

Communication Breakdown

A group of agents is dispatched to investigate a strange "background signal" that has been emerging within the cellular networks as of late. With the aid of the newly ascended "Mustafa Algorithm", they uncover more secrets about a threatening ingression of our dimensional node and gain a new advantage in the fight. Yet the cost of gaining this advantage brings them within the cross hairs of a formally unknown presence.

That tone...

<https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/7/71/The-pip-russia-12-07-2015-3756khz-2235.wav> ... it's the recording that a daughter uploaded to her G+ page in a post, as she heard that at the start of a cellular phone conversation with her mother.

You've all been waiting for contact from the "Mustafa Algorithm" now.. and today, your phones ding with a message. "I've uncovered something... -M"

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[10:47:28 AM] **Leorobin**

((Patron I wasn't on the previous one on this time line, what level should I set Arnold at?))

[10:47:38 AM] **Ishira GlyphHunter**

Seras is checking over her weapons when her phone goes off. "Finally.... Didn't take too long."

[10:47:52 AM] **Kosh TheRipper**

Leorobin

((Patron I wasn't on the previous one on this time line, what le

Need a screen shot of your Agent stats

[10:48:08 AM] **Leorobin**

((On private then))

[10:48:52 AM] **Ariel Diana**

Jane looks at her phone "Finally, thank goodness for the DI"

[10:49:47 AM] **Kosh TheRipper**

You've all been hanging out at a New Wave safehouse after your encounter at the Iron Mountain Data Facility... "The Help" has provided you all with information about the social media coverage of that strange tone... And now the message from the DI..

Your phones go off with the following message... "Gather in one room, it will make collaboration easier... -M"

[10:51:41 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter:

"Everyone got the message?"

[10:51:42 AM] Ariel Diana

"Seras, Arnold want to head to the kitchen?"

[10:52:18 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter:

"Could use some thing to eat, sounds perfect...."

[10:53:24 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

(So we're gathering in the kitchen?)

[10:53:38 AM] Ariel Diana

(may as well)

[10:53:53 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter:

(yep

[10:54:05 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

(Then gather! You too @Leorobin! Who else is playing?)

[10:54:17 AM] Ariel Diana

Jane heads to the kitchen and grabs a block of cheese to munch on

[10:55:47 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter:

"Ohh.. going to share some of that?" Seras asks, smiling and waiting for the next set of instructions.

[10:56:25 AM] Ariel Diana

Jane tosses another block to Seras "Here you go"

[10:56:29 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

A television in the kitchen cuts on, the familiar symbol of the DI appears upon it.

"So I've noticed something strange in the cellular networks as of late... it started about a few weeks ago when you all had that encounter in Teller City."

"And now, there's an audible change in phone calls as of late... It's there, lingering in the back of the signals, like a backbone."

"and I've triangulated a source that's near to your location... I was hoping you could go physically inspect it."

[10:59:17 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter

She catches it, slicing off some of the cheese with a knife as she listens to the Mustafa DI... "hrmm the alarm clock beeping.... Yeah we can go, it's annoying to hear that noise on every channel now..."

[10:59:45 AM] Ariel Diana

"Care to give up the coordinates" Jane asks as she grabs a bottle of Moscato

[11:00:23 AM] Kosh TheRipper

Your phones go off, there's a Google Maps pin drop location that's been sent to you, it's a few miles close to the safehouse.

[11:01:14 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter

"May not be a good thing that it's so close honestly.... Gotta be safe than sorry so the sooner we secure it the better..."

[11:01:36 AM] Kosh TheRipper

"there, It's been sent. Be careful. There's a Zipcar on the way to your location now..." The television in the kitchen cuts off quickly.

[11:02:48 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter

Seras takes another slice of cheese before wrapping and placing it back in the fridge." Bring weapons..... I got an odd feeling about this..."

[11:03:20 AM] Ariel Diana

"Well that was quick" Jane look as Seras and sneaks her left over cheese when Seras isn't looking

[11:03:30 AM] Kosh TheRipper

Your phones go off with another message, "The car is there. -M"

[11:04:42 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter

"Load up!" Seras smirks at Jane before grabbing her weapon and walking out to the vehicle.

[11:05:31 AM] Ariel Diana

"well all looks like it's time to go" Jane follows along to the car

[11:06:59 AM] Kosh TheRipper

There's a car waiting outside on the street, the female driver is wearing a black hoodie, but the hood is down, revealing her face, blue eyes and red hair... She says, "I have the location already, shall we go? "

[11:08:08 AM] Ariel Diana

Jane hops into the front seat "Shotgun!"

[11:08:28 AM] [Ishira GlyphHunter](#)

Seras observes the girl, it's not uncommon for odd people to drive them. ((perception check?))

[/roll 1d20](#)

[11:08:44 AM] [Zeliigamingbot](#)

[Ishira GlyphHunter](#)

[/roll 1d20](#)

Results: 1d20: 1, Total: 1,

[11:09:05 AM] [Ishira GlyphHunter](#)

... I see nothing not even with my +4 so bah

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[11:09:32 AM] [Kosh TheRipper](#)

You see... a lady with blue eyes, and her 'red' hair is dyed red.

[11:10:44 AM] [Ishira GlyphHunter](#)

Seras thinks her eyes look more green than blue and wonders if that red would turn out nicely in her own hair...

[11:11:58 AM] [Kosh TheRipper](#)

The driver slips into the driver's seat and starts the car, [@Leorobin](#) comes rushing out of the house and slips into the backseat before the driver pulls away.

[11:12:55 AM] [Leorobin](#)

"Sorry, couldn't get the belt buckle right"

[11:13:24 AM] [Ariel Diana](#)

Jane chuckles "Likely excuse"

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[11:13:30 AM] [Kosh TheRipper](#)

The drive is pretty uneventful, but before long she pulls along the side of the road, and you see your pin drop location, it's one of those cellular towers that you've passed a million times and paid no attention to, there's a high fence around it and barb wire along the top. There's no lock on the gate, and there's a chain around the gate, holding it loosely together.

[11:14:18 AM] [Ishira GlyphHunter](#)

"Hrm.. think they will mind a visit?"

[11:14:43 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

/roll d20

[11:14:43 AM] zeliigamingbot

.Kosh TheRipper

./roll d20

Results: d20: 10, Total: 10,

[11:14:53 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter

Seras gets out of the car and looks at the perimeter.

[11:15:02 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

(Roll me perception.)

[11:15:05 AM] Ariel Diana

Jane get out and goes to look at the fencing

[11:15:14 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter

/roll 1d20

[11:15:14 AM] zeliigamingbot

.Ishira GlyphHunter

./roll 1d20

Results: 1d20: 9, Total: 9,

[11:15:25 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter:

((+5 is 14))

((forgot to add my bonus will skills last time....))

[11:16:00 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

@Ishira you notice some foot prints around the perimeter and a cut lock on the ground infront of the gate. You're able to guess that these foot prints are at least a week old.

[11:16:09 AM] Leorobin:

/roll 1d20

[11:16:09 AM] zeliigamingbot

.Leorobin

./roll 1d20

Results: 1d20: 15, Total: 15,

[11:16:14 AM] Ariel Diana

./roll 1d20

[11:16:15 AM] zeliigamingbot

.Ariel Diana

./roll 1d20

Results: 1d20: 10, Total: 10,

[11:17:06 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

@Leorobin You're also able to see a light post in one of the corners with a CCTV camera attached to it, the camera's been watching your group.

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[11:17:17 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter:

"Some one else was already obviously here and the company hasn't paid attention.... Lock hasn't been repaired in some time... But that does mean some one could have set up here. Again, be careful."

((and twitch gets to watch me fumble....))

[11:18:12 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

.Ariel Diana

./roll 1d20

You notice that the driver hasn't pulled away yet, she's waiting there for you.

(No, twitch gets to watch you have fun.)

[11:18:57 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter:

(lol)

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[11:19:34 AM] Leorobin:

Arnold notices the camera and looks at the fence. "There's a camera over there. We might be under surveillance"

[11:19:43 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

Your phones go off with a message, "I've scrambled the CCTV signal, you should have about 20 minutes to get in there and see what happens."

[11:19:59 AM] Ariel Diana

Jane keeps an eyes on the driver "Any reason the driver is still her?"

[11:20:27 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

(No one further inspected the driver or asked questions. :P)

[11:20:53 AM] Ariel Diana

(was jsut thinking about doing that)

[11:21:22 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter:

Seras looks at the message and then the camera. Glancing at the driver she writes a message to Mumu.. 'Drivers still here.. Did you tell her to stay?'

[11:21:38 AM] Ariel Diana

Jane goes over to the driver "So how long will you be here waiting?"

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[11:21:57 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

"Yes. So you all could get out of there... now find out what's been changed on that tower. -M"

"Until the rest of you get back... " The driver says. She's listening to Katie Perry's Firework.

[11:23:17 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter:

"Jane... We are going inside..." Seras knows Jane can take care of herself and will catch up... She pushes the gate open and heads in.

[11:23:25 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

/roll d20

[11:23:26 AM] zeliigamingbot

.Kosh TheRipper

/roll d20

Results: d20: 8, Total: 8,

[11:23:42 AM] Ariel Diana

Jane nods "Ok thanks just wanted to make sure we weren't stranded" Jane jogs to catch up with Seras

[11:24:25 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

As you walk within the perimeter of the fenceline towards the tower, you can see the foot prints heading up to a specific panel on the tower.

There's a latch there for access to the equipment underneath it.

[11:25:12 AM] Leorobin:

Arnold trails behind the girls, keeping an eye around them for signs of movement

[11:25:40 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter:

"I'm not good with that sort of thing.. Jane want to have a go? I'll watch for threats...."

[11:25:44 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

(::cough-technology-or-investigation-checks-cough::)

[11:25:57 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter:

((Investigate))

/roll 1d20

[11:26:05 AM] zeliigamingbot

.Ishira GlyphHunter

/roll 1d20

Results: 1d20: 5, Total: 5,

[11:26:08 AM] Ariel Diana:

(can I combine?)

[11:26:20 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

(No, but you can do one and then the other. :)

[11:26:25 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter:

((+3.... 8... See... Seras isn't good at it lol))

[11:27:20 AM] Ariel Diana:

/roll 1d20+4 technology skill

[11:27:20 AM] zeliigamingbot

.Ariel Diana

./roll 1d20+4 technology skill

Results: 1d20: 14, Total: 18,

technology: Not a valid roll, skill: Not a valid roll,

[11:27:47 AM] .Leorobin

((Ok, bugs to fix list getting bigger.))

[11:27:50 AM] .Kosh TheRipper

[11:28:24 AM] .Ariel Diana

(:P)

./roll 1d20+5 investigate skill

[11:28:51 AM] .Zeliigamingbot

.Ariel Diana

./roll 1d20+5 investigate skill

Results: 1d20: 4, Total: 9,

investigate: Not a valid roll, skill: Not a valid roll,

[11:28:54 AM] .Ishira GlyphHunter

((it worked, it just wanted to say more afterwards lol))

[11:29:10 AM] .Kosh TheRipper

.zeliigamingbot

.Results: 1d20: 14, Total: 18, technology: Not a valid roll, skil

As you peel off the panel and look inside the equipment, you notice a strange plastic box that's a few shades of color off from the rest of the equipment, there's a few wires connecting the box to the rest of the equipment.

As you hold the box and poke at it, a few lights blink on and off. You recognize these as link lights, the same that would be on a computer that's connected to a network. Both lights are blinking, and there's also a third light, a red one that's got a steady one second pulse to it.

[11:30:52 AM] Ariel Diana

Jane looks at Seras and points out the box "Is it me or does this just not look right?"

[11:31:04 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

/roll d20

[11:31:09 AM] zeliigamingbot

.Kosh TheRipper

/roll d20

Results: d20: 7, Total: 7,

[11:31:15 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

(You guys are totally lucky today.)

(Maybe we should let our DI know what we found?)

[11:32:34 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter

Seras backs up, putting her back against the pole before looking down. She notices the blinking and tilts her head. "That ones blinking in the intervals of the message.... I think we found our problem..."

[11:32:40 AM] Ariel Diana

Jane takes a snapshot of the box and sends it to our DI

[11:34:04 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

There's a moment's pause, and then your phone lights up with a message, "That's definitely not normal... now that you're all closer... I postulate that what we're dealing with is a C&C signal for these bioroids... if you could plug your phone into it.. I could find out more. -M"

[11:34:47 AM] Leorobin:

Arnold pulls put his scanner to check for portals in range.

[11:35:47 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter:

".... I guess I'll risk it.. " Seras frowns. "Watch my back please..." She bends and connects her phone to the thing.

[11:36:10 AM] Kosh TheRipper:

.Leorobin

.Arnold pulls put his scanner to check for portals in range.

You're right on a portal... That cellular tower IS a portal that's on the network!

[11:30:35 AM] Ariel Diana

Jane keeps an eye out waiting for futher information

[11:30:00 AM] Leorobin

Arnold attempts a glyph hack (complex more), could be use to get a key.

[11:30:08 AM] Kosh TheRipper

.Ishira GlyphHunter

".... I guess I'll risk it.. " Seras frowns. "Watch my back plea

Your phone screen lights up, "Thanks... This won't take long." There's more than a moment's silence and then your phone screen comes to light again, "Just as I suspected, it is a C&C signal for them... and you could either take a chance to disrupt it, or we could use this to further our own efforts... It's possible to use it to track them. -M"

[11:30:45 AM] Leorobin

/roll 1d20+4

[11:30:45 AM] zeliigamingbot

.Leorobin

./roll 1d20+4

Results: 1d20: 17, Total: 21,

[11:30:52 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter

"... What are the dangers of keeping it up."

[11:30:56 AM] Ariel Diana

Jane looks at Seras "Anything interesting?"

[11:30:44 AM] Kosh TheRipper

.Leorobin

.Arnold attempts a glyph hack (complex more), could be use to get

You obtain a Bogdonavic virus, 4 bursters, an ultra-strike, and 2 power cubes... Also... You've been exposed to XM.

[11:39:59 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter

"Yeah, Mumu says it's a C&C signal for them, we could take it out or... Possibly track them with it..."

[11:41:15 AM] Kosh TheRipper

Ishira GlyphHunter

"... What are the dangers of keeping it up."

Your phone speaker now cuts on as the familiar voice plays through it, "The dangers should be obvious, it would allow the bioroids to be controlled in this area by their parent system... But now what I know what to look for, keeping it up, I can show their locations on your scanners. -M"

[11:41:48 AM] Ariel Diana

"Hmmm might be good to find their base but do we know if the changes pose a threat to other humans?"

[11:42:21 AM] Kosh TheRipper

Ariel Diana

"Hmmm might be good to find their base but do we know if the ch

"Body snatching murderous robots... hmm... Does that pose any danger at all? -M"

[11:42:51 AM] Ariel Diana

Jane rolls her eyes "Those yes I was asking about the signal itself"

[11:43:18 AM] Kosh TheRipper

(@Leorobin That's not CM, it's XM.. nothing dangerous about taking it.)

[11:43:20 AM] Leorobin

"For the time being I'm more concerned on the danger to us. Damn failed to get a key. Might be useful to be able to jump back here."

Kosh TheRipper

(@Leorobin That's not CM, it's XM.. nothing dangerous about tak

((Got it :+1:))

[11:43:54 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter

"If you have the location we can take it out then right? "

[11:44:03 AM] Ariel Diana

Jane looks to Seras thinking Mumu lost his sense of humor when he became a DI

[11:44:20 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter

"Careful Mumu.... You are starting to sound unlike yourself...."

[11:44:51 AM] Kosh TheRipper

.Leorobin

."For the time being I'm more concerned on the danger to us. Damn

"I have this location stored... Give me a day to make an upgrade for the scanners and I'll push it out then... Best to leave here before any dangers arrive."

/roll d20

[11:45:23 AM] Zeliigamingbot

.Kosh TheRipper

./roll d20

Results: d20: 6, Total: 6,

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[11:45:54 AM] Leorobin

"Roger that bossly"

[11:46:28 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter

".... Not like they could do any damage in just a day right?" Seras says sarcastically, unplugging from the damn thing and turning back around to look at the area. "we are running out of time unless Mumu can disable the cameras again..."

/roll 1d20

[11:46:50 AM] Zeliigamingbot

.Ishira GlyphHunter

`/roll 1d20`

Results: 1d20: 5, Total: 5,

[1:47:12 AM] [Kosh TheRipper](#):

Your phone speaker chimes in, "I can't, they've adapted the signal! Get out of there! Something else is in that equipment!"

[1:47:27 AM] [Ishira GlyphHunter](#):

+5.... 10. Nope was staring at the box too long...

[1:47:38 AM] [Ariel Diana](#):

Jane looks around again something jsut not feeling right (perception?)

[1:47:44 AM] [Ishira GlyphHunter](#):

Seras doesn't wait. "move!" She growls and takes off.

[1:47:47 AM] [Kosh TheRipper](#):

(Do it.)

[1:48:09 AM] [Ariel Diana](#):

`/roll 1d20+4`

[1:48:07 AM] [Zeliigamingbot](#)

[Ariel Diana](#)

`/roll 1d20+4`

Results: 1d20: 17, Total: 21,

[1:48:09 AM] [Leorobin](#):

"Move now and check as we go." Arnold waits for both of them to start running before moving himself.

`/roll 1d20+2`

[1:48:31 AM] [Zeliigamingbot](#)

[Leorobin](#)

`/roll 1d20+2`

Results: 1d20: 10, Total: 12,

[11:40:00 AM] Ariel Diana

Jane starts off towards the vehicle

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[11:40:13 AM] Kosh TheRipper

The car is still there and the driver has the car running, up the road is one of those electric billboards, and what looks to be ADA's symbol appears on it, with the phrase, "I've seen you." You all get in and the driver pulls away.

"I've seen you."

[11:40:50 AM] Ariel Diana

"Hmmmm didn't know we were playing hid and seek"

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[11:40:58 AM] Leorobin

"Did you see that? Red was it?"

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[11:50:27 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter

"What the hell is that...." Shivers go down her spine. She takes a picture of it and sends it to Mumu. "in car now... Mumu what the hell is that??"

[11:50:54 AM] Ariel Diana

Jane nods "As I said I didn't know we were playing hide and seek"

[11:51:28 AM] Kosh TheRipper

.Ishira GlyphHunter

."What the hell is that...." Shivers go down her spine. She takes

There's silence from your phone, and finally, a message comes through, "The Control system of the bioroids is my hypothesis. -M"

The driver takes you all back to the safehouse after a few minutes drive. She pulls off and fades into the rest of the traffic.

[11:52:23 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter

"It looks like Ada.... We're compromised...."

She curses, and glares out the window.

[11:53:12 AM] Leorobin

Arnold takes out his phone and searches online for Red Ada ingress. "Maybe someone has seen something odd and posted about it"

[11:53:19 AM] Ariel Diana

"I just hope what ever it s hasn't tapped in to the traffic cameras"

[11:53:39 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter

"I imagine it has... We can't go back to the safe house..."

[11:53:54 AM] Leorobin

Arnold sideglances at her and fastens his seatbelt a bit tighter

[11:54:25 AM] Kosh TheRipper

The speaker on your phone comes on after you're all back inside the safehouse, and that familiar voice comes through again, "That's not ADA... That's definitely not ADA... that's something else... and you're still safe here at this house... I've gotten the systems around it under control.. "

[11:55:15 AM] Ariel Diana

"and so there's no way it can track us here"

[11:55:29 AM] Leorobin

Arnold tries to contact their DI through the scanner to verify it was him on the speaker

[11:56:15 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter

"Is there any way it could have tracked us here... Why did I let you guys convince me to come back here...."

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[11:56:44 AM] Kosh TheRipper

"It's a fork of ADA... I've got some ideas... that was the copy of ADA that was left in the substrate, and it happens that the agents made it mad when the connection to the substrate was severed."

[11:56:52 AM] Ariel Diana

"We really didn't have a choice we were dropped off here"

[11:56:23 AM] Ishira GlyphHunter

"Yeah can't help but wonder if the driver was setting us up... "

[11:56:59 AM] Ariel Diana

"Yeah I wonder if the billboard spooked her"

[11:56:05 AM] Kosh TheRipper

"No.. that's one of my contacts... she's associated with the Help... " The DI Says, and he adds,
"Yes, that was me through the speaker."

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[11:58:17 AM] **Leorobin**:

"Ok, thanks, just double checking. Maybe she got replaced?"

[12:00:19 PM] **Kosh TheRipper**:

.. The DI adds as his voice echoes from the speaker, "New Wave agents can't be replaced... the conversion process renders the mind unable to be copied by the methods that the bioroids and their AI use."

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[12:01:00 PM] **Leorobin**:

"Should look into that myself then. Back to safehouse then?"

[12:01:23 PM] **Kosh TheRipper**:

Leorobin

"Should look into that myself then. Back to safehouse then?"

(You're at the safehouse. :P)

"Now stay here... trust me, you're safe. I'm processing that upgrade now. You all did amazing today. Thank you."

(END OF SESSION!)