
The war for Maelstrom

First encounter!

- [30-04-40245] 11h22 -- Tau scouts on Maelstrom prime report sighting a small ship-like creature entering the atmosphere. It may be just a strange space phenomenon, but a small Tau scouting party has been dispatched to investigate.
- [30-04-40245] 13h35 -- The scouts request backups for it seems that the creature is in fact a Tyranid landing craft. The craft has touched down near the Kroot enclave of Beharni. Kroots opposed a fierce resistance but were quickly obliterated.
- [30-04-40245] 13h45 -- The Tau HQ reports sending backups in the field. Commander Shas'O Mont'au Mal'Caor Mont'yr will lead the attack. Many commanders would consider this an honor, but he just sees this fight as a rightful revenge. After all, he was saved by emergency treatment from several near-fatal wounds inflicted by a Lictor from that same hive fleet.
- [30-04-40245] 16h12 -- The Tau strike teams arrives in position. Engagement is imminent.

- *Broadside battlesuits take a high position to cover us while we deploy.*
- *Broadside alpha in position.*
- *Broadside beta in position.*
- *Broadside alpha reporting sir, They're just on the other side of the tower. What are those tall floating critters?*
- *Broadsides hold them off we are not in position yet?*
- *Roger. Beta, engage left floater. I'm taking lead.*
- *There is a strange energy buildup around the critter sir. What the...*
- *Broadside beta reporting, I'm taking fire and we lost Broadside alpha. I repeat , broadside alpha is down. ?*
- *Take that, fuck** Kor'Mal'Caor! This is Beta, One floater down Railgun splitted it open sir!*

- *Tau squad one reporting, we're taking fire. Two downs.*
- *What was that blur? Damn those critters are fast. All troops engage. Guards to me they are already on my position.*
- *The commander as been wounded. One of his guard is down.*
- *Fire at will.*
- *Tau squad one returning fire. We killed 3, 6 were taken out by red devilfish , 7 more are closing on us.*
- *Tau squad two deployed sir.*
- *Aarrgghh... They found a weak spot in my crisis suit. Those engineers will ear about that for sure. Assault crisis squad one, I need backup here. Where are you!*
- *Broadside beta come in..... come in broadside beta....*

- *[crssshhhss]*
- *Hammerhead Bravo, take those darnn critters out now!*
- *Hammerhead Bravo here. Target aquired. Firing now.*
- *Hammerhead Bravo here, floater down, last one to go.*
- *Tau squad one, I have one marked for missile.*
- *And another one bites the dust.*
- *Tau squad one reporting sir, we lost one more, but took out 6 of them. We're in close combat now. Deploying photon flash. Shas 'la, To your right! [screams and gunfire]*
- *Stealth team reporting, we're in position on their flank, commencing clean up. Let loose those burst cannons, Shas 'uis!*
- *Assault crisis squad one here to assist you sir. Let's kill those mongrel beasts.*
- *Good job Assault crisis. We've killed 12, they're running with their tail between their legs. Let them fall back; we need to take out their leader.*
- *Acknowledge. ?*
- *What the hell is that? Squad, deploy photon flash, NOW!*
- *Fire warrior squad two reporting. We are being engaged by a huge bush like creature. 2 casualties, but confident we can take it out. It looks blinded by the flares.*

- *HammerHead Bravo. The last floater is history, Command. The Rail gun really does the job. It burst like a pumpkin!*
- *Crisis assault squad taking fire. Holy cow, I've seen gattlings with a lesser rate of fire. Two downs. They're on me.*
- *Hang in there crisis, I've lost my last guard, I'm joining formation with you.*
- *Scouts reporting sir, all is going according to plan on this side. Area is almost clear. We only lost one drone. ?*
- *Hammerhead Alpha, I'm covering the stealth team. Engaging the tyrannids warriors with the Ion Cannon.*

- *Hammerhead Alpha, They're gone command. Molten as Snow under our twin suns.*
- *Tau squad two reppoting, we lost 4 more man. Letting creature fall back to help us regroup.*
- *Hammerhead Bravo here, this side is clean, one lone warrior remaining, no threat there. Don't these bugs have a brain? Why he is not falling back?*
- *Pathfinders reporting, nothing left moving here. Oh SHIT! We've got a Tyran Guard and a ravener incoming, fire at will! Comma..[Cshhhrrrrr....]*
- *Tau squad two, we're still in heavy combat with the critters. The first one is down, but its twin jumped us.*
- *Commander, assault crisis here, the tyrant is heading this way. We're taking fire. Commander! COMMANDER! THE COMMANDER IS DOWN. GAME OVER MAN, GAME OVER!!!!*
- *[From Hammerhead Bravo internal comm. net]: what is that lone warrior doing? He's charging us! Ha ha ha... Yeah right like I should be afraid... Gunny, do you think those claws could even scratch us? Ahah! Hello! I'm in a hover tank here....*
[crrssssss]

- *Red Devilfish reporting, the hammerhead is down, that warrior just cut through the armor like butter and cut the main power line! HammerHead Bravo is exploding! It's gone! Command, Hammerhead Bravo is destroyed with all hands. I'm going to toast that critter! Burst cannon on overload, Aim for the legs, we're going to ground that bug into the ground. Driver, Max power!*
- *Stealth team Here, The place is ours. Not a bug in view.*
- *HammerHead Alpha. They're dead command. I'm now aiming for the Tyrant. He seem to be falling back*
- *Crisis Delta. Pathfinder team is dead. We've got the remaining Ravener and the Tyran Guard. They're history. We're moving in position to overtake the tyrant. He's falling back to Bug City. The ground is ours.*
- *Sha'Vre M'chik'o'nu here, in absence of the commander I assume command. The day is ours. Nice job everyone, we own the place. Their commander as fallen back. HammerHead Bravo, Crisis Delta, Pursue the bugs and make sure that they bite the dust. Assault Crisis, gather your brains trooper, And burn the bugs remains to the last piece. Everybody else, gather the survivors and the fallen. We head back home.*

[30-04-40245] 18h45 -- The Tau strike teams evacuated Beharni, leaving the village a smoldering ruin. The Shas'O Mont'au Mal'Caor Mont'yr was being taken to the manta missile destroyer sick bay, and the hopes are that he will live to face again the tyranids. The pursuing forces exterminated the tyranids remnants but the Tyrant was not numbered amongst the casualties. The kroots survivors were taken to the capital city were relief was duly prepared and given.

The tyranid raid had been eradicated and the monstrous alien removed from Maelstrom IV surface. For the greater good. For now...