



N°3 • SPECIAL EDITION



THE THERIANS STRIKE AGAIN !



THE DIRE BATTLES OF DAMOCLES!

Our brave soldiers are facing a new increase in violence: lately the morphos have been deploying their most destructive weapons, in an attempt to counter the victorious advance of our expeditionary corps. This picture, taken by our own daredevil of a war correspondent, Miss J. Casey (*see page 2*), clearly shows the fire power deployed by the Therians' demonic machines: here come the golgoths. These events also lead to more questions concerning the power left in the hands of our leaders once the operation over and won.

EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT GOLGOTH BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK!

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It is a morphos spy! What to do?

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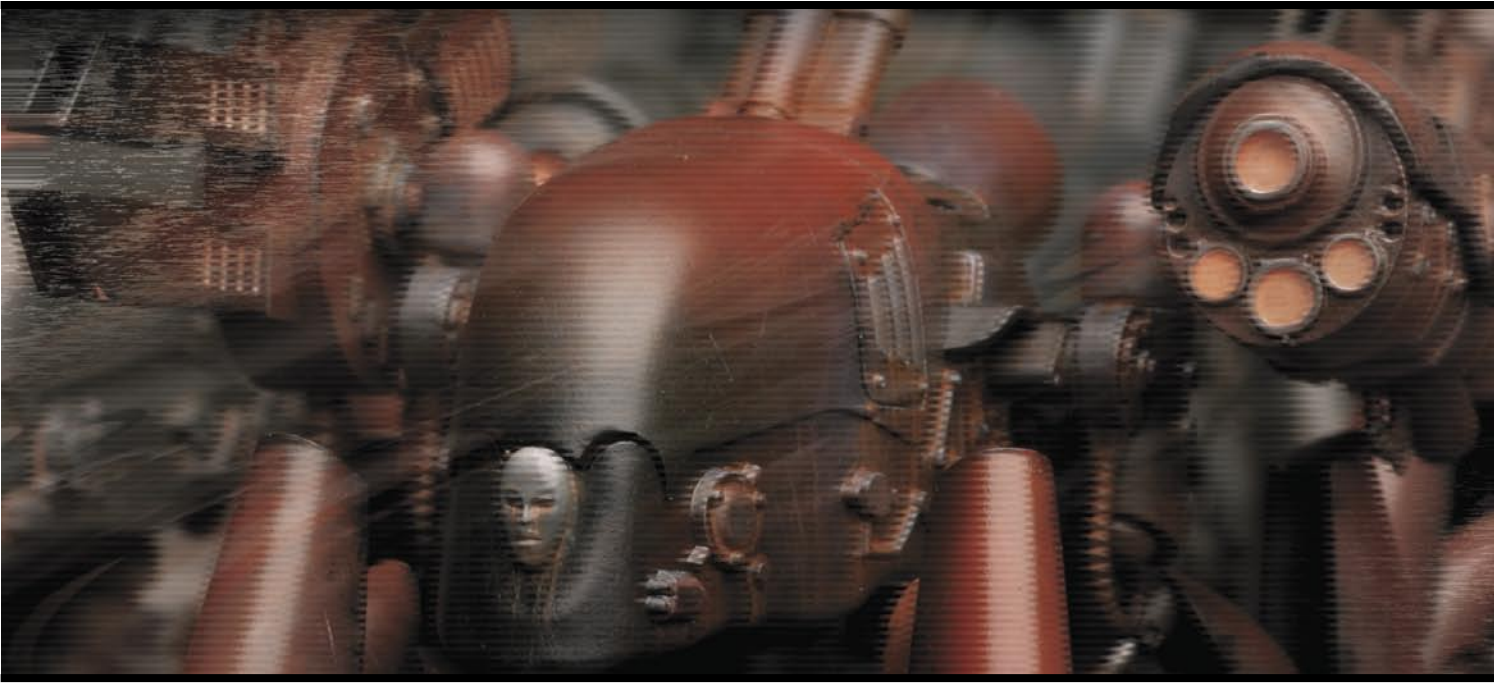
Who benefits from the war?

What if the government did not want to destroy Damocles?

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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: TOE TO TOE WITH A RED GOLGOTH!

Miss J. Casey, our war correspondent on Damocles, has interviewed a private from the prestigious steel trooper corps. This brave soldier was one of the first to encounter a new type of golgoth, a red one. Could the Therians have turned collectivist?

J. Casey : Good morning dear reader. I'm currently in one of the White Stars rear bases, where I have, I must say, the privilege of sharing the life of the veterans, who are back from the front and enjoying some well deserved rest. Today, one of these heroes has accepted to be interviewed. However, quite understandably, he wishes to remain anonymous. Well, Private, a bend seems to have appeared on the road to victory, would you confirm this?

Private (anonymous) : Yes Miss Casey, you could say it that way. Those bloody morphos are getting more and more aggressive each time we go down there. And not only that...now there's those red golgoths too.

J.C. : The red golgoths? Our readers have never heard anything about it...

P : Couldn't say I'm surprised or anything. Headquarters have made it clear not to talk to anyone about it. Anyway, now we know nothing but rubbish. Back then though, we had the

shakes-o-meter way down below zero! Two or three weeks ago, we were receiving reports concerning new models of golgoths equipped with twin weapons. We started spotting them soon after that...the red golgoths, I mean!

J.C. : Tell us more about your encounter with the "red golgoth"!

P : That day we had been the spearhead unit in the assault. We were holding a position deep inside enemy lines, after the offensive. So the morphos obviously come running in on us. A bloody load of golems and they're shooting nanomunitions all over the place. Of course, they're followed by a golgoth, your regular one. So I'm thinking there's my costumer, as I'm in charge of the missile launcher. I've got my eye on the scope, scanning the area the leader had pointed to, ready to lock... It's then that I spot it. It's the same kind of giant crab everybody knows, but this one's red! So I give him a first taste of my medicine, it just takes it like that. I could have thrown

cookies at it, it would have been all the same. Those things are damn thick you know. The steel TacArms have a go at it too; they manage to damage it a bit. The lieutenant, who's got something up there, he understood it all right away. He's like: "red that's the Blok's color, isn't it?" I didn't stop to think anyway. I'm reloading and sending it my first missile's twin sister, straight into its big nasty toaster's face. My girl here locks on and the baby homes in directly on a laser gun impact. The crab gets its second taste of missile medicine but has problems digesting it this time. So I'm there telling myself I could have just downed my first collectivist Therian! Anyway it turned out, after the baldies, sorry, our experts analyzed what was left of it, that it was just a regular crab but painted red. It was a close one though...

– Interview recorded by J. Casey

MUNCHY'S GUIDE FOR LITTLE TROOPERS

Munchy tells us what to do in case of a morphos invasion!



Your toaster is talking to you?

What can you do? Today, Let's learn the ten adamant rules to follow in case of a morphos invasion!

1/ The alarm is ringing. This means the morphos are attacking us! Remain calm and head for the nearest barracks. Be as disciplined as the exemplary steel troopers!

- 2/** If you see a morphos but the alarm has not sounded, tell your parents or else immediately call the nearest barracks or police station!
- 3/** Unplug all electric equipment. They are machines just like them!
- 4/** The police and army are there to protect you. Do what they tell you to do without any questions.
- 5/** Leave your resources and those of your parents at the police's and army's disposal. They will know what to do with them to save the nation.
- 6/** If you ever witness a fight, do not intervene. Let the professionals do their job!
- 7/** The morphos can sense heat, colors, movement and sounds. Seek a heat source and remain still and silent close to it, in the dark!

- 8/** If the morphos are blocking your way, try to get around them as discreetly as possible. No use opposing them, the White Stars will take care of that!
- 9/** If it cannot be avoided, put up a good fight. Attack them with what ever you have! We are fighters, not cowards!
- 10/** You believe your neighbor or a relative is working for the morphos or wishes in anyway for the invasion to happen? Tell your parents, the police or the army!



THE DAMOCLES THREAT STILL LOOMING OVER AVA!

It has been several months now since we have sent the first White Stars to Damocles. And yet the factory world’s course is unchanged. Did we measure the full extent of the threat?

When he embarked aboard the UNSS *Battleaxe*, General MacBright promised to sacrifice everything to save the U.N.A. from the Damocles menace. Space Marshal Sanchez had entrusted him with our best men, the steel troopers. We all believed it would only be a matter of weeks before General MacBright’s intervention force would have deactivated Damocles.

“While facing crushing numbers of machines”

Today the official reports and the testimonies of our veterans are telling us that the factory world is a gigantic labyrinth swarming with morphos. Our soldiers are forced to evolve in a highly hostile and disturbing environment. While facing crushing numbers of machines. However, the objectives of Operation Damocles are about to be fulfilled. It might not have been conquered yet, but General MacBright has the entire factory world mapped out. He now knows its forces and weaknesses. He has even secured a bridgehead on the planet and is about to start burrowing deep inside Damocles. But to do so, he needs reinforcements.

Yet some of us are wondering if it is really necessary to send so many of our men to fight so far away: What will we do once Damocles comes knocking at our door? Was it a good idea to refuse the Red Blok’s support? Who can assure us that the morphos’ technology has not known breakthroughs similar to our own, over the last forty three years?

“What lies ahead of us?”

As it is today, I only have questions and no one to give me answers. Space Marshal Sanchez has promised a press conference, but it is obvious that her staff is stirring, some would say in panic.

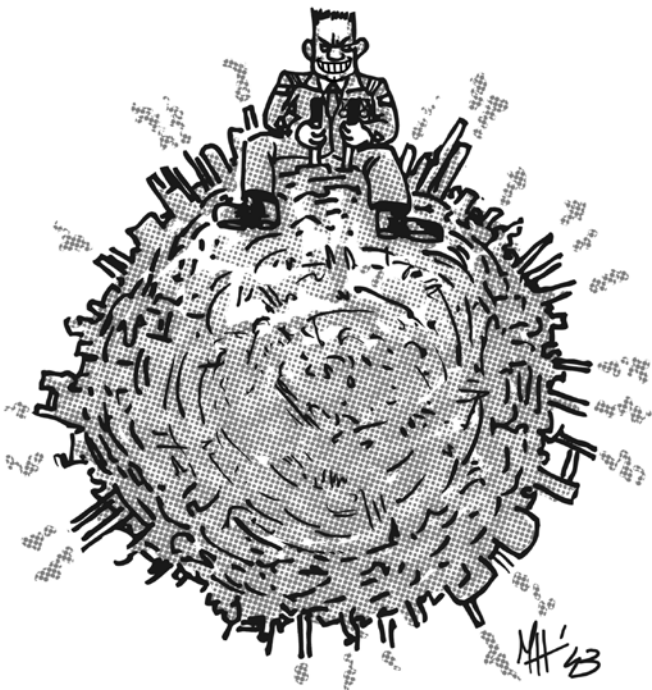
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What lies ahead of us? And more importantly, what does the future hold for the thousands of men and women fighting the morphos peril every day on Damocles?

A. Baker



WHO BENEFITS FROM THE WAR? OPERATION DAMOCLES: CONFLICT OR CONSPIRACY?



Each day, President Archer and her “staff” of ministers congratulate themselves for the victories of the White Stars in the entrails of the morphos factory world. Each day, hundreds of soldiers sacrifice their lives, leaving behind them widow and orphans. But as we find out that the Red Blok is on its way to the factory world, the Ava Daily ponders.
Is the White Stars’ sacrifice necessary for the survival of our ideals and of our species? Or does it serve the interests of our leaders’ ambitions instead?

President Archer’s speech rings like a fairy tale. Forty three years ago, the Therians had come to annihilate life on Ava. We believed it was over, we thought we had chased them out of our system, but they are back! The Damocles factory world, a gigantic mechanical vessel, is heading straight for our beautiful planet. Fortunately, the Whites Stars of the U.N.A. were prepared. They are already launching a counter offensive in the name of Ava and its inhabitants. How altruistic!

“But what is this cause we are talking about?”

We could almost believe that this war will be the last... But are we not forgetting that only a few months ago the White Stars were still fighting against the Red Blok? Blue on Red. Avan to Avan. Damocles comes along and everything is forgotten? Do you really believe in fairy tales?

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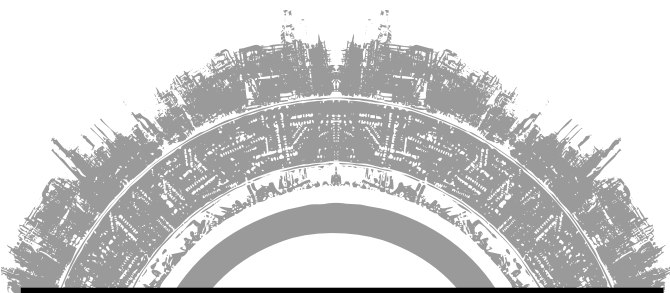
President Archer and her administration have showed themselves unbelievably bold in sending our brothers and sisters to fight on Damocles. Thanks to agent Zero (see *Ava Daily*, special edition n° 1), we know that the scientists of M.Ind have wasted no time in sending back morphos equipment for study. Even more surprising, our sources have reported some scary details under the code name “Intrusion” (http://www.at-43.com/pdf_multi/AT-43_mission_04_EN.pdf), a suicide mission during which our best elements, the steel troopers,

were issued orders to hack into the EMI grid, the Therian global resource system!

“Who would discard such a weapon when you can gain control of it?”

Of course, Syndicate tells us that they are doing it for mankind’s best. If our brave White Stars manage to short-circuit Damocles, the morphos are going straight to the dumpster. Our soldiers will be heroes and the U.N.A. will have saved Ava. But a question still needs to be answered. Who would discard such a weapon when you can gain control of it? Let’s not be fooled, the main virtue of the U.N.A. has never been altruism but profit! Think about it.

N. Hoï



MARCH 2007: NEW TROOPS ON DAMOCLES!

UNIT BOX: WRAITH GOLGOTH

UNIT BOX: RED WRAITH GOLGOTH

The Wraith assault golgoth is a semi autonomous combat system based on a medium assault frame. It combines solidity and multiple core system patterns to guarantee maximum survival span. Designed to be an extremely mobile command unit, the assault golgoth was envisioned to become, first of all, the overseers' favorite vehicle on the battlefield.

This box contains a Wraith golgoth. Its versatile armament guarantees its efficiency against a large range of threats: the dreaded

medium sonic cannon is ideal against soldiers and the medium nucleus cannon works marvels against armored fighting vehicles. This golgoth comes in two colors to allow you to differentiate your units easily. Thanks to the extra weapon hidden in the container, a medium nucleus cannon or a medium sonic cannon, you can transform your Wraith into one of its variants and get a sneak preview of the Incubus golgoth, specialized in anti tank combat, or the Poltergeist golgoth, the nightmare of any infantry platoon.

THIS UNIT BOX CONTAINS: A UNIT OF 1 MINIATURE, 1 CONTAINER, 1 WEAPON AND 4 REFERENCE CARDS FOR AT-43®.



ATTACHMENT BOX: STORM GOLEMS

Welcome, Overseer. I am your tactical system and I hope you will enjoy the many battles in which I will gladly second you. You have been authorized to constitute an extended unit of type 2 "storm golem" attack systems.

This Attachment Box contains a storm golem overseer with nanoblaster and reaper blades, two storm golems with sonic gun, two storm golems with flamer and a storm golem relay with nanoblaster and reaper blades.

With these extra choices, your Therian soldiers will get real leadership and a wider range of special weapons. Flamer or Sonic gun, devastating rate of fire or napalm tidal waves? Adapt your methods to your opponent.

THIS ATTACHMENT BOX CONTAINS: 6 MINIATURES AND 7 REFERENCE CARDS FOR AT-43®.



ATTACHMENT BOX: STEEL TROOPERS

Until now the White Stars were only warming up. Now the commanding officers are entering the battle, new heavy weapons are changing the face of the war and the specialists are directly supporting the men and the combat machines. The true White Stars are landing on your game table. Your opponents should get used to the bitter taste of defeat...

An officer, a missile launcher bearer, a laser gun bearer, a MG bearer, a medic and a mechanic are here to enhance your steel troopers units. Multiply your possibilities and increase the efficiency of your army...

THIS ATTACHMENT BOX CONTAINS: 6 MINIATURES AND 7 REFERENCE CARDS FOR AT-43®.



UNIT BOX: STAR TROOPERS

The star troopers are the regular White Stars troops... Naturally anything regular in the armed forces of the U.N.A. would be extraordinary anywhere else. The star troopers training cycle is designed for the mass production of professional soldiers. The star troopers are gathered in large units whose efficiency is due to both the quality and the number of its soldiers.

The star troopers are the ideal complement to steel trooper units. They drown the enemy in a hailstorm of bullets with their assault rifle. And when the MG starts playing, the hailstorm becomes a hurricane. For further tactical potential, one of the star troopers can be promoted Sergeant.

THIS UNIT BOX CONTAINS: A UNIT OF 8 MINIATURES AND 3 REFERENCE CARDS FOR AT-43®.



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