

To: AGENT LVN3006

Re: Info Dump

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As requested, we have a positive match of the Ascended you acquired during your recon mission #BM-A000617. With a 98.3% certainty, we can confirm her name is Alyssia Cunningham, one of the first Ascended, and indeed a potentially useful resource, provided she proves to be cooperative. If she shows any signs of recalcitrance, do not hesitate to patch in the secondary enthralling command that has been provided.

We've pulled as much data as we could from the ancient archives, but much is still corrupted and/or encrypted. As we pry more information from the old files, we'll update this record, so make sure to check-in regularly for any updates. Any information she is willing to provide to fill in the gaps will be of great help as well.

In the meantime, return to your contact for a briefing on your next mission.

[SIGNATURE REDACTED]



Name: Alyssia Elaine Cunningham

Born: July 7, 2115

Birthplace: Linton, IN (United States)

Early Life:

Alyssia was not born into wealth, growing up in a rural setting on one of the few remaining independently owned family farms in the country during the Second Incorporation Era of the then United States of America.

Her parents encouraged her to go through the higher education process rather than take over the family business. During the process of getting her degree, her family's farm fell to the same legal maneuvering that had befallen most of their peers. By the time she returned with her master's degree in biological engineering in 2138, Heartland Farms owned nearly every piece of arable land in the midwest.

She was hired into the corporation to research climate resilient corn, which had been a staple crop in the state and suffering due to rising temperatures.

Eventually given the lead researcher position under suspicious grounds (expecting her to fail by a senior executive who deemed the project unsolvable), by 2141 Alyssia demonstrated a successful harvest of High Resilience Sweet Corn that quickly turned Heartland Farms into the primary force in replenishing an imperiled food supply not just in the United States, but in the entire world.

By 2145, Alyssia's efforts led to similar temperature resilient wheat and soy, and led her to taking her former boss's job as the President of Research and Development.

But Alyssia's rise to greatness wasn't done yet. In 2150, she left Heartland Farms and founded her own company, Green Future Research, as well as led development on arguably the most vitally important development of the Second Incorporation Era. Working with five other major companies, Alyssia's expertise spearheaded the development of a synthetic chlorophyll that could be spliced into existing crops, making it self-sustaining, and over two hundred times more efficient at drawing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

By 2170, climatologists reported that world temperatures were demonstrating a declining pattern for the first time in a hundred and fifty years, and that carbon levels were lower than any point since the Industrial Revolution. As the carbon dioxide lowered, the modified plants began dying off and allowed normal crops the opportunity to thrive again. Alyssia became renowned as the woman who ended global warming.

[REDACTED] began following the experiments of one of her colleagues who had contributed to Green Future's success, an Internet investment-mogul named Patrick Teal.

[REDACTED] In 2184, Teal announced to his major shareholders in a private meeting that he had successfully uploaded his consciousness into an artificial body, becoming the first "Ascended" human.

By 2186, Alyssia had cashed out enough of her assets to undergo the Ascension herself, leaving her aging and frail body behind, seemingly dead, until a year later when Teal led 107,619 Ascended into declaring their existence to the world.

Ascended:

Initially, very little changed. Upon demonstrating to her shareholders' satisfaction that she was indeed Alyssia Elaine Cunningham, she was allowed to buy back her majority stake in the company at a deeply reduced cost, [REDACTED]

By 2300, The Ascended had focused expanding their number

entities that had been lauded for high performance.

In 2382, a very heated debate emerged between Ascended members of congress and those mortals who had been elected by the appointment of an Ascended to the Supreme Court, the argument being what was the point of a “for life” position to a person who couldn't die? Despite vocal protest, an Ascended super-majority in the Senate pushed Justice Keith Blake into the Supreme Court in 2383.

By 2476, the United States government officially dissolved

Alyssia was nominated along with 136 others to form the Council of the Enlightened that served as the governing body for initially North America, then the entire hemisphere by 2519.

The Five Hundred Year War

In 2641, the Council of the Enlightened banned all public displays of religion,

Until a mortal claimed a powerful political seat again, Rahman Al Saud, a member of the deposed Saudi Royal Family, successfully overcame the Ascended regime and released a video of the execution of Mahman Abdullah, the Ascended “king” that governed much of the Middle East,

The Council of Enlightened, horrified at the audacity, sent their forces into Saudi Arabia, crushing Muhammad II's fledgling caliphate in brutal fashion, effectively decimating the region. While Alyssia initially protested and voted against the measure, she voted for the Purification of Minds initiative, which banned all practice of religion, public or private in 2643.

While the Ascended and their supporters were much fewer in number, their access to higher levels of technology, as well as courting key figures with Ascension, allowed them to maintain order

Eventually, the Ascended's tech advantage was neutralized by human resistances copying their technology and through sheer numbers. While the Ascended ranks had ballooned to almost 20 million worldwide, it paled to the nearly 10 billion humans that were still increasing in number. In 3151, resistance forces in Europe eliminated the entire League of Ascended, the governing body for the continent, by hacking a telecommunications satellite and dropping it onto the Great Capital Square of Vienna.

In 3162, an element of the rebellions in North America spawned the Rational Resistance, humans who had been stealing, copying, and iterating on Ascended technology for several generations, culminating in an ambitious project that involved hijacking one of the Ascended's fusion reactors in what was once Japan, then venting high energy plasma into the upper atmosphere... causing a massive electromagnetic pulse that quickly ripped through most of the Northern Hemisphere, killing nearly three million Ascended, believed to include Patrick Teal, who had been in Japan to coordinate with allies in Asia.

By January of 3166, [REDACTED] Alyssia's voting bloc emerged victorious, and she began to reach out to rebellion leaders to negotiate a peaceful resolution.

But Rational Resistance operations had moved deep underground [REDACTED] and in March of 3166, a small cell of scientists (having gone into radio silence over the last year to prevent being found by the Ascended, led another fusion reactor attack and EMP. This time in North America, it killed another 700,000 Ascended that had not yet transferred to new bodies, [REDACTED]

In light of the attack, Alyssia's voting bloc crumbled, and war hawks took control of the Council of Enlightened once more, [REDACTED]

The Universal Blight:

In the early years of the Five Hundred Year War, Patrick Teal had compelled all Ascended to consider potential "final solutions" to the "human problem." [REDACTED]

Enthralled:

[REDACTED] the scientists created the first "enthraling code", broadcasting it wirelessly across the world through what remained of the Ascended's communications network, and Alyssia was among those ensnared.

This code would be appropriated by the rise of the new churches in the form of enthraling bands attached to the Ascended as the ability to communicate wirelessly became increasingly impractical.

