Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for volunteering for United Nations Space Command (UNSC) duty. Your mission is to combat and destroy the Artificial Intelligence (AI) known as Versatile Artificial Neohuman Engineered for Sabotage and Scientific Assassination (VANESSA).

We have detected that this escaped rogue AI has entered your timeline near this location. It has not planted enough roots yet to become powerful but we have a limited time to disable it before it. All AIs are built with an emergency shutdown code, a kill switch. Our attempts to send you this code directly keep getting blocked. Instead, we've developed a way to encode it in a holographic storage medium, the Honeycomb Drive, and send that to you, in six pieces. Each has arrived close to your location, protected by a guardian with a verification challenge. We can't let these pieces fall into the wrong hands.

Further instructions are sensitive in nature and encoded for safety.

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META: Puzzled Pint puts fun, camaraderie, and safety above all other things during events. Hints are always free. If you're getting frustrated or simply aren't having fun anymore, please ask for a nudge in the right direction. Be good sports and help others when possible. Keep an eye out for traffic and obey the law. And enjoy yourself! Have fun in our home city.