

ACEDIA
COMICS



VOL.01
ECHO INITIATIVE

STORY
A. KELLER

ART
D. HUME



D PRAINE



MIND IS THE ORIGIN.
RESONANCE IS THE CONSEQUENCE.

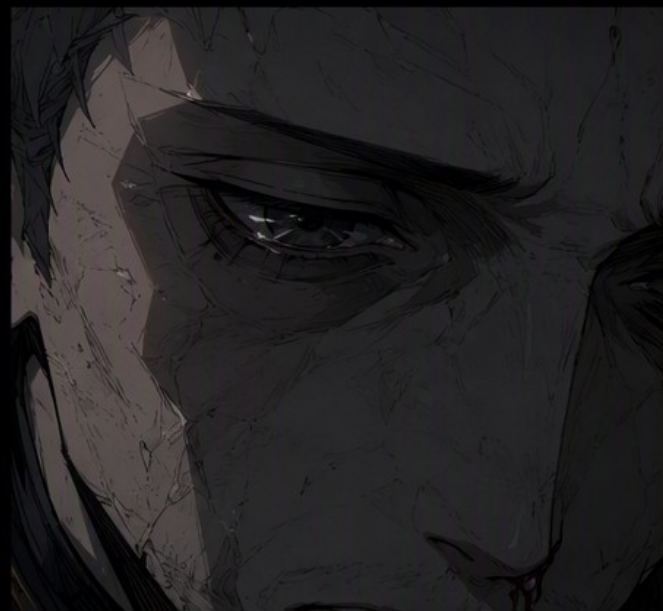
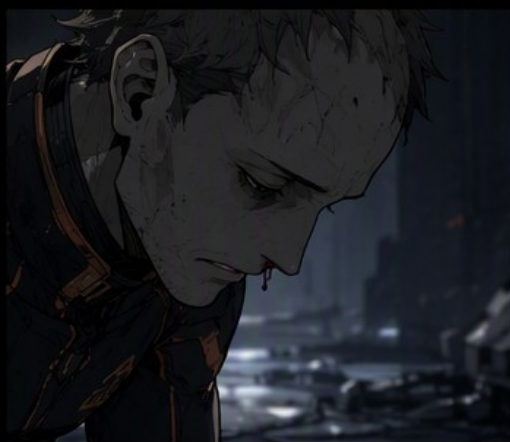
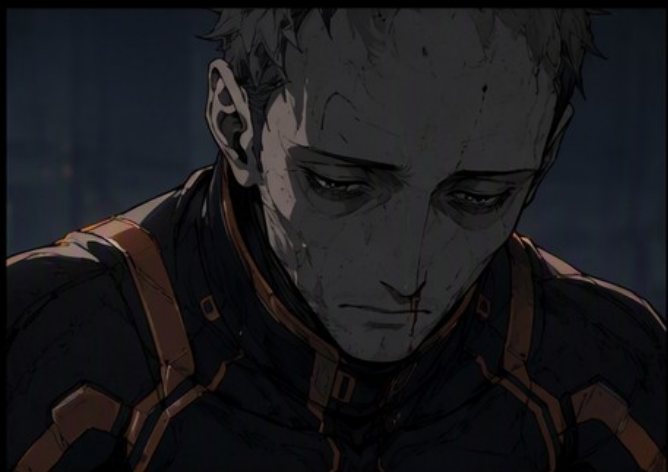
D PRAINE

RESONANCE EVENT // VOL.01



送電停止
電力供給停止

STATION CLOSED
運行停止



THE SECOND
STAGE IS
ARITHMETIC.

NOT ANGER.
NOT GRIEF.

IT IS THE
MOMENT THE
NUMBERS STOP
BEING ABSTRACT.

ONE.
TWO.
THREE.
TEN.
FIFTY.
A HUNDRED.
A THOUSAND.

THE EQUATION
DOESN'T CARE
ABOUT HOPE.

THERE ARE
TOO MANY
VARIABLES.

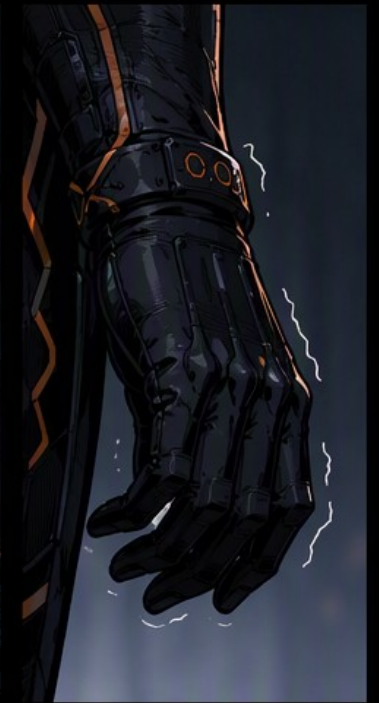
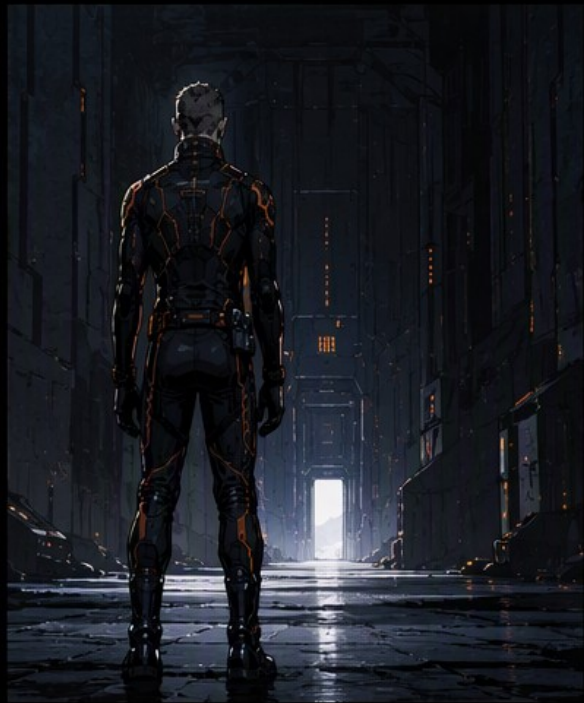
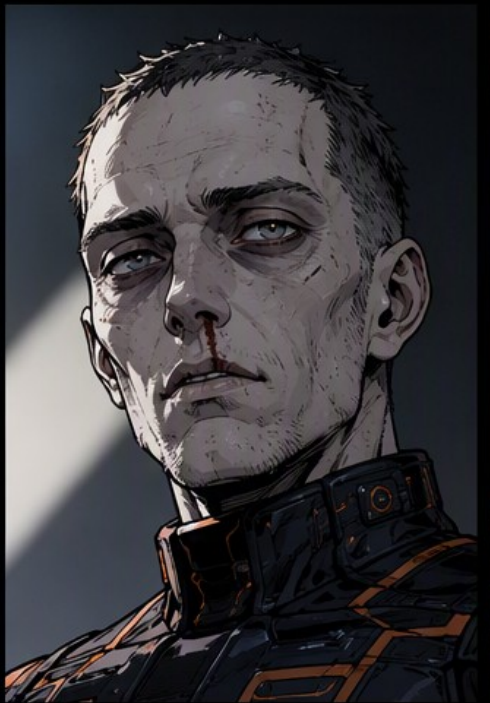
AND NOT ENOUGH
OF ME.

SAVING THEM
ONE AT A TIME...

MY HANDS
REMEMBER
THE LIMIT.

IS NO LONGER
A REAL OPTION.

THE MATH
DOESN'T
LIE.

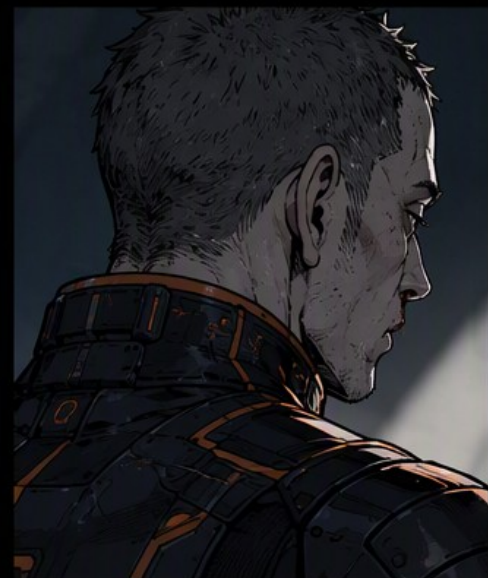
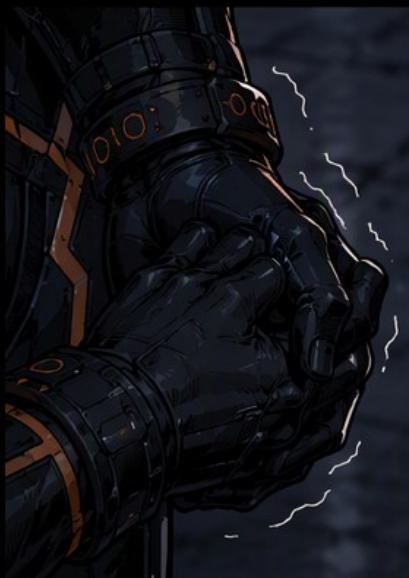


D PRAINE

ASYMMETRY: PAYOFF 3/3



THE DECISION
PRECEDES
THE STEP.



--- ASYMMETRY

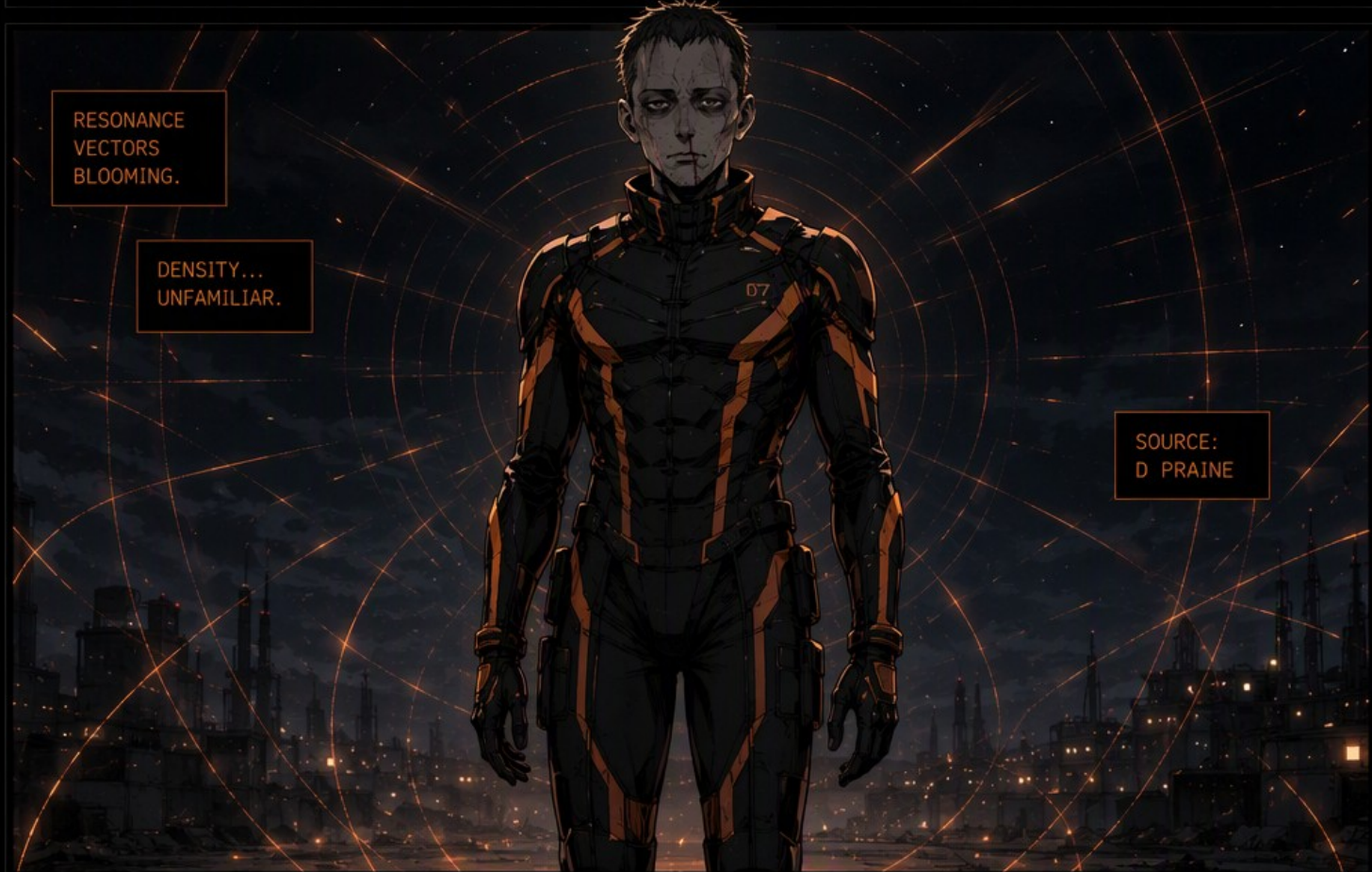


REMAINS. ---



SECTOR 7
RESONANCE RESEARCH
AUTHORIZED
PERSONNEL ONLY

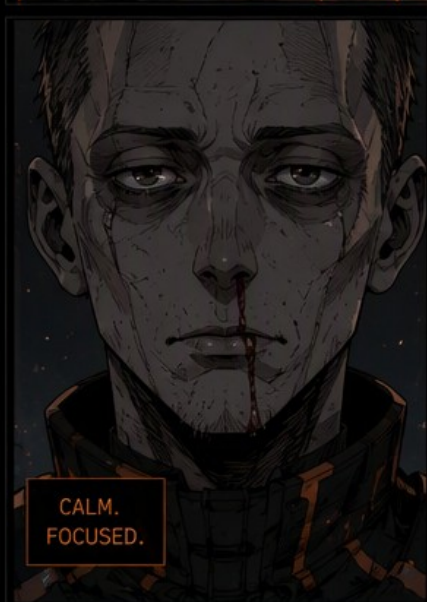
D PRAINE
CLASS: RESONANT
DESIGNATION: HERO



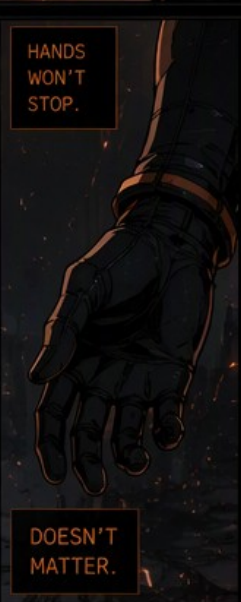
RESONANCE
VECTORS
BLOOMING.

DENSITY...
UNFAMILIAR.

SOURCE:
D PRAINE

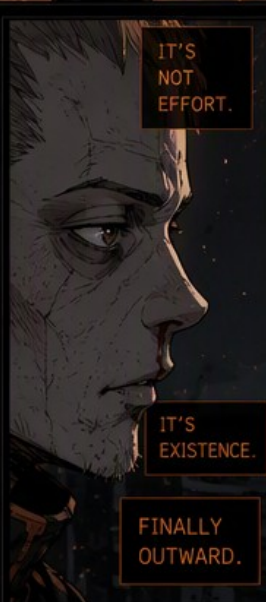


CALM.
FOCUSED.



HANDS
WON'T
STOP.

DOESN'T
MATTER.



IT'S
NOT
EFFORT.

IT'S
EXISTENCE.

FINALLY
OUTWARD.



THE QUIET
BEGINNING
OF SOMETHING
VAST.

D PRAINE

VECTOR LINK // ESTABLISHING



GRID NODE 77-A
SYNC//ONLINE

COMM TOWER 1X-21
SYNC//ONLINE

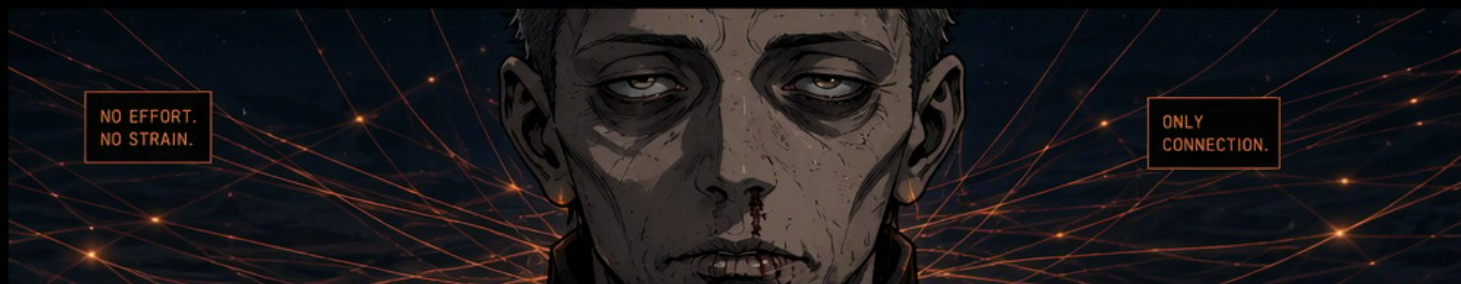
RAIL HUB 04-N
SYNC//ONLINE

SUBSTATION DELTA-3
SYNC//ONLINE



NO EFFORT.
NO STRAIN.

ONLY
CONNECTION.



HANDS
TREMBLE.
VECTORS
DO NOT.

THOUSANDS OF MILES.
COUNTLESS SYSTEMS.
ONE CONSTANT.

THE WORLD
IS NOT HIS.
BUT IT
LISTENS.



D PRAINE
VECTOR LINK
// ACTIVE

ALL POINTS.
ALL DIRECTIONS.
ALL AT ONCE.



WITHIN THE SPACE
OF A SINGLE BREATH...

NORTHIDGE
POWER SUBSTATION
ID: NR-PWR-1147

MERCER ORBITAL
COMM RELAY
ID: MC-CR-5521

EASTWAY
RAIL JUNCTION
ID: EW-RJ-9022

SABLEECHO
DATA TOWER
ID: SE-DT-3319

GRAYHALL
WATER PURIFIER
ID: GH-WP-7783

...I HOLD THEM ALL.

WESTGATE
TRAFFIC GRID
ID: WG-TG-8106

SOUTHBANK
WASTE PROCESSOR
ID: SB-WP-6608

HIGHLINE
BROADCAST NODE
ID: HL-BN-9902

BRYNLOCK
SECURITY HUB
ID: BL-SH-2215

STONEWARD
CORRECTIONAL NODE
ID: SW-CN-1003

TWINVALE
AGRI-DOME 12
ID: TV-AD-1204

FARREACH
DEEP SIGNAL ARRAY
ID: FR-DS-7331

CINDERPOINT
THERMAL PLANT
ID: CP-TP-8890

VELLHORN
RESEARCH STATION
ID: VH-RS-9911

DAWNWELL
MED-STABILIZATION CTR
ID: DW-MS-5712

NIGHTRIDGE
LOGISTICS HUB
ID: NR-LH-7086

IRONLEAF
MUNITIONS FORGE
ID: IL-MF-4420

EACH SYSTEM.
EVERY SIGNAL.
EVERY HEARTBEAT.

NOT THROUGH POWER.
BUT THROUGH
UNDERSTANDING.

THIS ISN'T CONTROL.

THIS IS AWARENESS.

OUTSIDE SECTOR 7
23:41:07



PHASE ONE.
POWER DISTRIBUTION
NEUTRALIZED.

NO SURGE.
NO ALERT.
NO TRACE.

INTERNAL GRID // NODE B7 CORRIDOR
23:41:09



23:41:11
SEQUENCE ENGAGED.
SUBSYSTEMS OFFLINE
IN ORDER.



LIGHTS.
SYSTEMS.
SUPPORT.

EVERYTHING
BY DESIGN.

23:41:14
NO DRAMA.
NO MALFUNCTION.
JUST SILENCE.



POWER
DISTRIBUTION
NODE B7

THE FACILITY
DOESN'T KNOW
IT'S DEAD
YET.

23:41:17
TOTAL SHUTDOWN.
COMPLETE.
SILENT.



POWER
DISTRIBUTION
NODE B7

THIS ISN'T
WAR.

THIS IS
PRECISION.

JUST
THE FIRST
BEAT.



TO BE CONTINUED...

23:47:12
SECOND BEAT

NO EXPLOSION.

NO DIRECT ASSAULT.

THE INFRASTRUCTURE
CHOOSES FOR ITSELF.

THE FACILITY IS
NOT DESTROYED.

IT IS
ISOLATED.

SIGNAL
SWITCHES
FLIP...

CHIK

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CHIK

CHIK

...IN
SEQUENCE.

RAIL LINES
REDIRECT
THEMSELVES...

KRRRRNNNN

CARGO...

GLIDE

...AND
TRANSPORT
VEHICLES...

VMMM

...ALTER COURSE
IN EERIE,
COORDINATED
UNISON.

THE NETWORK
QUIETLY AGREES:

THIS FACILITY
STANDS ALONE.

NOTHING BREAKS.
NOTHING BURNS.



PERIMETER SEVERANCE PROTOCOL
周辺遮断プロトコル

YET EVERYTHING
HAS CHANGED.

THE ASSAULT: THIRD BEAT — STRUCTURAL LOCK

Containment is not destruction.

SEQUENCE INITIATED.
PERIMETER DOORS:
ONLINE.

INNER SEALS
ENGAGED.

SECTOR PARTITIONS:
SEALED.

CHK

D-08

INTERNAL PATHWAYS
CLOSING.
OUTSIDE IN.

EACH DOOR.
EACH LOCK.
IN PERFECT ORDER.

ONE.

TWO.

THREE.

FOUR.

FIVE.

CHK

CHK

CHK

CHK

CLK

QUIET.
DELIBERATE.
FINAL.

CONTAINMENT
COMPLETE.

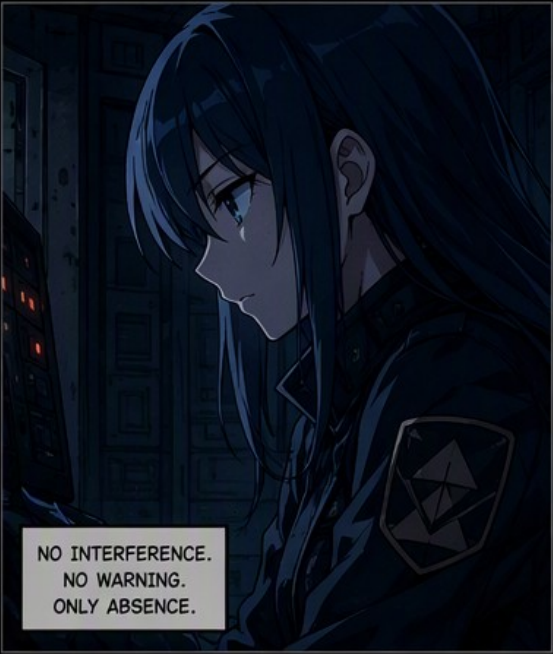
鎖
LOCK



FOURTH BEAT:
COMMUNICATIONS
COLLAPSE.

THE FACILITY'S
VOICE STRETCHED
BEYOND HORIZONS—

NOW FALLS
INTO SILENCE.



NO INTERFERENCE.
NO WARNING.
ONLY ABSENCE.



FADING...
ONE BY ONE...



UNTIL NOTHING
REMAINS.



THE MESSAGE
DISAPPEARS.



TOTAL.
ABSOLUTE.
QUIET.

SEQUENCE 04

[COMMUNICATIONS COLLAPSE]

FIFTH BEAT:
PRESSURE.

NOT DESTRUCTION.
PRECISION.

ONE POINT.
ONE CALCULATED
FAILURE.

88-14

LOAD-BEARING
SUPPORT.

DESIGNED TO
HOLD.
NOW DESIGNED
TO YIELD.

KRIK

KRAK

THE CEILING
DOESN'T COLLAPSE.

IT ACKNOWLEDGES.

IT LOWERS.
SLOWLY.
DELIBERATELY.

ONLY HERE.
NOWHERE ELSE.

STRUCTURAL
INTEGRITY

94%



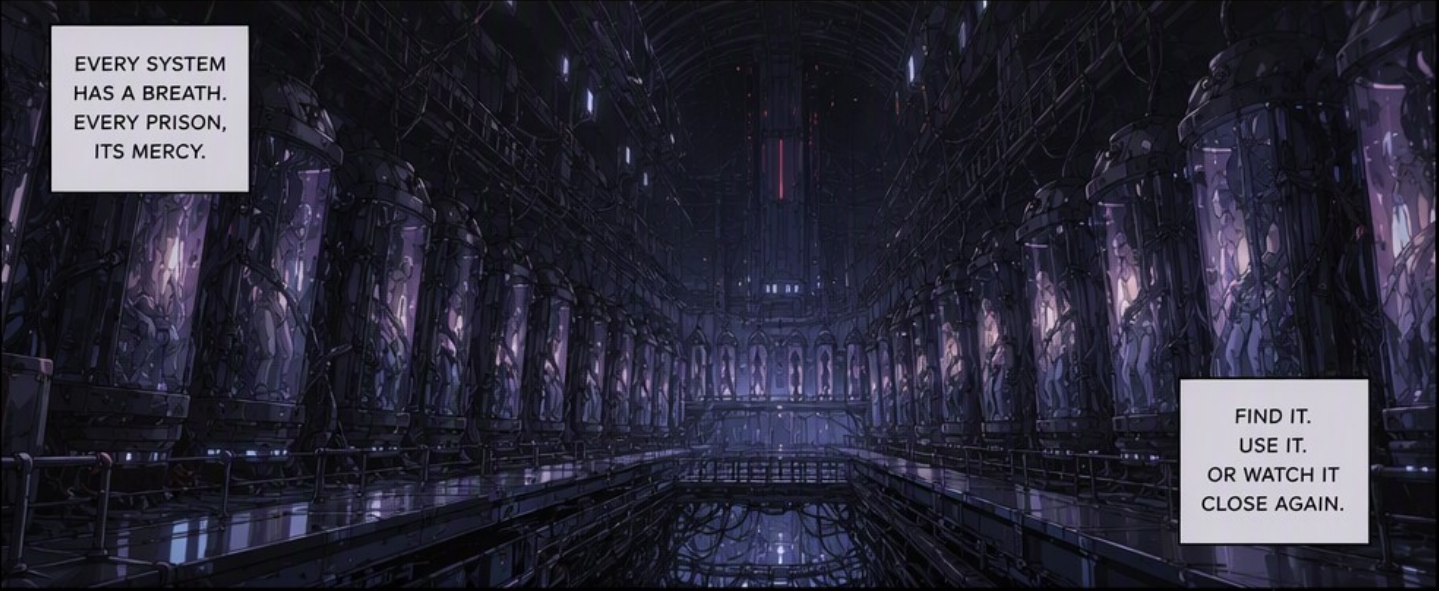
SYSTEMS REGISTER.
THREATS ANALYZED.
RESPONSE
SUPPRESSED.

THE WEIGHT
FOLLOWS
THE PLAN.

NO SHOCKWAVE.
NO CASUALTIES.
NO MASTE.

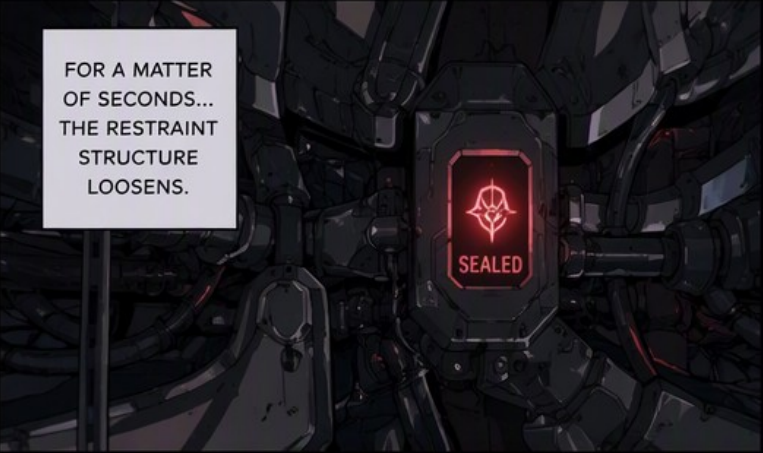
JUST CONSEQUENCE.
APPLIED WITH
MATHEMATICAL
CERTAINTY.

ASSAULT BEAT 06: THE MERCY WINDOW



EVERY SYSTEM
HAS A BREATH.
EVERY PRISON,
ITS MERCY.

FIND IT.
USE IT.
OR WATCH IT
CLOSE AGAIN.



FOR A MATTER
OF SECONDS...
THE RESTRAINT
STRUCTURE
LOOSENS.



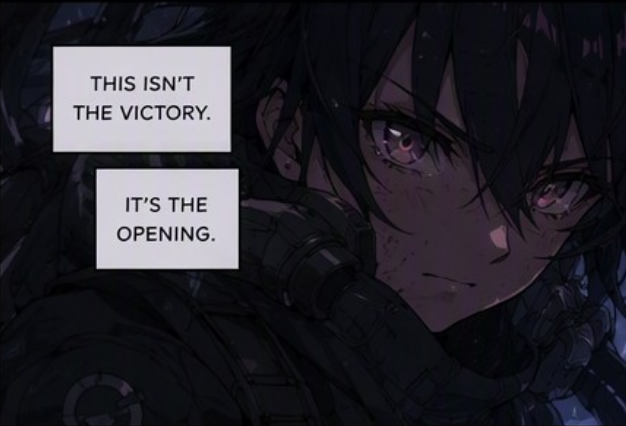
THE CONDUITS
SLACKEN.
THE PRESSURE
DIPS.



JUST LONG
ENOUGH...

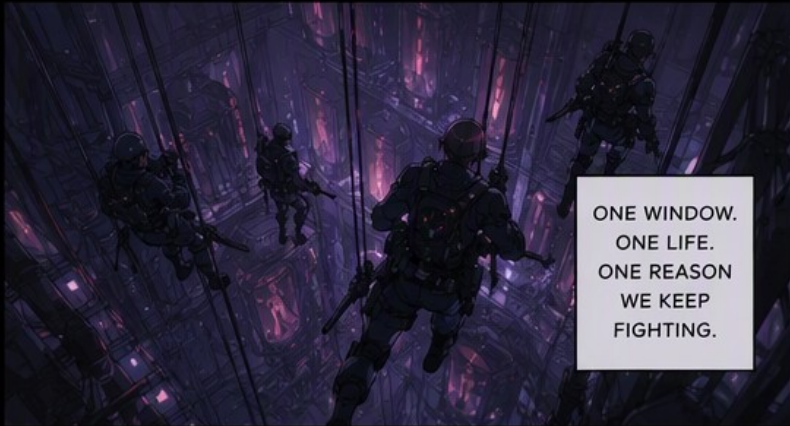


...TO PULL
SOMEONE
BACK FROM
THE ABYSS.



THIS ISN'T
THE VICTORY.

IT'S THE
OPENING.



ONE WINDOW.
ONE LIFE.
ONE REASON
WE KEEP
FIGHTING.

THE SYSTEM WANTS COMPLIANCE.



WE BRING BACK OUR OWN.

CITY OF NEW EDEN
POPULATION: 8.7 MILLION
DISTANCE FROM TARGET:
11,842.6 KM

23:47:12 LOCAL TIME

23:47:13
A BRIEF, SYNCHRONIZED
FLICKER ACROSS THE
ENTIRE GRID.

23:47:16
POWER RESTORED.
SYSTEMS STABILIZED.
DEVIATION: 2.8 SECONDS.

HUH? LIGHTS
JUST WENT OUT
FOR A SEC.

YEAH.

STUPID GRID.
AGAIN?

YEP.

...ANYWAY,
DID YOU SEE
THE GAME?

YEAH YEAH.

MOVING ON.

THE PULSE DIDN'T
DISCRIMINATE.

THE MECHANISM
RIPPLES.

FAR BEYOND THE
LOCAL TARGET.

THIS ISN'T COLLATERAL
DAMAGE.

IT'S THE SIGNAL.



SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE RELAY STATION
(REMOTE SATELLITE UPLINK FACILITY)



TELEMETRY ALERT

SYNCHRONIZED ANOMALY DETECTED
SIGNATURE MATCH: 100.00%

EVENT ID	TIME CODE (UTC)	LOCATION	STATUS
RSX-07	14:28:17.893	NORTHERN FACILITY	ANOMALY
RSX-07	14:28:17.893	SOUTHERN RELAY	ANOMALY

EVENTS ARE SYNCHRONIZED
ACROSS GLOBAL LOCATIONS



MEANWHILE, FAR ABOVE—
GEOSTATIONARY ORBITAL VANTAGE POINT



GLOBAL MONITORING FEED

LINK STATUS:
NONE

NO DIRECT LINK ESTABLISHED
BETWEEN FACILITIES

DISTANCE: 12,742 km



TWO EVENTS.
ONE MOMENT.
OPPOSITE SIDES
OF THE WORLD.

NO LINKS.
NO SIGNALS.
AND YET...

PERFECTLY
IN SYNC.

THE COMPLEX - CORE INTERIOR -

SYSTEM STATUS:
CRITICAL CASCADE
FAILURES IMMINENT

NOT
A STRUCTURE.
A SYSTEM.

NOT
SEPARATE PARTS.
BUT ONE BODY.

ONE MIND.
ONE FAILURE.

> CORE SYNAPSE CLUSTER
STABILITY 12%
SIGNAL COHERENCE 07%
NERVE CONDUIT FLOW ... 23%
GLOBAL INTEGRITY 09%

CASCADE ENGAGED



PRIMARY CONDUITS
CONTRACTION
INITIATED

FLUIDIC NETWORK
FLOW IRREGULAR
PRESSURE SPIKING

NEURAL MESH
FEEDBACK COLLAPSE
SIGNAL LOSS

SUPPORT STRUTS
MUSCLE TENSION
BEYOND LIMIT

CORE SYNAPSE
RHYTHM FAILURE
SYNC DISRUPTION

WASTE CHANNELS
BACKFLOW DETECTED
SYSTEM INTOXICATION

SYSTEMIC CASCADE
ALL NETWORKS
EXPERIENCING
INTERDEPENDENT
FAILURE
THE BODY
EATS ITSELF.

CONSCIOUSNESS
FRAGMENTING

FINAL SYNCHRONY
RETAINING...
...FADING.

THE COMPLEX
DOES NOT DIE.
IT UNRAVELS.
IT FORGETS
IT WAS EVER
WHOLE.

THE FAILURE WAS
NEVER ONE THING.

IT WAS
EVERYTHING.

POWER CONDUITS:
DYING.

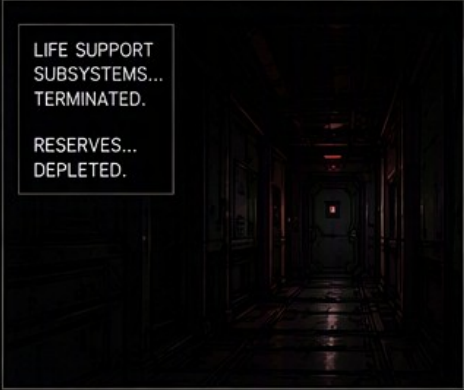
CORRIDORS:
SEALED.

COMMUNICATION ARRAYS:
SILENT.

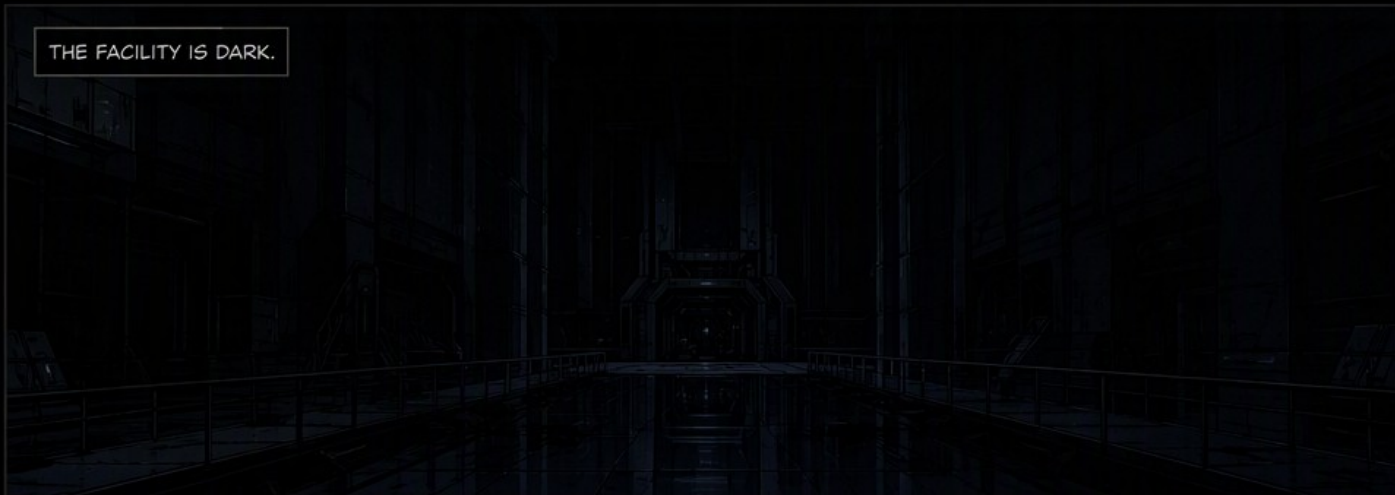
STRUCTURE:
COLLAPSING.

AND SO—

THE FACILITY DIES
AS ONE.



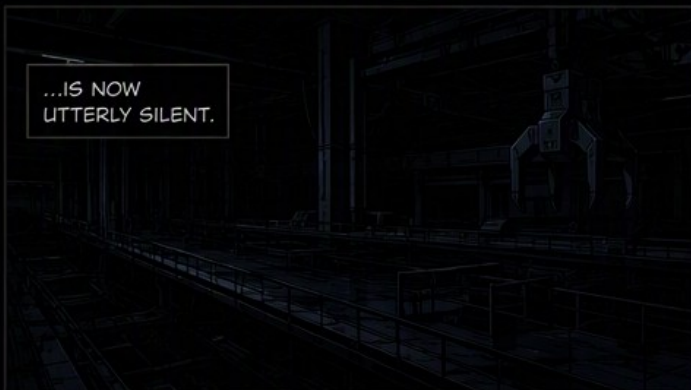
THE FACILITY IS DARK.



EVERY SYSTEM
THAT ONCE HUMBLLED
WITHOUT END...



...IS NOW
UTTERLY SILENT.

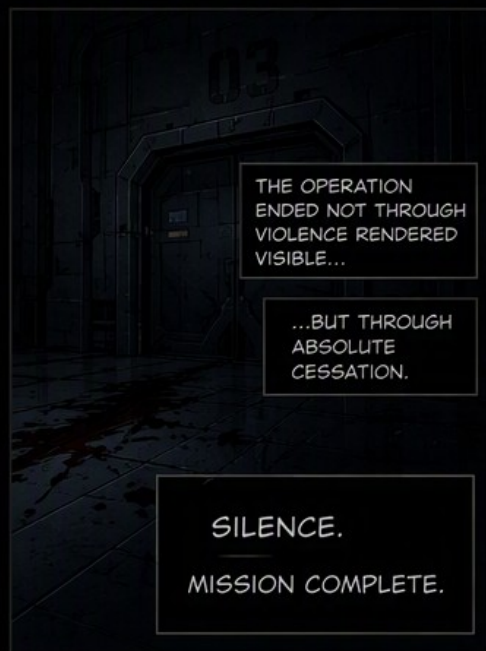


THE VAST INTERIOR
FINALLY, COMPLETELY STILL
FOR THE FIRST TIME
SINCE PRAINE ENTERED IT.



THE OPERATION
ENDED NOT THROUGH
VIOLENCE RENDERED
VISIBLE...

...BUT THROUGH
ABSOLUTE
CESSATION.



SILENCE.
MISSION COMPLETE.

END OF ASSAULT SEQUENCE.

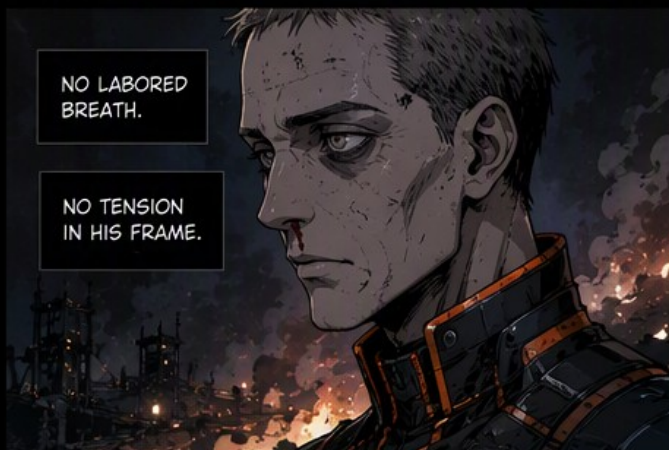


THE FACILITY
IS SILENT.

THE SYSTEM IS
MOTIONLESS.

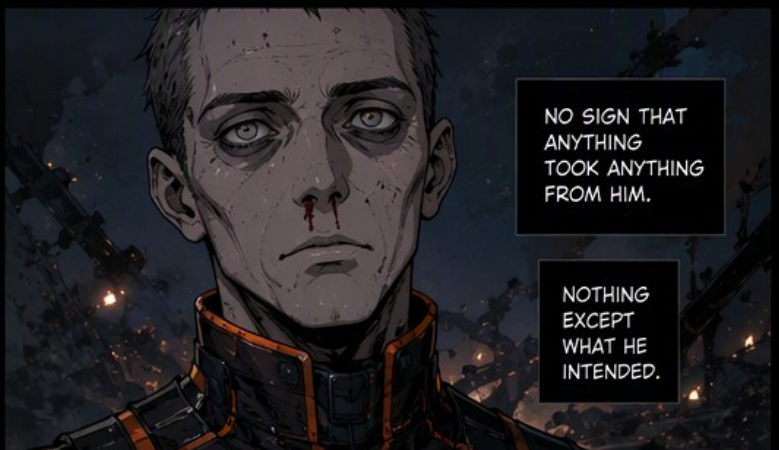
EVERYTHING
THAT WAS
HAS CEASED.

AND STILL,
HE STANDS.



NO LABORED
BREATH.

NO TENSION
IN HIS FRAME.



NO SIGN THAT
ANYTHING
TOOK ANYTHING
FROM HIM.

NOTHING
EXCEPT
WHAT HE
INTENDED.

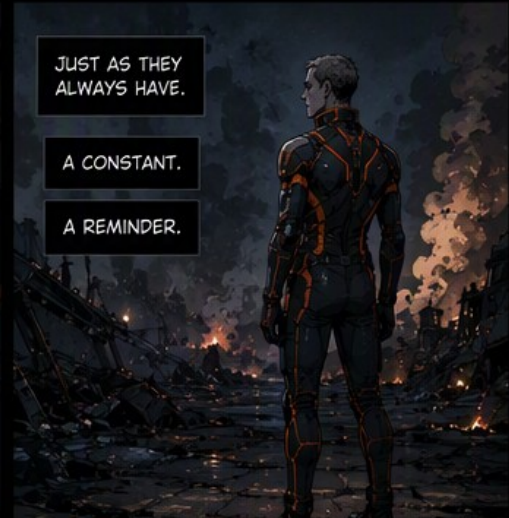


HIS HANDS
TREMBLE.

AS THEY
ALWAYS DO.

NOT FROM
FEAR.

NOT FROM
FATIGUE.



JUST AS THEY
ALWAYS HAVE.

A CONSTANT.

A REMINDER.



THE WORLD
LOOKS AT THIS
AND SEARCHES
FOR MEANING.

FOR STRUGGLE.

FOR A COST.

BUT HE
OFFERS THEM
NOTHING.

BECAUSE TO HIM...



...THIS WAS
NEVER A
BATTLE.

IT WAS ONLY
A CORRECTION.

ASYMMETRY: RECOGNITION

FILE 07 // OBSERVER: KAELEN



DISTANCE
IS A LANGUAGE.



IT DOESN'T LIE.
IT MEASURES.



D PRAINE.
ONCE A PROBLEM.
ONCE A THREAT.



I REMEMBER
WHAT HE
WAS.



I SEE
WHAT HE IS
BECOMING.



THE GAP
BETWEEN
THE TWO...



...THAT IS
THE ONLY
TRUTH THAT
MATTERS.

HE IS NOT
MY EQUAL.

AND HE
NEVER WILL BE.



OPERATIVE KAELEN

NO ALLIES. NO WITNESSES. ONLY RESULTS.

THE ASYMMETRY IS NOT CRUEL.
IT IS NECESSARY.

RECOGNITION
IS THE FINAL DISTANCE.

ACROSS THE PLANET,
SYSTEMS STUTTERED—
THEN STEADIED.

NO ONE SAW THE CAUSE.
NO ONE KNEW THEY WERE
PART OF THE SAME MOMENT.

NEW EDEN CITY

THE LIGHTS FLICKERED.
THE GRID HESITATED.
THEN—NORMAL.

TRAFFIC FLOWED.
SCREENS UPDATED.
LIFE RESUMED.

TSUKUYOMI SATELLITE CONTROL

ALARMS SPIKED.
TELEMETRY GLITCHED.
THEN—GREEN.

ORBIT REFINED.
LINKS RELOCKED.
ROUTINE RESTORED.

SYSTEM STATUS

NOMINAL
正常

すべてのシステムは正常です

SHIN-KANTO RAIL JUNCTION

SIGNALS DROPPED.
SWITCHES LOCKED.
THEN—CLEAR.

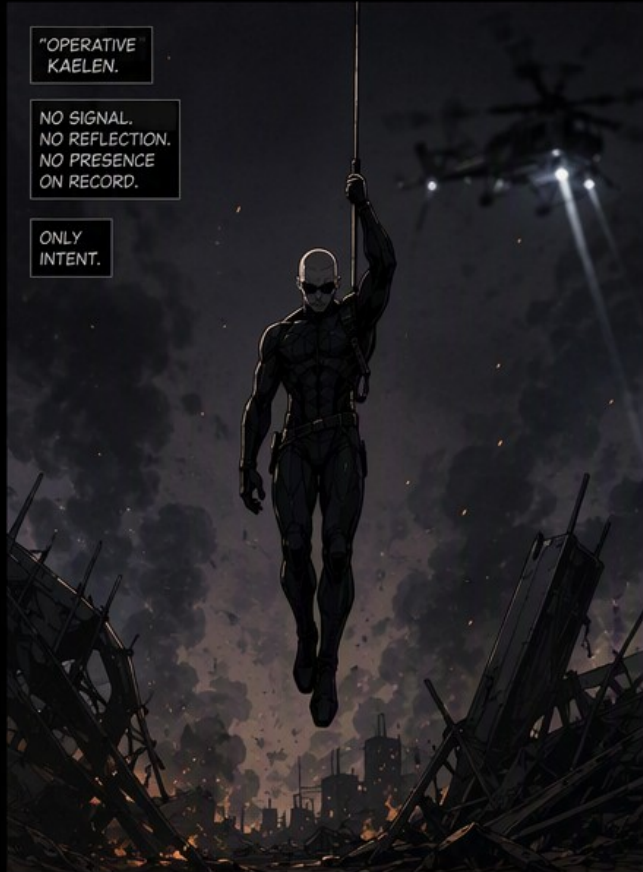
TRAINS ROLLED.
DISPATCH COORDINATED.
THE NIGHT MOVED ON.

ONE DISTANT EVENT.
ONE BRIEF CONNECTION.

A PLANET
HAD HELD ITS BREATH—
AND LET IT GO.

ONLY YOU SAW IT.

BUT NONE OF THEM
WILL EVER KNOW.



"OPERATIVE
KAELN."

NO SIGNAL.
NO REFLECTION.
NO PRESENCE
ON RECORD.

ONLY
INTENT.



CUSTOM-WOVEN
EMF-ABSORBING
METAMATERIAL.

ZERO LIGHT
REFLECTION.

ZERO SIGNAL
SIGNATURE.

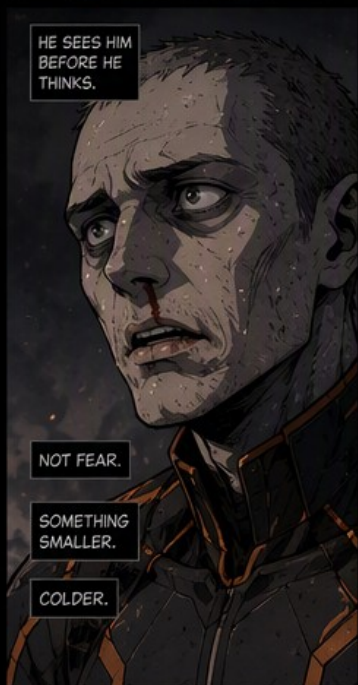
ZERO
COUNTERPLAY.



D PRAINE.

HERO.

UNSTABLE.



HE SEES HIM
BEFORE HE
THINKS.

NOT FEAR.

SOMETHING
SMALLER.

COLDER.



HIS HANDS
MOVE FIRST.

A HALF-STEP
BACK.

TOO SMALL
TO CALL
RETREAT.

CHK.

TCH.

CHK.



A DISTANCE
ADJUSTMENT.

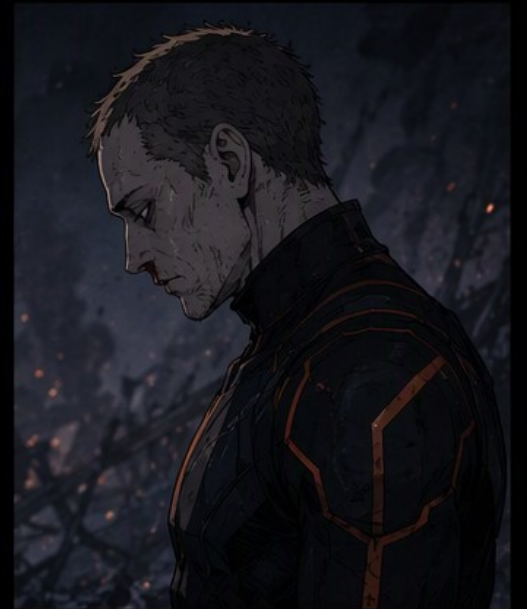
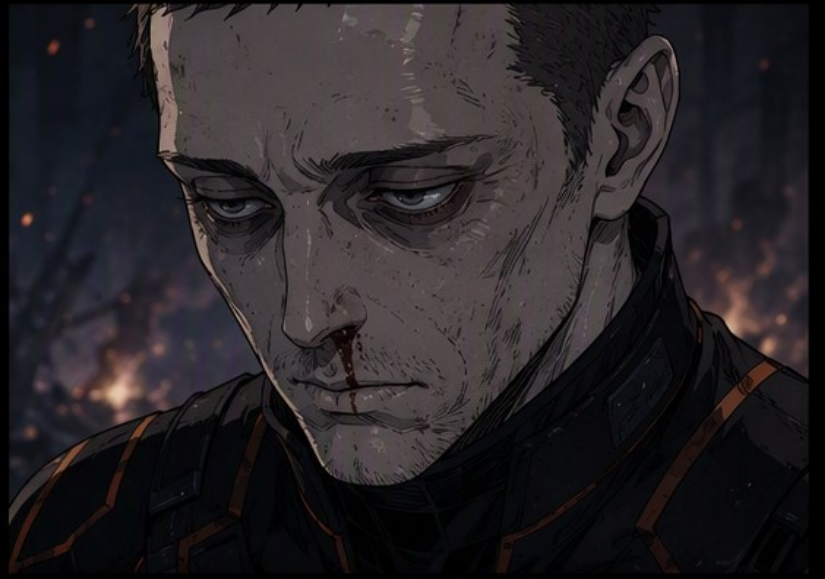
BEFORE THE
MIND CATCHES
UP.



HE DOESN'T
SPEAK.

IF HE DOES,

IT WILL BE
QUIETER THAN
BEFORE.





JOINT
CONTINGENCY
DIRECTORATE
BRIEFING ROOM

23:47 LOCAL

THE ASSET IS
NOW BROADCAST
ON EVERY SECURE
AND PUBLIC CHANNEL
WORLDWIDE.

CONTAINMENT IS
STILL POSSIBLE.

STILL...

AT WHAT
COST?

DIRECTOR OF
NATIONAL SECURITY

CONTAINING
THE ASSET MAY BE
EQUIVALENT TO ENDING
HUMANITY'S ONLY
REMAINING
CHANCE.

I JUST WANTED
THAT SAID
OUT LOUD.

YOU'RE SAYING
WE RISK EVERYTHING
ON THE POSSIBILITY
THAT WE DON'T FULLY
UNDERSTAND IT?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

AND YOU'RE
SUGGESTING WE
LEAVE IT FREE TO
MANIPULATE A WORLD
THAT CAN'T EVEN
AGREE ON WHAT
"REAL" MEANS?

DIRECTOR OF
INTELLIGENCE

THERE IS NO OPTION
THAT DOESN'T COME
AT THE EXPENSE OF
SOMETHING WE MAY
NEVER GET BACK.

IF WE
DON'T ACT,
WE GAMBLE
ON EXTINCTION.

IF WE DO,
WE GUARANTEE
IT.

CHAIRMAN
JOINT STRATEGIC COMMAND

WE ARE NOT
MAKING A DECISION
ABOUT AN ASSET.

WE ARE DECIDING
WHETHER HUMANITY
DESERVES A
FUTURE IT DOESN'T
UNDERSTAND.

THERE WILL BE NO RECORD
OF THIS MEETING.
ONLY ITS CONSEQUENCES.

**FOUR ROOMS.
FOUR PATHS.
ONE WORLD
HOLDING ITS BREATH.**

1 COUNCIL CHAMBER — IMMEDIATE RESTRAINT

PRIORITY: PREVENT ESCALATION. BUY TIME. PROTECT CIVILIANS.

Every move we make invites retaliation.

Restraint is not weakness. It is strategy.

Delay emboldens those who exploit our hesitation!

RECOMMENDATION:
TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS.
OPEN BACKCHANNELS. PREPARE HUMANITARIAN CORRIDORS.

2 DIPLOMATIC FORUM — FORMAL COOPERATION

PRIORITY: LEGITIMACY. STABILITY THROUGH ENGAGEMENT.

Dialogue is leverage. Isolation is irrelevance.

We shape outcomes by being at the table, not outside it.

Cooperation does not mean compromise.

RECOMMENDATION:
PURSUE FORMAL TREATIES AND INFORMATION SHARING.
BUILD VERIFICATION MECHANISMS. ESTABLISH JOINT COMMISSIONS.

3 SECURITY DIRECTORATE — STRICT CONTAINMENT

PRIORITY: CONTROL RISK. DENY CAPABILITY. PREPARE FOR BREACH.

Containment is not aggression. It is prevention.

Trust, but verify. Verify, then monitor.

And if they breach?

RECOMMENDATION:
IMPLEMENT LAYERED SANCTIONS AND EXPORT CONTROLS.
ENHANCE SURVEILLANCE. PRE-POSITION RAPID RESPONSE FORCES.

4 STRATEGIC ALLIANCE BOARD — FULL OPERATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

PRIORITY: POWER THROUGH UNITY. SHARE BURDEN. DETER TOGETHER.

The challenges we face are transnational.

Partnership multiplies capability and credibility.

Share intelligence. Share risk. Share victory.

Together, we set the terms— not react to them.

RECOMMENDATION:
ESTABLISH INTEGRATED COMMAND STRUCTURES.
STANDARDIZE INTEROPERABILITY. COMMIT RESOURCES LONG-TERM.

**PARALLEL DELIBERATIONS.
CONVERGING CONSEQUENCES.**
NO SINGLE PATH DEFINES THE FUTURE.
TOGETHER, THEY DO.



RESTRAINT

AVOID WAR.
PRESERVE SPACE
FOR DIPLOMACY.



COOPERATION

BUILD TRUST.
CREATE FRAMEWORKS
FOR PEACE.



CONTAINMENT

REDUCE THREAT.
MAINTAIN SECURITY
AND DETERRENCE.



PARTNERSHIP

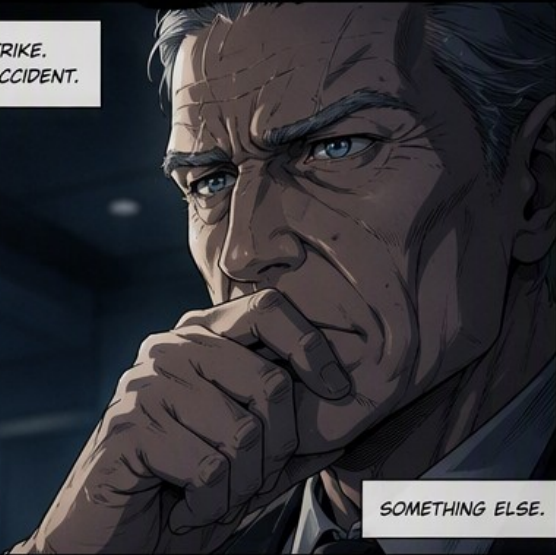
STRENGTH IN UNITY.
SHAPE THE FUTURE
TOGETHER.

THE WORLD IS NOT
A MONOLITH.
IT IS A NETWORK
OF CHOICES.

THE TASK IS NOT TO
CHOOSE A SINGLE
TRUTH...
BUT TO MANAGE
MANY REALITIES.



NOT A STRIKE.
NOT AN ACCIDENT.



SOMETHING ELSE.

NSOA SITREP 05-14-A

EYES ONLY

INCIDENT SUMMARY

- MULTIPLE STRUCTURES COLLAPSED
- POWER SIGNATURE: TERMINATED
- THERMAL SIGNATURE: TERMINATED
- CASUALTY ESTIMATE: UNKNOWN
- CONTAINMENT STATUS: FAILED
- INFORMATION LEAK RISK: EXTREME

ANALYSIS PENDING

WHATEVER
HAPPENED HERE...
IT DIDN'T NEED
TO MAKE SENSE.

IT ONLY NEEDED
TO HAPPEN.

OUR PROTOCOLS
WERE BUILT FOR
KNOWN THREATS.

THIS ISN'T IN
ANY MANUAL.



AND THAT MEANS...

WE ARE
NOT IN CONTROL.



WE ARE ONLY
RESPONDING TO
THE UNTHINKABLE.

DAWN.
Sector 7, South District.
05:47 A.M.



YESTERDAY,
THERE WAS
NOTHING
HERE.



THE CITY
DOESN'T
SLEEP.



BUT IT
DOES
PAUSE.



THIS ISN'T
A PARADE.

IT'S WHAT
HAPPENS NEXT.



Day 21

Across the World

The restrictions
have gone
into effect.

But not
everyone
understands
them the
same way.



EISENTURM, KESTONIA
Total Lockdown.



LAGUNA VERDE, SALVANIA
Community Notice.



NEW DELHI, BHARAT UNION
Inconsistent Checkpoints.



REYKJAVÍK, ARVANIA
Advisory Only.



MOGADISHU, SOMALIA FEDERATION
Adapted Enforcement.



SÃO PAULO, REPÚBLICA DO BRASIL
Resistance.



Same rules. Different worlds.
The future isn't being written.
It's being *argued* over.



IN AN AGE
OF EXPANSION,
WE LEARNED
TO MEASURE
OUR FREEDOM
IN ZONES.



PERMITTED MOVEMENT CLASSIFICATION

- ZONE A - RESTRICTED CORE
- ZONE B - CONTROLLED AREA
- ZONE C - LIMITED ACCESS
- ZONE D - MONITORED PERIMETER
- ZONE E - CONDITIONAL OUTER

ALL MOVEMENT SUBJECT TO
ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

SAFETY • ORDER • COMPLIANCE

NOT WITH WALLS,
BUT WITH LINES.

WE ADJUST THEM
QUIETLY. CAREFULLY.

SOMETIMES,
WE MOVE THEM
A LITTLE FURTHER
OUT.

CIRCULAR No. 7-1128 Subject: Revision of Permitted Movement Boundaries

1. In accordance with Article 3,
Section 2 of the Civic Safety
Regulation Act, the outer
boundary of Zone D shall be
revised as of 0600 hours.
2. All departments will update
operational maps and public
notices by end of day.

Directorate of Perimeter Management
Civic Safety Bureau

ZONE D (REV. 7-1128)

EFFECTIVE: 0600 HRS

APPROVED:

5/24

AND NO ONE
NOTICES THE WORLD
BECOMING SMALLER.

THUS, MOVEMENT
BECOMES A PRIVILEGE.
AND SPACE,
A SECURITY CLASSIFICATION.

NIGHT 47

THE WALL IS UP.
THE NIGHT IS NOT.



I COULD
CROSS.

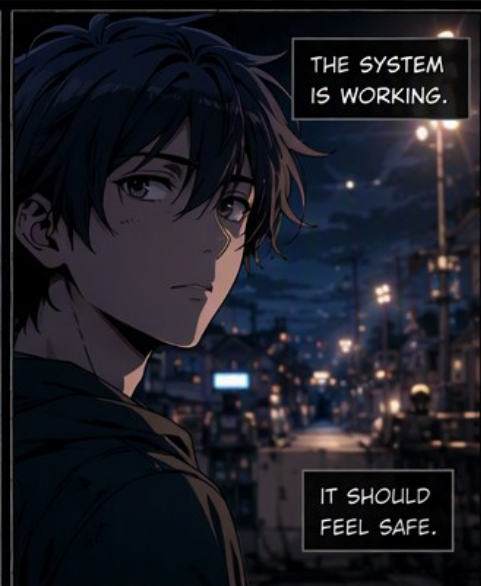


NOTHING'S
STOPPING ME.



THEY'RE JUST
DOING THEIR JOB.

THE SYSTEM
IS WORKING.

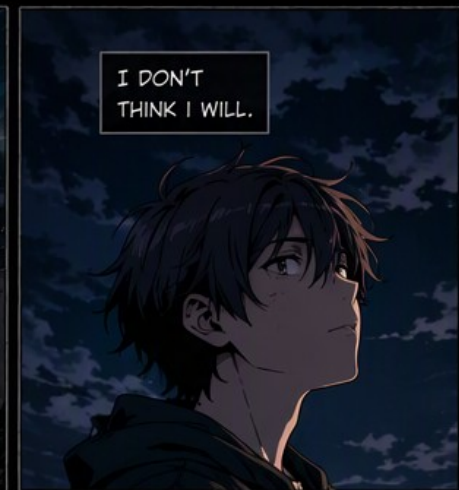


IT SHOULD
FEEL SAFE.

I JUST...



I DON'T
THINK I WILL.



THE WALL
KEEPS US IN.



IT DOESN'T
KEEP THEM OUT.

WE BUILT THE FORT.
THE WORLD KEPT GETTING STRANGER.



THE CITY
DIDN'T FALL.

IT ADAPTED.



LIFE CONTINUES.
JUST... SLOWER.



PERMITS.
ROUTES.
CURFEWS.

NEW RULES
FOR OLD LIVES.



NOT EVERYONE
AGREES.
BUT EVERYONE
OBEYS.



THEY SECURED
THE CITY.

BUT NOT
THE WORLD.

SOMEWHERE BEYOND
THE HORIZON...

SOMETHING FLICKERED.

...AND STEADIED.

UNSEEN.
UNCHALLENGED.
UNDEFEATED.

THE WATCH HOLDS.
BUT THE DARKNESS REMAINS.

END.