

**TRANSIAN FEDERAL  
HOUSE.**  
*DAY 4 SINCE CABLE'S ABDUCTION.*



ANY PROGRESS, DEATHLOK?

NONE.  
IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME, DOMINO.



IT'S ALREADY BEEN FOUR DAYS.

THIS TIME-TRAVEL DEVICE IS A VERY COMPLEX MACHINE. I AM ONLY ABLE TO UNDERSTAND LESS THAN 12.6% OF HOW IT IS PROGRAMMED AT THIS POINT. YESTERDAY, I UNDERSTOOD 9.7%.

PROGRESS IS BEING MADE.



THE TEAM'S GETTING RESTLESS. WE WENT FROM ALL-OUT WAR WITH STRYFE AND HIS TEAM TO JUST SITTING ON OUR HANDS, WAITING.

WE'RE... I'M WORRIED THAT IF WE DON'T GET THIS UP AND RUNNING SOON, WE MIGHT BE TOO LATE.



WE CAN'T LET CABLE DOWN.





I HAVE NO INTENTION OF LETTING HIM DOWN.



BUT THIS DEVICE WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE OPENED FROM HERE. IT IS LIKE A DOOR THAT CAN ONLY BE UNLOCKED FROM THE OTHER SIDE.

I AM TRYING TO REPROGRAM A SYSTEM I AM UNFAMILIAR WITH TO DO SOMETHING IT WAS NOT DESIGNED TO DO. I AM TRYING TO UNLOCK THE FUTURE.



IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THAT, I AM GOING TO NEED TIME.

CAN YOU GIVE A BALLPARK? HOURS? DAYS? WEEKS? GIVE ME SOMETHING I CAN TAKE TO THE REST OF THE--

NO.



MY TACHYON PROBABILITY GENERATOR WAS DAMAGED BY AHAB. I CANNOT PREDICT WITH ANY DEGREE OF ACCURACY HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE.



ANYTHING I TELL YOU NOW WOULD BE A LIE.



WHAT I CAN TELL YOU IS THIS...



...THE TIME SPENT ENGAGED IN THIS CONVERSATION IS TIME SPENT DISTRACTED FROM THE TASK. YOU ARE SLOWING THE PROCESS.




I WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN I HAVE SOMETHING TO REPORT.



**STRYFE'S HQ.**  
**2,000 YEARS FROM NOW.**



INTERESTING...



...WITH THE  
POWER DAMPENER ON  
AND YOUR TELEKINETIC  
ABILITIES NO LONGER  
AT YOUR DISPOSAL, WE  
GET TO SEE THE  
**TRUE NATHAN  
DAYSRING.**

YOU CAN  
TORTURE ME  
ALL YOU WANT,  
STRYFE--

YOU'RE  
A WALKING  
INFECTION.

--I'LL  
TELL YOU  
NOTHING.

SLOWLY  
TURNING INTO  
METAL.




HOW LONG BEFORE YOU ARE  
NOTHING MORE THAN A PILE  
OF SCRAP? HMMM?

DID YOU  
HEAR ME? YOU'LL  
GET NOTHING FROM  
ME. SO, IF YOU'RE  
GOING TO KILL ME  
THEN GET IT  
OVER WITH.




YES,  
I HEARD  
YOU.

I'M SURE THAT YOU  
MUST FEEL VERY BRAVE.  
THE ASKANI'SON STARES  
INTO THE EYES OF  
DEATH AND SPITS  
IN ITS FACE.



I HAVE NO  
DOUBT THAT  
YOU ARE TRUE  
TO YOUR  
WORD.




BUT, I  
ALSO KNOW THAT  
YOU ARE LOYAL  
TO YOUR CLAN  
CHOSEN.



SO, TELL  
ME WHERE THE  
CLAN ASKANI  
IS HIDING...

AND THAT YOU WOULD DO  
**EVERYTHING** WITHIN  
YOUR POWER TO  
**SAVE THEM.**

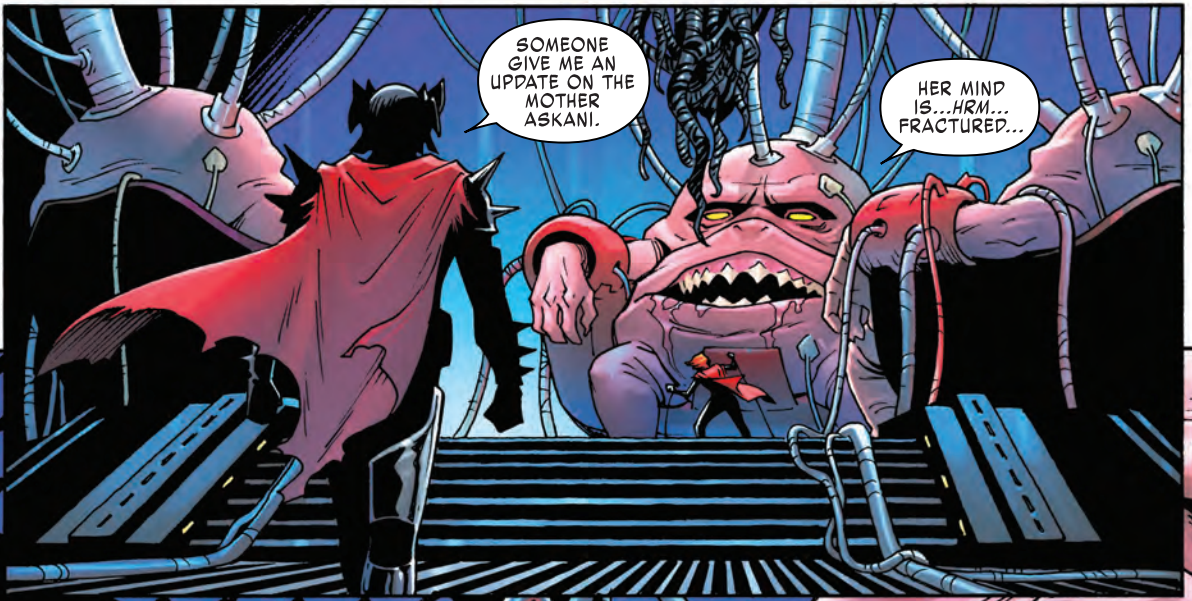


...OR I  
KILL THEM,  
ONE BY ONE,  
WHILE YOU  
WATCH.









SOMEONE GIVE ME AN UPDATE ON THE MOTHER ASKANI.

HER MIND IS...HRM... FRACTURED...



IT...WILL TAKE US TIME TO... DEPROGRAM HER FROM HER...HRM... CURRENT STATE...

KILLLLLLL...

DIVIDING OUR FOCUS BETWEEN... HRMMMM...HER MIND, WHILE CONSISTENTLY MONITORING THE... HRM...NEW SOLDIERS...



...OUR TELEPATHIC CAPABILITIES ARE... HRMM...SPREAD TOO THIN.

I HAVE EVERY FAITH THAT YOU CRONEN CAN DO WHAT I ASK OF YOU.



SINCE THE CLAN CHOSEN ARE NOT TALKING, SHE MAY BE OUR ONLY AVENUE FOR BRINGING DOWN THE CLAN ASKANI.

I NEED HER READY, AND SOON.

UNGGGGH...