

MWSS111 — First Contact at the Tunnel



Website-ready edition built from the latest continuity-matching bridge frames, with GMTO data visible throughout the

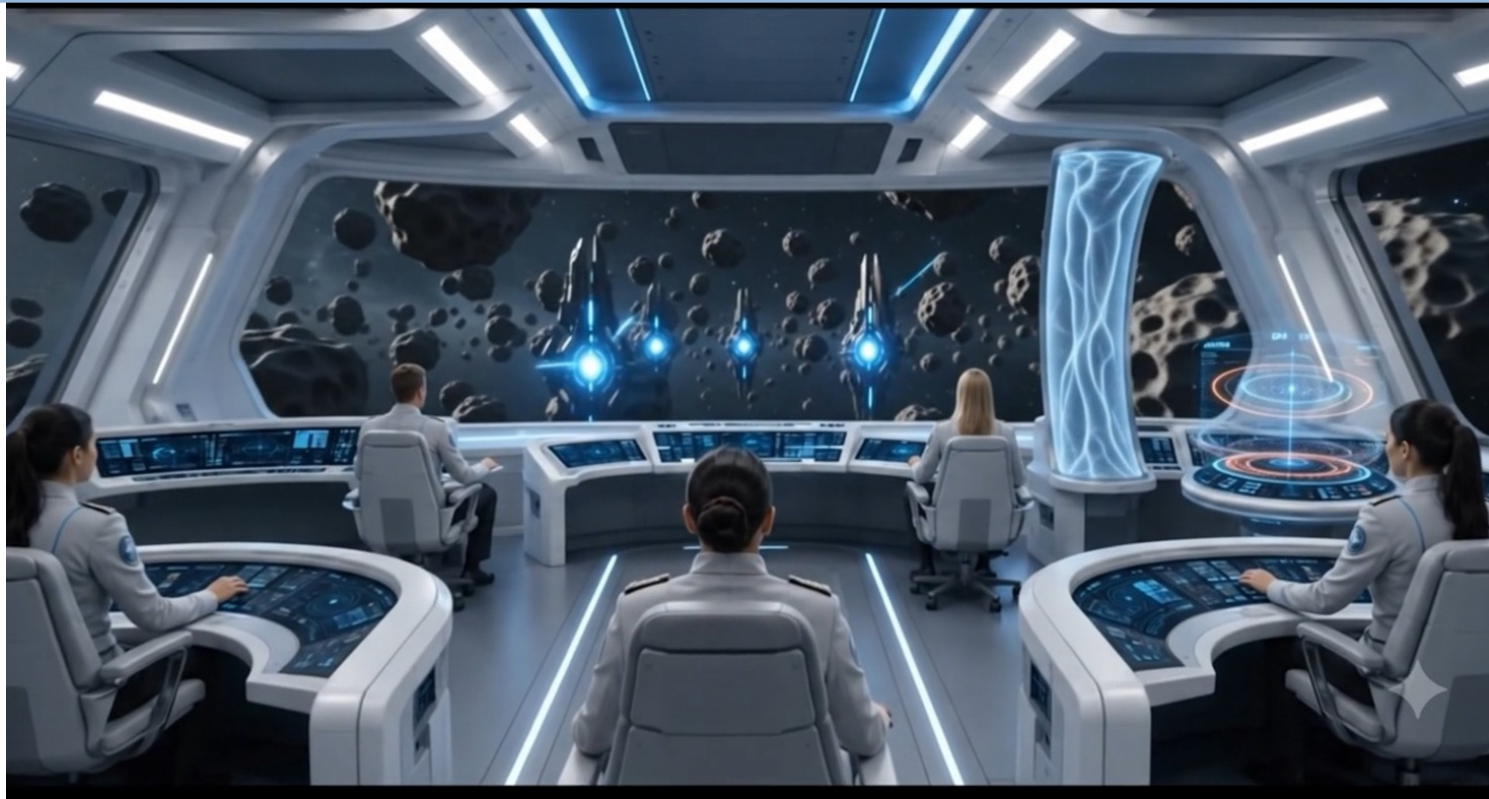
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Mission Setup



Vanguard-6 arrives at a highly organized corridor inside the asteroid field. The bridge continuity is now strong and clear: the command crew is in position, the huge forward viewport frames the encounter, and the GMTO station remains active on the starboard side. Four luminous structures ahead suggest that the ship is not entering a natural hazard, but a guided zone with purpose and order.

Althea Holds the Approach



Althea: “Approach is stable. Holding us on the centerline.”

From the flight station, Althea keeps Vanguard-6 aligned with the corridor while the energy patterns strengthen outside the windows. This frame is especially important for the episode because it preserves a reliable continuity anchor: Althea at the helm, calm under pressure, with the energy column and blue guidance field visible beside the viewport.

The Corridor Activates



A circular blue field forms between the outer structures, turning the corridor into something more than a navigational marker. The event behaves with mathematical precision. Nothing detonates, and nothing attacks the ship. Instead, the pattern assembles itself layer by layer, suggesting that the phenomenon is a controlled system — perhaps even the opening phase of a communication sequence.

GMTO Begins Translation



INA: “GMTO is resolving stable topology. I am seeing structure, not noise.”

The GMTO display becomes the scientific heart of the episode. While the crew watches the anomaly directly through the viewport, GMTO converts the encounter into readable scan information. The system shows layered orbital geometry, comparative motion, and relational data that help confirm the event as intentional and coherent.

The Tunnel Reveals Itself



The blue tunnel finally becomes unmistakable. Off the port side of the forward view, the anomaly deepens into a visible passage, as if space itself has been shaped into a navigable route. The crew remains disciplined and quiet. The mood is not fear, but controlled curiosity: the bridge recognizes that it is witnessing a structured invitation, not an uncontrolled collapse of space.

Bridge Dialogue



Captain: “INA, are we looking at turbulence or intent?”

INA: “Intent, Captain. The pattern repeats too cleanly.”

Althea: “Then they know we are here.”

This frame is ideal for dialogue because it keeps the tunnel, the outer marker structure, and the bridge crew in one composition. It lets the viewer understand both the emotional response of the crew and the scale of the phenomenon in a single shot.

GMTO Contact Confirmation



The triangular GMTO overlay identifies the event as a meaningful contact moment. With the tunnel dominating the viewport and the bridge holding continuity, this frame makes the story point explicit: the unknown phenomenon is now being classified by the ship's instrumentation as an organized interaction. The crew is no longer merely scanning a curiosity — they are participating in first contact.

Captain's Log — To Be Continued



Captain's Log: "Vanguard-6 has confirmed first structured contact within the tunnel anomaly. GMTO data indicates order, repetition, and navigational coherence. The corridor appears open to us, and the response pattern suggests invitation rather than hostility. We will proceed with caution."

The episode closes with a clear cliffhanger: the science is confirmed, the bridge crew has maintained control, and the way forward has been revealed.