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OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE
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//FORWARD RECON DEPLOYMENT
//FROM: ATTENDING AI TURKISH
//URGENT//TO: DIR. H. BARTON

"THE FIRE'S WAKE"

PREMISE...

AAR snap-feed submitted by TRK 2165-0, see full report for details. Expedition to stellar coordinates near accretion disk around KORINTH PRIOR. Arrival Date JUN 8 2557 at 0221 hours MST.

First contact with anomalous debris found in orbit around K-type dwarf at 0354 hours. Commencing exploration aboard ONI prowler TAUROKADO.

Target: SPIRIT OF FIRE. APOLLO on standby.

DATA TRAWL...

0410// Initial scans show disk is composed of 94% naturally occurring materials. 4% confirmed Forerunner materials. 2% untraceable.

0419// Detritus size spans vast spectrum. 9% nearing scale of small lunar satellites, 84% roughly the size of Taurokado or smaller.

0659// Sensors detect low-level shielding sporadically surrounding structures of Forerunner origin. Codified as "SITES" hereon.

0924// First contact with Site 012, entirely protected by a dissipative atmospheric shield. Artificial gravity is extant.

0928// Breaching field. No sign yet of UNSC Spirit of Fire.

1005// Apollo deployed to surface of Site 012, approaching structure.

1008// Structure accessed. Apollo confirms Forerunner origin, details appear homogenous to Class-6B configuration from Onyx "SARCOPHAGUS."

1242// Apollo recovering data through passive sensors. Initial scans indicate this was a docking site for war vessels, housed within an artificial planetary body. Findings validated by extraneous debris: ultra-resilient fibrous mesh exclusively of Forerunner origin.

1330// Interaction with engineering conduit at Site 042 provides key details. Original installation was Shield 0459, formally known as the ETRAN HARBORAGE. Original name is loosely translated "TROVE."

1415// Survey continues apace. Site 029 found to contain holographic armature schematic. Dreadnought classification: "SOJOURNER."

1452// Caution taken by Apollo at Site 021. Residual evidence suggests contaminant vestiges of FLOOD PARASITE. Shield world self-compromised?

1516// Human materials recovered from Site 037. Battleplate consistent with Phoenix-class hull. Evidence suggests Spirit of Fire presence.

1620// Suspicions confirmed by hull analysis. Recovery of war materiel registered to Spirit of Fire. Zero evidence of survivors among debris.

HOSTILE ENGAGEMENT...

1642// Scans detect foreign battle group. Covenant presence confirmed.

1650// Hostile fighters en route, Seraph formation. Enemy engaging.

1654// Apollo deployed via F41s. Direct attack on hostile targets.

1702// Apollo dispatches first wave, second wave approaches.

1710// Second wave eliminated. Apollo falls back to Taurokado.

1714// Taurokado releases sensor buoy B89-7. Slips per protocol.

FINAL EVALUATION.

97% probability that the accretion disk was once an artificial sphere which served as a docking port for warships and a shield world.

72% probability that it encountered a "recent" Flood outbreak of some nature. 66% probability that the sphere's destruction was related.

99% probability that Spirit of Fire arrived at the shield world site.

12% probability that Spirit of Fire survived the world's destruction.

98% probability that the Covenant will attempt to recover technology from the field. Recommend discrete asset denial or counter force.

\\FROM: UNSC AI ISABEL (ALIAS \\INTRASHIP COMMS\NEWACCOUNTS\AI\ISA 1307-2)

\\TO: BOSSMAN (ALIAS \\INTRASHIP COMMS\CO\01730-58392-JC)

\\SUBJ: BAD NEWS. GOOD NEWS!

Captain,

As requested, I've conducted my initial evaluation of the Spirit of Fire's manufacturing and support capabilities. No surprise, the ship's compliment of arms could use some... attention. Being offline for three decades will lead to a few missed upgrades, I suppose. I'm still sorting out the ship's factory control AIs and I'm a bit out of my element without access to Joint Planning and Execution System data at the Lamb station, but I do like a challenge.

BAD NEWS: SYSTEM UPDATES ☹️

Mandatory security patches and portal updates are backlogged. I have 32,810 Critical System Updates and 1,201,924 Optional System Updates scheduled. I'm still assessing which are compatible with the ship's architecture improvements since the last documented overhaul, but I should have all updates finished within 16 hours. I'll let you know when they're done.

GOOD NEWS: FACTORY MODULE CRITICAL REPAIRS COMPLETE

Assembly Lines 1-5 have been reactivated and I am reviewing their tolerances and inputs. Line 6 is being retooled and will be offline for 244 hours. Fortunately, thanks to SNA 1292-4's impressive housekeeping, it should be fairly trivial to get you up and running with the latest specs and upgrades to a variety of manufacturing processes. The Contingency Support Plan implemented by Serina has made this process a lot smoother than I anticipated, despite the age of the fabrication and machining core-blocks in this Module. There's still some refactoring to be done, but load-balancing and agile reconfiguration are my specialties.

BECAUSE I HAVE TO: COMPLIANCE

No surprise, but the Spirit of Fire crew is decades out of compliance with UEG, UNSC, and MILSAFE safety regulations. Now, you know as well as I do that all the policies in the Orion Arm won't do us a damn bit of good if we end up facing the business end of Atriox's mace. That being said, I've set aside some cycles to generate new signage and pamphlets for the crew. Please review, as this will help get everyone back up to speed on the basics. You know...when we're not being shot at.

ASSEMBLY LINE	TOOLCHAIN	INTEGRATION
A1 – 90% CAPACITY	MUNITIONS\BREECHBLOCKS	GRIZZLY, KODIAK, SCORPION
A2 – 115% CAPACITY	PROPULSION\HYPERFAN\PRIMARY	CONDOR, HORNET, PELICAN
A3 – 44% CAPACITY	POWER\TURBINE PARTS	WARTHOG, WOLVERINE
A4 – 160% CAPACITY	INSTRUMENTS\CABLING\I-REVISION	DARTER, SPIRIT OF FIRE
A5 – 100% CAPACITY	INSTRUMENTS\OPTICAL\LENSES	CONDOR, SCORPION
A6 – OFFLINE	MUNITIONS\ALIM\I-REVISION	CONDOR, SPIRIT OF FIRE, WARTHOG