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Subject: STORY: The Scorpion's tale.

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This had gotten the attention of just about everyone in the room, and a palpable silence lingered as the General paused for effect. He hit the button on the remote for the holographic projection unit, and a video of the inside of the craft appeared. In the image Kane could be seen standing in the middle of the expansive flight deck, one arm holding a glowing crystalline ball. In the background panels glowed with flowing color, and the walls seemed to be pulsating with energy. Other than the alien technology, the place seemed abandoned.

“After years of analysis, we were able to retro-engineer the stealth, Tiberium based, and cybernetic technologies that we currently use. The object in the photo that Kane is holding is called the Tacitus. This is what the Elite Cadre was trying to retrieve when the mutants stole it. It is essentially a large data bank of Scrin architectural and engineering knowledge encrypted in a

“Cabal and the mutant known as Tratos worked on de-ciphering it together under the treatise

to Tratos that cures weren't what the Tacitus was all about. It was about transformation to a higher plane of existence through the use of Tiberium. When faced with the prospect that humankind was about to go through an evolutionary breakthrough to energy based life forms, he rebelled from the cause, and escaped from the research facility after contacting sympathetic

“While they were able to kill the guards, and escape, they were unable to prevent Cabal from locking down the Tacitus. Once our teams arrived, it was moved to the temple research facility for better protection, and so Cabal could finish translation. Once translation was completed, Nod engineering teams were tasked with trying to build a vessel of our own based on the engineering

There was an audible gasp from some in the room.

“In the interest of preventing GDI capture and translation of the Tacitus, it was split into two pieces. This leaves us where we are today gentlemen, and brings us to the issue at hand. The main piece of the tacitus is missing, and we need it to control the ship which houses the second piece. The Elite Cadre members we have invited today are the best Nod has to offer, and will be