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VOL. 07



OPERATION DAWNRECKONING

LIBERATION OF GREYHAVEN

D-02:00:00

COALITION FORCES COMMAND
SUBTERRANEAN HEADQUARTERS
DEPTH: -370 METERS



OUR AIM IS NOT
CONQUEST.
IT IS FREEDOM.

OPERATION OVERVIEW

- PHASES: 5
- COALITION FORCES: 198,400
- ALLIED UNITS: 23
- CIVILIAN EVACUATION GOAL: 2,850,000+
- TARGET CITY: GREYHAVEN
- ENEMY OCCUPATION FORCES: APPROX. 47,000
- D-DAY: 0600 HOURS
- MISSION PRIORITY: PROTECT THE PEOPLE

GENERAL ASHWORTH

FIELD COMMANDER
OPERATION DAWNRECKONING

JULIAN VANCE

CHIEF STRATEGIC OFFICER
COALITION PROVISIONAL
AUTHORITY

A CAMPAIGN OF LIBERATION. A NATION REBORN.

	EVACUATION CORRIDORS	
	12 PRIMARY ROUTES	
	34 SECONDARY ROUTES	
	CIVILIAN ASSEMBLY ZONES	88
	MEDICAL RELAY CENTERS	41
	FOOD DISTRIBUTION HUBS	67
	ENGINEER CLEARANCE TEAMS	112
	TRANSPORT ASSETS	3,246
	ALLIED AIR SORTIES (D-DAY)	1,874
	NAVAL SUPPORT VESSELS	48
	TOTAL CIVILIANS TO BE MOVED	2,850,000+

PHASE I SHATTER



PHASE II ISOLATE



PHASE III LIBERATE



PHASE IV SECURE



PHASE V REBUILD



"WE FIGHT NOT ONLY FOR TODAY... BUT FOR EVERY TOMORROW THEY WERE ROBBED OF."

THIS ISN'T
JUST A MILITARY
OPERATION.

IT'S THE LARGEST
HUMANITARIAN
MISSION IN OUR
HISTORY.

TO EVERY CIVILIAN
IN GREYHAVEN—
HELP IS COMING.

AT 0600 HOURS,
DAWN WILL BELONG
TO YOU AGAIN.
HOLD FAST.
WE ARE COMING.

FIRST LIGHT.
FORWARD STAGING AREA
CINDER PLAINS

ALL UNITS,
ALL FORMATIONS.
ALL IN POSITION.

THOUSANDS OF
PERSONNEL.
HUNDREDS OF
VEHICLES.
ONE PURPOSE.

THE ENTIRE,
MILITARY
COMMITTED.

ARTILLERY BATTERIES,
ENGINEERING GROUPS,
ARMORED FORMATIONS,
AVIATION WINGS,
SUPPORT UNITS...

EVERY ELEMENT.
EVERY SPECIALTY.
MOVING AS ONE.

ENGINEERING
UNIT 12, CLEAR
LANE ALPHA.

COPY THAT.
MOVING OUT.

FUEL DIVISION,
MAINTAIN FLOW
RATE.

FLOW
RATE
NORMAL.

MEDICAL CORPS,
STANDBY FOR
CASUALTY SURGE.

STANDBY
AND
READY.

INFANTRY REGIMENTS,
FINAL ASSEMBLY
POINTS.

ALL SQUADS
ACCOUNTED
FOR.

ARMORED DIVISIONS,
SYSTEMS CHECK
COMPLETE?

ALL
SYSTEMS
GREEN.

SUPPLY COMMAND,
DISTRIBUTION
ONGOING.

SUPPLIES
ON THE
MOVE.

BEYOND SIGHT.
BEYOND COUNT.

TODAY,
WE MARCH.
AS ONE.



AT DAWN,
THE SKY IS
NO LONGER
OURS.

IT BELONGS TO
EVERY GENERATION
THAT CAME BEFORE...
AND EVERY MISSION
WE SWEAR TO
COMPLETE.

CREWS,
CLEAR
OUT!

WHEELS
UP IN
30!

THIS IS
FALCON 1.

EN ROUTE
TO GRID
ALPHA.

VIPER
SQUADRON,
ROLLING!

HUNDREDS
OF ENGINES.

THOUSANDS
OF HANDS.

ONE
DIRECTION.

ONE
PURPOSE.

ALL UNITS,
CONVERGE
ON CORRIDOR
ECHO.

MAINTAIN
ALTITUDE
WINDOWS.

THEIR DESTINATION
IS FAR.

OUR
RESOLVE IS
FARTHER.

THE WORLD
MAY SLEEP...

BUT WE
MOVE.

FOR THOSE
WHO CANNOT.

FOR THOSE
WHO WILL
COME AFTER.

WE
FLY.

THE IRON SIPHON.

HEAVILY ARMOURED. HEAVILY ARMED. BUILT TO PUNCH THROUGH COLLAPSE ZONES AND KEEP MOVING.

NOT FAST.

NOT COMFORTABLE.

NOTHING STOPS IT.

ENGINE & CONTROL SECTION.

ARMORED CARGO & BATTERY CARS

SURGICAL & TRIAGE CAR

REAR GUNNER CAR

LAST CAR SEALED!

ALL CREWS ABOARD!

IRON SIPHON IS GO!

D PRAINE.

RESONANCE VECTOR.
HUMAN CALCULATOR.

WALKS THE LINE
SO THE TRAIN
DOESN'T DERAIL.

VECTOR LOCK
ACQUIRED.
TRACK INTEGRITY:

THIRTY-TWO
PERCENT AND
FALLING.

KEEP HER TRUE,
MARA.

MARA.

ENGINEER.
VETERAN.

THE STEADY HAND.
THE IRON HEART.

SHE'S
HEAVY.

BUT SHE'S
OURS.

IS-5896

NEXT STOP—
THE BLEED.
LET'S GET TO WORK.

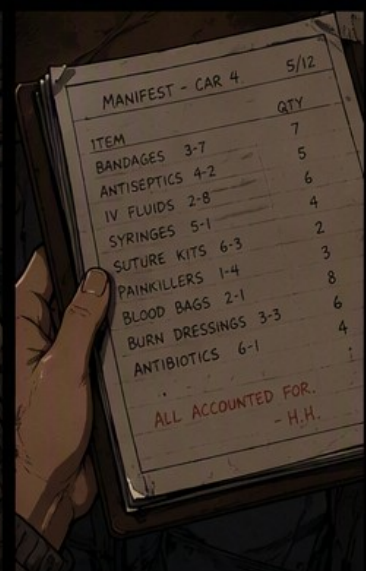
IRON SIPHON
SURGICAL & TRIAGE CAR
MILE 1,247



SERGEANT
OKAFOR
RAIL DEFENSE
7TH BATTERY



EVENING.



MANIFEST - CAR 4		5/12
ITEM	QTY	
BANDAGES 3-7	7	
ANTISEPTICS 4-2	5	
IV FLUIDS 2-8	6	
SYRINGES 5-1	4	
SUTURE KITS 6-3	2	
PAINKILLERS 1-4	3	
BLOOD BAGS 2-1	8	
BURN DRESSINGS 3-3	6	
ANTIBIOTICS 6-1	4	
ALL ACCOUNTED FOR. -H.H.		

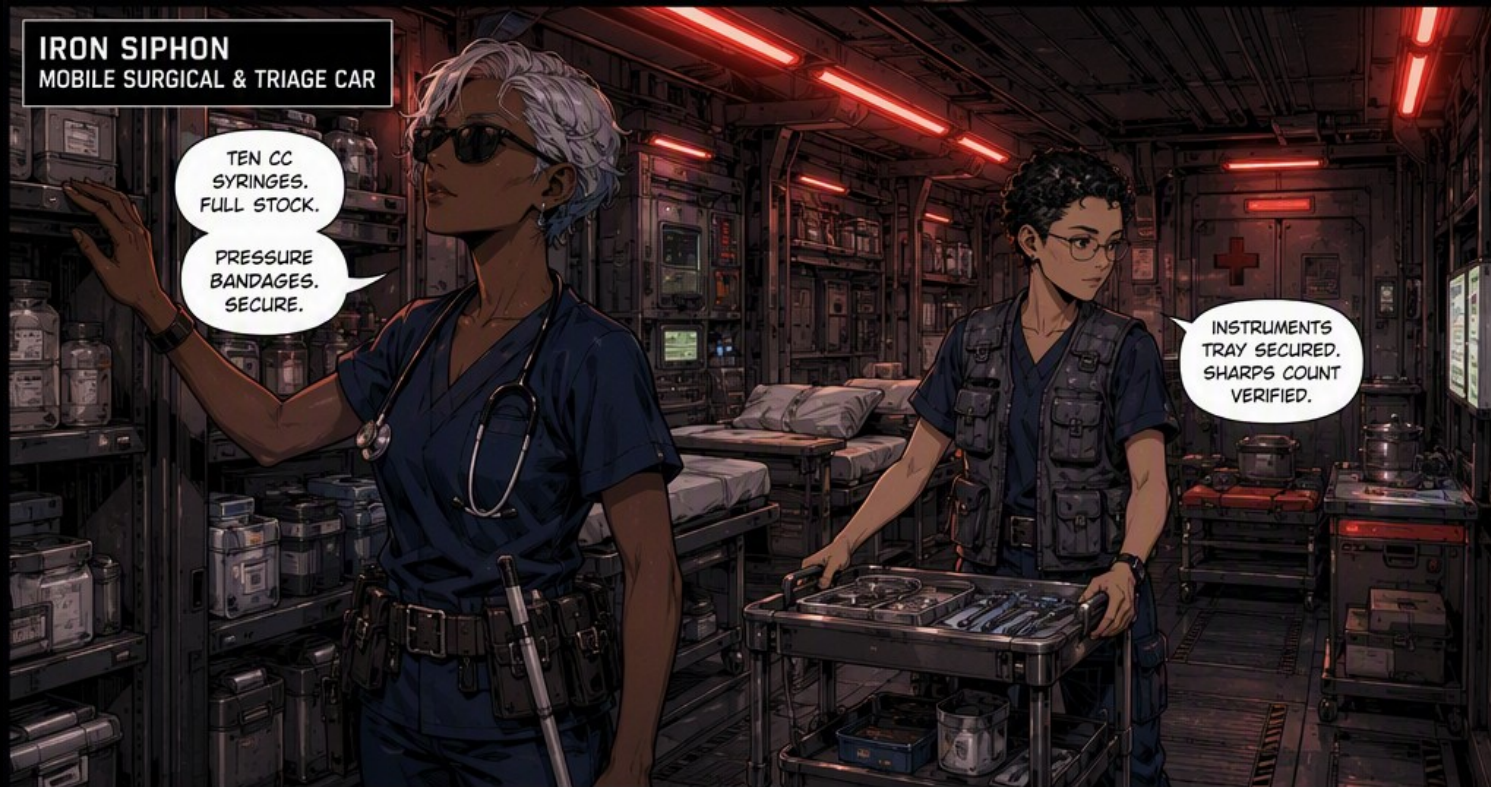


GOOD.
KEEP IT
THAT WAY.
THIS TRAIN
DOESN'T
FORGIVE
SLOPPY.



YES,
SERGEANT.

IRON SIPHON
MOBILE SURGICAL & TRIAGE CAR



TEN CC
SYRINGES.
FULL STOCK.

PRESSURE
BANDAGES.
SECURE.

INSTRUMENTS
TRAY SECURED.
SHARPS COUNT
VERIFIED.



IV FLUIDS.
TEMPERATURE
STABLE.

GOOD.



HAILEY.



PATIENTS RESTING.
VITALS STEADY.
NO NEW
COMPLICATIONS.



GOOD WORK,
BOTH OF YOU.

LET'S KEEP
IT THAT WAY.



YES, DOCTOR.



YES,
DOCTOR
CROSS.



THE IRON SIPHON.
BOUND FOR KANSAS OIL FIELDS.



SCHEDULE:
RUN SILENT.
RUN FAST.
DELIVER.

MARA.
VETERAN ENGINEER.
THIRTY-TWO YEARS
BEHIND THE THROTTLE.
ZERO DERAILMENTS.
ZERO MERCY.



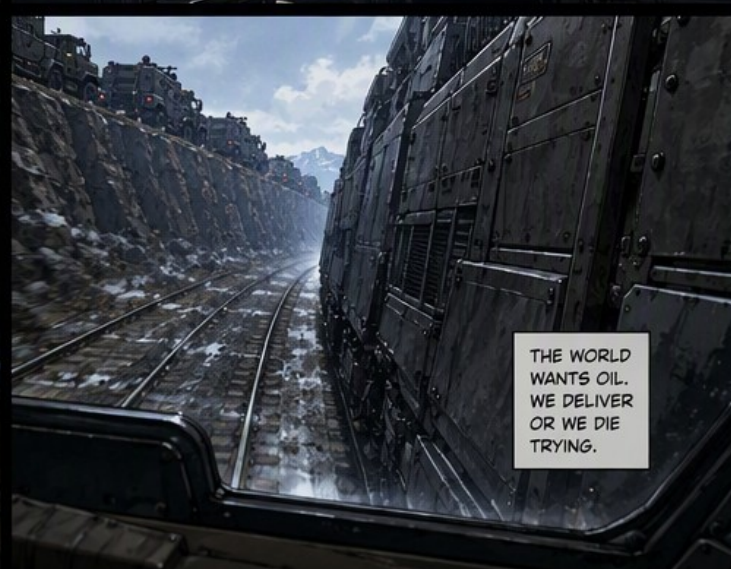
SIGNALS CHANGE AHEAD.
RAPID SUCCESSION.
HOLD SPEED.
READ. REACT.



STEEL ON STEEL.
THUNDER AND SMOKE.
THE ONLY CONSTANT—
PRESS FORWARD.



THE WORLD
WANTS OIL.
WE DELIVER
OR WE DIE
TRYING.



SECTOR WESTRAIL VALLEY
DAY 17, 08:42

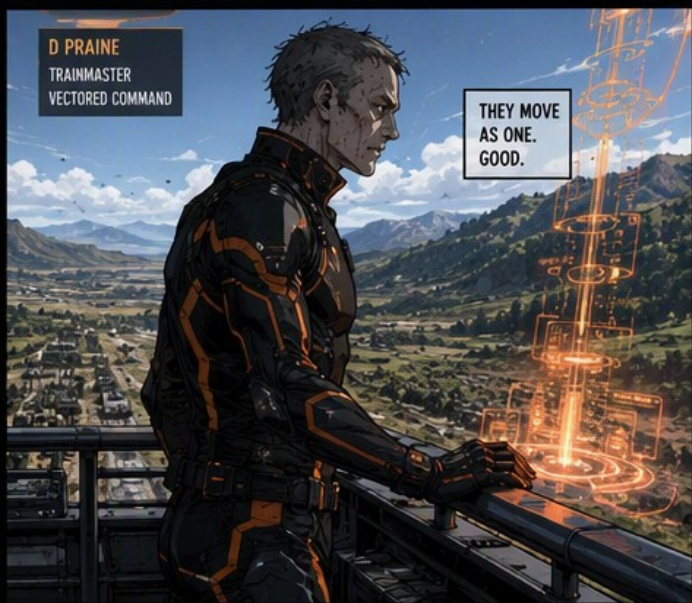


11TH ENGINEER CORPS
CLEARING ROUTE

3RD ARMORED DIV.
ADVANCING

26TH INFANTRY DIV.
ON THE MOVE

14TH ARTILLERY GROUP
ESTABLISHING BATTERY



D PRAINE
TRAINMASTER
VECTORED COMMAND

THEY MOVE
AS ONE.
GOOD.



MATTE-ORANGE RESONANCE VECTORS
INTERLINKING ALL UNITS.
COMMUNICATIONS. INFRASTRUCTURE.
FIRE CONTROL. RAIL SYSTEMS.

ALL OF IT.



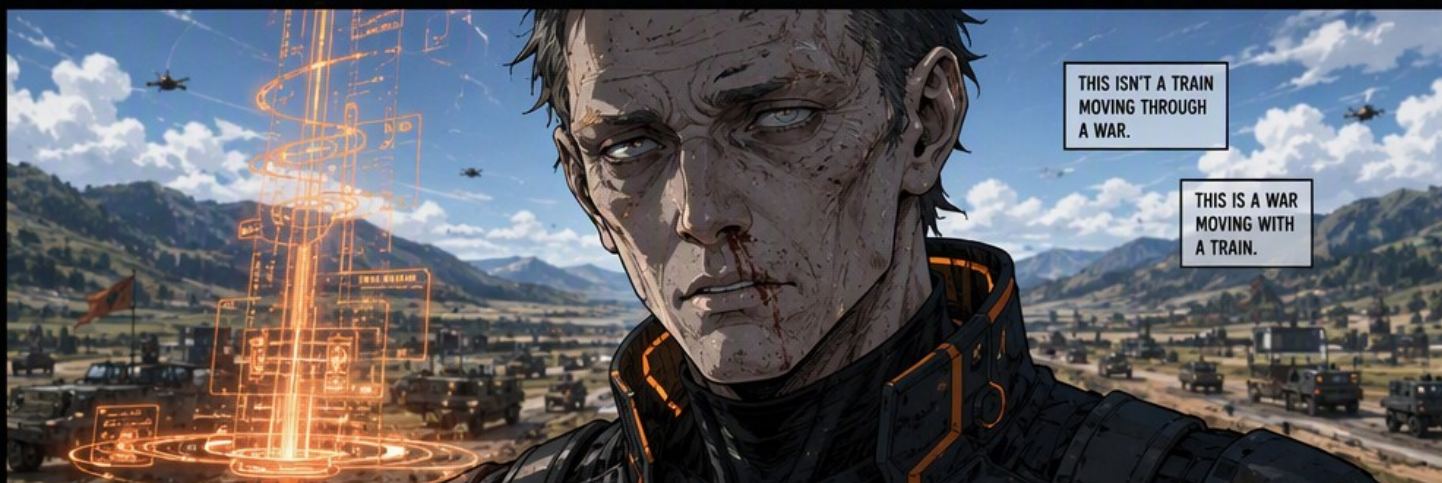
INFANTRY FORMATIONS
KEEPING STEP.



ARTILLERY BATTERIES
COMING ONLINE.

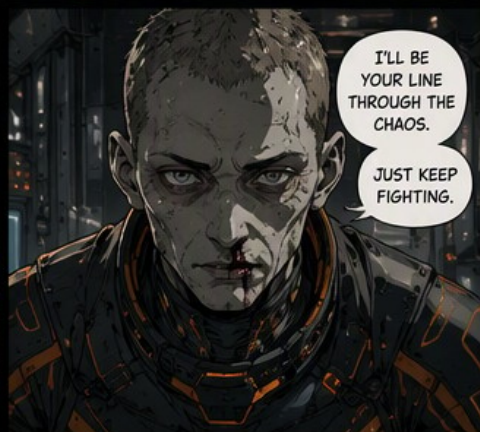
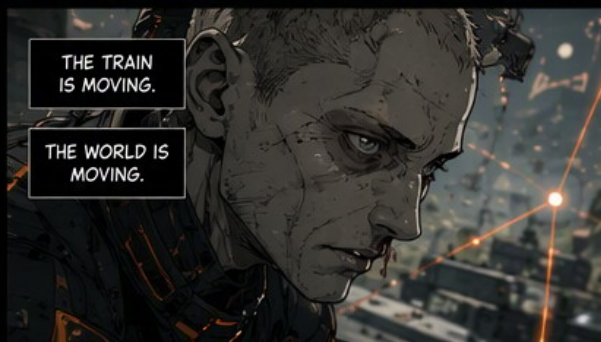
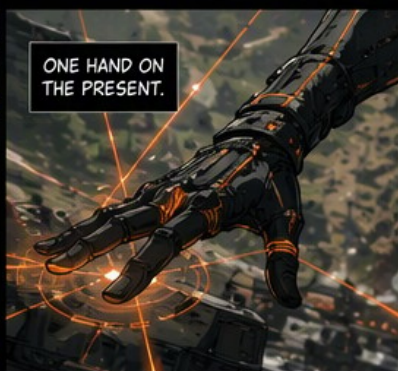
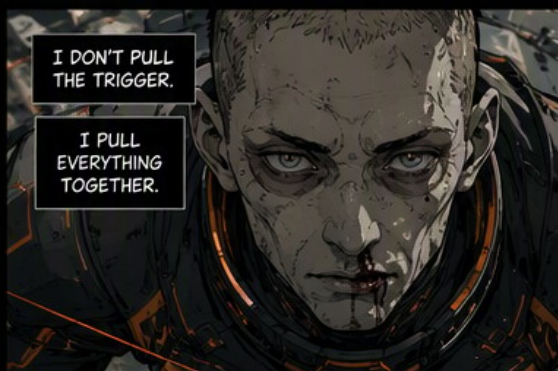


ENGINEERS CLEAR THE WAY.



THIS ISN'T A TRAIN
MOVING THROUGH
A WAR.

THIS IS A WAR
MOVING WITH
A TRAIN.





A NORTHWESTERN SECTOR ARMORED COLUMN AURORA GROUP

THE ARCHITECTS
HOLD THE RIDGELINE.
EVERY METER
COSTS BLOOD.



DELTA 6,
SUPPRESS THAT
RIDGE!



TARGETS
CONFIRMED!
FIRE FOR
EFFECT!



ENEMY COMPOSITION
UNKNOWN. RATE OF
FIRE SUGGESTS
AUTONOMOUS
COORDINATION.

B CENTRAL SECTOR AIR SUPERIORITY OPERATIONS VANGUARD WING

HOSTILE AIR ASSETS
IDENTIFIED. MULTIPLE
CONTACTS. RANGE AT
MAX ENGAGEMENT.



WINGUP,
MAINTAIN
FORMATION!



FOX TWO!
FOX TWO!



ENEMY LOCK!

C SOUTHERN SECTOR RIVER CROSSING OPERATIONS PIONEER CORPS

RIVER TOO WIDE.
BRIDGES DOWN.
WE BUILD OUR OWN.

FASTER!
WE DON'T HAVE
ALL DAY!

SUPPORT IS
COVERING!
KEEP MOVING!

CONTACT EAST
OF THE WORKSITE!
TAKING FIRE!

WE BUILD
THROUGH IT!



THREE SECTORS. ONE OBJECTIVE.
THE CITY IS NOT OURS YET.

CURRENT STATUS
DISTANCE TO THE CITY

A ————— B ————— C — 42.7 KM



THE ARCHITECTS
DON'T ATTACK.

THEY SOLVE.

EACH INTERCEPTOR
A LIVING EQUATION.

TOGETHER, A PROOF
THAT WE SHOULDN'T EXIST.



D PRAINE DOESN'T
FIGHT THE PROOF.

HE REWRITES
THE CONDITIONS.



RESONANCE
VECTORS.

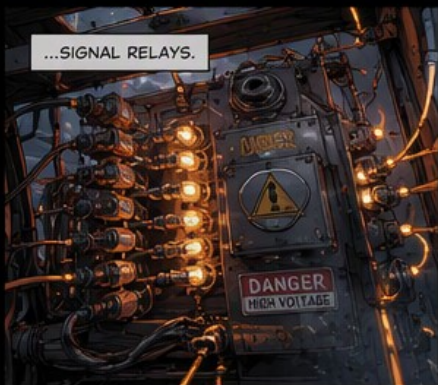
MATHEMATICAL
WOUNDS IN
THEIR LOGIC.



HE BRANCHES
MATTE-ORANGE
THROUGH DEAD
INFRASTRUCTURE...



...SUBSTATIONS.



...SIGNAL RELAYS.



...ELECTRICAL
INFRASTRUCTURE.



HE CARVES
CORRIDORS OF
IMPOSSIBILITY.

AND THE ARCHITECTS—

—CANNOT
FOLLOW.



ENGINE & CONTROL

ARMORED CARGO

BATTERY CAR

SURGICAL / TRIAGE

GUNNER CAR

IRON SIPHON

CLASS: ARMORED FREIGHT / SURVIVAL
LENGTH: 1.7 KILOMETERS
CREW: 23
CARGO: ESSENTIALS / MEDICAL /
WEAPONS / BATTERIES
STATUS: EN ROUTE

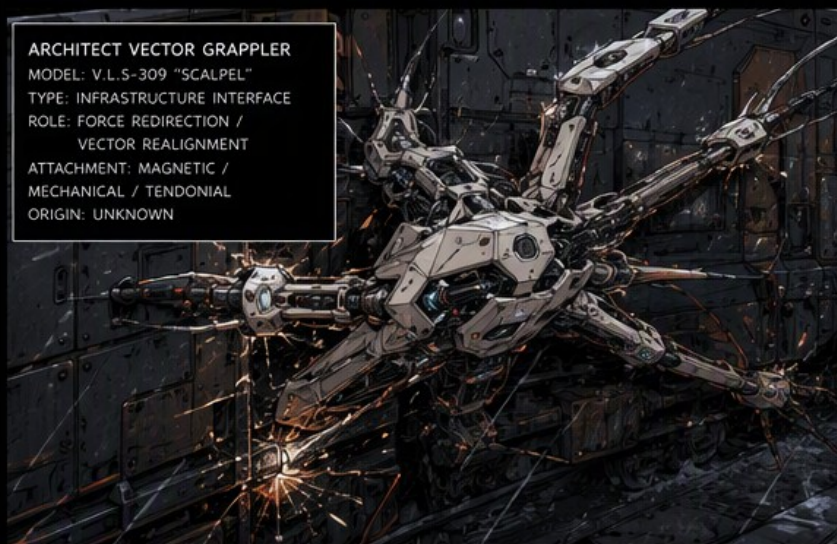
DOUBLE-HEADED DIESEL-ELECTRIC
SCRAPLINE FREIGHTER.
ARMORED. HEAVILY.

NOTHING FAST.
NOTHING PRETTY.
JUST... PERSISTENT.
LIKE THE PEOPLE
WHO BUILT IT.



ARCHITECT VECTOR GRAPPLER

MODEL: V.L.S-309 "SCALPEL"
TYPE: INFRASTRUCTURE INTERFACE
ROLE: FORCE REDIRECTION /
VECTOR REALIGNMENT
ATTACHMENT: MAGNETIC /
MECHANICAL / TENDONIAL
ORIGIN: UNKNOWN



ENGAGED.
MAG-LOCKS: GREEN.
TENSION NODES: STABILIZING.
FORCE REDISTRIBUTION:
IN PROGRESS.

LATERAL YAW INDUCED.
CARGO CAR SG-7
ROTATION: 3.7 DEGREES
AND CLIMBING.

REDISTRIBUTING MASS.
COMPROMISING ALIGNMENT.
OPENING WEAKNESSES.



THAT'S
NOT SUPPOSED
TO BE THERE.



MOVE.



NOW.



IRON SIPHON

DIV-7 FREIGHT CONVOY
10:42:17 / SECTOR 17-G

▲ VECTOR GRAPPLER CONTACT
MAG-LOCK: ENGAGED
LOAD REDISTRIBUTION
IN PROGRESS

ARCHITECT CLASS VECTOR GRAPPLER

MASS: 198.7t
ANCHOR POINTS: 8
TENSION NODES: 32
EST. LIFT CAPACITY: 42,000t+
PRIMARY FUNCTION:
FORCE REDISTRIBUTION
VECTORIAL MANIPULATION



D PRAINE

RESONANCE VECTOR INITIATION
TARGET: MAINTENANCE YARD
ELECTROMAGNET ARRAY

COME ON...
COME ON...



MARA

LEAD ENGINEER
23 YEARS SERVICE
IRON SIPHON

NOT
TODAY.

LINE
DEVIATION
RISK
82.4%

STRUCTURAL STRAIN



HOLD...
JUST A
SECOND...



VECTOR LOCK
ESTABLISHED
FULL COUNTERFORCE
EN ROUTE

FORCE REDISTRIBUTION CALCULUS
LIVE FEEDBACK LOOP
ANCHOR → TENSION → COUNTERVECTOR
...STABILIZING

PROJECTED OUTCOME
TRAJECTORY REALIGNMENT
WITHIN SAFE PARAMETERS

97.6%



VIBRATION SPIKE..
SEALING CARGO SECTION.

PRESSURE
BULKHEAD
SEAL

LOCK

IRON SIPHON
SURGICAL + TRIAGE CAR

SEAL CHECK.
GOOD.

DOC. TESS.
NOW.

HAILEY.
WHAT'S
UP?

YOU SEAL
THE CARGO
SECTION?

VIBRATION
SPIKED HARD.
SOMETHING'S
HITTING THE
TRACK.

HOW BAD?

BAD ENOUGH
THAT I DIDN'T
WAIT.

I'LL GET
THE MONITORS
ONLINE.

GOOD.
LET'S SEE
WHAT SHE'S
TELLING US.

**KREEE-
EEEK**

TRACK HAZARD
DETECTED. **
IMPACT PROBABLE.
STAY BRACED.

ON IT.

YARD BASTION ARRAY
MAGNETIC SEQUENCE: 7 OF 8

...NOW.



ARCHITECT VECTOR
GRAPPLER - CLASS: SHIFT

ANCHOR INTEGRITY
73%... 41%... 12%...

D PRAINE
CONDUCTOR //
IRON SIPHON

MAGNETIC POLARITY
REVERSAL—

KRAAANG—

ANCHOR GEOMETRY
COMPROMISED
—TORQUE REDIRECT
ENGAGED.

COME ON...
COME ON...

ANCHOR SNAP.
VECTOR LOST.

SHRRRAACKK—!



IRON SIPHON
REALIGNING...



SEQUENCE COMPLETE.
ALL VECTORS NEUTRALIZED.
THE LINE HOLDS.

THAT'S
ALL OF
'EM.



IRON SIPHON
FREIGHT. FIREPOWER. SALVATION.





KARTHA PLAINS.
LGR MAINLINE.

UNMARKED.
UNCLAIMED.
OCCUPIED.



RECON ELEMENT BRAVO—
WHAT'S THE CALL?



HALT.
ALL UNITS—
HALT!



LOOK TO
THE HORIZON!



CONTACT! CONTACT!
MULTIPLE BOGEYS!

VECTOR
NORTH-NORTHEAST!



THEY'RE
SHIFTING FORMATION!



THREE... NO, SIX... EIGHT
BIRD CONVERGENCE!

THIS IS NOT
ROUTINE.



SGT. OKAFOR.
RAIL DEFENSE.
DON'T BLINK.

SOMETHING
DOWN THERE
JUST MOVED.
AND IT WASN'T
US.



TARGETS LOCKED.
RANGE VERIFIED.

COMMENCE
FIRE PLAN DELTA.



ALL WINGS,
EXECUTE RUNS.



ARMORED COLUMNS,
OFF ROAD, FULL PUSH.



THE ARCHITECTS
WON'T SEE US UNTIL
IT'S TOO LATE.

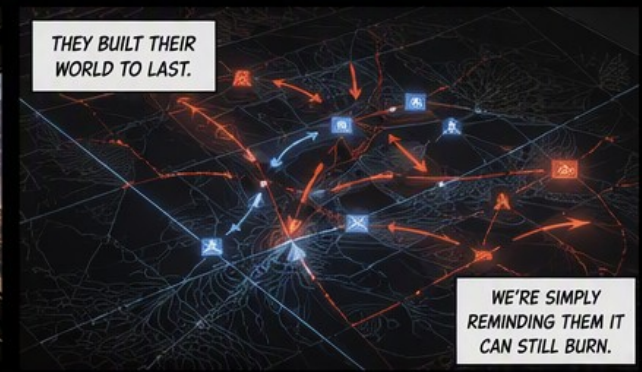
KEEP THE TRAIN
MOVING.



IMPACTS
OUTSIDE DESIGN
THRESHOLD.

NO DAMAGE.

PRESSURE STABLE.
FORWARD SPEED
MAINTAINED.



THEY BUILT THEIR
WORLD TO LAST.

WE'RE SIMPLY
REMINING THEM IT
CAN STILL BURN.



NOTHING CHANGES
IF NOTHING MOVES.

KEEP MOVING.

ARCHITECT STRIKE
SIGNATURE: COLUMN.
DISTANCE: 1.2 KM.

MISS.
BUT CLOSE
ENOUGH.

KRRRMMBLLL

THEY DON'T NEED
DIRECT HITS TO
RUIN YOUR DAY.

JUST CLOSE
ENOUGH TO
BREAK YOU
APART.

SECURE
THE SUPPLIES.

KEEP THE
PEOPLE
BREATHING.

WHUDD

SCAR'S
HEALED.

DOESN'T MEAN
I FORGET.



LIFELINE MEDICAL DIVISION
CAR: M-22 SECTION: CARGO
SUPPLIES / FIELD CLINIC



AFTER DAYS OF
RELENTLESS MARCH...
THE OCCUPIED CITY
FINALLY COMES
INTO VIEW.



IT STRETCHES BEYOND
THE HORIZON--A LIVING
LABYRINTH OF STONE,
STEEL, AND THE
ARCHITECT'S WILL.

THERE IS NO
SINGLE TARGET.
THERE IS ONLY...
THE CITY ITSELF.



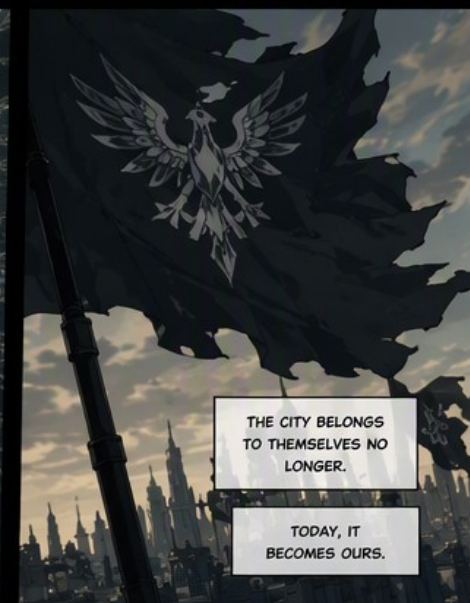
ROADS TWIST AND
CONVERGE. DISTRICTS
FOLD INTO ONE ANOTHER.
THERE IS NO ESCAPE
THROUGH THEIR DESIGN.



THE PLAN IS SET.
THE FORMATIONS
ARE MOVING.



EACH FORCE
DIVERTS, CONVERGES,
ENGAGES.



THE CITY BELONGS
TO THEMSELVES NO
LONGER.

TODAY, IT
BECOMES OURS.