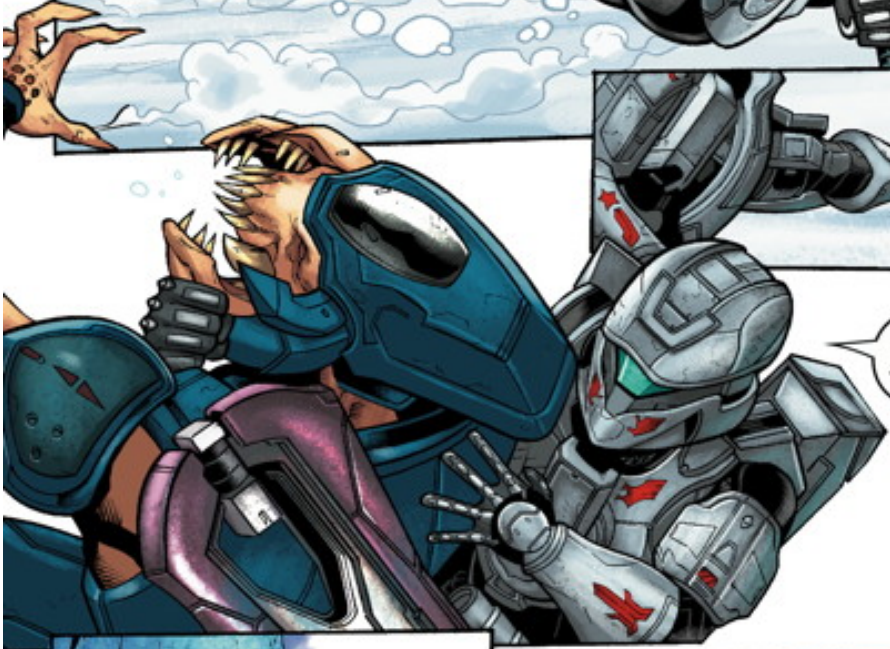


SARAH?



GAAAAH!



I SAID ONE SECOND, TOM.



OKAY, GO AHEAD, CAPTAIN.

KRACKK





I'M WALKING UP TO THE COMBAT DECK. MEET ME OUTSIDE?

AYE, SIR.



WARGAMES AI, SUSPEND "INVASION" ROUTINE.

ROUND OVER!



GOD, I HATE THAT THING...

SO THE UGLY BRIGADE DOESN'T SLOW YOU DOWN --



-- BUT THE SECOND SOMEBODY IN UNIFORM RINGS A BELL...?

DUTY CALLS, SCRUGGS.



WARGAMES, CYCLE FIRETEAM JACKKNIFE THROUGH A CTF MAP.

CAPTURE THE FLAG!





SARAH, I THOUGHT YOU WERE TAKING SOME R&R?

THAT WAS THE R&R.

WERENT YOU HEADING PLANETSIDE FOR A BIG DEBRIEFING OR SOMETHING, CAPTAIN?

THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS REQUESTED THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE.

OH BOY. THEY DON'T USUALLY BOTHER THEMSELVES WITH "THE HELP"...



THEY INSIST IT'S A FORMALITY.

YOU BELIEVE THAT?

I'M THE CAPTAIN. BELIEVING'S IN MY JOB DESCRIPTION...

WHICH IS WHY YOU'RE THE BOSS AND I'M JUST A SPARTAN.

WELL, THAT AND ABOUT HALF A TON OF ARMOR...

UNSC INFINITY  
2558-03-03 1455 SMT  
SYNCHRONOUS ORBIT ABOVE  
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, EARTH



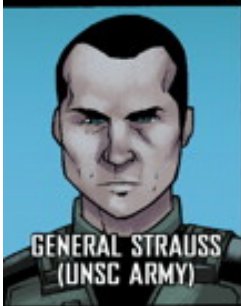
WHICH I SORTA WISH I HAD WHERE WE'RE GOING...



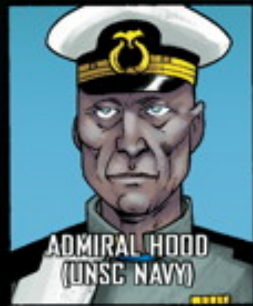


UNSC HIGHCOM-FACILITY  
BRAVO-6

"THANK YOU BOTH  
FOR COMING."



GENERAL STRAUSS  
(UNSC ARMY)



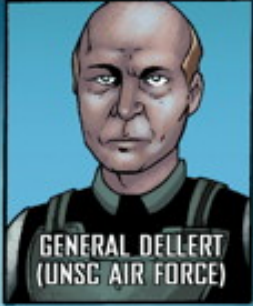
ADMIRAL HOOD  
(UNSC NAVY)



ADMIRAL OSMAN  
(ONI)



GENERAL HOGAN  
(UNSC-MARINES)



GENERAL DELLERT  
(UNSC AIR FORCE)



AS I'M SURE  
YOU'VE ALREADY  
GUESSED, WE'VE  
ASKED YOU HERE TODAY  
TO DISCUSS *INFINITY'S*  
INVOLVEMENT IN THE  
EVENTS SURROUNDING  
THE REQUIEM  
MISSION.

MORE  
DIRECTLY, CAPTAIN  
LASKY, MEMBERS  
OF THIS COMMITTEE  
HAVE SOME SIGNIFICANT  
MISGIVINGS OVER THE  
HANDLING OF THE  
CAMPAIGN.



SIRS -- NOT  
TO BE CONTRARY,  
BUT I WAS LED TO  
BELIEVE THIS WASN'T  
AN OFFICIAL  
INQUIRY?



RELAX,  
TOM. NOBODY'S  
POINTING  
FINGERS.



BE THAT AS IT MAY,  
ADMIRAL HOOD, THERE  
ARE SOME LINGERING  
QUESTIONS I THINK  
MANY OF US NEED  
ANSWERED.

OF  
COURSE.  
WHATEVER  
WE CAN DO TO  
HELP ADMIRAL  
OSMAN.