

INT. JUNGLE BASE - DAY

Schaefer turns from the window, looking around the open planning room, the floorboards squeaking under his movement as he crosses to Steel.

STEEL
They back?

SCHAEFER
Yeah. Anything?

He nods at the large monitor screens showing drone and satellite images of the territory for hundreds of miles.

STEEL
Not yet.

He waves at another screen showing the sun, an array of readings.

STEEL (CONT'D)
Solar max. isn't for a couple of weeks.

SCHAEFER
It shouldn't matter, the temperature's already high enough for one of them to be here.

Around them a couple of technicians are moving about, one leaving, one getting a drink, all the floor squeaking to their movement.

Schaefer nods at a separate screen Steel is working on, displaying technical drawings of eyeglasses, visor, technical specs.

SCHAEFER (CONT'D)
Keeping yourself busy?

STEEL
Have to or I'll go nuts. I think there's a way to crack their stealth tech. We exploit the time delay in how their system changes to movement or flashing light. Problem is it will take us another year to build it.

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One of the men in the newly-returned team strides onto the palletted paths around the camp, it begins squeaking to his tread.

TROOPER 1
What's this?

TROOPER 2
Didn't you get the memo?
Nightingale boards, stops the
monsters creeping up on you in your
sleep.

Squeak, squeak go the wooden pallets as they walk on them.

TROOPER 1
We going to get any sleep with
this?

TROOPER 2
Yeah, earplugs.

Squeak, squeak.

EXT. SPACE

A Weyland satellite observes the camp and the surrounding
continent from its low earth orbit.

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A drone is flying thousands of feet over the jungle. Its
mindless eye fixed on the land below.

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Seen through the windows the newly returned team are
undressing and showering in the camp next to the hangar as an
alarm flashes on one of the screens. Steel, Schaefer and
technicians spin round as a second alarm sounds.

TECH. 1
Drone detection!

TECH. 2
Satellite confirmation.

SCHAEFER
Where?

STEEL
A minute.

Steel checks the data from the two observers Schaefer
standing watch over them all.