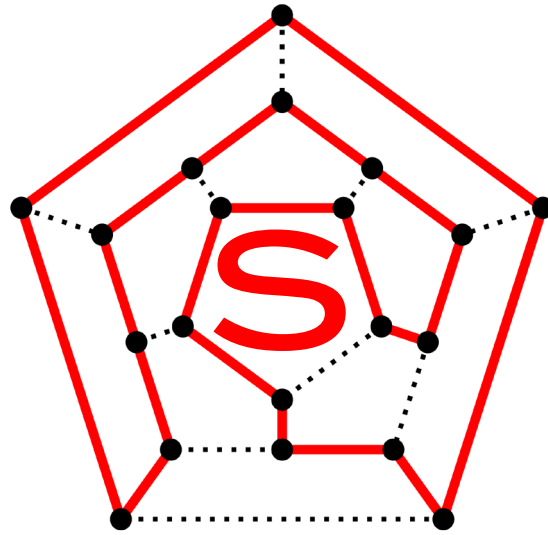


The Test Run

The project has struggled with constant delays, budgetary concerns and technical malfunctions. The initial test run of the **Kerensky Translocation Array** didn't happen until three days ago, long after this project demonstration had been scheduled. The test had some problems of its own, though it appeared to be successful. The data from the test run is very odd, though. Nonetheless, Mr. Smithee presses on for a full demonstration for investors.

During the test run, the **Quantum Flux Doorway** (labelled "Alpha") was damaged. No one is sure how or why. Therefore, the demonstration will have to use the backup Quantum Flux Doorway (labelled "Beta"). The Quantum Flux Doorway creates the tiny wormhole that allows for teleportation, so it is a key component of the array.

The other pieces of the Array, like the **Safety Interlocks** and the **Crypto-Anagon Transmitter** are still in working order. Which is lucky, because you don't have backups for either of those. The Safety Interlocks keep the experiment from getting dangerous. The Crypto-Anagon Transmitter controls the destination of the teleportation beam.



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Alan Smithee

Project ISIS presentation

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Welcome to Sufficiently Advanced Technologies!

We hope that your employment at **Sufficiently Advanced Technologies** will be an enjoyable one. You will hopefully find your employer, **Alan Smithee**, an agreeable one. **Dr. Kerensky** will be project supervisor for **Project ISIS**. If you have any questions or concerns please direct them to Dr. Kerensky or to Mr. Smithee.

The ISIS Project

As you know, **Project ISIS** is an attempt to create a functioning teleportation device, utilizing Dr. Kerensky's radical new breakthroughs in theoretical physics.



Background

This is your last chance to make it big. Your company, **Sufficiently Advanced Technologies**, is way overleveraged into debt you can never repay. Unless, of course, you get a juicy military contract or some rich eccentric to act as sugar daddy.

So you've been working your staff hard, rushing to get to the demonstration stage. Your test run was repeatedly plagued with delays, but finally happened three days ago. The sciences types are worried about some odd data they got in the test, but it was clearly good enough to use as a proof of concept. The teleportation doorway thingy opened, and that is good enough to start showing off.

You had to sell of shares of stock to keep afloat. You're not sure who's been buying them, though. You've investigated a few of the purchasers, but they all seem to be front companies. It looks like they all lead back to something called **The Tempus Foundation**. You don't know who or what that is. They seemed to push for this teleportation project pretty strongly, though.

You've been keeping the project a secret, partly to generate some industry buzz. The tech magazines like juicy rumors and gossip, which works best if you're publicly closed lipped but behind the scenes seeding stories to reporters. But your careful secrecy is being compromised by some stupid conspiracy nut online. A

week ago, you found a website of some crazy conspiracy theory involving time travel. Nothing odd about that; there are a lot of weirdos online. But the important thing was that it included key details on **Kerensky's Translocation Array**. Details that no one should know, except for the company employees and the investors who received briefing packets. Someone read their briefing packet and posted classified details online. You want to hunt down the leak, figure out who's spreading the word. Confidentially, of course; if the investors learn of a security leak, it might hurt your chances of making a sale.

Goals

Hide your lost wealth. People trust big projects to successful people, not to penniless garage inventors. It's important that you appear wealthy if you want to become wealthy.

Find who really owns Sufficiently Advanced Technologies. And discover what their plans for the company are. Who is **the Tempus Foundation**? What are they up to? Make sure they involve you getting rich.

Sell the project to one of the big investors. If you can get a few tens of millions, then that would get the company out of debt. If you can add some zeroes on the end of the number, then all the better for you.

Find the person leaking confidential information about the project onto the Internet. They're just running a crazy conspiracy website, but it's worrying how they released confidential details of the project.

People You Know

Dr. Kerensky, Dr. Bread and Tara Samms - These are scientists working for you. They're working hard, but the stress is getting to them. Every time they complain, you just tell them that they can take a break once the big demo for investors is over.

Mr. Manciple - Your Public Relations man. He knows this project as well as any of the actual scientists.

General Duggan, Helen Swanetsky, David Agnew - These are the potential investors that you're trying to impress. You need at least one of them to sign on to the project. Two or more would be even better. A bidding war for exclusive control would be beautiful.

Bella Spelvin - A journalist covering the "big reveal". She was present for the first test run, and now is here to cover the demonstration. You want all the good press you can get, so try to keep her happy and impressed. Tara Samms convinced you to let her in. Any press from here on is a good thing, as far as you're concerned.

Lady Eleanor Braxiatel - *Holy shit.* You thought that **the Braxiatel Corporation** might send a scout. But not that the CEO herself would come. She's ludicrously rich and powerful. Why is she here? Does she own **the Tempus Foundation**, perhaps?