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Subject: STORY: The Scorpion's tale.

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He now knew what he was up against. Three active hostiles with a central command post somewhere in the area. If he could locate that outpost, and capture the comm. link, he could isolate them from each other, and would stand a better chance. He had gotten lucky earlier, and gained the initiative. He didn't plan on losing it. Where would the command post be though, he wondered. Somewhere safe, yet able to scan the base to assist, and coordinate their response. There were three options that afforded the ability to oversee the base. He was on one of them. This was an old ore smelting factory that the base apparently used to refine raw materials for vehicle production. He could see the hangar door slightly off track below him. It had been a long time since any shipments of metal had left here on its way to the Weapons factory. He wondered how many weapons of war had started their existence right here, and how many of them were left.

The other two locations were the stack of the power plant, and the main construction building. Considering the stack of the plant was bathed in sodium lights, and a large hole was torn through it by an errant round long ago, he guessed that the MCV was his best bet. He didn't know much about these unique buildings other than they were the center of each mobile base, and were initially set up based on mobile platforms that were slowly rolled into position on massive treads. Quite a feat of engineering he surmised, but irrelevant to his necessary task at the moment. He spoke to his CABAL link:

"Cabal, give me a breakdown on the layout of GDI MCV structures, post deployment mode. Specifically I need information regarding interior layout of MCV's in the style used in the facility I am in right now."

"AFFIRMATIVE. GLOBAL DEFENSE INITIATIVE MOBILE CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE, CLASS MCV ZERO ZERO ONE DASH BRAVO.

THIS MCV IS THE SECOND REVISION IN GDI'S CURRENT INVENTORY OF THIS TYPE OF VEHICLE. NOTABLE ENHANCEMENTS OVER PRIOR DESIGN INCLUDE VOICE RECOGNITION, AND KEYCARD LOCKS AT ALL ACCESSSES AS WELL AS IMPROVED CRANE STRUCTURE ALLOWING FOR HEAVIER CARGO LIFTS. THE CONSTRUCTION YARD IS ALSO 20 % LARGER ALLOWING FOR QUICKER SUB ASSEMBLY OF KEY STRUCTURE COMPONENTS.

INTERIOR SPECIFICATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: TWO LEVEL STRUCTURE. FIRST FLOOR IS PRIMARILY A LARGE HANGAR WHERE THE SUB COMPONENTS ARE BUILT IN AUTOMATED ASSEMBLY LINES. WELDING, AND CUTTING ROBOTICS ARE CONTROLLED FROM THE UPPER LEVEL CONTROL ROOM, WHICH OVERSEES THE CONSTRUCTION FLOOR. THE FIRST FLOOR HAS A CENTRAL ELEVATOR FOR ACCESSING THE CONTROL ROOM, AS WELL AS A SECONDARY EMERGENCY ACCESS IN THE REAR OF THE FACILITY. ACCESS TO THIS STAIRWELL IS GAINED THROUGH THE HYDRAULIC PUMP ROOM.

UPPER LEVEL ROOMS ALSO INCLUDE DINING FACILITIES FOR GDI PERSONNEL, AS WELL AS BUNKING FOR THE TWO MAN MAINTENANCE CREW."

"That will be all Cabal. Thank you."

"YOUR GRATITUDE IS UNECESSARY, HUMAN."

"So are your commentaries, machine."

He scanned the area before leaving the roof top. As expected no movement could be seen. He figured the MCV would be close, as the raw materials were based here. He found his target 200 yards away after a lightning flash. He moved from the roof, and exited the building.

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