



**D**ou emerge back into the cockpit, stowaway in tow. “Gang, this is Faegan. She’ll be joining us. And Tif – no.”

Your pilot has become a teenage boy, with messy blonde hair and piercing blue eyes. The boy shoots Faegan a smile, then looks at you sheepishly. “Sorry.”

Faegan looks confused, and then shocked at the sight of Wentworth looming up over his chair, six front limbs cutting the air in aggression.

“This is Wentworth. He doesn’t like thieves, but he also doesn’t like disobeying orders. Wentworth, don’t eat Faegan,” you say cheerfully.

Faegan slowly pulls her cloak from her backpack and turns it inside out, then covers herself with the scaly yellow shroud.

“You’ve already met Tif.” Tif has resumed her standard form, long white-blonde hair draped over the arms of her pilot’s chair. You turn to face Faegan directly. “Show us what you know, and we might not drop you off at the first station we find. Tif, get us moving again.”

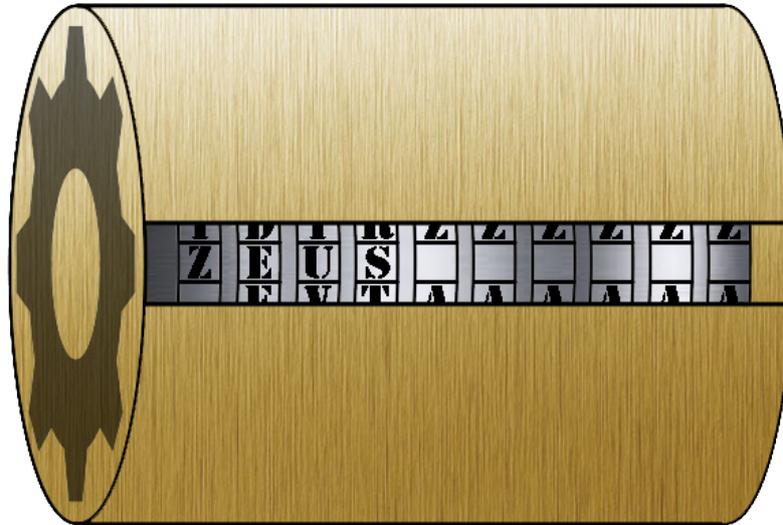
The young girl pulls another hardsheet from somewhere beneath her cloak. This one is tightly coiled, like a scroll, and in considerably worse shape. She unfurls it slowly. “This has something to do with it.”

The picture on the sheet... could this be the Machine?

# Act III Scene 4

## Deus Ex Machina

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DAGGER	XINJIANG BROWN (E.G.) YOUNG
THUG	NEGATIVE, OFTEN HIDDEN ASPECT; FOOTBALLER
DELAYS	DECONTAMINATED PAST COMPARISON; CHASTE
DEFT	OFFICE; MAIL
PETREL	RAG OR CLOTH SAMPLE
ALASKAN	QUICKLY AND EXCESSIVELY THRASH AROUND
FLYER	KEEPING THIS DISTANCE FROM A POINT MAKES A CIRCLE
ABET	BLUFF OR CLIFF
AMMO	GOOD OR BAD PORTENT
FLUFF	EMPEROR OR PRINCE IN INDIA
CITRONS	REPUTATION; FRONT
HANDBAG	COMPOST INGREDIENT
BORGES	OF OR CONTAINING CERTAIN NA COMPOUNDS
DEALT	YIELDS UNDERSTANDING FROM TEXT
PEERLESS	FASTIDIOUSLY
KIT	ENTREAT
BLEAT	ONE WHO DIES FOR A CAUSE
COWPAT	EPIC POET
BOORS	FERVENTLY SHOUT
CANTER	NOVEMACULEATA, E.G.
PUNS	INFOMERCIALS
UTERITIS	DOWNDRAUGHTS' ANTONYM
ATLAS	YOUTHS' BEDS
URGE	END, OFTEN PREDETERMINED
NAMINGS	YAMAHA'S ACOUSTALON, E.G.
TESTATE	WARDEN OF A CHURCH
DISCUS	UNDERAGE FEMALE
PIE	DRONES AND QUEENS