

ALICE (CONT'D)

Using the operational data, I simulated the engagement again while factoring in my processing and analytical capabilities. As you can see yourselves, I could improve the real-time performance of our digital tools by up to twenty-seven percent in some cases. Using the Heartseeker engagement as a point of comparison, not only would Last Ray of Twilight not have received any damage, but also no drones would have gotten within 65 seconds of impact, had I been able to provide assistance. I believe this contribution will be wonderfully helpful in the coming engagement with the Venati vessels.

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Of course, I will do this at no cost to the fleet or to the Hypatian Guard. I just want to do my duty to Hypatia and help where I can. All I would need is real-time access to each ship's central operations computer, and you'll see results immediately.

Let's do a little math together! Let me know what you think. The sooner I could get started preparing my networks, the better!

COMPILER

For context, providing the real operational data to Alice so she could run simulations on it is a crime, with a court-martialing at minimum and potential charges of espionage. If fleet command ever found out who leaked tactical information to Alice, there would be hell to pay. But putting that aside, the commanders of the fleet considered her offer.

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It was an unacceptable deal that they could not afford to pass up.