

# M1 - The Saga of Tanya the Evil - The Movie

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**SIGN** One Day in Unified Year 1966

**SIGN** A Suburb in the Allied Kingdom

**[00:41]** ---

In those days, the Empire was  
an unstoppable superpower.

**[00:45]** ---

First the Entente Alliance fell, then Dakia,

**[00:48]** ---

and then it even defeated the Republic.

**[00:50]** ---

And while they let some survivors  
escape to the south,

**[00:53]** ---

they'd managed to establish dominance  
over the entire continent.

**SIGN** WTN Special Correspondent

Andrew

**[00:55]** ---

Those were the Empire's best days,  
when its territory was at its largest.

**[01:01]** ---

And yet...

**SIGN** Former Imperial Military Development Chief Engineer

Adelheid von Schugel

**[01:03]** ---

The goddess of fate  
did not smile on the Empire.

**[01:08]** ---

How cruel she can be.

**[01:11]** ---

Why was the Empire forced to fight  
a protracted battle against the entire world?

**[01:16]** ---

Where did they go wrong?

**[01:21]** ---

I wish I could answer your question,

**[01:25]** ---

but I'm just another lost sheep myself.

**[01:31]** ---

I see.

**[01:32]** ---

However,

**[01:33]** ---

if I were to turn my thoughts  
towards the will of God...

**[01:41]** ---

Perhaps what drove the entire  
world to war against the Empire

**[01:47]** ---

was their terrible fear of it.

**[01:51]** ---

Terrible fear?

**[01:53]** ---

Yes...

**[01:55]** ---

In the end, it was all about feelings!

**[02:00]** ---

Some felt terror!

**[02:03]** ---

Some felt hatred!

**[02:05]** ---

Some trusted it!

**[02:07]** ---

Some were obsessed with it!

**[02:09]** ---

The feelings in the hearts of all mankind

**[02:13]** ---

were what drove them to  
follow the path of destruction!

**[02:17]** ---

Just as all who live by the sword  
must die by it as well.

**SIGN** Southern Continent, Unified Year 1926

**[02:27]** ---

*This is 03. No enemies sighted.*

**[02:29]** ---

*This is 04. No contact!*

**[02:32]** ---

*There are no enemies anywhere to be found!*

**[02:33]** ---

Shit! We fell for a trap!

**[02:36]** ---

Major, what happened?

**[02:38]** ---

*The report that  
they'd split their forces was false.*

**[02:40]** ---

*The enemy has concentrated themselves!*

**[02:42]** ---

*They prepared a trap of sweet honey  
for us, and we let it lure us out!*

**[02:47]** ---

*If they're not here with us,*

**[02:50]** ---

*the enemy must be concentrated  
in front of our main force.*

**[02:54]** ---

As planned,

**[02:56]** ---

we were able to lure the enemy out of  
their holes with false information.

**[03:00]** ---

Now all that remains is to wipe them out.

**SIGN** Free Republic Military

Lt. Colonel Severin Bientot

**SIGN** Free Republic Military

General Pierre Michelaud du Lugo

**[03:03]** ---

We've won!

**[03:05]** ---

It's no good! I can't get a hold of HQ!

**[03:08]** ---

*Your orders, Major?*

**[03:10]** ---

Everyone, form up! We turn around  
and go as fast as we can!

**[03:12]** ---

*We have the option of  
taking out their mages.*

**[03:14]** ---

Forget the small targets!

**[03:16]** ---

We're going to blow the shit  
out of the bastard's HQ!

**[03:18]** ---

We're breaking through their center?

**[03:20]** ---

*Major, are you serious?*

**[03:22]** ---

Think about our numerical inferiority!

**[03:24]** ---

If we just go support the main force,  
we'll only delay the inevitable!

**[03:28]** ---

Which means...

**[03:29]** ---

We flip the chess board!

**[03:31]** ---

And change the rules of the game!

**[03:33]** ---

Right!

**[03:37]** ---

A warning?

**[03:39]** ---

It says an enemy mage unit  
is approaching rapidly...

**[03:43]** ---

What? From where?

**[03:52]** ---

Advance!

**[03:53]** ---

Show them no fear!

**[04:00]** ---

These failures abandoned their homeland!

**[04:03]** ---

Slaughter them to the last man!

**[04:18]** ---

They're about to break through  
the 12th Mage Battalion!

**[04:21]** ---

D-Don't tell me...

**[04:23]** ---

Their goal is... *us*?

**[04:34]** ---

*I can't believe I have to  
do this every damn time.*

**[04:37]** ---

*Being X, you piece of shit!*

**[04:40]** ---

*But right now, my priority is survival.*

**[04:44]** ---

*And since I need to do what I need to do...*

**[04:59]** ---

Holy apostles, do not forget  
the power of your God.

**[05:03]** ---

Gather beneath his light and  
submit to the fate he has given you.

**[05:08]** ---

All traitors to our God must burn.

**[05:12]** ---

Target: Enemy HQ!

**[05:14]** ---

Fire!

**[05:20]** ---

Evacuate! Evacuate!

**[05:22]** ---

Hurry!

**[05:23]** ---

Damn it! So it's the Rhine all over again?

**[05:27]** ---

I'm sorry, sir!

**[05:42]** ---

Did you see that?

**SIGN** Imperial Army 203rd Aerial Mage Battalion

**[05:50]** ---

Talk about a castle built on sand.

**SIGN** Battalion Commander

Major Tanya von Degurechaff

**SIGN** 3rd Company Commander

First Lieutenant Wilibald Koenig

**[05:53]** ---

That was easier than expected.

**SIGN** 4th Company Commander

First Lieutenant Rhiner Neumann

**[05:56]** ---

They're too slow!

**[05:58]** ---

I'm ashamed I was unable to  
properly escort the major.

**SIGN** Vice Commander and 2nd Company Commander

Captain Matheus Johann Weiss

**[06:03]** ---

For all their talk of class,  
those escargots were pretty crude.

**SIGN** 2nd Company

First Lieutenant Warren Grantz

**[06:07]** ---

Escargot's so yummy, though!

**SIGN** 1st Company, Adjutant

First Lieutenant Viktoriya Ivanovna Serebryakov

**[06:10]** ---

Men, I know how you feel, but knock it off.

**[06:15]** ---

This is, in theory, a battlefield.

**[06:18]** ---

Of course! My apologies, ma'am!

**[06:21]** ---

But we were ordered to return  
to the Fatherland, weren't we?

**[06:26]** ---

Let's let our allies handle the rest of this,

**[06:29]** ---

and get the hell out of this sandy shithole!

**[06:37]** ---

Let's take some drink and presents  
from the Southern Continent,

**[06:40]** ---

and enjoy our first vacation in ages!

**[06:42]** ---

We can wash the sand off our bodies,

**[06:45]** ---

and finally get a good night's rest...

**[06:59]** ---

H-How?

**[07:02]** ---

How did this happen?!

**SIGN** Hours Before

**SIGN** Imperial Capital Berun

**SIGN** Imperial Military Airbase

**[07:40]** ---

We're home!

**[07:42]** ---

We were so far from home!

**[07:43]** ---

Okay, let's drink until we drop dead!

**[07:46]** ---

Let's go to Zolka Cafeteria.

**[07:48]** ---

Great idea! Or maybe head outside town?

**[07:51]** ---

You're home?

**[07:54]** ---

Tanya von Degurechaff, with the  
203rd Aerial Mage Battalion,

**[07:58]** ---

reporting directly to Imperial

Strategic Headquarters, has returned.

**SIGN** Imperial Military Strategic Headquarters Strategy and Operations Bureau

Lt. Colonel Erich von Rerugen

**[08:02]** ---

Well done.

**[08:03]** ---

You accomplished great things down south.

**[08:06]** ---

I was extremely impressed  
when I read the reports.

**[08:09]** ---

You honor me too highly.

**[08:12]** ---

I'm sure there were many unique  
difficulties you faced in the desert.

**[08:15]** ---

By the way,

**[08:16]** ---

how is your unit?

**[08:18]** ---

Casualties were minimal.

**[08:20]** ---

We returned home with no serious losses.

**[08:23]** ---

How is morale? You've been involved  
in a long series of battles.

**[08:26]** ---

Morale is high. The men are in great spirits.

**[08:31]** ---

You really are our ace battalion.

**[08:34]** ---

Let's talk about your next mission, then.

**[08:38]** ---

About your transport...

**[08:40]** ---

Oh, you know Major Uger,  
with our railroads division.

**[08:43]** ---

And this is Captain Rudolph,  
with Strategic Recon.

**[08:48]** ---

R-Recon?

**SIGN** Early Morning, March 15th, Unified Year 1926

**SIGN** Airspace Above the Empire's Eastern Border

**[09:05]** ---

*How could I have been so stupid?*

**[09:08]** ---

*I should've just said the unit had  
suffered heavy losses, even if it was a lie!*

**[09:16]** ---

Attention!

**[09:20]** ---

Men, early this morning,

**[09:22]** ---

the Eastern Theater Forces'  
437th Tactical Special Recon Platoon

**[09:26]** ---

sent out an emergency report.

**[09:28]** ---

Federation units were seen  
actively moving along Warning Line 1.

**[09:34]** ---

Thus, due to an accidental error  
during training exercises,

**[09:39]** ---

our forces will be crossing into Federation  
territory to conduct reconnaissance.

**[09:42]** ---

We will observe their forces' activities,  
and if necessary, issue a warning.

**[09:47]** ---

We are not, however, to open hostilities.

**[09:50]** ---

If we are forced to fight,  
we are to withdraw immediately.

**[09:53]** ---

Of course, until war is declared,  
this is a violation of the neutrality treaty.

**[09:58]** ---

You are to be extremely careful.

**[10:02]** ---

That's all from me.

**[10:03]** ---

Major, may I ask a question?

**[10:06]** ---

Of course, Lieutenant Serebryakov.

**[10:09]** ---

If combat proves to be inevitable,

**[10:11]** ---

are we permitted to use force  
to defend ourselves?

**[10:13]** ---

They're Commies. Blow the shit out of them...

**[10:16]** ---

Or so I'd like to say,

**[10:18]** ---

but we need the Federation  
to fire the first shot.

**[10:21]** ---

Until that happens, you are not permitted  
to fire under any circumstances.

**[10:25]** ---

That... puts us in a pretty bad position.

**[10:28]** ---

I agree with Lieutenant Grantz...

**[10:32]** ---

The plane is taking us to  
the mission area at top speed.

**[10:36]** ---

Nobody here's dumb enough to pass up an  
adventure in the kingdom of secrets, right?

**[10:40]** ---

My battalion's gone through hell itself,  
so I believe you're all better than that.

**[10:47]** ---

Okay, let's do this,  
just like we do every time!

**[10:50]** ---

First the desert, then the snow, huh?

**[10:52]** ---

Fine with me!

**[10:58]** ---

I expect you to handle this mission  
like you do every other!

**[11:02]** ---

Do your utmost for the Fatherland  
and the Imperial family!

**[11:04]** ---

Glory to the Empire!

**[11:08]** ---

Glory to the Empire!

**[11:44]** ---

Armored trains...

**[11:46]** ---

AA guns...

**[11:48]** ---

Heavy machine guns...

**[11:49]** ---

And tanks.

**[11:51]** ---

And those stacks are...

live ammo and vehicle fuel?

**[11:57]** ---

Over here, Major.

**[12:02]** ---

Look at that.

**[12:17]** ---

Okay! Be careful with this stuff!

**[12:20]** ---

Look at the size of that thing.

**[12:21]** ---

They brought a railway gun?

**[12:24]** ---

That's practically a declaration  
of war right there.

**[12:26]** ---

Captain Weiss!

**[12:28]** ---

Remind all the troops on standby  
that we are not to open fire first.

**[12:33]** ---

Roger.

**[12:39]** ---

Sooner or later, we're not going to be  
able to avoid the worst-case scenario.

**[12:43]** ---

Do everything you can to remain hidden.

**[12:46]** ---

Check your mid-range radios again.

**[12:49]** ---

But maintain radio silence  
until the absolute last minute.

**[12:52]** ---

Don't screw up and hit  
the keys on accident.

**[12:54]** ---

As soon as we confirm them firing  
on Imperial territory, report.

**[12:54]** ---

M-Major...

**[12:56]** ---

The barrel is moving.

**[12:58]** ---

If they open fire...

**[13:08]** ---

Th-They fired.

**[13:13]** ---

The Federation is attacking on all fronts!

**[13:15]** ---

This is a declaration of war!

**[13:17]** ---

The Federation has declared war  
on the Empire.

**[13:19]** ---

What does HQ say?

**[13:20]** ---

All units, regardless of designation,  
are to begin combat immediately.

**[13:26]** ---

*Switch to the battle response plan.*

**[13:28]** ---

*Release magical sealing.*

**[13:30]** ---

*All troops,*

**[13:30]** ---

prepare for the assault!

**[13:38]** ---

Any mages sighted in their troops?

**[13:39]** ---

Not at the moment.

**[13:41]** ---

Very good.

**[13:42]** ---

We can assume the Federation is already in  
combat with our eastern theater forces.

**[13:46]** ---

We will attack the enemy's infantry  
as well as their rear lines.

**[13:50]** ---

Be watchful for enemy reinforcements.

**[13:52]** ---

*All troops have formed up!*

**[13:54]** ---

Men, don't let these Communists spread  
their filthy plague another inch!

**[13:58]** ---

Take up your guns and fight!

**[14:00]** ---

Grab 'em by the family jewels!

**[14:02]** ---

Right!

**[14:03]** ---

Begin the mission!

**[14:13]** ---

An enemy attack?

**[14:14]** ---

That's impossible!

**[14:15]** ---

We're not at the front lines!

**[14:17]** ---

Armor piercing explosive spell ready... fire!

**[14:25]** ---

The railway gun! Protect the railway gun!

**[14:39]** ---

Hurry! Hurry!

**[14:40]** ---

Load it up to capacity!

**[14:42]** ---

Aim for the shells before they're loaded!

**[14:44]** ---

Roger!

**[15:09]** ---

Doesn't look like there's much for us to do.

**[15:13]** ---

Big. Fragile. Highly flammable.

**[15:16]** ---

It's the ideal target!

**[15:19]** ---

Yeah.

**[15:26]** ---

*Honestly, I hate war.*

**[15:29]** ---

*I think humans killing each other*

**[15:32]** ---

*is the worst part of human history.*

**[15:35]** ---

*It's nothing but a waste of  
materials and human resources.*

**[15:39]** ---

*But we're fighting Commies.*

**[15:42]** ---

*Totalitarians who infringe upon  
the freedom of the individual.*

**[15:45]** ---

*There's no getting along with Commies.*

**[15:48]** ---

*If I want a nice, safe life in the rear,*

**[15:52]** ---

*I need to take up my gun.*

**[15:55]** ---

The 2nd Company has completed destroying  
the enemy railway gun.

**[15:59]** ---

Well done.

**[16:01]** ---

Still, it's weird that  
we haven't seen any mages yet.

**[16:09]** ---

Major...

**[16:10]** ---

We've been ordered to reinforce  
the eastern forces.

**[16:12]** ---

They've given us full discretion on how.

**[16:15]** ---

What's the situation on the front lines?

**[16:17]** ---

Fighting a delaying action, I believe.

**[16:19]** ---

Waiting for forces from the continent.

**[16:21]** ---

They're holding on strong,

**[16:23]** ---

but they don't have the forces  
to hold them back, huh?

**[16:26]** ---

How shall we help?

**[16:30]** ---

If we want to return to the border,

**[16:33]** ---

we need to break through  
the enemy's rear lines.

**[16:35]** ---

Let's take the easy way this time.

**[16:38]** ---

We take the long way back, huh?

**[16:39]** ---

So we head for...

**[16:40]** ---

We burn their capital!

**[16:42]** ---

Call it a strategic diversion.

**[16:45]** ---

Their capital?

**[16:46]** ---

We're not in Dakia anymore!

**[16:50]** ---

You're a funny guy, Captain.

**[16:52]** ---

Everybody knows the Commies  
have shit for AA defense.

**[16:56]** ---

I guarantee that you could land  
a Cessna in Red Square.

**[17:00]** ---

A Cessna?

**[17:00]** ---

Red Square?

**[17:02]** ---

Uh, forget that.

**[17:02]** ---

But even an average teenager  
could break through their AA defenses.

**[17:08]** ---

Then you're serious?

**[17:10]** ---

Of course.

**[17:11]** ---

It's a diversion. That's why  
we really target their capital.

**[17:15]** ---

Run it through HQ first.

**[17:17]** ---

See if there are no  
political considerations.

**[17:20]** ---

Roger.

**[17:23]** ---

*I get to survive, I get to keep myself safe,*

**[17:25]** ---

*and I get to fuck with the Commies.*

**[17:27]** ---

*Three birds with one stone!*

*What an awesome plan!*

**[17:31]** ---

*It's great.*

**[17:32]** ---

*I love it.*

**[17:36]** ---

I can't wait for HQ to give permission.

**SIGN** Same Day, Imperial Strategic HQ

**[17:41]** ---

So the Federation's joining the war?

**[17:43]** ---

What's going on?

**[17:44]** ---

Send out more recon planes from command!

**[17:46]** ---

Send all our forces from the center  
to the eastern front!

**[17:48]** ---

Is the retreat still orderly? Do we  
know what's going on at the rear?

**[17:51]** ---

Are we mobilizing our strategic reserves?

**[17:52]** ---

Are the trains on time?

**[17:53]** ---

Men,

**[17:54]** ---

Major Tanya von Degurechaff from the 203rd  
Aerial Mage Battalion has suggested a plan,

**[18:00]** ---

which I would like to discuss.

**SIGN** Vice Director of Strategy and Operations  
Brigadier General Hans von Zettour

**SIGN** Deputy of Strategy and Operations  
Brigadier General  
Kurt von Rudersdorf

**[18:06]** ---

What's your opinion,  
Lieutenant Colonel Rerugen?

**[18:12]** ---

A strike on their capital.

**[18:14]** ---

It's the perfect diversion.

**[18:17]** ---

I think it's worth letting her try.

**[18:19]** ---

What? Are you serious?

**[18:21]** ---

You're kidding!

**[18:22]** ---

That's ridiculous!

**[18:25]** ---

In a sense, we succeed even  
by making the attempt.

**[18:29]** ---

If the Federation is forced to divert forces  
to the rear to protect their capital,

**[18:33]** ---

that limits the forces they can  
bring to bear on our lines.

**[18:37]** ---

Easier said than done.

**[18:38]** ---

Who knows if she'll even get the chance?

**[18:40]** ---

It's the sort of insane adventurism  
front line officers are prone to...

**[18:42]** ---

It's impossible.

**[18:43]** ---

Not even worth discussing.

**[18:45]** ---

Think about it.

**[18:47]** ---

It's Degurechaff we're talking about here.

**[18:50]** ---

Degurechaff?

**[18:52]** ---

The one with the Silver Wings?

**[18:54]** ---

She's a talented warfighter.

**[18:57]** ---

And as a hunting dog,  
she's a combat officer of the highest class.

**[19:01]** ---

Her attack on the Dakian capital...

**[19:03]** ---

Her decapitation strike at the Rhine...

**[19:06]** ---

She also destroyed the enemy HQ in the south.

**[19:09]** ---

This is coming from a woman with experience.

**[19:12]** ---

She must believe she will succeed,

**[19:14]** ---

and is only confirming  
whether the politics allow it.

**[19:18]** ---

You seem to trust her an awful lot.

**[19:21]** ---

I cannot agree to this, regardless.

**[19:23]** ---

This is the enemy capital  
we're talking about!

**[19:25]** ---

It's obviously impossible!

**[19:27]** ---

You don't think she's just mistaken?

**[19:29]** ---

Enough.

**[19:31]** ---

We don't have enough time  
to enjoy a lengthy debate.

**[19:35]** ---

Indeed.

**[19:36]** ---

We're wasting time here.

**[19:39]** ---

I judge that it's okay to give permission.

**[19:42]** ---

Sir?!

**[19:43]** ---

Are you serious?!

**[19:44]** ---

It's reckless!

**[19:46]** ---

If she thinks she can do it, let her try.

**[19:49]** ---

I bet a bottle from my personal  
collection that she succeeds.

**SIGN** March 16th, Somewhere in the Federation

**[20:04]** ---

*Dear Mother and Grandmother,*

**[20:08]** ---

*How are you doing?*

**[20:10]** ---

*I've joined a certain unit as part  
of an overseas volunteer force.*

**[20:16]** ---

*The military rules mean  
I can't write down any details,*

**[20:20]** ---

*but I'm doing well.*

**[20:22]** ---

*I've finally figured out how to use a gun.*

**[20:25]** ---

*And I have friends who  
I can call comrades-in-arms.*

**[20:29]** ---

*But honestly,*

**[20:30]** ---

*the one thing I can't handle is the food.  
It's quantity over quality.*

**[20:34]** ---

*I miss the pies I used to bake with you.*

**[20:38]** ---

*Lately, I've even been dreaming of them.*

**[20:43]** ---

*I'm sorry for being weak!*

**[20:46]** ---

*I need to grow up to be  
a great soldier like Dad, don't I?*

**[20:51]** ---

*To bring about God's justice*

**[20:54]** ---

*and destroy the Empire that  
is the enemy of the world,*

**[20:58]** ---

*I'll keep doing my very best!*

**[21:06]** ---

*P.S...*

**[21:08]** ---

*I did something that was kind of  
a big deal when I joined the military,*

**[21:12]** ---

*but I did it to show I was  
serious about being a soldier.*

**[21:16]** ---

*Don't worry!*

**[21:18]** ---

Get ready, Mary. We're almost to Moscow.

**SIGN** Unified States Volunteer

Warrant Officer Mary Sue

**[21:21]** ---

It's that time already?

**[21:23]** ---

Oh no!

**SIGN** Federation Capital Moscow

**SIGN** Moscow Station

**SIGN** Allied Kingdom Military Intelligence Service

Colonel Sir Isaac Dustin Drake

**[21:46]** ---

So it's finally begun, huh, William?

**[21:49]** ---

Welcome to "allied" soil.

**SIGN** Multinational Volunteer Force

Battalion Commander (Allied Kingdom)

Lt. Colonel William Douglas Drake

**[21:53]** ---

It's been a long time, Uncle.

**[21:56]** ---

How are you finding Moscow?

**[21:58]** ---

Enjoying spending time with  
wonderful new friends?

**[22:04]** ---

The enemy of my enemy  
is my friend, you know?

**[22:07]** ---

I'm being friendly, like the politicians  
back home want me to be.

**[22:11]** ---

Well... I'm sorry to hear that.

**[22:15]** ---

So this is Moscow, huh?

**[22:17]** ---

It's freezing.

**[22:19]** ---

Think they've got good food?

**[22:20]** ---

Looks like you have some  
wonderful friends too.

**[22:24]** ---

How was your multinational force's  
first journey together?

**[22:27]** ---

It went fine.

**[22:35]** ---

Everybody from the  
42nd Flying Division is safe.

**[22:39]** ---

For now, that is.

**[22:44]** ---

Sheesh... the brass always  
gets the stupidest ideas.

**[22:48]** ---

A unit that symbolizes the progress and  
universality of mankind, was that it?

**[22:53]** ---

Yeah.

**[22:54]** ---

To defeat the singular evil  
that is the Empire,

**[22:57]** ---

people of different races come together  
like a rainbow stretching across the world.

**[23:02]** ---

That's the ad slogan, anyway.

**[23:04]** ---

Sounds like something  
a politician would like.

**[23:06]** ---

As you can see, it's an excellent unit.

**[23:09]** ---

If you'd like, I can let you take over.

**[23:13]** ---

I'll admit I'd prefer not to  
shake hands with wolves.

**[23:16]** ---

But I'd rather do that than  
lead sheep into battle against a lion.

**[23:21]** ---

Any interest in being a sheepdog?

**[23:24]** ---

The world's a stage.

**[23:26]** ---

Everybody has to play some role.

**[23:33]** ---

But it doesn't need to be me.

**[23:39]** ---

You're right.

**[23:42]** ---

Let me give you one last warning.

**[23:45]** ---

The Federation purged  
every one of its own mages.

**[23:49]** ---

They all got sent to the camps.

**[23:53]** ---

So the rumors were true?

**[23:55]** ---

Communists have no room for  
X-factors like mages, it seems.

**[24:04]** ---

My, my... What a wonderful "ally" we've got.

**[24:13]** ---

Men, we're moving to a Federation facility.

**[24:16]** ---

This place is no ally.

**[24:18]** ---

Be very careful.

**[24:22]** ---

Yes, sir!

**SIGN** Somewhere in Moscow: People's Party Meeting Hall

**[24:27]** ---

That concludes the report from the front.

**[24:32]** ---

Comrade Secretary, if I may speak.

**SIGN** Internal Affairs Committee

Comrade Loria

**SIGN** Party Leader

Comrade Secretary Josef

**[24:36]** ---

Go ahead.

**[24:40]** ---

Thank you so much for that report from the front lines.

**[24:44]** ---

I cannot thank those comrades who have brought us this wonderful news enough.

**[24:49]** ---

But...

**[24:51]** ---

It's unacceptable that the Empire was ready for us to begin our attack.

**[24:57]** ---

Why do you think that is, comrade?

**[24:59]** ---

I-I haven't the slightest...

**[25:02]** ---

Oh, you can't even come up with an idea or two?

**[25:05]** ---

After all, Comrade Nicolai,

**[25:08]** ---

weren't you on quite good terms with the Imperial Ambassador?

**[25:11]** ---

I... I only interacted with the Imperialists in an official capacity.

**[25:16]** ---

You had dinner with him but a week ago, and you now downplay the relationship?

**[25:22]** ---

Was that 20-year old wine he served good?

**[25:26]** ---

No!

**[25:27]** ---

Comrade Secretary,

**[25:29]** ---

why don't we ask our comrade here for more details?

**[25:35]** ---

Go ahead.

**[25:41]** ---

W-Wait!

**[25:42]** ---

Listen to me!

**[25:43]** ---

I can explain everything!

**[25:45]** ---

I've never worked with the Empire!

**[25:47]** ---

Hey, let me go!

**[25:51]** ---

Comrades, I expect each of you to continue  
to give your utmost for the Motherland.

**[26:05]** ---

Y-You really just want me  
to drive around town?

**[26:08]** ---

Yes. Just another inspection of the city.

**[26:11]** ---

Even someone like me  
needs a break every now and then.

**[26:22]** ---

How about that one?

**[26:31]** ---

Not great...

**[26:33]** ---

So close.

**[26:35]** ---

If I'd found her just a little sooner,  
she would've been ripe for the picking.

**[26:40]** ---

What group are those idiots with?

**[26:41]** ---

This is a no-fly zone!

**[26:43]** ---

Is it that group of multinational volunteers?

**[26:46]** ---

That's why you can't trust mages.

**[26:49]** ---

I was right to send every last  
one of them to the camps.

**[27:09]** ---

This is 02!

**[27:10]** ---

I've succeeded in destroying Moscow Plaza!

**[27:13]** ---

I've destroyed that ugly bronze statue!

**[27:30]** ---

03 has destroyed the snakes' nest.

**[27:33]** ---

I can see the secret police  
fleeing in terror!

**[27:44]** ---

So even the AP rounds we use to  
destroy enemy bases won't work?

**[27:50]** ---

This is 04. Our target isn't taking damage.

**[27:53]** ---

It's incredibly tough!

**[27:55]** ---

The goal of this operation is to  
blow some stuff up and mock some people.

**[28:01]** ---

Don't push it. Turn around and go.

**[28:04]** ---

*Roger. Executing order immediately.*

**[28:06]** ---

*All members of the battalion, I win the bet.*

**[28:10]** ---

*I told you even a teenager  
could break through their AA.*

**[28:13]** ---

And you were right, Major.

**[28:17]** ---

I'm glad you're willing to  
accept your defeat like a man.

**[28:20]** ---

But I will show no mercy.

**[28:22]** ---

*Everyone, when you get back, feel free  
to enjoy a bottle of 02's best wine!*

**[28:27]** ---

We haven't had a mission of  
that scale since the beach.

**[28:30]** ---

I won't retreat a single step  
in the face of alcohol.

**[28:33]** ---

You've got guts, you bastards!

**[28:35]** ---

*Yes! Hooray!*

**[28:40]** ---

Men, I'm glad you have  
something to look forward to,

**[28:44]** ---

but work comes before recreation.

**[28:47]** ---

Continue the attack!

**[28:49]** ---

Roger!

**[28:52]** ---

Now, then...

**[28:58]** ---

So in this world, that thing was completed?

**[29:03]** ---

Members of 1st Company,  
we're taking down the big guy there.

**[29:08]** ---

As soon as we're done, we'll attack  
the other government facilities.

**[29:11]** ---

Activate magics.

**[29:13]** ---

Target: that big pile of shit!

**[29:15]** ---

Target: that big pile of shit!

**[29:18]** ---

Fire!

**[29:23]** ---

You might've shot an ally,  
Warrant Officer Sue.

**[29:27]** ---

I-I'm sorry...

**[29:29]** ---

You really are a terrible shot...

**[29:32]** ---

Even though you're an  
incredibly talented mage.

**[29:35]** ---

You've got that right.

**[29:37]** ---

It's the same for the rest of you.

**[29:39]** ---

You need to get used to the gun!

**[29:41]** ---

Make it a part of you!

**[29:42]** ---

Yes, sir!

**[29:43]** ---

Okay, keep firing!

**[29:47]** ---

Our equipment's in terrible shape.

**[29:50]** ---

And we haven't been given  
enough ammunition to train with.

**[29:53]** ---

I'd like to issue a formal complaint.

**[29:55]** ---

I'll tell the party.

**[29:57]** ---

Yeah, you do that.

**[30:05]** ---

Enemy attack! Enemy attack!

**[30:16]** ---

Wh-What's going on?

**[30:35]** ---

Looks like their "People's Palace"  
was more fragile than it looked.

**[30:39]** ---

Guess they shouldn't have rushed  
the construction so much.

**[30:42]** ---

Looks like they shouldn't have  
rationed the concrete so much.

**[30:57]** ---

You stupid Commie bastards.

**[30:59]** ---

You've got your altitude settings  
stuck on "bomber."

**[31:02]** ---

Their aim is terrible, too.

**[31:03]** ---

Shall we take out the emplacements?

**[31:05]** ---

Shit or not, an enemy camp is an enemy camp.

**[31:08]** ---

I can't think of a reason  
to take unnecessary damage.

**[31:12]** ---

I'm sorry!

**[31:14]** ---

Hey, Lieutenant,

**[31:15]** ---

you had a special reason to  
hate the Commies too, didn't you?

**[31:21]** ---

I know a little about your background.

**[31:24]** ---

It was when I was a child.

**[31:25]** ---

I know!

**[31:27]** ---

Let's do something a little special for you.

**[31:30]** ---

If you're familiar with the place,  
I'd like you to show me around.

**[31:36]** ---

Are you okay?

**[31:37]** ---

An attack?

**[31:38]** ---

What was that attack?

**[31:39]** ---

Vivi! Vivi!

**[31:41]** ---

Are you okay? Vivi!

**[31:43]** ---

Y-Yeah. I just got hit with some rubble.

**[31:47]** ---

But you're bleeding!

**[31:48]** ---

We need a medic!

**[31:50]** ---

M-Mary, calm down, please.

**[31:54]** ---

Sir, the whole city's under attack!

**[31:58]** ---

Is it the Empire?

**[32:00]** ---

The Empire...

**[32:01]** ---

We never should've borrowed  
a Federation facility.

**[32:04]** ---

How much damage did we take?

**[32:06]** ---

Some injuries.

**[32:07]** ---

That, and we lost our place to sleep here.

**[32:11]** ---

Get the troops together.

**[32:12]** ---

We'll stay on standby and

move at the right time.

**[32:23]** ---

Mary!

**[32:29]** ---

Warrant Officer Sue, what are you doing?

**[32:31]** ---

I can't let them get away with this.

**[32:33]** ---

I'm going out there!

**[32:34]** ---

You are not!

**[32:36]** ---

Return to your position!

**[32:37]** ---

But they hurt one of us!

**[32:39]** ---

I see. So what?

**[32:40]** ---

"So what"?

**[32:42]** ---

The Empire may be killing the people  
of the Federation right now!

**[32:46]** ---

Like I said, so what?

**[32:48]** ---

Even if they have a different  
ideology than us,

**[32:51]** ---

if our allies are fighting,  
we need to be with them!

**[32:54]** ---

That's what it means to  
be a soldier, isn't it?

**[32:57]** ---

If you want to talk about being a soldier,  
then first, follow orders!

**[33:06]** ---

*Attention, citizens of the Federation!*

**[33:08]** ---

What is this broadcast?

**[33:10]** ---

It's the Empire, apparently!

**[33:11]** ---

Where do we run?

**[33:12]** ---

Anywhere downtown is dangerous!

**[33:14]** ---

Run to the housing projects!

**[33:16]** ---

What is this warning?

**[33:18]** ---

Where's it coming from?

**[33:20]** ---

I don't know! But the Empire is  
addressing it to the citizenry!

**[33:24]** ---

That's ridiculous!

**[33:25]** ---

Nobody's going to trust what the Empire says!

**[33:28]** ---

Just seal off the plaza!

**[33:30]** ---

The Empire may bomb it again!

**[33:33]** ---

Yes, sir!

**[33:35]** ---

Impossible!

**[33:36]** ---

The Empire?

**[33:39]** ---

How could this happen?

**[34:51]** ---

Wonderful.

**[34:55]** ---

How beautiful.

**[34:57]** ---

My blood feels like it's boiling over!

**[34:59]** ---

I want her!

**[35:01]** ---

I want her, no matter what!

**[35:06]** ---

What's this?

**[35:10]** ---

You bastards!

**[35:11]** ---

Wait! Warrant Officer Sue!

**[35:18]** ---

Shit! That idiot!

**[35:44]** ---

You ruined the mood.

**[35:47]** ---

Major, enemy reinforcements!

**[35:49]** ---

Two companies' worth of mages, from our rear!

**[35:53]** ---

Did you really get permission to engage?

**[35:55]** ---

Yes!

**[35:56]** ---

Your kind uncle got us the okay!

**[35:58]** ---

We get caught up in this mess  
as soon as we get here?

**[36:01]** ---

Now we've got extra work to do, damn it.

**[36:05]** ---

How is she so fast?

**[36:07]** ---

Is her magical power overflowing?

**[36:09]** ---

Mary's latent magical ability is incredible.

**[36:11]** ---

She was far better than any of her class.

**[36:14]** ---

So she's incompetent, and a hard worker.

**[36:16]** ---

That's a bitch.

**[36:17]** ---

Fall back and support.

**[36:19]** ---

Don't try to get near her!

**[36:21]** ---

Yes, sir!

**[36:48]** ---

Their training is on a whole other level.

**[36:52]** ---

Major! It doesn't seem  
to be Federation forces.

**[36:54]** ---

What? But this is Commie airspace!

**[36:59]** ---

Their appearance and equipment  
suggest a multinational force.

**[37:02]** ---

What?

**[37:03]** ---

There may be more.  
Look for a chance to get out of here.

**[37:14]** ---

Phil! Keith!

**[37:21]** ---

She's out of ammo?

**[37:25]** ---

Give me power, God!

**[37:29]** ---

For peace! For justice!

**[37:32]** ---

You're bothering me.

**[37:34]** ---

This reminds me of something  
that happened before.

**[37:47]** ---

A young girl?

**[37:49]** ---

But I guess that goes for both of us.

**[38:05]** ---

Th-That's...

**[38:22]** ---

What?

**[38:43]** ---

Major!

**[38:44]** ---

I think it's time to go!

**[38:46]** ---

Let's retreat!

**[38:48]** ---

Major!

**[38:50]** ---

Yeah...

**[38:52]** ---

Everyone, withdraw.

**[38:54]** ---

Head for the rendezvous point at top speed.

**[38:56]** ---

Roger!

**[39:11]** ---

Mary! Mary!

**[39:12]** ---

Warrant Officer Sue,  
can you hear me? Wake up!

**[39:16]** ---

Warrant Officer Sue!

**[39:17]** ---

She's awake, it seems,  
but she's badly injured.

**[39:19]** ---

Pick her up. We're heading back to base.

**[39:22]** ---

Hang in there, Mary!

**[39:23]** ---

Don't pass out on us!

**[39:25]** ---

*Being shot with a gun hurts.*

**[39:29]** ---

*Even more when it's Dad's gun.*

**[39:33]** ---

*My dad was so nice...*

**[39:36]** ---

*And she killed him.*

**[39:40]** ---

*I'll make that demon pay.*

**[39:44]** ---

*God... God!*

**[39:47]** ---

*Please! Give me power!*

**SIGN** Several Days Later

**[39:56]** ---

Extra! Extra!

**[39:59]** ---

Fatherland's flag planted on enemy territory!

**[40:02]** ---

They burned all their flags?

**[40:04]** ---

They took out the secret police?

**[40:06]** ---

They even made a movie!

**[40:08]** ---

It says they "do not believe in tears."

**SIGN** Imperial Strategic Headquarters

**[40:10]** ---

They're making fun of that

Federation saying, huh?

**[40:14]** ---

Why?

**[40:17]** ---

Why did this happen?

**[40:19]** ---

I thought they were just going to  
put some pressure on the capital.

**[40:24]** ---

I didn't think they'd destroy every  
political symbol of the Federation,

**[40:28]** ---

put up a flag, and sing our anthem.

**[40:37]** ---

That's going too far.

**[40:41]** ---

At least we completely achieved  
our goal of a strategic distraction.

**[40:47]** ---

Lieutenant Colonel,

**[40:48]** ---

it seems that even you  
underestimated the major's powers.

**[40:53]** ---

It was the perfect distraction, in fact.

**[40:57]** ---

And the people are saying  
it's a historic achievement.

**[41:03]** ---

The problem is the politicians.

**[41:06]** ---

We won't be able to submit  
a peace proposal for a while.

**[41:11]** ---

Not after we completely crushed their pride.

**[41:15]** ---

In their anger, the Federation's  
sure to send even more forces now.

**[41:20]** ---

We need to come up with  
a plan for the next stage.

**[41:27]** ---

*Degurechaff...*

**[41:30]** ---

*When she gets back,  
I'm going to strangle her!*

**SIGN** March 26, 1926

**SIGN** Imperial Eastern Front Temporary Base 21

**[41:38]** ---

Cheers!

**[41:40]** ---

How many times have we done that?

**[41:42]** ---

You can toast as many times as you like!

**[41:44]** ---

Drink! Drink!

**[41:45]** ---

That attack on the capital  
was a stroke of genius!

**[41:49]** ---

That's why you're Strategic HQ's ace unit!

**[41:52]** ---

You sure showed those Commies!

**[42:02]** ---

Captain, you remember the deal, right?

**[42:07]** ---

I'm glad you're willing to  
accept your defeat like a man.

**[42:10]** ---

But I will show no mercy.

**[42:12]** ---

Everyone, when you get back, feel free  
to enjoy a bottle of 02's best wine!

**[42:21]** ---

You've got more than we thought!

**[42:23]** ---

You sell what you brought back  
from the south to stock up?

**[42:26]** ---

You're a fan of the good stuff, huh?

**[42:31]** ---

Sorry, but not as much as you are!

**[42:38]** ---

"Aaah," my ass!

**[42:40]** ---

This was mine to begin with!

**[42:44]** ---

He's going really hard!

**[42:45]** ---

Is he going to be okay?

**[42:47]** ---

I'm scared. He's gonna be  
a pain to deal with later.

**[42:52]** ---

*In any era, drinking has a certain effect  
in bringing people together.*

**[43:02]** ---

*It's tough.*

**[43:04]** ---

Major!

**[43:06]** ---

How about some dessert?

**[43:09]** ---

Fruit punch!

**[43:11]** ---

Lieutenant!

**[43:14]** ---

Are you giving the major  
my liquor-preserved fruits?

**[43:16]** ---

You can't do that! You can't!

**[43:19]** ---

There's no alcohol in them.

**[43:22]** ---

They're specially made to be sweet.

**[43:25]** ---

Drunks.

**[43:27]** ---

Don't worry about me.

**[43:30]** ---

I think I have an illness that  
definitely needs 24 hours to wear off.

**[43:34]** ---

Don't wake me up for anything but a mission.

**[43:38]** ---

Let yourselves go, but don't get to the point

**[43:42]** ---

where it interferes with your duties.

**[43:47]** ---

The major, who's like a living,  
breathing rulebook...

**[43:51]** ---

The major, who's a demon  
obsessed with military code...

**[43:54]** ---

Told us to...

**[43:56]** ---

...let ourselves go?

**[43:58]** ---

Attention, everyone!

**[44:01]** ---

Our battalion commander  
has retired due to illness.

**[44:05]** ---

Seriously?

**[44:06]** ---

Lucky us!

**[44:07]** ---

And so...

**[44:09]** ---

Let's have another toast to  
Major Degurechaff's health!

**[44:14]** ---

Cheers!

**[44:32]** ---

*It's tough.*

**[44:43]** ---

*That toughness...*

**[44:45]** ---

*wasn't normal. Not at all.*

**[45:02]** ---

*That sturdiness, the amount of magic...*

**[45:07]** ---

*It has to be.*

**[45:13]** ---

*That insane fanatic!*

**[45:19]** ---

Your ability to recover is impressive.

**[45:21]** ---

I planned to have you get a longer rest.

**[45:24]** ---

I can't rest.

**[45:26]** ---

We need to show the people of the Federation why we're here.

**[45:30]** ---

You don't have the right to argue that with me.

**[45:34]** ---

The volunteer force is a high-level political matter.

**[45:38]** ---

Our ally's capital was attacked.

**[45:41]** ---

We're not going to help them?

**[45:43]** ---

It's their fault for not being able to properly protect it.

**[45:47]** ---

We did nothing wrong.

**[45:49]** ---

You want us to just be observers?!

**[45:52]** ---

We came together to destroy the Empire, our common enemy!

**[45:57]** ---

For humanity! For the world!

**[45:59]** ---

We should all fight together!

**[46:04]** ---

You want revenge that badly?

**[46:10]** ---

I know about your past.

**[46:12]** ---

Your father died in combat  
with the Empire, yes?

**[46:17]** ---

I can understand your hatred for the enemy.

**[46:20]** ---

But...

**[46:22]** ---

We're not murderers or avengers.

**[46:26]** ---

We're soldiers.

**[46:28]** ---

We're not fighting this war  
out of personal feelings.

**[46:37]** ---

We're leaving Moscow in the morning.

**[46:39]** ---

If you're a soldier, don't conflate our enemy  
and the object of your vengeance.

**[47:01]** ---

Within the Empire,  
there's a demon I must defeat!

**[47:15]** ---

Everyone, wake up!

**[47:21]** ---

What's going on?

**[47:24]** ---

Captain Weiss! Is Captain Weiss here?

**[47:26]** ---

Yes, ma'am!

**[47:28]** ---

Captain Weiss, Strategic HQ  
sent us a love letter.

**[47:31]** ---

Get the battalion together.

**[47:33]** ---

Yes, ma'am!

**[47:35]** ---

Hurry!

**[47:36]** ---

We'll begin the briefing as soon you're done.

**[47:42]** ---

It's been 10 days since the start of the war,  
and the borders have moved a lot.

**[47:45]** ---

Look at how the enemy's moving.

**[47:51]** ---

There are three general groups.

**[47:53]** ---

Group A, moving to the north.

**[47:55]** ---

Group B, readying for  
an attack on the Empire itself.

**[47:59]** ---

And Group C, which has started  
to move towards Dakia.

**[48:04]** ---

It's believed that Group B,  
the one in the center, is their largest.

**[48:08]** ---

But there's no reason  
to just face it head on.

**[48:10]** ---

Strategic HQ wants to start at  
the north and strike them first,

**[48:14]** ---

then head down to strike and encircle  
the main force from their flank.

**[48:18]** ---

Then what's our job?

**[48:22]** ---

To act as a mobile flying column.

**[48:24]** ---

We'll be going ahead of the main units from  
central command that are heading north.

**[48:28]** ---

But we can't ignore the pressure  
Group B is putting on us.

**[48:32]** ---

Their sheer numbers make them  
difficult to deal with.

**[48:35]** ---

Can the center hold while  
we're destroying Group A?

**[48:40]** ---

Captain Weiss...

**[48:42]** ---

Remember this.

**[48:44]** ---

It's not the numbers on paper.  
It's what's inside that counts.

**[48:49]** ---

Communists believe that  
the party is always right.

**[48:52]** ---

They put politics above military logic.

**[48:56]** ---

And if you go against that, you're purged.

**[48:58]** ---

Do you want to tell me an army  
like that is a *real* army?

**[49:05]** ---

Come in.

**[49:06]** ---

Excuse me.

**[49:07]** ---

Emergency request from the eastern forces.

**[49:10]** ---

What?

**[49:13]** ---

The 3rd and 32nd Divisions that are serving  
as the rear guard for withdrawal

**[49:18]** ---

are being surrounded at Tiegenhoff.

**[49:21]** ---

What about the eastern forces?

**[49:22]** ---

This is their job.

**[49:24]** ---

They've expended their strategic reserves  
in the battles so far.

**[49:28]** ---

So they've come begging to the unit  
under Strategic HQ's direct command?

**[49:32]** ---

Urban combat, huh?

**[49:34]** ---

If the enemy has it heavily encircled,  
won't it be difficult to rescue them?

**[49:38]** ---

Aerial photography from the area  
doesn't show any heavy guns.

**[49:43]** ---

All we've been able to confirm is  
a small number of field artillery pieces.

**[49:46]** ---

Heavy guns are incredibly slow.

**[49:49]** ---

The Federation's got the same problems

moving the things as we do.

**[49:53]** ---

But it's possible that there are long-range railway guns deployed near the border.

**[49:59]** ---

That's true.

**[50:00]** ---

Something their size could cause serious damage.

**[50:06]** ---

You're right to not underestimate your enemy.

**[50:10]** ---

But even railway guns aren't a serious threat.

**[50:14]** ---

In all our battles against the Federation, we've yet to see a single observer mage.

**[50:20]** ---

Even if their infantry have observers with them,

**[50:24]** ---

it's not realistic for them to adapt on the fly.

**[50:27]** ---

You're right, come to think of it.

**[50:29]** ---

So it's possible to save them.

**[50:31]** ---

But the 203rd Battalion has already received orders from Strategic HQ.

**[50:38]** ---

We report directly to Strategic HQ.

**[50:43]** ---

*So both of them need our help, huh?*

**[50:46]** ---

But a partial victory that leads to an overall defeat is worthless.

**[50:51]** ---

I hate to do this to the eastern forces,

**[50:53]** ---

but for the sake of our whole army, we should do the flying column mission.

**[50:57]** ---

I hate to say it, but you're right.

**[51:00]** ---

We'll just have to pray for Tiegenhoff.

**[51:08]** ---

Major?

**[51:10]** ---

What's wrong?

**[51:11]** ---

This is an interesting position.

**[51:14]** ---

Lieutenant Serebryakov...

**[51:16]** ---

Bring me a more detailed map.

**[51:17]** ---

Yes, ma'am.

**[51:18]** ---

A railway map, too.

**[51:28]** ---

Tiegenhoff is in a good position.

**[51:31]** ---

You could say it's a critical point in  
Strategic HQ's northern operations.

**[51:36]** ---

I see!

**[51:38]** ---

Aerial photography shows  
the rail lines are undamaged!

**[51:41]** ---

We'll be able to resupply for our flying  
column mission at regular intervals.

**[51:46]** ---

It's on a river and easy to defend,

**[51:48]** ---

and also a fair distance away  
from the eastern borders.

**[51:51]** ---

And we should be able to apply pressure to  
strategic transit points from there as well.

**[51:55]** ---

It's the perfect base!

**[51:58]** ---

Wonderful.

**[52:01]** ---

Rescuing Tiegenhoff is  
the ultimate aufheben.

**[52:04]** ---

We can give both the eastern forces  
and Strategic HQ what they want.

**[52:09]** ---

We're gonna do it.

**[52:11]** ---

Right!

**[52:14]** ---

So we're saving people, huh?

**[52:17]** ---

Lieutenant Serebryakov,

**[52:18]** ---

have the troops load up  
all the medical supplies they can carry.

**[52:21]** ---

Roger that!

**[52:22]** ---

It would be nice if we could take  
some whiskey and cigarettes,

**[52:25]** ---

but we barely have any to begin with.

**[52:28]** ---

Don't worry about that, Major.

**[52:31]** ---

Actually...

**[52:33]** ---

We won a bunch from the eastern  
forces playing cards yesterday.

**[52:36]** ---

I was going to put them in  
the battalion's warehouse,

**[52:39]** ---

but we should share them with our allies!

**[52:42]** ---

I can't believe you, Captain Weiss.

**[52:44]** ---

I thought you had more discipline  
as an officer.

**[52:49]** ---

No, it was Lieutenant Serebryakov,  
not me, who took their stuff.

**[53:04]** ---

We're counting on you!

**[53:05]** ---

Save our allies!

**[53:07]** ---

Rescue Tiegenhoff!

**SIGN** Imperial City of Tiegenhoff

**SIGN** Imperial 49th Mage Battalion: Major Jotuck Hofen

**[53:37]** ---

There are so many! Give it up, damn it!

**[53:40]** ---

Major!

**[53:41]** ---

There's not enough of us!

**[53:43]** ---

Our defenses to the northeast  
won't last much longer!

**[53:47]** ---

Shit! I need help, and I don't care  
where it comes from.

**[53:50]** ---

I'm not even gonna ask questions!

**[53:53]** ---

*Tiegenhoff Control to 49th Mage Battalion.*

**[53:56]** ---

*Reinforcements are on their way.*

**[53:58]** ---

*Watch for them.*

**[54:07]** ---

Allies?

**[54:09]** ---

You came!

**[54:17]** ---

Anti-ground bombardment! Aim at will!

**[54:20]** ---

Fire!

**[54:35]** ---

I am Major Hofen,

**[54:37]** ---

with the 49th Mage Battalion  
of the 3rd Division.

**[54:41]** ---

Major Degurechaff,

**[54:42]** ---

of the 203rd Aerial Mage Battalion  
reporting directly to Strategic HQ.

**[54:47]** ---

I'm terribly sorry  
we couldn't get here sooner.

**[54:51]** ---

Is there a problem?

**[54:52]** ---

N-No...

**[54:53]** ---

Thank you for coming!

**[54:56]** ---

We only survived because you got  
here before their heavy guns did.

**[54:59]** ---

I'm glad we made it.

**[55:02]** ---

HQ is this way. I'll take you there.

**[55:10]** ---

Our job will be to protect HQ  
and wipe out their survivors.

**[55:14]** ---

What about you?

**[55:15]** ---

We'll use this city as our base

**[55:18]** ---

and carry out the flying column order  
that we were given by Strategic HQ.

**[55:21]** ---

They're pretty rough on us.

**[55:24]** ---

I see.

**[55:25]** ---

I can understand why, given how  
highly-trained you looked.

**[55:29]** ---

I'm honored.

**[55:31]** ---

I'd love to have a drink with you...

**[55:36]** ---

But I'll buy one for your men, someday.

**[55:39]** ---

I'm afraid my men are heavy drinkers.

**[55:43]** ---

They might bankrupt you, I think.

**[55:49]** ---

All right, then!

**[55:50]** ---

My whole battalion will pay for them!

**[55:53]** ---

Drink all you like!

**[55:56]** ---

My men will be happy to hear that!

**[56:01]** ---

I'll be going, then.

**[56:07]** ---

Major!

**[56:08]** ---

Was that the officer who came to save us?

**[56:12]** ---

Yes.

**[56:13]** ---

The rumors that Strategic HQ had a child officer were true, it seems.

**[56:19]** ---

That legend of the battlefield was surprisingly true.

**[56:27]** ---

Comrades, the situation is dire!

**SIGN** Federation Front Lines

**[56:30]** ---

Our main force is barely managing to continue their advance,

**[56:33]** ---

but the lack of heavy guns is a huge problem.

**SIGN** Federation Rear Echelon

**[56:36]** ---

That's right.

**[56:38]** ---

The front lines say the situation is "difficult, but manageable."

**SIGN** Federation Army Political Officer

**[56:42]** ---

Some heavy guns would be appreciated if they're available.

**SIGN** Federation Capital Moscow

**[56:45]** ---

Comrades, I'm told everything is going "almost perfectly"!

**[56:48]** ---

Our forces are advancing with an overwhelming advantage.

**[56:53]** ---

There's no need to wait for the arrival of heavy guns.

**[56:56]** ---

The mission is almost complete.

**[56:59]** ---

Thank you for the good news.

**[57:02]** ---

Comrade Secretary, I have some other good news.

**[57:06]** ---

Speak.

**[57:08]** ---

Yes.

**[57:10]** ---

That enemy unit is in Tiegenhoff right now.

**[57:16]** ---

"That enemy unit"?

**[57:17]** ---

The ones who did *that*,  
if you follow my meaning.

**[57:24]** ---

An unforgivably barbaric offense!

**[57:27]** ---

Just thinking about it makes my blood boil!

**[57:31]** ---

There's no reason to let them live.

**[57:35]** ---

The overwhelming numbers  
given to us by the Motherland!

**[57:40]** ---

And the air planes birthed  
by our technology!

**[57:45]** ---

And then...

**[57:47]** ---

While they are a filthy  
imperialist curse...

**[57:51]** ---

We can also send in  
the multinational volunteers!

**[57:56]** ---

We'll send everything we've got at them!

**[57:59]** ---

Torment them!

**[58:01]** ---

Torture them!

**[58:02]** ---

And obliterate them!

**[58:14]** ---

My beloved Comrade Secretary...

**[58:17]** ---

I propose a large-scale assault  
on Tiegenhoff.

**SIGN** March 28, Unified Year 1926

**SIGN** Federation Airfield

**[58:27]** ---

Are we not done resupplying yet?

**[58:29]** ---

We don't have enough people!

**[58:31]** ---

We can't go any faster!

**[58:34]** ---

Real combat, huh?

**[58:35]** ---

I never thought we'd fight on  
the same side as the Federation.

**[58:38]** ---

We can do this.

**[58:40]** ---

Damn...

**[58:42]** ---

How did this happen?

**[58:44]** ---

Lieutenant Colonel Drake...

**[58:47]** ---

We're fighting the Empire, right?

**[58:49]** ---

We get to fight too, right?

**[58:51]** ---

Only in accordance with orders from home,  
and as much as they allow us.

**[58:55]** ---

That's part of God's will too, I'm sure.

**[58:57]** ---

Right.

**[58:58]** ---

I hope you don't end up meeting that  
God of yours sooner than you want to.

**[59:02]** ---

"Do not test the Lord."

**[59:04]** ---

I will simply do my duty.

**[59:11]** ---

That's a wonderful look  
you have on your face.

**[59:13]** ---

Do you miss the sea so badly?

**[59:16]** ---

Yes. I'd love to be kicking  
back in a pub right now.

**[59:20]** ---

You think it's a stupid order?

**[59:22]** ---

That's right.

**[59:24]** ---

The politicians back home must really want  
to get in the Federation's good graces.

**[59:28]** ---

And they're sacrificing a unit filled with nothing but rookies to do it.

**[59:32]** ---

Are they insane?

**[59:34]** ---

Who knows how much we'll have to pay the widows in pensions?

**[59:37]** ---

By the way, is that her?

**[59:41]** ---

Yes. Warrant Officer Mary Sue.

**[59:46]** ---

Her father was a brave soldier.

**[59:49]** ---

I know you've no obligation to do this,

**[59:52]** ---

but please keep an eye on her as much as you can.

**[1:00:05]** ---

Major! Major!

**[1:00:08]** ---

Wake up! Major!

**[1:00:10]** ---

What is it?

**[1:00:12]** ---

An attack! The Federation is attacking!

**[1:00:15]** ---

How many?

**[1:00:17]** ---

Eight divisions at a minimum.

**[1:00:19]** ---

Eight divisions?

**[1:00:21]** ---

That's the initial report from our air fleet.

**[1:00:23]** ---

That's four times what we have!

**[1:00:24]** ---

Yes. And that's the most optimistic estimate.

**[1:00:31]** ---

They shouldn't have realized how important Tiegenhoff is yet!

**[1:00:35]** ---

But they're abandoning their plans for a bold offensive?

**[1:00:40]** ---

*Commies aren't allowed to be that adaptable!*

**[1:00:43]** ---

*Did they figure out my plan?*

**[1:00:44]** ---

*Or did something leak?*

**[1:00:47]** ---

*Shit!*

**[1:00:48]** ---

*How?*

**[1:00:53]** ---

W-Well, the enemy is human, too.

**[1:00:56]** ---

They can't get their heavy  
equipment here in time.

**[1:00:58]** ---

They'll use their light forces  
to execute an attack first.

**[1:01:02]** ---

At this rate, we might lose our new base.

**[1:01:05]** ---

Wake everyone up, now!

**[1:01:29]** ---

Comrades, what has our homeland done?

**[1:01:33]** ---

The answer is simple.

**[1:01:35]** ---

We did nothing.

**[1:01:37]** ---

Nothing.

**[1:01:39]** ---

But the Federation is attacking us.

They want to kill us.

**[1:01:43]** ---

It's impossible for us to be good neighbors.

**[1:01:46]** ---

This world isn't fair at all, it seems.

**[1:01:50]** ---

If they wish to violate our rights,

**[1:01:53]** ---

we must fight!

**[1:01:57]** ---

I love freedom above all else.

**[1:02:00]** ---

I will secure freedom,

**[1:02:01]** ---

I will protect freedom,

**[1:02:03]** ---

and I will defend freedom to the last!

**[1:02:05]** ---

We cannot retreat from this battle!

**[1:02:07]** ---

Comrades, this is a battle for freedom!

**[1:02:11]** ---

The slightest hesitation  
will not be allowed!

**[1:02:14]** ---

We're kicking these Commies  
out of our country!

**[1:02:17]** ---

We will have victory!

**[1:02:19]** ---

Or we will have death!

**[1:02:20]** ---

We are the guards of our country's gates!

**SIGN** Battle of Tiegenghoff

**SIGN** 3 Hours Since the Start of the Battle

**[1:02:42]** ---

Wh-What the hell is this?

**[1:02:45]** ---

I can't believe how many there are!

**[1:03:17]** ---

Don't let them scare you! Fire! Fire!

**[1:03:48]** ---

Shit! Can't we do something  
about those tanks?

**[1:03:59]** ---

Mages? We're saved!

**[1:04:02]** ---

Now! Fire! Fire!

**[1:04:04]** ---

Don't let up!

**[1:04:06]** ---

The enemy's offensive has been blunted!

**[1:04:08]** ---

We outnumber them!

**[1:04:11]** ---

Shit! They just keep coming!

**[1:04:13]** ---

Where's our air support?!

**[1:04:15]** ---

Stop them no matter what!

**[1:04:16]** ---

Where the hell is she?

**[1:04:18]** ---

Let's go! Charge!

**[1:04:20]** ---

Die, devils!

**SIGN** Battle of Tiegenhoff Resupply Point A

**SIGN** 18 Hours Since the Start of the Battle

**[1:04:32]** ---

Everyone, resupply quickly!

**[1:04:35]** ---

Resupply units, move quickly from one company's resupply point to the next!

**[1:04:39]** ---

Get the wounded to the medics, now.

**[1:04:42]** ---

*This is 02!*

**[1:04:44]** ---

*Another two enemy divisions  
approaching from the northeast!*

**[1:04:47]** ---

*They should reach our area within minutes.*

**[1:04:56]** ---

This is 03.

**SIGN** Point D

**[1:04:57]** ---

We're seeing new reinforcements as well.

**SIGN** Point C

**[1:05:00]** ---

This is 04.

**[1:05:02]** ---

Enemy armor sighted at point G2!

**[1:05:07]** ---

I'm starting to wonder if you  
grow Communists in fields.

**[1:05:12]** ---

1st Company, anybody who  
can move, follow me!

**[1:05:15]** ---

We'll hit the Commies before  
they can enter the city!

**[1:05:22]** ---

*Shit! What the hell is going on here?*

**[1:05:25]** ---

*These goddamn Commies...*

**[1:05:26]** ---

*Don't they give a shit about  
their human resources?*

**SIGN** Point C, 27 Hours Since the Start of the Battle

**[1:05:36]** ---

Hey, aim for the mages in the sky!

**[1:05:39]** ---

Right!

**[1:05:43]** ---

Take cover! Take cover!

**[1:05:50]** ---

Lieutenant Serebryakov!

**[1:05:51]** ---

What are the reports from  
the other companies?!

**[1:05:54]** ---

No severe damage, but most of  
the soldiers are exhausted!

**[1:05:59]** ---

They're running out of magic and ammunition!

**[1:06:03]** ---

How many divisions does that make now?

**[1:06:05]** ---

Ten.

**[1:06:07]** ---

We can't hang on anymore.

**[1:06:10]** ---

*This is 03!*

**[1:06:11]** ---

*They made it past our interception net!*

**[1:06:14]** ---

A battalion of enemy mages!

**[1:06:16]** ---

They're heading straight for the city!

**[1:06:17]** ---

After all this, *now* there's mages?

**[1:06:20]** ---

*They're not Federation soldiers!*

**[1:06:21]** ---

I think they're the ones  
we ran into in Moscow!

**[1:06:23]** ---

What?!

**[1:06:26]** ---

Get in one good hit, and then run!

**[1:06:28]** ---

You can do this!

**[1:06:30]** ---

*Show the Empire the power of our will!*

**[1:06:34]** ---

They're attacking the city...

**[1:06:36]** ---

Are they after HQ?

**[1:06:38]** ---

Turn and pursue!

**[1:06:39]** ---

We must stop them—

**[1:06:40]** ---

*...to all units.*

**[1:06:42]** ---

*Tiegenhoff Control to all units!*

**[1:06:44]** ---

*Allied observers have picked up multiple incoming air units!*

**[1:06:49]** ---

*Fighters and bombers are approaching from the northeast!*

**[1:06:58]** ---

*A special alert has been issued for the area.*

**[1:07:01]** ---

*All units, be alert!*

**[1:07:02]** ---

*Repeat!*

**[1:07:04]** ---

*All units, be alert!*

**[1:07:05]** ---

So many air threats...

**[1:07:08]** ---

And there are still so many enemy infantry soldiers.

**[1:07:14]** ---

*Major, your orders!*

**[1:07:19]** ---

2nd, 3rd, and 4th Companies, your job is AA defense.

**[1:07:22]** ---

Tell the mixed fighter-bomber formation that their tour of the city is canceled.

**[1:07:26]** ---

So we're immigration officers now?

**[1:07:28]** ---

That's a tough job for mages.

**[1:07:31]** ---

*You get it, Captain Weiss.*

**[1:07:34]** ---

Now do it.

**[1:07:35]** ---

And keep the pressure up on the

surface as much as possible, too!

**[1:07:38]** ---

*Right!*

**[1:07:40]** ---

1st Company, follow me!

**[1:07:43]** ---

Shove a lead bullet up the asses  
of the enemy mage unit!

**[1:07:53]** ---

You go first!

**[1:07:54]** ---

Keep your defenses up as you charge!

**[1:07:56]** ---

Right!

**[1:08:01]** ---

*Wait! Mary!*

**[1:08:03]** ---

Warrant Officer Sue,

**[1:08:03]** ---

*stay in your two-man cell!*

**[1:08:05]** ---

I'm fine! I can do this!

**[1:08:07]** ---

The idiot's heading right at us!

**[1:08:10]** ---

Ready...

**[1:08:12]** ---

Blow her apart!

**[1:08:19]** ---

Mary!

**[1:08:32]** ---

She's like a wild boar, huh?

**[1:08:36]** ---

Three kills confirmed!

**[1:08:38]** ---

Good, time for some duck hunting!

**[1:08:40]** ---

Let's do this!

**[1:08:43]** ---

*More enemies to our rear!*

**[1:08:44]** ---

*An enemy mage unit!*

**[1:08:47]** ---

*We'll handle them!*

**[1:08:49]** ---

*The goal is the enemy HQ!*

**[1:08:53]** ---

*Warrant Officer Sue, strike the enemy HQ!*

**[1:08:53]** ---

M-Mary?

**[1:08:59]** ---

What's she doing here?

**[1:09:01]** ---

*You're supposed to attack the HQ!*

**[1:09:04]** ---

One's heading for us!

**[1:09:16]** ---

Fire!

**[1:09:53]** ---

A-An optical-type spell?

**[1:09:56]** ---

Her magical readings are incredible!

**[1:10:00]** ---

So she's only after me, huh?

**[1:10:08]** ---

We'll draw her away and kill her!

**[1:10:10]** ---

I'll take one of you and do it myself.

**[1:10:11]** ---

Everybody but Lieutenant Serebryakov,  
keep up the hunt!

**[1:10:39]** ---

We can't get any higher!

**[1:10:40]** ---

Shoot down the fighters first!

**[1:10:48]** ---

*The bombers circled around us  
and are advancing!*

**[1:10:50]** ---

*We won't make it in time!*

**[1:10:59]** ---

17 has taken damage!

**[1:11:00]** ---

Withdrawing!

**[1:11:05]** ---

Captain, the 3rd and 4th  
Companies will handle this!

**[1:11:08]** ---

We'll pull away the fighters.

**[1:11:10]** ---

You get the bombers!

**[1:11:11]** ---

But if you try to do this alone...

**[1:11:14]** ---

It's better than having  
the major pissed off at us!

**[1:11:16]** ---

Enemy fighters are nothing compared to her!

**[1:11:25]** ---

2nd Company, prepare to ascend!

**[1:11:32]** ---

Stop running!

**[1:11:34]** ---

You coward!

**[1:12:04]** ---

How many times is she going to fire?

**[1:12:05]** ---

She has to be burning through her magic!

**[1:12:23]** ---

Put all your magic into this...

**[1:12:25]** ---

Climb as high as you can possibly go!

**[1:12:31]** ---

Come on!

**[1:12:32]** ---

Blow them apart!

**[1:12:56]** ---

Altitude eight thousand!

**[1:12:59]** ---

Eight thousand, five hundred!

**[1:13:05]** ---

Nine thousand!

**[1:13:10]** ---

Nine thousand, five hundred!

**[1:13:17]** ---

Piercing spell!

**[1:13:21]** ---

Fire!

**[1:13:38]** ---

We did it... We did it!

**[1:13:55]** ---

All companies, well done.

**[1:13:57]** ---

But our job isn't done here.

**[1:14:00]** ---

We're moving on to hit  
the enemies on the surface!

**[1:14:15]** ---

The way he moves... He's a named mage?

**[1:14:17]** ---

She's stronger than I thought.

**[1:14:19]** ---

She's a veteran fighter!

**[1:14:23]** ---

Die already!

**[1:14:31]** ---

Die! You killed my father!

**[1:14:34]** ---

*What* did I do to you?

**[1:14:36]** ---

Don't mess with me!

**[1:14:38]** ---

I never mess around with work!

**[1:14:40]** ---

Shut up! Shut up! Shut up!

**[1:14:43]** ---

I'll kill you! I swear it!

**[1:14:56]** ---

Bringing your personal feelings  
to a battlefield?

**[1:14:59]** ---

How stupid can you be?

**[1:15:13]** ---

What have I done?

**[1:15:15]** ---

I guess I'm no different.

**[1:15:21]** ---

This is work. There's no room for emotions.

**[1:15:24]** ---

With my free will,  
guided by my rational mind...

**[1:15:29]** ---

I choose to kill you.

**[1:16:29]** ---

Oh God,

**[1:16:31]** ---

grant forgiveness to us sinners.

**[1:16:36]** ---

I pray that you guide them to your presence.

**[1:16:39]** ---

No!

**[1:17:32]** ---

Is she a monst—

**[1:19:13]** ---

Animal.

**[1:19:14]** ---

I don't have time for your shit.

**[1:19:18]** ---

Goodbye.

**[1:20:00]** ---

Major! Are you okay?

**[1:20:02]** ---

Yeah. Barely.

**[1:20:09]** ---

I wanted to kill her if I could.

**[1:20:11]** ---

No, I should've killed her.

**[1:20:20]** ---

Sir...

**[1:20:22]** ---

I can still fight.

**[1:20:26]** ---

Let me go back.

**[1:20:29]** ---

Let me go...

**[1:20:32]** ---

Please!

**[1:20:35]** ---

Let me kill that demon.

**[1:20:36]** ---

Shut up.

**[1:20:40]** ---

*Lieutenant Colonel Drake, the Federation...*

**[1:20:43]** ---

*The Federation is retreating!*

**[1:20:45]** ---

What?

**[1:20:46]** ---

It's a rout.

**[1:20:47]** ---

Everywhere, they're in chaos.

**[1:20:52]** ---

It's time to go. Let's get out of here.

**[1:21:03]** ---

Why?

**[1:21:04]** ---

Why, Daddy?

**[1:21:15]** ---

We don't have enough stretchers!

**[1:21:17]** ---

Well done!

**[1:21:18]** ---

Move him quick!

**[1:21:19]** ---

How many left?

**[1:21:33]** ---

Hey, want a smoke?

**[1:21:43]** ---

*Being X once told me*

**[1:21:48]** ---

*that he'd throw me into "dire straits."*

**[1:21:53]** ---

*And he was right.*

*A peaceful life seems very far away.*

**[1:21:58]** ---

*Even the most veteran soldier gets tired.*

**[1:22:02]** ---

*Even an officer who gets promoted*

*still might not survive.*

**[1:22:09]** ---

*I can't even see an end*

*to this battle anymore.*

**[1:22:15]** ---

*A huge war that just keeps*

*growing and growing...*

**[1:22:19]** ---

*If that's the fate I've been given, then...*

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**[1:22:38]** ---

Major, what is this?

**[1:22:41]** ---

A request for transfer, sir.

**[1:22:45]** ---

I understand that, but...

**[1:22:48]** ---

You want a mission that doesn't

take you to the front lines?

**[1:22:52]** ---

Is this some kind of joke, Major?

**[1:22:54]** ---

No, I am extremely serious.

**[1:22:58]** ---

*That warmonger wants a position in the rear?*

**[1:23:02]** ---

*What's going on here?*

**[1:23:04]** ---

Major,

**[1:23:05]** ---

why do you wish to abandon the front lines?

**[1:23:07]** ---

To give up your mission?

**[1:23:10]** ---

Sir, I'm afraid I don't  
understand your question.

**[1:23:15]** ---

Do you think this is some kind of game?

**[1:23:18]** ---

*It's like a child throwing a tantrum.*

**[1:23:21]** ---

*I mean, she is a kid, but...*

**[1:23:23]** ---

*Don't tell me this is her rebellious phase!*

**[1:23:26]** ---

Major, we have a high opinion of you.

**[1:23:31]** ---

I'm honored, sir.

**[1:23:33]** ---

So why would an ace like you  
ask for a mission in the rear?

**[1:23:38]** ---

Tell us what you're really thinking.

**[1:23:42]** ---

If you say so, sir.

**[1:23:45]** ---

Right now, we won't be able to win this war.

**[1:23:51]** ---

We can't defeat the Federation, you say?

**[1:23:53]** ---

Correct. As far as I know.

**[1:23:57]** ---

Your personal opinion will suffice. Speak.

**[1:23:59]** ---

At the present time,  
our forces are eking out

**[1:24:02]** ---

meager victories not due to the  
strength of our organization,

**[1:24:05]** ---

but due to the contributions  
of individual soldiers.

**[1:24:08]** ---

This will not be sufficient  
to conquer the huge territory

**[1:24:10]** ---

and vast space of the Federation.

**[1:24:13]** ---

Without improvements to the organization,

we will not win.

**[1:24:17]** ---

In the last battle,

**[1:24:19]** ---

we encountered something called  
a multinational volunteer force.

**[1:24:23]** ---

What's particularly concerning

**[1:24:24]** ---

is that soldiers from the Unified States  
were participating in this.

**[1:24:28]** ---

So you're saying at some point,  
the Unified States will join the war?

**[1:24:34]** ---

Yes.

**[1:24:34]** ---

But the Empire presently has no  
plans for the strategic environment

**[1:24:39]** ---

that would result if the US  
joined the war, do they?

**[1:24:42]** ---

I'm unaware of any.

**[1:24:45]** ---

You're concerned over nothing, Major.

**[1:24:48]** ---

They are, and have always been,  
isolationists.

**[1:24:50]** ---

You think they'd cross an ocean to involve  
themselves in the continent's doings?

**[1:24:55]** ---

Of course, ideally, they won't.

**[1:24:59]** ---

But is a World War without them possible?

**[1:25:04]** ---

The answer is clear.

**[1:25:06]** ---

It's not.

**[1:25:11]** ---

So you're saying that in  
order to win this Great War,

**[1:25:15]** ---

we need a reevaluation of our entire  
set of strategic assumptions?

**[1:25:19]** ---

You're correct, sir.

**[1:25:22]** ---

Instead of focusing too much on  
the victories we've had so far,

**[1:25:25]** ---

we must engage in tactical research and  
training to use our forces as a single whole.

**[1:25:30]** ---

I believe that's what will  
give us a chance at victory.

**[1:25:35]** ---

And you want to be the one  
to lead that research?

**[1:25:39]** ---

Yes. I would like to work in the rear,

**[1:25:43]** ---

finding ways to strengthen our military  
and properly utilize our forces.

**[1:25:46]** ---

I've come up with this specific proposal.

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**[1:25:53]** ---

*It's laid out so logically,*

**[1:25:55]** ---

*with every possible objection answered...*

**[1:25:58]** ---

*I never thought that  
could seem so eerie.*

**[1:26:05]** ---

You're taking the situation very lightly.

**[1:26:08]** ---

You seem to have forgotten something.

**[1:26:11]** ---

When you want to fight a war...

**[1:26:14]** ---

This is how you do it!

**[1:26:23]** ---

Shock power!

**[1:26:24]** ---

And the Empire has that power.

**[1:26:27]** ---

War isn't about tricks.

It's a question of will.

**[1:26:32]** ---

Remember that.

**[1:26:36]** ---

The Empire is just like your fist. Wounded.

**[1:26:41] ---**

Too much blood is being shed.

**[1:26:43] ---**

Even a fist like this is  
still good for boxing.

**[1:26:49] ---**

I must fight to the end, even if I'm alone.

**[1:26:54] ---**

Sir,

**[1:26:56] ---**

what awaits you after that battle?

**[1:27:03] ---**

War is politics.

**[1:27:05] ---**

Another means of foreign diplomacy.

**[1:27:07] ---**

Thus, if you cannot bring the war  
to an appropriate conclusion...

**[1:27:12] ---**

All that awaits you

**[1:27:15] ---**

is a preparatory period for the next war.

**[1:27:19] ---**

It may be the beginning  
of a new foolish mistake.

**[1:27:27] ---**

Or perhaps the flames of destruction  
will envelop everything,

**[1:27:32] ---**

and all that will remain is a wasteland.

**[1:27:43] ---**

Even if you conquer the whole world  
and become a superpower,

**[1:27:48] ---**

it will only mean that  
the conflict takes on a new form.

**[1:27:56] ---**

In this world,  
even in the midst of your triumph,

**[1:27:59] ---**

a single stab from behind may  
cause you to lose everything.

**[1:28:07] ---**

As you said, victory is everything.

**[1:28:11] ---**

But the war must be won properly.

**[1:28:14] ---**

Otherwise,

**[1:28:16]** ---

someday history will laugh at you.

**[1:28:20]** ---

What matters with war is how you win it.

**[1:28:29]** ---

I'll give you two months.

**[1:28:32]** ---

I'll have you deployed to  
the west under my authority.

**[1:28:36]** ---

What happens after that  
depends on your results.

**[1:28:39]** ---

Get to work immediately  
examining the combat records

**[1:28:41]** ---

and seeing what new tactics  
we can learn from them.

**[1:28:43]** ---

Does that mean...

**[1:28:48]** ---

Yes. The rear echelon mission you want.

**[1:28:54]** ---

Understood!

**[1:29:07]** ---

*Tanya von Degurechaff...*

**[1:29:09]** ---

*Warmonger, strategist...*

**[1:29:13]** ---

*And child.*

**[1:29:15]** ---

*Is this the ultimate form of  
the soldier that our Empire wanted?*

**[1:29:22]** ---

*Major, in this insane world of war,*

**[1:29:26]** ---

*what are you thinking?*

**[1:29:49]** ---

The rear echelon deployment I've dreamed of!

**[1:29:52]** ---

Peace is finally mine!

**[1:29:55]** ---

There's no reason for me to accept  
the cruel fate that God gave me!

**[1:30:02]** ---

I refuse to get on my knees

and beg God for salvation.

**[1:30:07]** ---

Use the cards you've been given  
to get the future you want!

**[1:30:12]** ---

That's the right that only humans have!

**[1:30:14]** ---

That's what makes you human!

**[1:30:19]** ---

Too bad for you, Being X!

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**[1:32:06]** ---

From west to east, and then back west...

**[1:32:10]** ---

But this time we're safe in the rear.

**[1:32:13]** ---

I'd love to get some rest, but...

**[1:32:17]** ---

It's hard to feel relaxed.

**[1:32:19]** ---

Front lines syndrome, they call it.

**[1:32:22]** ---

Really, how did this happen?

**[1:32:32]** ---

*The right person for the right job.*

*That's how it should be.*

**[1:32:36]** ---

*I'm going to keep doing such a  
good job that nobody can complain,*

**[1:32:39]** ---

*and spend the rest of my  
life doing desk work.*

**[1:32:58]** ---

*Yes, this is Lieutenant Colonel Degurechaff  
with the Warfare Research Institute.*

**[1:33:02]** ---

Hello, Lieutenant Colonel.

**[1:33:04]** ---

Sir!

**[1:33:05]** ---

I'm so grateful for  
the opportunity you gave me.

**[1:33:08]** ---

I simply gave your abilities  
the recognition they deserved.

**[1:33:13]** ---

*You honor me too highly.*

**[1:33:15]** ---

Strategic HQ has decided to accept  
all of your suggestions.

**[1:33:20]** ---

*I'm so happy to hear that!*

**[1:33:23]** ---

*We need to do practical research  
to learn how to best utilize our forces.*

**[1:33:28]** ---

*And we'll have the proposer carry out  
that research on the front lines.*

**[1:33:37]** ---

Congratulations.

**[1:33:38]** ---

We're giving you an entirely  
new combined arms unit.

**[1:33:41]** ---

*Oh, don't worry.*

**[1:33:43]** ---

*The 203rd Aerial Mage Battalion  
will still be at its center.*

**[1:33:48]** ---

*We won't take them from you.*

**[1:33:50]** ---

*We'll also be giving you  
an infantry battalion,*

**[1:33:52]** ---

*a mobile armor company,*

**[1:33:54]** ---

*an artillery unit,*

**[1:33:55]** ---

*as well as the ability to requisition  
some additional forces for yourself.*

**[1:33:59]** ---

*This is the Empire's first  
combined arms unit.*

**[1:34:04]** ---

Officially,

**[1:34:05]** ---

it'll be known as the Strategic HQ's  
Experimental Combat Arms Unit.

**[1:34:09]** ---

But that's a bit of a mouthful.

**[1:34:11]** ---

So we've given it the code name "Salamander."

**[1:34:17]** ---

*The Salamander "Kampfgruppe,"  
as you called it.*

**[1:34:21]** ---

I see.

**[1:34:23]** ---

So that's what you were thinking  
when you gave her a mission in the rear?

**[1:34:28]** ---

I wasn't thinking anything.

**[1:34:31]** ---

She's the one who asked for it.

**[1:34:47]** ---

How...

**[1:34:51]** ---

How did this happen?!

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