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Subject: STORY: The Scorpion's tale.

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They traveled for about 10 minutes before the internal intercom spoke: " Prepare for strong

violently. They also slowed significantly and he could only assume it was due to the possibility of ramming a fallen support beam.

They slowed to a stop, and Regulus arrived in the rear compartment. "I need to see

They exited the sliding door, and Sergei found himself in a cavern of natural origin, that Nod engineers had run tracks through. There was also a platform of concrete, and stairs leading up into darkness. Regulus talked into his handheld communicator. "Cabal, we will return in twenty

"Let's go, and stay alert. If you see GDI patrols while we are out there, blow the

They proceeded up the flight to another heavy reinforced door, and opened it. After passing through, they traveled upwards, and Regulus stopped occasionally to sidestep booby traps set in the walls. He issues careful instructions, and was pleased to see Sergei accept orders without question. They came out into a natural cave, only the size of a bear's den, and had to belly crawl through to get out. Once at the entrance to the cave, Sergei saw clever camouflage, and was warned about more traps, and how to avoid them.

They were met by another Blackhand member in a buggy, and brought to the canyon edge Slavik had mentioned. They were met by junior officers who gave their report of the battle readiness of the battalion, and losses incurred. Regulus gave orders to set up the observation post in a concealed area, and they watched the horizon the pursuing GDI forces.

As they waited, Sergei noticed the mushroom cloud in the distance. It had been 10 minutes since the blast, and the cloud had lost much of its typical mushroom shape, but Sergei could still see the telltale signature of a nuclear blast in it. He noticed that the Ion storm was still terrorizing the countryside as well, and the rains were torrential by now. He could just imagine what the troops in the canyon below were feeling like. Marched 20 miles hard and fast, being shot at, no reinforcements, and seemingly marched to their doom into a canyon. He could see the rear guard element moving out of the canyon now, and then they saw GDI crest the entrance to the canyon. The Wolverines were first, and they hesitated at entering. APC's arrived next, and unloaded their troops. The Titans were last, and pulled into position, seemingly awaiting orders from command.

Regulus barked into his communicator: "Rear guard units turn and fire. Draw them in. I want Recon to attack the Wolverines, then pull back when they move to engage. Rocket troopers and

They acknowledged in turn, and the attack began.

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