

SECRET MISSIONS 2: Crusade

Story Guide

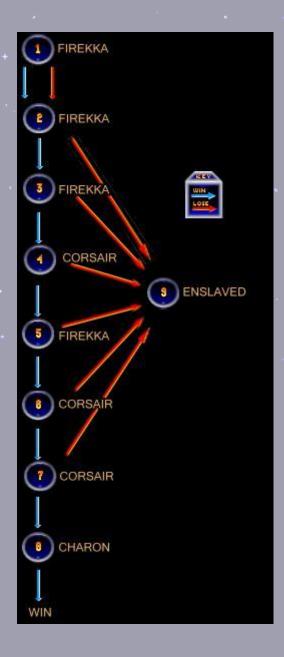
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Shotglass



\$C = callsign (dipstick)

\$R = Rank (shepdip)

\$N = Name (dipstick) user

\$L = Wingmans kills

\$K = Your Kills

T = Time

D = Date

S = Sector

\$A= Award

Your Funeral

Few Kills	Moderate Kills	Many Kills	Last Mission		
Colonel: We are gathered	Colonel: We are gathered	Colonel: We are gathered	Colonel: We are gathered		
here to pay tribute to one	here to pay tribute to one	here to pay tribute to one	here to pay tribute to one		
of our own, \$R \$N.	of our own, \$R \$N.	of our own, \$R \$N.	of our own, \$R \$N.		
It is always sad to lose a pilot	In just a few missions, \$C proved his skill in combat	Without a doubt, \$C was one of the Confederation's	These last few battles have been difficult for all		
	against the Kilrathi.	finest pilots.	of us		
but it is especially	+	+			
difficult when he is as	Now his contributions	Time after time, he led the	but no one fought		
young as \$C.	have been cut short.	Confederation forces to	harder to accomplish our		
He died without even a	Who can say what \$C	victory.	objectives than \$C.		
chance to prove himself.	might have accomplished				
+	for the Confederation?	Now, as we continue our	Now he has made the		
+		war against the Kilrathi,	ultimate sacrifice for the		
		we bid farewell to a true	Confederation.		
	hero.				
Colonel: Company					
Atten-SHUN!					
Prepare arms!					
Farewell, \$C. You'll be missed.					
Fire! Fire!					
Fire!					
THC:					





Wingman's Funeral



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Colonel: We are gathered here to pay our last respects to a good friend			
and one of the Terran Confederation's boldest defenders.			
Spirit	Hunter	Jazz	Iceman
Colonel: Lieutenant	Colonel: Captain Ian St.	Colonel: We now bid	Colonel: Iceman, Major
Mariko Tanaka was a	John never let the	farewell to one of our	Michael Casey, was one
quiet woman, never	fatigue of battle wear	newest pilots,	of the best to ever fly a
loud or angry in her	him down.	Lieutenant Zach Colson.	starfighter.
speech	His spirited attitude and	We barely had the	His taciturn approach to
but her actions spoke	passion for duty were	chance to meet this	his duties was fueled by
louder than her words.	without equal.	brave, talented flier	a drive to win
We will all miss her	Now that he's gone, you	a young man that I	whatever the odds. He
skill and devotion to the	should all strive to find	know could have made	died as he lived
Confederate cause.	in yourselves	many contributions to	fighting against the
	the strength of	our war effort	enemy to preserve the
	character that Hunter	but we'll remember	lives of his fellows.
	possessed.	him as we continue the	
	*	fight against the	
		Kilrathi.	æ
**	Colonel: C	Company	
	Atten-S	SHUN!	
· ·	Prepare	e arms!	
Maverick: Goodbye,	Maverick: I'll lift a	Maverick: You were a	Maverick: Goodbye,
Spirit I will miss your	glass to your memory,	good pilot, Jazz. I'll	Iceman. I'll nail the
soft-spoken advice.	Hunter. Goodbye.	miss you as my	bastard that got you.
		wingman.	
Colonel: Fire!			
Fire!			
Fire!			











Wingman's Funeral

Colonel: We are gathered here to pay our last respects to a good friend				
and one of the Terran Confederation's boldest defenders. Angel Doomsday Maniac Knight				
Colonel: I am saddened	Colonel:Lieutenant	Colonel: Second	Colonel: We must now	
to note the passage of	Etienne Montclair,	Lieutenant Todd	say goodbye to Captain	
one of our most devoted	whom we all knew as	Marshall was one of our	Joseph Khumalo.	
warriors	Doomsday.	youngest pilots	•	
	•	, ,	Knight was always	
our friend, Captain	Doomsday was one of	and perhaps the most	ready to give support	
Jeanette Devereaux.	our best young pilots,	misunderstood of our	and assistance	
	and	squadron.	-	
She gave everything she			whether he was in the	
was to combat the	despite his less-than-	Although he often spoke	cockpit or aboard ship.	
Kilrathi.	optimistic outlook on	of his desire to die in		
+	life and this war	combat	His rock-solid attitude	
Now she has made the			was a pillar of strength	
final sacrifice for the	he was a good friend	his death is truly our	for all of us.	
Confederation.	to us. He will be	loss. Farewell, Maniac.	+	
	missed.		/	
	Colonel: C	* *	+	
	Atten-S			
	Prepare		D 11	
Maverick: Au revoir,	Maverick: Goodbye,	Maverick: Goodbye,	Mayerick: Farewell,	
Angel. I will fight the	Doomsday. I'm sorry	Maniac. I guess you got	Knight. I will always	
Kilrathi as you did, with	your predictions came	what you deserved.	remember you.	
all my heart.	true.	l Fire!	+ .	
			**	
Fire! Fire!				
THE:				













Colonel Halcyon's office. \$T hours, \$D.



Colonel: \$N. Come in, I need to speak with you.				
Maverick: Yes, si	r?			+
	Prome	otion		No Promotion
	reading the performance rec			
	ling pilot, \$C. And because y	our accomplishments		
You're promoted to	o \$R, effective immediately.			
Congratulations, \$	R \$N. Keep up the good wor	k.		
Maverick: Thank	you, sir!	*		
	Ejected F			Did Not Eject From
	Continuing Conversation		New Conversation	Ship
Colonel: Good. S	omething else I need to speal	k to you about		
	st Ejection	Subsequent	Ejections	
	oout to receive a Golden	Colonel: That ship you		
Sun for ejecting an	<u> </u>	over a hundred million of		
	ne of those per career.	We'll have to wait until	•	
	After that, ejecting is just a waste of the before the <i>Tiger's Claw</i> receives a			
Confederation's starfighters. replacement.				
Mayerick: I know, sir. But there wasn't anything else I could do				
then do it				
but don't let me catch you bailing out of a				
ship you could've flown home.				
Mayerick: I won't forget it, sir. Colonel: I'm counting on it, \$R.				
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1	Squadron Re		Nam Canara 4	No Squadron
Colonals Treat a	Continuing Conversation		New Conversation	Reassignment
Colonel: Just a moment, \$C. I have one more thing to tell you.				
Colonel: We're having to change some pilot assignments.				
	ective immediately, you'll be reassigned. Killer Bees Dralthi Star Slaver Black Lion		-	
Colonel: You'll		Star Slayer		
	Colonel: You'll be flying a special ship on an	Colonel: I need you in	Colonel: I want you in one of the	
be flying Hornets with the Killer	undercover mission. I'm	Star Slayer Squadron, flying a Raptor-class	Rapiers, in Black	
			-	
Dees again.	Bees again. afraid I can't say more than heavy fighter. Lion Squadron.			
that right now. Hornet/Dralthi/Raptor Rapier				
	Horney Drainii/Kaptoi		Kapici	



Maverick: I'm curious, sir...why?

Colonel: Each of our ships is designed for a specific kind of combat mission.

That's the main factor in assigning pilots to fighterships for different missions.

Maverick: I understand, sir. I'll do the best I can, no matter what ship I'm assigned to.

Colonel: I'm glad to hear it, pilot.

Colonel: That's all, \$R. Dismissed.

Hangar Deck. 1800 hours, \$D.

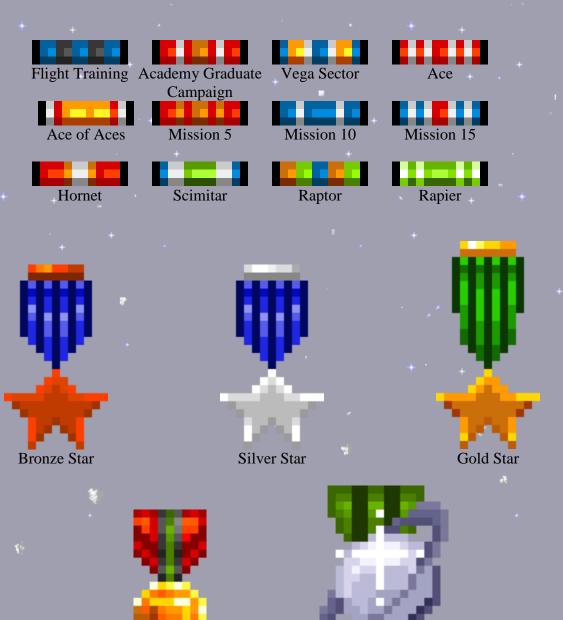


Bronze, Silver Gold	Medal of Valor Award	The Golden Sun
Star Award		Award
Colonel: For	Colonel: In consideration of his valorous service to humanity	Colonel: For bravely
excellence in combat	Leading the forces of the Confederation against the Empire of	sacrificing his vessel
with the Kilrathi	Kilrah	and endangering his
enemy	Taking a decisive role in defending our Firekka allies	life
	And leading our forces to victory over the Kilrathi in the	In combat with the
	Antares Sector	Kilrathi enemy
	Colonel:on or about \$E,	
	The Terran Confederation presents the \$A to \$R \$N.	+
Bronze, Silver Gold	Medal of Valor Award	The Golden Sun
Star Award		Award
Colonel: Your courage	Colonel: You will be counted as one of the greatest heroes of	Colonel: Your
is an example to the	humanity.	dedication honors all
Confederation's finest		of the Confederation.
defenders.		
	Colonel: Well done, \$C. Congratulations.	•
	Maverick: Thank you, sir.	
16	Filled with pride, you meet the applause of your crewmates.	





Awards



Pewter Planet

Golden Sun

Firekka System Part 1



Firekka 1 Rec Room





Shotglass: Hey, \$C! Any news from downside?

I'd heard that the Firekka leaders will sign the treaty in another couple days.

Can you believe it? A new planet is joining the Confederation---

--- and here we are, watching 'em create history right in front of us.

Moverick: I'm scheduled for shore leave in a couple days...I should be on the planet for the treaty signing.

Shotglass: Now that's luck for you. I'll be up here, pouring drinks and watching it on the vidlink.

I have to say, though, those Firekka do look real weird. Kinda remind me of a parakeet I had a few years back.

Except MY parakeet wasn't very smart, an' he wasn't six feet tall, either.





The state of the s	
Iceman's Alive	Iceman's Dead
Hunter: \$C! Join us for a drink, mate!	Hunter: \$C! Join me for a drink, mate!
It's great to have a real break, 'specially after	that Operation Thor's Hammer.
Iceman's Dead	Iceman's Dead
Iceman: I was certain that we wouldn't	
survive that mission.	
I'm glad I was wrong, at least this time.	
Hunters And now we'll spend a month as Honor Guard for the Confederation	

Hunter: And now we'll spend a month as Honor Guard for the Confederation Diplomatic Corps.

Yeah, this'll be an easy assignment...playing nursemaid to a bunch of diplomats and aliens.

Maverick: I'm looking forward to seeing the Firekka. I've never met a non-human before.

Hunter: Well, you will soon, mate. They seem like good people...intelligent an' honest, very friendly to strangers.

They're just lucky their planet is so far off the trade routes, or the Kilrathi would've enslaved 'em for sure.

But there's so few jump points into this Sector, we were the first to find them.

Which was real lucky for our new feathered mates, hey?





Iceman: I challenge you to a game of Eight-Ball!		
Hunter is Alive	Hunter is Dead	
Hunter: No way, I'm not playing		
with you. You cheat.	+	
Iceman: Oh, come on! I'll spot you three balls.		
Hunter is Alive	Hunter is Dead	
Hunter: But all I have is five	T	
1 11 1	+	
dollars!		

Mission Briefing, \$T, \$D. Firekka System, Antares Sector.







Colonel: I hope everyone's been enjoying this trip so far.... ...because you're going to have to do some real work again.

We've received reports of a Kilrathi convoy moving through a nearby star system. We can't risk anything that could disrupt the treaty conference on the planet----so you'll patrol and watch for that convoy. And I'll also need some of you---

---to escort the Diplomatic Corps ships to Firekka, where they're needed for the conference.

Iceman's Alive	Iceman's Dead
Iceman: What about our downside leave,	
sir?	
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Colonel: We'll schedule you in shifts for shore leave, so you'll still get your downtime. These are your assignments...

Iceman's Alive	Iceman's Dead
Colonel: \$C, you'll be Alpha Wing, with	Colonel: \$C, you're Alpha Wing.
Iceman as your wingman.	+ +

Colonel: You'll fly a Hornet---a fast, maneuverable ship. Escort the TCS *Perez de Cuellar* from the *Claw* to Nav 2...

From there, the Diplomatic Corps ship will mini-jump to Firekka.

We've detected traces of high energy on the direct route to Nav 2.

After the Perez de Cuellar jumps to Firekka, investigate the unknown bogey between Nav 2 and the *Tiger's Claw*.

Colonel Halcyon assigns the other pilots to their duties.

Colonel: Remember, if you run into one or two stray Kilrathi, you should engage the enemy.

But if you see any sign that the convoy has diverted to this system, return to the *Claw* immediately.

And HQ has reported encounters with the Dralthi Mark IIs in the Vega Sector---

---Dralthi with mass drivers and better shields. HQ could use some good vidcamera data on these new ships.

So if you sight any of these new Dralthi, get close and your vidcamera will get that data for us.

And something else I wanted to mention...

Hunter did a bolter yesterday, a two-point 'touch and go' landing.

He managed to snap off one of his ship's laser cannons, break three aerials, and terrify the flight deck crew.

Pilots, we use the ACLS---our auto landing system---for very good reasons.

The next hotshot pilot who tries a manual control landing will be scrubbing decks for a week.

Is that understood?

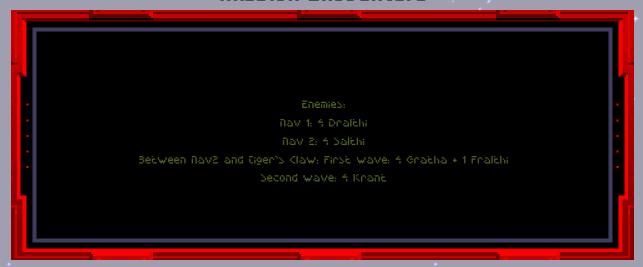
All right, pilots. Prepare for launch.

Dismissed.

Mission 1 Notes



Mission Encounters



Mission Debriefing \$T, \$D. Firekka System, Antares Sector.



Colonel: I hope you'll have some good information for us, \$C... ...because we need some solid vid camera data to track down and ice that convoy.

I don't know why an enemy convoy is in this system, but we'll get rid of it, that's for certain.

Your report, \$R?

Perez de Cuellar Survives		Perez de Cuellar Destroyed	
Wingman's Alive	Wingman's Dies/Solo	Wingman's Alive Wingman's Dies	
Maverick: We escorted	Maverick: I escorted the	Maverick: We lost the	Maverick: I lost the Perez
the Perez de Cuellar to	Perez de Cuellar to their	Perez de Cuellar. I'm	de Cuellar. I'm sorry,
their jump. They're on	jump. They're on their	sorry, sirwe did our best.	sirI did my best.
their way to Firekka now.	way to Firekka now.		
Destroyed Ralari		Ralari 1	Escaped
Wingman's Alive	Wingman's Dies/Solo	Wingman's Alive	Wingman's Dies/Solo
Maverick: We trashed a	Maverick: I trashed the	Maverick: And we	Maverick: And I couldn't
Ralari between Nav 2 and	Ralari between Nav 2 and	couldn't ice the Ralari	ice the Ralari between the
the <i>Claw</i> . That convoy is	the <i>Claw</i> . That convoy is	between the <i>Claw</i> and Nav	Claw and Nav 2. That
definitely cruising through	definitely cruising through	2. That convoy is	convoy is definitely
this system, sir.	this system, sir.	definitely cruising through	cruising through this
		this system, sir.	system, sir.
Wingman Lives		Wingman Dies	
₹		Colonel: I was sorry to hear about Iceman's death.	
		He died in the line of duty, fighting the enemies of	
		humanity.	





Colonel's Post-Mission Report



Your Kills			No Kills For You	
\$C, your recorder shows you took out \$K.		\$C, you blanked.	No kills.	+
Wingman's Kills		No Kills For Wingman		
Iceman took out \$L himself.		Iceman didn't manage to trash any of those cats.		
Wingman's Alive / Solo			Wingman Dies	
		And then we lost h	im.	
All right. I'm sending your flight recorder disks up to the Bri		Bridge		
with any luck, we'll learn more about that convoy from		your information.		+
Receive Medal	Receive Reprimand		No Med	lal
\$C, clean up, then I need to see you in my office.				
Dismissed.				

Firekka 2 Rec Room





Shotglass: Have a drink, \$C! We've got something to celebrate!

I just heard the news from Major Chapman on the Austin---

The Confed fleet chased the Kilrathi strike force from Vega Prime!

It was kinda weird, actually...there wasn't a major battle or anything like that...

...the cats just closed up shop and left.

Maverick: It sounds like they had somewhere else they wanted to go, Sam.

Shotglass: Makes you wonder, doesn't it? But still, they ran away. That's a victory for our side, isn't it?



Angel: \$C! Did you hear what happened on this last patrol? Nearly all the pilots encountered enemy warships.

And one of the Tactical officers said that there might be more Kilrathi in this area.

Fortunately, we are not alone in this sector. If we need more combat pilots---

---they will transfer personnel from the TCS *Austin*.

I truly hope that we will not need those other pilots---

But this could be an excellent chance to compare tactics with them, *non*?





Angels Alive	Angel's Dead	
Spirit: \$C! We were just talking about	Spirit: \$C! I have heard that you are	
you, Angel and I.	going downside to the planet for shore	
She says you are going downside to the	leave, after our next mission.	
planet for shore leave, after our next		
mission.		
Spirit: That will be very excitingI wish I could go with you.		
Maverick: Any chance you can get some shore leave, Spirit?		

Spirit: Not in the next few days, my friend. But I hope you will tell us about your trip when you return.



Mission Briefing, \$T, \$D. Firekka System, Antares Sector.







Colonel: All right, pilots, let's get started. The first news is that-----the Scimitar has been officially retired as a Confederation combat fighter.

Iceman's Alive
Iceman's Dead
Iceman. Good. I've always hated that tugboat. Slow, unmaneuverable, a lousy piece of---

Colonel: Other news: Most of you didn't run into any trouble on your last patrol...

- ...but some of you encountered ships from that Kilrathi convoy...
- ...including some very tough Kilrathi pilots.

Tactical thinks these might be the DRAKHAI, the Kilrathi Imperial Guards...the elite of enemy fighters.

But what we don't understand is why they're here, or why a convoy is in this unimportant sector.

And after reviewing your flight data, Tactical's not certain that we bagged the entire convoy.

Your assignment today is to patrol the system and track down that convoy.

If you encounter the convoy, do NOT engage. Get vid camera data on them and return to the *Claw*.

If you're close enough to target, your cameras will automatically switch on and get the data we need.

You'll fly Hornets again, so if you run into trouble, you'll be in a fast ship to return here and report.

and report.			
Iceman's Alive	Iceman's Dead		
Colonel: Wing assignmentsKappa wing	Colonel: Wing assignments\$C, you're		
will be \$C and Iceman.	Kappa wing.		
Colonel: You'll patrol through the asteroid fields to Nav 1			
Continue through Nav point 2, then return here.			
The Colonel briefs the other wings.			
Colonals Gat ready for immediate launch pilots. Dismissed			



Mission 2 - Notes



Mission Encounters



Mission Debriefing -- \$T, \$D.



Colonel: Anything to report, \$C?

Ran into several Krant at Nav 1.

A real surprise was waiting at Nav 2.

Three Fralthi, sir, and more Kilrathi fighters than I could count.			
Convoy Not Engaged	Convoy Engaged		
Mayerick: I was able to target the Fralthi. Their exact	Mayerick: Then I engaged the Fralthi, sir, and		
location should be in my flight recorder.	Colonel: You did WHAT, pilot? You were ordered to		
But I couldn't kill any of the enemy capital ships, sir.	return if you sighted the convoy		
Colonel: You weren't ordered to kill them, \$R. You did	Do you realize that you risked the lives of everyone on		
the right thing by returning to the <i>Claw</i> .	this ship?		
Now we can send out a full squadron, and make sure	If you'd been killed, attacking those ships		
those ships are iced.	those three Fralthi could've launched a surprise attack		
	on the <i>Claw</i> , and probably destroyed her.		
	You're brave, \$C, and I'm very impressed with your		
	flying skills		
	But next time, I'll expect you to obey orders.		
	Understood?		
	Mayerick: Understood, sir.		

Colonel's Post-Mission Report



You	Your Kills		No Kills For You			
From your flight recorder, l	recorder, I see that you took out \$K And you didn't ki		And you didn't kill	ill any enemy ships.		
Wingman's Kills		No Kills For Wingman			Solo	
and Iceman took care of	\$L	and Iceman was blanked.			· ·	
Kilrathi.						4.7
Wingm	an Lives		Wingman Dies			
1		Then we lost him.	A waste	of a damn fine pilot.		
1.5th	Take it eas	y for a while, \$N. Y	You're off-duty for a	few hour	S.	
Receive		Receive Rec			No Medal	
Medal	I	Reprimand Transfer				
But I will need to talk to you in my office later.					OF V	
Dismissed.				*		

Meanwhile...



Fnchirr Settlement, Northern Continent, Firekka.

After escorting the diplomats to the planet...

---you watch as the alien leader and human ambassador sign the Terran-Firekka treaty.

This is a moment of joy and hope for Firekka and Human alike...

...in the midst of the desperate war against the Kilrathi.



Winning Path	Losing Path	
Firekka System Part 2	Firekka System Part 2	

Firekka System Part 2





Firekka 1 Rec Room





Shotglass: \$C, let me pour you a drink. I heard from Angel---

---a lot of the pilots ran into Kilrathi ships yesterday...

...including some of those Drakhai, the Kilrathi Imperial Guard.

Mayorick: The Bridge officers think it was part of a Kilrathi convoy.

Shotglass: Maybe. But I remember from when I was a pilot...

...those damn cats don't do anything without a good reason.

And there's no reason for them to fly through here. We're in the middle of nowhere.

There's nothing here, nothing at all...

...except us, right?



Bossman: \$C, I'm curious...what did you think of Firekka?

Mayorick: It's an interesting place. Took me a few days to get used to the lower gravity, though.

Captain Larrhi was my guide downside---he was one of the first Firekka to leave their planet.

He flies Confed transports now. I'm hoping he'll transfer into combat pilot training. **Bossman:** I'd like to meet him. Maybe when I get some real leave time....

...I'll bring my wife and daughter here for a vacation.

Maverick: That sounds like a great idea, Kien.



Paladin: I'm glad you had a good shore leave, lad.

I thought I'd be flying downside for a wee stay, but they've cancelled all shore leave.

I like visitin' planets. Maybe that's what I'll do, when I retire next month.

Buy a small ship, an' spend my days flying from planet to planet.

I'll have to hock my soul to do it, nae doubt of that...but at least I'd still be flyin' a ship. Maverlek: I think it's a good idea, James. It's probably what I'll do when I retire.

Paladin: Oh, but you've got a few years before that happens, \$C.

I'm wagering that you'll have a long career ahead of you...

...a long, very distinguished career. Mark my words on that, lad.

As for me, if piloting m'own ship isn't enough for me---

---I'm sure I'll find some other way to keep a wee bit of excitement in m'life.



Mission Briefing, \$T, \$D. Firekka System, Antares Sector.





Colonel: Pilots, we have a dangerous situation developing here.

Tactical has analyzed the flight recorder data from your last missions---

--- and we know that we aren't dealing with a 'stray convoy' anymore.

There's a Kilrathi battle fleet moving towards this planet.

Tactical is guessing that it's a small strike force, much smaller than the fleet that attacked the Goddard Colony...

...but we don't know that for certain. And we don't know why they're coming here, either.

There's no strategic or logistic value to the Firekka System at all.

The cats know something we don't, and are doing something we don't understand----and we're going to send you out there to find out what it is.

You will fly sweep patrols, and engage the enemy if possible. But back down from overwhelming opposition.

And under NO conditions are you to engage in combat in the planetary atmosphere. Our fighters aren't equipped for planetary overpressure. One close call with an enemy missile---

--- and the pressure differential will explode your ship.

Okay, these are the wing assignments....

The Colonel gives specific orders to each wing, and then...

	- 67
Knight's Alive	Knight's Dead
Colonel: Epsilon Wing will be \$C and	Colonel: Epsilon Wing will be \$C.
Knight. \$C is wingleader.	

Colonel: You will follow your programmed navcomp course...

Patrol through Nav One and continue through the asteroids to Nav 2 and 3.

Avoid overwhelming opposition, but engage the enemy if you can. Then return to the *Tiger's Claw*.

That's all, pilots. Dismissed.



Mission 3 - Notes



Mission Encounters



Mission Debriefing, \$T, \$D. Firekka System, Antares Sector.



Wingm	Wingman Alive / Solo			Wingman Dies		
Colonel: Your report, \$R?		Colonel: The Bridge officers told me about Khumalo.			t Khumalo,	
			\$C.	+		
+			What did you end	counter out there?		
	Reache	d Nav	2		Missed Nav	
Snakeir	Escaped		Snakeir I	Destroyed	2	
Wingman's Alive	Wingman Dies / Solo	Wi	ngman's Alive	Wingman Dies / Solo		
Maverick: We ran into	Maverick: I ran into	Mave	rick: We ran into	Maverick: I ran into		
some kind of Kilrathi	some kind of Kilrathi	some	kind of Kilrathi	some kind of Kilrathi		
carrier at Nav 2, but we	carrier at Nav 2, but I	carrie	r at Nav 2. It's	carrier at Nav 2. It's		
couldn't kill it.	couldn't kill it.	histor	y, sir.	history, sir.		
Colonel: That was probably the new Snakeir Colonel: Good. That was probably the new						
carrier, \$C. HQ reported encounters with them Snakeir carrier, \$C. HQ reported encounters						
near Ardai.		with them near Ardai.		+		
Colonel: Some of our pi	Colonel: Some of our pilots also ran into another new Kilrathi ship, which HQ is calling the Hhriss			*		
Experimental Fighter.						
Maverick: I think the St	nakeir escorts were some	of those	Hhriss, sir. They	're very tough.		
Win	gman Alive	Alive Wingman Escaped				
			Colonel: And Kn	night?		
1			Maverick: I tried	I to save him, sir. But I c	ouldn't	
			Colonel: I know, \$C. It hurts every time a pilot dies.			
		But that's the reality of war, son.				

Colonel's Post-Mission Report



Your Kills		No Kills For You		
\$C, you took down \$K.	\$C, you took down \$K. All right. \$C, you		came up with no kills. Not good, son.	
Wingman's Kills	No Kills For Wingman		Solo	
Add Knight splashed \$L Kilrathi.	Knight didn't kill a	any enemy ships		
+ + +	this time.		+	
Wingman Lives / So	Lives / Solo		Wingman Dies	
And then the cats I		killed him.		
Okay. Get some rest before your next mission		ore your next missio	n, \$R. +	
Receive Medal	Receive Reprimand		No Medal	
And \$C, I need to see you in my office later.		,		
Dismissed.				

Firekka 2 Rec Room





Shotglass: Hey, \$C. I heard you had a rough flight.

Maverick: Nothing I couldn't handle, Sam.

Shotglass: Glad to hear it. Listen, I was watching Jerry Rivers on the Galaxy Network

News---

Mayerick: Bad idea, Sam. That show will rot your brain.

Shotglass: Well, this was about the Deneb Sector. Another Kilrathi fleet withdrawal.

All the furball ships just pulled out and left, no reason at all.

I'm a little worried about this...it just doesn't make any sense, y'know?



Knight: Good morning, \$C.

I just got back from visiting Maniac in Sickbay.

He wants to return to active duty, but the doctors won't let him.

Mayerick: Good. I hope I'll never fly another mission with him again.

Knight: You and every other pilot on this ship, \$C!

Knight: Did I tell you that Colonel Halcyon called me into his office yesterday?

Turns out that Confed HQ thinks I'd be a good flight instructor.

But I can't see myself leaving combat duty to run a training squadron.

This is what's important, \$C---what we're doing right here on the *Tiger's Claw*.

Mayorick: But training the next generation of fighter pilots...that's important, Joseph. **Knight:** I know. I have a few days to think about this...I'll let you know what I decide.



Spirit Good morning, \$C. I hope you had a good flight. I just returned---

---from escorting that research ship, the TCS *Tsiolkovsky*, to their jump out-system.

And I've received the final report from Epsilon Station.

They confirmed that my fiance was captured by the Kilrathi

They commind that my hance was captured by the Khratin.				
Knight Is Alive	Knight Is Dead			
Knight: I'm sorry, Mariko. I wish there	* · M. 6.9			
was something we could do.	- B			
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Spirit: I thought that he could be rescued, that there was a chance of it---

---but I cannot lie to myself any longer.

I have never truly hated the Kilrathi, even though they caused my father's death...

...not until now.



Mission Briefing, \$T, \$D. Firekka System, Antares Sector.





Colonel: Pilots, we have some very bad news.

We've received confirmation from the Confed High Command...

...that the Kilrathi are withdrawing their strike fleets from other sectors...

...and ALL of those ships are on their way here.

The Confed is already scrambling reinforcements to send to us.

But that'll take time, and time is the one thing we do NOT have now.

Our first priority is the safety of the diplomats on Firekka. We have to evacuate them from the planet.

So I'm sending you to protect their ships as they jump out-system.

These are your individual wing assignments...

He gives the orders for each wing then

Knight's Alive	Knight's Dead
Colonel: \$C and Knight are Epsilon	Colonel: Epsilon Wing \$C, you're
Wing.	flying alone.

Colonel: Fly directly to your rendezvous points with the Diplomatic Corps ships. Your top priority is those diplomatic ships. You'll protect the TCS *U Thant* as it jumps out at Nav 2...

...and the TCS *Trygvie Lie* as it mini-jumps at Nav 3.

If you're attacked by any Kilrathi, return fire and destroy them.

Once we have the Diplomatic Corps officers safe, we'll consider our other options. Dismissed, pilots.

Mission 4 – Notes



Mission Encounters

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Mission Debriefing -- \$T, \$D.



Wingman's Alive	Wingman Dies/Solo
Colonel: I'm glad you both made it back.	Colonel: I'm glad you made it back alive, \$R.
I have some bad news for you, pilotswe lost Bossman	Maverick: I lost Knight, sir. I just couldn't
today.	Colonel: I know, \$C. It hurts every time a pilot dies.
	But that's the reality of war, son.
* '	And more bad news, \$Cwe lost Bossman today.

Colonel: He and Angel were ambushed by several wings of Kilrathi Imperial Guards. They didn't have a chance. Mayerick: Is Angel okay, sir?

Colonel: She wasn't badly hurt. They'll let her out of Sickbay in a few hours.

We'll postpone the funeral until she and Boss's wife can attend.

And I just finished a vidlink conference with the TCS *Austin*. They're withdrawing to a more defensible position. But we'll be borrowing a couple of their combat pilots for the next few days.

All right, \$C, let's hear your report.

Wingma	n's Alive	Wingman Dies / Solo		
Mayerick: We headed out to meet the Diplomatic		Mayorick: I headed out to meet the Diplomatic Co		
Corps ships at the rendezvoi	us points.	ships at the rendezvous poin	ts.	
Both Ship	os Survive	One or Both ships Destroyed		
•		Mayorick The Kilrathi were waiting to intercept us		
		Colonel.		
Both Survive	Trygvie destroyed	U Thant Destroyed Both Destroyed		
Mayerick: Both ships	Mayerick: I lost one of	Mayerick: I lost one of	Maverick: I couldn't save	
survived, sir. They're on	the Diplomatic Corps	the Diplomatic Corps the TCS <i>U Thant</i> or the		
their way to Confed HQ	ships. I'm sorry, sir.	hips. I'm sorry, sir. ships. I'm sorry, sir. Trygvie Lie. I'm sorry		
now.	But the other ship	But the other ship		
Colonel: Good work, \$C!	survived. They should be	survived. They should be		
I knew you wouldn't fail	on their way to Confed HQ	on their way to Confed HQ		
us.	now. now.			
	Colonel: I know you did your bestbut some of the most important people in the			
	Confederation were on those ships.			
	We'll discuss this later, \$R.			



Colonel's Post-Mission Report



Your Kills	Your Kills		No Kills For You	
For the record, \$C, you killed \$K.	For the record, \$C,		you came up with no kills.	
Wingman's Kills	No Kills For Wingman		Solo	
Knight iced \$L.	Knight didn't kill any cats on this			
+ +	mission.		*	
Receive Medal	Receive Reprimand		No Medal	
\$C, I'll need to see you in my office as soon as possible.		+		
Dismissed.			+	

Winning Path	Losing Path
Firekka System Part 3	Enslaved

Firekka System Part 3







Firekka 1 Rec Room





Shotglass: Hello, \$C. Drinks are on the house today.

Here's a toast to Bossman, one of the last great pilots.

I'm just glad I'm not Colonel Halcyon...

...how do you explain to a woman with a young baby...

...that she's a widow?

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Angel's Alive	Angel's Dead.
Shotglass: You might want to go talk to	+
Angel, \$C.	
I don't think the lady's handlin' this very	+
well.	´ + ·
Shotglass: Maybe it's just that I've seen too many pilots die in this war	
it doesn't hit me as hard as other people	



Angel: Forgive me, \$C, but I do not wish to talk to you right now.

Mayerick: Angel...

Angel: Non. Bossman died today, flying at my wing.

There is nothing you can say which will change that.











Angel's Alive

Paladin: Sit down, lad. I want you to talk to Jeannette-

There is nothing that any of you can say to me now.

Bossman is dead, and it is my fault.

Paladin: Listen to me, lass. We all know the risks when we're flyin' out there.

Believe me, there was nothing you could do. You an' him, against all those Kilrathi?

We're lucky we only lost Bossman, an' not the both of

I am sorry, my friend, but I do not believe you. Angel, you're one of the best pilots in the Confederation.

But Paladin's right. Sometimes you just can't win. But I should have saved him, and I did not. I have tried not to care about Bossman, and you, and the others in this squadron---

---knowing that any of you could be killed at any moment---

But we all know that it is impossible not to care. Please, I wish to be alone now.

Angel's Dead.

Paladin: Sit down, lad. I dinna know if you've heard--

---Bossman was killed a few hours ago, fightin' the Kilrathi.

I just wish I'd had a chance to say goodbye to the man.



Mission Briefing, \$T, \$D. Firekka System, Antares Sector.









Colonel: Pilots, we've had an unusual new development. Confed HQ has received a coded vidlink transmission---

---from a Kilrathi commander in the approaching battle fleet.

Captain Ralgha and his top officers are requesting asylum from the Confederation. And they're bringing a Fralthi and twenty Kilrathi fighterships with them.

Your assignment is simple. Make sure those officers and ships arrive here intact.

The TCS *Austin* pilots have already rendezvoused with the stolen Fralthi.

So there's a human crew aboard as well, just in case those cats change their minds. Most of you will be escorting the individual Kilrathi starfighters---

---but I need someone to bring in the Fralthi.

laverick: I know I can do it Colonel

Mayor C. I know I can do it, Colonel.	
Spirit's Alive	Spirit's Dead
Colonel: All right, \$C. You and Spirit	Colonel: Okay, \$C, but you're alone for
will fly this one as Omicron Wing.	this one, as Omicron Wing.
	,

Colonel: This is your flight plan---

Head to the rendezvous point at Nav 1---

---checking your route for enemy fighters. The Kilrathi don't know that Ralgha is defecting---

But we can't take any chances. You'll meet the Fralthi at Nav 1, and escort him home.

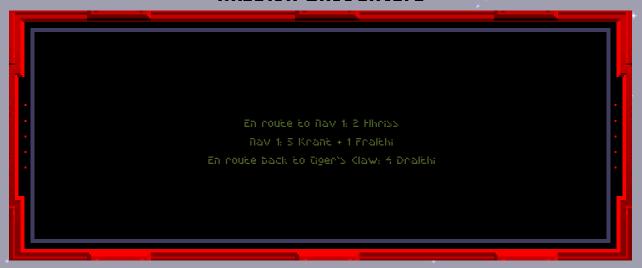
The Colonel quickly assigns the other pilots.

Colonel: Good luck, pilots. Dismissed.

Mission 5 – Notes



Mission Encounters



Mission Debriefing -- \$T, \$D.



Wingman's Alive	Wingman Dies / Solo			
Colonel: Glad to see you back, both of you.	Colonel: Glad to see you back, \$C.			
Wingman's Alive / Solo	Wingman's Dies			
	Colonel: And Spirit?			
	Mayerick: I tried to save her, sir. But I couldn't			
	Colonel: I know, \$N. But she died fighting the			
	Kilrathian honorable death.			
Colonel: All right, \$C, let's hear your report.				
Mayorick: I headed out to the captured Fralthi. The Kilrathi must've known what Ralgha was planning				
because there was a reception committee waiting for him.				
Fralthi Survives Fralthi's Destroyed				
Maverick: But I brought the Fralthi in, sir. They	Mayerick: I couldn't save the Fralthi, sir. The			
should be docking with us now.	opposition was just too fierce.			
Colonel: Excellent! We'll transmit a message on a	Colonel: Your incompetence cost us a prize ship, \$C,			
coded frequency that we know the cats have cracked and the human and Kilrathi crew.				
saying that the Fralthi was destroyed in a minefield. At least Captain Ralgha managed to eject, and the				
With any luck, they won't try to recapture it.	pilots brought in the captured fighterships			
	so this mission wasn't a total loss.			

Colonel's Mission Report



Fralthi's Destroyed		Fralthi Survives				
I see from your flight recorde	I see from your flight recorder that you iced an enemy				+	
Fralthi. Not bad, \$R.						
Your Kills			No Kills			
\$C, your log shows you splas	hed \$K Kilrathi.		No k	No kills, \$C? What were you doing out there?		
Wingman's Ki	ills			No Kills	Solo	
Spirit took down \$L Kilrathi.		And Spirit didn't kill any cats this trip.		+		
Spirit is Alive >2 Kills	Spirit is Alive <3 Kills Spirit is Dead		+			
	Spirit: I apologize for m		y			
	failure, Colonel.			,		
Wingman Lives / Solo		Wingman Dies				
And then we lost her. Damn it, the <i>Claw</i> can't affor			Claw can't afford			
			casualties right now.			
Receive	Receive	Receive		No Medal		
Medal	Reprimar	nd Transfer				
I need to talk to you in my office later, \$R.		+				
You have a few hours before your next mission, \$C. Get some rest, son.						
Dismissed.						

Firekka 2 Rec Room





Shotglass: Let me pour your usual, \$C. Listen, we had a couple Bridge officers in here---

---they're talkin' about how we may have to retreat from the Firekka System.

I think they're right...tanglin' with an entire battle fleet would be tough, even for the *Tiger's Claw*.

And those officers were also talking 'bout who'll be transferred off the *Claw*, and who'll be stayin' here.

And the biggest rumor of 'em all is that---

---Colonel Halcyon may be promoted and transferred to Tactical.

I wonder who'll be in charge of our fighter squadron then?

Well, let me get that drink for you now, \$C.



Angel: Hello, \$C.

I have been writing a letter to Bossman's wife.

I want her to understand what happened.

Maverick: Angel...it wasn't your fault. You have to understand that.

Angel: Je comprends, mon ami. But it is a very hard truth to face.

I have always thought of myself as different from you and the others---

---that if I did not care about anything but myself, and perfecting my skills---

---I could never be hurt, never feel pain or fear. But I was so very wrong, non?

If you would, \$C...just sit with me for a while.

I think I need your company right now.



Maniac: Hey, \$C! They finally let me out of Sickbay!

I was hoping that we'd fly a mission together---

---but I have to be back in Sickbay in another hour.

But I'm sure they'll send me back to active duty soon---

--- and we'll fly a mission together then, right?

I know how much you always want to be my wingman, \$C---

--- and I know that we're going to do something important.

I don't know what it is yet---

---but I'm sure we'll wipe out a lot of the furballs before they kill us.

Won't that be great?

Well, I guess I'll have one more drink before I go back to Sickbay.





Mission Briefing, \$T, \$D. Firekka System, Antares Sector.





Colonel: All right, everyone. I think you realize just how serious our situation is here-----and it's just become a lot worse.

We've received reports of two additional Kilrathi battle fleets...

...that have crossed the border at Tau Ceti and are on their way here.

And I have something here to read to you. It's a transcript of a vidlink message...

...we received from the approaching Kilrathi fleet two hours ago.

Thrakhath: 'Warriors of the human ships, hear me now. You are trespassing---'
'---on the holy ground of Lord Sivar. If you remain, the Sons of Kilrah will destroy you.'
'We must prepare the Way of Lord Sivar, and no unbelievers may remain here alive.'

'But because you are brave warriors, I shall grant you this:

'You have one planetary rotation to leave this system.'

'Leave here now, and no harm will come to you---'

'---until we meet again in honorable combat.'

'Thus speaks Prince Thrakhath, Firstborn of the Firstborn, Heir to Kilrah.'

Colonel: We know that this Prince Thrakhath is the grandson of the Kilrathi emperor, and possibly their best fighter pilot.

And we know that Sivar is a Kilrathi war god...that's why we used that codename for the dreadnought that attacked Goddard.

But we don't know is what this 'Way of Lord Sivar' could be.

Pilots, we're going to stay here, even though it's obvious---

---that there's not much we can do against a massed enemy fleet of this size.

Our first step will be to 'retreat' to a nearby star system.

With luck, the Kilrathi will believe that we've left the Antares Sector.

And then we'll wait for new orders from Confed HQ.

Your mission is to clear our flight path.

I don't want any heroics out there. Just good, competent flying.

Odds are good that you'll encounter the first Kilrathi strike fleet moving into this system. If you do, then engage and destroy.

The Austin is already leaving this area. We'll rendezvous with her later.

With luck, we'll be able to inflict some serious damage on this Prince Thrakhath and his

Mayorick: What about the Firekka, sir?

Colonel: We're going to start a major evacuation, \$C, as soon as other Confed ships

These are your wing assignments...

Paladin and Hunter are Alpha Wing. Follow your Nav course, pilots.

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Spirit's Alive	Spirit's Dead
Colonel: \$C, you and Spirit are Beta Wing.	Colonel: \$C, you'll fly alone as Beta Wing.
\$C is wingleader.	A. Carlotte



Colonel: We've detected several Firekka evacuation transports leaving the system, led by Captain Larrhi.

One transport is headed for the jump point at Nav 3. Protect that ship. And then patrol the rest of your Nav points for enemy ships.

We don't know what Kilrathi ships are out there, pilots, so be careful.

Dismissed

Mission 6 -- Notes



Mission Encounters



Mission Debriefing -- \$T, \$D.



Colonel: Welcome back, \$R.				
Wingman's Alive / Solo	Wingman Dies			
	Maverick: I lost Spirit, sir. I just couldn't			
	Colonel: I know, \$N. But she died fighting the			
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	Kilrathian honorable death.			
Colonel: Do you have anything to report?				
Mayorick: Yes, sir. One of the Firekka transports was under attack at Nav 2				
Drayman Survives Drayman's Destroyed				
Maverick:the Kilrathi tried to intercept, but they	Maverick:the Kilrathi intercepted and destroyed it.			
didn't have a chance.	Couldn't stop them, sir.			
The transport made the jump out-system, sir.				
Maverick: A wing of Gratha was attacking the <i>Austin</i> on her way out-system, sir.				
But she jumped out-system before the Kilrathi could inflict any real damage.				

Colonel's Mission Report



Your Kills		No Kills			
From the flight recorder, I see that you took out \$K		\$C, you didn't get any of the cats this time. You're			
Kilrathi ships, \$C.		usually better than that, son.			
Wingman's Kills	Wingman's Kills No Kills Solo		Solo		
And Spirit iced \$L.		Spirit didn't ice any of the enemy			
		ships.			
Wingman Lives / Solo		Wingman Dies			
		And then we lost her. Damn it, the <i>Claw</i> can't afford			
6		casualties, not now	٧.	***	
Receive		Receive	Receive Receive		No Medal
Medal	F	Reprimand	Transfer		
\$C, I'l	\$C, I'll need to see you in my office later.				
Dismissed.					

Winning Path	Losing Path
Corsair System Part 1	Enslaved

Corsair System Part 1





Corsair 1 Rec Room





Shotglass: Hi, \$R. I just heard 'bout those Kilrathi defectors.

Hard to believe, that some of those cats would actually want to be on our side. They brought that Captain Ralgha and his officers through here, a couple hours ago. An' I kept thinkin'...this is the same kind of guy that ordered the attack on Goddard.

He commanded a Fralthi...who knows how many of our people he's killed?

He could've murdered thousands of our soldiers, taken out dozens of our ships.

An' here he is, askin' us to protect him from the Kilrathi Empire.

Hell, we've already got what we need from him. We could just toss him out the airlock---

---an' no one would know any different, right?

They're sending all those furballs to Confed HQ for debriefing.

Good riddance, if you ask me.





Jazz: So you're \$R \$N? I hear you're a real hotshot pilot, the best on the *Tiger's Claw*.

Iceman's Alive	Iceman's Dead
Iceman: \$C this is Lieutenant Zach Colson	

Jazz: Call me Jazz. I'm a combat pilot on the TCS *Austin*, and a jazz pianist on the side.

But what I'd really like is to be transferred to a ship like the *Tiger's Claw*.

I'm already imagining what I could do if I was stationed here. It'd be great.

You guys definitely need a piano in your Rec Room, though. Just like we have on the *Austin*.

I usually play there several nights a week. You should come over and listen sometime. Mayerick: Thanks, Jazz. I think I'll do that.







Iceman: Hello, \$C. Sit down and join us.

Jazz: We were just talking about your last campaign, the Goddard mission.

Maverick: Operation Thor's Hammer. That was a real tough assignment.

Iceman: I was certain that we wouldn't survive it.

But we succeeded in our secret mission, against all odds.

Jazz: It's a pity you couldn't do anything for those people on Goddard, though.

Iceman: We arrived too late to help them. But we avenged them.

None of those Kilrathi scum who destroyed Goddard survived.

So there was true justice in the end.



Mission Briefing, \$T, \$D. Corsair System, Antares Sector.





Colonel: First, I'd like to welcome the two TCS *Austin* pilots who'll be flying with us...Jazz and Doomsday.

Other news...Hunter stole one of our captured Dralthi and went on a joyride to the TCS *Austin*.

He arrived just in time to save the *Austin* from a wing of Hhriss.

I was going to begin immediate court-martial proceedings, but HQ thinks he's a hero. And Hunter's little adventure has given the Bridge officers something to think about—We need to take most of those captured Dralthi back to Confed HQ...but we CAN use some of them in combat.

So as of this mission, some of you will be flying Kilrathi ships on special assignments.

Iceman's Alive	Iceman's Dead			
Iceman: You're expecting us to go into	+			
combat in one of the Flying Pancakes, sir?				
Colonel: Individual wing assignments	+			
Jazz's Alive	Jazz's Dead			
Colonel: \$C, you're Beta Wing. Jazz,	Colonel: \$C, you're going to be Beta			
you'll be his wingman.	Wing.			
Jazz: No problem, Colonel.				
Colonel: All right. We have a little time before those other Kilrathi battle fleets arrive-				



Colonel: All right. We have a little time before those other Kilrathi battle fleets arrive-

--- and we'll make good use of it. We still don't have any clue why---

---the Kilrathi are swarming towards this system. We need more data.

And that's your assignment...to infiltrate behind enemy lines and get that information. We've equipped these fighters with communications computers that will simulate a real Kilrathi pilot.

When you touch base at your Nav points, the computer simulation will begin transmitting---

--- and will contact any capital ships to request certain information.

Once the computer's acquired the data---

---then get out of there fast. We don't know how long these computers can deceive the Kilrathi.

We think there are several capital ships maneuvering through your Nav 1.

You'll fly to that Nav point, transmit to the capital ships, and then get the hell out of

The idea is to get in and out again, and return WITH that information.

Colonel: The techs have refitted these Kilrathi ships with some human control mechanisms---

---and added our own targeting systems. But we still don't know how they'll fly in combat---

---so watch your six. And remember...the techs began installing ejection seats in the Dralthi---

---but ran into unsolvable technical difficulties. You won't be able to eject from a Dralthi.

That's all, pilots. Dismissed.

Mission 1 - Notes



Mission Encounters

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En route to Nav 1: 5 Hhriss

Nav 1: First wave: 4 Jalthi + 2 Snakeir

Second wave: 4 Krant
En route to Ciger's Claw: 4 Jalthi
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Mission Debriefing -- \$T, \$D.



	Did Not Target Cap Ship				
Maverick: I was able	Mayorick: I was able to move in close and target two Snakeir carriers at Nav 1, sir.				
Colonel: Excellent, \$0	C! We'll get that data to	Tactical right away.		get close enough to	
Did not attack Cap	Destroyed Both	Destroyed Snakeir	Destroyed Snakeir	any capital ships to	
Ships	Snakier	1	2	target them. I'm	
	Maverick: And I	Maverick: Then I	Maverick: Then I	sorry, sir.	
	succeeded in	attacked the carriers,	attacked the carriers,	+	
	destroying both	and succeeded in	and succeeded in		
	carriers.	killing one of them.	killing one of them.		
	Colonel: That wasn't	Colonel: That wasn't	Colonel: That wasn't		
	your mission,	your mission,	your mission,		
	\$Cbut it'll deal a	\$Cbut it'll deal a	\$Cbut it'll deal a	_	
	very demoralizing	very demoralizing	very demoralizing		
	blow to the enemy.	blow to the enemy.	blow to the enemy.		
	Good work.	Good work.	Good work.	+ .	
Wingman's Alive			Wingman	Dies / Solo	
	Mayerick: Flying the Kilrathi fighter didn't		Maverick: Flying the	Kilrathi fighter didn't	
work very well for us.		work very well for me.			
We were ambushed by several enemy ships.			I was ambushed by several enemy ships. It		
	It was a tough fight, sir.				





Colonel's Mission Report



Your Kills	No Kills	
\$C, your flight recorder says that you killed \$K.	The recorder says that you were blanked, no kills.	
Wingman's Kills	No Kills	
Jazz took out \$L Kilrathi.	Jazz came back with no kills.	
Wingman Lives	Wingman Dies	
	And then we lost him, damn them all.	

All right. We transmitted a message indicating that you ran into some rocks in that asteroid field. With any luck, the Kilrathi will believe that you were destroyed. Get some rest, \$N.

Receive Medal	Receive Reprimand	No Medal
And I'll need to see y		
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Corsair 2 Rec Room





Shotglass: Hello, \$C. What can I get for you?

Mayorick: Just one of my usual, Sam.

Shotglass: No problem. \$C...I've been feeling really uneasy 'bout something---We've been hiding in this Corsair System from all of those Kilrathi fleets...

...an' we've been lucky; those cats seem to believe we left the area...

...but what if our luck changes?

Five battle fleets against the Claw? That's unfriendly odds, \$R.



Knight: Listen, \$C...I was just talking to Dr. Khalsa about those Kilrathi renegades. They debriefed Captain Ralgha with neo-scopalamine, and they learned some interesting stuff.

He couldn't say what, of course, just that it would help us against the enemy.

I'm a little worried, though. I mean, this guy could be a Kilrathi agent---

---trained for trank-chem interrogations. What if he was lying?

If we go into a battle with bad tactical data, it's all over for us.

Even if we have good data, we're in trouble. All those battle fleets against the *Tiger's Claw*?

The mission at Goddard was against ONE battle fleet, and that was nearly impossible. Like Shotglass says, those aren't friendly odds.

We should be safe here in the Corsair System. But if we go back to Firekka...what then?



Spirit: \$C. I just saw Colonel Halcyon in the corridor, a few minutes ago.

He was speaking with Ralgha, the Kilrathi captain.

Do you know, I had never seen a Kilrathi before?

I thought I would hate him, because of what his people have done to us.

But I did not feel anything at all. Not hatred, or anything else.

Only empty. Completely empty.

Sometimes I feel like we've been fighting forever, that this war will never be over. Maverick: The Kilrathi started this war, Spirit. But I know we'll end it, someday.

Spirit: I hope so, my friend. I truly hope so.



Mission Briefing, \$T, \$D. Corsair System, Antares Sector.





Colonel: Pilots, we've been lucky so far, and avoided any major confrontations with the

---because the cats have been busy with this 'Lord Sivar' business.

And now we know what that is, and just why this 'Way of Lord Sivar' is so important.

Captain Ralgha and his officers have provided us with a detailed description---

---of the Kilrathi military-religious ceremony known as the Way of Sivar.

The Kilrathi believe that they have to sing the praises of their war god---

---once every year, on a planet chosen by the Sivar priestesses.

If they fail to do so, then the war god will not favor the Warriors of Kilrah in battle---

---and their enemies are destined to destroy them.

Firekka is the planet they've chosen for this year's ceremony.

And that's why every available ship in the Kilrathi fleets will be arriving here soon. There's more to this, unfortunately. The Kilrathi believe that the ceremony can't be

There's more to this, unfortunately. The Kilrathi believe that the ceremony can't be tainted---

---by the presence of unbelievers. Unless we do something to save them---

--- the Firekka will be forcibly converted to the Sivar cult.

And the Kilrathi will murder any Firekka who refuse.

A planet of several million intelligent beings...we can't allow that to happen.

Based on Ralgha's information, Confed HQ has formulated a plan that may save the Firekka---

--- and deal a very demoralizing blow to the Kilrathi at the same time.



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Hunter's Alive	Hunter's Dead			
Hunter: Are you certain we can trust this				
renegade's information, sir?				
Colonel: Ralgha volunteered for a trank-	•			
chem debriefing, Hunter. We know he				
isn't lying.				

Colonel: Our plan is to disrupt the Sivar ceremony. Two battalions of marines will be arriving soon to help us.

The *Tiger's Claw* pilots will escort them in, and then the marines will land on the planet.

With the native Firekka warriors, they'll launch an assault against the Sivar warrior-priestesses.

If we can succeed in this one mission, pilots, it may have major repercussions throughout the Kilrathi war machine.

But first, we need more information. I'm sending some of you out in the captured Kilrathi ships---

---back to the Firekka system, where you'll intercept Kilrathi military communications. From that data, we'll calculate the safest place and time for the marines to land on the planet.

Jazz's Alive Jazz's Dead

Colonel: Mu Wing will be \$C and Jazz.

Colonel: \$C, you're on your own this time.

Colonel: Here's your assignment....

Stay alert when you're flying this course---you'll probably run into Kilrathi patrols. If they realize you're Confed and attack, then you should defend yourself. Otherwise, don't blow your cover.

Go to Nav 1, and your comm computer will automatically begin to intercept the comm data. Then return via Nav 2.

The Colonel quickly reads the other wing assignments.

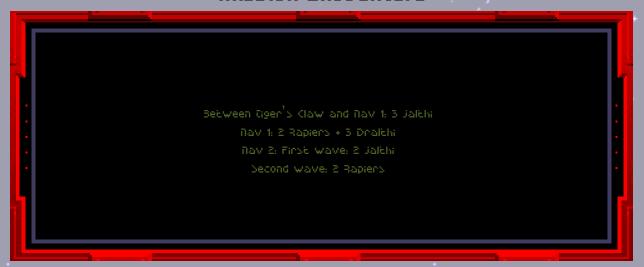
Colonel: Be careful, everyone---we don't know whether or not they believe that all the captured fighters were destroyed.

Dismissed, pilots.

Mission 2 - Notes



Mission Encounters



Mission Debriefing -- \$T, \$D.



Wingman's Alive		V	Wingman Dies / Solo		
Colonel: Welcome back, \$C. Did you and Jazz run into					
anything tough?					
Mayerick: Nothing we couldn't handl	le, Colonel.				
Colonel: I'd like to hear your report, \$	SR \$N.		+ ,		
Reache	d Nav 1		Did Not Reach Nav 1		
Wingman's Alive	Wingman	Dies / Solo			
Mayerick: We managed to reach	Maverick: I mana	ged to reach Nav	Maverick: Couldn't get to Nav 1 to		
Nav 1 without too much difficulty,	1 without too mucl	h difficulty, sir.	intercept those enemy		
sir.			communications, sir.		
Wingman's Alive	Wingman	Dies / Solo			
Maverick: But Kilrathi-piloted	Mayerick: But Kilrathi-piloted		_		
Rapiers and some Dralthi were	Rapiers and some Dralthi were		+ 1 - 2		
waiting for us.	waiting for me.				
Mayorick: Those Rapiers were probably the last surviving wing from the		+			
Johannit was very tough, sir.			+		
I just hope that communication interceptor didn't break v		hen I was flying	₹7		
that high-speed Immelmann.					
Wingman's Alive	Wingman	Dies / Solo	Missed Nav 2		
Maverick: There was another	Maverick: There		a		
enemy wing waiting for us at Nav 2.	enemy wing waiting 2.	ng for me at Nav			
	Moverick: And I don't think we should use these captured fighters again, sir				
the enemy are using some kind of recognition code			Vingman Dies / Solo		
Wingman's Alive	anized us as	Maverick:and they obviously recognized me as a			
Mayorick:and they obviously recognized us as Terran pilots.		Terran pilot.			
Colonel: I'll tell that to Tacticalmay	he we can intercent		unition codes		





Colonel's Mission Report



Your Kills		No Kills		
You had \$K recorded kills, \$C.		Your flight recorder shows no kills, \$R.		
Wingman's Kills	No l	Kills Solo		Solo
Jazz bagged \$L Kilrathi.	Jazz didn't toast an	y Kilrathi.		
+ +	Maverick: He kep	ot the enemy away	+	
	from me, Colonel.	That's more		
	important than any	kill.		+
Wingman Lives / Solo		Wingman Dies		
₹		And then we lost him, damn them all.		
Wingman Lives		Solo		
All right. Take it easy for a w	hile, both of you.	All right. Take it easy for a while, \$C.		while, \$C.
Receive Receive		Receive		No Medal
Medal Reprimand		Transfer		
And I want to see you in my				
•	Dismissed.			

Winning Path	Losing Path
Firekka System Part 4	Enslaved



Firekka System Part 4







Firekka 1 Rec Room





Shotglass: Did you hear the latest, \$C? They caught Maniac on the flight deck----wearin' nothing but his pajamas, an' trying to sneak aboard a Raptor.

The MPs took him back to Sickbay. He was kickin' and screamin' the whole way. Damn, but that boy is crazy.

But at least you won't have to fly with him anymore, \$R.



Doomsday's Alive	Doomsday's Dead
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Hunter: Hello, mate. Care to sit down
and join us?	and join me?

Hunter: I was just thinking about my older brother, Dennis.

Major Dennis St. John, of the Terran Confederation Marines.

He was so proud to be commanding his first post, a Marine base on a little backwater colony somewhere.

The Kilrathi showed up a week ago. When they left, there were no survivors.

An' did I tell you that I have a younger sister, mate? She'll be eighteen in another two months.

Eighteen, and the sheila's already volunteered for the Navy.



Doomsday: Good day, \$C. I am Lt. Etienne 'Doomsday' Montclair.

Maverick: Doomsday, I have to ask---

Doomsday: Yes, I can see that you're curious. What you see is the markings of a Maori warrior.

Let me tell you, \$C...I have considered our position here in the Firekka System.

Even if we were to retreat immediately, I doubt we would survive.

This is undoubtably the worst tactical situation I've ever seen.

Aboard the *Austin*, many people laugh about my grim predictions.

Despite my certainty that we will eventually be defeated by the Kilrathi---

---we have survived to succeed thus far. But this time, I am certain there is no escape for us.

Mayerick: We won't give up easily, Doomsday. Maybe you'll be surprised how this mission will end.

Doomsday: Perhaps, \$C. Perhaps.

Mission Briefing, \$T, \$D. Near the Firekka System, Antares Sector.





Colonel: All right, pilots. We've been keeping our distance from the Firekka System---waiting for the right moment to start our assault.

That time is now.

Today you're going to escort in the Marine tranports---

---and then we'll launch the assault on the Kilrathi troops on Firekka.

Because of the risk of a communications leak in this operation---

---the Marine convoys have not transmitted their exact position.

But one Drayman has already docked with the Tiger's Claw---

---so we have a good idea where those Marine transports will arrive.

You'll fly in Hornets...fast, maneuverable ships. Follow your Nav course and clear the jump points of any enemy ships.

And don't screw this one up, pilots. The entire mission depends upon---

---the safe arrival of those Marines and the guns they're bringing for the Firekka warriors.

These are your wing assignments...

You listen until the Colonel calls your name:

Tou listen until the Colonel can's your name	
Doomsday's Alive	Doomsday's Dead
Colonel: Psi Wing will be \$C and	Colonel: Psi Wing will be \$C. Good luck,
Doomsday, with \$C as wingleader.	\$R.

The Colonel quickly assigns the other wingmen.

Colonel: That's all, pilots. Get out there and find those transports.

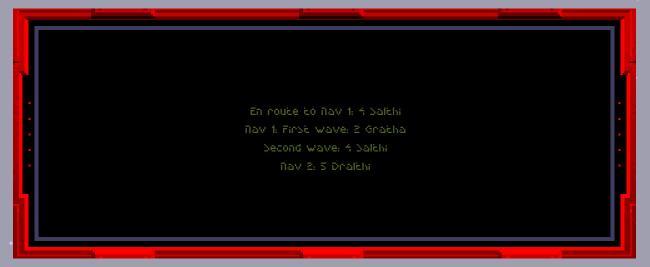
Dismissed.



Mission 1 - Notes



Mission Encounters



Mission Debriefing -- \$T, \$D.



Colonel: All right, \$C. Report.				
Both Transports Survive Transport 1 Survives		Transport 2 Survives	Both Transports	
			Destroyed	
Maveriek: Both transports	Maverick: I was able to	Maverick: I was able to	Maverick: I couldn't save	
mini-jumped out to the	protect one of the	protect one of the	either of the transports, sir.	
Firekka System, sir. No	transports, sir.	transports, sir.	T	
problems.	But I couldn't keep the	But I couldn't keep the	+	
Colonel: Excellent, \$C! I	Kilrathi from the other	Kilrathi from the other	+	
knew you wouldn't fail us.	ship.	ship.		
	Colonel: We lost a lot of good soldiers today because of you, \$C.			

Colonel's Mission Report



Your Kills		No Kills		
I see you took down \$K, \$R.		I see you came back with no kills, \$R.		
Wingman's Kills	No	Kills	Solo	
And Doomsday bagged \$L. Good work.	Doomsday	was blanked.	And Doomsday bagged \$L. Good work.	
Doomsday > 2 Kills	Doomsda	y < 3 Kills	Doomsday's Dies/Solo	
		rry about that, sir.		
	I'm usually muc	h better than that.		
Wingman's Alive			Wingman Dies	
		And the cats killed him. Damn it, the <i>Austin</i> and the		
		Tiger's Claw can't afford casualties, not now.		
Angel's Alive			Angel's Dead	
Something else, \$R. I sent Angel and Sorcerer to escort		Something else, \$R. I sent a wing to escort the TCS		
the TCS General Powell, one of the mar	arine transports. General Powell, one of the Marine transports.		one of the Marine transports.	
That Drayman never arrived at the jump point. Did you		see any sign of it o	n your patrol?	
Mavericka No, sir, I did not.				
Receive Medal Receive R \$C, I'll need to see you in my office later.		Reprimand No Medal		
			6 23	
Wingman's Alive		Wingman Dies / Solo		
Dismissed, pilots.		You're dismissed, pilot.		

Firekka 2 Rec Room





Shotglass: Bar's closed, \$C! There's some kind of emergency on the Bridge! Don't know what it is, but I do know that one of the marine transports didn't arrive on schedule.

You'd better go to Briefing right away, \$R!

Mission Briefing, \$T, \$D. Near the Firekka System, Antares Sector.





Colonel: Pilots, we have an emergency here. Some of you may have heard that the TCS *General Powell---*

---never arrived at her rendezvous point. We thought we'd lost her...a Drayman with 150 marines and a crew of 25.

But we received this emergency communication ten minutes ago:

'This is Major Kristi Marks of Company Zebra. The Kilrathi captured the *Powell* eight hours ago.'

'We've broken out of the cargo hold and are attempting to retake the ship.'
'We've sustained heavy casualties and need immediate assistance. These are our current coordinates:

'160123, 153763, 898324, Terran Standard. Please send help ASAP. Repeat, please send---'

Colonel: That message was cut off during transmission. And we've received no further communications.

We think the cats will try to take the Powell out-system...

...and we've calculated several courses between the Powell's last coordinates and the closest jump points.

Each of you will follow your Nav course until you find the Powell. If she mini-jumps, go to your next Nav point and continue pursuit.

When you find the Powell, escort her back to the *Tiger's Claw* immediately.

Whatever you do, DO NOT attack the Drayman. We can't risk losing that ship.

But if there are any Kilrathi fighters escorting her... don't let any of them escape, pilots. Wing assignments:

The Commander lists the other wing teams, then addresses you:

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Doomsday's Alive	Doomsday's Dead
Colonel: \$C, you and Doomsday are Theta	Colonel: \$C, you're Theta Wing.
Wing again.	

Colonel: You'll fly Dralthi again...Tactical believes we've cracked the Kilrathi recognition codes---

---so with luck, you'll be able to get close to the Drayman before the cats realize you're Terrans.

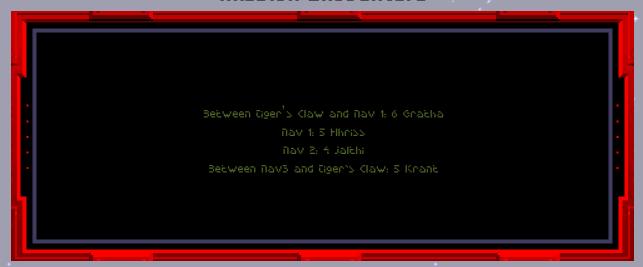
Wait until you see the Kilrathi fire upon the Drayman before you blow your cover. That's all, pilots. You'll launch in four minutes. Dismissed.



Mission 2 - Notes



Mission Encounters



Debriefing -- \$T, \$D.



Colonel: Report, \$C.

Mayorloke I think the Kilrathi didn't realize that we would try to rescue the Drayman.

Our Marines had apparently retaken the ship...

And the cats were trying to kill that transport with everything they had...

This the eats were trying to kin that transport with everything they had			
Drayman Survives	Drayman's Destroyed		
Maverick: But I brought the Powell back, sir.	Maverick: I couldn't bring the <i>Powell</i> back, sir.		
	Colonel: All of those soldiers lost, because of you.		
	Maverick: I'm sorry, sir. I did the best I could.		

Colonel's Mission Report



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Your	Kills		No Kills		
From your flight recorder, I see you nailed \$K of those		No confirmed Kilrathi kills, \$R. What were you doing			
cats.			out there?		· ·
Wingman's Kills		No 1	Kills		Solo
Doomsday took down \$L Ki	ilrathi.	Doomsday came u	p with zero.		
Wingman A	Alive / So	olo	W	ingma	n Dies
			And then the cats killed	d him.	
Øk.		Damn it, the Austin and	d the T	<i>Tiger's Claw</i> can't afford	
		casualties, not now			
Drayman Survives		Drayman's Destroyed			
Major Marks asked me to re	lay her th	anks for the			
rescue. She's in Sickbay with the wounded marines.					
You might want to stop by there before Company Zebra					
leaves for Firekka.					
Receive		Receive	Receive		No Medal
Medal	I	Reprimand	Transfer		
\$C, I	need to s	ee you in my office	later.	*	
Wingma	n's Alive		Wing	man I	Dies / Solo
You're dism	issed, pilo	ots.	You're	dismi	ssed, pilot.
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Winning Path	Losing Path
Corsair System Part 2	Enslaved

Corsair System Part 2



Corsair 1 Rec Room





Shotglass: I just heard a bad rumor, \$R...

There may not be any reinforcements arriving here.

My guess is that HQ thinks we're overextended, an' doesn't want to risk any more ships. All I know for certain is that the *Austin*'s pulling out.

An' I'm hopin' we'll follow them, as soon as the marines are off the planet.

There's a huge enemy fleet near Firekka. Sooner or later, they'll find us hidin' here.

An' then what? We can't win against those odds.

Well, let me get a drink for you. I keep thinkin' about that old Chinese saying.... ...and wonderin' if there'll ever be an end to all of these interestin' times.



Jazz: Well, Maestro, I guess this is good-bye.

I'm glad I had a chance to serve aboard the *Tiger's Claw*.

I've learned a lot here. And I've been doing a lot of thinking---

---'bout what I'm going to do when I'm back on the Austin.

I think my experience here is going to change my entire career.

Mayerick: Glad to hear it, Jazz. And I hope we'll see each other again.

Jazz: I'd bet on it, \$C.



Doomsday: Good day, \$R. I don't know if you'd heard or not...

...Jazz and I are going back to the Austin.

It has been a pleasure to serve with you, \$C.

Mayoride: You're a good wingman, Etienne. I hope we'll fly together against the Kilrathi again, someday.

Doomsday: Perhaps. If the Kilrathi do not destroy us first. Or our ships do not malfunction and self-destruct.

Or we aren't assigned to desk jobs on the opposite sides of the galaxy. Or---



Mission Briefing, \$T, \$D. Corsair System, Antares Sector.





Colonel: Pilots, the good news: Four Marine assault shuttlecraft did a successful splashdown landing on Firekka.

They've left their ships submerged, and are now planning the attack with the Firekka leaders

The bad news: we've detected several wings of Kilrathi fighters on a final approach to the *Tiger's Claw*.

An enemy patrol wing must have tracked our transports back to this system.

We have to destroy them, pilots, before they can confirm our position in this system.

We're launching all wings immediately. Clear this area of any fighters---

--- and then patrol your Nav points for any enemy capital ships.

You wait as the Colonel assigns the other wings.	
Hunter's Alive	Hunters Dead
Colonel: Sigma Wing will be \$C and	Colonel: Sigma Wing will be \$C, flying
Hunter, with \$C as wingleader.	solo.
Colonel: Get out there and stop those fighters, pilots. Dismissed.	

Mission 1 - Notes



Mission Encounters



Mission Debriefing -- \$T, \$D.



Wingman's Alive / Solo		Wingman Dies	
Maverick: Welcome back, \$C. Let's hear your report.		Maverick: I lost Hunter, sir. I tried to save him, but	
		Colonel: I know you did your best, \$N. Tell me what	
		happened.	
Destro	ys Fleet	Some of Fleet Escapes	
Wingman's Alive	Wingman Dies / Solo	Mayerick: The fighters were tough, sir. After tangling	
Maverick: We went after	Mayerick: I went after	with them, I couldn't go after the strike fleet.	
that strike fleet, sir. that strike fleet, sir.		Colonel: That's not good enough, \$C! I expect a hell of	
	P	a lot better from you, mister.	
Ralari's Destroyed		Ralari Escapes	
Mayerick: The Ralari at Nav 2 is history.			
Snakeir's Destroyed		Snakeir Escapes	
Mayerick: The Snakeir wasn't much trouble. It's		+ 1	
splashed.			

Colonel's Mission Report



Your Kills		No Kills	
Your kills totaled \$K, \$C.		You didn't kill a single ship. Why do I keep sending	
		you out?	
Wingman's Kills	No I	Kills	Solo
Hunter killed \$L himself.	Hunter was blanke	ed.	100
Wingman's Alive / Solo		Wingman Dies	
		And then the Kilrathi took him down, damn them all.	
Receive Medal	Receive R	eprimand	No Medal
\$C, I'll need to see you in my office late		r.	
Wingman's Alive		Wingman Dies / Solo	
Dismissed, pilots.		You're dismissed, pilot.	

Gold Star 21+ Kills

Corsair 2 Rec Room





Shotglass: Sorry, \$R, can't pour anything for you. You're within your eight hour limit. I have some real British tea, though, that I keep here for Colonel Roberts.

Mayerick: Thanks, Sam, I'll try some of that. Have you heard any news lately?

Shotglass: Not really. Most of the Bridge officers aren't talkin' much.

I think everyone's waitin' to hear what's happened to the marines on Firekka.

We'll find out real soon, I think.



Knight: \$R! You look like you're holding up well through all of this.

I just keep thinking about our marines. At least we're out here, a safe distance-----from all of those Kilrathi battle fleets. But those marines are right in the thick of it.

And I keep thinking about that flight instructor job.

It might be good, just for once, not to be right in the middle of a hot zone. But I've made my decision. I'm going to stay here, aboard the *Tiger's Claw*.

Mayorida: I think you'd be a great instructor, Joseph.

But I'm glad you're staying with us.

Knight: Thanks, \$C.



Iceman: \$C. I just read a report from Major Baker in the Vega Sector. Apparently they captured two human traitors on the TCS *Winterrowd*. Two of our own people, giving vital military information to the Kilrathi. Now they think there might be a large network of human traitors... ...and they're calling it the 'Society of Mandarins.'

I'm just glad we haven't had any sign of traitors here on the *Tiger's Claw*. Because if there were any here, I'd kill them myself.



Mission Briefing, \$T, \$D. Corsair System, Antares Sector.





Colonel: All right, pilots, we're down to the wire now.

Our marines are in position, and ready to launch their assault.

And the Kilrathi are sending ground troops to stop them.

Your assignment is to intercept and destroy those troopships.

If we fail at this, pilots, and enough enemy troops land on the planet---

---it's likely that none of our marines will survive.

So don't let ANY of the Kilrathi troopships get past you. Understood?

Hunter's Alive	Hunter's Dead
Colonel: \$C! You're with Hunter again, as	Colonel: \$C! You're Mu Wing.
Mu Wing.	

Colonel: Launch and cruise to your Nav One. That's where you'll probably find the first enemy troopship.

Whatever you do, make sure it doesn't mini-jump. If it does, track it to the next Nav point and destroy it.

Check the asteroid field at your Nav 2, then return home.

The Colonel quickly assigns the other wings.

Colonel: All right, pilots. Prepare for immediate launch.

Dismissed.



Mission 2 - Notes



Mission Encounters

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nav 1: Wave 1 - 5 Salthi

Wave 2 - 5 Salthi

Between Nav 1 and Nav 2: 5 Dralthi + 2 Dorkir

Nav 2: 2 Hlhriss
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Mission Debriefing -- \$T, \$D.



Colonel: The other wings encountered a large number of Kilrathi troopships---Some of those Dorkir-class ships got past our fighters, but not many. Let's hear your report, \$C.

Mayorick: There were a lot of enemy ships moving through my Nav course, sir.

The state of the first were a for	of chemy simps moving through my travecture, sir.			
Both Dorkir Destroyed	Dorkir 1 Escapes	Dorkir 2 Escapes	Both Dorkir Escape	
Maverick: I ran into two	Maverick: There were	Maverick: There were	Maverick: I couldn't ice	
Dorkir troop carriers	two Dorkir troop carriers	two Dorkir troop carriers	any of the Dorkir troop	
between Nav 1 and 2.	between Nav 1 and 2. One	between Nav 1 and 2. One	carriers.	
They're both iced.	of them escaped.	of them escaped.	Colonel: Why do I keep	
Colonel: Good work, \$C!	But the other ship was	But the other ship was	sending you out on these	
I'm very impressed.	destroyed, sir.	destroyed, sir.	missions? Your	
	•		incompetence is	
		+	endangering all of us.	
	Colonel: Do you realize your failure on this mission may have doomed our troops on			
	Firekka, pilot?			

Colonel's Mission Report



Your Kills			No Kills	
The recorder credits you with l	The recorder credits you with killing \$K, \$C.		You came up empty, \$C. What the hell were you doing	
8		out there, mister?		
Wingman's Kills No F		Kills	Solo	
I see that Hunter took down \$L	Ĺ.	I see that Hunter d	idn't manage any	
kills.			100	
Wingman Lives / Solo		Wingman Dies		
en e		And then we lost him.		
That's all, \$R. Get some rest b	That's all, \$R. Get some rest before your next mission.			•
Receive Receive		Receive	No Medal	
Medal	R	eprimand	Transfer	r
And I'll need to see you in my office later.				
Dismissed.				

Meanwhile...



Winning Path

Sharrhi Settlement, Southern Hemisphere, Firekka. The Human and Firekkan soldiers launch their assault-----upon the warrior-priestesses of the Kilrathi religious ceremony.

The assault team accomplishes their mission...

but only at a terrible cost.



Losing Path

Sharrhi Settlement, Southern Hemisphere, Firekka. The Human and Firekkan soldiers launch their assault-----upon the Kilrathi religious ceremony -----even though they know they are hopelessly outnumbered.

Their desperate attempt ends in failure... and their deaths.

Winning Path	Losing Path	
Corsair System Part 3	Enslaved	

Corsair System Part 3





Corsair 1 Rec Room





Shotglass: Did you hear the good news, \$C? Our marines trashed the Kilrathi ceremony on Firekka!

And did you hear about Angel's promotion to Major?

Of course, we're still stuck out here with all those damn Kilrathi battle fleets...

...but this is something to celebrate!



Angel: Bon jour, \$C. I hope you are well.

Mayorick: I'm fine, Angel. But no one's seen you at all for the last few days, except at the briefings.

Angel: I know. It was not that I was avoiding you and the others---

---but I needed some time alone. To make a decision.

Colonel Zaritsky has asked me to take command of the Austin's fighter squadron.

I'll be promoted to Major, and will transfer to the Austin at our next rendezvous.

Maverick: That's great news, Angel. I'm really glad for you.

Angel: Merci, my friend. Thank you.



Hunter's Alive	Hunter's Dead	
Spirit: \$C. I was speaking with Hunter a	Spirit: \$C. I was remembering the last	
few hours ago.	time I saw my fiance, on Epsilon Station.	
He is still very distraught over his		
brother's death.		
Swints Many of us have suffered tomible lesses. But I connect step thinking that		

Spirit: Many of us have suffered terrible losses. But I cannot stop thinking that---what we are doing here, it is important. More important than any of us.

I had begun to think that perhaps any war was wrong, that the cost of life is too high. But perhaps there are wars that must be fought, \$C.

And I think our own war against the Kilrathi is one of them.



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Mission Briefing, \$T, \$D. Corsair System, Antares Sector.





Colonel: Pilots, we've received confirmation from the marines on Firekka. They succeeded in disrupting the Sivar ceremony, but took heavy casualties in their mission

And the Kilrathi are patrolling the area to make sure that they can't escape from Firekka.

Four marine ships have already been destroyed, trying to leave the planet.

And we've received another communique from this Prince Thrakhath...

Tactical's very puzzled by this. To send a single-pulse vid message---

---means that the Kilrathi know exactly where we are. But they're talking, not shooting. And what this Prince Thrakhath says is even more interesting...

Thrakhath: 'Human warriors, hear me now. You have proven that you are brave---'
'---astonishingly brave, for mere apes. Because of this bravery---'

'---I shall grant you one quarter of a planetary rotation to leave this sector.'
'But your land soldiers are ours. We shall run them to ground like the apes that they are.'

'Thus speaks Prince Thrakhath, Firstborn of the Firstborn, Heir to Kilrah.'

Colonel: Tactical's conclusion from this is that because the ceremony was interrupted-

---Thrakhath may fear a mutiny among his troops if he orders a general attack. If his soldiers believe that they're destined to die in combat, they won't want to fight. Of course, Thrakhath will probably start using the Kilrathi tactic of shooting troops that disobey direct orders...

But right now, we have time to act before all of his battle fleets converge on us. In case you're wondering about that, pilots, Tactical suggests that we retreat immediately.

And we will, after we rescue our Marine transports. Your job is to find and assist those ships.

Angel's Alive	Angel's Dead
Colonel: Wing assignments\$N and	Colonel: \$C, you're solo on this one.
Devereaux are Omicron Wing.	

Colonel: The transports will be trying to shake their Kilrathi pursuers, so we don't know exactly where you'll find them.

But we've drawn up several possible flight paths to different jump points.

\$C, you'll fly to your Nav 1, destroying any enemy ships you encounter...

...and then return immediately to the *Tiger's Claw*.

Colonel: We're expecting a major Kilrathi attack as soon as Thrakhath rallies his

So get back here as fast as you can, and be ready to defend the Claw.

Because if this carrier is destroyed, you'll have a long walk back to the Vega Sector.

You'll launch in five minutes, pilots. Dismissed.

Mission 1 – Notes



Mission Encounters

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En route to Nav 1: 4 Gratka + 1 Ralari
Nav 1: 4 Krant
En route back to Gger's Claw: 3 Salthi
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Mission Debriefing -- \$T, \$D.



Drayman Survives	Drayman's Destroyed	
	Wingman's Alive / Solo	Wingman Dies
	Colonel: Let's hear your report, \$C.	Colonel: I heard about Angel. Tell
		me what happened, \$C.
	Mayerick: I couldn't help the Drayma	an, sir. Too many enemy fighters.

Colonel: After you launched, we received a distress call from your Nav 1.

One of our Marine transports was there, trying to evade a wing of Krants.

They said that two other transports had left the planet with them, but hadn't survived.

At the jump point, they turned off all power and tried to drift past the Kilrathi patrols.

They said that they'd vented the corridors near their airlocks, and left their own dead floating there---

---so the Kilrathi boarding party would think there were no survivors. But the cats saw through the ruse.

When we received their vidlink message, they were under attack.

Drayman Survives	Drayman's Destroyed	
Mayerick: The Kilrathi were trying to destroy the ship,	Colonel: But you couldn't stop the enemy from	
but I brought the Drayman back intact, sir.	destroying the Drayman, \$C.	
Colonel: I'm impressed with how you handled this	I know you did your best, pilot. But that wasn't good	
situation, \$C. Good work.	enough, not this time.	

Colonel's Mission Report



Your Kills			No Kills	
For the record, you killed \$K.		You struck out, \$Rno kills.		
Ralari's Destroyed	Ralari Escapes			
Including a Ralari. Not bad, \$R.			43	
Wingman's Kills			No Kills	
Angel iced \$L Kilrathi.		Angel didn't ice any Kilrathi.		
Wingman's Alive		Wingman Dies		
And then we lost l		er.		
Receive Medal Receive Reprimand		No Medal		
\$C, I'll want to see you in my office later.				
That's all, \$N. Dismissed.			¥Xe	

Corsair 2 Rec Room





Shotglass: Good to see you, \$R \$N. I'll get one of your usual.

I heard that Maniac was on active duty again.

Let me tell you, \$C, I can't believe they're letting him out of Sickbay.

I guess the Colonel thinks we need all hands on deck right now.

Mayerick: They'd better not assign him as MY wingman.

Shotglass: Me, I'm just hopin' we're leavin' this sector soon---

---'cause the odds of our flying out of here alive are gettin' real unfriendly.



Hunter: Sit down, mate, have a drink!

Don't know whether you heard or not, but I'm on restricted duty again. And it's all because they assigned that loony Maniac as my wingman...

Maverick: What did you do, Hunter?

Hunter: It was nothin', really. Just a little practical joke...

I reprogrammed his ship sensors so he thought he was bein' attacked by a thousand Kilrathi.

Fortunately, the Colonel had disabled the self-destructs on Maniac's ship...

...or the kid might've gone up in a burst of glory right then and there.

Mayorick: I can't believe they're letting him fly again. He's insane.

Hunter: I think we're all a little crazy, mate. Maybe you have to be a little nuts---

---to keep from going completely bonkers in a war like this.



Iceman: Confedhicom sent me a vidlink message two hours ago, \$N...

...the TCS Jerusalem intercepted a slave ship...

...and one of my daughters was aboard.

Julia's not...herself right now---

---she can't talk or take care of herself---

---but I'll see her as soon as we're back in Vega.

It's been six long years, \$C---

---but I'm going to see my little girl again.





Mission Briefing, \$T, \$D. Leaving the Corsair System, Antares Sector.





Colonel: Listen closely, everyone, because we don't have much time.

As you've probably guessed, we're leaving this area as fast as we can.

The Kilrathi battle fleets are maneuvering towards our last position in the Corsair System.

The Kilrathi can't remain in this area much longer, even to pursue the *Tiger's Claw*----because the Confederation is advancing through the abandoned Kilrathi positions in other sectors.

So they'll have to withdraw their forces from this sector, and soon.

But in the meantime, they're probably going to retaliate against the Firekka for disrupting their religious ceremony.

Which could include genocide. At a minimum, the Firekka will be transported outsystem as slaves.

And we're going to try a very dangerous tactic to prevent that.

Our goal is to inflict as much damage as possible on the Kilrathi on our way outsystem.

If we can kill enough of their ships, they won't have enough troops to remain near Firekka AND defend their borders.

Our plan...the *Tiger's Claw* will make several mini-jumps to lure individual Kilrathi capital ships---

---into ambush points. Your assignment is to destroy as many of them as you can.

Pilots, I can't order you to go out on a suicide mission---

---but when you're flying out there, keep this in mind:

There are several million lives at stake on Firekka.

They may not look like us, but they're just as human.

Measure your own lives against that, pilots, and make your own decision.

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Angel's Alive		Angel's Dead	
	Colonel: \$C! You're teamed with Angel	Colonel: \$C! You're Omega Wing.	
	again, as Omega Wing.		
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Colonel: Follow your programmed Nav course. You'll rejoin the *Claw* at the rendezvous point.

The Colonel quickly completes the wing assignments.

Colonel: You'll launch in five minutes, pilots. Dismissed.

Mission 2 - Notes



Mission Encounters



Mission Debriefing -- \$T, \$D.



Colonel: Your report, \$C?				
Cap-ship destroyed		No Cap-ship destroyed		
Dorkir Destroyed	Dorkir Escapes	Wingman's Alive	Wingman's Dies / Solo	
Maverick: The Dorkir is	Maverick: I couldn't take	Maverick: We couldn't	Maverick: I couldn't take	
history.	out the Dorkir.	take out any of the enemy	out any of the enemy	
Fralthi Destroyed	Fralthi Escapes	capital ships, sir.	capital ships, sir.	
Maverick: The Fralthi	Maverick: But I couldn't		+	
wasn't much trouble. It's	slag the Fralthi, sir.		+	
slagged, sir.	P			
Colonel: Excellent, \$C! I knew you wouldn't let us				
down.				





Colonel's Mission Report



Your Kills		No Kills		
The recorder shows you with killing \$K, \$C.		\$C, the flight recorder shows you with no kills. Not		
	good, son.			1
Wingman's Kills	No 1			Solo
Angel took down \$L Kilrathi ships.	Angel didn't take d	lown any enemy		
****	ships.		XX70	D.
Wingman Lives / S	Olo	Wingman Dies		
		And then we lost h		+
Colonel: \$NI don't believe in lying				
We're outnumbered and outgunned his with the total destruction of the		niy way tnis scenari	o can end	
So we're going to retreat immediately		a wa aan da far tha	Eirolde	
except inflict as much damage on t				
Cap-ship destroye		No Cap-ship destroyed		
Colonel: But \$C, you and the other pilotswhat you've		+	сар-ын	destroyed
accomplished is far above the call of	•			
You've flown better than you ever have before, and		•		+ *
against impossible odds.				
If we survive the next few days and return to Confed		g.		
HQ, I'll make sure you're rewarded for this.				a
I'm sure you've heard that I'm transferring to Tactical				
Command. When that happens				
I want you, \$C, to take command of	of the Tiger's Claw			
fighter squadron.				
You've shown resourcefulness, and si				
superhuman talent in these campaign				
and I think you'll be an outstanding squadron				
commander.				
But we're not out of this yet, not by a		D		
Colonel: You're still on Active Duty.				
Receive	Receive	Receive		No Medal
	Reprimand ov my office later. \$0	Transfer		

Gold Star 25+ Kills

Winning Path	Losing Path
Charon System	Enslaved

Dismissed.

Charon System



Charon 1 Rec Room





Shotglass: Did you hear, \$C? We're pullin' out of here.

I'll tell you, I've never been glad that we're retreatin' before.

But this time, I am. At least we'll have a chance to get out of this alive.



Knight: Hello, \$C. Pull up a chair, sit down.
You've probably heard that we're retreating from this sector.
I guess there's nothing else we can do here.
I just hope those Firekka can fight against the Kilrathi on their own.
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And I'm going to be your wingman! Isn't that great?

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Mission Briefing, \$T, \$D. Charon System, Antares Sector.





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with \$C as wingleader.	alone on this run, \$N.	

Colonel: You'll fly to each of your Nav points.

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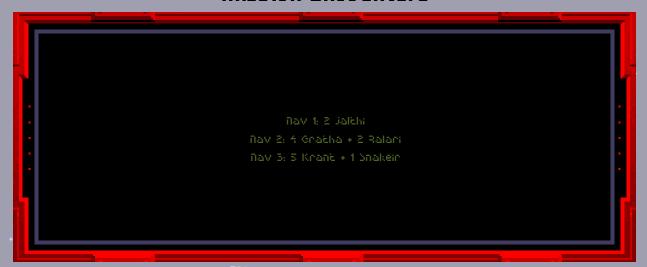
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Mission 1 - Notes



Mission Encounters



Mission Debriefing -- \$T, \$D.



Colonel: Anything to report, \$C?				
Both Ralari Destroyed	Rala	Ralari 1 Destroyed Ralari 2 Destroyed		Neither Ralari Destroyed
Maverick: I destroyed two	Maveric	I attacked two	Maverick: I attacked two	
Ralari at Nav 2.	Ralari at	Nav 2. One is	Ralari at Nav 2. One is	
Colonel: Very impressive,	toasted, s	sir.	toasted, sir.	
\$R!	Colonel:	Good work, son.	Colonel: Good work, son.	*
Snakeir's Destroyed Sn		ikeir Escapes	No Capship Destroyed	
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Nav 3 is history, sir.	P			any enemy capital ships,
				sir.
				Colonel: I am NOT
	+			impressed, pilot.

Colonel's Mission Report



Your Kills		No Kills	
\$C, I see you bagged \$K		\$C, I see you didn't bag any cats	
Wingman's Kills	No l	Kills	Solo
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Wingman Lives / Solo		Wingman Dies	
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		you survived, \$N.	
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Receive Medal	Receive Medal Receive Reprimand		No Medal
And I need to see you in my office later.			
Dismissed.			

Medal of Valor 12+ Kills



Charon 2 Rec Room





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Mission 2 - Notes



Mission Encounters



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Colonel's Mission Report

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Enslaved 1 Rec Room





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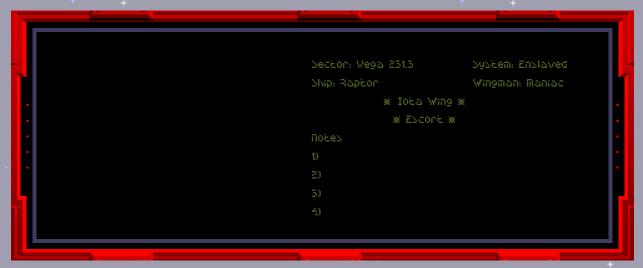
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Mission Encounters



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\$R	Good work, son.	Good work, son.	T	
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Maverick The Snakeir carrier at Nav 3 is history, sir.		Mayerick: Couldn't nail any enemy capital ships, sir.		
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