A war between North and South Island

**Thursday, 13th July 2019, New Zealand, Wellington,** orders given by The Governor to the main commander of his army.

- Commander. Today I, the leader of the North Island, Governor Braxton, speak to you about a dire situation.

All the money from the Zealandian vault had been stolen. We have evidence that it was taken by spies working for the South Island! We have tried diplomatic ways, yet they seem not to work. We NEED to finally stand up to these Southerners.

But we can't simply attack them. Not overtly. You see, they have set up watchtowers on some small islands around their main territory. They give them a perfect protection against a straight attack.

Setting up a garrison in the Watchtower next to Graymouth would be a vital strategic victory. We have to drive the Islanders from it! For New Zealand!

\*transmission ends\*

**Tuesday, 16th July 2019, Garrison near Graymouth.**

-Congratulations, Commander! As for your first war, you seem to be a promising leader. Now that we have an outpost set nearby their territory, we can transport more units there and break their defences. Our next target-

\*another person joins the transmission, it is the premier of New Zealand, the leader of South Island, Levi\*

- Well, well, would you look at that, commander! Our traitorous Premier joined us. Queen already knows of your treason! What do you want now?

- What is this aggression of yours supposed to be, Braxton?! How can you even consider calling me a traitor?!

- Aggression? You are the aggressor here, and a thief as well! What's worse is that you were the last person I would accuse of such a vicious, unhonourable deed as stealing our money! Alas, how wrong a person could be!

- We did NOT touch your vault, wherever it is, although I have my doubts about its security and the intelligence of the guards protecting it. And yours if you believe we had anything to do with it.

- How dare you! We will crush the South Island and take back what is ours!

- This island has a name. Te Wai Pounamu, to be certain.

\*Levi leaves the transmission.\*

Hah! Did you hear that, commander?! He still claims he didn't commit this crime! Unfortunately for him the talk time is over.

I need you to leave Graymouth Garrison and push forward until you reach Mountain Hutt. When you get there, the rest of those tiny watchtowers will hold no threat for us. After you take it I will send over more of our units, aerial, this time. Prepare yourself, for we slowly reach the end of our short campaign. Good luck, commander.

\*End of the transmission\*

**Sunday, 21st July 2019, Mountain Hutt.**

- I must say, I am impressed with your leadership. With you standing in front of our army we cannot lose. I am proud of you, Commander. I also have to admit that we require your presence here.

A green, virtual map appeared behind Governor Braxton.

- We have spotted a whole fleet with the flags of the South. They are heading to New Plymouth, and it is not a trading company, my friend. You need to send part of your army there quickly! Around a half will suffice. The Southerners are sending their whole navy force and New Plymouth alone will not stand a chance in a longer fight. I order you to begin a surprise attack. If we lose this port, we will also lose our fleet and morale of our people.

\*Third person joins the transmission, it's the General of the Defensive Forces, Williams\*

- Sir, we cannot rely completely on this one man! He is nothing more than a novice! You have gone mad! Neither we have to protect this port at all cost. We still have half of our fleet at Naspier! Even then we have our air force!

- And what… lose New Plymouth and the soldiers morale with half of our fleet destroyed? Who is talking nonsense here?

- Defending New Plymouth is pointless, Braxton! We should focus on South Island!

- I did not ask for your opinion, general Williams! Now, to the second part of the defence which considers you. You’ll lead the main charge! Your forces shall repel Southern forces until our Commander arrives.

- You are sending us on a suicide mission, Governor!

\*General Williams leaves the transmission\*

- Now, that everything is set, Commander, it is time to rally our forces. I have other matters I must attend to. Make haste. Time is of the essence!

\*Transmission ends\*

**Saturday, 27th July 2019, Mountain Hutt.**

- Outstanding, Commander! You arrived just in time to finish what General Williams has started! We are all grateful.

Also, with all their forces crushed and on their knees and the centre of the Island taken, we can finally march into their Headquarters on the very peak of Mountain Cook! This is very important, Commander. I promise that if you succeed AND bring all the state funds back into the vault I shall reward you profusely. Now to the plan. You’ll lead the frontal charge! Our air forces will follow you soon after you begin. Levi has to be taken alive. He will receive the trial he due deserves.

Now, as Maori people say, ngā manaakitanga pai\* to you, Commander!

\*Transmission ends\*

Ngā manaakitanga pai\* - Good luck

**Friday, 2nd August 2019, peak of Mountain Cook**

\*As the Headquarters is being torn apart by advancing forces of North Island, Commander receives another transmission, but this time it is not the governor. It is general Williams, his\*

- You’ve done it, Commander! The Southerners are vanquished and all the Islands are now united as one, glorious country! I have to admit, I am impressed. Maybe I was wrong about you after all. Send a report to the Governor. After that you should return back home. I have a feeling you will be given a hero’s welcome. I think I will stay here however and have a bit more… Fun.

\*After Williams ends the transmission, a militarized version of anthem of New Zealand is played on the conquered peak\*

**Saturday, 3rd August 2019, peak of Mountain Cook**

- What did you mean in your report?! What did that "No state funds were found" suppose to mean? They have to be somewhere on the South Island! We can't pay our debts and keep the country going if the vault stays empty! Search everywhere!

\*Third person joins the transmission. It is general of the Zealandian guard, Liam.\*

- Good day to you, Governor, and to you, Commander.

- Oh, it is not good! There was no money on the Mountain Cook!

- This is the matter I am here to tell you about. Funds weren't stolen, not even a single penny of it.

- What? But... But there were no money and we captured the Southern spies!

- Southern Tourists, sir.

- Nonsense! Where is all the money our vault contained, then?!

- In the second vault, directly under the first one, near the western coast.

- But... We have already... And the Premier has been... Commander! Leave the premier where you found him and retreat! NOW! I repeat! Stop fighting! Come back to the North Island!

\*As the doors behind Braxton are being opened, he turns around just to notice two armed guardsmen.

- You are under arrest for committing crimes against humanity.

- NO! I am the governor! This is MY Island! No, don’t you even dare touching me! Go away! I will have you executed for this!

\*Transmission ends\*

And so we reach the end of this story. The whole war over the “stolen” money was pointless, unfounded and cost the lives of many good soldiers, who followed the orders of an uninformed, big-headed man. Governor Braxton was taken to a trial but he didn’t lose his life, he presently spends his life in a cosy prison cell as a sort of celebrity. A new Governor was elected, and with that South Island began its reconstruction with the help of people from the North. It took a long time for the two islands to reunite again. And even though the peace returned upon the islands, the people lost their trust in authorities and in each other.

THE END.

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