The Theodore Marks Series, Book 1

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Chapter 1

I was running through the woods at top speed, trying to escape the enemy fighters.

I thought, "How did the enemy know where we were meeting? We took all security measures, but the three of them still found us." I wanted to stop and fight them off, but I was armed only with my lucky pocketknife, and the enemy had guns. Lots of guns.

I decided that my best bet was to get to the hidden emergency copter and then go from there. With all my remaining energy, I dashed to the cab and entered the secret PIN to open the door. (The pin was 70002)

The enemy was gaining on me. Luckily, the three enemies hadn't seen me yet, though my pursuers were chasing Brittany, one of my friends. She must have had the same idea as me because she was charging toward the copter faster than I had. Seeing this, I powered up the copter and programmed it to autopilot to main base 1, a couple of miles away. I got ready to close the door and take off.

Suddenly I heard someone say " I'll get it up in the air if you close that door in time." "Gizmo! How'd you get in here? I thought you were at the meeting?!" I said. "That meeting got boring after a little while, operating the recorder. I left you, Brittany, and that contact half an hour ago."

Then Brittany leaped into the transport, "GO! I've had enough of those nasties!"

Her unforeseen leap into the transport startled me. I closed the door and we flew into the air like a majestic bird. Until the nasties started trying to shoot the big target in the sky. US! Gizmo activated defense systems and said, " I hope this works!"

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Once the three of them arrived at the base, the three of them were asked a million questions, all by the specially trained interrogators. The three of them did get to tell the people who questioned them the story together, though.

After the questioning, I headed down to the mess for some breakfast.

But before I could get there, a kid on a segway nearly hit me when he stopped in front of me. It was Scott, the know it all kid who always got on my nerves.

Scott said,"Hey Theo, what's up? Looks like you had a long night, huh? Well, I had a great night, eating pizza and all. Well, see ya, Theo." And then he was gone.

After that encounter and another minute of walking, I made it to the mess. I was very happy when I found out that today was bagel day. I went and ate my bagel then went to my quarters. Hopefully, there was going to be no more crazy escapes like the one last night, though I had a gut feeling that I and my friends weren't going to be so lucky.

Chapter 2

I woke to the sound of an alarm. I jolted up and got out the survival pack under the bed. I got dressed in my favorite clothes and ran out into the hall.

Big mistake. I closed the door and waited for the thugs I had just seen to break the lock, knock me out, and capture me. But instead, I heard silence. Then the thugs pounded past my door.

I waited a minute before realizing that I could and still can check the cameras all over the base. I dashed over to my computer and checked how my friends were doing, where they were, and if they had been in any interaction with the thugs.

They were all safe in their quarters right next to mine. While I was looking, I saw that at least 7 or 8 people were in the cafeteria getting a snack, going through the line normally. Seeing this, I did a check on the cafeteria security system and found it works perfectly well. I checked the cameras and saw the same thing I did on the tracker.

I remotely sent a drone down with stealth on and got a surprise. There was a hole in the roof,"probably from a small missile," I thought.

Then there was a big swoosh and the camera went black. Then the screen read, "unknown drone fail, drone #649 lost," and my mind started racing. "What could have taken my drone like that, whooshing past?"

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An hour or so later the alarm stopped. "The thugs have left the building, except for 1 who was captured by the agents for security. The interrogation staff will attend to him immediately." read the urgent message sent to my computer. Then there was a knocking at my door.

"Hey Theo, it's me.'' it was Brittany at the door.

I let her in and she said "I'm a bit worried about the attack. The hole in the ceiling, it wasn't made by a missile. It couldn't have been. It was too square. It looked like it was cut open as though there was a laser. But nothing within our reach of knowledge shows any trace of a laser that powerful. I think that the enemy has something big. Something that could destroy all we have worked for."

This hit me like the laser that she just told me about had hit me and cut me to ribbons.

"I sent a drone down to look in the cafeteria because there were 7 or 8 people getting a snack according to the tracker and cameras. But when I got to the cafeteria something swooshed and the drone went down."

"Come with me, now. I need to take you to data so that we can analyze what you saw.

Chapter 3

The data floor is not as cool as it sounds like. It's basically just a small room with some computer monitors and the door to the climate controlled room full of the computers that give info throughout the laptop system. I was greeted by Ariel, a 20-year-old who loves her job.

she said,"What can I help you with?"

Brittany then said, "we have some very important information regarding the enemy's latest breach."

I relayed all the info to Ariel, who was typing away at the computer.

Once I finished telling Ariel about what I saw, she said to wait where we were and she would be right back.

A couple of moments later, she came back and said that she had given me, Brittany, and gizmo the level 10 security clearance. I figured that she gave it to us because we had some important info and that we were a big part of the fight now. We thanked Brittany for her help and the clearance she gave us. Then she said, "oh, wait! You still need your new security cards."

she printed them out and we went on our way.

Brittany said, "we should probably go get gizmo and tell him about the news." I agreed. We needed him, especially if what I thought might happen soon, does happen.

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We arrived at gizmo's room and buzzed the buzzer. He let us in and we told him about what I had seen, the new security clearance, everything.

He didn't say anything for a minute.

Then he said, "we need supplies. We need our own private EEAAT (Electric Extensive Autonomous All-terrain Truck-copter) that I can modify. We need so many things. Let's go get some supplies!"

Then I asked him what we needed these things for and he said, "to attack the enemy, of course!"

Chapter 4

We somehow convinced my friend Todd to give us what we needed. Gizmo went crazy over this. He said that with his new tools and such, he could make us an awesome ride in about a week.

I decided to get myself ready for this "road trip" so I started getting my stuff ready to load into the EEAAT. I decided to take all my clothes, some toiletries, and some personal items. I knew that there would be a bunk for me to stow away all of my things in. The EEAAT would be about 12 feet by 10 feet. There would be an autopilot feature for flight and land. The EEAAT would be like a huge cube, probably with a lot of special compartments inside and onboard wifi. And if Gizmo does some of the things that he has done in the past with small models, then it might be more like a kind of long, fat cylinder. It will probably have a lot more space than a normal EEAAT.

I decided to go see how gizmo was doing and if I could help him. I went down to the garage and found him holding a welding torch, doing as I guessed, making the EEAAT into a long, fat cylinder. I had to yell to get his attention, and once he was listening, I asked him if he needed my help.

He replied with a "sure thing! Gimme that wrench!"

I gave him the hammer and he started telling me about what he had plans on for the new ride. After 2 minutes of this, I ask him how much space I would have. He said that there was going to be plenty of space for everyone and that we would each have a fourth of the EEAAT. The remaining fourth would be the command center, and that it would be so big that he would need to move to a bigger garage tomorrow.

After hearing all this, I told him "thank you," and went to tell Brittany how Gizmo planned to make the EEAAT.

Though as soon as I left his room, I heard a boom from one of the upper floors. I knew what to do. I activated my handheld camera monitor and told it to find out where the boom came from. It showed the helipad had been destroyed. Then I noticed that there were some big guns pointed toward the base in the distance. I knew that they were enemy guns, so I activated the immediate alarm systems with my new clearance.

Then I contacted Brittany and told her that I was almost at Gizmo's new workshop and that she should come quickly. She told me that she was heading there anyway and was about to contact me.

After I contacted Brittany, I ran to Gizmo. He was inside the EEAAT, apparently trying to get it going. Knowing how durable these things were, I gave it a swift kick and it started up. Although I had just gotten our ride going, I had a throbbing pain in my foot. I hobbled to the door and got in.

I was amazed at what Gizmo had done already done. The control area was equipped with rigged game controllers and a VR headset for the controls. There was a chair for each of us, and there was no window in the front, but there was a monitor on the wall. The chairs were made of leather and were stuffed with duck feathers. I slumped into the middle chair.

The automated computer activated and said, "hello Theo. My sensors are telling me that you have broken your middle and pinkie toe. Would you like me to activate medical care systems?"

I replied with a, "yes! Please!"

The moment I said this, my chair reclined and the computer asked me to put on my VR headset and grab my controller.

"Get in Brittany!" Gizmo said suddenly. She replied with a, "close the door!" she seemed to say that a lot.

Suddenly the door closed and the computer pinged, "Please initiate travel program."

Gizmo said, "Activate autonomous travel program." Suddenly the EEAAT started the chugging along slowly. Gizmo said, "Increase speed by 25 mph."

Suddenly the garage's door started opening.

GIzmo said, "initiate VR gunners 1, 2, and 3."

Suddenly the VR screen switched from the flowers that it had been displaying to a shooter game that had guns identical to the ones that I had seen outside earlier. There was a gun in my avatar's hands and there appeared to be no health bar. This made me pretty sure that I was going to be controlling one of the actual guns I had seen attached to the EEAAT. I heard Gizmo say in the earphones that there was a mic and we could speak through them.

Through all this, there was a slight tickling on my foot. I guessed that the tickling was the computer doing its thing with my foot.

I asked Gizmo how much ammo he had loaded and he just said, "a lot."

Hearing this, I spammed the shoot button.

Chapter 5

The enemy's guns and men started going faster than I could count. It looked like the other garages were only starting to open.

The enemy was gone in moments. I asked the computer if it was done with my foot because my foot had stopped tickling. The computer replied cheerfully, "your foot has been fully healed. Please do be careful next time."

Then Gizmo opened the door and stepped out. I heard some garbled voices talking and when Gizmo came back he was beaming.

"Mr. Roberts wants me to finish building the EEAAT so that he can take a model and start a new specialty EEAAT line."

Gizmo moved the EEAAT back into the garage. He said that he needed his garage on Complete lockdown so that he could work on the EEAAT.

I decided that I should work on my shooting skills because the last time I fired a pistol, I nearly shot my ankle and got a much worse wound than the one I got earlier.

I asked my Personal instructor Evan if he would lend me a hand on preparing for the upcoming attack on the enemy's base. I practiced for awhile and eventually, my hand got tired.

I had to pass the time so I decided to start working on some of the LEGO models I had been given for Christmas.

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Hours later when I was in bed I got a message on my phone that Gizmo needed me in his garage right now. He also told me that he was inviting Brittney and Mr. Robertos.

when I reached Gizmo's garage I was absolutely amazed. At first, I did not even see the EEAAT. Then I realized that he had rigged the EEAAT with camouflage on the outside.

Then on the inside, I saw something even more amazing. There was a kitchenette and communal bathroom leading off of the command center. There were still three other sections for Gizmo, Brittany, and me, though he had added some carpets and paintings, behind which I suspected he had hidden multiple secret compartments. There was roof access in the front, and there were four propellers on the top, plus a couple of boosters in the back.

I had brought my stuff, so I started fixing up the back section with my stuff. Gizmo had said that we were going to leave tomorrow morning, as soon as he loaded up the food supplier.

Chapter 6

We were out at 9:05 and I was bored 3 minutes and 26 seconds later. When I had watched action movies before, the main characters were always doing something interesting. We, on the other hand, were not doing anything interesting.

I decided to start a journal of the adventure. I began it with a description of my life in a nutshell.

"My name is Theodore Marks and I am 13 years old. I first lived in Dallas, Tx. Then, once I turned 12, I was called to work with the government to keep the nation safe and to keep all enemy organizations from terrorizing the public. I have one sister named Charlotte and she is currently 10 and in 5th grade. I am keeping this journal to pass the time on the first F-EEAAT."

I decided to go and see what Gizmo was doing to pass the time, maybe get some ideas. I found him sprawled on his seat, apparently watching a movie. Of course! I could use the VR set for entertainment!

Of course, as soon as I sat down, something made the EEAAT shake. Brittany blasted into her chair and booted up defense systems faster than I could even think to go. I was confused when I put on the VR headset because the only targets in sight were some dead birds on the ground.

This had to be some kind of joke. Those 8 birds had made the EEAAT shake like that? Then, suddenly, the EEAAT defense system said, "incoming projectile! incoming projectile!" and then the EEAAT swerved, and we suddenly had a target in our sights.

It wasn't a big gun, it was too big for that. Also too square… just like the shape cut out in the cafeteria. It appeared to have no propulsion device, so it seemed to be hovering. But that shouldn't be possible unless the enemy had been working on something new.

After a moment of thinking, I decided that I had to use my phone and contact someone at base 1. Then I realized that if we could capture their new device, then we could just tow it back to the base. Then we could examine it and manipulate their tech. I shared the Idea with Gizmo and Brittany and then we charged into battle.

Chapter 7

As soon as I started shooting at the cube thing, I knew that this was not going to end well. The thing seemed to have a force field, so the ammo was ricocheting off of the cube like a ball bouncing off of a wall.

"Hold your fire!" is what I yelled as soon as I realized that the cube was invincible.

The shooting stopped, and for about a nanosecond, it was quiet.

Then the cube started shooting and we sped away, and the cube followed. We started to head straight for a small mountain face. I thought that the computer had been malfunctioning and we were about to die when the cliff face opened. We flew into some sort of secret base.

"It's an old secret laboratory. I did some reading about old bases once and I found quite a few around the globe," said Gizmo, "and they didn't even see us go into this hangar! They probably didn't even know that it existed."

Suddenly there was a huge bump the hangar door.

I immediately said, "I think they did see us."

Then Gizmo said, "computer, please turn on camouflage mode."l

Suddenly the door burst open and the cube started probing for us. I silently prayed that it wouldn't be able to detect us.

About a minute later, the cube went outside. After five minutes, we asked the computer if they were still an immediate threat.

"The enemy fighters are heading in the opposite direction of the base. They are not currently a threat." Said the computer.

I told the computer to track the enemy and see where they go. Then I went to my room to catch some zzz.

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Sometime later, I woke and asked Gizmo where we were.

"Somewhere in Arkansas. I have the computer following the cube at a safe distance," he said.

Suddenly, we stopped. Then the computer said, "we are at a safe distance from the building that the enemy stopped at."

We decided to go and check the building out, so we grabbed some gear and went out.

The weird building was some kind of old warehouse. Classic bad guys, hiding in an old abandoned warehouse.

There were a ton of guards stationed all around the building and, of course, the had missile launchers.

We activated the camouflage on our jumpsuits that we had put on before we left the EEAAT. Then we ran to the doors. The doors opened a second later, but not because of us. A guard had just come out to start his shift. We ran in just as the doors were closing. we came into some sort of break area. we decided to go through the doors at the far end of the area and see what awaited. what we saw was crazy we hadn't really realized the true size of the strange cube.

The cube seemed to be resting on some sort of docking station. The lights were flickering every little bit, so I figured that the cube was using a lot of electricity. There was a very big computer station near the dock with a satellite connected to it, probably to control the cube when it was out on the rampage.

We followed gizmo to the computer, where he told us that he could copy the controller software. He told us to stay where we were, and he would be finished in 1-2 minutes. A moment later, the USB port opened and a device appeared from where gizmo was standing. He plugged the device in and the screen on the device flickered on.

About a minute later, the device turned off and it disappeared again. Then a small gum packet came out from where he was and pulled out 5 small… beads? He set the beads down and they rolled under the computer. Then the gum packet disappeared again and gizmo told us, "let's go back to the ship now. Everything is ready."

We started to head back to the EEAAT when the stealth suit on Brittany fizzled out. She continued running and opened the door for us, then dashed to the EEAAT. We ran into the EEAAT and we flew away.

Chapter 8

We seemed to just be a magnet for trouble, and after all that had happened so far, I had half a mind to tell gizmo to make the outer covering plastic instead of metal so that the EEAAT wouldn't be a trouble magnet, but I decided that it probably wouldn't go over well with him.

Gizmo was cooped up in his room, probably working on the controller software. He suddenly burst out of his room and yelled, "I did it! I did it!" over and over again.

I finally asked him what he had done. "I coded the controller for the cube into our VR systems and tested it successfully! C'mon! I'll show you!"

I got an idea a moment later. The idea is that we send a signal to the base that the cube is under our control and we are sending it over, and then we send it over and let them figure it out.

I told Gizmo the idea and he said the idea was great and that he would send the message and the program right now.

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The base told us in reply that they are getting reports from multiple places around the globe that there is a big, black cube terrorizing the community and we should try and find out where the cubes are coming from.

Gizmo heard this assignment and went, once again, typing away at his computer in his room. Brittany went and cataloged all the gear and ammo. I decided to be useful too, so I started to refill all the defense cannons.

The computer alerted us to another cube. I ran to the VR system and connected to the cube. As soon as I connected to the cube, it dropped from the air, crushing a billboard. I pressed A on the controller and it started to rise. I made it land in the middle of a field, then landed the EEAAT next to it. I took off the goggles to find the door open.

I headed to the cube and found Gizmo and Brittany waiting for me there. We found an access hatch on the side and saw something very strange. An orange crystal was sitting in the center. I went back and grabbed a quarantine cell and, with help, got it in the cell. The cube seemed to be receiving most of its power from the crystal because the lights inside all turned off when we remove the crystal.

We then mounted the cube to the EEAAT and flew away with slight turbulence.

Gizmo said that he had hooked up the computer systems on the cube with the EEAAT and he was going to try to retrieve some info from the cube about its origins.

Chapter 9

Gizmo spent a couple hours in his room working on the encrypted data in the system. Brittany and I played video games for a while and then we both hit the hay.

In the morning Gizmo told us that he had found that the cube's GPS tracker had records starting under a nuclear power plant in New York. Our GPS says that we are near Anaheim, CA. the estimated time to get to the nuclear power plant is 2-3 days.

Suddenly the monitor in the front of the EEAAT flickered on. There was some black-and-white no signal stuff with really loud no signal audio.

Suddenly, there was an image of my sister on the screen. The light on the camera mounted to the top of the monitor promptly flickered on. My sister had her hair in a pigtail and she was wearing some sort of uniform. Had she been employed by the government like I had? Her attire was similar to mine in my first year with the government. Then I noticed the crest of the shirt pocket. It looked a lot like the one that the enemy uses. Then I realized that it was the enemy's crest.

In response to this, I said, "Are you kidding me?! All this time I thought that you were safe at home but you were with the enemy instead?! This is the worst! Why did you even call me?"

My sister said in response, "chill Theo! I just wanted to compliment you on trying to eventually take down all the cubes. Of course, we'll have to change the coding on the controller software now that you guys have access. You can keep the two that you captured. Those won't be affected by any more updates."

I decided in a flash that I should probably try and get some info since she called. So I asked her, "okay, two things. First, how the heck did the enemy employ you? And second, what are those crystals in the cubes?

"They probably found me because of you. They gave me the offer and I signed the contracts. They even made mom think that I was going to some sort of special school like the one on that podcast called The Unexplainable Disappearance Of Mars Patel. And to answer question number two, they are rare minerals called mars ex aurantiaco vitrum, found only on mars. Our probe found them in a cave. The sensors are showing that the Crystals we found are the only ones on the planet we really hope that we can get them all and build a ton of cubes. Perhaps even take over the world with them.

"Okay, one last question. Why did you make this call?"

"To track you and kill you off, of course!"

Gizmo ended the call right there. Then he said that he was running diagnostics and that they probably laid down some tracking software or some sort of virus that we won't see coming. But we will see it coming!And we will conquer them!And we will succeed in our goal! But first, we are all going to hit the hay.

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Once I woke up I used the computer to check our status on our trip to the nuclear plant. It looked like we were going to be arriving in 3 hours, so I got all of our gear ready. We had a variety of items to use and I ended up selecting my lucky pocketknife, a handgun, and a machine gun that I strapped to my back.

The others woke not long after me and I informed them of the time and what weaponry we had on hand. They all selected the things they wanted for the assault and then we had some breakfast.

Chapter 10

The moments leading up to the landing and heading up to the nuclear power plant were the most stressful moments of my life. I thought that we were going to be shot down of ambushed about 15 times. We arrived and saw no enemy guards, no crazy laser shooting cubes, none of it. Then I realized that the info that was on the computer was probably planted there so that if anyone had captured a cube, then they would waste their time. Then I realized that they might just have a base under the plant and that the plant was just there with no visible protection so that nobody could find it. I decided to find out so I asked my handheld computer what was under us and it replied with, "there is a tunnel system that is not in any way affiliated with the New York nuclear power plant."

I knew it! I told my friends that we need to go down to the tunnels under us and investigate, so gizmo said that he would get us some more things we might need and that he would report back to the base. We came with him and I decided to look at the footage of my sister for any clues to her location. I looked through and saw something almost immediately that sparked my interest. In her background, I saw what looked like pipes across the cement ceiling and ground made of dirt.

This was too good this almost proved that she was under us or there is at least one set of tunnels for the enemy in the US.

Gizmo came in a moment later and told me that there was a base near here sending reinforcements and a very large drill. "This is great news! Just make sure that they send stun-guns so that we can take as little lives as possible today." I said. "And have them bring a couple trucks too so that we have somewhere to put the enemy's staff."

Gizmo told me that he would tell them to do what I asked. Then I finished watching the footage and just saw more of the same thing.

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The reinforcements arrived about ten minutes later. They had a big drill that reminded me of the ones I would see in cartoons when I was younger.

I gave everyone instructions to use their weapons only for defense and that the purpose of today is to take the enemy's base. I told everyone to make anything blow up and to fight hard. A moment later the engine of the drill revved up and the back of the drill lifted up. Then the drill started spinning and it moved down into the ground. Two MEEAAT's followed closely behind. And behind all of the vehicles, the entire crowd came. I was very surprised that the ceiling held. Then I realized that the entire tunnel seemed to be shiny, like plastic wrap. It was probably some sort of glue to keep the tunnel together.

The tunnel was just big enough for our EEAAT to follow. We stayed a little bit behind the rest so that if everyone stopped then we wouldn't run anyone over.

The drill stopped a minute later and I saw a light coming from in front of it, so I thought that we had reached the enemy's tunnels. Then I heard someone in the front yell, "we should be in the biggest room right now! But we are just going through more dirt and rock!"

The drill started backing up, and we did too. I couldn't believe we were tricked!

I decided to have gizmo try and use the direction that the signal of the call came from and pinpoint the location.

He said that he could try and do that, but it had never been done before, so he might not be able to.

Chapter 11

I was playing video games and suddenly, once again, my sister called. Except for this time, Gizmo was ready. He had set up a program to protect the computers and to track their location if they called again. I called Brittany and Gizmo in and they got ready. Gizmo had his computer to do his thing and Brittany had a list of questions.

My sister's image flickered on the screen.

"I see that you haven't found us yet," she said. "Well, here's a clue, though you will never guess where we are. We work under-cover at a very fun place that is well known. We also like oranges. There is your clue."

Then the image flickered off of the screen flickered off and we all just sat there for a moment. Then Brittany said, "maybe if we analyze the facts that were given to us then we might be able to find the location. With a computer, of course."

"Sure," said Gizmo, "I'll get on it immediately."

Then I said, "and I'll send the EEAAT to base 11 so that we can restock on supplies and then I'll start analyzing them with my own pad and pencil.

"I'll start analyzing it myself," said Brittany

Then I set a course to the nearest base and sent them a message about us coming and our newest clue.

Then I started thinking. What state is known for oranges? Well, there's Florida, California, Arizona, and Texas. Then I thought of what places in those states there were well known and fun. In Florida, there's multiple Disney Parks, Legoland, and Universal Orlando.

And in California there's universal, Disney, and Legoland. But there wasn't anything that I could think of easily in Arizona or Texas, even though I had lived in Texas since I was born. Then I looked out the window and saw some snow falling from the sky and some random guy cutting down a pine tree. Then I realized that I hadn't even looked at the date since we had left Base 1. I checked and, surprise surprise, it was December twenty-first. I decided to call my mom and wish her a merry early Christmas.

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After calling my mom, I told Brittany and Gizmo what I had figured out. Then they

compared notes with me and we decided that the base was either in California, Florida, or both.

We had decided to go to Florida first, and check all of the places that we had thought of. Brittany was just setting the coordinates when we got another call from my sister. She said, "hey guys, what's up! We have another hint for you and it sure is a big one!" then she said, "okay, here it is. We make action movies along with children's movies. We have two locations and both have mice." then she disappeared and a moment later, an official from base 11 called and told us that they had figured out how the cubes were floating and, with gizmo's permission, they would start using the system on all F-EEAAT vehicles. Gizmo gave them his permission and then the call ended. Then I said, "both states have the same places, so I think that we are definitely onto something.

After an hour or two, the computer pinged that we had arrived at our destination. We hid the EEAAT as best we could and bought some tickets to all three Disney parks in Florida.

Then we activated our tunnel detectors, which were cleverly disguised as "batteries" for our "phones" that actually were just special I-phones that have a lot of extra tech in them.

We entered the park and started our tunnel sensors up. Then we went on each ride one by one. We all three got some vibrations from our sensors at space mountain, so we went back to the EEAAT and got on our camouflage outfits. Then we set them to make us look like we work for Disney so that we could get into the worker passages. Then we set it so that we would look like we did when we got in there earlier, and we would set them back to Disney worker later. Then we went inside and set our suits back to Disney worker and took the worker entrance to space mountain. We walked through the tunnels for a while until the phones in our hands nearly fell out of our hands from the vibrations.

We looked around and saw three things that could be related to the enemy's tunnels. There was a janitorial closet, an office, and a large box in the wall that had a first aid kit and some other emergency kit. We looked through the office window and saw a man in there on the phone. We decided that the office wasn't the entrance.

That left the janitorial office and the big box. We looked in the closet and saw some plungers, brooms, and some of those trash carts that are found a lot in schools. I realized that there wasn't anything in there either.

So I opened the big box and saw a fire extinguisher, a first aid kit, and a firehose. I pulled out the first aid kit and didn't believe my luck. There was some sort of switch behind it. I flicked it and nothing happened. Then I opened the first aid kit and saw another switch. I flicked it and the panel of wall that the box was on went up and led into a hall. I tried turning the switch off, and the door closed. I turned the other switch off and put the first aid kit back. We checked the maps on our phones and saw that we were on level SM2. then I checked and saw that there was also a box in the wall. Brittany tried to contact Base 11, but we were too far down. We went back up after leaving a marker tucked behind one of the firehose strips.

We went back to the EEAAT and told the officials at base 11 they said that they would talk to Disney and that If the park was closed tomorrow, then we should go to the space mountain ride and wait for them to come. We ended the call and decided to get ready for tomorrow. We prepared by getting our stealth suits, bandoliers of ammo, and our best guns. Then we prepared our backpacks with food and other supplies, such as our computers. Then we hit the hay for the night.

Chapter 12

I woke up to Gizmo shaking me up. He said that the backup had just arrived and that he was waking us up so that we could get going in a minute. I had breakfast after I got out of bed. After eating my bagel, I put on my stealth suit and all my other stuff. Then I stepped out with Brittany and Gizmo and greeted the commanding officer. I told him that we needed as many things that we could get in the tunnels. He told us that Disney had already given us most of the information we needed. He also told us that there was an equally large team in California, ready to storm the base there.

We started walking through the park and it was just awfully silent. There was nobody roaming the park, or it at least seemed that way. I could have sworn that there was someone darting through the shadows. I decided to let it go and kept walking. We eventually got to the space mountain ride.

We stepped through the back entrance and made our way through the tunnels. I used the GPS in the marker that we planted to go back to the entrance of the enemy's base. I opened the first aid kit and flicked both switches. The wall opened up and we started through. The hall went on for about 50 feet. Then there was a door. The door was one that looked like a safe in a bank. There was a keypad next to it.

"I'll get it," said Gizmo. Then out of his backpack, he pulled a thing that looked like a metal brick with wires sticking out of it. He pressed it to the keypad and the keypad binged 10 seconds later. Then he pulled the door and it opened up into… another hall. We walked for about 10 minutes. Then we started to see a light in the distance. A scout jogged ahead with a gun and a walkie-talkie.

A minute later the scout said on the walkie-talkie,"come ahead."

We all did as he told and headed off.

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The enemy base looked like a 13-year-old billionaire's front entrance, except with a lot more gold. The room was 30% gold, as far as I could tell. There were 1 or 2 people in the room, besides us.

We crept through the room and walked through the door. I kept my eyes open for any doors that are slightly hidden. I saw a suspicious curtain, so I told everyone through my headset that they needed to cover me while I checked the curtain. They all crowded around me while I checked the curtain. There was a slight indent on the wall. I figured that there was a chance that it was coded to someone's fingerprint, so I took a piece of tape with a powder on it. I pressed it to the indent and then to the scanner in my other hand. Then I made the machine print out a slip and I pressed it to the indent and the door opened. I told everyone to go into the room after me with their guns ready on stun. Then I inched into the room. There were about 50 people in what looked like a room similar to the one my sister had been in during the recordings that she sent. I told Brittany and gizmo to come with me and the rest stay behind. They came forward and the rest stayed behind. The people in the room all seemed to be distracted by stuff on their computer screens. I crept forward with my friends in tow. I looked on one of the screens and saw status reports on everything that the enemy had done to Disney's property. Then I walked through into a room with more monitors, but this one had a camera. Then I realized that this was probably the room where my sister sent me those messages. I then realized that my sister was probably nearby. I looked around for another door, then realized that there wasn't. I told an eighth of our troops to stay behind and try to gather more info. Then our remaining troops headed out of the secret room and in through the other door in the room we started in. We walked into a hall that looked slightly less eloquent and led off into what looked like dorms and offices. We walked along and, after a little while, the space between doors slowly became more and more. I assumed that this meant that we were getting to the rooms for higher-up officers here. I saw a nameplate and realized that if we could hack into the security systems, then we could find my sister and the leaders' quarters. I asked the troops who the best computer people where that they should come forward.

A couple of people came and asked what they were needed for. I asked them whether they could hack into the system, and they said yes. They said that they just needed to connect to the system, even if their devices weren't connected straight into it. They needed one of the people in the secret room to connect a small thumb drive to the computer and they could connect to the system then. They also said that there was at least one person in the room already that could connect it. Then they contacted whoever and about a minute later, they were connected. They asked me if there was anyone in particular that they should track. I told them to find Charlotte Marks.

Chapter 13

They found her a moment later, so I asked them to send her tracker to my phone so that she would be easier to track. They did this, and then I asked them to see if they could find some of the higher-ups here. They did some typing, then one said, "we will need a little while to find some higher-ups, so make yourselves comfortable."

We sat down against the walls and moved every time someone came by. Eventually, the computer people announced that they had found the higher-ups and that they could get us through all the locked doors.

I asked them to send everyone a tracker on all the higher-ups, and then I had everyone pack up.

"We found all the higher-ups, and the trackers are all loaded on your phones. Now let's get going," I said, then started off with everyone trailing behind me. Every one or two minutes, someone would come walking in the halls, and we had to dodge them. We started getting close to the higher-ups, so I told everyone what to do.

I said,"the first people on our list are Mr. Talon Applebaum and Mr. Cole Jefferson. They are in a meeting right now, and they are the only ones in the conference room, so we will just need to capture them, and then we can take them back to the ship. Any questions?... good. Now then, let's do this!"

Then I opened the door and went into the waiting room. I the room there was a food machine, a couch, and some magazines on the table. I walked out just as the door was closing and told everyone what I saw. Then I asked for ideas to get the door open without them smelling a fish.

"You could set your suit to imitate an enemy worker, then check the cameras to make sure that they didn't have any hot chocolatier, or anything else, then come in with something to drink, and seduce them by spiking their drink with something to knock them out. All with the cameras frozen. Then we can drag them to a holding chamber on one of our ships, and interrogate them there." Said, Brittany.

I agreed, then got to work. We froze the cameras in the hall, and set it up so that I looked like I was coming out of one of the rooms. Then I went into the room and got two got hot chocolates. I walked into the conference room and gave the two men their hot chocolates. They each took a sip and promptly fainted.

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We had 10 people carry them to the P-EEAAT, while the rest of us continued walking. We made our way to the next person, a guy named Pete Longfellow. He is in his room right now, so he will be harder to capture. I told everyone the circumstances and asked for ideas like I had on the last one. Brittany answered first once again, so I listened to her idea. She once again gave me a great plan.

Her idea was to hack into his cameras and use the projector on them to make the door look as though it was closed. We can utilize the silence of the door so that it will be even more convincing that the door anger opened. Then someone can come in and give him a shot to knock him out. A moment later, a guy named Albert volunteered to do this. From what he told me, he was studying to be a doctor, so he could safely give Pete a knockout shot. I told him that he could do the job this time since he was most qualified. Then I had the computer people do their thing. Right around this time, the strong guys came back from the I-EEAAT. I told them to get ready for another person.

Then it became time to knock him out. Albert was in and out in 30 seconds. Then the meatheads went in and carried him out of the base. Now all who was left was my sister. I decided not to tell them that we might be capturing another person because she wasn't one of the higher-ups. I decided to capture her when the whole base is running around Because there would be no order. I decided to have everyone go out of the base, get some explosives, and wire the explosives along the walls, with paneling attached to blend in. I shared my plan with one of the officers, and he said that he would get the supplies. I then realized that I could probably capture my sister if I called the people who were going to activate the explosives so that I didn't get blown up. I ran back to the base and checked the tracker for my sister. She was near me, so I ran harder. I got to her door and quickly phoned the explosive people, and told them that I would call again once I was out. Then I phoned the computer people and told them that I needed a projection on the door for room… 70002. They said that they were on it, and a moment later they said that it was up. I took a deep breath and opened the door. There sat my sister, typing away on the computer. I saw a baseball bat in the corner and realized that hitting her on the head and knocking her on the head was the only way to get her out of here before this place goes boom-boom, explosion size XL. I picked it up and did my best To not hurt her. Her head fell on the keyboard of her computer. I saw a cart in the corner, so I cleared it off and put her on it. I realized that this stuff probably all meant a lot to her. I took a couple of things that meant a lot to her to her and put them on the bottom, like her typewriter. Then I rolled the cart as fast as I could. I went up the ramps just as the guy who was laying our explosives was finishing up.

Chapter 14

I ran to one of the P-EEAAT's and told the interrogators about what I had done to get her up here, and then unloaded her from the cart. Then I took the cart and put it in my room in the EEAAT. Then I called the explosives people and said that we were all set. A moment later I heard a "BOOM!" From where space mountain, then saw the whole building collapse. I figured that we now owed Disney a whole lot of money. I called up the team in Anaheim and told them to do what we had just done and then we would have conquered them to the best of our knowledge.

A little while after the explosion, I headed out to your sister to see how she was doing. She apparently had no memory of anything to do with the enemy. Nobody knew why, though. I told my sister that we were going to get her home and that everything was alright. She seemed pretty satisfied with that, so I left. Leaving at the time that I did was a mistake. There were news reporters everywhere, and they didn't look like they were going to leave. I tried going back inside, but they had already surrounded me.

I decided to yell as loud as I could, "QUIET! one question at a time please." Which seemed to do the trick quite nicely. I must have answered more than 50 questions. After a while they let me go, though. I decided to hit the hay, seeing as I have had a long day.

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When I woke up, we were somewhere totally different than the field near Disney. I realized that it looked a lot like a garage. I walked around and realized that this was Gizmo's garage. I walked out of the garage and went to the medical bay to see if my sister had been transferred to it. Sure enough, she was. I went up to the offices and asked for an application form for my sister. The clerk said that her boss had heard about my sister and figured that I might ask for a form for her and that if I did, then she should give me one. I took the form and went down to the medical bay, where I talked to my sister for a while. I eventually brought up the application form, to which she was overjoyed to hear about. I helped her fill out the for,m and then I turned it back into the office. I asked the front desk if she was allowed to leave the medical area, and the lady said that they were just about to discharge her. I also asked where she would be staying, and the lady said that the room next to mine was open. I helped her move into her new room and then gave her the tour. I showed her every floor that was above ground starting from the top at the rec room, and ending at the garages. Then I gave her her new phone, and we worked together using our GPS's to navigate the lower floors.

Today, I see Gizmo every once and awhile. He is usually engrossed in some project, down in his garage. I do see Brittany more often, though. We are usually working in the tactics room, coming up with plans.

I have this gut feeling, though, that someday we'll need to get the team back together, plus my sister, though I don't know exactly when.

And now, a special preview of Theodore Marks, book 2

Chapter 1

I woke up to alarms ringing in my ears. I used Siri on my phone to ask what was going on and why whatever happened had to happen at two in the morning.

Siri replied,"A large missile recently hit the base. The damaged areas are as follows: the data vault, the Rec room, and some of the offices. There has been a mix of major and minor injuries. Also, the current time is 4:27." Hearing this, I ran out into the hall and checked on my friends. Gizmo and Charlotte were safe, but Brittany was nowhere to be found. I was suddenly stricken with fear. A million questions floated around in my head.

"Where is she?" I thought. I asked Siri if Brittany was in the building and if she was safe, but the response only answered my fears.

"Her tracker has been disabled, so I cannot tell her exact location, but Brittany is not in the building. I know that for sure, but the issue of her safety cannot be answered in any way currently."

Hearing this, I had a moment of realization, that there was currently nobody and no organization at large, that it must be a new organization that is just starting to pop up, and their first trick in their bag was taking Brittany. Time could only tell what they would do next. Called my sister and Gizmo into the room. I told them all I had just learned, and then I just sat there.

A moment later, Gizmo said, "well, it seems like it's just another group of bad guys who thinks that they can beat us." I realized that he was right.

I hoped that he wasn't about to say that we should go on an adventure like our last one, but he did.

He took us down to his garage and showed us his new S-EEAAT prototype. It was specially made to be airtight, so it could go into space for whatever reason, and we could also go underwater. It is propelled by a special engine used by the cubes from our last adventure. Its special wheels are made to fold in and out when needed. It is powered by the large array of curved solar panels mounted to the top, plus a battery inside. The interior is divided into four parts. There are three rooms plus a main room. There is a teleporter that is space age tech and can transport 1 person at a time.

He set up a leave note so that everyone would know that we were off saving the world. He told us to get ready and then left to get ready himself. I packed up my stuff, then got some stuff ready for my dog, Jeff. I packed up his bed and a few chew toys. Then I prepared a couple of other things for him, then took everything down to the EEAAT. Charlotte was already there and had picked the back room. I took the middle room and got myself set up. A little while later, we took off.

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The damage to the building was even worse from our view. The explosion had happened an hour ago, but the remains were still smoking. I got a feeling they the missile launch on us was a fraction of their full power. Our only lead was the direction that the ship that had launched the missile came from. A security camera had captured footage of it heading away. The ship looked like it was from a Star Trek movie, one of the Klingon ships. I wondered if it had modeled that way. Then I wondered who would model their ships to look that. But no bother thinking about that right now. It was heading west. So we were heading west. We were going fast enough that in another 10 minutes, we will have reached them if they had maintained the same speed and heading. But of course, they didn't.

We reached some mountains and I was just about to go do something else besides looking out the window. But then I saw something in the distance, that looked like a ship, then it disappeared into the mountain. I told Gizmo and he set a course to the place on the mountain. We flew down and saw what looked like a faint circular indent in the mountain. We landed and walked up to where the circle was. It looked like a bay door, though I didn't see an opener.

It was close to nightfall now, and we all were tired from waking up too early. We took to the air and had the autopilot have us hover around the mountain. I looked out the window and saw the ship fly out of the other side of the mountain. I figured that they had been waiting for us to pass them, and thought we had. I quickly set the computer to follow the ship. Then I told Gizmo and Charlotte. As soon as gizmo heard this, he went out into the main room and set it to use his new program that he coded recently, the "catch-em-code" as he calls it. It supposedly uses a combination of tactical protocols to catch enemy ships.

A couple moments later, the EEAAT started shooting at the ship. Suddenly, the front shot off of the enemy ship, like an escape pod. Couldn't believe the speed that the mini-ship went. It was gone within 1 second. The rest of the ship fell to the ground and exploded. I told Gizmo to please set the ship down, and he did so. Then he set up the camo mode, and we all went to bed for the night. I had a feeling that this was going to be the last good sleep I would have for a while. I said goodnight to everyone, then read for a little while.