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Featuring



Erwin Pries



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# THE MYSTERY OF STRANGERVILLE

## A Simmer Tales Story

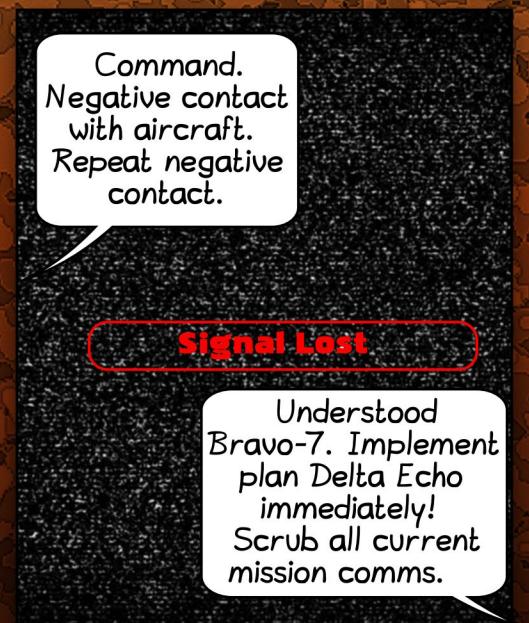
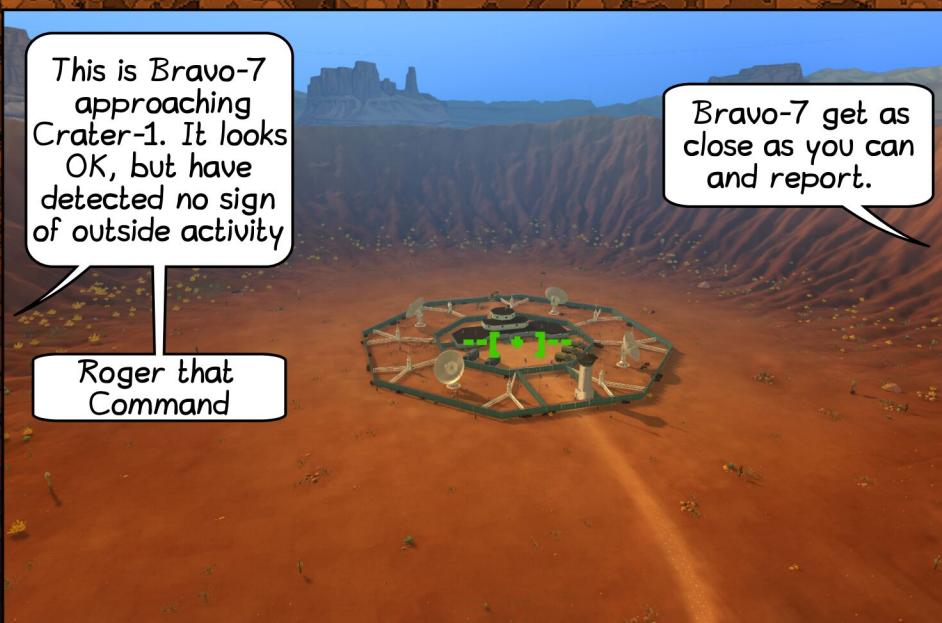
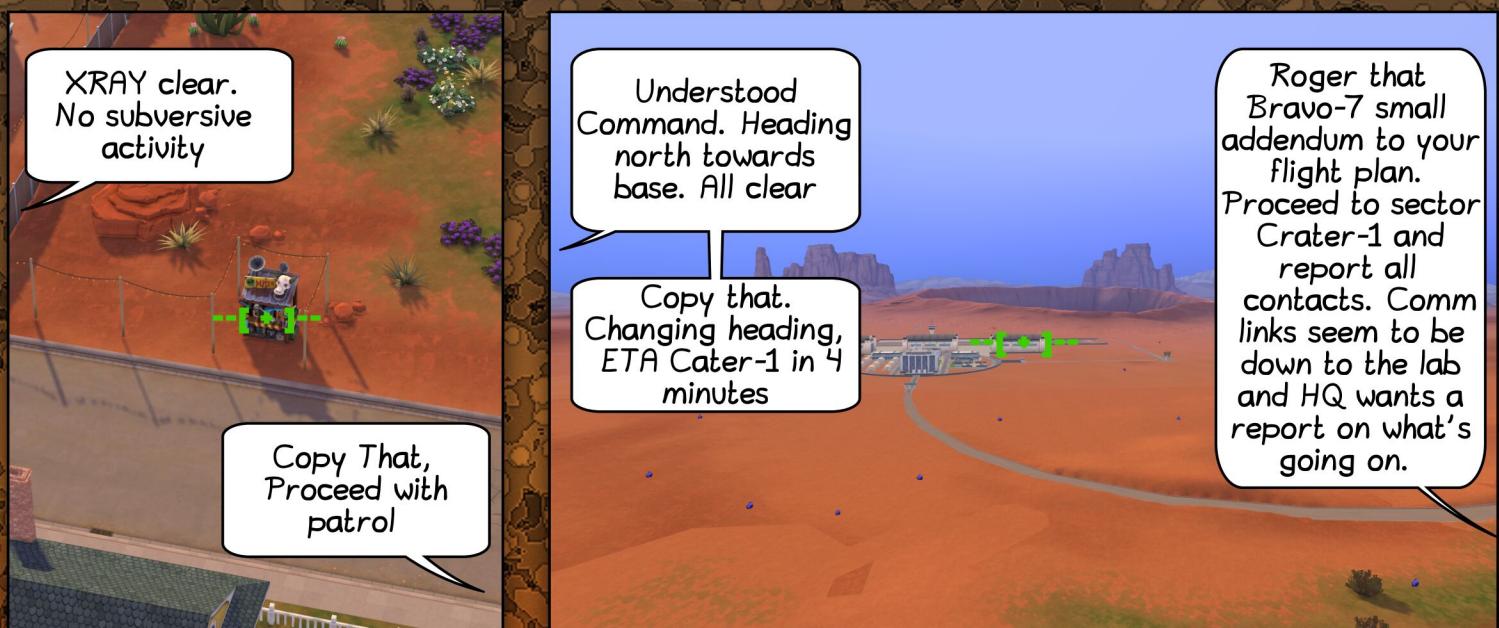
Whatever is happening in this town is caused by something beyond this door Jac

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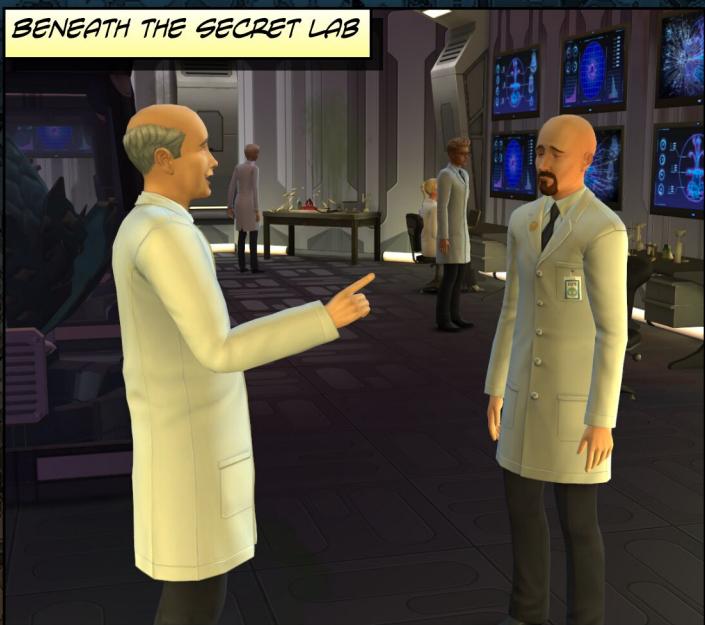
Might I suggest opting for safety over curiosity's perilous call Jon? If we don't open it, it can't get any worse. Just sayin'



A FEW WEEKS AGO IN STRANGERVILLE, A ROUTINE DRONE FLIES PATROL OVER THE TOWN...



BENEATH THE SECRET LAB

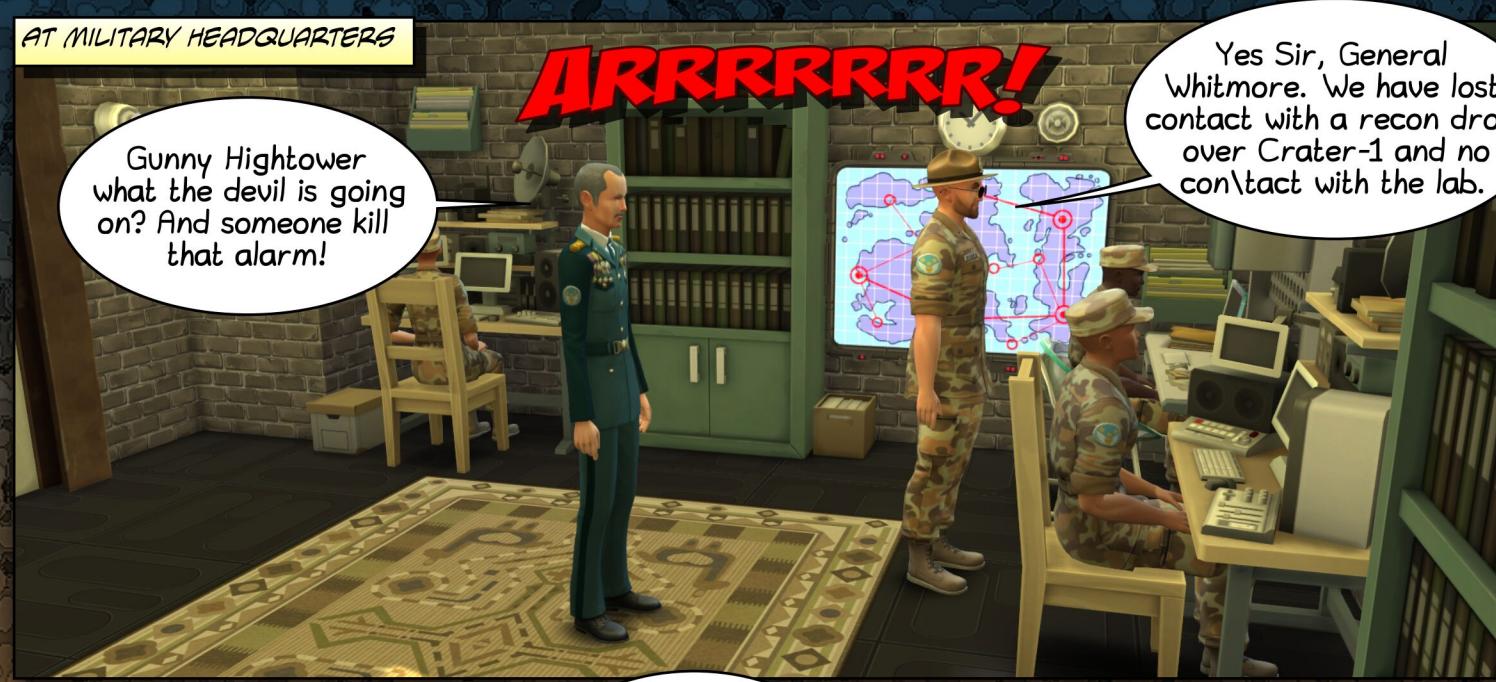


AT MILITARY HEADQUARTERS

# ARRRRRRR!

Gunny Hightower what the devil is going on? And someone kill that alarm!

Yes Sir, General Whitmore. We have lost contact with a recon drone over Crater-1 and no contact with the lab.



What do you mean no contact?

UNACCEPTABLE GUNNY! YOU KNOW WHAT'S AT STAKE HERE! GET A TEAM OUT THERE PRONTO!

Complete radio silence Sir.

I'll work from here to keep a lid on the information flow.

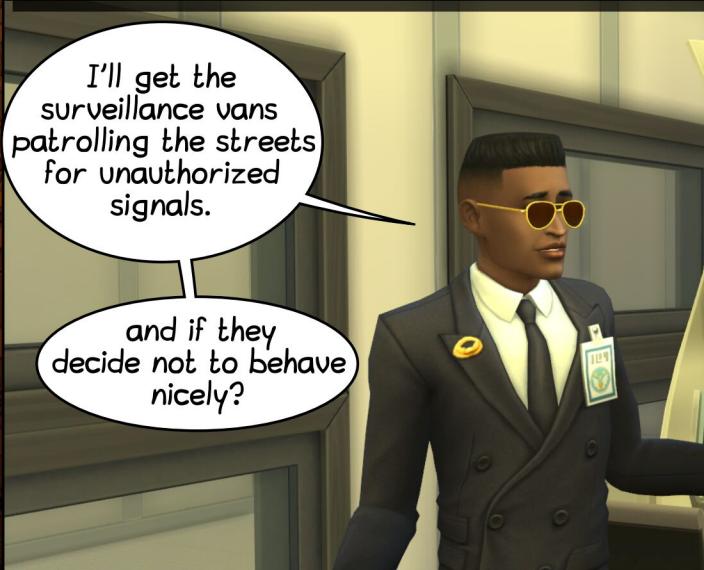
Aye Aye, Sir.



THE GENERAL MAKES HIS WAY TO BASE SECURITY



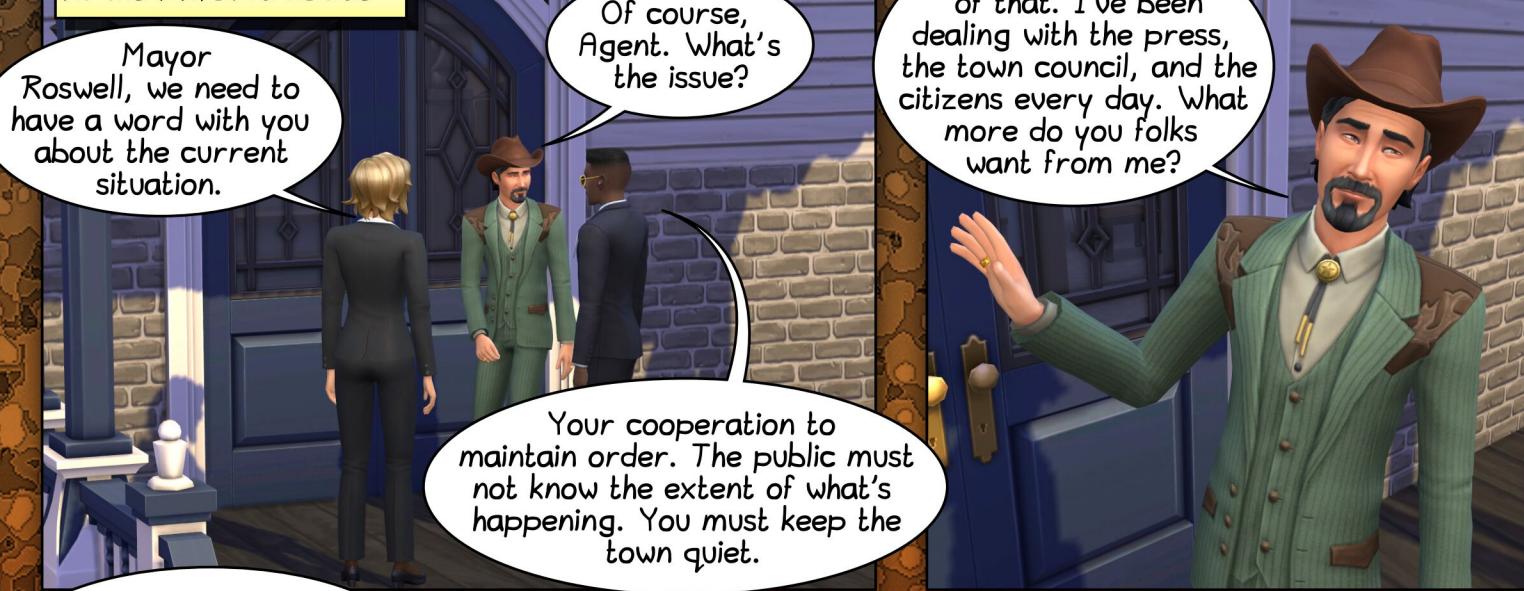
SATISFIED, GENERAL WHITMORE RETURNS TO HIS OFFICE.



### STAKING OUT THE CURIO SHOP



### AT THE MAYOR'S HOUSE



Full cooperation Mr. Mayor, or face discreet "relocation" for debriefing.

I love it when you go all "rendition to a black site" on them.

Ya.. It keeps the job fun.



PRESENT DAY STRANGERVILLE





That was pretty odd Jac. There's something they're concealing.

See ya round boys

and you won't see us

Ya think?

I think we better contact this Erwin guy that Alice told us about

Good plan. I hear these Curio shops have dog treats... and, um, information too Jon.

#### AT THE CURIO SHOP

Hi I'm Jon, a Journalist from Willow Creek. Alice Martin told me you're the one to talk to about what's going on in town

If Alice sent you you must be OK. It used to be just strange here, but a few weeks ago it got down right weird --

Psst, buddy, what ya in for?

A Harvest Day misunderstanding. Got any coffee pal?

-- It started with the alarms at the Military base by the crater. Since then the town has been locked down. There are soldiers and scientists all over now, but no one is saying anything. The Mayor issues press releases that just tell us to go about our business.

Something is going on in that crater but patrols turn back anyone trying to look.

#### THE JOURNEY AHEAD

Sounds like a place we should visit.

Sounds like trouble Jon

I wish you luck. The road across the bridge leads to the base and on to the crater.