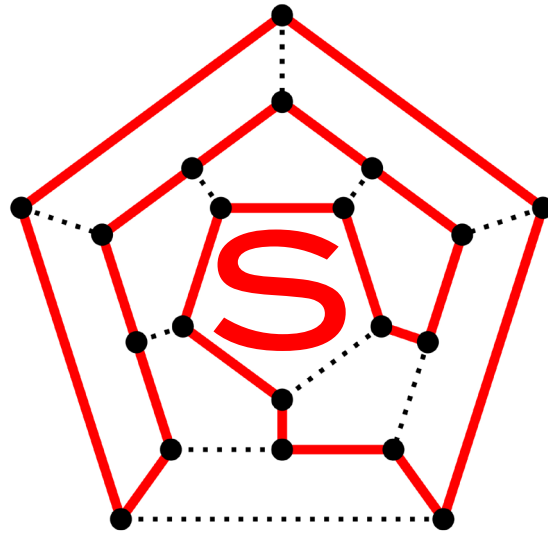


The Secret Project

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

When the miracle occurred, they called you crazy. Fighting in Afghanistan, your platoon was caught in a deathtrap. Only you survived. No one in the brass could explain what happened to the out there or how you had survived. But no one was willing to believe your story about an attack by alien monsters and a mysterious lady who moved you hundreds of miles in an instant. From out of nowhere, she rescued you. But no one even believed she existed.

You were forced into treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, but you found other ways of dealing with your mystery event. You investigated the truth of what happened. Seeking the truth hiding behind the news stories, you have discovered a terrible world-spanning conspiracy controlling the government, the military, corporations. Everything.

This sinister group is **The Temporal Foundlings**. It is led by an ancient cult of high priests that claim (falsely?) to be time travelers from the distant future. They control the government, and they guide mankind to build advanced scientific creations. They cause all wars. They cause the ambush that killed your squadmates. The Temporal Foundlings control everything from behind the scenes.

You've been trying to spread the word on your website. Most visitors seem to think that you're some sort of paranoid crank. Are you really crazy if there really is a worldwide conspiracy of evil?

The military brass has finally decided to give you a shot back at active duty. It's just a babysitting mission, and the highers-up expect that it'll be easy. A good way to get back into the job after your mandatory psychiatric leave.

But when you were briefed on the project, you immediately recognized the handiwork of the Temporal Foundlings. This teleportation project is a thinly veiled attempt at creating a time machine so that the cult's high priests can travel into the future. Or maybe the past. Anyway, this entire operation has the conspiracy's taint all over it. If you understand Einstein correctly, then a device that teleports in space could also teleport in time. Based on your other readings, you know that the conspiracy will use the device in a variety of nefarious schemes. You should verify their involvement, and end the project by whatever means you can. A working time machine would be used in terrible ways by a malevolent group like them.

People You Know

General Duggan - you're his bodyguard. Which is really the brass giving you kiddie missions while they evaluate if you're ready for action again. No one is expecting any danger for this blowhard while he's looking at the science fair projects.

Helen Swanetsky - That's *her*. The mysterious lady. She appeared from nowhere, rescued you, fought off the demonic monster (whatever it was), returned you to base and disappeared. Who is she, and why did she save you? Is she one of the Temporal Foundlings? A rogue Foundling? Is she here to stop their evil machinations?

Goals

Investigate and stop the wrongdoings of The Temporal Foundlings.

This project is clearly their work: an attempt to travel in time to their "home time". They may have said it was for physical teleportation, but you recognize a time machine project when the briefing starts mentioning "closed timelike loops."

Prove to everyone that you're sane. Which should be easy, because you are sane, right? I mean, sure, raving about a global conspiracy bent on mankind's downfall may sound paranoid. But is it paranoia if they really are out to get you?

Protect General Duggan. That's your actual military mission. See that no harm comes to *Mr. Four Stars*.