
The war for Maelstrom

Ambush!

Having captured and disabled the only communication array in the region, the hive mind now moves to secure the nearest important location(in it's view): The food processing factory. Not knowing that a message has been sent for reinforcement by the Tau prior to the destruction the outpost (thanks to the hard won minutes by the courageous Tau troops), the hive mind expect little to no resistance. It doesn't understand the way the Tau mind works, for the factory is little protected, while futile things like fossilised organic material extract fields, of little value, are well guarded. That is an error that will cost much to the Taus. Once the factory has been transformed in a proper breeding ground, nothing will be able to stop the hive's proliferation on this world.

Not to arise too much attention on it's strike team from the infrequent Tau aerial patrols, the hive mind as dispatched only a small contingent to take the factory. It conceived a new tyran just for the task. Just strong enough to wipe out what is left of the outpost's troop should they rally. The hive mind is confident, this take over can not fail.

What the hive mind doesn't know is that a message WAS sent before the destruction of the outpost, and fresh new troops are on their way from another outpost. The Tau scouts have spotted the Tyranid movement, and seeing their course, plan to intercept them before the get to the Hism'kline town. While still a small town, with no exceptional resources (it is yet unknown why the Tyranids plan to attack there instead of the oil fields south of their position), the Tau ambush must gain precious time needed to evacuate the civilians in the town. For they've had a little reinforcement, but not enough to stop the Tyranids completely. They will then finish the remaining aliens in the town with the rest of the reinforcements.

[05-04-40245] 17h23 - The night was falling rapidly. Maelstrom Prime never has really long days, but this time of the year, days are even shorter. But that day, it was a good thing, for the thin cover of the region wasn't enough to hide for an ambush... Tau forces were already getting into position, for the scout reports led to believe that the Tyranids where on a straight path through this region, and according to their actual advance rate, should be here in less than two hours...

[05-04-40245] 17h58 - The Tyranid force is moving more rapidly than anticipated, scouts having successfully gotten closer to the main mass now report a great winged beast leading the pack of aliens.

[05-04-40245] 18h07 - Shas'el Ty'Kaeth was ready for this one... He now knew what these creatures were capable of, and knew what weaknesses it's opponent had... If only all the dispatched troops could get in position before the mass of bugs got in range. The element of surprise would be his!

[05-04-40245] 18h15

- *Scouts reporting sir. They're almost on you. ETA 12 minutes. They're travelling freaking fast.*
- *Acknowledge that scouts. Break up and join with us.*
- *Tash'ie, Ste'kavr, my brothers stay with me. We're going to make them pay for our lost comrades.*
- *We read you loud and clear Shas'el... we're ready to engage.*