATIVE ENOUGH TIME TO REACH THE GATE AND TRANSFER.

BEEP « SPECIALIST, THIS IS FACILITATOR. THE ARTIFACT HAS COMPLETED TRANSFER. PLEASE USE THIS INTERVENTION TO IMMEDIATELY COMPLETE YOUR TRANSFER. » *BEEP*

HELP!

GAH! OOOF!

I'M F-FLOATING!



ON MY WAY!
THANK YOU FOR THE
ASSISTANCE.





WELCOME TRAVELER.

GREETINGS FROM WINTERBORNE, GATEKEEPER.



I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE INTERVENTION I NEEDED IT!



MY MECH TEAM AND I ARE UNDER ORDERS FROM FACILITATOR TO DELIVER THIS. HERE NOW.

WE STOLE IT FROM THE SOVEREIGN.



SPECIALIST, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT FIVE MINUTES AND THIRTY-THREE SECONDS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE YOU GAVE THE ORDER TO CLOSE THE PORTAL.

YES, RIGHT! WE DON'T WANT THE SOVEREIGN HERE.



GATEKEEPER, PLEASE CLOSE THE PORTAL.

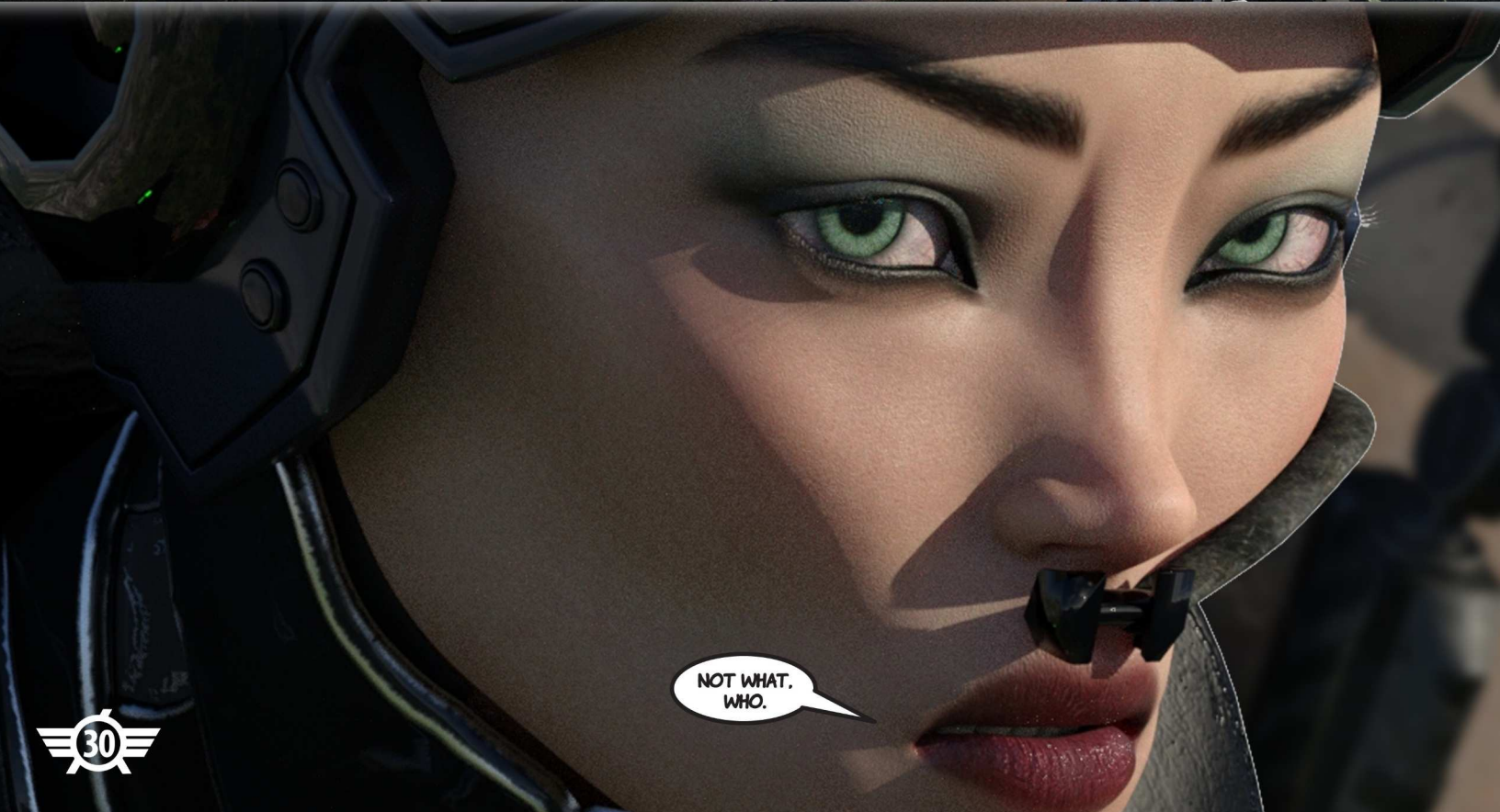


THE PORTAL IS SHUT.



NOW WE WAIT.

FOR WHAT?



NOT WHAT. WHO.

{ LADY KILLIAN, PARDON THE INTERRUPTION, BUT THE GATE ACTIVATION PROTOCOL HAS BEEN INITIATED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED EXTERNAL PARTY. }

WHAT?! HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?

SPECIALIST, THE PORTAL HAS REOPENED. WE ARE AWAITING YOUR ORDERS.

NO ONE HAS THE ABILITY TO OPEN THE GATE. I HAVE THE ONLY PORTAL KEY!

MECHS, MOVE THE CONTAINER AWAY FROM THE GATE. I WILL COVER YOU.







A FIGURE EMERGES!

THERE IS NO NEED FOR YOUR WEAPON, WINTERBORNE. I MEAN YOU NO HARM.



I BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM THE ACADEMY OF FORGOTTEN ARTS AND SCIENCES, GATEKEEPER. PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES FOR ARRIVING UNANNOUNCED, BUT IN THIS ENDEAVOR DISCRETION IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE.

HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO OPEN THE GATE? I HAVE THE ONLY KEY.

A MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION! YOU SEE, WE HELPED YOUR GREAT, GREAT, GRANDFATHER, LORD KILLIAN, BUILD THIS PORTAL, LADY KATRIN.

OUR LABORS FORGED THE LINKAGE THAT IS KILLIAN'S GATE. WE MADE ONE KEY: THE KEY THAT HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO YOU, M'LADY.



BUT, THERE IS ALWAYS MORE THAN ONE WAY TO OPEN A DOOR.



I AM THE CURATOR OF THE ACADEMY'S RELIQUARY. I HAVE COME TO RETRIEVE THE ARTIFACT.

FACILITATOR CONFIRMED THAT AN AGENT OF THE CLIENT WOULD MEET ME HERE.



THE ACADEMY IS THE CLIENT? WHY DO YOU WANT THAT WHICH IS IN WITHIN THE CONTAINER?



THE MISSION UNDERTAKEN BY THE WINTERBORNE TO RECLAIM THE ARTIFACT FROM THE SOVEREIGN WAS AT OUR REQUEST.
THE ARTIFACT IN THIS CONTAINER HAS IMMENSE POWER. IT CANNOT FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE SOVEREIGN AGAIN EVER.

THE SOVEREIGN
EMPEROR, FREDERICK, AND
HIS FOLLOWERS HAVE SET ABOUT
DESTROYING THE HUMANKIND'S
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES AND
THE KNOWLEDGE THAT
CREATED THEM.

WITHIN THE
ACADEMY'S WALLS
LIES THE MOST COMPLETE
REPOSITORY OF HUMANKIND'S
GREATEST SCIENTIFIC AND
ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS.
IT IS THE LAST SUCH
COLLECTION.

THE ACADEMY
RECOGNIZED THE DANGER
OF THE EMPEROR'S FANATICAL
ANTI-TECHNOLOGY OBSESSION. BY
THE TIME THE CLEANSING FIRES
OF THE TRUING BEGAN, WE
WERE IN THE FINAL STAGES
OF OUR QUIET PLAN.

AT THAT TIME,
THERE REMAINED ONLY A
HANDFUL OF DEVICES WE NEEDED
TO CALL OUR COLLECTION
COMPLETE. THIS IS THE
LAST ARTIFACT WE
REQUIRE.

SO, WHAT
IS IN HERE? IS IT
DANGEROUS?



THE ARTIFACT HELD WITHIN THIS CONTAINMENT DEVICE IS NOT DANGEROUS IF USED WISELY AND WITH THE MOST NOBLE OF PURPOSES.



HOWEVER, IF WAS TO BE USED AS A WEAPON, IT COULD RIP ASUNDER THE VERY FABRIC OF OUR UNIVERSE.




WHICH IS WHY WE SOUGHT TO REMOVE IT FROM THE HANDS OF THE SOVEREIGN.

BY THE MAKER! I-IT'S A...



YES, WINTERBORNE, THIS IS A SINGULARITY HARNESS.



IT IS THE LAST OF ITS KIND. WE'VE SPENT YEARS SEARCHING FOR THIS ONE ARTIFACT.

AFTER ALL THE YEARS OF SEARCHING, HOW DID YOU DISCOVER ITS LOCATION?

OUR OPERATIVES WITHIN THE ORDER OF THE CRIMSON MERIDIAN ALERTED US WHEN IT WAS REVEALED THAT THE SOVEREIGN HAD ACQUIRED IT.

WE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED OUR ALLIES, THE WINTERBORNE, AND ASKED FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN RECOVERING THE HARNESS.

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS DEVICE?

DURING THE EXPANSION, HUMANKIND TRAVELLED TO EVERY CORNER OF THE GALAXY. WITH THE HELP OF FORERUNNER TECHNOLOGY, PLANETS THAT WERE ONCE UNINHABITABLE WERE TRANSFORMED INTO NEW HOMES FOR OUR RACE. THE EXPANSION ALSO BROUGHT HUMANKIND TO THE BRINK OF IRREGULAR SPACE: VAST AREAS OF INTERSTELLAR SPACE FILLED WITH DARK MATTER. THE CONCENTRATIONS OF DARK MATTER CREATED REGIONS WHERE QUANTUM MECHANICS AND THE LAWS OF PHYSICS FAILED TO GOVERN THE BEHAVIORS OF PARTICLES AND LARGER BODIES.



IT WAS IN THESE AREAS OF IRREGULAR SPACE WHERE WE FIRST ENCOUNTERED THE SINGULARITIES. FAR MORE DENSE THAN STANDARD BLACK HOLES, THESE GRAVITATIONAL ANOMALIES NOT ONLY CAPTURED AND DECONSTRUCTED MATTER AND LIGHT, THEY ALSO DISTORTED TIME AND TWISTED THE FABRIC OF REALITY. FURTHER INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE SINGULARITIES WERE MORE THAN JUST INTERSTELLAR PHENOMENA. THEY WERE INTELLIGENT BEINGS.



SLOWLY SUFFOCATING AS THE CONCENTRATIONS OF DARK MATTER BUILT UP AROUND THEM, THE SINGULARITIES WERE PERISHING, VICTIMS OF THEIR OWN GRAVITATIONAL POWER. A PLAN WAS MADE TO SAVE THE REMAINING SINGULARITIES. DEVICES WERE CREATED TO COLLECT, HOUSE, AND SUSTAIN THESE ANCIENT AND POWERFUL CREATURES. THE PINNACLE OF HUMANKIND'S SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS, EACH SINGULARITY HARNESS HELD ONE SINGULARITY. IN RETURN FOR THEIR SAFEKEEPING, THE SINGULARITIES AGREED TO GIVE OF THEIR UNLIMITED POWER TO HUMANKIND'S EFFORTS, ALLOWING US TO DIRECT THEIR ENORMOUS GRAVITATIONAL ENERGIES.



OVER THE MILLENNIA, THE HARNESSSES WERE USED BY OUR RACE TO POWER INTERSTELLAR TRANSIT VEHICLES, REKINDLE DYING SUNS, BUILD TRANS-GALACTIC GATEWAYS, AND CIRCUMNAVIGATE TIME. AS THE AGE OF EXPANSION FADED, SO DID OUR USE OF THE HARNESSSES. ONE BY ONE, THE DEVICES DISAPPEARED, AS IF SLOWLY BEING ERASED FROM HUMANKIND'S COLLECTIVE MEMORY. SOME MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY BELIEVE THE FORERUNNERS LEFT THE SINGULARITIES FOR US TO DISCOVER AND USE DURING THE EXPANSION. OTHERS POSIT THAT THE SINGULARITIES THEMSELVES WERE THE LAST SPACE/TIME-BOUND REMNANTS OF THE FORERUNNER RACE THAT EVENTUALLY MADE THE COMPLETE TRANSITION TO ANOTHER UNIVERSE.



WE MUST NOT ALLOW THE CAPABILITIES OF THE LAST SINGULARITY TO BE USED FOR THE NEFARIOUS PURPOSES OF THE SOVEREIGN EMPEROR.



NOW THAT IT IS SAFELY IN OUR POSSESSION, THE ACADEMY WILL ENSURE THAT THE HARNESS WILL ONLY BE USED FOR THE MOST NOBLE EFFORTS.

THE HARNESS WILL BE QUITE SAFE IN THE ACADEMY'S RELIQUARY.

HOW CAN YOU KEEP THE HARNESS SAFE FROM THE SOVEREIGN EMPEROR?



WHEN THE TRUING BEGAN, WE KNEW THE EMPEROR WOULD SEEK TO DESTROY THE ACADEMY AND ALL THE KNOWLEDGE HOUSED WITHIN ITS WALLS.

SO, WITH THE EMPEROR'S FORCES ADVANCING ON THE ACADEMY, WE IMPLEMENTED THE FIRST STEP IN OUR PLAN TO PRESERVE THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC AND ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF HUMANKIND: WE UNTETHERED THE ACADEMY FROM THIS TIME LINE, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE EMPEROR TO LOCATE.

THE EMPEROR IS POWERFUL, BUT WE ARE SMARTER.





I MUST RETURN TO THE ACADEMY FOR THE TIME HAS COME TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN OUR PLAN.

THE NEXT STEP??

YES, WINTERBORNE. THE NEXT STEP. WE NOW HAVE ALL PIECES OF THE PUZZLE.

IT'S TIME WE START PUTTING THEM TOGETHER.

BEEP « SPECIALIST, THIS IS FACILITATOR. WE HAVE A NEW ORDERS FOR YOU AND YOUR MECH TEAM. REPORT TO DROP LOCATION FOR EXTRACTION. MISSION BRIEFING TO FOLLOW THIS TRANSMISSION. » *BEEP*



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE, GATEKEEPER. WE MUST RETURN.

VERY WELL. THE PORTAL IS READY FOR YOUR TRANSFER.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE US TO DO WITH THE CONTAINER?



WE CANNOT TAKE IT BACK WITH US, BUT WE COULD MOVE IT SOMEWHERE FOR YOU.

THANK YOU, BUT THAT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY.



ALRIGHT, MECHS.
LET'S MOVE OUT. WE MUST
BE AT THE DROP POINT
BY SUNDOWN.

SPECIALIST, PLEASE BE
ADVISED THAT SUNDOWN AT THE
DROP POINT IS IN SIXTEEN
MINUTES AND THREE SECONDS.
ON-TIME ARRIVAL AT THE
DESTINATION WILL REQUIRE
OUR RATE OF SPPED TO BE
AN AVERAGE OF 86 KPH.

INDEX REPORTS
THAT THERE ARE NO
SOVEREIGN UNITS BETWEEN
THE PORTAL AND YOUR
DROP POINT.

GOOD! I NEED
A BRISK RUN. WE WILL
MAKE IT WITH TIME
TO SPARE.

FAREWELL,
GATEKEEPER.

FAREWELL,
TRAVELLER. MAY YOUR
SOJOURNS ALWAYS
BRING YOU HOME.



NOW, WHAT TO DO WITH THAT? ANY IDEAS, INDEX?

{ LADY KILLIAN, WE HAVE AN IDEA FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. }



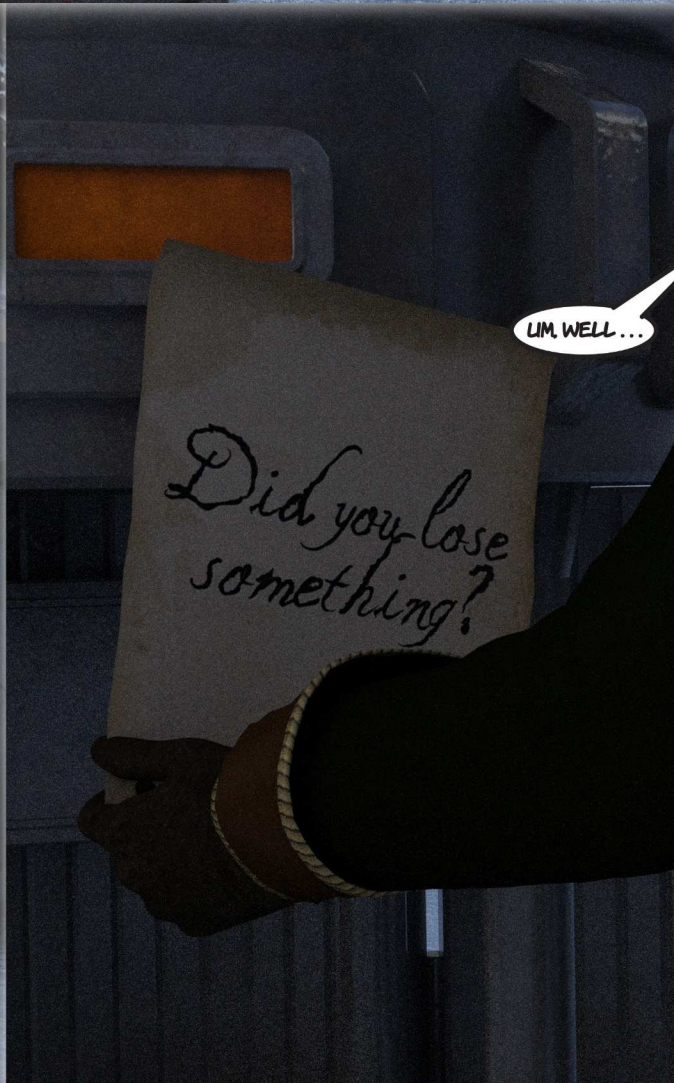
GO CHECK IT OUT, CORPORAL. WE'LL COVER YOU.

Y-YES, SIR.




THE CONTAINER IS EMPTY, CAPTAIN, BUT THERE'S A NOTE.

WHAT? A NOTE? WHAT DOES IT SAY?



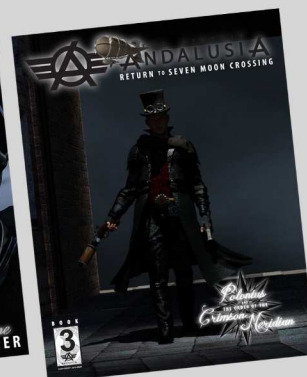
LIM, WELL...

Did you lose something?



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