

"THE CYLONS WERE CREATED BY MAN."

"THEY REBELLED."

FLEETNEWS FILE FOOTAGE

"THEY EVOLVED. THEY LOOK AND FEEL HUMAN."

LEOBEN

DORAL

KNOWN CYLONS
IF SEEN--REPORT IMMEDIATELY!

"THERE ARE MANY COPIES."

"AND THEY HAVE A PLAN."



BUT WE HAVE EVEN MORE THAN SIMPLY A PLAN.

WE HAVE HOPE--POSSIBLY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE CYLON ATTACK THAT NEARLY WIPE OUT HUMANITY.

IT BEGAN WHEN LT. KARA THRACE RETURNED FROM CAPRICA...

NIGHTLY FLEETNEWS WITH D'ANNA BIERS

*...NOT ONLY WITH WORD THAT THERE WAS AN ACTIVE RESISTANCE FIGHTING THE CYLON OCCUPIERS THERE...

LT. KARA THRACE-- "STARBUCK"

THEY'RE MOSTLY PROFESSIONAL PYRAMID PLAYERS...

...WHO WERE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME.

AND NOW THEY'RE MAKING IT UP AS THEY GO ALONG.

UNTIL WE GO BACK TO GET THEM, ALL I CAN SAY IS--C-BUCS RULE!



*...BUT ALSO WITH ESSENTIAL INFORMATION THAT HAS POINTED US TOWARD EARTH--

*--THE FLEET'S LONG-SOUGHT-FOR SAFE HARBOR FROM THE CYLONS.



IT CONTINUED WHEN THE CAPTURED CYLON KNOWN AS SHARON VALERII HELPED DEFEAT A CYLON "LOGIC BOMB" COMPUTER VIRUS.



THE PRISONER HAS BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL.

I EXPECT THAT TO CONTINUE.

COMMANDER WILLIAM ADAMA



HOW'S HER HEALTH, COMMANDER?

RUMOR IS SHE HAS A SPECIAL... "CONDITION."

SHE'S IN EXCELLENT HEALTH. AS TO HER "CONDITION"--



EXCUSE ME, COMMANDER.

WE KNOW SO LITTLE ABOUT CYLON PHYSIOLOGY THAT WE HAVE TO HOPE ANY CONDITION SHE MAY DEVELOP RESOLVES ITSELF.

IN, SAY, NINE MONTHS TIME?

THAT'S ALL. THANK YOU.

PRESIDENT LAURA ROSLIN



**THEN MOST RECENTLY--AND MOST IMPRESSIVELY--CHIEF TYROL ACCOMPLISHED THE SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE...*

...WHEN HE CONSTRUCTED FROM SCRATCH--WITH AN EVER-INCREASING NUMBER OF HELPERS--THE STEALTH VIPER CODE-NAMED 'BLACKBIRD.'

I'LL ADMIT I HAD MY DOUBTS--BUT THE CHIEF PROVED ME WRONG.

AGAIN.

I'M JUST GLAD HE'S ON OUR SIDE AND NOT A CYLON.

**CAPTAIN LEE ADAMA--
"APOLLO"**



CHIEF TYROL BUILT MORE THAN SIMPLY A NEW VIPER--

--HE BUILT UP THE ENTIRE FLEET'S CONFIDENCE, WHICH HAD TAKEN QUITE A BEATING LATELY.

HE SHOWED US--REMINDED US, REALLY--

--THAT WORKING TOGETHER, EACH DOING OUR PART, WE CAN DO WHATEVER WE PUT OUR MINDS TO.

**RETRIEVE THE RESISTANCE FIGHTERS.*

**DEFEAT THE CYLONS.*

**FIND EARTH.*



WE CAN ACCOMPLISH MIRACLES.



AND IT IS WITH THAT MINDSET THAT THE COMMANDER HAS BEGUN SOIL MINING AN UNSTABLE BUT MINERALLY RICH PLANETOID...

CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS DRIVEL?



YOU'D THINK TYROL WAS ONE OF THE LORDS OF KOBOL RETURNED!

I MEAN, I LIKE HIM--I DO! BUT THE MAN'S A SIMPLE MECHANIC, ISN'T HE?



WE CAN'T ALL BE SCIENTIFIC GENIUSES, GAUIS.

MY CYLON DETECTOR--NOW THAT WAS SOMETHING YOU COULDN'T TOSS TOGETHER IN A GARAGE.

BUT THAT WAS DONE IN SECRET.

THE TROUBLE IS MOST PEOPLE PAY ATTENTION TO THE SHINY SHOW IN FRONT OF A CURTAIN, NOT THE MAN IN SHADOWS BEHIND IT.



OH, I COULD GIVE THEM A SHOW... PUT TYROL'S TOY PLANE TO SHAME...

HMM... SHINY, YOU SAY?



DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN THE CYLON CENTURIONS BOARDED THE GALACTICA?

OF COURSE. APOLLO SAVED THE ENTIRE SHIP THAT DAY.



YES, WELL-APOLLO AND SOME WELL-USED EXPLODING ROUNDS. PRAISE THE GODS AND PASS THE AMMUNITION, EH?

THE THING IS, AS THE RESIDENT CYLON EXPERT, I WAS GIVEN WHATEVER...

AH!

WHATEVER REMAINED OF THE CENTURIONS TO STUDY.

AND I MUST SAY I'VE LEARNED A GOOD AMOUNT.

BUT THINK HOW MUCH MORE COULD BE LEARNED FROM A FULLY FUNCTIONAL MODEL!



YOU...

YOU'RE GOING TO BUILD A CENTURION?

WHY NOT? I'M SURE I HAVE ALL THE NECESSARY PARTS.




AND CREATING A CYLON TURNED OUT SO WELL THE FIRST TIME SOME ONE DID IT.

YOU DON'T KNOW CENTURIONS LIKE I DO. THEY'RE HARD-WIRED TO FIGHT. THEY'RE LITERAL KILLING MACHINES!

THIS IS A DISTRACTION FROM GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU, GAUIS--TO PROTECT HELD AND SHARON'S UNBORN CHILD!





AND IF AN ANGRY MOB WITH PITCHFORKS WAS COMING FOR THE INFANT, DO YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE I'D BE ITS BEST DEFENSE?

WHAT BETTER PROTECTOR FOR THE FIRST HUMAN-CYLON CHILD THAN A REPURPOSED CENTURION GUIDED BY A HUMAN HAND?



AS LONG AS THAT'S YOUR REAL REASON FOR DOING IT-- AND NOT SIMPLY WANTING THE PUBLIC SPOTLIGHT TO SHINE ON YOU.

WELL, I CAN'T HELP IF ONE FOLLOWS THE OTHER NOW, CAN I?

YES, INDEED--I AM BUT AN INSTRUMENT OF--



EXCUSE ME? DR. BALTAR? YOU WANTED TO SEE ME?

BROTHER CAVIL! I, UH... DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THERE!

I COULD COME BACK LATER IF YOU'RE TOO BUSY... TALKING TO YOURSELF.

WHAT? NO! I-- HA!

THAT'S HOW I PROCESS INFORMATION. IT HELPS ME IF I WORK THINGS OUT--OUT LOUD, AS IT WERE.

BUT ENOUGH OF THAT! THE REASON I WANTED YOU TO STOP BY IS I WAS TALKING WITH A... FRIEND ABOUT ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO WERE CHOSEN FOR SOME MISSION BY GOD...

ANY GOD, REALLY. ALL OF THEM, EVEN. AT ANY RATE, I WAS WONDERING...

...WE WERE WONDERING...

...WHAT SORT OF PEOPLE THEY WERE?

ALL SORTS.

HERE'S AN IDEA--INSTEAD OF TRYING TO BE CLEVER, JUST TELL ME EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW, DOCTOR.

TREAD CAREFULLY, GAIVUS...



DID THEY ALL BELIEVE?



EVERYONE BELIEVES IN SOMETHING--

BUT YOU'RE ASKING: DID THEY BELIEVE IN THE GODS?

THE ANSWER IS: I DON'T KNOW. AND, FRANKLY-- I DON'T CARE.



THEY BELIEVED IN WHAT THEY WERE DOING WHEN THEY WERE DOING IT.

THAT MAY BE THE CLOSEST TO THE DIVINE ANY OF US EVER GET.



THAT'S RATHER SOBERING COMING FROM A MAN OF THE SCROLLS. DON'T YOU BELIEVE IN THE GODS?

I BELIEVE WHAT I CAN SEE--

--AND ALL I'VE EVER SEEN IS PEOPLE PLAYING AT BEING GODS.

QUITE DISTRESSING FOR YOU, I IMAGINE.



ON THE CONTRARY-- THAT'S THE ONLY TIME TRUE GREATNESS EVER HAPPENS.



IT'S A GREAT THING YOU'VE DONE-- NOT EXECUTING HIM ON THE SPOT.

OCCUPIED CAPRICA.



ALMOST DIDN'T STOP BARDLAY IN TIME! ALMOST WISH I HADN'T!

HE WAS OUR DOCTOR! ALL THIS TIME A CYLON WAS OUR DOCTOR! HOW MANY TIMES--



WHEN VERHEIDEN DIED FROM "INFECTION"-- WAS THAT YOU?

WAS IT?!



NO.



WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE THAT?

YOU'RE LUCKY I DON'T RIP YOUR FRACKING HEAD OFF!

THAT'S THE BETRAYAL TALKING, ANDERS. YOU TRUSTED THIS MAN--



THREE DAYS LATER.

HOW ARE THE SOIL MINING TESTS PROCEEDING, SAUL?

WELL, AS EXPECTED THE RAW MATERIAL IS OFF THE CHARTS...

...AN EXCELLENT SOURCE FOR HYDRO-AGRI NUTRIENTS--

--BUT THE TERRAIN'S MORE UNSTABLE AND VOLATILE THAN WE ESTIMATED.

AND IT'LL ONLY GET WORSE IF THE CYLONS FIND US.

THE SOONER WE WRAP THIS OPERATION--

--THE SOONER WE CAN ALL CELEBRATE!

HELLO TO GALACTICA...

GALACTICA ACTUAL HERE.

THINGS ARE DICEY DOWN HERE, COMMANDER. COULD USE ANOTHER RAPTOR TO SPEED THINGS UP.

SHARON VALERII IS JUST KILLING TIME IN THE BRIG AND--

THAT'S NOT AN OPTION.

BUT RUNNING STRAIGHT TRANSPORT SHE WOULDN'T EVEN NEED TO SET DOWN. SHE COULD BE UNDER GUARD AT ALL TIMES.

THIS ISN'T OPEN TO DISCUSSION, LIEUTENANT.

ALL DUE RESPECT, SIR--SHE'S NOT THE SHARON WHO SHOT YOU. SHE HELPED FIND THE TOMB OF ATHENA. SHE SHUT DOWN THE CYLON LOGIC BOMB.

HOW MUCH MORE DOES SHE HAVE TO DO TO EARN YOUR TRUST?



KRYPTER!
UNFORESEEN
SEISMIC
EVENT!



GOING
AIRBORNE TO
SAVE THE
BIRD!

HOW
ARE THE
MEN?



CONFIRMED
VISUAL ON
THREE--BAD
SHAPE!

INSTIGATING
RESCUE AND
EVAC!



TWO IN THE BASKET...



LOST...

...LOST THE THIRD...