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## COLLATERAL DAMAGE



UNSC PERSIAN GATE.  
IN ORBIT AROUND CHI CETI IV.  
DECEMBER 1, 2525.

"WOULD ANY OF YOU  
CARE TO OFFER SOME  
FINAL WORDS?"

VERY WELL.  
THEN WE COMMEND  
SAMUEL-034 TO  
THE VASTNESS OF  
SPACE...

"...AND PLEDGE  
OUR ETERNAL  
REMEMBRANCE OF  
HIS SERVICE."





BLUE TEAM READY ROOM.  
48 HOURS LATER.

SO. YOU'VE  
HAD TWO DAYS TO  
GET USED TO THE  
IDEA THAT EVEN A  
SPARTAN CAN FALL  
IN BATTLE.

WE  
KNEW THAT  
BEFORE.

IN YOUR  
HEADS. NOW  
YOU KNOW IT IN  
YOUR GUT.

YOU'RE  
SOLDIERS.  
YOU'VE SEEN  
PLENTY OF  
DEATH.

BUT IT'S  
DIFFERENT WHEN  
ONE OF YOUR OWN  
DOESN'T COME  
HOME.

"YOU WOULDN'T BE  
HUMAN IF YOU WEREN'T  
GRIEVING. HONOR THAT  
FEELING.

"HONOR IT..."





...AND THEN PUT IT ASIDE.

BECAUSE HUMAN CIVILIZATION IS AT WAR WITH AN ALIEN THREAT, AND WE'RE GOING TO NEED YOU, SPARTANS.

"YOU'VE PROVEN THAT SPARTANS CAN TAKE ON THE COVENANT... AND WIN."

AND THAT IS WHY YOU ARE HERE. BECAUSE WE NEED YOU TO DO IT AGAIN.

BLUE TEAM, COMMANDER YAO.

AS YOU WERE. NORA, BRING UP A MAP OF THE ALPHA CORVI SYSTEM.

IT WOULD BE MY DEEPEST PLEASURE, COMMANDER.





COVENANT SHIPS  
CONTINUE TO PROBE  
OUTER COLONY WORLDS.  
A SUBSTANTIAL ATTACKING  
FORCE EMERGED FROM  
SLIPSPACE NEAR ALPHA  
CORVI THREE HOURS  
AGO.

UNSC SHIPS IN  
ORBIT HAVE MOUNTED  
A DEFENSE, BUT A  
NUMBER OF COVENANT  
DROPSHIPS GOT  
THROUGH TO THE  
SURFACE.

"THE MAIN  
COVENANT FORCE IS  
ATTACKING JAMSHID,  
ALPHA CORVI II'S  
LARGEST CITY.

"MARINES ARE HOLDING  
THEIR OWN SO FAR, BUT  
WE ANTICIPATE COVENANT  
REINFORCEMENTS.

"THAT'S  
WHERE YOU  
COME IN.

YOU WILL DROP ON THE  
OUTSKIRTS OF JAMSHID AND  
ENGAGE COVENANT FORCES,  
LESSENING PRESSURE ON  
THE MAIN UNSC GARRISON  
AS WE PREPARE A  
COUNTERATTACK.

YOU WILL OPERATE  
INDEPENDENTLY OF GROUND  
COMMAND. DO NOT CONTACT  
MARINES ON THE GROUND.

IS THAT  
UNDERSTOOD?

UNDERSTOOD,  
COMMANDER.

THEN  
SUIT UP.

DOCTOR  
HALSEY, I'LL  
LEAVE THE REST  
OF THE BRIEFING  
TO YOU.