

# UNION MAZE

UNION MAZE is a [Star Army of Yamatai](#) code name for a planned contingency operation for the scenario in which the [Yamatai Star Empire](#) enters a state of war with the [Democratic Imperium of Nepleslia](#) where the [Star Army of Yamatai](#) will conduct a full-scale planetary invasion of [Planet Nepleslia](#), the universe's most heavily urbanized planet, with the goal of returning it to YSE control.

UNION refers to a rejoining of Yamatai and Nepleslia and MAZE is a reference to the complicated, difficult combat environment of hyper-urban Nepleslia. It is part of a secret series of other UNION contingency operations plans. The UNION MAZE plan is highly secret and known only by certain commanders in the [Star Army of Yamatai](#) who have received it on a need-to-know basis.

## History

In [YE 28](#), Nepleslia seceded from Yamatai fairly peacefully, and a peace agreement was made between the two nations. In [YE 30](#), the Nepleslian government reformed itself and the treaty was made invalid, creating a rise in tensions between the two nations. In [YE 32](#), a new treaty, the [Nepleslian Treaty of YE 32](#), was approved by Yamatai but the Nepleslian senate was attacked by the [NMX](#). Since then, the treaty has failed to be signed and the Nepleslian military has effectively controlled Nepleslia. Additionally, despite both nations facing the threat of the [NMX](#), they repeatedly failed to develop any sort of cooperation in overcoming it.

Yamatai also has the following major grievances with Nepleslia:

1. Nepleslia does not recognize Nekoalkyrja as people
2. Nepleslia claimed Neo Kohana after it was granted its independence by the YSE
3. Nepleslia might ally with Lor, and Yamatai considers a war with Lor to be likely. See: [Yamatai's Conflict With The Lorath](#)

It was expected that relations will continue to worsen unless progress is made in the [International Relations Conference of YE 36](#). With that in mind, the Yamataian military considered war a serious possibility and in [YE 36](#) began actively planning for it. [Second Fleet](#) was the first major unit assigned to train for the operation.

Luckily, the IRC proved fruitful and resulted in a military alliance with Nepleslia and Lor, called the [Defense Arrangement Treaty \(of the\) Alliance of Signatory States](#). This newfound cooperation with Nepleslia eliminated the need for UNION MAZE and allowed its assets to be freed up and directed toward another potential war scenario, [QUIET RAGE](#).

## Objectives

UNION MAZE has the objective of establishing control of the Nepleslia star system. It is broken into several phases:

1. Space Superiority: Establish clear and safe space for Star Army operations.
2. Infrastructure dominance: Remove the ability of Nepleslia to effectively sustain military forces.
  1. Target war-related bases and factories
  2. Obliterate the Nepleslian military
3. Ground invasion
  1. Establish bases and secure areas
4. Long-term occupation and anti-insurgency campaign

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