50 YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE WWIII, WHEN THE EARTH WAS INVADED BY A RACE OF ALIEN MONSTERS AND HUMAN KIND WAS 5 MINUTES AWAY FROM COMPLETE ANNihilation. 3 HOURS AGO, THE INTER-DIMENSIONAL PORTAL GOT OPEN ONCE AGAIN AND NOW THE CITY OF NEO TOKYO IS ABOUT TO BECOME THE MAIN TARGET OF A GIANTIC VENDOR LOCK-IN MONSTER.

SCOTIA: PILOT OF NOVA MOBILE UNIT 006

ASH: PILOT OF CINDER MOBILE UNIT 002

JIM: PILOT OF NEUTRON MOBILE UNIT 001

CECIL O'METER: RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH

LINK: LAB ASSISTENT

SWITCH: LAB ASSISTENT

OPENSTACK: MOBILE UNIT FORMED BY NOVA, NEUTRON, CINDER, GLANCE AND KEYSTONE

LOCK-IN: FEROcioUS INVADING ALIEN MONSTER

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THIS MANH WAS CREATED AS A TRIBUTE TO CELEBRATE THE OPENSTACK LIBERTY RELEASE AND THE SUCCESS OF OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY!

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DO WE USE DEVSACK?
SO WE HAVE ZERO PROTECTION AND WE NEED TO MOVE FAST

FORTUNATELY LINK AND SWITCH HERE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON NEW TOYS FOR SOME TIME NOW. UPDATES ARE NOW AT 18%.
THE PLAN IS: WE LAUNCH NOVA, NEUTRON AND CINDER AS INDIVIDUAL UNITS AND HOPE WE UPDATE FAST.

NO GUYS
AMSP UP!

THIS THING IS PERFECTLY ADAPTED TO ALL OPENSTACK COMPONENTS
WE MADE SOME TESTS

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT THING?
WHICH WORLD DO YOU MEAN?

ASH, PILOT OF UNIT 002 CINDER, DEPLOY!
SCOTLA, PILOT OF UNIT 000 NOVA, ENGAGE!

OH DARN!

MILDLY PUT!

LAUNCH BASE
UNIT'S RISING TO GROUND LEVEL
OPENING EXIT HATCH
CRUISE CONTROL SAFEGUARD IS ON!

THIS IS BAD!

NEO TOKYO, THE OPENSTACK HQ, 7:21AM, M/38, D/30, H/26-14

GOT HERE AS FAST AS WE COULD
MINDING THE TRAFFIC, THAT IS

 WHICH WORLD INDEED! FROM THE READINGS, THIS IS AN ALPHA CLASS INVASER

IT'S VENDOR LOCK-IN. THOSE TENDRILS ON ITS HEAD...

RIGHT! TENTACLES, YOU MEAN?

...WHILE AT THE SAME TIME DEPLOYING AN ALIEN CLOSED SOFTWARE INTO ALL THE SYSTEMS AND HOME DEVICES AROUND THE CITY, CONTROLLING EVERYTHING, INCLUDING PHONES, COMPUTERS, NETWORKS...

YOU GET IT
THAT THING IS HIDEOUS
SOMETHING'S WRONG.
WE DETECT INCREASED CYBER ACTIVITY INSIDE LOCK-IN
IT'S STILL STANDING!
WHAT IS THIS THING MADE OF?
THANKS, THAT'S ENCOURAGING!
77%
UPDATE COMPLETE. WE ARE NOW DEPLOYING THE BOTS!
NO NEED FOR THAT PROF!
ALL'S GOOD!
MY BODY FULLY RECOVERED IN JUST MINUTES!
ENERGY ABSORPTION LEVELS ARE OVER 9000!
THIS MONSTER IS TOAST.
SCOTTA, I'LL DISTRACT LOCK-IN
YOU SLICE IT UP!
JIM!
NOON!
JIMMY!
THE TENTACLES!!
THEY'RE MOVING BACK!
NO!
OH NO!
AFTER ALL THIS HEALING, ITS RESERVES SHOULD BE EMPTY
THIS IS OUR CHANCE. OPENSTACK DEFENDERS, TRANSFORM!
WE WILL NOW OBLITERATE YOU INTO OBLIVION.

YOU GUYS, YOU Gotta SEE THIS!

GOTTA LOVE THIS HUMMING

AND THAT SMELL OF NEW COMPONENTS

CLOUD NETWORK COMPLETE

FIVE SEPARATE UNITS: NOVA, NEUTRON, CINDER, KEYSTONE AND BLANGE. TRANSFORMED INTO A MASTER CLOUD DEFENDER UNIT.

GOT A LITTLE PROBLEM WITH NEUTRON HERE. THE OVS FLOWS AIN'T KEEPIN' UP. WE'RE ON IT JIM! BETTER? YUP!

CECI: LOCK AND LOAD! NOVA, NEUTRON AND CINDER ARE READY.

BOTS ARE IN POSITION. DOWNLOADING CLOUD IMAGES...

WHY THE HELL IS MY INSTANCE STILL NOT ACTIVE? SCOTIA

I ONLY HAVE ONE PAIR OF API WORKERS! WAIT-UP!

MOVING SCRATCH DISKS TO THE NODES!

ALL CONNECTED

NOVA IN BOOT-STRAPPING

NEUTRON IN POSITION AND CONNECTED

THE INSTANCES ARE NOW ACTIVE

SYNCING ALL UNITS. (ADJUSTING TO CURRENT WIND SPEED)

HOW'S LOCK-IN?

STILL Hibernating. Preparing for stacking.

BLANCE AND KEYSTONE. READY FOR EVENT HORIZON
OK, NOW!

BOOST!

OK! HERE WE GO!

CLOSE TO 100,000 FT AND STILL ADVANCING!

OK, PUSH IT OFF!

IS LIBERTY READY?

YES!

CONCENTRATE
DAMN IT!

GRAB ITS HAND!

RECONFIGURING ROUTERS!!

POSSIBLY, BUT THERE IS NO INCREASE IN MASS. I THINK THIS IS ITS HEALING PROCESS. IT IS NOW RECOVERING AS A RESULT OF THIS MASSIVE INPUT. SOME OF ITS PROCESSING UNITS ARE HEATING UP, SO THE OUTER SHELL IS EXPANDING IN ORDER TO ALLOW A MORE EFFICIENT VENTILATION.

POSSIBLY! BUT IT'S INSANE!

IF WE SPAWN SOME NANO HUMANS TO GENERATE SOME BIG DATA AND THEN FEED IT TO THE MONSTER, IT WILL BECOME VULNERABLE AND UNSTABLE.

LISTEN, IF WE USE ALL THE AUXILIARY AND MAIN THRUSTERS, THIS NEW ENGINE MIGHT JUST HAVE ENOUGH THRUST TO TAKE US AND THE LOCK-IN MONSTER INTO ORBIT, RIGHT?

OK! HERE WE GO!

GETTING A LOT OF TOPS, PERHAPS EXCEEDING THE S.L.A. ASH.

I'M ON IT!

30,000 FT AND RISING, APPROACHING STRATOSPHERE.

30,000 FT AND RISING, APPROACHING STRATOSPHERE.

OK, PUSH IT OFF!

IS LIBERTY READY?

YES!

GUYS, WE ARE NOW GETTING SOME TARGETED SWORD ATTACKS IN THE CLOUD!

DEAL WITH IT!

TEAM, LET'S DO IT!

NOW, I GUESS.

CONFIGURING VLAN.

OH NO! THE TENTACLES!

POSSIBLY!

WE CAN ALSO SEE A STAGGERING INCREASE IN DATA ABSORPTION.

LOCK-IN'S SOFTWARE IS CHANGING.

YEAH, ALONG WITH HALF THIS PLANET! GOOD THINKING, BRAHMA!

ABOUT 7 OUT OF 9

LINK! HOW MUCH POWER DOES THE OPENSTACK DIPENDAR HAVE AT THE MOMENT?

IF WE SPAWN SOME NANO HUMANS TO GENERATE SOME BIG DATA AND THEN FEED IT TO THE MONSTER, IT WILL BECOME VULNERABLE AND UNSTABLE.

THEN WITH OUR NEW LIBERTY DOUBLE SWORD, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PENETRATE ITS NOW WEAKENED ARMOR, CAUSING IT TO BLOW UP LIKE A SUPERNOVA.

NOW, I GUESS.

POSSIBLY!

IF WE SPAWN SOME NANO HUMANS TO GENERATE SOME BIG DATA AND THEN FEED IT TO THE MONSTER, IT WILL BECOME VULNERABLE AND UNSTABLE.
WOW, IT’S ONLY 5 O’CLOCK. WE MIGHT JUST CATCH THE ENDING CEREMONIES AT THE SUMMIT!

WHAT SUMMIT, NEO TOKYO WAS WIPED OUT, REMEMBER?

OH … YEAH.
YUP!

BUT THEY’LL USE METAL AS SERVICE RESERVES FOR REPAIRS.

WELL, ISN’T THAT SOMETHING?

NO, THAT’S IRONIC!

WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT?

I AM LOOKING.

WE’VE LOST CONTACT WITH EARTH AND OUR BATTERY LIFE IS DOWN TO MINUS 20.

IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?

HOW SHOULD I KNOW, I’M JUST READING A DIAL.

OPENSTACK IS DOOMED AND IT’S ALL OUR FAULT!

RUKUKI!

WIN WHAT?

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