

TIE Case File Supplemental

Spatial-temporal coordinates: Cuppa Coffee #803, Avalon, Earth;  
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A major source of information on Na'Vi culture and history in preparing for the Yanaba mission came from a husband-and-wife research team from the Boise-Quanta Institute of Technology, Professor Marcus Cartwright and Professor Janet Miratel-Cartwright. In performing my pre-mission research, I came upon an irregularity, which I brought to the attention of the ship's engineer to attempt to trace.

Some of the public records that I had accessed regarding the Cartwrights had come from the Boise Statesman, a pan-temporal archive. And one of the articles had been edited from the area of Avalon circa 2817 by an anonymous entity with authority from the Boise Statesman to act as publisher. The apparent article seemed innocuous enough, about their daughter Melody winning an award for a common science project (reversing order-of-entropy in chicks). We are unable to determine at this time what the original article contained.

However, our engineer was able to trace the changes to originating at 2:17 AM on December 14 of that year, in a coffee shop located in a gate-port. And after we had completed the Yanaba mission, we decided to investigate.

Due to the security surrounding gate-ports and so as not to draw unwanted attention, I purchased a ticket, travelling and returning after several days/an hour. Prior to my gate opening, however, we stopped to get coffee. At 2:17, the engineer was able to detect a signal connecting to the network not through any of the computers or personal devices or shop electronics, but from a fountain outside the shop. It turned out to be coming from a small device made to look like a 2600 Federation credit that had been tossed into the fountain.

Unfortunately, there was not time to glean much more than that, as the device had been outfitted with a small explosive to detonate once its file upload had completed. Throwing it back into the fountain prior to it detonating led to a small, barely noticeable bubbling of the water, as was presumably intended. But the extreme measures taken to doctor select articles in the Boise Statesman in an untraceable manner would seem to indicate that there is some importance in whatever is being redacted.

In addition to the originally noticed revision, the engineer was able to trace two additional articles that had been tampered with via the coin device. (There had been additional files uploaded, but insufficient time to track them all.) Again, neither of the revised articles seems significant, one having to do with a local dog-walking enterprise, the other about some mayoral fundraiser.

The engineer suggested that they may contain coded messages, and DASCA has been set to work to crack any potential codes. Another possible avenue to investigate is that the engineer, when first studying the technique used by our mystery hacker, said that it

resembled that taught by a Dr. Furasakin of Transtemporal University. The fact that some of the records being changed involved individuals who apparently were doing some work at Yanaba in conjunction with Transtemporal U. seems likely more than mere coincidence.

There is insufficient information at this time to determine who the hacker is affiliated with. It could be that the Federation has been recruiting agents from Transtemporal U. It could be a group of mercenary temporal treasure seekers. It could even be that we've stumbled upon a separate cell of the Alliance. Further reports will be filed should additional data be obtained.