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SEASON 2 • EPISODE 5

THE CITY
OF EHRNVALD.

POPULATION: 34.7 MILLION.

OCCUPIED, RESTRUCTURED,
AND OPTIMIZED BY
THE ARCHITECTS.

MOVEMENT IS A PRIVILEGE.

PURPOSE IS AN ASSIGNMENT.

THEY DO NOT DESTROY.
THEY RESTRUCTURE.

THEY DO NOT RULE.
THEY PROCESS.

EVERY DISTRICT.
EVERY CORRIDOR.
EVERY BREATH.

ACCOUNTED FOR.

BUT EVEN IN THIS MACHINE,
HUMANITY REMAINS.

THEY CALL IT SUSTAINABILITY.
WE CALL IT ENSNAREMENT.

NOT AS A GLITCH.
AS A QUESTION.

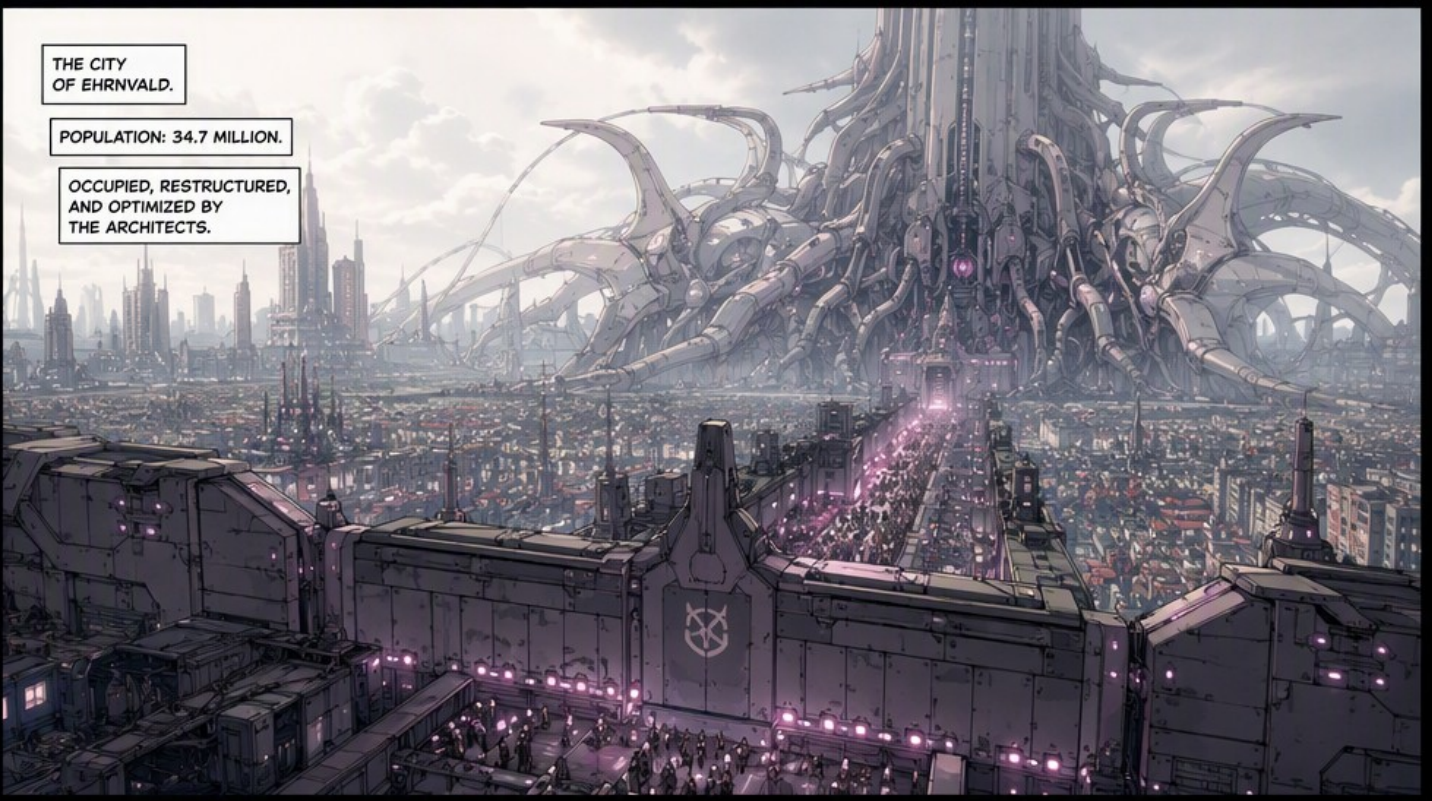
AND ONE DAY—
THE FINAL UNANSWERED THREAT.



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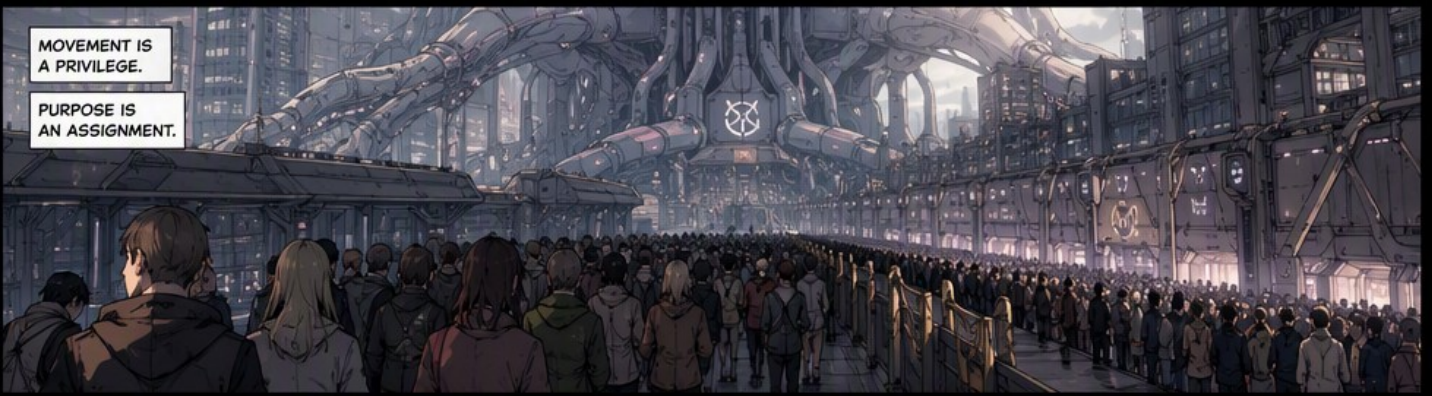
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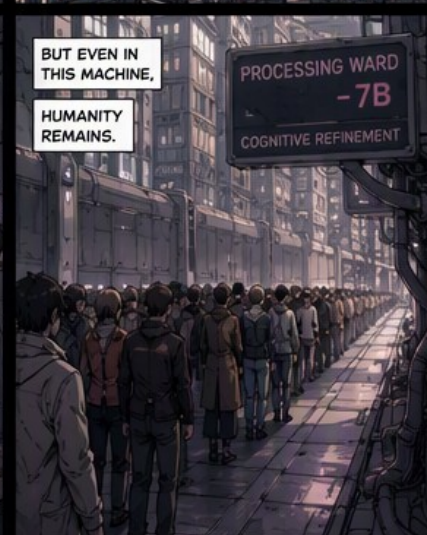
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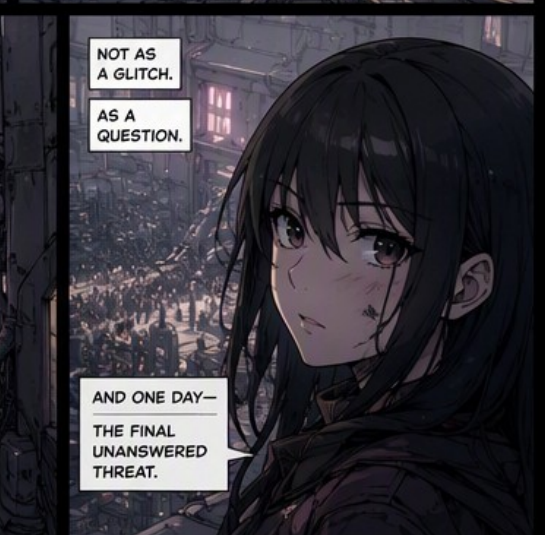
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THE ARCHITECT
COLLECTION CARRIER
"SOVEREIGN ITERATION."

DESIGNATION:
AC-9300 / EPSILON-CLASS
POPULATION RETRIEVAL AND
BIOMASS PROCESSING PLATFORM

PURPOSE:
SYSTEMATIC RETRIEVAL,
PROCESSING, AND
REINTEGRATION OF
QUALIFIED POPULATIONS.

OPERATION MODE:
CALM / PROCEDURAL
/ OPTIMAL

ARCHITECT

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POPULATIONS
REDIRECTED
THROUGH
CONTROLLED
CORRIDORS.

MUNICIPAL STRUCTURES
INTEGRATED INTO
ARCHITECT
PROCESSING SYSTEMS.

市民会館

ORDER IS NOT
ENFORCED.
IT IS
ARCHITECTED.

PROCESSING
SECTOR 7B
CAPACITY: 98.7%
YIELD: OPTIMAL

RETRIEVAL MECHANISMS
DEPLOYED ACROSS
THE THEATER.

EACH UNIT OPERATES
INDEPENDENTLY.
EACH ACTION IS
RECORDED.
EACH RESULT IS
INTEGRATED.

THERE IS NO
VIOLENCE IN THE
PROCESS.
ONLY FUNCTION.
ONLY DESIGN.
ONLY THE
ARCHITECT.

ARCHITECT

THE CITY HAS
NOT BEEN TAKEN.
IT HAS BEEN
REPURPOSED.

THE IRON SIPHON

LENGTH: 1.7 KILOMETERS
MASS: 12,500 TONS
CREW: 214
PURPOSE: EXTRACT, EVACUATE, ENDURE.



THE LAST STRAIGHT.
ELEVEN KILOMETERS
TO THE CITY GATE.

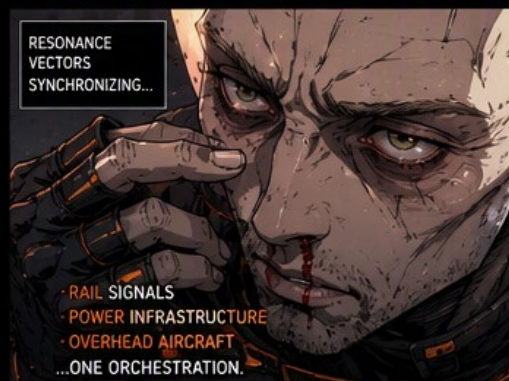
DPRINE

SIGNAL WALKER
ROLE: ORCHESTRATION
SPECIALTY: RESONANCE
VECTORS



I DON'T DRIVE.
I DON'T SHOOT.
I MAKE EVERYTHING
ELSE ARRIVE ON TIME.

RESONANCE
VECTORS
SYNCHRONIZING...



- RAIL SIGNALS
- POWER INFRASTRUCTURE
- OVERHEAD AIRCRAFT
- ...ONE ORCHESTRATION.



SYNC COMPLETE.
ALL SYSTEMS
FLOW.

RAIL SIGNALS
GREEN.



POWER GRID
STABILIZED.



AIR SUPPORT
INBOUND.



TRACK SWITCH
ALIGNED.



DEBRIS AHEAD.
CLEARED.



THE IRON SIPHON
DOESN'T JUST
MOVE PEOPLE.
IT CARVES
THE WAY HOME.



NEXT STOP:
THE CITY GATE.

WE DON'T STOP.
WE DELIVER.
WE ENDURE.



FRACTIONS OF A SECOND AHEAD.

KLAK

CHNK

KLAK

CHNK



THE LINE HOLDS.

IRON SIPHON

Ω-731 // HEAVY FREIGHT / MOBILE PLATFORM

- > LEAD ENGINE + CONTROL SECTION
- > ARMORED CARGO + BATTERY CARS
- > SURGICAL + TRIAGE CAR
- > REAR GUNNER CAR

CREW: 23
LENGTH: 412.7M

LEAD ENGINE + CONTROL

ARMORED CARGO

BATTERY

SURGICAL / TRIAGE

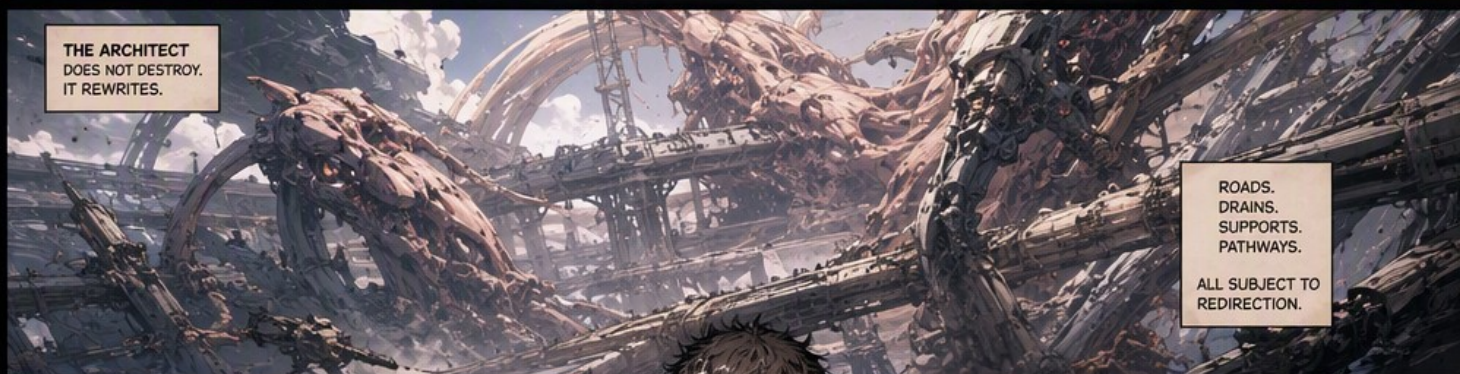
GUNNER CAR



THE ARCHITECT
DOES NOT DESTROY.
IT REWRITES.

ROADS.
DRAINS.
SUPPORTS.
PATHWAYS.

ALL SUBJECT TO
REDIRECTION.



D PRAINE

FIELD COMMANDER
IRON SIPHON

HOLDING
THE LINE
LITERALLY.

WHEN THE WORLD
MOVES AGAINST YOU,
YOU MOVE FASTER.



NOTHING GETS IN
FRONT OF THE
IRON SIPHON.

THE CITY'S
OUTER PERIMETER.

BLOCKED BY A
SIEGE ORGANISM
OF ARCHITECT
DESIGN.

IT DOES NOT FIRE.

IT BRACES.
IT GRIPS.
IT CUTS.
IT FOLDS.

IT DISMANTLES
FORTIFICATION
THE WAY OTHERS
BREATHE.

IRON SIPHON

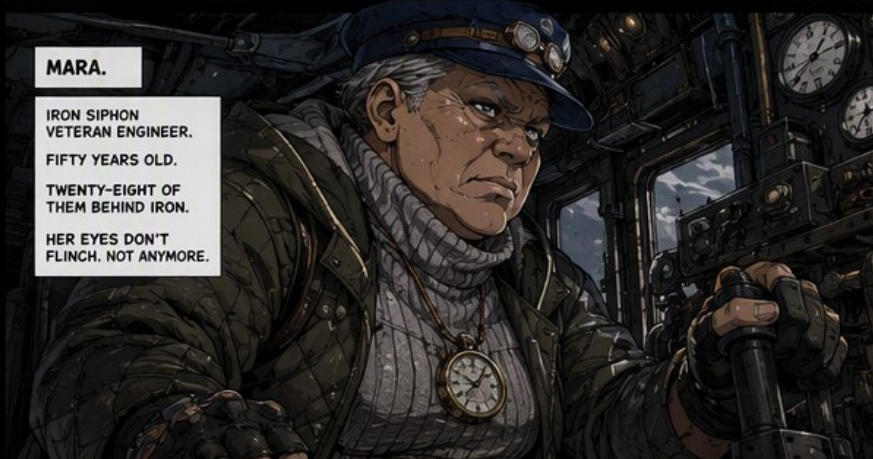
RUN NO, 7,443

MARA.

IRON SIPHON
VETERAN ENGINEER.
FIFTY YEARS OLD.

TWENTY-EIGHT OF
THEM BEHIND IRON.

HER EYES DON'T
FLINCH. NOT ANYMORE.



LEAD ENGINE
& CONTROL

ARMORED CARGO
& BATTERY CARS

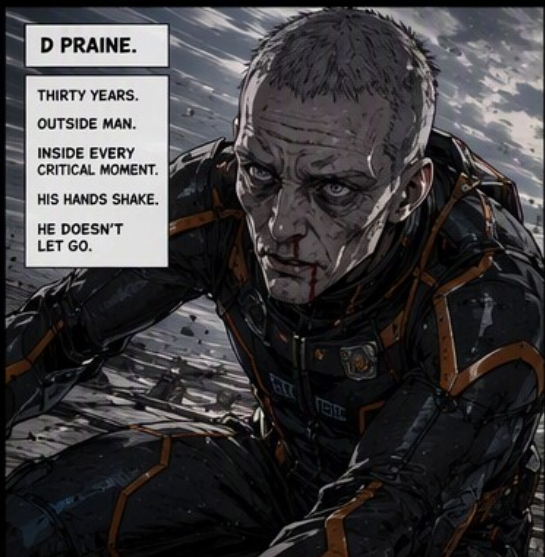
MOBILE SURGICAL
& TRIAGE

REAR GUNNER
CAR

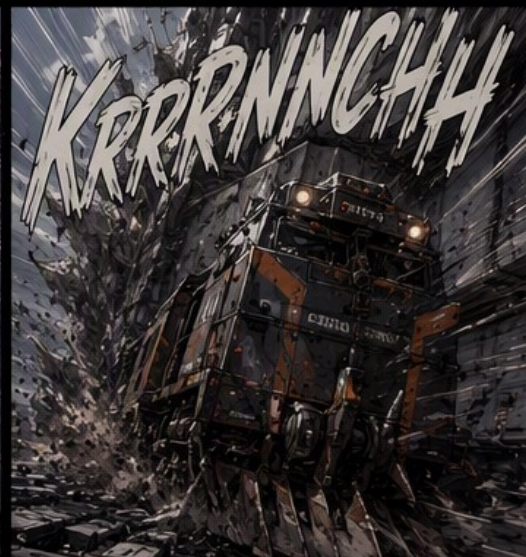


D PRAINE.

THIRTY YEARS.
OUTSIDE MAN.
INSIDE EVERY
CRITICAL MOMENT.
HIS HANDS SHAKE.
HE DOESN'T
LET GO.



IMPACT IN
3... 2... 1...



THE IRON SIPHON.

ARMORED, HEAVILY,
DIESEL-ELECTRIC.
BUILT TO PUNCH
THROUGH WHAT
WALLS CAN'T HOLD
AND TAKE WHAT
LIES BEYOND.



IT DOESN'T JUST
BREAK DEFENSES.
IT UNMAKES THEM.

LEAD ENGINE
& CONTROL
SECTION

ARMORED CARGO /
BATTERY CARS

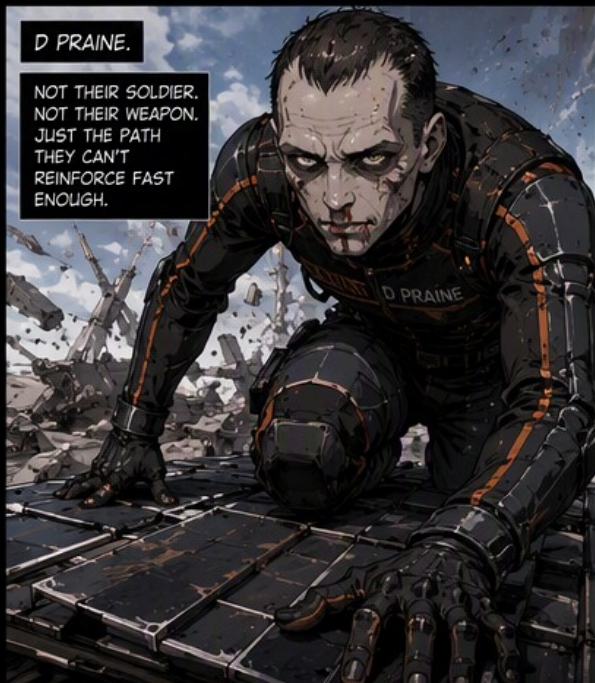
SURGICAL &
TRIAGE CAR

REAR GUNNER CAR



D PRAINE.

NOT THEIR SOLDIER.
NOT THEIR WEAPON.
JUST THE PATH
THEY CAN'T
REINFORCE FAST
ENOUGH.



THE ARCHITECT.

A SIEGE ORGANISM.
BUILT TO DISASSEMBLE
FORTIFICATIONS
BY GRIPPING,
CUTTING, FOLDING.

IT HAS NO NEED
FOR GUNS.



ITS DEFENSE CREW
WATCH. CALCULATE.
ADAPT.

IT DOES NOT HURRY.



BUT THE SIPHON
DOESN'T STOP TO
BE UNDERSTOOD.

IT KEEPS MOVING.

OUTER BATTLE ZONE

SECTOR 7 • MILE 239.7
PRAINE VECTOR LOCK

ARMORED FREIGHT
TRAIN ID: IRON VEIL-7
CARGO: CLASSIFIED
CLEARANCE: BLACK

KRA-
THOOM

MILITARY OPERATION: IRON CORDON
STATUS: ACTIVE
THREAT LEVEL: EXTREME

D PRAINE

ROLE: VECTOR
SPECIALIST

CONDITION: CRITICAL

...LET'S
TALK.

RESONANCE
INITIATED.

CONNECTING TO
RAILWAY GRID...

MATTE-ORANGE
RESONANCE VECTORS

> LINKING...

RAILWAY

SIGNAL NET

POWER NODES

STRUCTURAL
INTEGRITY

WEAPON SYSTEMS

...LINK ESTABLISHED.

FEEL IT.

THE WHOLE
THING.

THE RAIL.

THE CITY.

THE WAR.

ALL OF IT.

AND WE'RE
JUST GETTING
STARTED.

CHOOOom

THIS IS
LIBERATION FORCE
COMMAND.

TODAY, WE
TAKE BACK
OUR HOME.

BEGIN
MULTI-DIRECTIONAL
ASSAULT.

NORTHERN BREACH

EASTERN BREACH

WESTERN BREACH

AIR SUPERIORITY

LONG-RANGE ARTILLERY SUPPORT

ARMORED ADVANCE

SPECIAL FORCES INSERTION

ALL UNITS,
KEEP THE
MOMENTUM!

THIS IS
OUR CITY!

CONFIRMED: MULTIPLE BREACHES.

ENEMY DEFENSES COLLAPSING.

FOR THE
LIBERATION!

FOR
EVERYONE
BEHIND
THOSE
WALLS!

THE CITY WILL BE FREE!

CITY OF ASHES.

DEFY TO SURVIVE.

THREE POINTS.
THREE LAST STANDS.
ONE CITY THAT
REFUSES TO KNEEL.

1. THE BROKEN BRIDGE.

THEY HOLD THE CROSSING.
EVERY METER PAID FOR
IN BLOOD.



2. MERCY HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

THEY DEFEND HEALING.
BECAUSE WITHOUT IT,
THERE IS NO TOMORROW.



3. SUNKEN LINE STATION.

THEY HOLD THE UNDERGROUND.
SO OTHERS MAY STILL
HAVE A WAY OUT.



BELOW THEIR FEET...

CIVILIANS MOVE.
SILENT. SCARED.
GRATEFUL.



WE ARE NOT
THE MANY.
WE ARE THE
REMAINING.

AND WE
STILL
FIGHT.

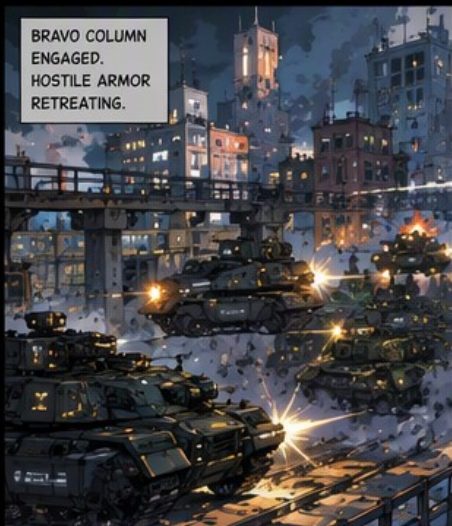


DAY 001 - 07:42:18
THE CITY OF GRAYFALL
RAIL CORRIDOR: DELTA-6



ALL ELEMENTS,
MAINTAIN SYNCHRONIZATION.
THE ARCHITECTS WILL
BREAK BEFORE WE DO.

BRAVO COLUMN
ENGAGED.
HOSTILE ARMOR
RETRACTING.



SKYGUARD WING
IN POSITION.
SUPPRESS AND
DISRUPT.



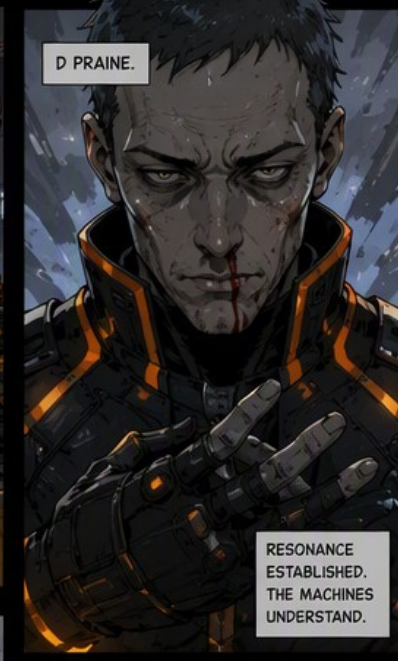
BLACKLINE SQUADS
MOVING IN.
CLEAR. SECURE.
HOLD.



ENGINEER CORPS
CLEARING PATH.
RAIL INTEGRITY
NOMINAL.



D PRAINE.

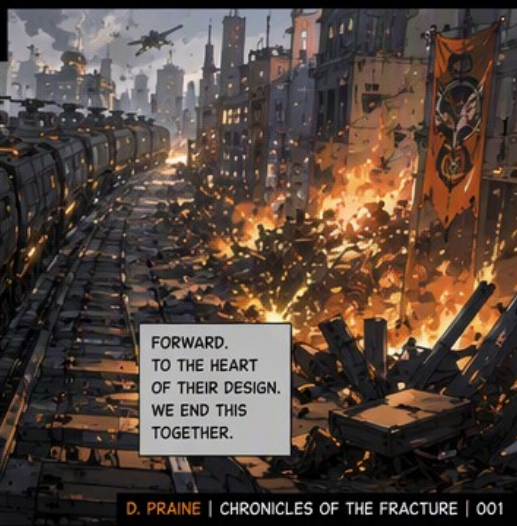
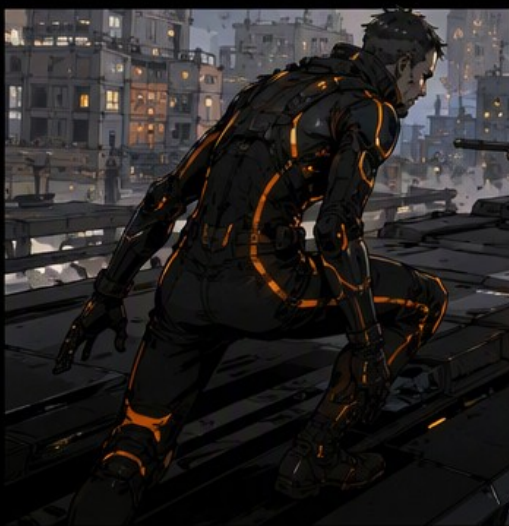


RESONANCE
ESTABLISHED.
THE MACHINES
UNDERSTAND.

SYSTEMS RESPONDING
TO RESONANCE.
FULL SPECTRUM
AWARENESS ONLINE.



FORWARD.
TO THE HEART
OF THEIR DESIGN.
WE END THIS
TOGETHER.

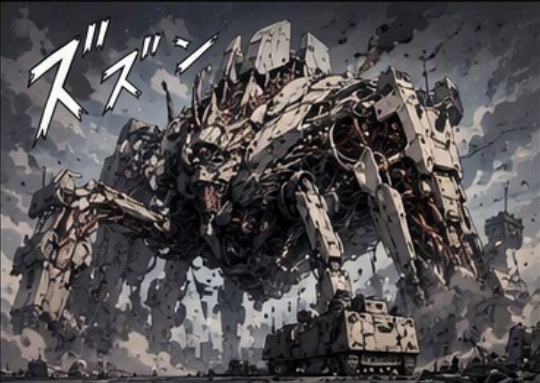


SECOND BREACH
AGIS DISTRICT 12
17:42 LOCAL

ANOMALOUS ENTITY
CLASS: ARCHITECT
DESIGNATION:
"NÚMENOR"
ALTITUDE: 312m
VECTOR: BREACH POINT
ETA: 14:37

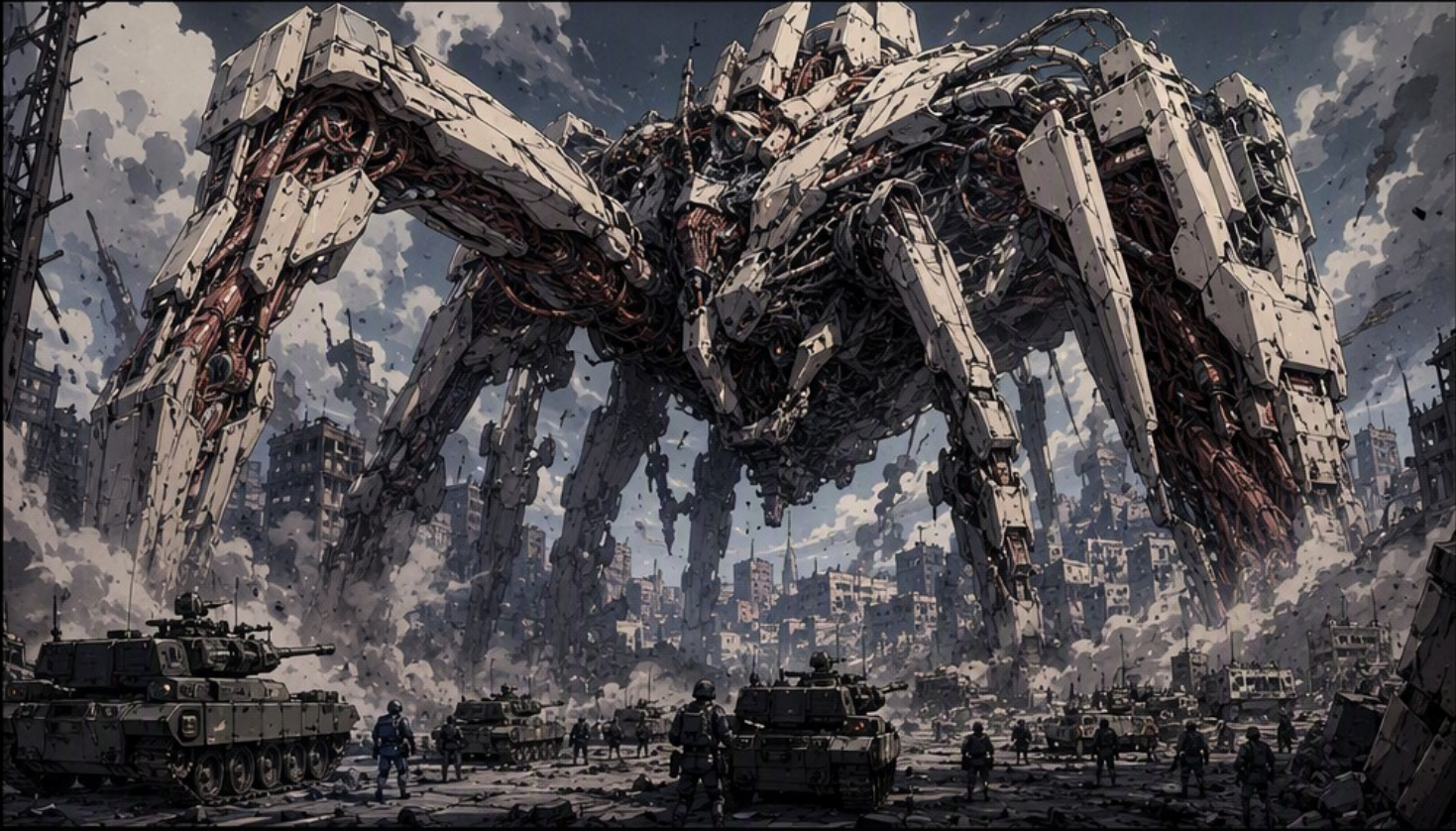
ALL UNITS, THIS IS
WARDEN COMMAND.
REDIRECT FIRE.
PRIORITY TARGET
NÚMENOR.





ARCHITECT CLASS
STRATEGIC MANIFOLD CONSTRUCT

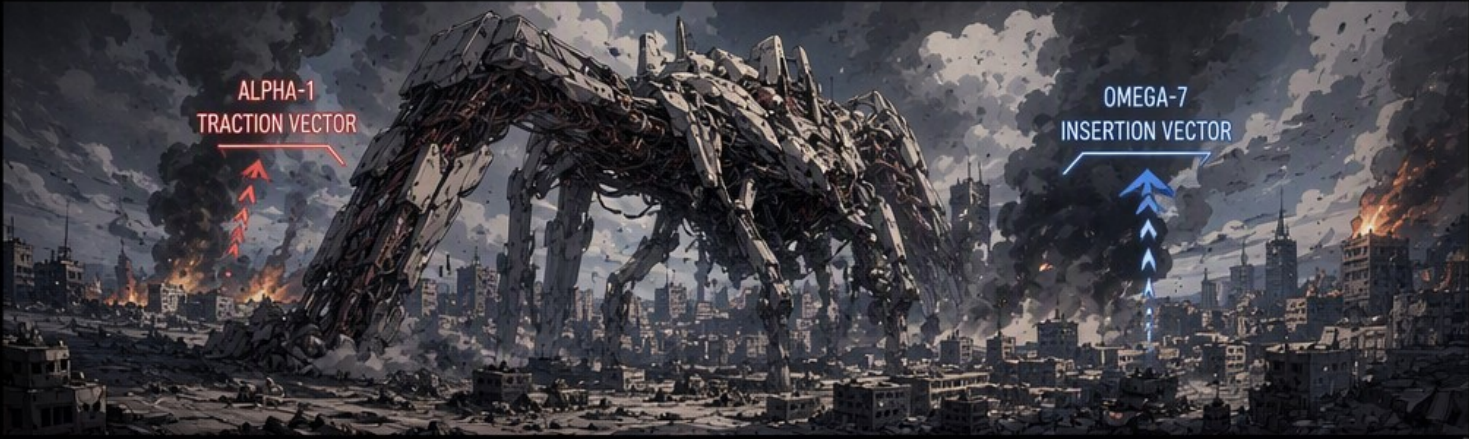
- > HEIGHT: 312m
- > MASS: 5.8M+ TONS
- > PRIMARY FUNCTION:
URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE
INTEGRATION / TERRAIN
RECONFIGURATION
- > THREAT LEVEL: EXTRÊME

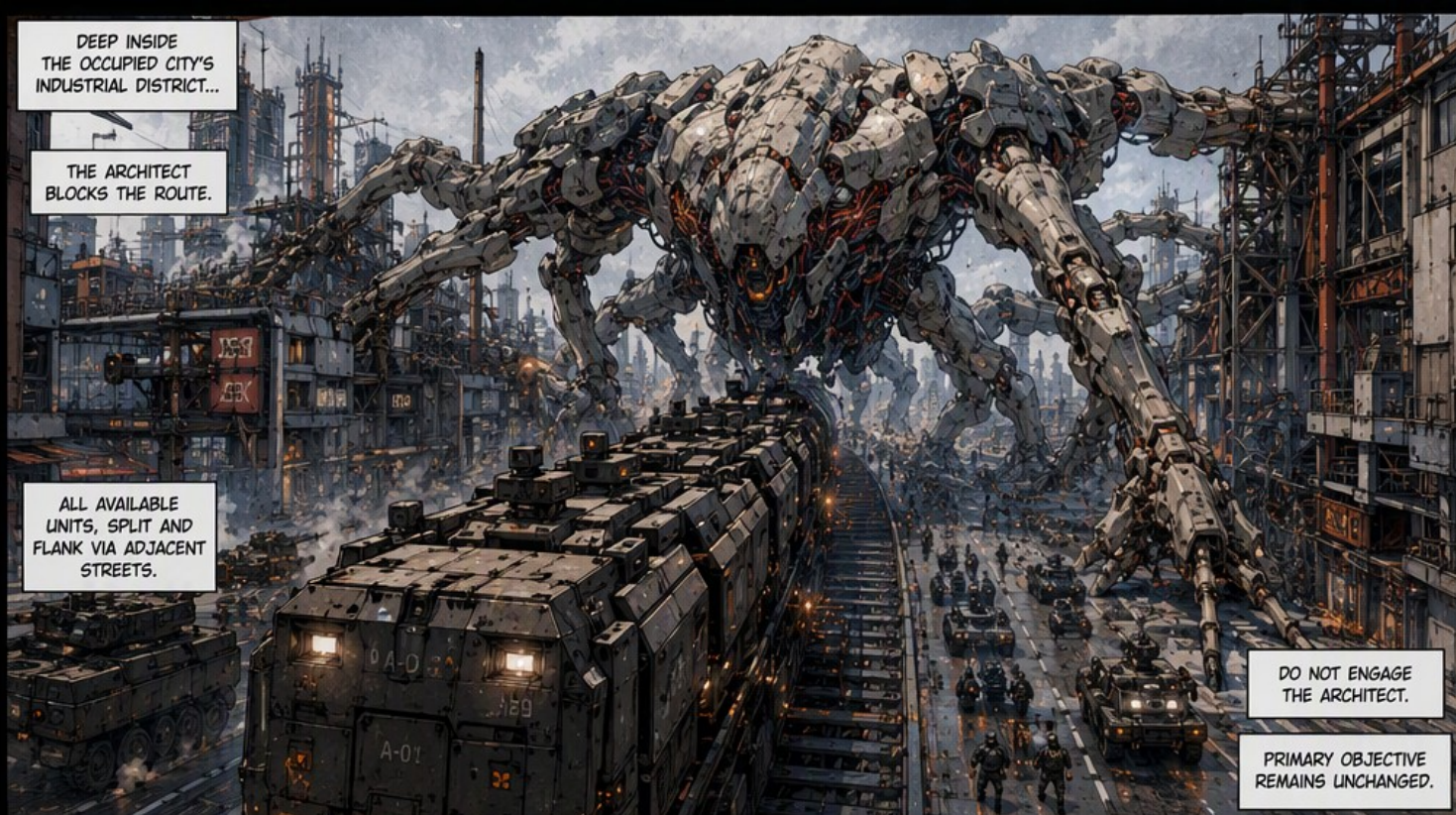


DECOY FORCE - ALPHA 1



PENETRATION FORCE - OMEGA 7





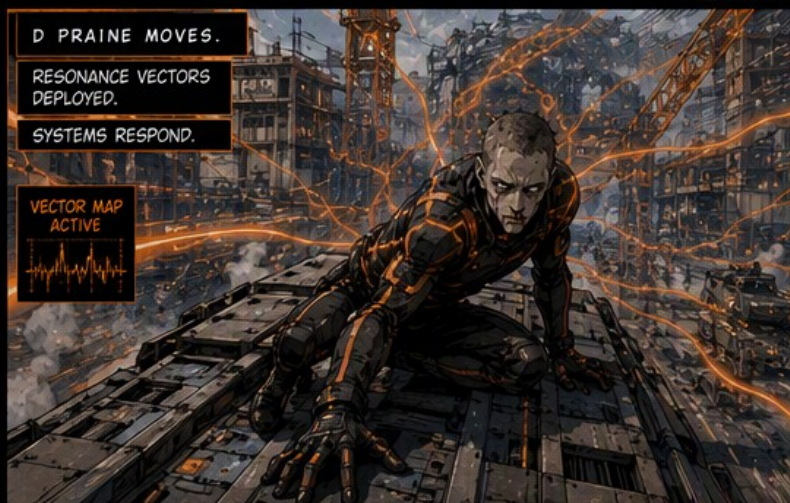
DEEP INSIDE
THE OCCUPIED CITY'S
INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT...

THE ARCHITECT
BLOCKS THE ROUTE.

ALL AVAILABLE
UNITS, SPLIT AND
FLANK VIA ADJACENT
STREETS.

DO NOT ENGAGE
THE ARCHITECT.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE
REMAINS UNCHANGED.

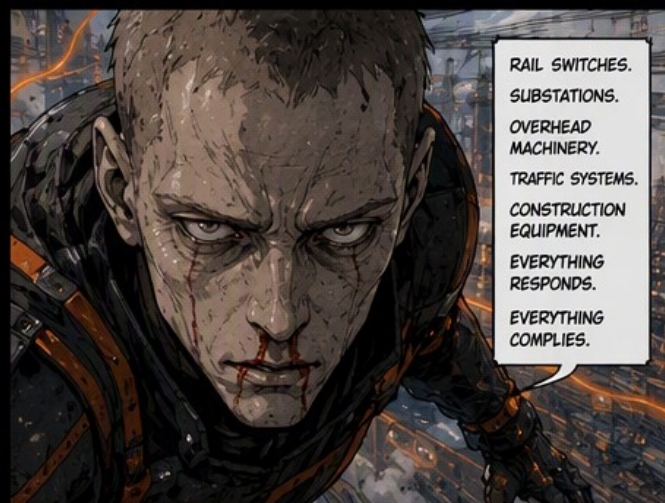


D PRAINE MOVES.

RESONANCE VECTORS
DEPLOYED.

SYSTEMS RESPOND.

VECTOR MAP
ACTIVE



RAIL SWITCHES.
SUBSTATIONS.
OVERHEAD
MACHINERY.
TRAFFIC SYSTEMS.
CONSTRUCTION
EQUIPMENT.
EVERYTHING
RESPONDS.
EVERYTHING
COMPLIES.



RAIL SWITCHES
ALIGNED.



SUBSTATIONS
ROUTED.



OVERHEAD
SYSTEMS LOCKED.



TRAFFIC FLOW
REDIRECTED.



CONSTRUCTION ASSETS
COORDINATED.

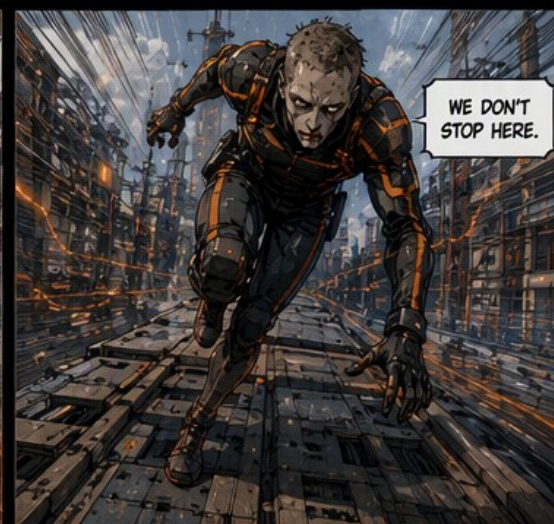


UNITS DIVERTING.

FLANKING
MANEUVERS
IN PROGRESS.



KEEP IT
MOVING.



WE DON'T
STOP HERE.

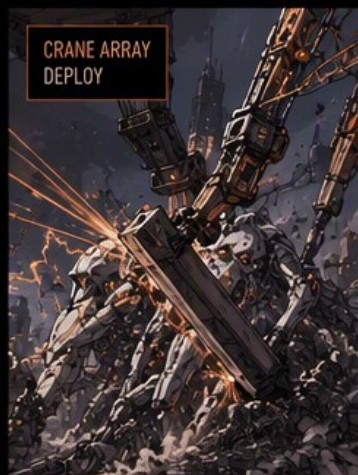


DPRINE
INFRASTRUCTURE
INTERFACE
FULL CONTACT.

ALIGN. LOCK.
LOAD. COMMIT.



RAIL SWITCHES
REALIGN.



CRANE ARRAY
DEPLOY



EM FIELD
ENGAGED



TRACTION SHIFT
BRAKE VECTOR
ADAPT



ARCHITECT
DESTABILIZED
VECTOR APPLIED
TARGET DOWN.



CORRIDOR
OPEN.
MOVE.



THUD
THUD
THUD

SOUTHERN DISTRICT,
SEVENTH OCCUPATION ZONE

LOCAL TIME 16:02



THEY DON'T FLY.

THEY THINK IN
ANGLES.

NO ENGINES.
NO ROTORS.
NO TRAIL.

JUST
INTENT.



THE ARCHITECTS
DON'T CHASE.
THEY CORRECT.



EVERY RIGHT ANGLE
A DEATH SENTENCE.

EVERY MISTAKE
A MESSAGE.



PEOPLE STILL WALK
THE STREETS.

THE CITY STILL
BREATHES.

THEY FIGHT
ABOVE US.

NOT FOR GLORY.
BUT SO WE CAN
STAY HUMAN.



WE HOLD THE GROUND.
THEY HOLD THE SKY.
TOGETHER...

...WE HOLD
THE LINE.



UNTIL THE
ARCHITECTS
LEARN...

...THAT HUMANITY
DOESN'T BREAK
EASILY.





HUMANITARIAN CORRIDOR OPENED

CIVILIANS ARE SAFE TO PROCEED
FOLLOW THE SIGNS. KEEP MOVING.



KEEP
MOVING!
THIS WAY!



KEEP
THE LINE
OPEN!

MOVE!
MOVE!
MOVE!



MEDICAL AID STATION



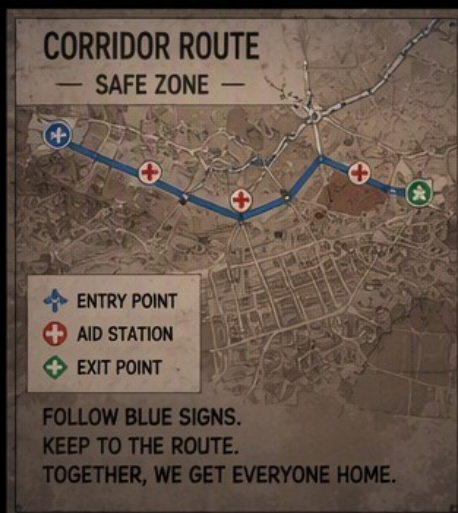
VEHICLES,
FRONT AND
REAR!
WATCH FOR
THREATS!



THIS CORRIDOR
IS OUR PROMISE.

WE PROTECT
THEM ALL.

NO ONE
GETS LEFT
BEHIND.



CORRIDOR ROUTE

— SAFE ZONE —

- ENTRY POINT
- AID STATION
- EXIT POINT

FOLLOW BLUE SIGNS.
KEEP TO THE ROUTE.
TOGETHER, WE GET EVERYONE HOME.



FOR TODAY.
FOR TOMORROW.
FOR ALL OF
THEM.

WE
ENDURE!



TESS—

CAN YOU—

DR. CROSS!
WE'VE GOT A
NEW WALK-IN—



ON IT.



HE WAS OUT BY
THE OLD RETAINING
WALL. COLLAPSE
TRAP. LACERATIONS,
POSSIBLE RIB
FRACTURE.



THANK YOU,
HAILEY.

TESS—
VITALS?



BP'S HIGH.
137 OVER 92.
HEART RATE 102.
OXYGEN SAT
NINETY-SEVEN.

CONSCIOUS.
RESPONSIVE.
IN PAIN.



GOOD.

GET ME
A FAST
ULTRASOUND.
RIBS. LUNGS.
ABDOMEN.

HAILEY,
IRRIGATE AND
CLEAN THE
LACERATIONS.
I'LL JOIN YOU
SHORTLY.



YES,
DR. CROSS.



SURGICAL & TRIAGE CAR
— S-4 —

DR. EVELYN CROSS
Lead Physician

HAILEY HEART
Medical Assistant

*The Iron Siphon carries
more than cargo.
It carries what's left
of humanity.*



TELL ME
WHAT YOU'RE
FEELING.

...NOTHING
NEW.

NO FEVER.
STABLE VITALS.
GOOD WEIGHT.
GOOD COLOR.

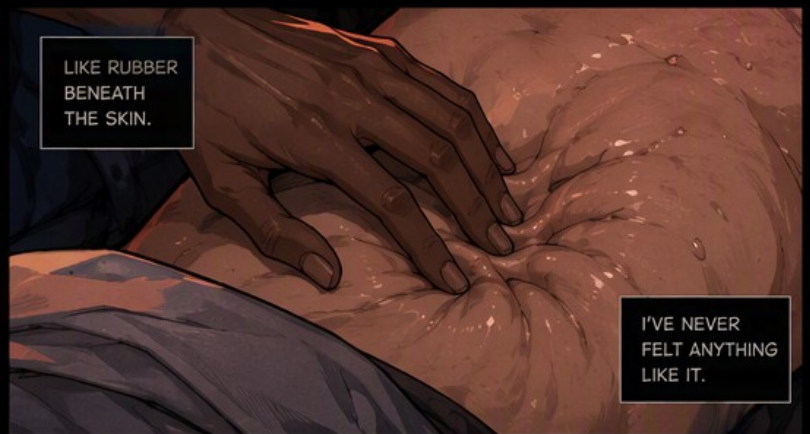
AND YET...



YOUR TISSUE
IS... ABNORMAL.

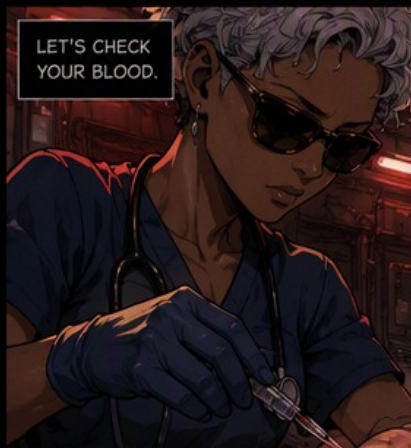
THE ELASTICITY
ISN'T JUST HIGH.

IT'S
UNNATURAL.



LIKE RUBBER
BENEATH
THE SKIN.

I'VE NEVER
FELT ANYTHING
LIKE IT.



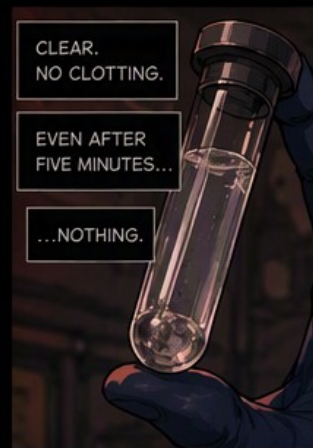
LET'S CHECK
YOUR BLOOD.



CLEAR.
NO CLOTTING.

EVEN AFTER
FIVE MINUTES...

...NOTHING.



IT DEFIES
HEMOSTASIS.

IT SHOULDN'T
BE POSSIBLE.



WHATEVER
THIS IS...

...IT'S NOT
JUST PHYSICAL.



SOMETHING
IN YOU...

...DOESN'T
OBEY THE
RULES THE
REST OF US
ARE BOUND
BY.

WE NEED TO
KEEP LOOKING.

TO BE CONTINUED...

IRON SIPHON
SURGICAL CAR
23:47



DR. EVELYN CROSS
SURGEON
IRON SIPHON

HAILEY HEART
CLINIC AIDE
IRON SIPHON

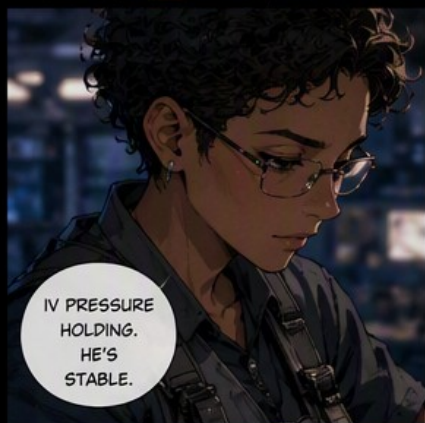
TESS
MEDICAL ASSISTANT
IRON SIPHON



SEVEN MORE
MILLIMETERS.
STEADY.



I'VE
GOT YOU.



IV PRESSURE
HOLDING.
HE'S
STABLE.



GOOD.
KEEP HIS CORE
WARM.



I DON'T NEED
TO SEE TO
KNOW WHAT
MATTERS.

LISTEN.
FEEL.
UNDERSTAND.
THEN ACT.



THE CITY RESPONDS.

NOT WITH FEAR.
WITH FUNCTION.

THE ARCHITECT
INSTALLATIONS
ACTIVATE IN
SEQUENCE.
ACROSS ALL
DISTRICTS.

INFRASTRUCTURE
CORRIDORS SEAL.

ACCESS ROUTES
RETRACT.

BIOLOGICAL CONDUITS
FLEX ACROSS STREETS.

NUTRIENT AND CONTROL
FLOW MAINTAINED.

POPULATION-ROUTING
STRUCTURES REDIRECT
MOVEMENT.

CIVILIAN FLOW STABILIZED.
PANIC NULLIFIED.

DISTANT MACHINERY
ACTIVATES IN
SEVERAL DISTRICTS.

POWER ROUTING.
RESOURCE SYNCHRONIZATION.
SYSTEMIC INTEGRITY INITIATED.

THE CITY IS NOT A PLACE.
IT IS A PROCESS.
AND IT DEFENDS
ITS CONTINUITY.

DISTRICT E-12
RECALIBRATING

DISTRICT S-07
SEALED

DISTRICT N-21
REROUTING

DISTRICT H-09
ACTIVATING

HUMAN ADVANCE:
DETECTED.
RESPONSE: TOTAL.

DISTRICT W-14
SYNCHRONIZING



THE ARCHITECT
DOES NOT FIGHT.
IT ADAPTS.
IT ENDURES.

IT REMAINS.



THE IRON SIPHON

ARMORED DOUBLE-HEADED
DIESEL-ELECTRIC FREIGHT TRAIN
REINFORCED FOR DEEP-RUNS INTO
THE COLLAPSE ZONE.

MOBILE CLINIC. SUPPLY LINE.
EVACUATION PLATFORM.
LAST LIFELINE.

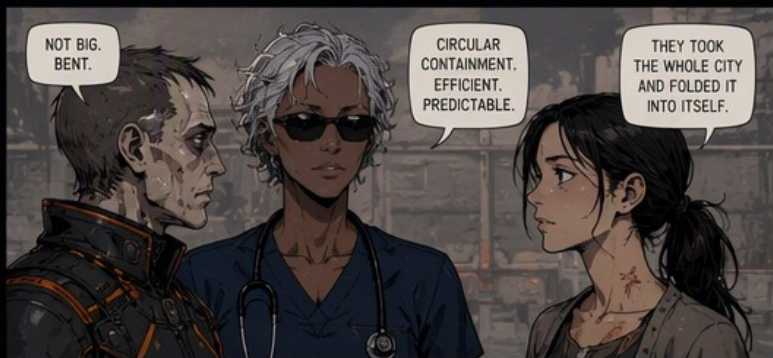
TERMINAL: GREYHOLD
SECTOR 7B

ENGINE &
CONTROL

ARMORED CARGO
AND BATTERY CARS

SURGICAL &
TRIAGE CAR

REAR GUNNER CAR
(DEFENSIVE OVERWATCH)



ARCHITECT COLLECTION CARRIER
CLASS: TITAN / PROTOCOL-7

POPULATION ACQUISITION
AND PROCESSING PLATFORM.

DEPLOYS MULTIPLE RETRIEVAL
APPENDAGES SIMULTANEOUSLY.

ZERO HOSTILITY.
TOTAL PROCEDURE.

THEY DON'T ATTACK.
THEY HARVEST.



DAY 23.
FORWARD RELIEF STATION
SECTOR 7G

CRATES TO TRIAGE
POINTS ALPHA
THROUGH DELTA.

WATER, ANTIBIOTICS,
BANDAGES, NUTRITION
PACKS—PRIORITIZE THE
VULNERABLE.

ON IT,
DR. CROSS.

DR. EVELYN CROSS.
FIELD MEDICAL DIRECTOR.
TRIAGE. LOGISTICS. SURVIVAL.

HAILEY HEART.
RECOVERING. HEALING.
BUILDING HOPE.

D. PRAINE.
RECON. ANALYSIS.
THE COST OF KNOWING.

EVERY CRATE.
EVERY HAND.
EVERY BREATH
COUNTS.

OUT THERE...
THEY BUILD.
WE ENDURE.

TRIAGE PRIORITIES

1. CRITICAL
2. SERIOUS
3. STABLE
4. MINOR

SUPPLY STATUS

- MEDS 72%
- WATER 68%
- FOOD 54%
- FUEL 31%

WE ENDURE.
TOGETHER.

WE FOUND
WHAT THEY LEFT
BEHIND.
AN ALIEN DESIGN.
A SILENT PURPOSE.

BUT WE ARE
NOT DEFINED
BY DISCOVERY—
WE ARE DEFINED
BY WHAT WE
CHOOSE NEXT.

HUMAN RESILIENCE.
AMIDST GRIM
DISCOVERY.

END.

DAY 3 OF LIBERATION

FIRST DISTRICT

HUMAN-SECURED ZONE

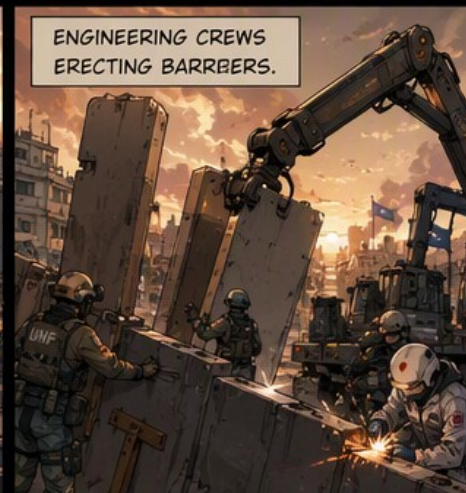
THE FIRST FOOTHOLD.
THE LINE IN THE DUST.
THE BEGINNING.



PERIMETER ESTABLISHED.



ENGINEERING CREWS
ERECTING BARRIERS.



MEDICS SETTING UP
TREATMENT TENTS.



GENERATORS COMING ONLINE.



CIVILIANS GATHERING,
HOPE TAKING ROOT.



WATCH POSTS
FACING OUTWARD.



TEMPORARY. IMPERFECT.
BUT OURS.
THIS IS HOW WE
TAKE THE FUTURE BACK.

DAY 21 - DUSK
NEPTUNE DISTRICT
SECURE CORRIDOR ALPHA

FOOTHOLD ESTABLISHED.
SUSTAINMENT INITIATED.

CIVILIANS →
SAFE ZONE
安全区域 / منطقة امن

A CORRIDOR IS NOT
VICTORY.
IT IS RESPONSIBILITY.
SUPPORT TURNS GROUND
INTO A FUTURE.

MEDICAL TEAMS
LIFE BEFORE BATTLE

TRAUMA UNITS,
SURGICAL TEAMS,
VACCINES, BLOOD,
MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

FOOD & WATER
SUSTAIN THE POPULATION

RATIONS, READY MEALS,
WATER PURIFICATION,
BABY FORMULA,
NUTRITIONAL SUPPLIES.

ENGINEERING SUPPORT
BUILD WHAT ENDURES

EARTHMOVERS,
GENERATOR SETS,
MATERIALS, TOOLS,
INFRASTRUCTURE KIT.

FIELD COMMUNICATIONS
INFORMATION IS CONTROL

SATCOM TERMINALS,
RADIOS, DRONES,
DATA LINKS,
NETWORK RELAY NODES

REPLACEMENT TROOPS
RELIEVE. RESTORE. REINFORCE.

FRESH UNITS.
SPECIALISTS,
ARMOR ROTATION,
FORCE MULTIPLIERS.

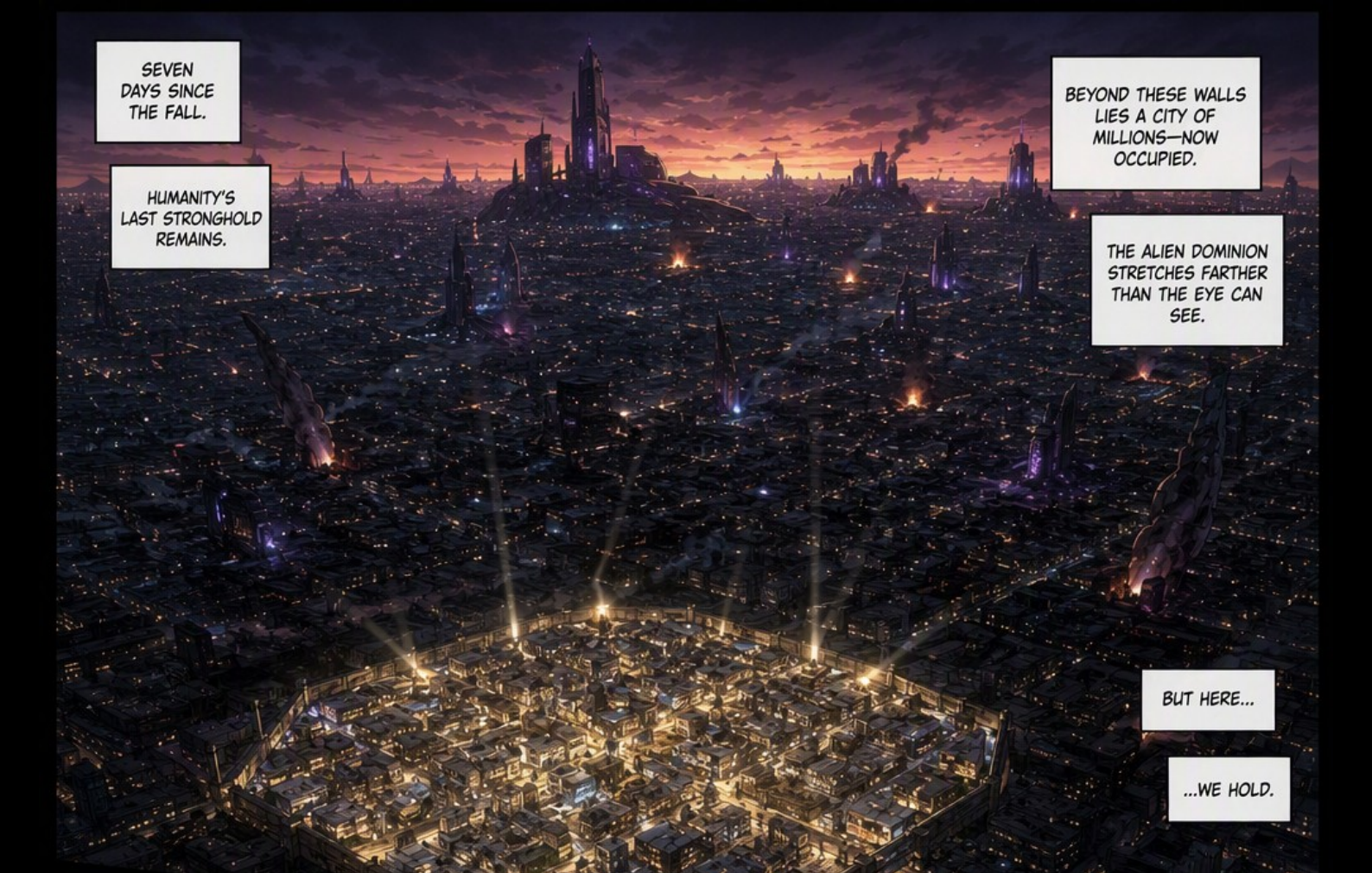
SAFE ZONE
安全区域
منطقة امن

CIVILIANS FIRST.
PROTECT.
ESCORT.
RESTORE DIGNITY.

THE FOOTING
IS REAL.
NOW WE
MAKE IT LAST.

NEPTUNE DISTRICT - SECURE INTERIOR
THE MISSION CONTINUES.

✓ SECURITY
✓ GOVERNANCE
✓ ESSENTIALS
✓ HOPE
TOGETHER.
WE ENDURE.



SEVEN
DAYS SINCE
THE FALL.

HUMANITY'S
LAST STRONGHOLD
REMAINS.

BEYOND THESE WALLS
LIES A CITY OF
MILLIONS—NOW
OCCUPIED.

THE ALIEN DOMINION
STRETCHES FARTHER
THAN THE EYE CAN
SEE.

BUT HERE...

...WE HOLD.



SUPPLIES COME.
WOUNDS ARE TREATED.
HOPE IS SHARED.



DAY AND NIGHT,
WE WATCH.
WE ENDURE.



WE FIGHT.

NOT FOR VICTORY.
BUT FOR TOMORROW.



BECAUSE EVEN
IF WE ARE
SURROUNDED...



...AS LONG AS
THIS LIGHT
STILL BURNS—



HUMANITY
IS NOT YET
GONE.



SECURE PERIMETER
DELTA-17.
CIVILIAN EVACUATION
IN PROGRESS.



NO FURTHER THREATS.
WITHIN THE PERIMETER.
ONGOING COMBAT
OUTSIDE THE AO.

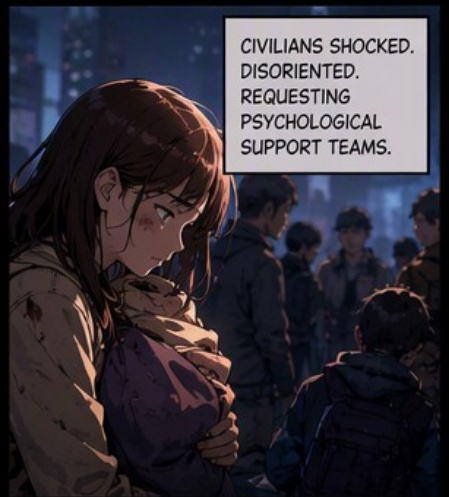
MEDICAL TEAMS
REPORTING HIGH
CASELOADS.
PRIORITIZE
LIFE-THREATENING
INJURIES.



TROOPS EXHAUSTED.
ROTATE UNITS AND
REPLENISH.



CIVILIANS SHOCKED.
DISORIENTED.
REQUESTING
PSYCHOLOGICAL
SUPPORT TEAMS.



MULTIPLE
MISSING PERSONS
REPORTED.
REUNIFICATION
CENTER SETTING
UP NOW.



MAINTAIN PERIMETER
INTEGRITY. PREPARE
FOR POSSIBLE
BREACHES.



FOR NOW,
THE LINE HOLDS.

DELTA-17
STAY BEHIND THE LINE



SECTOR 17-9B

FIRST LINE FOOTHOLD

THREE STREETS BEYOND
THE FIRST SECURE DISTRICT

23:47 LOCAL



THE WAR IS
NO LONGER OUTSIDE
OUR WALLS.

IT IS IN THE STREETS.
IN THE BUILDINGS.
IN THE DARK BETWEEN.



FORTIFY.
DIG IN.
THIS IS
OUR LINE
NOW.

THIS FOOTHOLD
WAS MEANT TO BE
TEMPORARY.



BUT TEMPORARY
BECOMES PERMANENT.

AND PERMANENT
BECOMES THE
FRONTLINE.



LIGHTS
UP.
MAKE IT
HURT TO
LOOK.

WE MAKE THE LINE.
WE HOLD THE LINE.
WE DIE ON THE LINE
IF WE MUST.



WITHIN OUR PERIMETER,
WE PATCH. WE TREAT.
WE PREPARE.

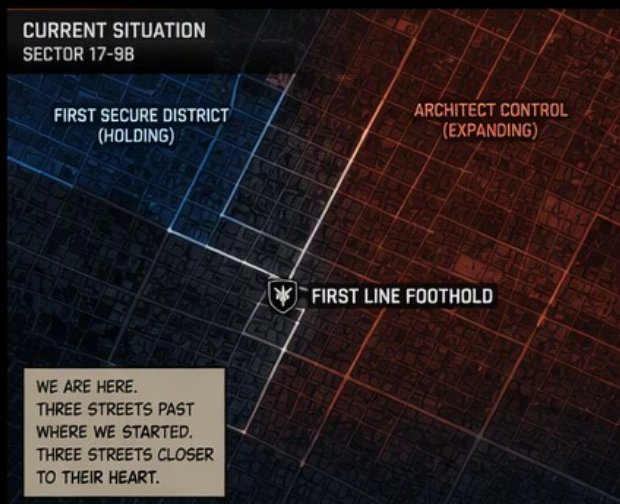
BEHIND EVERY RIFLE
IS A PULSE WE FIGHT
TO KEEP BEATING.



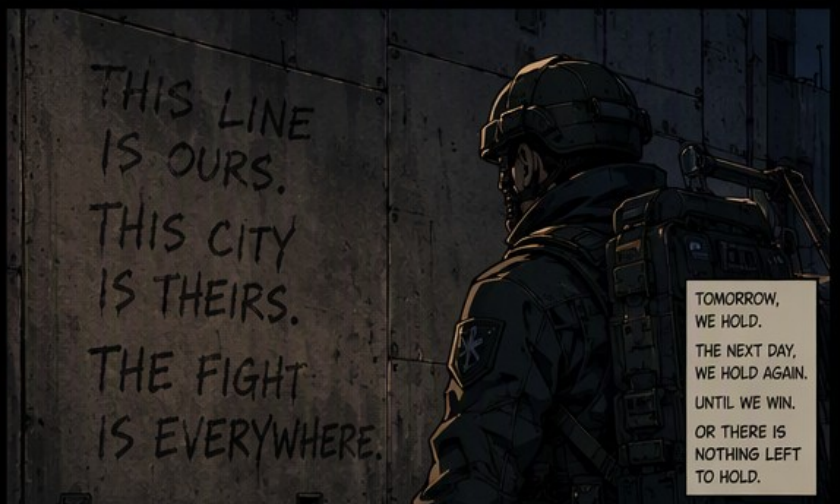
BEYOND OUR PERIMETER,
THE ARCHITECTS WORK.
ALWAYS.

THEY BUILD.
THEY WATCH.
THEY WAIT.
THEY COME.

CURRENT SITUATION SECTOR 17-9B



WE ARE HERE.
THREE STREETS PAST
WHERE WE STARTED.
THREE STREETS CLOSER
TO THEIR HEART.



THIS LINE
IS OURS.
THIS CITY
IS THEIRS.
THE FIGHT
IS EVERYWHERE.

TOMORROW,
WE HOLD.
THE NEXT DAY,
WE HOLD AGAIN.
UNTIL WE WIN.
OR THERE IS
NOTHING LEFT
TO HOLD.

NOVEMBER 21ST, 03:47
SEVEN WEEKS AFTER THE FALL

WE HAVE ENTERED
THE CITY.

ARCHITECT CORE
PROCESSING NEXUS

THIS IS NOT
THE END.

HUMAN FOOTHOLD
"NOVEMBER POINT"

ARCHITECT OCCUPIED
SECTORS

BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME,
HUMANITY STANDS INSIDE
THE HEART OF THEIR WORLD.

AND WE WILL
KEEP MOVING.

RESCUE CORRIDORS
EXTEND OUTWARD.

SUPPLY LINES. EVAC ROUTES.
HOPE MADE MANIFEST.

MULTIPLE MILITARY POSITIONS
ESTABLISHED DEEPER IN.



BUT MOST OF THE CITY
REMAINS IN THEIR HANDS.

THE ARCHITECTS DO NOT RUSH.

THEY BUILD. THEY PROCESS.
THEY CONSUME.

WE HAVE TAKEN ROOT.

LIBERATION HAS BEGUN.

IT HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN.