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# SPARTAN OPS



# DEPARTURE



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EARTH, SOL SYSTEM

NEW PHOENIX INCIDENT + SIX MONTHS

Well,  
I'm not going to  
complain.

Uh  
huh. Tell me  
about Rio. What  
did I miss?

Ah the  
place is a mess. I  
mean too many Covenant  
Asylum seekers. All  
pinned up.

Yeah,  
DeMarco said it  
was crazy.

Well it  
could have been  
worse. Look what  
happened to New  
Phoenix.

We even  
caught this one Sangheli  
freak trying to detonate a  
Havoc nuke.

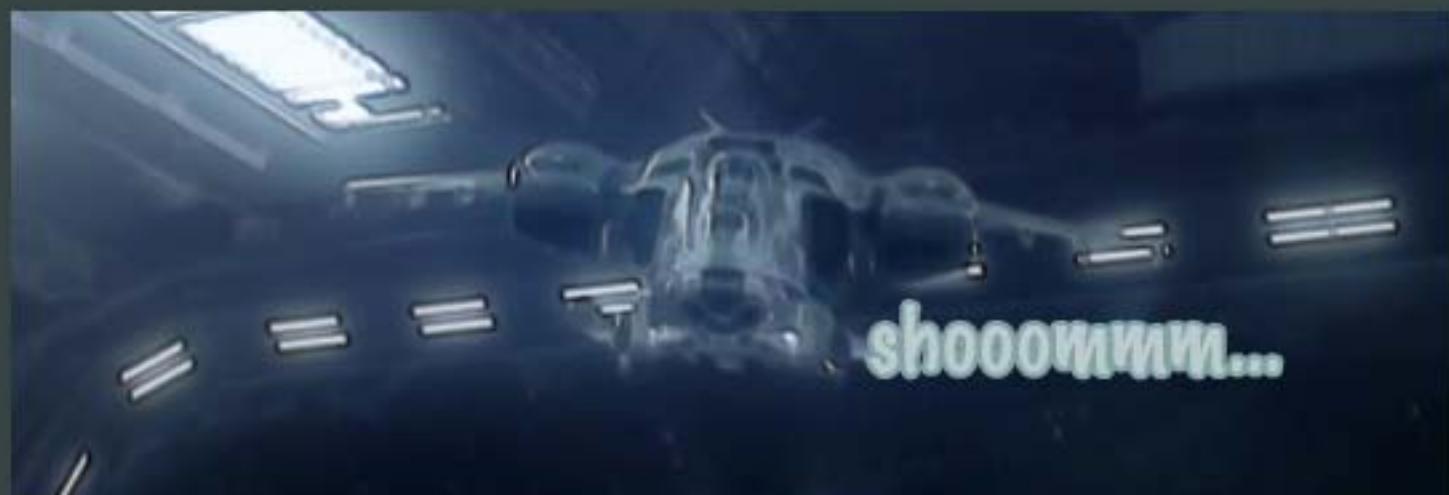






There  
she is man, the  
**Infinity**





Various deck chatter and commands.





Ah,  
Fireteam  
Majestic.

Yeah,  
that's us.



Welcome aboard  
Spartans.

I'm Roland,  
ship's AI, at your  
service.



On the  
line Spartans. Some-  
one will be along to  
show you around  
shortly.



Vvrrroooooommm...







Ah,  
I didn't catch  
your name?

Sarah  
Palmer, Commander  
Sarah Palmer.  
I lead all the Fire-  
teams aboard  
Infinity.



Fireteam  
Majestic, commander  
on Deck!



At ease  
spartans.



Follow me  
S-deck is this  
way.



Attention all hands,  
prep for slipspace jump.



**ZEUUMMI**



This is the latest signals on Covenant fleet locations Captain.

Pretty standard positioning really.



Commander Palmer. Things get boring in Spartan town?



Captain Lasky. You know I come up here for my peace and quiet.





I'm not interrupting nap time, am I?

On the contrary. Show starts at 0500.

We've waited six months. We could spend the next 48 hours running the teams through war games.



Navy disagrees with Spartans on this one.



They want you ready. Now.



wheeeooshhh...

Machinery whirring.

Ladies  
and other spartans,  
listen up.

You're  
new work place is a  
place first discovered by  
humanity six months ago,  
called Requiem.

Some of the  
old hands know what  
you're in for.





Spartan armor machinery whirring, affixing armor to various spartans.





whirrr...



spiiiiinn...



chooonk...

The eggheads upstairs want to set up research spaces.







Before they can do that, we need to fend off some Covenant squatters.



The Covies... They believe this is the home of one of their gods.



The way I see it,  
if those freaks want to  
meet god, it's our DUTY to  
help them along!



**ZETUUMME**



**BOOM!**



Infinity  
clear of slipspace  
Captain Lasky.



Send  
an all clear.



Launch is good.





Dropship deploy  
on my mark.



MARK!


Various comm chatter.



Covenant are  
deploying intercept  
craft.



shooooooooo...



blewwwwy...



All spartan fire-teams are prepped and ready for launch.



Requiem corridor is clear.






On approach.  
Hang on, we're going  
inside!



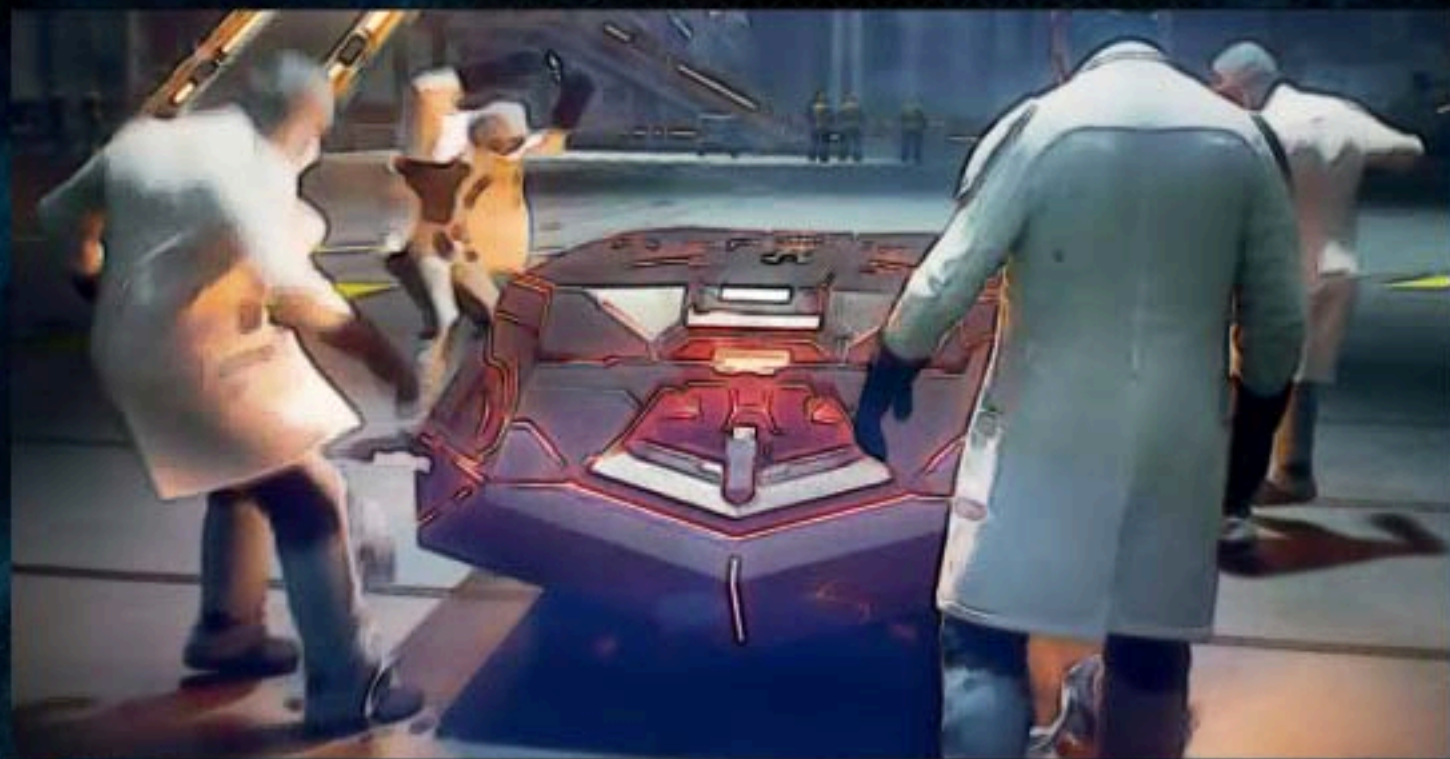
Here we go  
Majestic!



Various hurried comm chatter.

We've cleared  
the debris field.

# NEXT IN SPARTAN OPS!



AN ARTIFACT BROUGHT ON BOARD BY  
CRIMSON SQUAD HAS DISASTROUS EFFECTS.





# Halo Fan Friendly Letters

Hello again Halo fans. Sal here from HaloFanForLife.

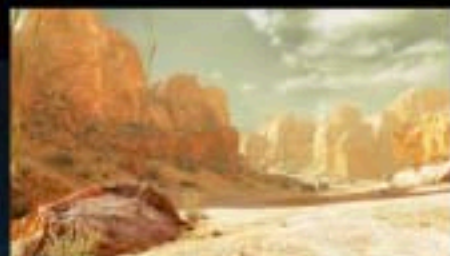
Here is a new series of comics based off the videos of Spartan Ops.

I'd love to hear from you. Not just in what you think of the episodes, but also what you think of the comics themselves.

This area is for you to speak out!

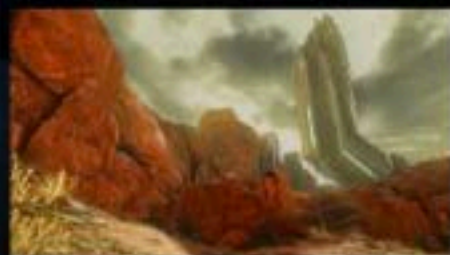
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# Mission Briefings



## LAND GRAB

EP:1 CH:1 UNSC joint operations begin on Requiem as Infinity mass deploys Spartan, Navy, Marine, Army and Air Force units.



## SNIPER ALLEY

EP:1 CH:2 Covenant operations are reliant on several power stations around Requiem.



## THE CHALLENGE

EP:1 CH:3 Spartan Fireteams are engaging enemy forces across Requiem. Enemy forces are surprisingly resilient.



## SACRED

EP:1 CH:4 Infinity Science requests a Spartan Fireteam scout a suspicious structure. Caution advised.



## CORE

EP:1 CH:5 Covenant archeological teams operating on Requiem are searching for something. Infinity Command wants to know what.

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## ARTIFACT



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That  
was the idea.



These  
things just pop up  
where ever they want  
to, don't they?

















Commander Palmer

What's that?



Crimson team scored the first grab.



Whatever it is, it's got the eggheads all tingly.



chink



clunk



vvrwhoommm...



What the hell?







Dr. Glassman,  
Infinity's losing power.

So I've noticed  
Captain. Whoah!

Artificial  
gravity is offline  
as well.



We're being pulled  
towards the planet.

You  
take engines  
built by aliens...



a hundred  
thousand years ago  
and hire a war criminal to  
bolt them on the ship.



You can't  
expect predict-  
able behavior.



Various things floating in the air due to loss of gravity.



**clink**

**Clank**



**CLUNK**



Roland. What is this damn thing?

Unknown Spartan.

clink clink clink clink

Hi-ya!

**BAM!**

...zho000mMMM





shawhooooommm...

Hey, look at this.



It's amazing.

I've never seen anything like this.











# Mission Briefings



## CLEAN UP

EP:2 CH:1 Marine forces have failed to neutralize a Covenant stronghold and are requesting Spartan assistance.



## FOR SCIENCE

EP:2 CH:2 An Infinity Science team issued a distress call, then went silent. There has been no contact since.



## HACKSAW

EP:2 CH:3 Marine squad Hacksaw is pinned down and requests Spartan assistance.



## PELICAN DOWN

EP:2 CH:4 Fireteam Crimson has been shot down.



## GAGARIN

EP:2 CH:5 Science Team Gagarin, last seen researching location codenamed Refuge, is MIA. No distress call.

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SEASON 1 | EPISODE 3

# CATHERINE



# Halo Fan Friendly Letters

The first comic of Spartan Ops was met with some great comments. It's also been posted on HaloWaypoint.com. Thanks as always to BS Angel for featuring it there.

My own thoughts on this episode?

Majestic is NOT a cohesive group. Well, not yet. Insubordination, and surprisingly from Hoya who I thought would be a more follow the rules kind of guy. Finally Palmer showed a little humanity and affection even.

I'd love to see the fate of Dr. Glassman. Is he gone forever? Was he digitized into Forerunner tech?

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**CATHERINE**



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SHHOooooommm...

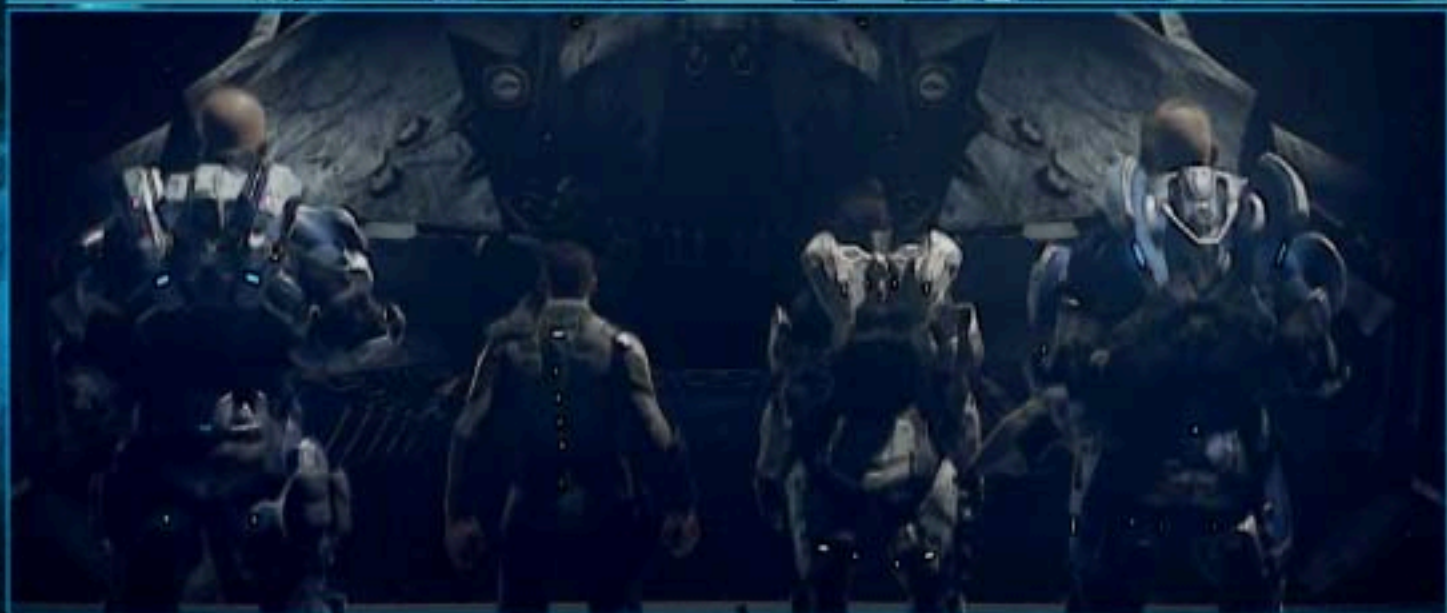
Captain Lasky,  
the captain of the ship  
has asked to bring the  
prisoner aboard.

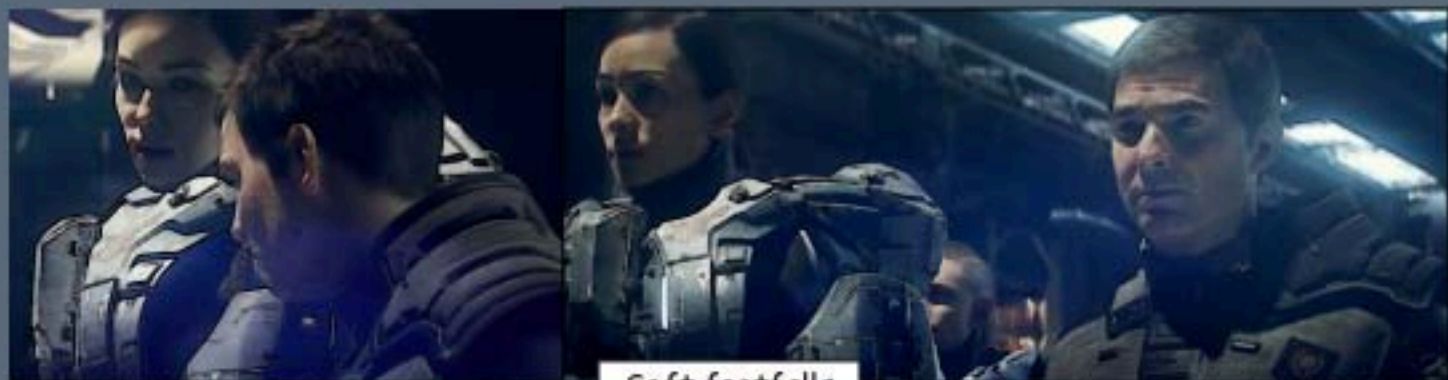
Last chance to  
change your mind.

To late for  
that Sarah  
You know what's  
going on.

She was  
locked up for  
a reason.

Permission  
granted, Roland.





Soft footfalls







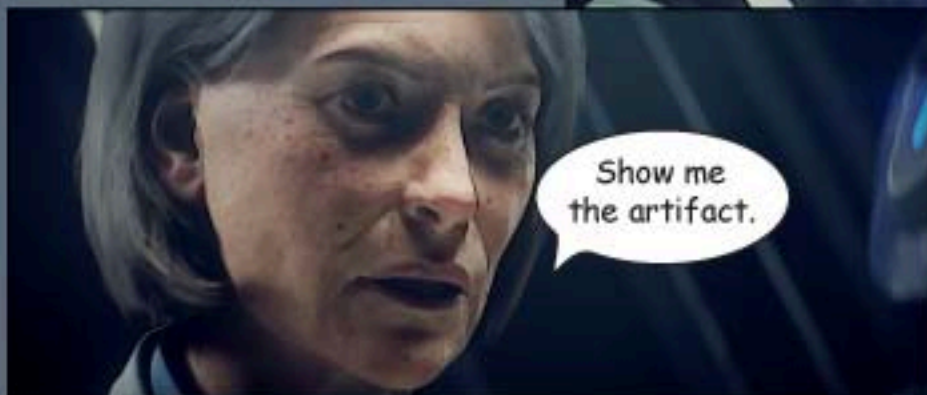
Dr. Halsey,  
thank you for  
coming.



I'm not  
walking around the  
ship I built with my  
hands cuffed.



Show me  
the artifact.





Rather dark for a proper investigation.



We have random fluctuations all over the ship, Doc. Power still completely out at ground zero.

I'll get additional lighting set up ASAP.

That would be good. Have there been any other reactions, since?



Since what happened to Dr. Glassman. None.



I see.



Careful.



I'm not Henry Glassman, Captain.



Trust me doctor, I know who you are.

Yes. And I see you've decided I rate three of the new models.



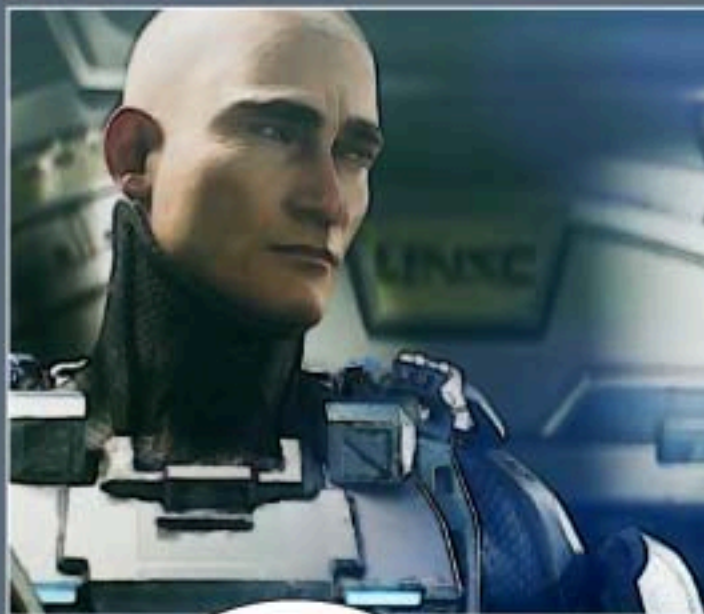
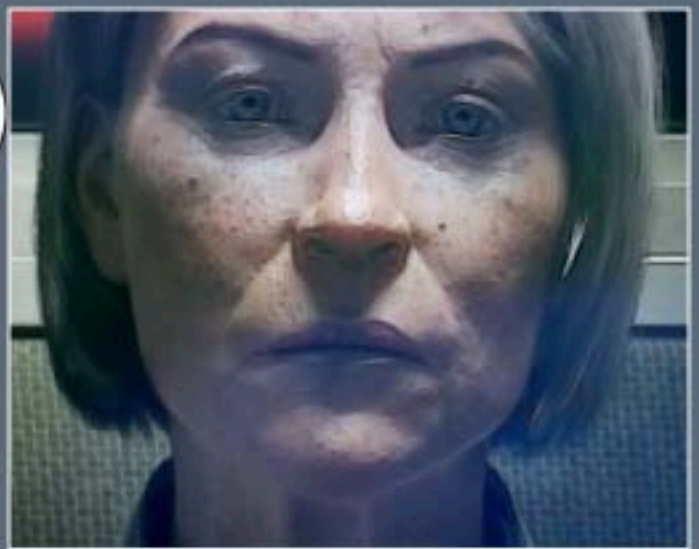
Captain Lasky asked for the best.







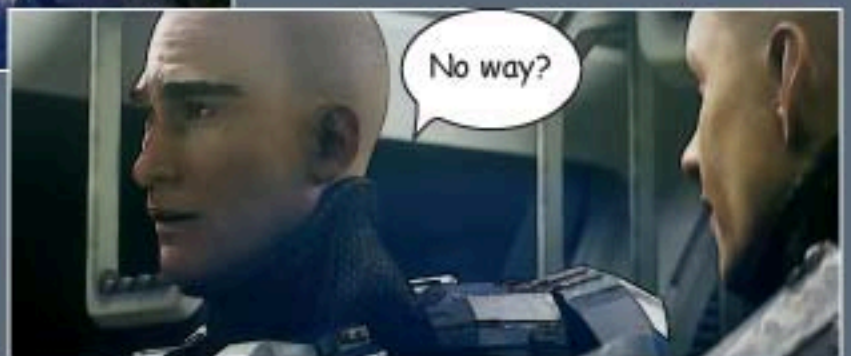
Why do they have us escorting some old lady?



She's bad news man. Mad scientist stuff.



She created the original spartans. Master Chief.

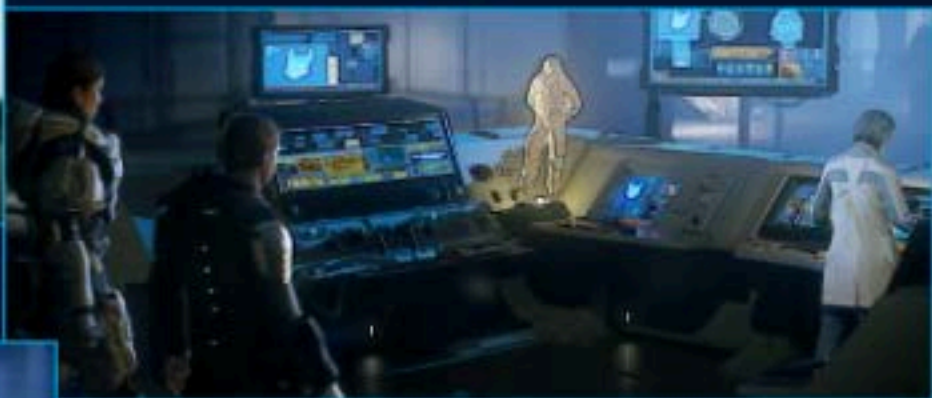


No way?





You know Captain, I can't fly Infinity without human aid?



Don't worry Roland. We'll take her off your hands shortly.







And now we're letting the war criminal touch things.

I could type for her, if that would make you feel better.

It would help.

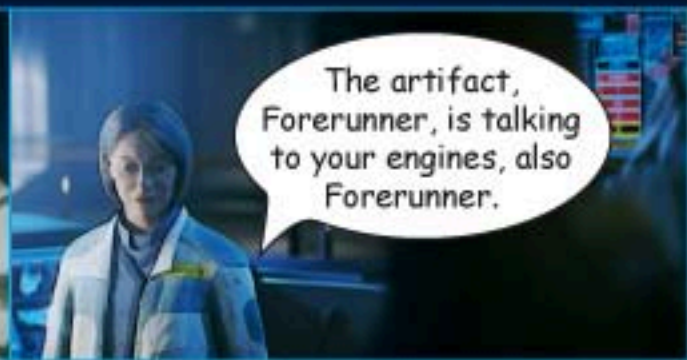


She installed these engines. No one in the UNSC understands them as well as she does.



HEY!





The artifact, Forerunner, is talking to your engines, also Forerunner.



But it is also communicating with these other systems as well.

Comm systems, some electrical, lower deck life support.





Only the engines are Forerunner. The rest are human.



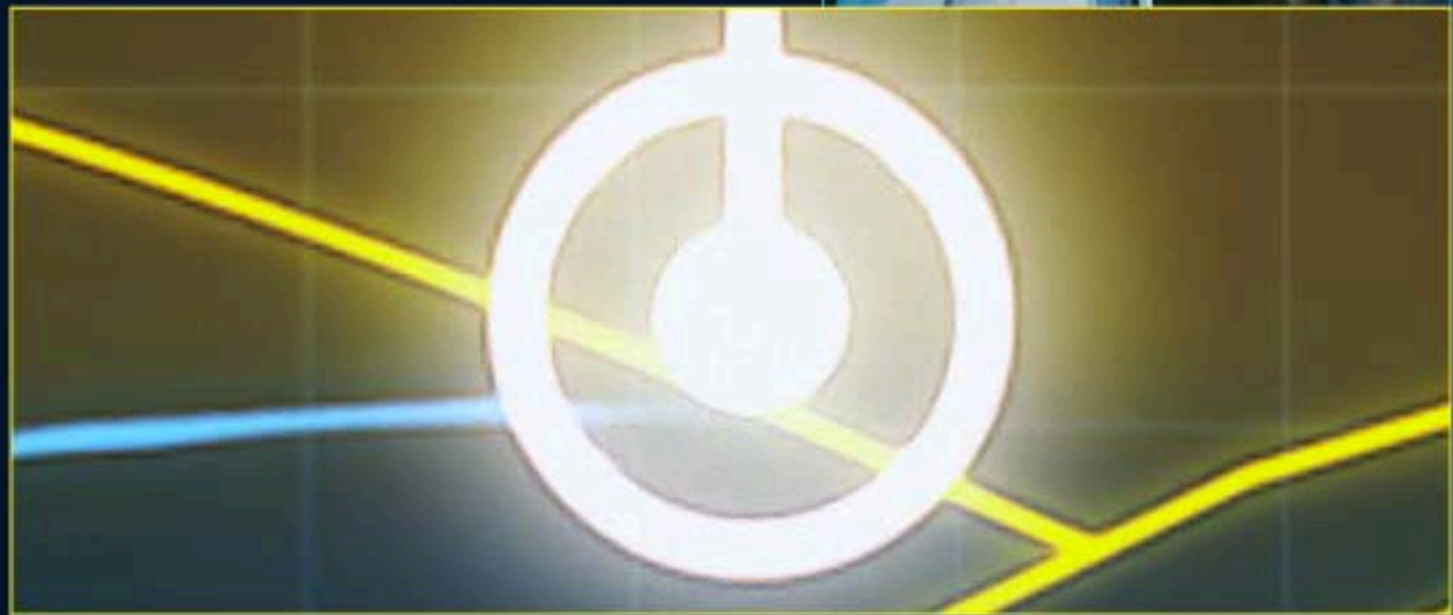
Indeed. But the artifact is reaching out to them. And it and your engines are transmitting...

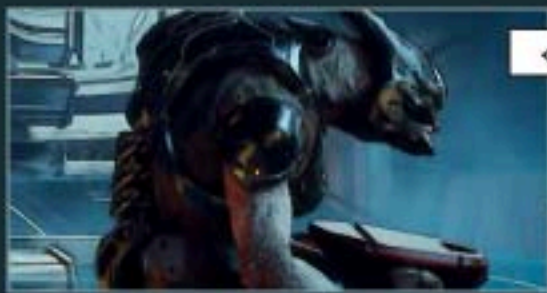


To Requiem.


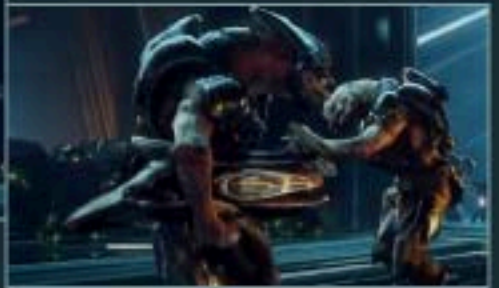


You came here to study the planet, instead something on the planet is studying you.





< Translated from Sangheili >




Faster, move as if the Didact himself were watching.


A close-up of a Sangheili warrior's face, showing a determined and intense expression. The warrior's mouth is slightly open, revealing sharp teeth. The background is dark and industrial.

Jul 'Mdama!  
I did not expect the Didact's hand so soon.


A close-up of a Sangheili warrior's face, showing a surprised and intense expression. The warrior's mouth is wide open, revealing sharp teeth. The background is dark and industrial.




Infinity's arrival has advanced my schedule. Rise, Gek.



We are still preparing, Shipmaster.

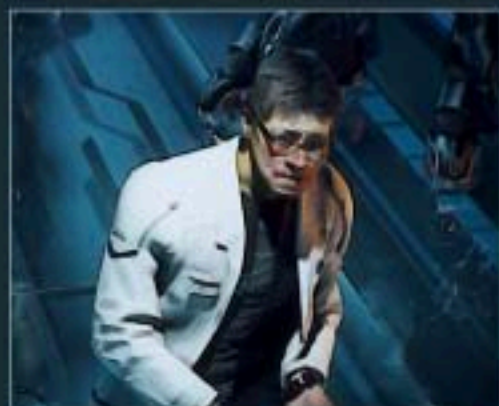


We still have yet to be able to activate the shrine.



You are prepared now brother.





# Mission Briefings



## THE VIP

EP:3 CH:1 Parg Vol, a known Sangheili terrorist and associate of Jul 'Mdama, is confirmed to be on Requiem.



## GALILEO

EP:3 CH:2 UNSC Science base Galileo requires assistance repelling enemy advances.



## SPARTAN MOUNTAIN

EP:3 CH:3 Marine squad Mountain has crashed behind enemy lines and requests immediate evac.



## SHOOTOUT IN VALHALLA

EP:3 CH:4 Fireteam Crimson's attempted rescue of Mountain Squad has gone sideways. Situation developing.



## HUNTING TRIP

EP:3 CH:5 Covenant terrorist Parg Vol has been located again. There is no better opportunity to eliminate him.



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SEASON 1 : EPISODE 4

# DIDACT'S HAND



# Halo Fan Friendly Letters

BS Angel, community manager with 343 had this to say on Twitter:



My own thoughts on this episode?

I LOVE that Dr. Halsey has been brought into Halo 4's Spartan Ops. She's in integral part of the story of Halo. What I don't get is the hatred towards her. You'd think that the Spartan IV's would be at least protective of her. Without her, they wouldn't have become spartans. Also, don't you think they'd have had some kind of history lesson and known that Halsey was the creator of the Spartan Program? Or is it that DeMarco is just that dense/dumb? Yeah, I know it's classified info about her, but they ARE spartans now after all...

Still, I LOVED this episode. Halsey adds yet another dynamic to Spartan Ops, and I'm always up for hearing more of Jen Taylor's voice, even if it sounds old lady-ish...LOL.

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## Didact's Hand





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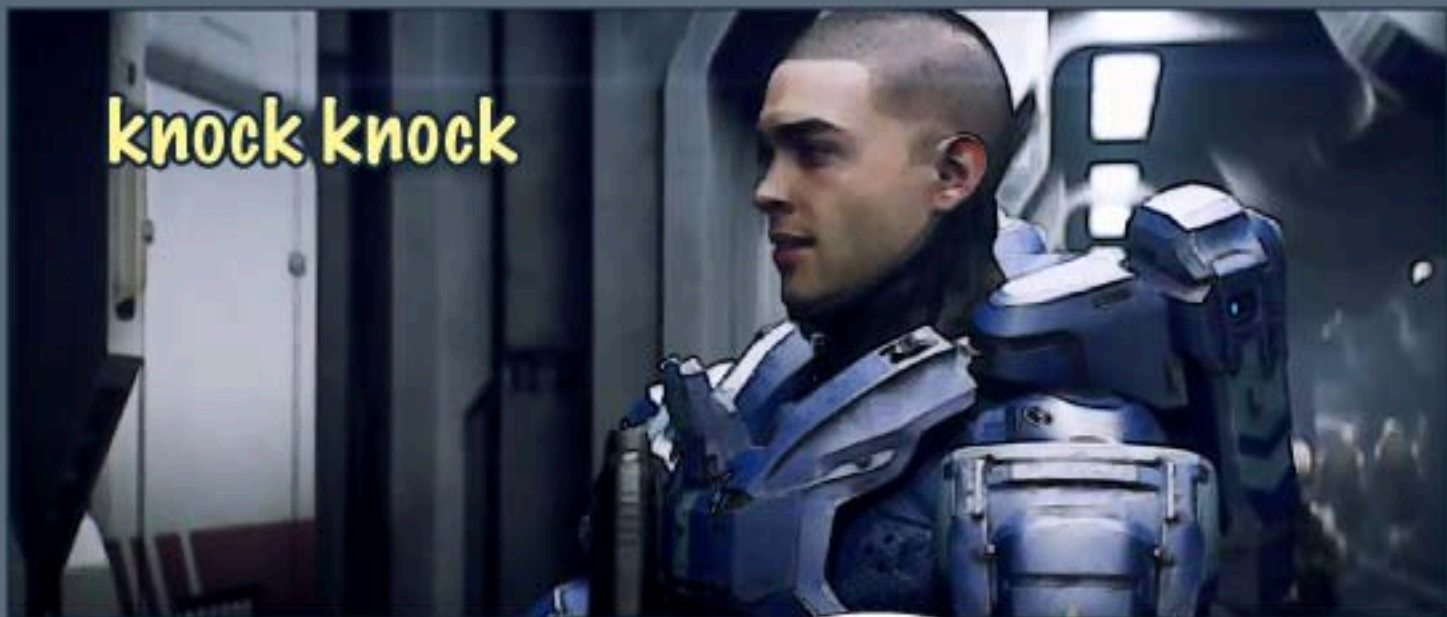
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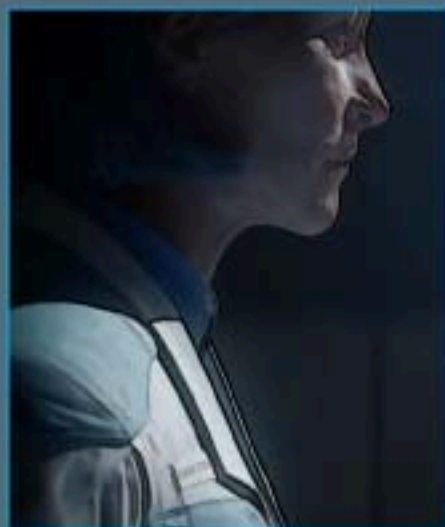
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knock knock



Dr. Halsey.  
Spartan Thorne.



I'll be  
your escort for  
the day.



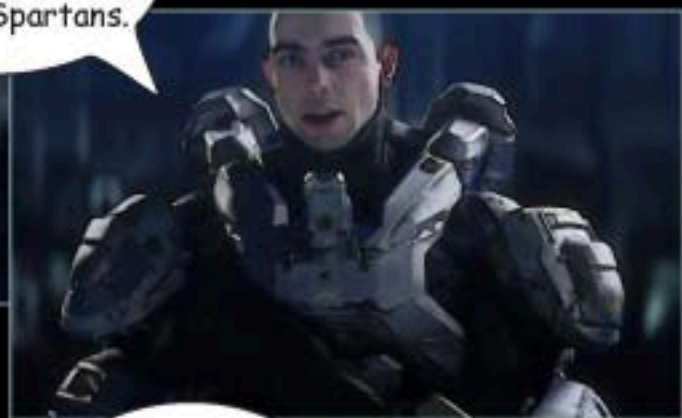




Heavy footfalls from Thorne's armor.



Doctor, I understand you worked with the original Spartans.



I'm afraid it's still all quite classified.



But the original Spartans were conscripted, as children.





I did what  
was required.



But why  
children?



Why do  
you think?

Well it could  
have given them an edge,  
starting that young.



Not knowing  
anything else.



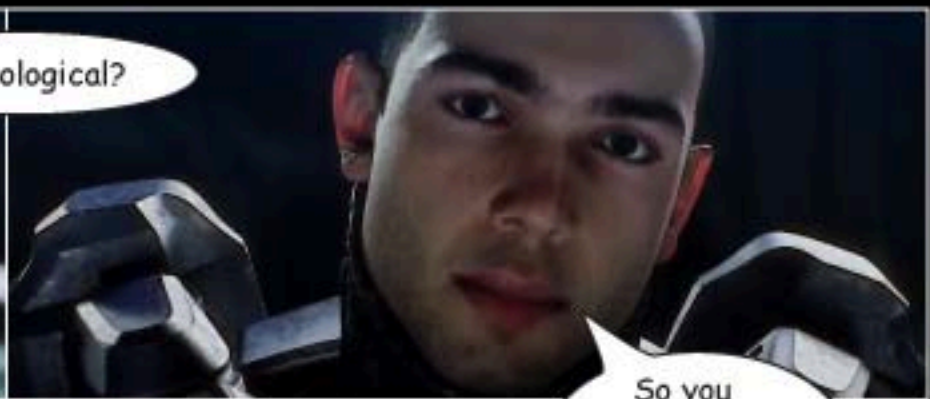
There were  
many reasons  
behind the choices  
we had to make.

Psychological  
and physiological.

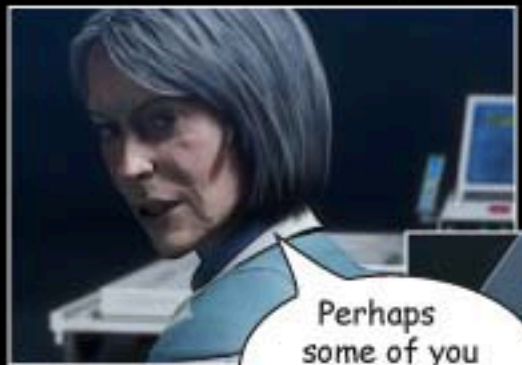




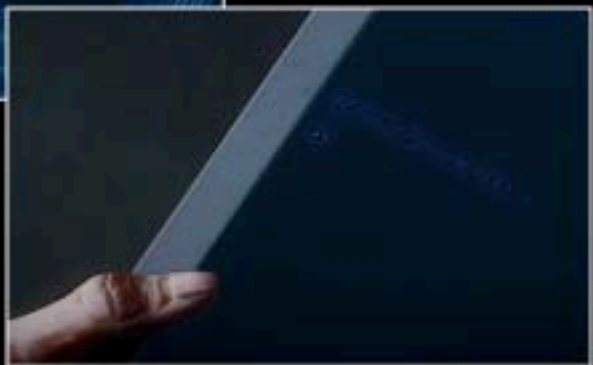
Psychological?



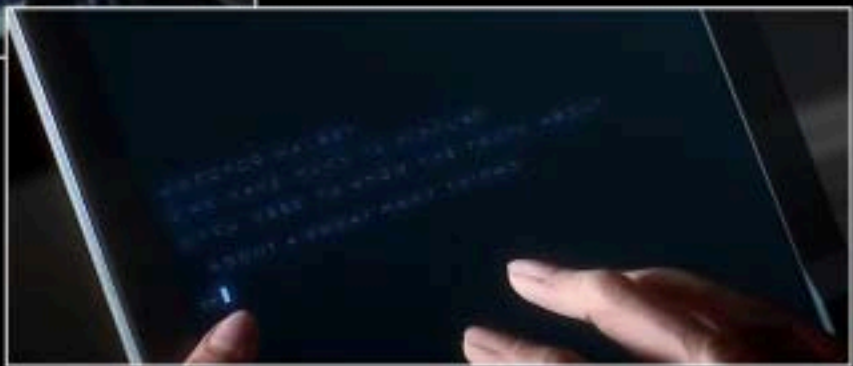
So you don't think we're capable of being Spartans?




Perhaps some of you are closer than others.




If you'll excuse me please.






Roland  
bring up REQ-  
153-N.



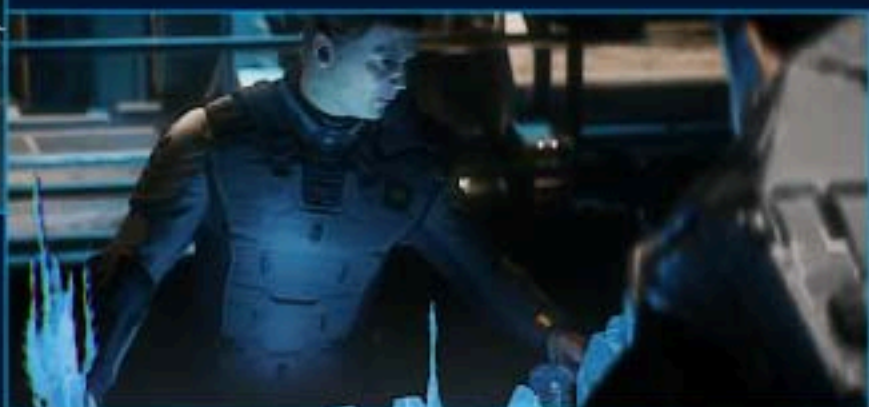
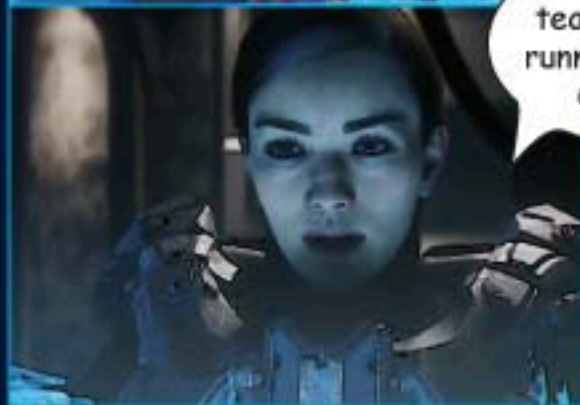
I presume  
you'd like to  
start it before  
the tragedy?



Please Roland.



Castle  
team just got hit  
running supplies to  
Copernicus.



Copernicus. A  
science base.





Looking for the alien AI the Master Chief encountered?

Instead they found something else.



Jul 'Mdama



Yeah, because Requiem wasn't messed up enough.



So, Mister Thorne, what interest IS my research to you, specifically?



I enlisted with the spartans because....



I was in the army a year before my friends and family were killed in New Phoenix.



I also thought the spartans were special.





Maybe I could have saved them.

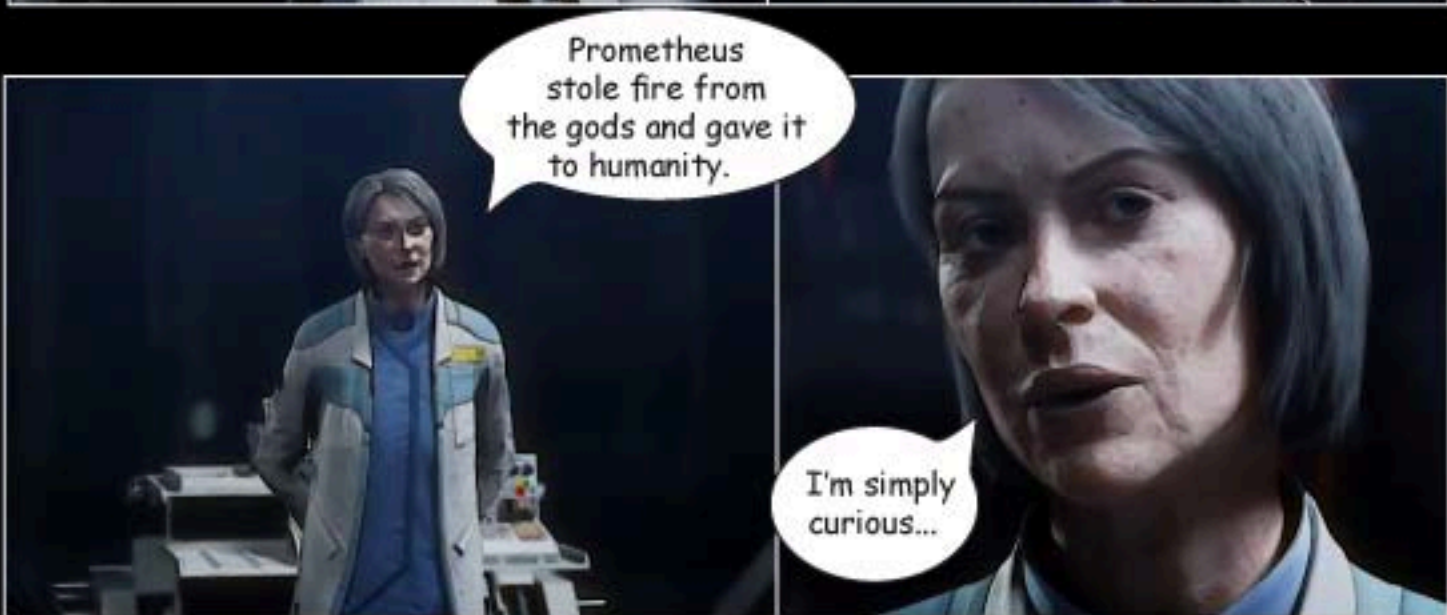
Does it help you? Help your grief? Being here on Requiem shooting at...



what do they call them, Prometheans?



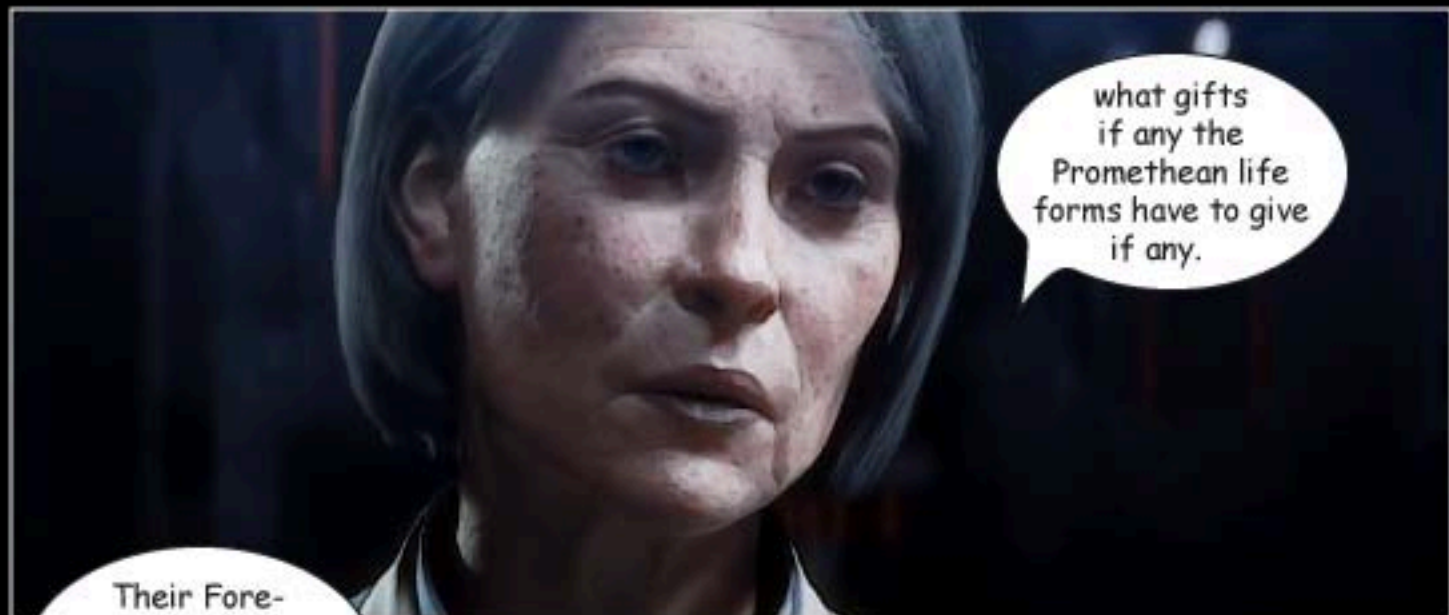
Doctor?



Prometheus stole fire from the gods and gave it to humanity.

I'm simply curious...





what gifts  
if any the  
Promethean life  
forms have to give  
if any.



Their Fore-  
runner robots,  
hardlight and battle  
armor, ruthless and  
brutal.

What can  
they offer us?

Nothing  
but trouble doctor.  
They're simply killing  
machines.



Interesting.



Quite please,  
I'm working.

Dr.  
Halsey?



Come on?

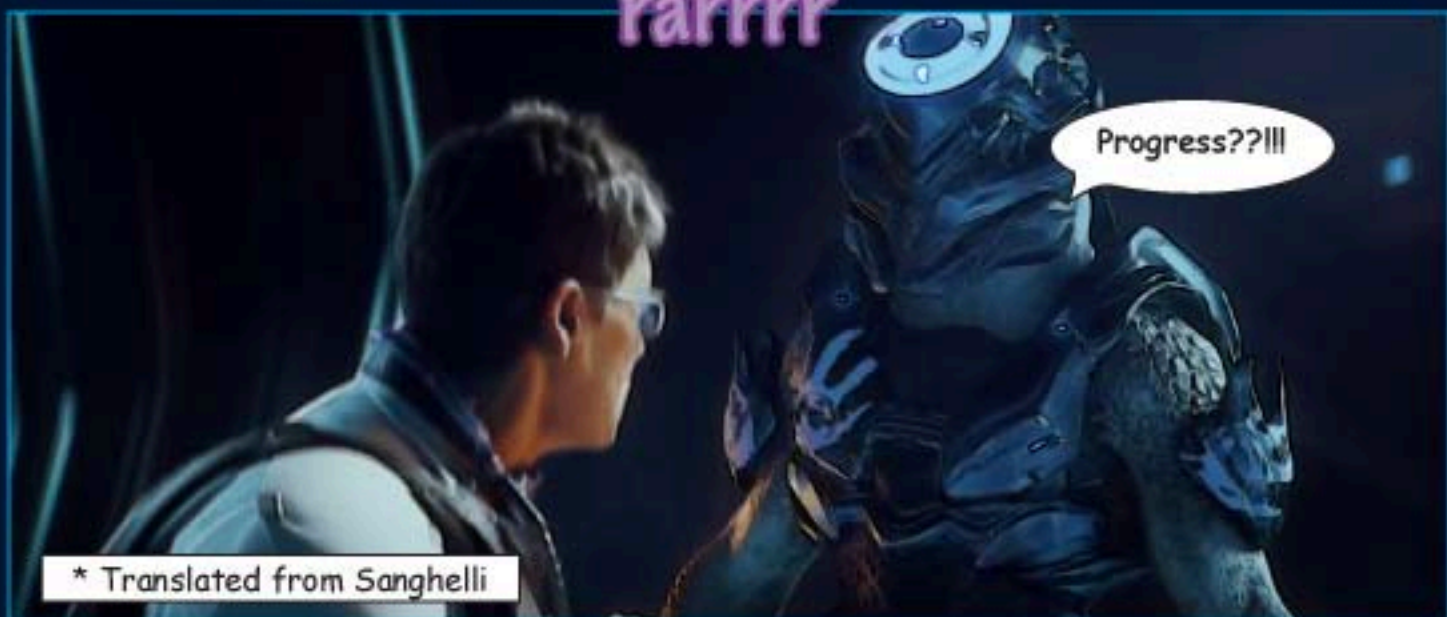
\* <Doctor  
Glassman,  
progress?>



I keep  
telling you  
people I don't  
speak Sanghelli.



rarrrr



Progress??!!!

\* Translated from Sanghelli



Uh. I've got to have better equipment.

More materials. You're giving me two sticks to rub together with, technologically speaking.

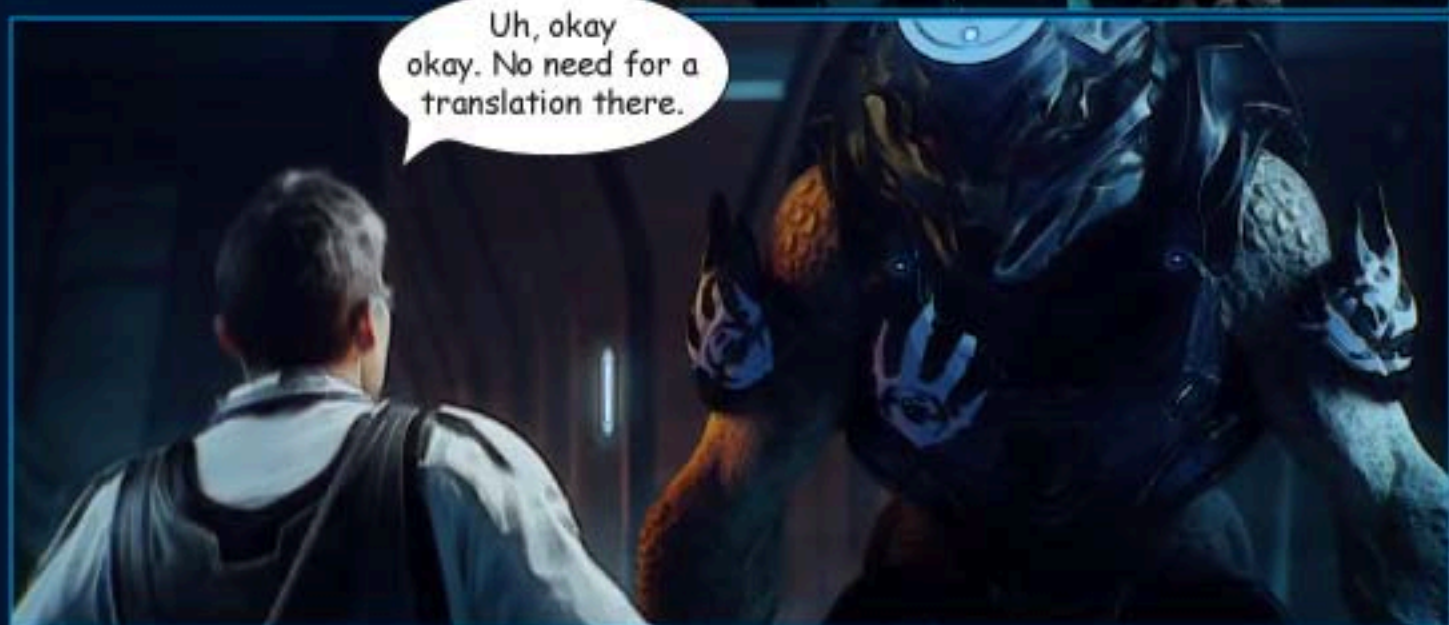


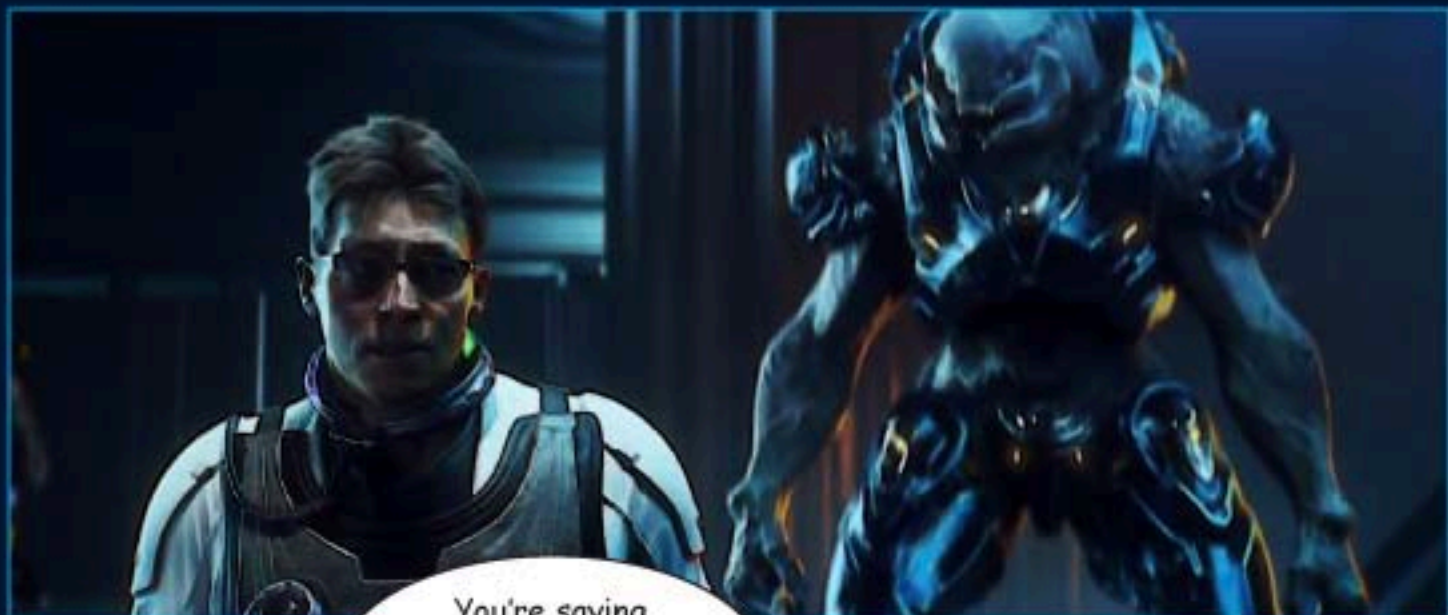
rawrr...

WHIPpppp

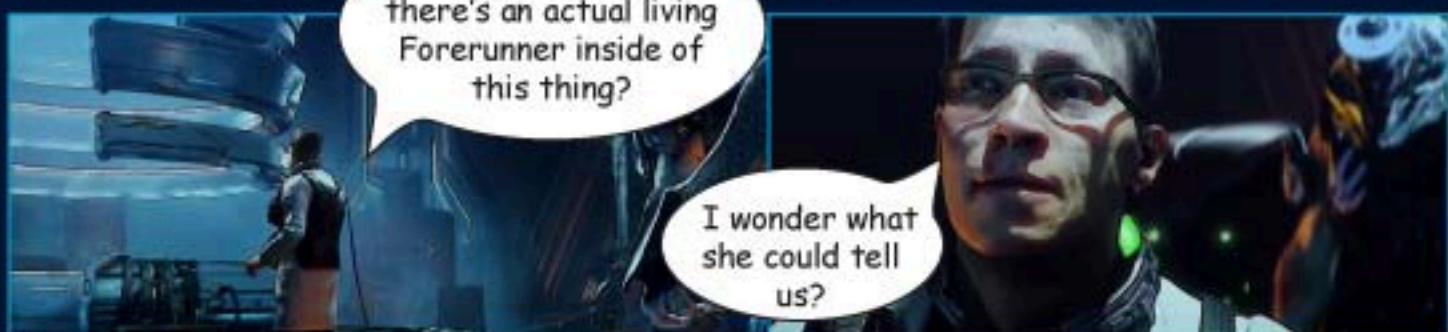


Uh, okay okay. No need for a translation there.





You're saying  
there's an actual living  
Forerunner inside of  
this thing?



I wonder what  
she could tell  
us?



<I know what  
the Librarian would  
say, *Glassman*.>



<She will tell us where all things sacred are hidden in this galaxy.>

<Ships, weapons, bounties beyond our imagining.>



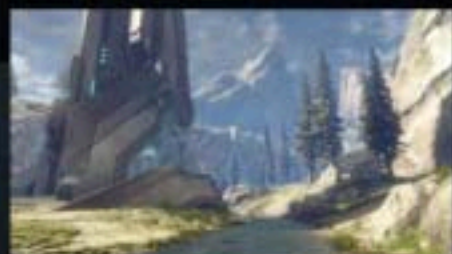
<And she will tell us how to make those miracles.. our own.>

# Mission Briefings



## HAIRY CALL

EP:4 CH:1 We have discovered Covenant are using a Requiem comm net to communicate secretly.



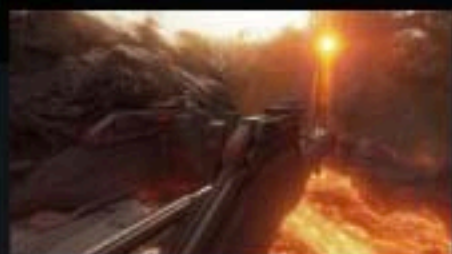
## RALLY POINT

EP:4 CH:2 Information from comm network tap has led to the possible location of Jul 'Mdama.



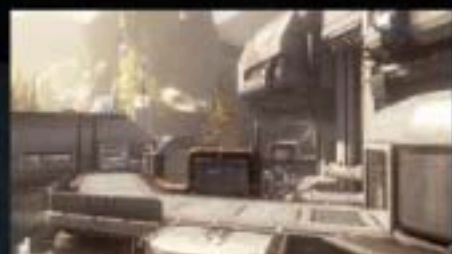
## RANDOM TRANSPORT

EP:4 CH:3 During previous Op, Fireteam Crimson stepped through a portal. Current whereabouts unknown.



## THE CHASE

EP:4 CH:4 Jul 'Mdama continues to flee through Requiem's portal system. Fireteam Crimson is giving chase.



## THE DIDACT'S GIFT

EP:4 CH:5 Although 'Mdama escaped, 'the Didact's Gift' was successfully retrieved and is being held at Galileo Base.

CONTINUE THESE EVENTS IN  
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# CRIMSON

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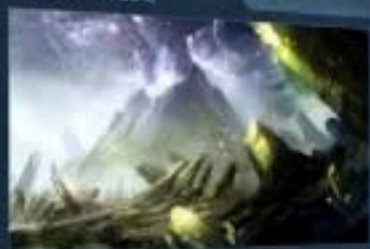
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# SPARTAN OPS



SEASON 1 : EPISODE 5

# MEMENTO MORI



# Halo Fan Friendly Letters

My own thoughts on this episode?

A good episode. I continue to like the dynamic between the Spartan IVs and Halsey. Glassman is a poor sap. I think he's going to be killed off soon.

Halsey still has a way of manipulating people. She even seems a slight bit flirtatious with Thorne while subtly questioning him.

While not an action packed episode, it was VERY good at story telling and character development. I think Thorne is going to be playing a much bigger role in the Halo'verse as time goes on.

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EPISODE 5

**343**  
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**Memento Mori**




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Crimson  
has the situation on  
the ground covered  
Majestic.



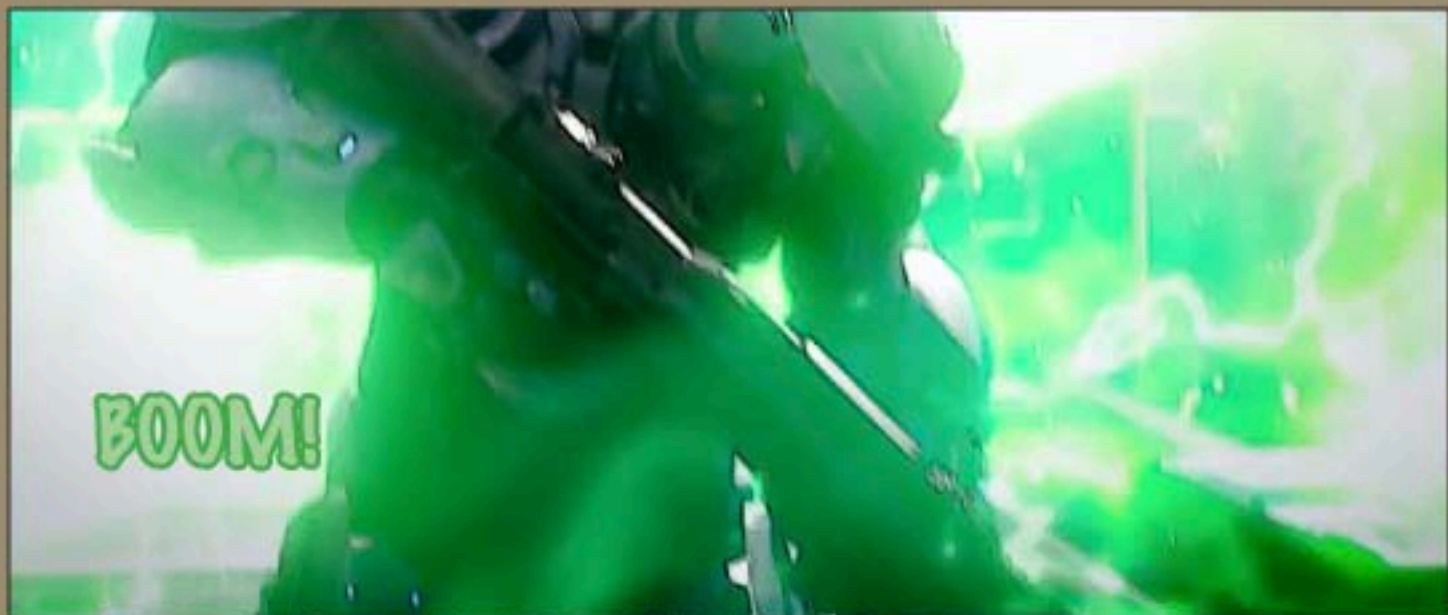
Get that  
package off  
Galileo and on  
Infinity pronto.



So now  
we're Crimson's  
delivery service?



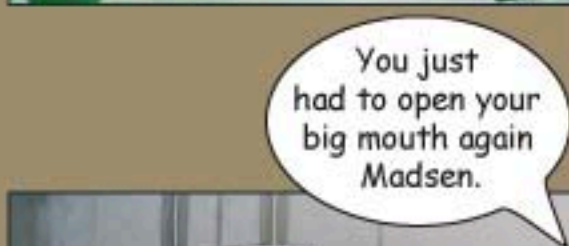




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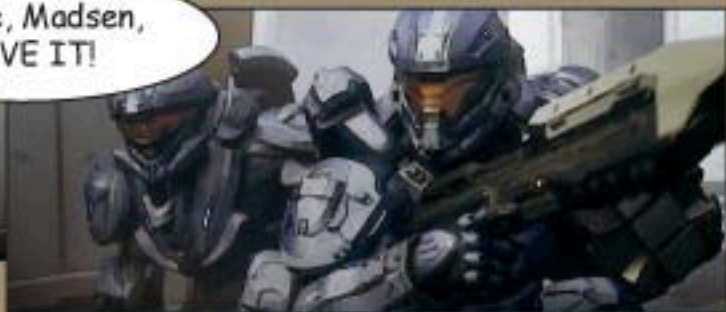
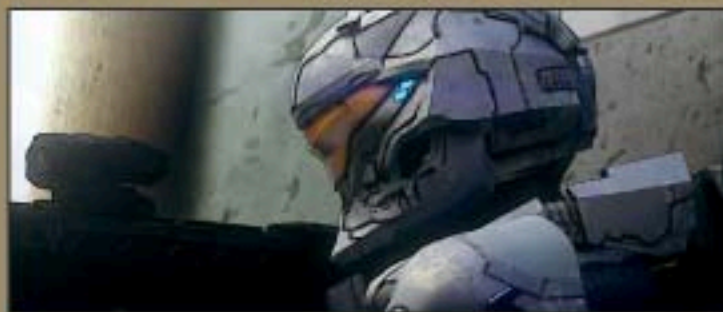
Get to cover!



You just had to open your big mouth again Madsen.



We're not dead yet, Grant.







Alright,  
Spartans, we're  
packing up this  
picnic.



Everybody get  
to the Pelican. Let's  
MOVE.

Hey  
hey hey, woah  
woah. We try  
to fly we're  
dead.



Hoya?

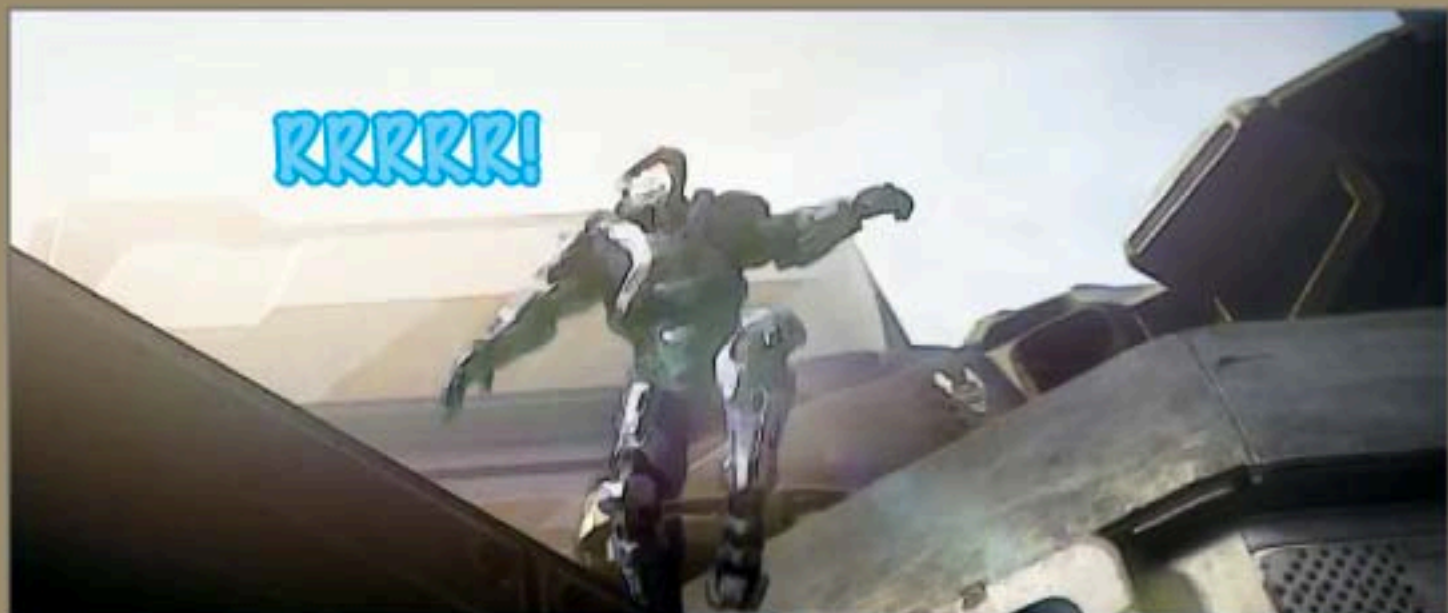


Yeah.

Take this.




RRRRR!

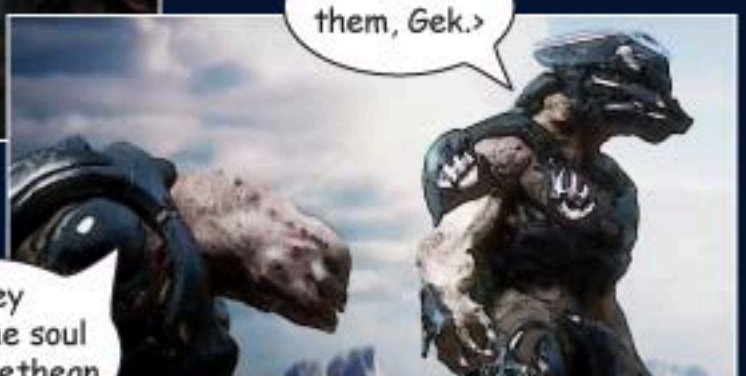





**BOOM!**



\*«Ship-  
master .Mdaama!  
The humans have  
their prize! They are  
near escape!»



«Let  
them, Gek.»



«They  
carry the soul  
of a Promethean  
Knight!»

«And we  
have made enough  
of a display of trying  
to retrieve it.»

\*Translated from Sanghelli



Taking a reading.



Oh my.



Doctor?



A moment please.



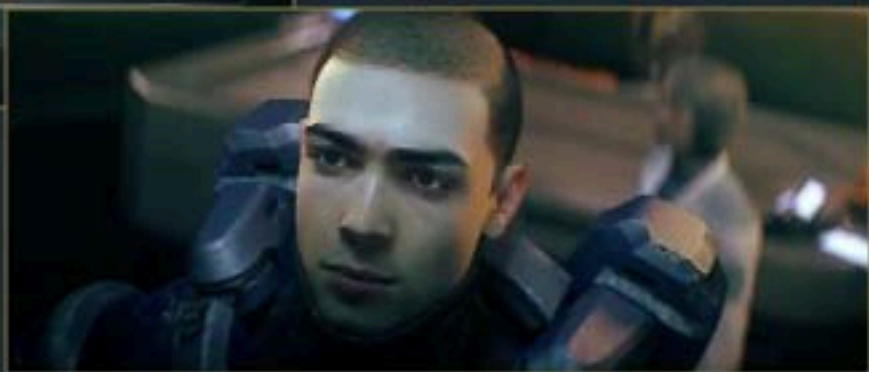
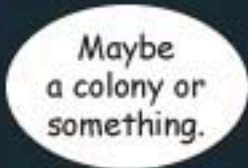
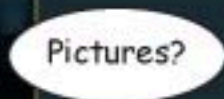
Intriguing.

Doc,  
this thing looks  
kinda familiar.



Yes, it's  
very similar to  
an AI matrix.









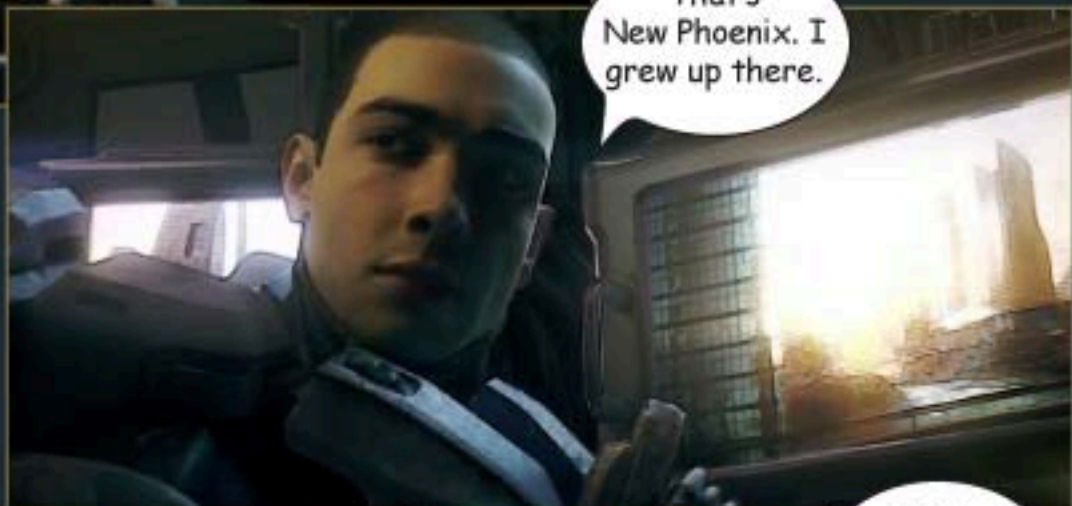
Not pictures,  
memories.



An alien AI, full  
of human memories.



That's  
New Phoenix. I  
grew up there.



Nah,  
that can't be  
right.



You knew  
this didn't you,  
Captain Lasky?



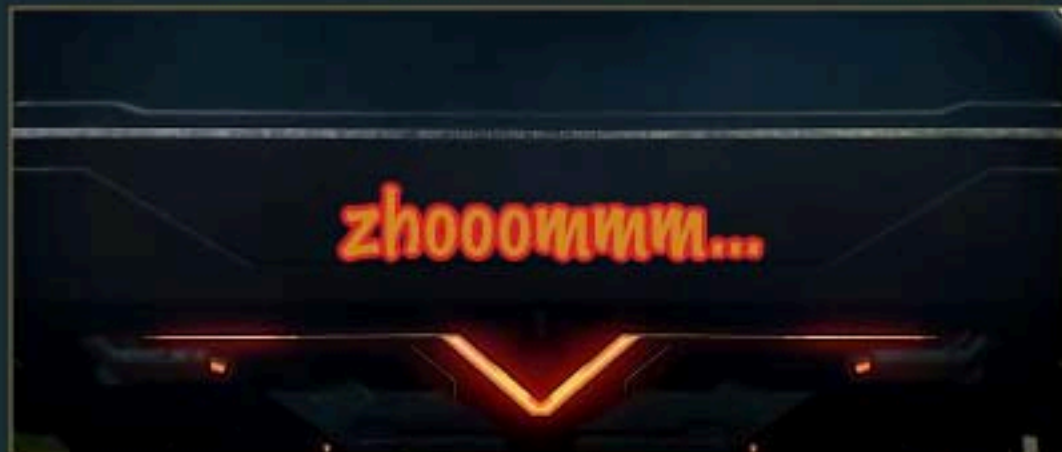
The UNSC  
is aware that  
Prometheans are  
ancient humans.



That is  
not ancient. That  
is from the  
attack on Earth  
six months ago.







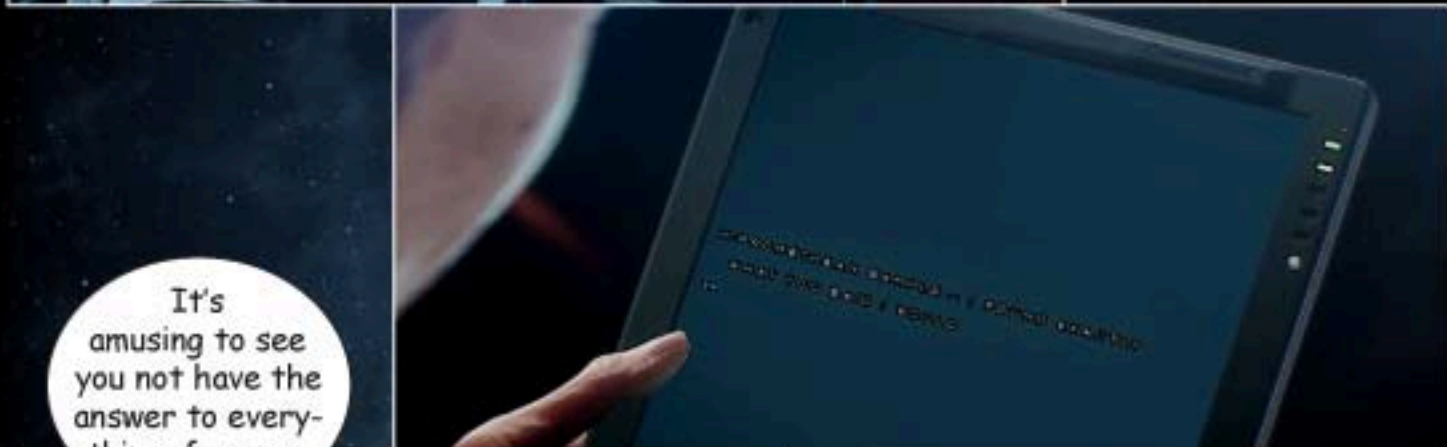


I suspect we have misunderstood the artifact's true purpose.

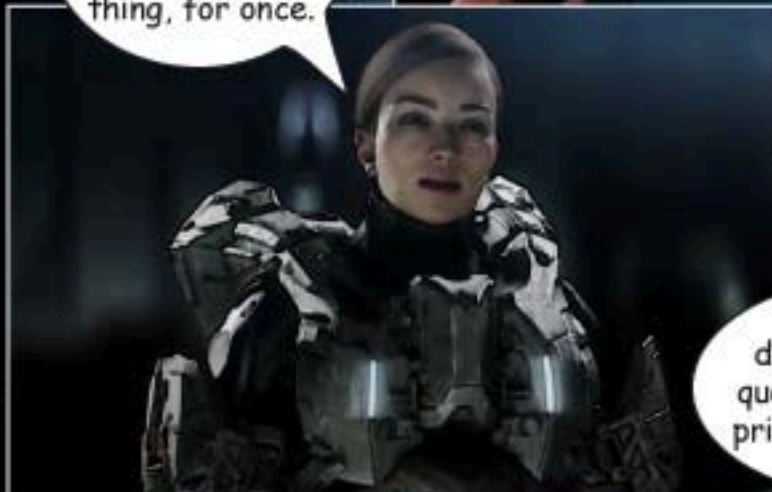


And that is?

I'm working on it.



It's amusing to see you not have the answer to everything, for once.



Enough has been kept from me.

I've decided to start questioning all my prior assumptions.



Doctor,  
this is as much a  
surprise to us as it  
is to you.



I suspect  
that's a lie,  
Captain.

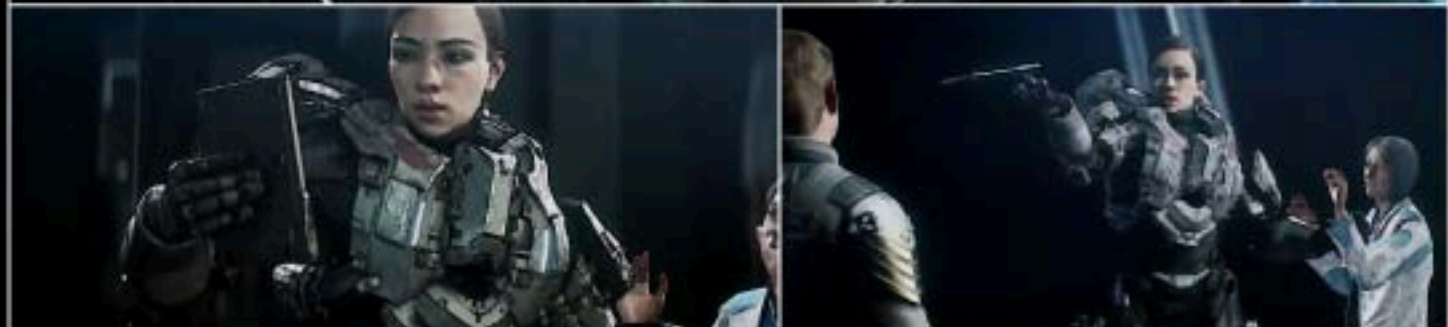
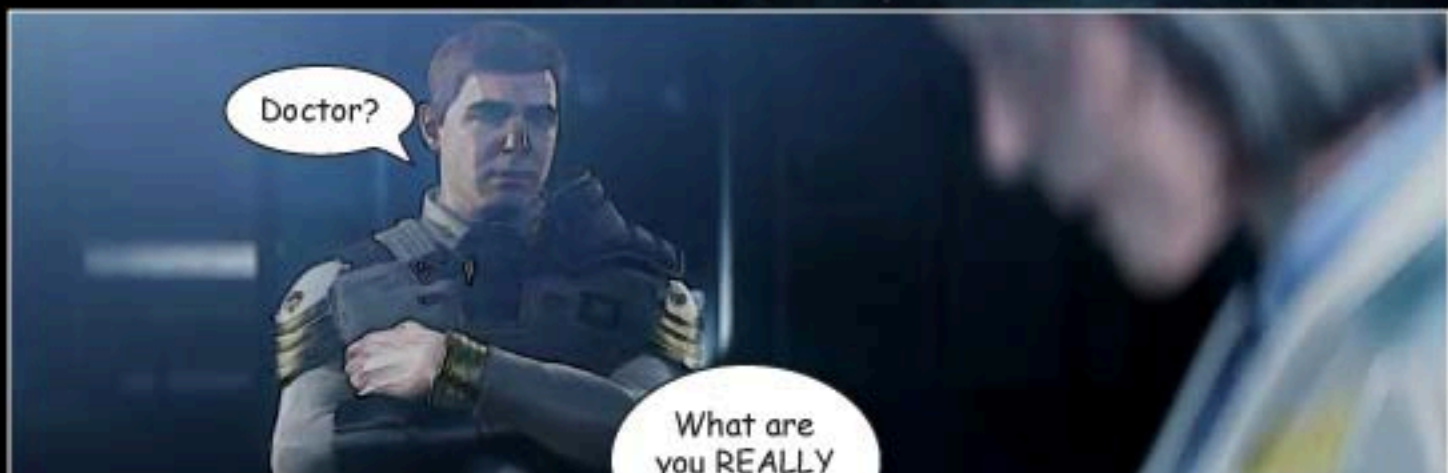


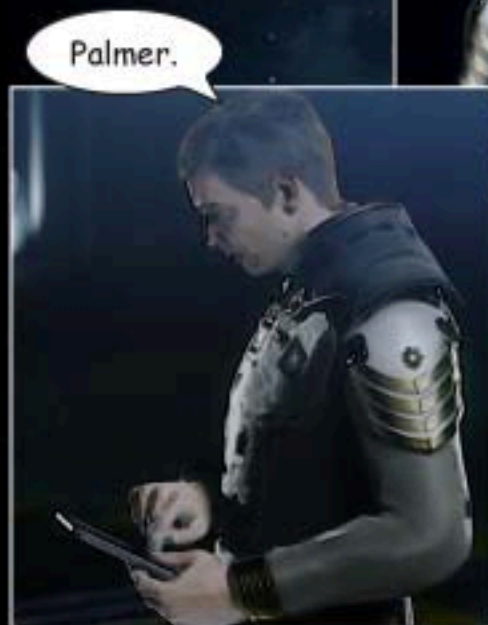
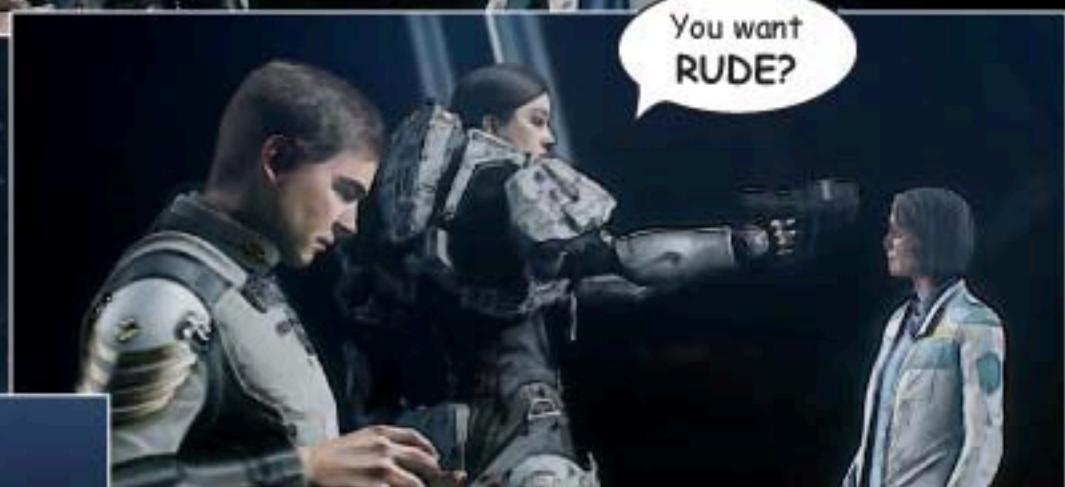
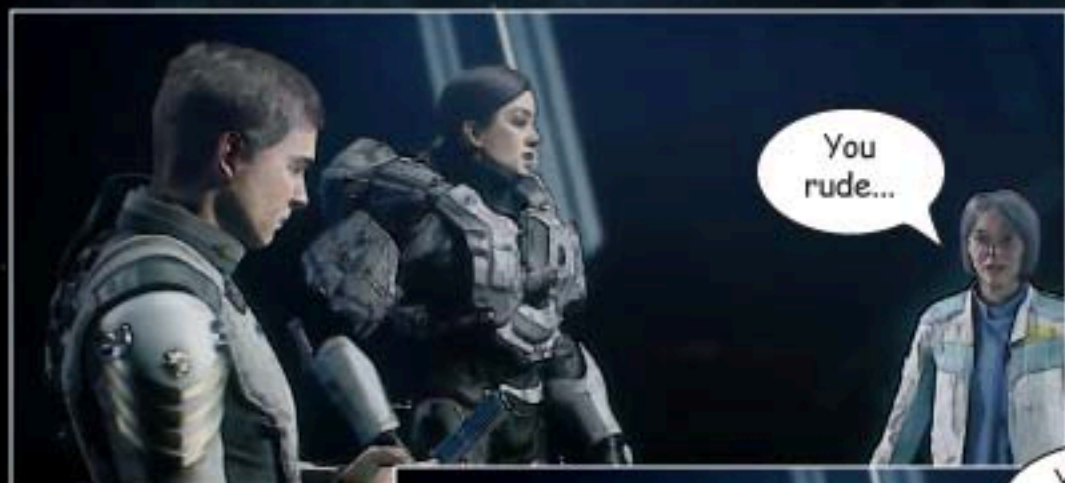
<So perhaps  
we can assist one  
another. You are  
familiar with the  
Librarian?>



The Librarian.



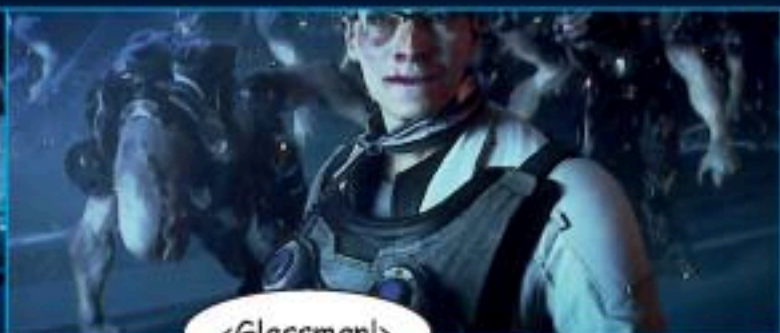




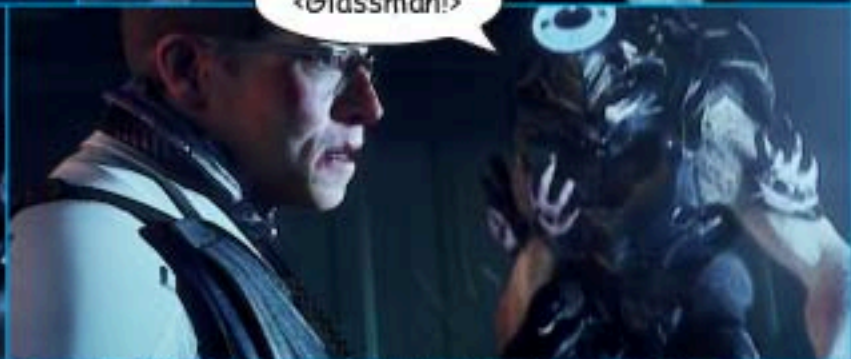




Ha ha!  
It worked!



<Glassman!>



Well at  
least some-  
thing works.

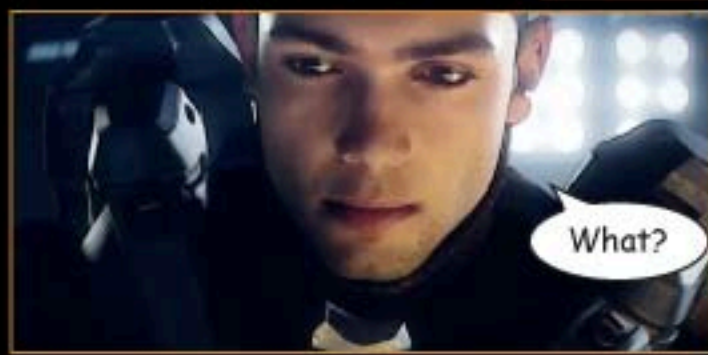




Why did those people see you?



sheemmm...



What?



swwirlll...

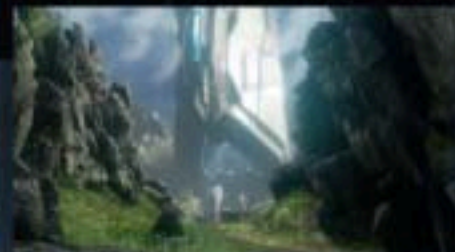


Uh!





# Mission Briefings



## SPARTAN MILLER

EP:5 CH:1 Infinity Science requests Spartan aid investigating anomalies in Requiem-wide portal system.



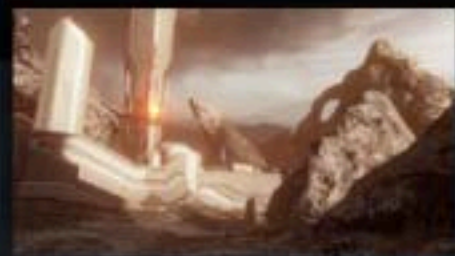
## NOTHING CAN GO WRONG

EP:5 CH:2 Infinity Science has begun to understand Requiem's portal system and request assistance in its testing.



## EVERYTHING HAS GONE WRONG

EP:5 CH:3 The Refuge facility is the focus of heavy enemy activity. Additional UNSC forces are being deployed to the area.



## THE CAULDRON BASE

EP:5 CH:4 Forward Base Magma has placed a distress call. Fireteam Crimson is responding.



## SPARTAN THORNE

EP:5 CH:5 Spartan Gabriel Thorne has been transported to Requiem, without weapons or comms. His current status is unknown.

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# SPARTAN OPS



## SPARTAN OPS

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# Halo Fan Friendly Letters

My own thoughts on this episode?

A fantastic episode. Action, mystery, intrigue, deception and a cliffhanger. This episode has it all. If you don't think Spartan Ops is a full blown story by now, then, I think you're really missing out on something.

From the start of the episode with Majestic scrambling to retrieve the small artifact to the discovery of an alien AI and stored memories, the story just takes off. From there we learn that the UNSC has been holding back information from Halsey. That's understandable as she is considered a war criminal. However, given the situation, it might have been better for her to be in the know.

Now we find that the Covenant have been talking with her. So Halsey has her on lies going on.

The Covenant are about to open up the Librarian? Whoah, that's big.

Once again we see another Spartan disobey orders to go off and do his own thing. I thought better of Thorne. Now he's been slipspaced to Requiem's surface facing a squad of energy sword carrying Elites.

Wow! What a way to leave us with suspense.

Spartan Ops will start back up again on January, 21, 2013. I for one can't wait!

If you've played the missions for this episode, then you know there is MUCH more going on and yet another cliffhanger.

So, what are my "watercooler" moments from the first 5 episodes?

I'll be going into more detail on my blog. For now, here are some of what I consider highlights of the first five episodes.

Episode One: Really the whole episode...It sets everything up and gets things in motion. I was talking about this whole episode for that entire week.

Episode Two: Hoya's disobeying an order and Dr. Glassman being ripped away were definitely the two key moments for me in this episode.

Episode Three: Catherine Halsey. 'Nuff said...

Episode Four: The banter between Thorne and Halsey. She still finds a way to employ her skill at deceiving without letting others know what's going on.

Episode Five: Thorne's action (and disobeying and order), the alien AI, tons of deception on all sides, and of course the cliffhanger of Thorne being slipspaced to Requiem.

All during the month of December I'll be exploring Spartan Ops more in depth. I'll go over each mission, give help on how to complete easier and more efficient, as well as which missions are great for helping attain those commendations.

I'll also be on Podtacular discussing all of this, so watch for me there too! (I'll post links on the blog)

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