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Subject: STORY: The Scorpion's tale.

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This center was far different than the one he had come from in the other base. The room they entered was basically a security checkpoint with two VERY serious looking thugs behind blast screen barriers. As they were cleared to enter, he noticed the hidden roof camera / gun in the can light. If they weren't cleared they would have been dead by now.

They passed through the checkpoint, and proceeded downstairs. There were ceiling guns everywhere now. Clearly this was the nerve center of everything Nod in this theatre. The people working this facility were regular Nod, but wore special badges denoting their status as intelligence. Their bosses were, of course, Black Hand. The room they entered at the bottom of the stairs was a duality in the senses. So much was going on on the screens, but there was virtually no noise. A senior Black hand officer sat in the middle of the horseshoe of screens, receiving updates, and giving orders.

Sergei and the others were told to be silent, and merely observe. He watched one screen showing the cabin view of a tick tank that was on fire. Its pilot desperately trying to escape, and failing. Another was a commander level view of a battle field in progress. He could clearly see a column of Titans being mercilessly destroyed by artillery in a river plain. The Titans, clearly out of range weren't going to escape, and wouldn't get a chance to fire back.

Another showed a vein-hole plant behind barriers by a GDI facility. An airstrike was inbound to hit the barrier wall, and he knew what was in store for the base after the wall was down.

Yet another was showing an attack by GDI units on a mutant facility. He thought this odd, until he saw that the officer driving the lead Titan was reporting to this senior officer. A trick, but why? Sergei surmised it was to sway mutant opinion to Nod. They were the great third party. Allegiance unknown, and known to help both sides. They were also a great asset, as they were the only ones that could still live in the equatorial regions due to Tiberium contamination.

They were ushered out, and into the bowels of the facility.

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