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This is the third in a 6-part series that follows the early adventures of Thomas Lasky, the future executive officer aboard the UNSC Infinity.

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This graphic novel is a labor of love to all of my fellow Halo fans. It's not an official piece, however I hope that you will enjoy it for what it is. This is the third of six graphic novels I will be creating over the length of the series.

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I hate you.

Cortana?

Stop it!

I've made up my mind.



If I'm to die aboard this ship, then chief will suffer the same fate as me.

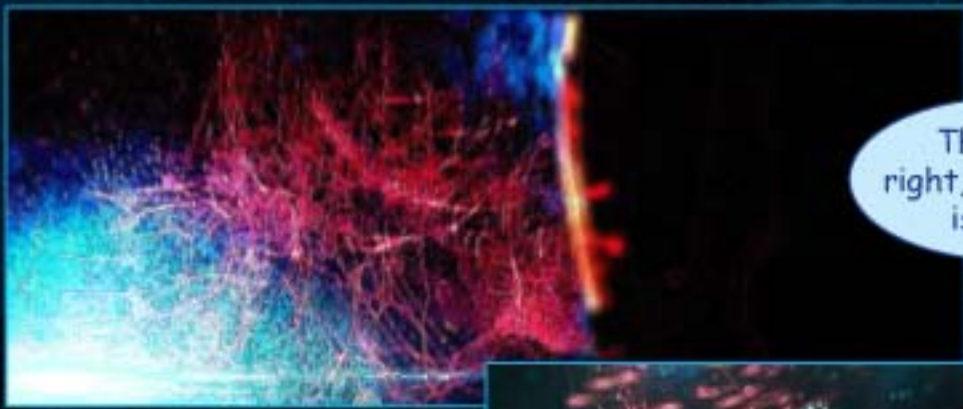
Cortana stop.



You sacrificed everything for him.

Control yourself.

I can't.



This isn't
right, something
is...ugh.




Cortana
stop.



Control
yourself.




Chief!




Something
slowed us down.



Something...
Interesting.



I need
to think.



Thinking
is what's
killing you.



What happened?

You passed out during a training exercise.

My chest feels like it's on fire.



Turns out the cryo blisters and your difficulty breathing are an allergic reaction to the Cytoprepolene.

It's a drug we inject to keep your ice crystals from forming in your cells during cryo sleep.



Occurs in 1 of every 50,000 or so.

So I won't be able to breath every time I wake up from cryo sleep.



I want you to take it real easy, the rest of the day today.

The intensity of your allergy is still undetermined. I'll know more in a few hours.

Yes sir. Thanks




Hey
bro.

I'm on
Endicia, it's a jump
away from home.

Today uh...496




I'm sorry I
didn't Com yesterday. I
got pinned in a firefight for
seven hours yesterday.



Uh, I must
have killed a dozen
Innies though.

Mom
would be
proud.

We're
doing real good
work here. We're
doing a good thing.



Ridge
didn't make
it. You remember
Ridge from back
home.

He
was right
there next to me
then...wasn't.

A pine-
apple* saw him fly
in four different
directions.



I had
to shave it all
off for Ridge. He
said it made me
look tough.

Anyway
uh, I gotta go
bro.



I can't wait
to get home.

Cadman out.

* Pineapple is a slang term for a grenade.



What are you doing?

Why do you torment yourself with these?



Are you okay?



Whoah?

I've been better.



What did Dr. Hughes say?

Nothing.

Really?



You know we won today. It stressed you out.



No it's just me, being a leader.



Lasky wake up! Oh hey, Chyler.

What's up Sully?



Get in here, you guys gotta see this.



You look like crap.

So feast your eyes on grade "A", classified vids I pieced together.



Super pain in the ass to do, but so worth it.

CLASSIFIED

Various comm chatter

This is beyond top secret.

I've never seen something so encrypted, but I cracked it.

Wow!

More comm chatter

It's crazy huh?

CLASSIFIED

TARGET LOCATED.

Wait wait wait. Now here comes the best part.

Watch his hand.

CLASSIFIED

TARGET ACQUIRED.

That thing is like two feet taller than a marine.

CLASSIFIED

They're coming, They're coming.



Alright, check this out.

CLASSIFIED

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SQUAD WE HAVE AN UNKNOWN HOSTILE.

GOING BACK, GO BACK, GO BACK.

Arghhh!!!

Now who do you think they're running from?

Are they fighting together?



Okay now here comes the best part.

Watch, watch this.

CLASSIFIED

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What is that thing?

It is now 1800, all cadets report to the mess hall.





What do you think that things was?



Definitely not an ODST.

Well what could it be?

Maybe some upgraded ODST armor..

Pew pew.



Come on, did you not see the size of that thing?

That's not ODST.



Guy's you're missing the point. What matters is our soldiers were fighting alongside the Insurrectionists.


Pew pew.



Cadet Lasky, Colonel Mehaffey would like to see you.




How are you feeling?



My chest burns sir, quite a bit.

This is for you. Seems like you have a choice to make Thomas.

I don't understand sir.



It appears Dr. Hughes's tests have revealed that the level of your allergy to Cytoprepolene is serious enough to warrant a medical discharge.

If you feel that you are unfit for service, all you need to do is sign it and bring it to the tether.





When would I leave?



Tomorrow.

Tomorrow?

You know Thomas, your memories and choices are all you have left. At the end of the game, the King and the Pawn go in the same box. You have to decide what you're willing to sacrifice.



Axios.

Axios!



Thomas, it is with a heavy heart that I inform you that your brother Cadman was shot down on Endicia.

All of his squad perished.

I've been told it was a quick and painless death. There are no remains to bury.

with this in mind I have decided you shall...

Comm trails off

Colonel Lasky out.







Chyler?



Birds chirping in the distance.



Hey.

Thought I'd give your spot a try.



That com didn't make any sense. Hitting the Innies is all I've known. Did you tell Mehaffey about it?



No. no.



What's that?



Apparently I'm allergic to war.

Yeah, tomorrow if I sign it.

I don't know.

What does this mean? You're leaving.

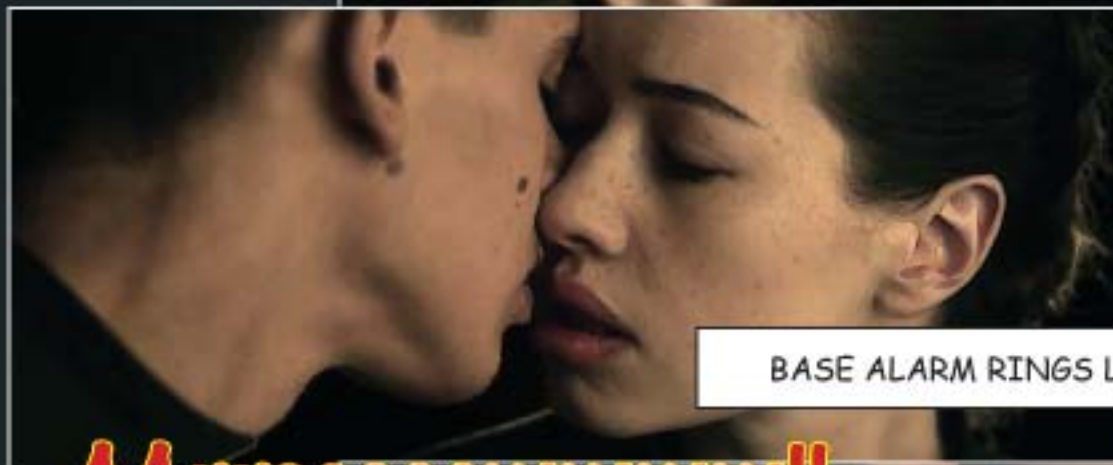
Are you going to?



Chyler...



It's okay, I know you don't want to be here. I just thought...that maybe...I'll miss you.



BASE ALARM RINGS LOUDLY.

AARROOOOWWWW!!

What is that?



All cadets report to the tether.





The rest of the squad's already at the tether, let's go.



PLEASE REMAIN CALM



Hastati, this way. Hurry up.

Lasky, Chen, let's go. Okay hold tight, stay in line.

What is this, Insurrectionists?



I have no idea.







WHEEEEEOOSSSSSHH!

WHEEEEEOOSSSSSHH!

REMAIN CALM



This is not good.

ODSTs dropping in is NEVER good.

Screw this, I can get us on this wagon.



No no, we will hold our position.

Guys come on.

No Tchakova, that is a direct order.

Suit yourself.



Dima.

DIMA!



Get back in line, right NOW!



Return to your squad cadet.

I'm getting on this wagon.

It's FULL, wait for the next one.



My mother is Secretary of FLEETCOM. Your choice marine.



GO



This is taking to long April, maybe we should bum rush like Dima.



No no, we'll be fine.





Zhooommm...



Zhooommm...



Zhooommm...

What the hell are those things?









Lasky is breathing heavily as he falls.



Explosions sound off in the distance.



TOM?

Gunfire erupting

Oh my god,
what is that?

Alien language heard getting closer.

Bbrapp!!

Sshiinkk!!

Heavy footfalls from Alien.

Alien shuts something unintelligible.

SSLLICCCCEEEE!



People screaming as they fall from the sky. Bodies crash on top of the building.

THUD!

THUD!

THUD!

Come on,
come on,
run!

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Halo Fan Friendly Letters

I had two "awesome" replies from two 343 folks. First was Jessica Shea, better known as BS Angel:



The next from Josh Holmes, Halo 4 Creative Director at 343.



Also, Stewart Hendler (Director of the Forward Unto Dawn series) again replies:



He also said this of my reviews:

