Story Draft

(Crackly radio, occasional tuning noises)

‘Gah, I really need to re-jig the inductors in this thing. Tuning a couple of exahertz up the sideband again..’

‘Interference; this is GVC, civilian cartographics division. State your intent or your transmission hash will be blocked from our systems’

‘Yes! Uh.. Acknowledged GVC. This is civilian vessel FG-68 Wyvern on a custom route plotted for Gehm. We’ve got a strange jumpnode on our scanners; isn’t showing up on any of our star maps.’

‘Copy Wyvern, we suggest an immediate bypass through the waypoints we are transmitting now. It’s also recommended that you perform scanner diagnostics as soon as possible – your scanning module is evidently faulty.’

‘Bypass coordinates received GVC, although if there is indeed nothing there I’ll keep my waypoints as they are; the blip should disappear as soon as my scanner gets close enough to be accurate.

‘Wyvern, it is imperative that you navigate with our bypass coordinates. Client is reminded that you are under GVC jurisdiction in this sector.’

‘Acknowledged GVC; only a technician of mine informed me it would be a good idea to approach the blip - it should disappear as we get closer – we can find out exactly how far back to recalibrate our scanner.

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(robotic voice)

‘Transmission from GVC security division’

‘Uh.. Hello?’

‘Wyvern, we’ve been informed of your activities. On your arrival to Gehm you will be contacted by local forces and a brief interview conducted on the current matters. Furthermore, we have a number of patrols in your area. If you do not proceed to follow our bypass coordinates -- we have rights -- to open fire.’

‘GVC, perhaps you are confusing our ship ID for a criminal vessel! Again, this is civilian hauler FG-68 Wyvern, on trade business’

‘No confusion Wyvern, you are who we assumed; hauler in sector GZ-8 niner.’

‘GVC, I address my rights as a civilian under act 9 of the prerequis—Heck our scanner must be SERIOUSLY out. GVC, we’re in visual range of the scanner anomaly and the scanner still reads an object there. But wait – theres – something.. What? There’s something there! Mother of Schmidt..’

(GVC security ships warp in)

‘Wyvern, you have entered a GVC military research outpost. Prepare to be fired upon’

‘My god.. JOHN! MAX OUT THE IONISERS; GET US TO THAT JUMP-NODE -- NOW’

(Ship accelerates into jumpnode, screen turns white)