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"MEDICAL LOG
ENTRY 55-9-1..."



"CATASTROPHIC OVERLOAD
OF PREVIOUS BIOTIC IMPLANT
UPGRADE WAS A SETBACK.

"ADJUSTMENTS
HAVE BEEN MADE
BASED ON
SALVAGEABLE
DATA. HOWEVER..."



"...EVEN IF THESE MODIFIED BIO AMPS
MAINTAIN INTEGRITY, ESTIMATED POWER
LEVELS WILL STILL FALL SHORT OF
DESIRED RESULTS.

"MY SEARCH FOR
SUITABLE TECHNOLOGY
CONTINUES.



"CONTINUING DAMAGE
TO SURROUNDING BRAIN
TISSUE IS A CONCERN..."

"...BUT DETERMINED TO
BE AN ACCEPTABLE RISK."



ACTIVATE.



NNGAAAGGH!

KZZZRRK

"LIEUTENANT *TIRAN KANDROS'S*
FIELD REPORT--ENTRY 6-DASH-17.



"FOLLOWING THE DISAPPEARANCE
OF A CIVILIAN CONTRACTOR'S SUPPLY
TRANSPORT REPORTED MISSING
NEAR AN UNINHABITED WORLD...

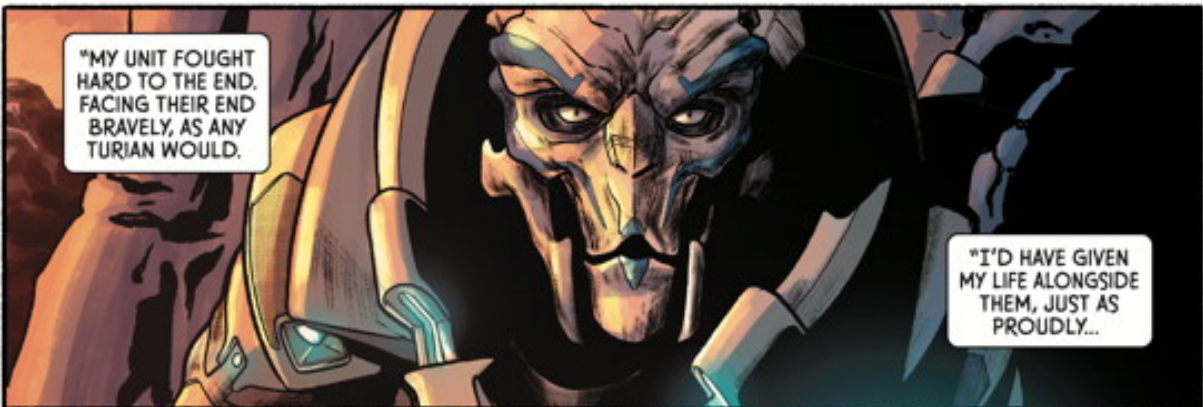


"...WE FOUND A
HOSTILE SURPRISE
WAITING FOR
US WHEN WE
TOUCHED DOWN."

=HUFF=
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"MY UNIT FOUGHT
HARD TO THE END,
FACING THEIR END
BRAVELY, AS ANY
TURIAN WOULD.



"I'D HAVE GIVEN
MY LIFE ALONGSIDE
THEM, JUST AS
PROUDLY..."





AS FAR AS THE PUBLIC'S CONCERNED, IT'S JUST WHAT IT APPEARS TO BE--

--AN AMBITIOUS PRIVATE SPACE PROGRAM SETTING OFF TO EXPLORE THE ANDROMEDA GALAXY.



AND AS FAR AS THE **HIERARCHY** IS CONCERNED?

AS FAR AS **YOU'RE** CONCERNED, KANDROS-- THOSE ARE QUESTIONS YOUR SECURITY CLEARANCE DOESN'T ALLOW YOU TO ASK.

NOW WHY DON'T YOU GET TO THE POINT OF YOUR CALLING US HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE...



...OR SHOULD I SAY, YOUR HAVING **YOUR MOTHER** PULL IN ANOTHER FAVOR FOR YOU.

THAT'S ENOUGH, **COMMANDER NARKKIN**.



THE **HIERARCHY DOES** HAVE ITS CONCERNS ABOUT THE INITIATIVE, IT'S TRUE.

WE'VE BEGUN TO SUSPECT THERE'S **SOMETHING ELSE** HAPPENING BENEATH THE SURFACE.



THE SHIPS THEY'RE BUILDING ARE **MASSIVE**. PEOPLE ARE FLOCKING TO THEIR ORGANIZATION BY THE TENS OF THOUSANDS.

THEY'VE RECENTLY EXPANDED CONSTRUCTION, AND DRAMATICALLY ACCELERATED THEIR SCHEDULE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SQUINT VERY HARD TO SEE THE MAKINGS OF A PRIVATE MILITARY.



AND THEN THERE'S **THIS**.

BEFORE IT PURGED ITS DATA CORE...

...I FOUND EVIDENCE THAT IMPLIES **SOMEONE** INVOLVED WITH THE INITIATIVE IS TINKERING WITH OUTLAWED **GETH TECHNOLOGY**.



IF HE'S RIGHT, WE SHOULD BRING THE FULL FORCE OF THE TURIAN MILITARY DOWN ON IT LIKE A HAMMER.



THAT'S *IF* HE'S RIGHT.

I'M NOT READY TO OPENLY CONFRONT THE INITIATIVE OVER SOME FOGGY DATA WE PULLED FROM A MALFUNCTIONING GETH...

...BUT WE HAVE ANOTHER IDEA, GENERAL.



I WANT YOU TO SEND ME IN UNDERCOVER.

GET ME INSIDE THE ORGANIZATION AND I'LL FIND OUT WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON. IF IT'S WHAT WE THINK IT IS, WE CAN SHUT IT DOWN FROM WITHIN.



YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT COMMITTING ESPIONAGE AGAINST AN ALLIED SPECIES.

I'M TALKING ABOUT PUTTING THE BRAKES ON A *PRIVATE ENTITY* THAT MIGHT BE UP TO NO GOOD.



IF I'M WRONG, WE SLIP OUT AS QUIETLY AS WE WENT IN. NO ONE'S THE WISER.

BUT IF I'M RIGHT-- WE'LL BE AVERTING A SITUATION THAT COULD OTHERWISE GO *VERY WRONG, VERY QUICKLY.*



WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM ME TO GET STARTED, ADMIRAL RAVIS?