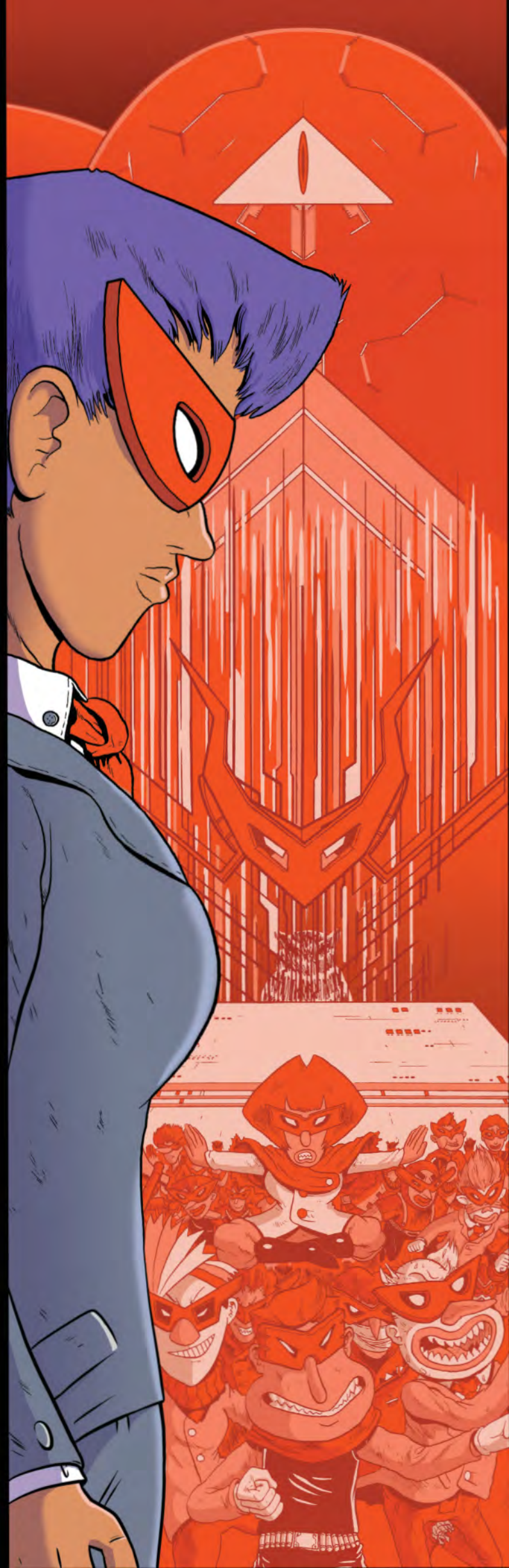


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**Bad Mask**

**Army of Science**

**Diode Mask**

**Great General  
Sub-Section GG5  
Arctus Evil  
Bathrust Island**

Dear Brasso Mask,

Feb. 13, 2014

If you are reading this, then that means you have survived the explosion of the Yogura-5, and there is not much time. You are the only hope for the survival of Bad Mask, as well as the continued security and freedom of the human race.

In the extremely unlikely event that someone other than Brasso Mask has recovered these documents, and has been living under the proverbial rock, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Diode Mask, and I am one of the Five Great Generals of the terrorist organization known as Bad Mask, and we endeavor to make the world a better place. Though our tactics, at times, might appear drastic and violent, please believe that all we do is in service of a better future for all humans. Although our eventual reformation of the world is inevitable, we are constantly thwarted by our chief adversary, the super-powered robot called Metal Metro.

You are, no doubt, familiar with our work and our battles with Metal Metro, and likely consider us the villains of your own personal narrative. I would caution you against thinking of Bad Mask in such a monolithic fashion. Between super-powered humans (known as Espers), humans who have learned to harness the arcane, the advent of gigantic mecha, and an organization of colorful "villains" all wearing masks, you might feel as if you are living in the comic book of some simple-minded genre author. That is the world that Metal Metro would have you believe in. However, there is much more at stake than a convenient "happy ending". The world we live in is a complicated place.

Brasso Mask, I have prepared this collection of documents for you, but there are still gaps that you are going to have to fill in. Carefully digest the information contained in these documents. Metro would think itself perfect, but it has always underestimated human dedication. Everything for you to see through the lies has been in front of us the whole time. **Please review these elements in the order laid out below...it's important that nothing be overlooked.**

- 1) **An issue of the Metal Metro Comic Book:** Although I personally loathe the Jess Isaacson comic books that feature that wretched robot, Metal Metro, I would be remiss if I didn't admit that they do a fairly good job of portraying the nature of our conflict with Earth's robotic *protector*. This issue and its ads particularly show the depth to which Metro has inserted itself into popular culture, and into the hearts of the public.
- 2) **A complete set of Metal Metro Trading Cards:** What enrages me the most is the extent that humanity has gone head over heels for that metallic menace, Metal Metro. Society's adoration of it is childish, and it blinds them. I obtained this particular set with great difficulty, but it was necessary because its owner has betrayed an interesting detail about Metal Metro and its allies.
- 3) **A copy of the Bad Mask Handbook:** This is actually your own copy of the Bad Mask *Battlebook*, Brasso Mask. Do not think that noble Bad Mask is above scrutiny. We also play a role in the danger that looms over humanity. You are still a relatively new agent, and ultimately have more to learn about what we are fighting for.
- 4) **Meeting Notes from 2/12/14:** I know that the meeting at Arctus Evil was tough for you, Brasso, but there are details and connections present that must be understood if we have any chance of saving humanity.

For clarity, I encourage you to continue the work I started with your own research. Events are bound to move quickly after the Yogura-5 is destroyed. Please feel free to take notes here if needed:

- 5) **NEWSPAPER:** I'M TAKING DIODE'S ADVICE AND COLLECTING MATERIAL THAT I MIGHT OTHERWISE OVERLOOK. THIS NEWSPAPER IS FROM THE DAY AFTER THE YOGURA-5 EXPLOSION
- 6) **MAGAZINE:** BEFORE I ACTIVATE MARIANA, I PICKED UP THIS ISSUE OF NEWPRESS. IT REALLY SHOWS THE DAMAGE THAT THE FAILURE OF THE YOGURA-5 OPERATION DID TO BAD MASK, BUT IT IS ALSO RIFE WITH INSIGHT ABOUT METAL METRO AND ITS STRANGLEHOLD ON NEARLY EVERY ASPECT OF CULTURE.
- 7) **INCIDENT REPORT FROM ARCTUS EVIL:** I INCLUDED THIS BECAUSE I NEED TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THE DAMAGE I'VE DONE, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS NECESSARY TO GET THROUGH TO THE REMAINING GREAT GENERALS. ALSO, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE SEE THE TRUE NATURE OF METAL METRO.

Brasso Mask, I implore you to continue with your own research. Be diligent and remember that this story will reveal itself in the mundane all around you and in between the lines. I have set up an external server on board Barbus Mecha that can be reached at [server2174.tech](http://server2174.tech) that I will use as a repository of information that I've collected these past couple of months. I know that I am putting a terrible burden on you to undo over a decade of lies, but we are left with few options before things get too far, and humanity is truly lost.

With apologies, and all my luck,

*Diode Mask*

Diode Mask

Great General of the Bad Mask Army of Science



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# DISASTER!

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INSPECTOR BRUNO



METAL METRO



LITTLE METRO



# "BAD MASK BROUHAHA!"

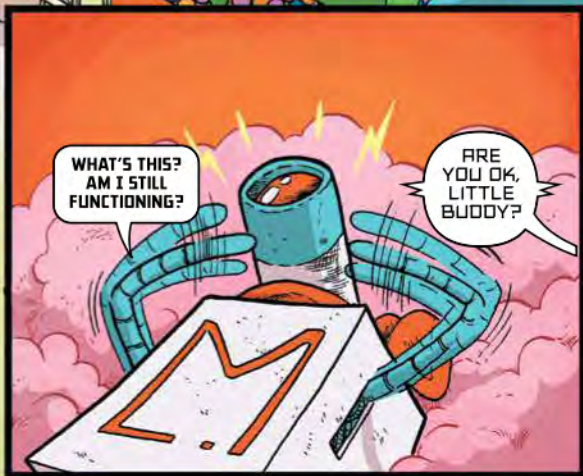
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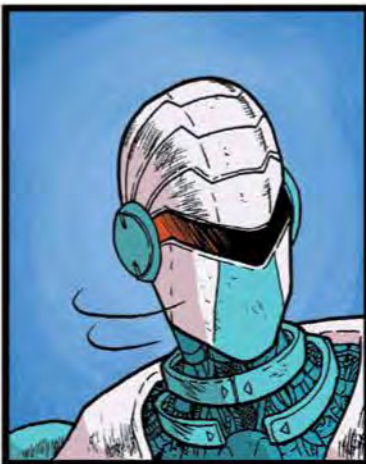
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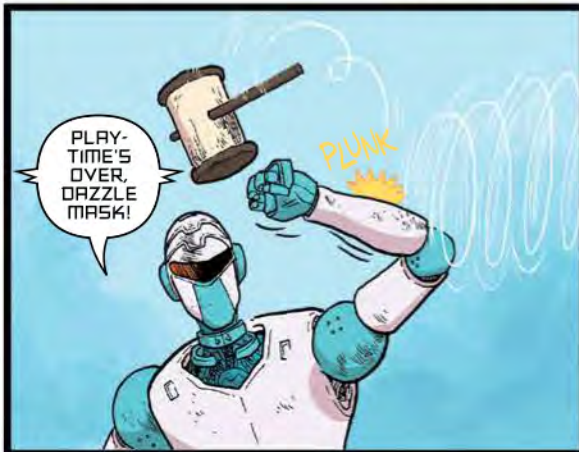
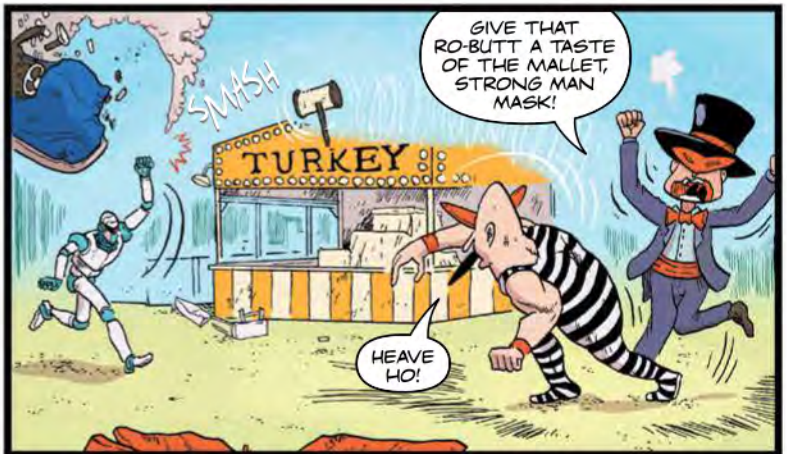
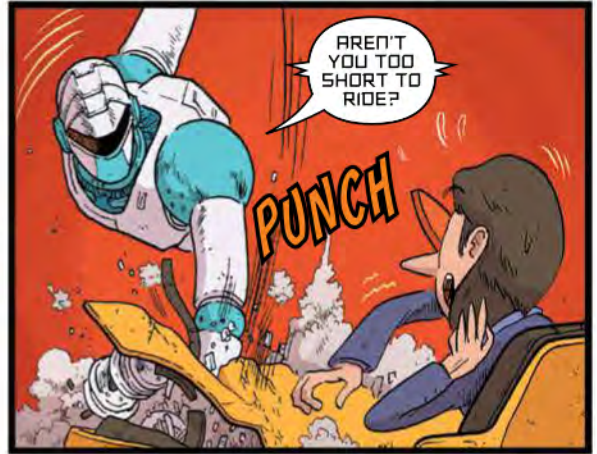
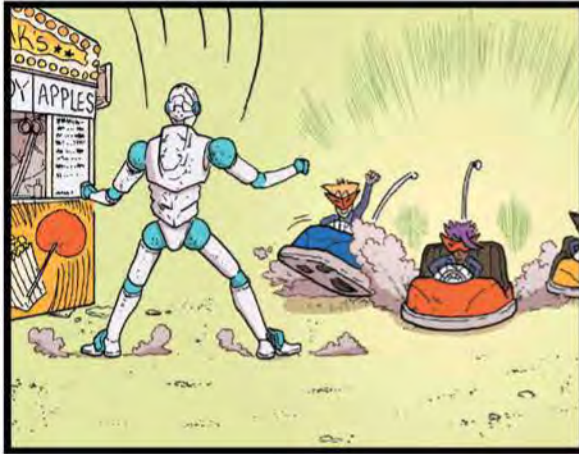
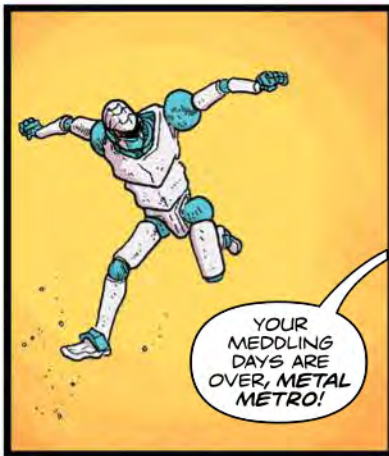
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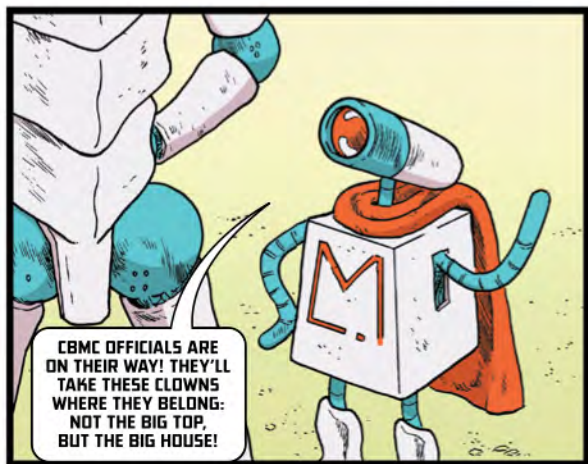
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RATS!  
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WITH METAL  
METRO! I'M  
DOOMED!









# BAD MASK



## BATTLE BOOK

The introductive guide to being a Bad Mask agent, the administrative system, mission systems, and dossiers on department heads.

*BM Document 0214\_Booklet.*

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Brasso Mask -

I know that you left Bad Base Alpha in a hurry, and this was found in the personal effects that you left behind. I wanted to make sure you got it back. If you're reading this now, you're probably in a lot of pain and confusion. I'm sorry that I could never be more direct with you but Bad Mask, and the rest of the world, are in great danger!!

Metal Metro is not what it seems,

-Diode

# BATTLE BOOK

2008 Edition



**NOTICE:** If you are a member of local, national, or international law enforcement, destroy this book now and please forget you ever found it. If you are sympathetic to the Bad Mask cause, and are interested in real change in this world, congratulations! This book will give you an insight into the organization of brotherhood and dedication that is Bad Mask. If you like what you read, consider signing up to join the ranks of the most honorable organization ever assembled in the history of Earth.

***All we are for Bad Mask!***



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# INTRODUCTION



Welcome to the honorable ranks of Bad Mask! As a new recruit, you will work as a goon-level agent for a minimum of three months. This publication has been provided to you so that you can familiarize yourself with the organizational structure, missions, and core doctrines of Bad Mask: **friendship, ingenuity, individuality, intelligence, and apprenticeship.** Bad Mask not only gleams its strength from the gamut of natural and supernatural skills that its members possess, but also from the commitment to these honorable ideals. Every member, super-powered Esper or not, is integral to Bad Mask's mission of reforming humankind.

## HISTORY

Bad Mask was created by the brilliant Dr. Caebabo in 1978. Working for the betterment of mankind, his contributions to the scientific field were criticized and mocked. Losing hope for a world governed by hubris, Dr. Caebabo began an organization named Transitech, which pledged itself to take control away from the nations of the world and reform Earth with a fair and just hand. Over the next four years, Transitech developed the Bad Mask organizational system that defines its current success. In 1985, Transitech was officially rechristened Bad Mask, and its main base of operations, Arctus Evil, was constructed in Northern Canada.

Although the many schemes of Dr. Caebabo that run across the world weave a wicked net of evil too beautiful and complicated to comprehend, he has never lost sight of his one simple, singular goal: to make the world a better place for humankind.

# WARNING!! PLEASE READ!!

## THE MASK

Bad Mask gets its name from the mask that all agents wear. Wearing the mask and discarding your former life is the sign of your commitment to Dr. Caebabo's ideals of world reformation, and your promise to protect others that bear the mask. Upon swearing the oath to Bad Mask, all agents undergo a procedure where four Class-3 magnets are installed in various locations subcutaneously on the front section of an agent's skull. These magnets correspond to magnets on their custom-made mask. Once attached, the mask cannot be removed; there is no going back. Your present, future and all you are is Bad Mask. If the contact points between the magnets sever, the field protecting the mask's internal power core (a Qhumlata C3 micro fission battery) collapses and ignites. This explosion, known as the Mask-Failure Effect, is a non-radioactive, one kiloton blast meant to safeguard the agent's identity.

The mask provides communication, data, radar, and web access to a Bad Mask agent. Additionally, heart and respiration rates are monitored via the mask. If an agent dies in the field, the mask is programmed to initiate the Mask-Failure Effect manually.

*Even if the mask is removed by accidental means, the Mask-Failure Effect will still initiate. Take extreme caution. There is a vast library of apps available for the mask that can be utilized by any Bad Mask agent with appropriate supervisor clearance. Agents with special technology or software needs for their mask should contact their nearest Army of Science Officer and submit a Mask Program Request form.*

## WARNING! DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE YOUR MASK FOR ANY REASON!!



# WARNING!! PLEASE READ!!



# Official Bad Mask Document

## Infiltration Case File: 87gg41



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*Bad Mask General access only. Copies of this document cannot be found on the Bad Mask server. Access to the Bad Mask server has been indefinitely cut off. This document and any ancillary materials are available in the newly-established Bad Mask Physical Materials and Communications Department, Office 225, Arctus Evil. For questions about the status of ongoing server-based operations, please see Data Mask in Office 702, Arctus Evil.*

**Summary:** This case file documents the attack on the Bad Mask Arctic Stronghold on June 15, 2014 through audio files, screen captures from security cameras, and written accounts. Although the attack on our impervious fortress was successful, the end results were very much in Bad Mask's favor. The materials included in this file were gathered between the dates of June 16 and June 17, 2014.

**Case File Code:** ICF:87gg41

**IUI:** Unknown Enemy Mecha  
Codename *Mariana*

**GPS Coordinates:** 2.147, -2.1466

**Case Times:** 00:13::1:15 6/16/14  
*m45k\_protocol.mr543.exe*

### Included Files:

- Map of the initial mecha approach vector (*Document No. MP001\_MIBlat*)
- Timetable of Enemy Mecha Approach to Arctus Evil
- Map of the pertinent incident locations and attack trajectory (*Document No. MP001\_MATxx4.b*)
- A full video account of the incident gathered from cameras 001-012, 025-098, and XX214.
- Robot analysis by Edison Mask
- Master Mask Order ID00 (*to be issued immediately*)
- Map of Mole Mecha Staging Area as of 6/17/14 16:15EST (*Document No. MPSO\_MMP*)

### Supplementary Files (*not included*):

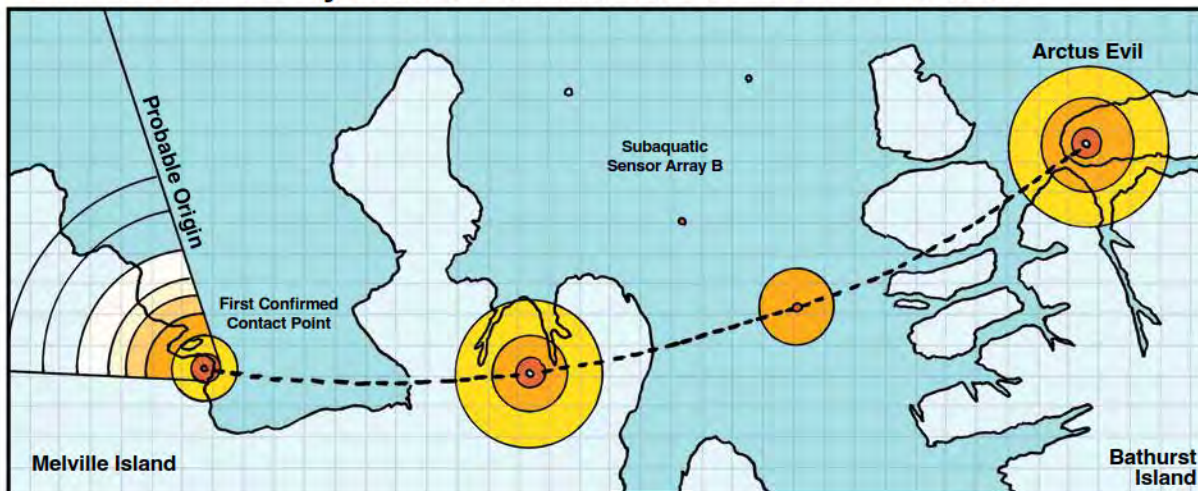
- Alert Field Report by Mask 2134, Energy Needs Division.
- Security report from Jolt Mask and Barrel Mask

# Interdepartment Report Transfer Log

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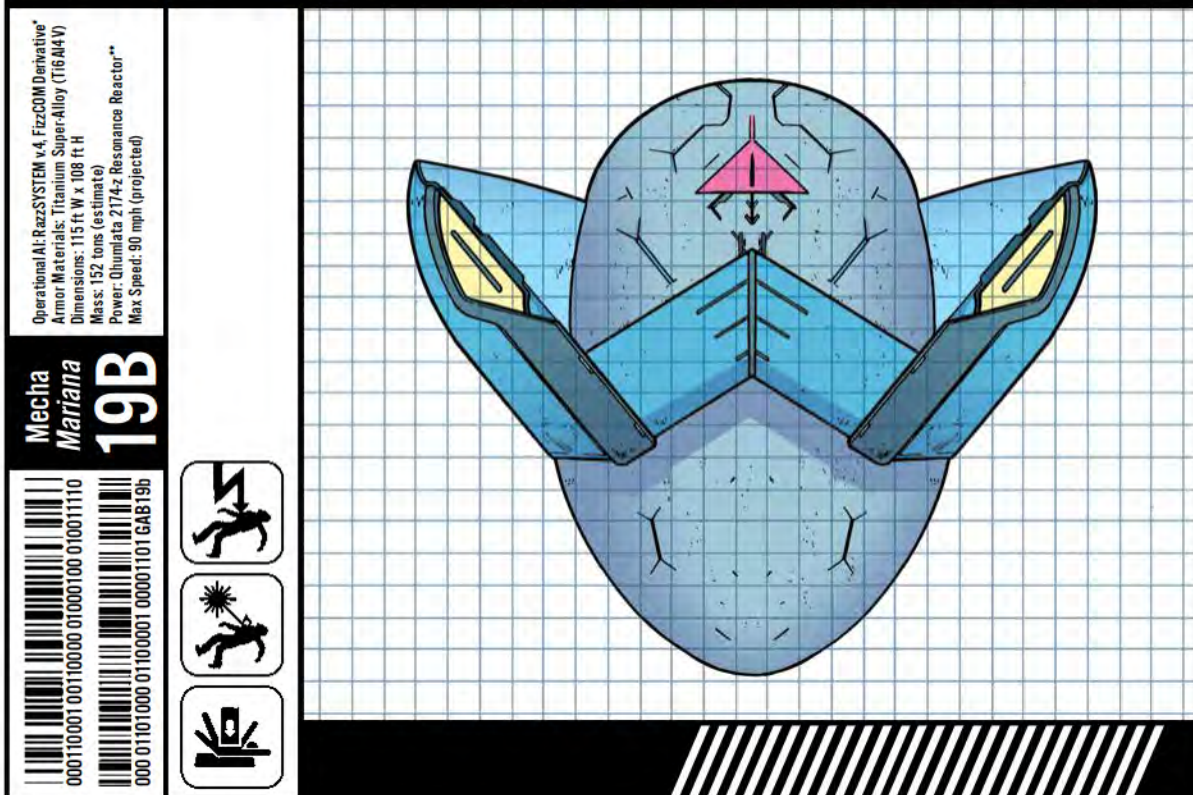


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Research done at the conclusion of the incident have indicated that the Enemy Mecha first entered the vicinity of Arctus Evil from west; having first travelled across Melville Island. It is unknown at this point whether the mecha approached from the land or sea, but the former seems more likely since there has been, as of yet, no data transmitted from the Subaquatic Sensor Array B (pictured above).

## Enemy Mecha Codename *MARIANA*:

Preliminary Estimation  
Schematic Report GAB19b



Because the incident at Arctus Evil resulted in the destruction of the Enemy Mecha, its internal working and full capabilities are still unknown. Leading robotic forensic specialists are currently combing the external shell components of the Enemy Mecha and wreckage in Sub-Section CMxx in order to extrapolate blueprints and additional capabilities.

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