

## LINE ONE

Greetings, [PROT]. Today's mission: an abandoned building has started to receive large shipments of volatile chemicals. We think the shadow organization that's been threatening world leaders is involved.

[PROT]. Are you there? I can't hear you! If you're getting this: those mysterious dark forces are back.

[PROT]: thanks for finally checking in. We have a new mission for you today: a terrorist group has taken over a nuclear facility, and is holding the employees hostage.

Twelve days ago, the number one weapons manufacturer in the world abruptly closed their doors to the outside world. No one has been spotted going in or out since. We need to find out why.

Last night, tragedy struck. Terrorists took a cruise ship hostage and released a video saying they would only be released for 100 million dollars.

I expect you're wondering why I called you so suddenly. As you know, according to peacetime conventions, we are not allowed to send spies in to infiltrate our friend's lairs. So, shhhh.

Good to see you, [PROT]. Apparently, our favorite dictator needs some attention, and has decided to gain it by assembling an army.

[PROT]... they put YOU on this one? That's um... okay. Today, we're dropping you behind enemy lines, to answer some recent provocations.

Hello [PROT]. Today's situation is rather delicate. We have reason to believe our brand new allies are actually evil clones from a mirror dimension.

[PROT], thank you for meeting me through a back channel. I still don't know what those weird dark forces we encountered were last year—but I do know they're back.

For months, we have only been able to defend ourselves from our enemy's attacks. Now, the tides are starting to change: we've found the location of their secret base.

Gear up. You know those allies of ours who swear they aren't aliens? Well, the top brass still isn't convinced, and would like you to prove it.

Listen up, [PROT]: you know the rebel faction that keeps smuggling supplies across our border undetected? Well we think we might've stumbled onto a rather... alternative method of exposing them.

We've been at war with a sinister foe for almost a decade, barely holding them back. Now, we have a chance to go on the offensive—but we'll only get one shot.

For the last fifteen years, a mysterious group of hackers have wreaked havoc across the city, blackmailing all who tried to stop them into submission. Tonight, we have a chance to stop this.

[PROT], good, you're here. No time to explain, we need to get you out into the field.

The war's been going on for... well, war's all I can even remember. So what do you say we try to stop our enemies once and for all?

Bad news: we still don't know who these shadow forces are, and why they're so determined to try and take over our city. Good news? We may have figured out how to stall them.

Well well well... it's [PROT]. You'll be happy to hear who your target is today: the organization that wiped out your family. In the mood for some revenge?

For too long, we have lived at the mercy of the cyborg clones who claim dominion over our land. At long last, we may have discovered a weak point.

Well then. If you're here, you must already be aware of the situation: the Victus Protocol has been initiated.

I know the last few missions I've asked you to go on were rather underwhelming. I think you'll find today's situation a bit more exciting.

We've received reports that a foreign diplomat is using their office as a cover for an arms smuggling operation. If this gets out, it could spell huge trouble for us.

Recently, we've received reports from secure sources that our friends over the river are planning an attack.

[PROT]... I was wondering when I was going to hear from you. It's too bad it wasn't sooner... things have become increasingly messy.

## LINE TWO

Red tape makes this one complicated—our only move currently is to have you [ALLGOAL].

Everything we need to respond appropriately is prepared: we just need you to [ALLGOAL].

You've been sent a report detailing what needs to be done.

The rest of the details are in your report. I'm sure you don't need me to read it to you like you're a child.

Following this briefing, you'll receive your objective. Whatever it is, it's above my clearance, so I'm afraid I can't offer you any more guidance.

I misplaced your assignment... but they sent you a copy, right? I'm sure you'll figure it out.

We're compiling intel right now from an informant on the inside. They'll update you with your assigned task after this briefing—it's important you carry out whatever they tell you exactly.

If we want to get ahead of this, we're going to need you to [ALLGOAL].

There's a lot of interlocking parts on this one, but your part is crucial: you must [ALLGOAL].

We're hitting them on multiple fronts—your job is to [ALLGOAL].

The only way to protect the city is for you to [ALLGOAL].

There's only one way to keep this from turning into a total disaster: get in there and [ALLGOAL].

The rest is none of your concern— all you need to worry about is getting in there to [ALLGOAL].

It's all a bit chaotic, so just focus on your role: you need to [ALLGOAL].

This gives us an opportunity to take the offensive and [ALLGOAL].

Our only hope is for you to [ALLGOAL].

In twenty minutes, the guards will go on break, and you'll have a chance to slip in and [ALLGOAL].

Throw a wrench in their plan: get in there and [ALLGOAL].

Higher ups think the best way to fix this is to have you [ALLGOAL]. Makes no sense to me, but hey—above my pay grade.

We've found a vulnerability we can exploit, but to use it we'll need you to [ALLGOAL].

We can't do more until we know what we're dealing with: get in there and [TRAVGOAL].

We need to act decisively, but can't afford collateral damage, so you need to [RETGOAL].

Innocent lives are in danger, and action needs to be taken. Get in there and [KILLGOAL].

We desperately need intel, so your mission is to [TALKGOAL].

We've got a plan to gain the upper hand, but it's expensive, so you'll have to [RICHGOAL].

### LINE THREE

This mission must remain top secret, so you'll have to go in alone.

Due to the finicky nature of this assignment, this one's off the books. Handle this quietly, and you'll be richly rewarded.

[PROT]? [PROT]! Are you even listening?

We've provided you with the best stealth gear our budget allowed. That said, there were cutbacks this year, so um... just be careful, okay?

Most important: you'll need to—crud, I've been spotted. Gotta run!

If this goes bad, it's going to go real bad real quick. Stay on point.

I don't want to hear any complaints, okay? You have your assignment, now get it done.

Don't forget that you're [PROT], a disgraced government spy moonlighting as a bounty hunter. You copy? I don't have time to sit around and listen to you whine about your amnesia!

I know you're technically retired, but even after years of being a couch potato you're still our most elite agent, so... get dressed!

As you know, we've been working together for some time now, so I expect things to go smoothly. You do know that, right? Banged your head pretty hard last mission, so just... making sure.

Nobody is more familiar with the forces at hand than you, [PROT]—you're the only one I can count on for this.

I'm not allowed to give you any more details, but just know it's very important that you succeed. So make sure you do!

I trust you to be professional, so NO speculating that the boss is just making up excuses to engage in petty revenge! At least not on public channels, okay?

Remember: when you're done, send your invoice directly to accounting, not me. And would it kill you to save your receipts this time?

I know it can be frustrating being ordered to and fro and never truly knowing why, but trust that everyone in the upper ranks thinks you're doing a bang up job, kiddo!

Be careful in there, [PROT]. The enemy is not to be underestimated.

If you can get out of there without attracting too much attention, it would definitely make everyone's life easier. You copy?

The boss was... a little nervous about bringing you back after last time. I vouched for you, but just... stay on point, okay?

This is your last chance to prove yourself. Don't disappoint me.

My tolerance for failure is quite low... I trust that won't be an issue.

From here on out, it's radio silence. Best of luck.

For a legend like you, this should be a cinch.

Once you enter the comm system will go offline, but we rigged a camera to your armor to stream video so the whole office can watch and cheer you on!

Get this done, and your record will officially be wiped clean.

Obtaining your services was rather costly. I expect we'll get our money's worth.

## GOAL REFERENCE

## GOAL FLAVOR TEXT - ACTION

traverse level [TRAVGOAL]	scout out the premises
traverse level [TRAVGOAL]	take a thorough look around
discover location [TRAVGOAL]	find out what they're hiding
discover location [TRAVGOAL]	track them down
discover 3/x locations [TRAVGOAL]	root out all of their hiding spots
discover 3/x locations [TRAVGOAL]	pinpoint [3/x] locations
rescue NPC [RETGOAL]	rescue the civilian
rescue NPC [RETGOAL]	find some doofus who stumbled into this whole mess
rescue 1/x NPC [RETGOAL]	locate [1/x] hostage
rescue 1/x NPC [RETGOAL]	track down [1/x] witnesses
defeat enemy [KILLGOAL]	get rid of that scum
defeat enemy [KILLGOAL]	handle this quietly
defeat enemies [KILLGOAL]	clear out the opposition
defeat enemies [KILLGOAL]	eliminate their forces
kill mark [KILLGOAL]	neutralize their target
kill mark [KILLGOAL]	silence their ringleader
destroy 3/x spawners [KILLGOAL]	cut off their reinforcements
destroy 3/x spawners [KILLGOAL]	crush their means of production
recruit [TALKGOAL]	try and make a friend
recruit [TALKGOAL]	convince your mark to join you
gain x money [RICHGOAL]	procure the funds
gain x money [RICHGOAL]	steal some cash