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SERGEANT
KRESS—CAN YOU
HEAR ME?

DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
WHAT I AM
SAYING?



AS OF FOUR
MINUTES AGO, YOU
ARE OFFICIALLY THE
HIGHEST-RANKING
INDIVIDUAL AT THIS
OUTPOST.

YOU ARE IN
COMMAND.

I'M...
I'M NO
LEADER.

I'M
JUST A--



WE ARE
AWAITING YOUR
ORDERS.



H-HOW
MANY OF
US ARE
LEFT?

FIFTY-SIX,
COUNTING
MARINES AND
ANCILLARY
STAFF.

IT
WOULD APPEAR,
HOWEVER, THAT
THE BATTLE IS
OVER.

FOR
NOW.



WE THOUGHT
THAT BEFORE...

...AND
WE WERE
WRONG...



*THEY KEEP
SENDING THEM
AFTER US...

*...WAVE
AFTER WAVE...

*...WASTING THEM...

*...LIKE THEY'RE
JUST EMPTYING A
MAGAZINE.

*THEY'VE
ALREADY WON.

*THEY TORE
RIGHT THROUGH US.



"BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO LEAVE ANYONE ALIVE DOWN HERE...NOT OUR TROOPS...NOT THEIRS."

"THEY COULD GLASS US FROM SPACE, BUT THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH."

"IT'S LIKE THEY WANT BLOOD...OURS OR THEIRS."



DO WE KNOW WHY THEY ATTACKED US?

ALMOST EVERYONE HAS ALREADY EVACUED THE STATION... THE ENTIRE PLANET.

IF THEY'D STOP SHOOTING AT US FOR FIVE MINUTES, WE COULD GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE AND THEY COULD HAVE THE ENTIRE PLACE.

WHAT IS IT THAT THEY WANT?



I BELIEVE IT IS SAFE TO ASSUME...

... THAT THEY SIMPLY WANT US DEAD.



THEY WASTED A LOT OF RESOURCES...

...A LOT OF LIVES...

...FIGHTING OVER NOTHING.



I GUESS A LOT OF US DIED PROTECTING THE SAME THING.



MY APOLOGIES, SERGEANT.

I'M AFRAID MY POWER CORE TOOK ~~IKKZZKE~~ SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE IN THE LAST ATTACK.

I AM RUNNING ON BACKUP SERVERS, AND THOSE ARE BEGINNING TO FAIL.

IF I CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE, I SUGGEST YOU ~~IKKZZKE~~ MAKE IT QUICK.