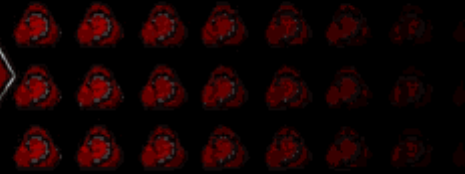


HELLO, BROTHER!

Brotherhood of Nod



"Welcome to the Brotherhood of Nod, sometimes referred to as the Ways of Nod or the Sha Ae Sheer. I prefer just the Brotherhood, for that is what we are truly striving for; a brotherhood of mankind, where all can live in peace and share the struggles of life as one.

As long as man has had breath the Brotherhood has existed. For from the beginning - when man's struggle was with nature, not knowing where he might sleep, how he would eat, or whether he would survive to see the light of dawn - there have always been those who would lord over others. People who believe that they, by some unseen right, are granted power over others, and would push others down so they might climb, are the greatest threat to mankind's existence. For many years has one man or one race prospered on the sweat and work of others.

Such injustices are not just a sin against mankind, but also a sin against God. The Brotherhood had its beginnings with the first downtrodden who looked for a better way. These oppressed sought a path that would allow them to gather fruits of life and achieve enough resources and wealth that they and their families could survive and advance with the rest of mankind. Too often have these people been crushed beneath the boot of others, their measly gains stripped from them. Throughout history the "overlords", often self-appointed rulers, have forcefully taken the resources of those who could not defend themselves.

Whether we consider the pharaohs of Egypt, the Caesars of Rome, the kings of England, or the emperors of China, it was always the blood and sweat of others that created their empires. Today, it is the capitalists of the western nations that are sucking the life out of the rest of the nations of the world. While capitalist barons sit in their mansions, drinking their expensive champagnes, the workers of the world continue to die from starvation and disease. Workers are forced to sleep on the ground without shelter in the sweltering summer heat and may die from frostbite in the depths of winter, their cries for help never heeled by the nation of the western bloc, whose citizens sleep soundly in their beds at night. The imperialism of these nations is even more insidious than that of ancient times.

When the pharaohs and Caesars ruled the realm, at least one knew one's standing at all times. No pretense was ever made that a man or a race was other than what they were. Slaves were slaves; they knew this and expected that they would be treated as such. They were never seduced into believing that they were free men able to achieve what they pleased. It was never suggested that they might be able to do something about their fate and rise above the station into which they had been born. By contrast, the western nations have created a world of slaves without the general populace ever realizing it. Although the so-called free nations claim they are helping to advance the world as a whole, it takes only a moment to see through this pretense and realize that the only ones advancing are the free nations.

With their abundance of resources and technology, the free nations have made economic slaves of the Third World. The disadvantaged Third World countries have had their resources stripped away, education denied, and technology withheld to keep

peace, and following a single path toward a common goal of equality, all held together by the benevolent supervision provided by me, Kane.

There are many obstacles blocking my path to this magnificent unity; means must be found to surmount these difficulties.

We now come to the addition of you to my fold. The EVA operator interface is the way of the future: combat being directed by a general safe behind friendly lines, but still receiving data of the mission as it occurs. It would take the demented minds of the GDI to come up with a plan like this. How can a man know fear, feel for his comrades, or taste victory in all its sweetness if he sits so far from the battle that the only screams he hears are simulated by a machine? Be that as it may, the EVA system is the best means available to the Brotherhood to ensure our purification of the world.

You have been recruited by the Brotherhood because your views closely mirror our own. Leave behind the dogma of GDI and bring the training and education supplied by them to my cause. We will feed the Tiberium fields with the lifeless bodies of GDI, continuing the struggle until no one and nothing stands in the way of global unification. Your expertise is needed in this glorious struggle. You shall give of yourself body and soul in the service of the Brotherhood, and in return for your efforts you shall become greater than you ever dared imagine. Know your abilities well, but never be satisfied with what you can do today. Strive to surpass today's feats tomorrow and each day thereafter. Do not fail me, for your failure could mean my failure, and I will NOT fail. Up link to your system and lead our forces to splendid victory"!

- Kane

