

Questioning the Hades

In anticipation of the need to move to Echo, the Perseponians began constructing a colony ship, the *Hades*. Three days before the conference began, it exploded. The ship's Positronic brain somehow survived the explosion, but was severely damaged. It is being debriefed by a team of roboticists with the assistance of a positronic probe. This will allow the mind states of the brain to be read directly, ensuring a truthful result.

The conference is expected to guide the debriefing and reach a preliminary conclusion about the explosion. Questions may be posed using the communications device. Due to the limitations of the positronic probe, they must be structured as direct yes / no questions. Four questions may be posed each hour, and it is up to the conference to decide their nature. The results will be publicly available to all conference participants.

Once the questioning is complete the conference will be expected to reach a preliminary conclusion about the cause of the explosion.