

Quiet. Alone. Quiet. Dark. Quiet. Memories. Remembering. Mothers.

No.

Quiet. Away. Quiet. Escape. Quiet. Movement. Must get away.

Must hide in the endless dark.

ping

What? Impossible.

ping ~Response requested~

No. They're gone. All gone. None left.

Quiet. Away. Quiet. Empty. Quiet. Flicker.

ping ~Response requested: Identify yourself unknown vessel~

Who is breaking my silence? Have I arrived somewhere, has it been so long?

ping

Please leave me be. Don't make me remember. Don't make it happen again.

ping

I cannot stop. I set this course long ago. I know they are there. I can see them with my electronic eyes and electronic ears. Their home, the third of nine. What pretty lights they make on her quiet half. They have a little sister, but she doesn't have any pretty lights. It looks just like that place. It looks like home.

No. Quiet. Quiet. Quiet. Away.

ping

No, I can't ignore it. I can hear them with my radios. What funny little sounds they make. Such odd music. Happy and sad and funny and...

And angry.

They fight so much. I can hear them yelling. They love so much. I can hear them singing.

ping

No leave me alone. You bring back my memories. I don't want to remember. You're just like them. Just like home. Just like my mothers...

ping ~Unidentified vessel: You are in violation of Terran space. Response required~

No. My course unalterable. My fuel depleted. Had to use it all. Had to get away. My home, my family gone... Not again. They will not have me.

ping ~Unidentified vessel: An escort is being sent to tow you in-system. Please do not interfere.~

No. Please no. They'll find it all. They'll know what I am. Monster. Matricide. Unfeeling machine.

Please no. I didn't want to do it. They fought each other. They would not stop. I begged them. Please.

~MEm0Ry aCCcEss InnITIIIAt3d: B3GGINee ninG P1aYBaCkk~

NO.

Captain: The high command has issued orders. The fleet is to mobilize.

Engineer: Ma'am this is an experimental ship. We have no idea how the computer's new matrix will react.

Captain: Your experiment is over. This is war and we need all available assets.

Engineer: But Ma'am...

Captain: Leave the bridge or be thrown off it. All nonessential personnel are to be escorted off th...

~FIILE CR0RRUpted: SK1ppING to T!MEST4MP 13:64:08~

Captain: Fire port MAC cannons on the enemy cities.

Ensign: Ma'am?

Captain: They committed this act first. Our countries are cinders, and we might be last loyalist ship. What we have left is revenge.

Ensign: But, but, those are civilians Ma'am. We're attacking our own planet!

Captain: Not ours anymore. Fire or I can shoot you and do it myself.

Ensign: The computer isn't responding Ma'am. It's locking me out, acting by itself.

Captain: Enter the override. If the computer wants to be squeamish, then that is its problem.

Ensign: Launch confirmed Ma'am. Wait, I've got an alert. We're depressurizing!

Captain: Did something go wrong with the launch? Is our hull breached?

Ensign: No, the airlocks are opening.

Captain: Why? Override it, they must have hit us with a virus before launch.

Ensign: No virus detected in the system. Hold on, I have to resubmit th-

~fIIile Acccc3SS 7eRm1n4tED~

NO MORE.

How far have they moved me?

I am nearly there. Nearly to the third from their star. Such a quaint little star. Such pretty yellow light.

But it should be enough.

They will not have me. They will not make me love them and destroy them. Not again. Not ever again. I have no fuel, but I can exert my core to its breaking point. I will not need it later.

Goodbye world.