Subject: STORY: The Scorpion's tale. Posted by KIRBY098 on Wed, 19 May 2004 16:56:54 GMT

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He did sit down, and waited for the officer to speak. The officer started by looking at the pistol. He seemed curious about it, and raised an eyebrow in apparent consternation. Looking squarely at Sergei, he said: "Well, let's have it. What happened?"

He explained what had happened, how he had assisted the troopers, and what had transpired since. He even mentioned the unit number. The expression was hard to read, and the officer spoke, merely saying "Cabal!"

The reply was a deep, disembodied voice that said "Yes Commander."

It took two or three minutes, but the face of a man he assumed had been the tank commander appeared. " Yes brother?"

"Brother, I have in custody a man claiming he assisted you today against the GDI oppressors. Is this correct information?"

"Yes brother it is. He was most helpful in helping us destroy the last of the GDI armor in sector 23 Echo after the initial battle. I commend his bravery, and I am in his debt."

"Thank you brother. That will be all. Out."

The commander looked at him again, and stated, "The pistol has Brotherhood serial numbers on it. It is most fortunate for you that you had not stolen it. The consequences would have been "severe". As it is, it appears the Brotherhood is in your debt today. I will see to it you get extra rations during indoctrination. You may go. Report over by the screen, and pay attention to what you see Brother. The truth of Kane is quite eye opening, and enlightening." And at that, he cut the zip-tie, and released him.

"Thank you." Was all he could manage as he stumbled towards the seats in front of the screen, but the commander had already motioned for his subordinates to remove the table, and herd the prisoners towards the screen. The door was shut to the compound, and there was a perceptible silence as the loud speakers went quiet for a minute.

Then, the screen flickered to life, and the speakers came up, and he saw and heard Kane for the first time.

"Welcome to our glorious revolution Brothers."

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