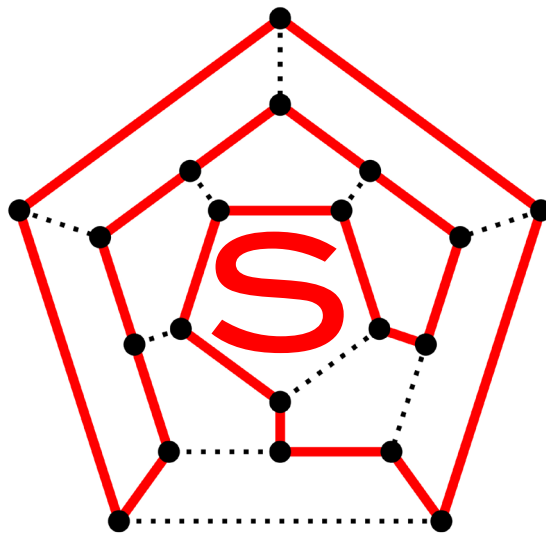


The Secret Project

According to the classified briefing that you received, the product is no less than a fully functional teleportation system. Such a system could revolutionize every single aspect of society. No more highway system. No more shipping overseas. No more travel by space shuttle. No more border security. How will it change transportation? Industry? Urban development? Space exploration? Warfare?

The Facility

Though they are making big promises, the SAT labs are pretty small and humble. Just a single smallish lab and a few other rooms. Are these three scientists the only science staff that they have? Did they really make this amazing breakthrough as a modest little garage startup? You had heard amazing things about Sufficiently Advanced Technologies. The reality seems to be... smaller. Not the giant well funded lab that you were expecting from their press releases.



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Welcome to Sufficiently Advanced Technologies!

Everyone in a high tech industry has heard of **Sufficiently Advanced Technologies**. It's the impressive little startup that snatched up some of the world's leading physicists.

Led by maverick businessman **Alan Smithee**, the company has been spawning rumors and buzz aplenty, even without ever announcing what it's been working on.

Everyone seems to have a theory about what the secret project is. You have heard several before you were invited to this presentation. Some theories are mundane, some are outlandish. All of them were wrong.



Background

You are a human from about twelve thousand years in the future. By that point in time, controlled manipulation of the time stream is allowed under strict supervision of the arrogant alien **Infinity Guardians**. The meddling interference of the

You were a temporal technician in the future, until Ushas ruined everything. You had been sending weaponry back in time to the civil war of the **Jagoroth** people. The Jagoroth are nasty, brutish thugs that will do a lot of harm to humanity in the distant future. You thought that you could save lots of human lives by sending progressively larger weapons back to Jagoroth warriors. Eventually, if they got a good enough doomsday device, they'd wind up destroying themselves.

Ushas, a rogue Infinity Guardian, put an end to that plan. She showed up from out of nowhere, discovered what was going on and destroyed your time travel equipment. Your entire time lab was destroyed in a massive chronaton explosion. Then she just disappeared again, apparently thinking you were dead. Cavis showed up shortly thereafter, and asked for your help finding and punishing Ushas.

Due to the explosion, your experience of the timestream is unusual. Unstable. Sometimes you get visions of

future events or don't remember parts of your own history. You can intuitively sense unusual temporal energy fields. When you examine an object or person, you can sense if it is a time traveller or otherwise has experienced unusual energy fields recently.

(Any player character and some items will have a letter in brackets, like this: [J]. If that letter is a consonant, then everything is normal. If it is a vowel, then something weird is up, though you don't know what exactly. Maybe a time traveller, maybe something else.)

Goals

Get revenge on Ushas. She wrecked your lab, ruined your plan, left you for dead and gave you a weird energy-sensing power. You want to see her punished for what she did. Preferably by your own hand. **Cavis** is your ticket to finding Ushas.

Get other alien races to leave humanity alone. All that you want is for the alien races to leave humanity in peace. That means the Jagoroth, the Infinity Guardians and anyone else. Humanity should be able to guide itself through life, for good or ill. Not be shepherded around like schoolkids or manipulated from behind the scenes.

Learn more about this strange new power. You've only been able to sense energy fields for a short time, and you're uncertain how it works. You should test it out, and maybe have a scientist check it out.

Sentient Races

The Humans - You don't know these people in particular, but you value human life over all the weird alien species that exist in the universe.

The Infinity Guardians - Powerful time travellers that think they know everything. You'd much prefer they stayed out of humanity's way, but it's hard to argue with people that can prevent your birth from happening.

Ushas - She destroyed everything you had ever accomplished. So you want revenge on her. She's disguised herself as a human being, but she's here somewhere. Find her and make her pay.

Cavis - You're going along with her because you both want to see Ushas captured and punished. Otherwise, you'd be unlikely to help her. But that's enough for you to keep working with her for the present moment at least. Once Ushas is caught, then who knows?

The Jagoroth - Manipulative little reptiles that never die. Always backstabbing and destroying things. Their civil war was one of many started when some Jagoroth got a big head and decided to become warchief. These upstarts either win and take control or they lose and are exiled to some deserted planet somewhere.