

The Orphans Mini Episode
Incident Report 890372

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RECORDING

ON BOARD COMPUTER
Access report number 890342. The
report is dated----- and is
written by Private Cordelia
Young. Play report.

A recorder beeps.

CORDELIA YOUNG
(Narrating, bolded
text to be redacted)
Incident report for High Admiral
Nora Vass. This is Private
Cordelia Young. I have compiled
interviews concerning the
incursion at THE HIVE.
Preliminary reports made it
appear as though it were a simple
case of Alliance espionage, but
upon further inspection seems to
be more. I shall allow the
interviews to speak for
themselves.

Another beep.

INT. INTERROGATION ROOM

CORDELIA YOUNG
(away from the
recorder)
State your clone strain name.

NORA BLACK
Nora.

CORDELIA YOUNG
And your call sign.

NORA BLACK
Black.

CORDELIA YOUNG
And what is your rank, Nora
Black?

NORA BLACK
Commander.

CORDELIA YOUNG

Thank you. Could you please describe your experience?

NORA BLACK

My unit received the report that there was suspicious activity around an archive facility. We made our way over.

CORDELIA YOUNG

And what happened when you arrived?

NORA BLACK

We went inside, the alarms had already been tripped. Killed all but one of 'em. They didn't put up much of a fight.

CORDELIA YOUNG

What were the strains of the clones trying to infiltrate the facility?

NORA BLACK

Ah- couple of Williams, a Baz and a Cordelia.

CORDELIA YOUNG

And your unit?

NORA BLACK

I've got a Valerie, a William, and a Diana.

CORDELIA YOUNG

And you were able to handle the infiltrators.

NORA BLACK

Like I said, they didn't put up much of a fight.

CORDELIA YOUNG

And the Cordelia unit?

NORA BLACK

She just gave up right when we showed up.

A beep.

CORDELIA YOUNG

(narrating)

The immediate evidence would suggest an abrupt and most likely spontaneous attempt. The infiltrators were taken by surprise and were quickly neutralised.

A beep.

INT. A SMALL ROOM

WILLIAM TELL

(over speaker)

They weren't Alliance. I promise you that.

CORDELIA YOUNG

Why do you say that?

WILLIAM TELL

They were all good soldiers. None of them had ever had any offenses. Nothing that would have ever flagged them up as disloyal.

CORDELIA YOUNG

Then how do you explain our current situation?

WILLIAM TELL

I... I honestly can't.

CORDELIA YOUNG

You knew them personally?

WILLIAM TELL

Not all of them.

CORDELIA YOUNG

Who didn't you know?

WILLIAM TELL

The Cordelia. I'd never met her before. Never seen her even.

CORDELIA YOUNG

Do you know how they might have come into contact with a such a unit?

WILLIAM TELL

Not really.

A beep.

CORDELIA YOUNG

(narrating)

Background checks were of course done on all of the individuals, but not before The Cordelia, identified as Cordelia Hague was transported to THE HIVE and interrogated.

A beeps.

CORDELIA YOUNG (CONT'D)

What was your intention with Cordelia Hague?

CHARLES SANS

We needed information about the intention of this attack. We were caught wholly off guard, I don't mind admitting it. It exposed a weak point in the city and we needed to understand if there were anymore like it. She was the only survivor, and the natural person to ask.

CORDELIA YOUNG

But that's not how it went, was it?

CHARLES SANS

(sighs)

No. It wasn't.

CORDELIA YOUNG

You don't mind admitting that either?

CHARLES SANS

On the contrary, I mind a great deal. This was an embarrassment.

CORDELIA YOUNG

It was.

CHARLES SANS

You must understand that Cordelias exist somewhat separately to the other eleven strains.

CORDELIA YOUNG

Do I?

CHARLES SANS

Yes, your unique position as alternates meant we needed to take her infiltration more seriously, as she could do more widespread damage.

CORDELIA YOUNG

How did that go?

CHARLES SANS

You know very well how it went.

CORDELIA YOUNG

I'd just like to hear it in your words.

CHARLES SANS

We may have underestimated the threat.

CORDELIA YOUNG

Or underestimated your ability?

CHARLES SANS

As I said, we may have underestimated this Cordelia's abilities.

CORDELIA YOUNG

Tell me how she escaped. THE HIVE is meant to be one of the most secure bases in The Collective and you let her escape.

CHARLES SANS

The security measures in place are less for keeping things in as they are for keeping things out.

CORDELIA YOUNG

Interesting. I'll note that in the report then. Shall we say there is a flaw in the design?

CHARLES SANS

N-no. No.

CORDELIA YOUNG

No, I thought not.

CHARLES SANS

She attacked two of her interrogators. She was able to smuggle in some kind of device that...

CORDELIA YOUNG

Cracked your systems wide open?

CHARLES SANS

Yes.

CORDELIA YOUNG

And what was she able to retrieve?

CHARLES SANS

(laughs)

It would be faster to list what she wasn't able to retrieve.

CORDELIA YOUNG

Do you find this funny?

CHARLES SANS

Not in the slightest, but what can I do at this point? Someone's head has got to roll for this. I think we all know whose it's going to be.

A beep.

CORDELIA YOUNG

(narrating)

Charles Sans has since been processed for correction due to his lack of effectiveness in the incident. Because of this he was unavailable for further examination.

A beep.

CORDELIA YOUNG (CONT'D)

Have you been able to understand at what point these individuals turned?

RICHARD CROWN

Interestingly enough, no. We've dug through their communications record and they're all clean.

CORDELIA YOUNG

Not one indication of motive?

RICHARD CROWN

Nope. Nothing.

CORDELIA YOUNG

What about the Cordelia?

RICHARD CROWN

Well we know she wasn't no Cordelia Hague, that's for sure. We found Hague's remains in the flat that the imposter was inhabiting.

CORDELIA YOUNG

And no one flagged this? I thought we had measures in place to prevent this?

RICHARD CROWN

We do, but she was able to get past them by the looks of things. Assume she used the corpse for the DNA tests. Clever, really.

CORDELIA YOUNG

And what is that you said about this paraphernalia that you found in the flat?

RICHARD CROWN

Yeah, right, this is our other theory about her accomplices. We found literature on compelling people. Hypnosis and that.

CORDELIA YOUNG

You can't be serious.

RICHARD CROWN

I know, but apparently it's quite real. Or at least part of it anyway.

CORDELIA YOUNG

You're telling me that this cordelia compelled members of our forces to comply with her orders?

RICHARD CROWN

Something like that yeah. Hard to do, you need to find the right kind'a people. Ones who don't suspect you. We think she could'a been planning this for months.

A beep.

CORDELIA YOUNG

(narrating)

If it is true that she was planning this breach for months then there must have been records of this somewhere. There didn't appear to be anything immediately evident, but as the Investigation continues we found a damaged piece of kit. It was believed that the data was unrecoverable but after sending the material to Baz Berallis the lead engineer for The Collective science division, we were able to recover a small amount of audio data. What follows is the best reconstruction we were able to create from the available information.

A beep.

CORDELIA CUNNINGHAM

Cordelia Cunningham reporting. The logs that follow will document the infiltration of the Collective base known as THE HIVE which serves as the base for COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE. If we can understand the-

The recording fuzes out.

CORDELIA CUNNINGHAM (CONT'D)

I have been experimenting with compulsion. It is difficult to find the right subjects to start with. My initial experiments on The Alliance home world proved... inconclusive but I believe that I can find the right subjects here. I plan to start with a Val-

The recording fuzes again.

CORDELIA CUNNINGHAM (CONT'D)

It's taken a very long time, but we're almost ready. Not long until the day. The subjects have been placed into the first stage of the compulsion. But I need to take my time the risk of getting this wrong is-

Yet again the recording fuzes.

CORDELIA CUNNINGHAM (CONT'D)

I have decided to set this recording to self destruct several hours after the first incursion. The risk of this recording falling into the wrong hands is too high. If I am able to infiltrate THE HIVE and escape then we will have all the data we need. But my hope is to have this recording in some way recovered by The Alliance. The weaknesses I have found while undercover are staggering. This data will be invalua-

The recording fuzes.

CORDELIA YOUNG

(narrating)

This was all that was recoverable from what is estimated to have been over twenty eight hours worth of material. It confirms several suspicions presented through this report and confirms that the units call sign was Cunningham.

The question still remains, what was recovered from the databanks of THE HIVE?

A beep.

The crackle of a reconstruction.

CORDELIA CUNNINGHAM

This is agent Cordelia Cunningham. I have been able to infiltrate THE HIVE. I don't have much time. All that I could retrieve is attached to this message. I'm sorry I couldn't find more. They know so much more than we originally thought. MATTHEW UNITS ARE A BIGGER THREAT THAN WE IMAGINED. Let them know that I did this for the Alliance.

An explosion rocks the room within the recording and it fuzzes out.

A beep.

CORDELIA YOUNG

What we can extrapolate from her final transmission is that she did not recover all that she was hoping to. None the less, some confidential material has left our borders. To conclude. The actions taken against Charlse Sans appear to proven effective in subduing any unease caused by the incident. The consensus seems to be that his removal has signalled the end of the matter. I would suggest further supervision of all other high ranking individuals who worked under Charles. Intelligence has also been mandated to instruct our agents within The Alliance to be aware of any new intelligence coming in. This should give us an understanding of what level of breach was suffered. No further action is suggested at this time.

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