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## Guiding the Mothership

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*“Don’t worry, Betty. It’s just like your house, only it travels through space.”*

– The Lost Skeleton of Cadavra

The ALIEN Muthership is here and it’s trying to find a place to land. The pilot apparently decided on a landing spot out in the middle of the desert and did not think to do a terrain scan, which means the ship will land in quicksand at T+5:00. Worse yet, they’ve started their ALIEN Discent, which means strict radio silence to conserve energy, so you have no way to contact the ship. That is, unless you send a priority encoded message to them with better coordinates.

Throughout game there are *F* packets taped to signs. Each sign corresponds to a window looking out onto the terrain nearby. A description of the terrain is on the sign. Either of you may open the packet by spending 1 Science and then spending one minute touching the sign. Inside the packet is a set of coordinates.

Once you have a set of coordinates that you wish to transmit, you may send it to the ALIEN Muthership by going to the Satellite Room and telling the NPC on duty to transmit the coordinates on a tight beam to the ALIEN Muthership. Of course, to be slightly less suspicious, you have a pre-agreed ALIEN Koad that your intelligence officers devised that maps numbers to common English words; the code is included at the end of this greensheet.

Note that you only get one chance! Changing course in the atmosphere is energy-intensive, and because there’s no gazflornium on this backwards planet, the mothership won’t be able to change course twice AND reach escape velocity. So make sure you have a good set of coordinates.

## The ALIEN Koad

Each number has multiple code possibilities, to ensure that no code word is repeated if the coordinates happen to have a repeated number.

- zero: ritardando, cantabile, con brio, fortissimo
- one: Domine, a priori, lorem ipsum, status quo
- two: The People’s Elbow, DDT, Mandible Claw, Tombstone Piledriver
- three: Mötörhead, Mötley Crüe, Queensrÿche, Spiñal Tap
- four: mind probe, bladensburg, cthuberpunk, spin cycle
- five: interrobang, octothorpe, ampersand, ellipsis
- six: flambé, au gratin, à la mode, foie gras
- seven: tracheotomy, lupus, Vicodin, pleural effusion
- eight: pantyhose, brassiere, thong, garter belt
- nine: rocky road, fudge ripple, neapolitan, butter pecan