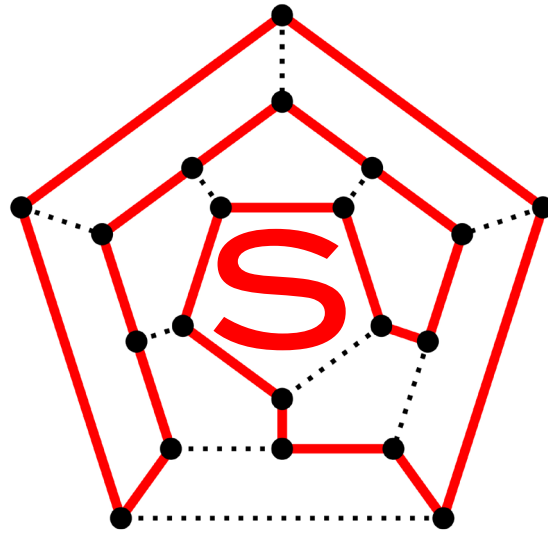


## The Secret Project

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 didn't spend a lifetime leading soldiers into battle so that you could sit through some boring science lecture. But that dab-blasted Secretary of Defense says that "*the weapons of tomorrow's wars are unimaginable today.*" Or something like that.

In the end, it means that you gotta go from lab to lab seeing every overgrown science fair project the country has to offer. This egghead colony has produced some sort of teleportation array. Big promise, maybe, but you've seen enough of these project demos to know that it'll come with a bunch of qualifications and "theoreticals" thrown in. The important thing is whether or not you can use it to kill some terrorist overseas. **You're betting it can't**, so you're not really interested in much that the labcoats have to say.

Your real orders are to find the security leak in the company. Defense Intelligence Agency sources suggest that someone within **Sufficiently Advanced Technologies** is selling high end technology off to foreign black markets. You're supposed to sniff the rats out and cage them up, though the DIA didn't give you much to go on. You've been told that the smugglers use the cover of "**The Temple Foundation**". It's not much to go on, but it's the only useful lead. So ask around.

## Goals

**Blow off these Eggheads.** These science types are just looking for some of Uncle Sam's deficit-bought dollars so that they can keep working on their little "theoretical" math problems. So show the project's shortcomings. Ask difficult questions. Poke and prod at things to see how they'd fare in a battlefield situation. Find out how long it'll be before you can use this to send soldiers right into the enemy HQ. Or better yet, how long until you can teleport Osama bin Laden right into a jail cell for some "enhanced interrogation".

**Find the technology smugglers.** This junk is useless to your military objectives. But that doesn't mean that Uncle Sam want it falling into North Korean hands, or Iran's or Osama's. Maybe our rival nations would figure out proper teleportation first. Or maybe it'd let them develop some other weird scifi weapon. America's technological superiority is maintained by **keeping our technology ours**. So find whoever it is that's letting the technology go up for sale overseas, and put an end to it one way or another.

**Evaluate Lt. Plinger's mental state.** The girl had a bout of "Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder". Nothing shameful with that: you've seen lots of good soldiers break under pressure. But now you're supposed to watch over the kid, and let the army shrinks know if she's ready for action again.

## People You Know

**Lt. Gladys Plinger** - While serving in Afghanistan, Plinger saw some heavy action. She was found miles away from her post, with a crazy story about angels or something. Turns out her entire squad had been killed in an enemy ambush. Except for Plinger. She's been on psychiatric leave ever since. Bodyguarding you is her first job back in action. The brass chose this job so that you can babysit the kid. Watch to see if everything's right in her noggin or if she still has a coupla screws loose. Keep her under control if she ain't right in the head.

**Alan Smithee** - Money grubbin weasel looking to take some of Uncle Sam's hard earned tax dollars to make himself rich.

**Helen Swanetsky, David Agnew, Eleanor Braxiatel** - Rich snooty types that never worked hard in their lives, now looking for a company that they can buy to make themselves even more obscenely rich.

**Scientists** - Always spouting gobbledygook about elementary particles, timespace fields, extra dimensions and such. Do any of these things help you kill a man? Do they save the lives of your soldiers? These physics projects are always the worst: the least practical applications and most expensive costs. That's why Kennedy made NASA, ain't it? So that the eggheads could handle the egghead stuff and the military could get on with the "defending America" stuff?