

Incident Report

Date: July 14, 2485

Vessel: U.S.S. Chara

Incident Type: Warp Core Cascade Sabotage

Outcome: Catastrophic destruction of the carrier, resulting in over 18,000 fatalities and 2,000 survivors.

Summary:

On July 14, 2485, the U.S.S. Chara, a carrier class vessel housing 20,000 personnel, was destroyed in a catastrophic warp core failure. An embedded Kiyan agent executed a sophisticated sabotage operation, bypassing multiple safety protocols and engineering safeguards to induce an uncontrollable matter-antimatter cascade. The failure led to the near total obliteration of the ship and payload, with traceable energy signatures suggesting deliberate tampering.

Hypothesized Sabotage Details:

Note: All information is subject to change given situation and lack of concrete information outside of Blackbox system recordings.

Step 1: Disabling Automatic Safety Locks

- The agent first disabled the automated safety locks on the matter and anti-matter intake valves.
- By ensuring the valves could not shut during a cascade detection, this action prevented the system's automatic shutdown procedures from engaging.

Step 2: Rupturing Matter and Anti-Matter Conduits

- Conduits leading into the warp core were intentionally ruptured to eliminate back-pressure mechanisms.
- This created a slow, traceable leak of matter and anti-matter into maintenance areas.
- The leakage could have been identified during routine diagnostics but was likely overlooked or dismissed as inconsequential, ensuring the sabotage remained undetected until too late.

Step 3: Disabling Gravity Conduits

- The agent sabotaged the gravity conduits responsible for funneling anti-matter into the nacelles and the warp field rectification grid.
- This disruption ensured that gravitons, necessary for stabilizing the warp bubble, could not be emitted, further destabilizing the system.

Step 4: Overloading the Warp Core

- With the safeguards disabled, the agent started the warp core and maximized the flow rate of matter and anti-matter.
- The absence of operational safety mechanisms allowed the core's reactions to spiral out of control, producing a rapid and uncontrollable energy cascade.

Step 5: Destruction Ensues

- Within moments, the destabilized warp core reached critical levels.
- The resulting cascade annihilated the core and propagated through the ship, triggering a chain reaction that obliterated the Chara entirely.

Casualty Report:

- **Fatalities:** ~15,000 (75% of the total crew and personnel)
- **Missing:** ~3,000 (15%)
- **Survivors:** ~2,000, primarily those located outside the fallout zone or on external maintenance assignments.

Aftermath:

- Investigations revealed energy signatures consistent with Kiyan sabotage methods.
- The agent responsible is presumed to have perished in the explosion, though records remain inconclusive.
- Survivors, including Junior Engineer Eleanor Keener, suffered severe injuries, with several requiring extensive medical intervention. Keener herself underwent cybernetic reconstruction due to injuries sustained during her efforts to assist in minimizing damage to the ship and human life.
- The loss of the U.S.S. Chara represents one of the most devastating single-ship incidents in the history of Sol.
- Internal Security Chief Gabriel Renault made claims against Chief Engineer Damien Thorne and Junior Engineer Eleanor Keener, claiming that the individuals had been aware of the sabotage plan, and that insider knowledge was the reason for their survival. View court documents for full detail.