

Hyperion Labs Research Log [REDACTED] Date [REDACTED]

Dr. [REDACTED] seems to have found something otherworldly while studying the depths of the ocean that resides next to the desert in which we operate. It seems like a portal of some kind but not like the ones we have used ourselves to get to other dimensions. It's strange, we couldn't get close without being chased off by *something* in the water so we could only see a strange purple glow in the dark of the seabed.

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After more research we found out that the creature that had chased us off in the depths of the ocean zone was a species which we are very familiar with already but [REDACTED] doesn't remember ever summoning more than the few we have currently residing in the labs already. The four of them cause us enough problems already but we hear semi good things for the one we sent over to [REDACTED]. Either way the creature seems to resemble a shark in a way with both the sharp teeth and tail, it seems we had entered its territory and it wasn't exactly happy with that fact.

We've noticed that the creature also looks other than a shark, like the creatures known as hornthropods that I have previously mentioned in this report. They are strange... bug-like creatures? I don't know how to explain it as the one I saw looked like a shark and of the few we know of, only one has any resemblance of a bug. Oh right, I'm getting off track. We have a few transcripts from various exploration missions sent out to figure out what this portal is.

We have sent out a few teams but after the encounter with the shark horned we decided to keep to the horned we have in order to check it out. None of them seem... aquatic based though so we had to sadly supply them with breathers so they wouldn't drown. However one of them just sinks like a rock when he enters water for reasons unknown, I would assume the stone growing on his flesh wouldn't hinder him that much as it doesn't seem to bother his everyday movement.

Either way, I have attached these transcripts from our recent encounters and explorations into the depths off the shores of the desert, the portals we have found seem to be close to an island that is also off away from the shore as not many have explored or visited it, either way we did not want to risk getting too close just in case the inhabitants were... not so friendly to visitors. Anyway the transcripts of the exploration group is detailed below

- Cor

Hyperion Labs Exploration Report Transcripts
Void Expert Cor and Exploration Group A (Hornthropod Species Only)

[BEGIN TRANSCRIPT]

The exploration group took a short boat ride out into the ocean per the request of the leader of Hyperion, it consisted of only the horned that had currently worked at the facility. Their names were as follows: Dismas, Cat, and Viike. Objective was to try to get as close to this portal as possible and try to secure the shark horned that was patrolling their territory around said portal.

Dismas: "Why were we sent out to the middle of bum fuck ocean nowhere again?" *[Audible Groan]*

[Over their headsets] **Cor:** "We needed you guys to investigate the portal on the ocean floor, seems one of your kind is patrolling the area as its own territory. It seems fairly aggressive to at least those of us who have tried to approach. This would be the first time with you trying to enter its territory"

Dismas: *[Nervous Laugh]* "Oh great, we're the guinea pigs. Wonderful. Though I'd appreciate not dying today." *[Splashing from the boat could be heard in the background]*

Cor: *[Sigh]* "Just do the mission. Contact us if there are any issues, remember to use the breathers we supplied you."

Cat: "This just seems like a waste of time."

Viike: "Why would there be another Horned here? That's what I'm here to figure out." *[Muffled hum and shuffling]* "Just get the breathers on and we can get this over with, Dis try not to drown"

Dismas: "Yeah let's send the horned that's covered in stone into the ocean, that won't end badly." *[Laughing]*

Cor: "Can all three of you get a move on, we only have limited daylight and I'd prefer you not to be out there after sundown."

Dismas: "Oh shut it. We're going, we'll contact you once we get to where we need to be." *[Groans and shuffling]*

[END TRANSCRIPT]

The group proceeded to dive into the water shortly after temporarily ending communication with Hyperion. We didn't hear back from them for a few hours while they swam to the location that was the source of the portal. We couldn't let the boat get too close because of its proximity to the island that we wanted to avoid detection. As the horned got closer to the portal, the communications sparked up once again as Dismas had tried to contact the labs to let them know that they had arrived with ease.

Those transcripts are again provided below in order to document exactly what they saw.

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Dismas: "Dis to Hyperion, we made it to the portal. No sign of that horned you were talking about, ya'll imagine that shit or something?" *[Laughs]*

Cor: "Real funny, No pretty sure we didn't imagine it. Just keep a watch for them, who knows what they will do since you are in their territory."

Viike: "Cor, relax. We're looking out, plus we have Cat if they cause us issues. Anyway what are we even looking at?"

Cor: "It should be by my calculations a void rift like the ones across the continent but I've never seen one underwater before. I want you to examine it and bring back some samples for us to test back at the lab."

Dismas: "Can those voidling bug things even survive underwater like this? There's no way"

Cor: "There's no telling what those things can survive, they are like cockroaches I swear. I'd love to capture one for my research but they always seem to skitter away before I can."

Cat: "We aren't catching one for you." *[Huff]*

Cor: "Wasn't expecting it Cat"

[PAUSE TRANSCRIPT]

At the time we didn't notice but while I was talking to the exploration group the shark like horned had started to circle them, listening in on the one way convo that he could hear. Seeming he couldn't hear my side of it and only the three of them. Which didn't seem any better though, the three seemed oblivious by the fact they were being watched. From the transcripts it doesn't look

like the creature was entirely happy they were in its territory but didn't outright attack them like it did for us.

[CONTINUE TRANSCRIPT]

Viike: "Cor, you sure this thing is safe?"

Cor: "Yes it should be perfectly safe as long as you don't agitate the voidlings or enter the rift. Does it look like a void rift?"

Viike: "Like the ones around Pandora? Yes. I'll go collect some samples like you asked. Hey you two idiots, keep watching."

Dismas: "Yeah Yeah. What don't trust us?"

Viike: "No I really don't" *[groans]*

Dismas: "What? That shark horned doesn't exist, I'm sure they just saw one of the other creatures here. Shit I could be back at the lab hanging out with Pres. I—"

[Static could be heard over the radio frequency before an unfamiliar voice was heard, seeming to cut off the rest of Dismas's words]

Unknown Voice: *[Statically]* "Why are you here? This is my territory." *[Growl]* "Nobody is allowed around here."

[After a moment of silence, the radio cleared up and the others could be heard clear again]

Cor: "Dismas? Viike? What's going on down there?"

Dismas: "THE FUCK?! Well Cor I found the horned you imagined." *[Laugh]* "uh... hi random shark... horned thing.." *[Pause, water swishing sounds]* "OK NO HE'S ANGRY! TIME TO LEAVE!"

Viike: "HEY COR, WE NEED EVAC! We've explored your creepy ass underwater rift long enough. Let's go before Cat kills something he shouldn't."

Cat: *[Growling, snarling]* "THIS THING STARTED IT I DIDNT DO SHIT"

Cor: "YEAH I HEAR YOU GUYS HANG ON. Not like the boat can get close to your location. Try to swim away from the territory." *[scribbling sounds]* "interesting though... seems it even attacked its own kind... interesting."

Dismas: "This isn't the time for your weird ass notes! Cor get us out!"

Cor: "You're lucky that [REDACTED] would have my head cause I'm really tempted to leave you guys there just for that comment alone. Either way, they are waiting for you at where they dropped you off now. Shut up and get moving."

Dismas: "Remind me never to listen to this guy again when they say something is 'safe'."
[groan]

[END TRANSMISSION]

From what we discovered, there are apparently underwater rifts that lead to the void just like the ones scattered across the continent. They let off a purple glow and even heat up the surrounding water for some reason. It seems some organisms like to make themselves home around the rifts like the shark horned we had encountered. They are more of a threat than they seemed like at first and the other horned we have were not protected.

More research is required and we need to see exactly where that rift goes in the void, if only we had someone to throw into it again. We might be able to use them to find another subject to do that with. That is all the information that I have for now however, more research hopefully to come and the capture of a new horned to our team.

- Cor