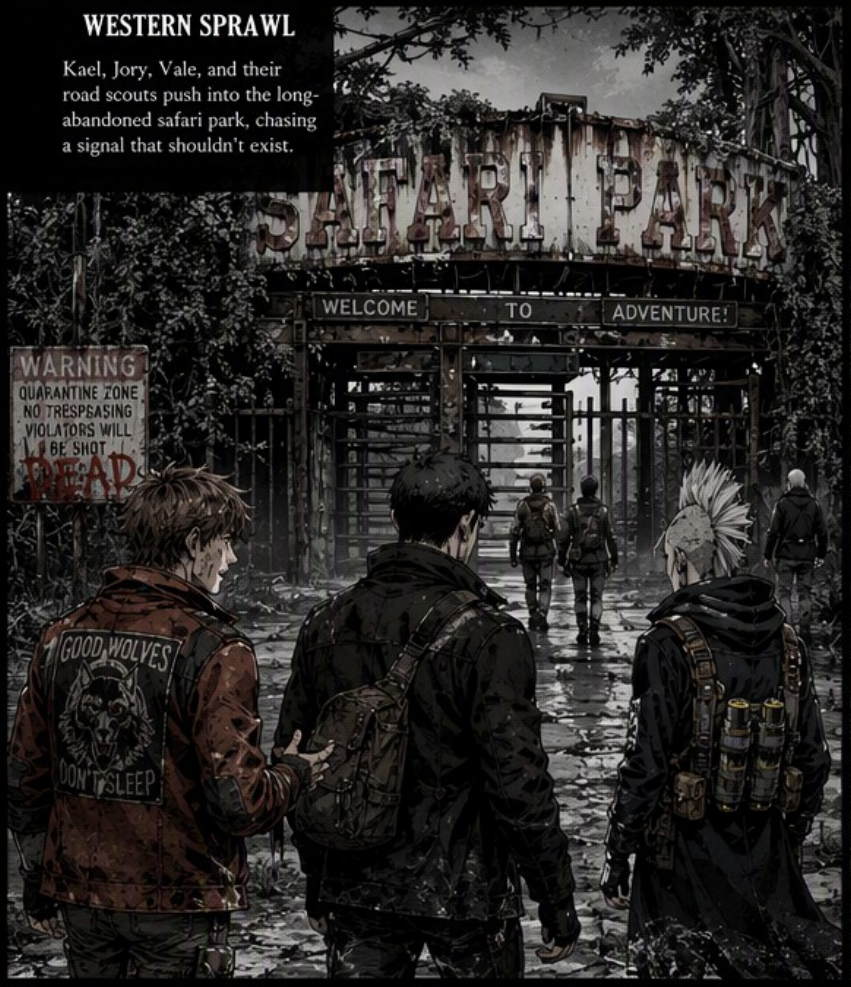
RED LATITUDE

EPISODE 7: THE GRAVEYARD AND THE GARDEN



WESTERN SPRAWL

Kael, Jory, Vale, and their road scouts push into the long-abandoned safari park, chasing a signal that shouldn't exist.



EASTERN WASTELAND

Mira, Rafe, Natalie, and their Greenline scouts pick through the ruined quarantine zone, looking for survivors—or answers.





KAEL
SCAVENGER
28 YEARS OLD

JORY
SCOUT
22 YEARS OLD

VALE
COURIER / THE CIRCUIT
32 YEARS OLD



MIRA
FIELD LEAD
25 YEARS OLD



RAFE
UNDERWORKS SCOUT
26 YEARS OLD



NATALIE
RECON SPECIALIST
24 YEARS OLD













TWO TEAMS. TWO DIRECTIONS. ONE TRUTH BURIED UNDER RUIN.


THE WORLD DOESN'T HEAL...
...IT JUST FORGETS WE WERE EVER HERE.
GRAND VIEW
SAFARI PARK
WELCOME
NATURE
ALWAYS WINS
ENTRY
ENTRY
SAFARI PARK CLOSED DUE TO INCIDENT
THE CIRCUIT
WHOA...
SAFARI SOUVENIRS
BEAUTIFUL... IN A FUCKED-UP KIND OF WAY.
PEACEFUL DON'T MEAN SAFE.
YEAH, BUT IT'S...
IT'S REAL.
SOME PLACES DON'T NEED PEOPLE ANYMORE.
BUT WE STILL NEED EACH OTHER.
THAT'S ENOUGH.


TRANSFERRED
MISSING
NO CONTACT


NO CONTACT.
...
THAT'S NEW.
...


...


NO CONTACT
J. HATFIELD
S. SYKES
S. SYKES
M. TOLBERT
B. CLAYTON
D. REYTON
D. REYES
A. POLLARD
K. KOHLER
J. REYNOLDS
J. REYES
L. REYNOLDS
I. MORRISON
E. PEARSON
C. NAVARRO
J. GUTHRIE
B. LANGLEY
A. HESTER
R. PEARSON
D. PEARSON
83rd
RECON


THE CIRCUIT
SAFARI PARK
SECTOR V-7 // OVERGROWN SAVANNAH
THE ROUTE LOOKED QUIET.
TOO QUIET.
THEN THE QUIET DECIDED TO LEAVE.
PAVILION -09
KRAAAAANAW!!
DOWN!
SHRRAAAAAK!!
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT...?
DOESN'T MATTER.
NOTHING GOOD.


THRAAAAMMM
BOUNDARY
WILD ZONE
NO CROSSING
SAFARI TOURS
STAY DOWN.
DON'T MOVE.
JORY.
YOU SEE AN OPENING, YOU RUN.
I'LL COVER YOU.
THE HOLLOW FEED ON NOISE.
WAIT FOR MY SIGNAL.
NOT A SECOND SOONER.
THEY DON'T CHASE SILENCE... THEY CHASE PANIC.
BAGS ON. BLADES CHECKED.
RUN LIGHT.
YEAH.
YEAH. I HEAR YOU.
MOVE AS ONE.
OR NOT AT ALL.
RAAAGH


FORMER ELEPHANT PADDOCK.
RETAINING WALL COLLAPSED THREE WEEKS AGO.
NOBODY CAME TO REPAIR IT.
PADDOCK
-12-
ELEPHANT HABITAT
THE HOLLOW DON'T HUNT.
THEY SURGE.
THEN THEY DISAPPEAR.
TWO DOWN.
MORE BEYOND THE MUD.
FALL BACK FIVE PACES.
LEFT FLANK.
THIS GROUND USED TO HOLD GIANTS.
NOW IT JUST HOLDS US.


MUD.
BLOOD.
ANOTHER DAY AT THE OFFICE.
BROKEN HI
RANCH
HA!
THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKIN' ABOUT!
KRAK
HUFF. HUFF.
LEFT FLANK CLEAR.
GOOD. KEEP 'EM PINNED.
RIGHT FLANK LOCKED DOWN.
LET'S MOVE.


KARIBU
SAFARI ZOO
WARNING
PREDATOR ENCLOSURE
AUTHORIZED
ANIMAL HANDLERS
ONLY
MAKUINI HATARI
USIKARIBIE
GO.
NOW.
THROUGH.
MOVE.
SKRAA!
SNAP!
NOT
TODAY.
CRUNCH!
YOU
OKAY?
ONLY
HATARI
USIKARIBIE
YEAH.
LET'S
GO.


THE HOLLOW DON'T RUSH. THEY WAIT.
CIRCUIT
回路
AND WHEN THEY MOVE, IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE.
ONE LESS.
HOW MANY LEFT?
DOESN'T MATTER.
I JUST KEEP MOVING.
VALE CIRCUIT COURIER 0321-VC
SIGNAL: //Uplink Stable
PREDATOR EXHIBIT
SERVICE ACCESS ONLY
STAY CLOSE. STAY QUIET.
OR DON'T. I'LL HEAR YOU ANYWAY.
JUST DON'T SLOW ME DOWN.
WE'VE GOT DELIVERIES TO MAKE.


SILVERTON SAFARI ZOO
SERVICE CORRIDOR
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY
THE STAMPEDE'S GONE.
JUST THE RUMBLE NOW.
NEVER CROSS AN OPEN ENCLOSURE AFTER DARK.
YOU CAN'T SEE WHAT'S MOVED IN.
THE CIRCUIT
...
WELL.
WE DIDN'T SEE THEM EITHER.
WIPE
WIPE
THEY MOVE FAST.
FASTER THAN YOU THINK.
STAY
IN THE
SHADOWS
PREDATORS DON'T SLEEP.
NEITHER DOES THE CIRCUIT.
THE CIRCUIT
WE DELIVER.
YOU SURVIVE.
MAYBE.


MILITARY QUARANTINE ZONE
RESTRICTED ACCESS
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY
VIOLATORS WILL BE SHOT ON SIGHT
THE QUARANTINE ENCAMPMENT.
DAY 17.




THIS PLACE WAS BUILT TO SAVE LIVES. NOW IT'S JUST WAITING TO TAKE THEM.
MIRA
GREENLINE SCOUT
AGE: 25


QUARANTINE ZONES DON'T GET ABANDONED WITHOUT A REASON.
RAFE
UNDERWORKS FIELD SCOUT
AGE: 26


AND INFECTION ZONES DON'T STAY QUIET THIS LONG UNLESS THEY'VE ALREADY WON.
NATALIE
RECON SPECIALIST
AGE: 24


NO BODIES. NO SIGNS OF STRUGGLE. JUST...GONE.


LIKE THEY PACKED UP AND LEFT IN A HURRY.


OR LIKE SOMETHING MADE THEM RUN.


UNDERWORKS QUARANTINE
FORWARD OBSERVATION POST 7
SECTOR 12-7A
23:47 HRS
ANOTHER QUIET NIGHT IN THE SHIT.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
NO CONTACT. NO MOVEMENT. JUST HOW I LIKE IT.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
UNTIL IT ISN'T.
TEAR
NOW.
ONE SHOT. ONE LESS PROBLEM.
THUD
THEY DON'T FEEL PAIN.
THEY DON'T STOP.
SO YOU DON'T HESITATE.
THE HOLLOW.
ALWAYS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK.
ALWAYS HUNGRY.
ALWAYS WATCHING.
ALWAYS WAITING.


MILITARY QUARANTINE ZONE
THIRD PERIMETER
INFECTED POPULATION:
UNCONFIRMED
RESTRICTED ACCESS
FLI-AREA QZ-03
WARNING
NATALIE
RECON SPECIALIST
24 / ♀ / A NEG
HOLLOW KILL COUNT:
137
SHK
SHRAK
QZ-03
THE HOLLOW
UNPREDICTABLE
UNRELENTING
UNHUMAN
NOT HUNGRY.
JUST EMPTY.
SURVIVAL ISN'T ABOUT STRENGTH.
IT'S ABOUT PRECISION. CONTROL. DISCIPLINE.
AND KNOWING WHEN TO END SOMETHING.


MIRA
MILITARY QUARANTINE ENCLAVE
RESTRICTED ACCESS
YOU DON'T BELONG HERE.
TURN AROUND.
HUNGRY.
HOLLOW.
HOME.
...
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!
SOUNDED LIKE THE NORTH GATE GOT HIT!
STAY INSIDE
STAY QUIET
STAY ALIVE
MILITARY AUTHORITY
QUARANTINE PROTOCOL


BLACKWELL
QUARANTINE ZONE
MILITARY PERSONNEL ONLY
THE HOLLOW.
MULTIPLE VECTORS.
CLOSE RANKS.
TRIANGULAR WEDGE.
DISENGAGE.
FIGHT THROUGH.
RULE ONE OF THE UNDERWORKS: NEVER STOP MOVING.
RULE TWO: NEVER LET THEM SURROUND YOU.
SHLKK
BRAKKA BRAKKA
SLASH
PERIMETER 'S TWO MINUTES OUT.
KEEP ROTATING!
THIS IS HOW WE SURVIVE.
THIS IS HOW WE GET OUT.


WEST SECTOR
QUARANTINE ENCAMPMENT
RESTRICTED ACCESS
MILITARY CONTROLLED ZONE
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY
VIOLATORS WILL BE
SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE DETENTION
AND POSSIBLE LETHAL FORCE
KSSHH--
CENTRAL GENERATOR
DIESEL SUPPLY LINE
CORRODED SECTION C-7
FUEL LINE RUPTURED!
IGNITION CONFIRMED!
SPREADING TO TENT SECTOR B!
EVACUATE NOW!
MOVE! MOVE! MOVE!
MAJOR MIRA?
DON'T WAIT FOR ORDERS.
LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER.
WE ALL GET OUT. TOGETHER.


MILITARY QUARANTINE ENCAMPMENT
SECTOR 7: PERIMETER BREACH
23:47 HOURS
THE HOLLOW.
INFECTED HUMANS.
DISORIENTED.
UNPREDICTABLE.
UNSTOPPABLE.
DON'T SLOW.
RIGHT. BEHIND YOU.
...
HNNNN...
NNNNN—
HNNGHH—
CUT A HARD DIAGONAL.
WALL IS OUR ONLY EXIT.
BREAK OUT.
OPEN ZONE.
DON'T STOP.
SECTOR 7
QUARANTINE ZONE
LETHAL FORCE
AUTHORIZED
SURVIVE.


CROSSWINDS
VETERINARY CLINIC.
WESTERN SAFARI PARK.
CROSSWINDS
VETERINARY CLINIC
24HR EMERGENCY
EVENING.
CROSSWINDS IS CLOSED.
TURN AROUND.
WE'RE WITH THE CIRCUIT.
JUST PASSING THROUGH.
SIA.
GUESTS.
INCOMING.
CIRCUIT. FRIEND?











KAEL
COMBAT-SCAVENGER
STRATEGIST

SIA
COMBAT MEDIC
VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

ARIS
SENIOR SURGEON
ECCENTRIC

VALE
COURIER
THE CIRCUIT


OUTER PERIMETER,
UNDERWORKS MILITARY FACILITY 7B.
RESTRICTED AREA
LETHAL FORCE AUTHORIZED
KRAK
SHHK
RAFE.
YOU'RE GETTING WAY TOO COMFY UP CLOSE.
TOO LOUD TO SHOOT OUT HERE.
MIRA
UNDERWORKS FIELD SCOUT
AGE: 25 HT: 166CM
RAFE
UNDERWORKS FIELD SCOUT
AGE: 26 HT: 178CM

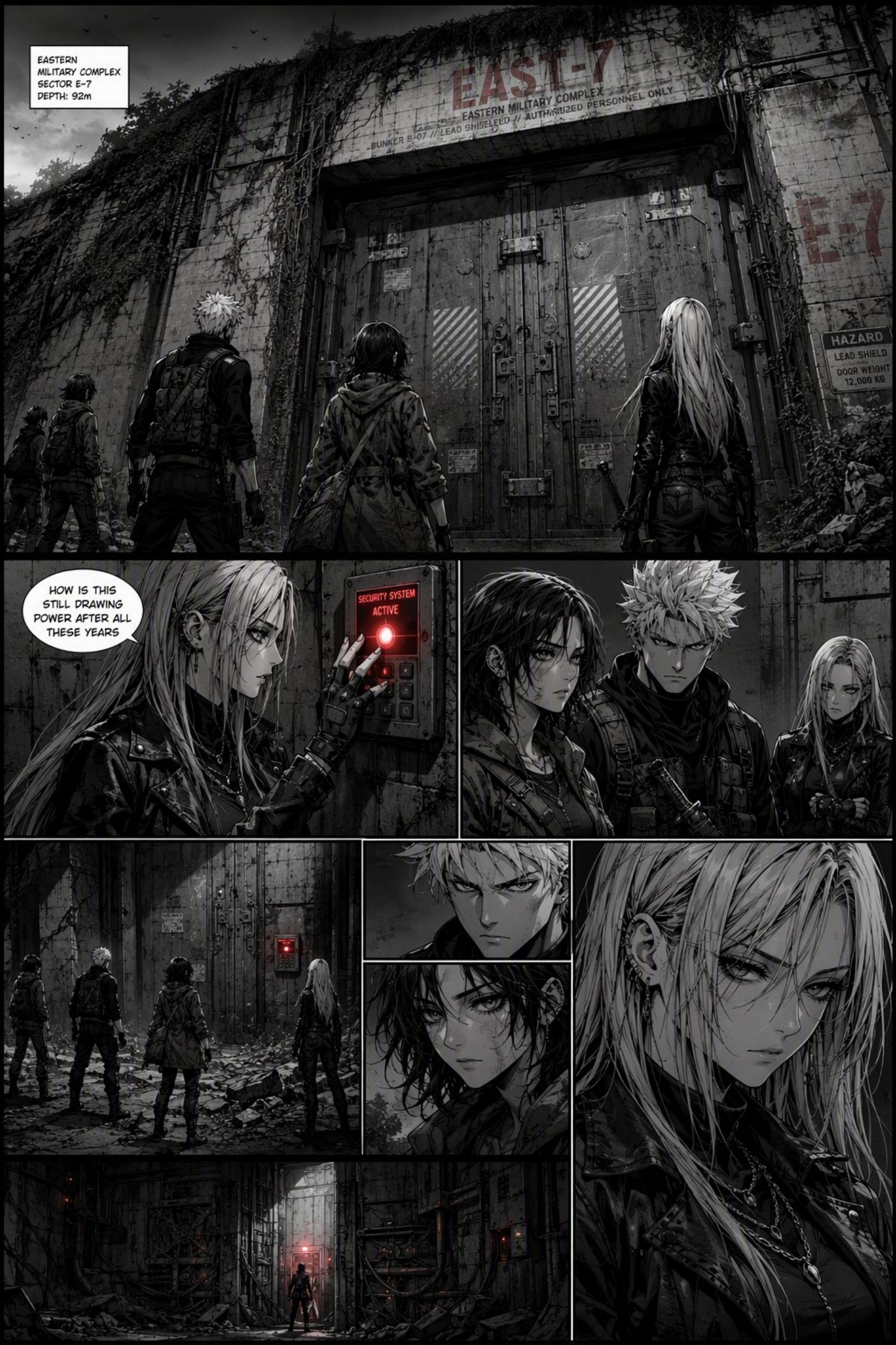

THE EVACUATION OF THE SAFARI NODE BEGINS.
MOVEMENT IN THE BRUSH.
RRRGGGRR...
KAEL. HOLD.
?!
RAAARGH!
OH SHIT...
HOLY FUCK...
FULL GROWN MALE. MASSIVE. SCAR PATTERNS CONFIRM—
RAARGH
--OLD KING. SAME ONE THAT TOOK OUT THREE REAVER HOUNDS LAST MONTH.
NATURE REMAINS EFFICIENT.
MESSY. BUT EFFICIENT.
LET'S MOVE.
YEAH... LET'S MOVE.


THEY AREN'T HUNTING THE CAT! THEY'RE TRACKING THE GRAZING HERDS, AND WE'RE CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE!


SAVANNAH VIEW SAFARI
EST. 1978
TOUR TICKETS
SAFARI INFORMATION
MAPS
THE WALL FELL.
THE HERD DIDN'T SEE.
THE HOLLOW RAN.
WE DON'T STOP.
WE DON'T LOOK BACK.
WE USE THEIR PANIC.
THEY FEED OUR SURVIVAL.


ESCAPING THE DEADLY CRUSH OF THE STAMPEDE REQUIRES TOTAL SQUAD COORDINATION.
VALE
32 / COURIER
THE CIRCUIT
MOVE, DOCTOR! NOW!
JORY
22 / SCAVENGER
UP!
ON THE PLANTER!
KAEL
28 / COMBAT SCAVENGER
BARRIER INCOMING!
KLANG!
SIA
34 / COMBAT MEDIC
EX-VET TECH
THE HOLLOW FEEL NO PAIN. NO FEAR. ONLY HUNGER.


ARKHAVEN ZOO
THE SAFARI NODE IS SECURED.
EXTRACTION IS GREEN.
EVERYONE DOWN.
AFTER YOU.
ROUTE MARKERS CONFIRM CIRCUIT TRAIL.
WE'RE HOME.
THE STAMPEDE FAKES FADE TO A MUFFLED RUMBLE OVERHEAD.


EASTERN
MILITARY COMPLEX
SECTOR E-7
DEPTH: 92m
EAST-7
EASTERN MILITARY COMPLEX
BUNKER B-07 // LEAD SHIELDED // AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY
E-7
HAZARD
LEAD SHIELD
DOOR WEIGHT
12,000 KG
HOW IS THIS STILL DRAWING POWER AFTER ALL THESE YEARS
SECURITY SYSTEM ACTIVE


UNDERWORKS
MISSILE SILO COMPLEX BRAVO-7
DECOMMISSIONED
23°17'44.8"N 113°05'12.6"E
THIS ISN'T JUST OLD MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE.
THIS IS SOMETHING OLDER.
OLDER THAN WHAT?
OLDER THAN US.
BOTTOMLESS.
LIKE ALL THE STORIES.
THEY BUILT TO PROTECT US FROM MONSTERS. THEY FORGOT. SOME MONSTERS SLEEP BELOW.


?!
MISSILE SILO 07
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY


AH—!

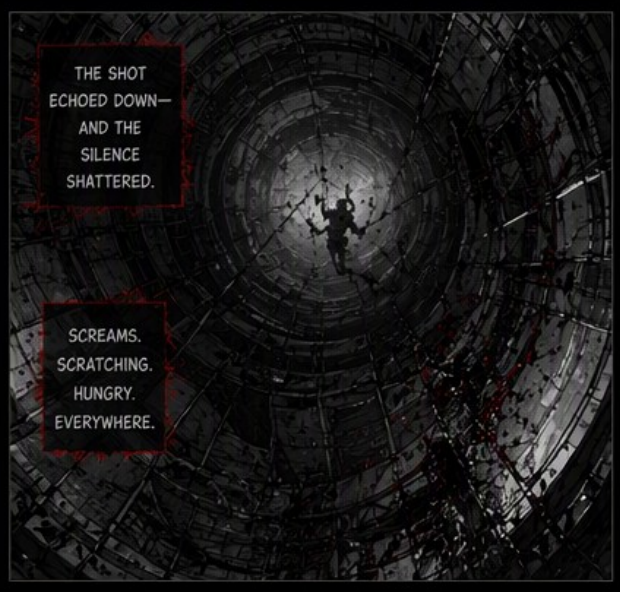

GOT YOU.



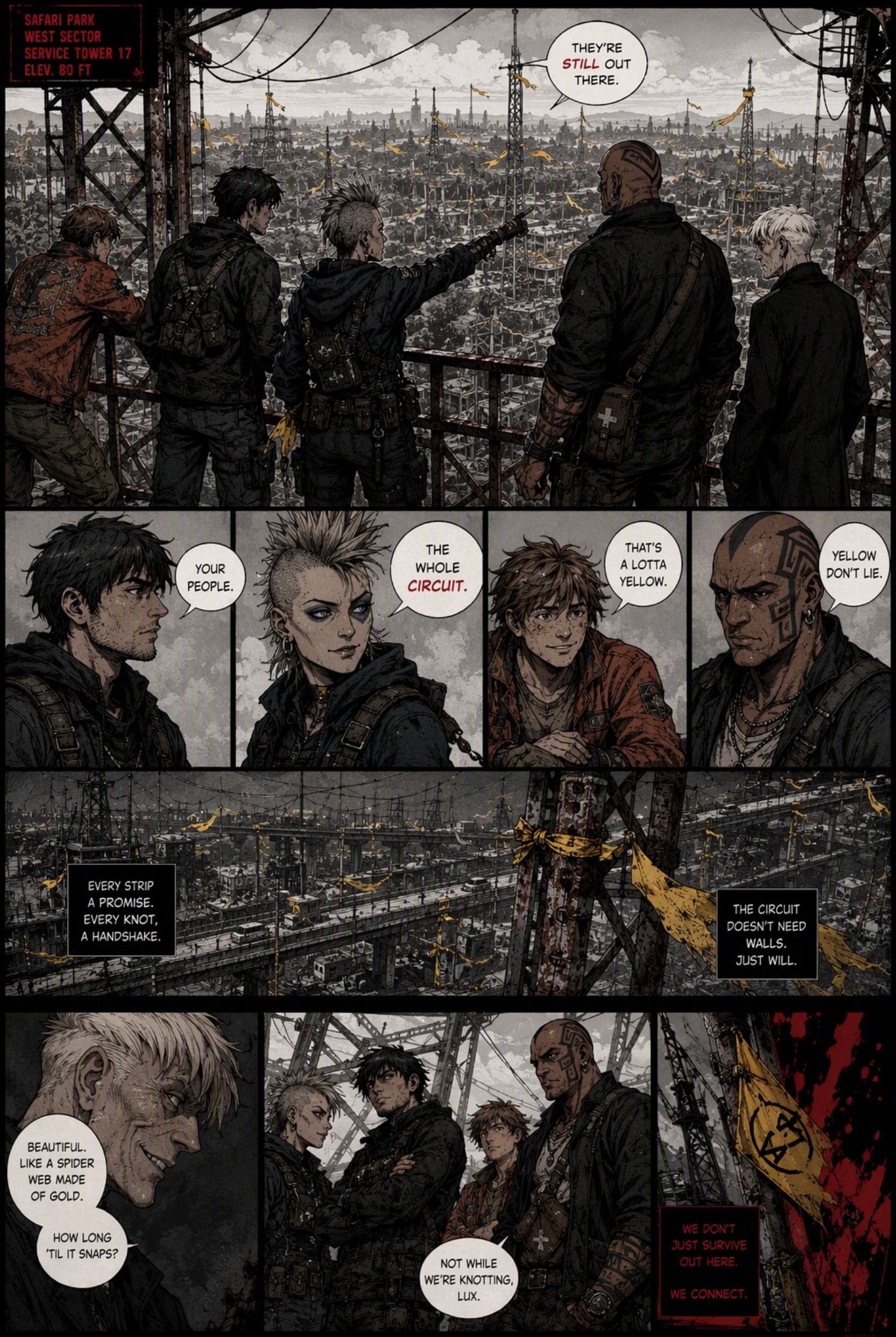

BLAM


SKREEEEAAAAAH


MISSILE SILO 7
...


THE SHOT ECHOED DOWN— AND THE SILENCE SHATTERED.
SCREAMS. SCRATCHING. HUNGRY. EVERYWHERE.


UNDERWORKS MILITARY LAUNCH FIELD
SECTOR 14-G / SILO D7
02:17
ONE, TWO— NOW!
HEAVE!
KLAANGG
REBAR. THROUGH THE LOCK. NOW.
GOT IT.
KRRNNGH
SEALED. PRESSURE LOCK ENGAGED.
SILO D7 SEALED
THUD
...IT'S DOWN THERE.
ALL OF IT.
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
AND IT'S NOT SLEEPING.


SAFARI PARK
WEST SECTOR
SERVICE TOWER 17
ELEV. 80 FT
THEY'RE STILL OUT THERE.
YOUR PEOPLE.
THE WHOLE CIRCUIT.
THAT'S A LOTTA YELLOW.
YELLOW DON'T LIE.
EVERY STRIP A PROMISE. EVERY KNOT, A HANDSHAKE.
THE CIRCUIT DOESN'T NEED WALLS. JUST WILL.
BEAUTIFUL. LIKE A SPIDER WEB MADE OF GOLD.
HOW LONG 'TIL IT SNAPS?
NOT WHILE WE'RE KNOTTING, LUX.
WE DON'T JUST SURVIVE OUT HERE.
WE CONNECT.


THE CIRCUIT.
WESTERN STEEL TOWER.
THE LAST LOOK WEST.


EASTERN SILO COMPLEX.
SEALED MISSILE SILO CAP.
THE LAST LOOK EAST.
SECURITY ACTIVE


HOW MUCH FURTHER YOU THINK, KAEL?
ANOTHER TWO NIGHTS IF THE WIND HOLDS.
THREE IF IT DOESN'T.
THREE NIGHTS?! THEN WE TAKE THE LONG WAY.
MORE PLACES. MORE STUFF.


KAEL [DISTANT]
...MIRA.
MIRA
I'M HERE.


MORE RISK.
MORE BODIES.
BODIES ARE INEVITABLE.
PURPOSE ISN'T.


[STATIC]


PURPOSE. HA.
YEAH. RIGHT.
BESIDES, WE'RE NOT HERE FOR PURPOSE.
WE'RE HERE FOR EACH OTHER.
THAT'S ENOUGH.


KAEL [DISTANT]
GOOD.