

FADE IN:

EXT. ORBITAL PLATFORM - DAY

A vast industrial space platform hovers over the horizon of SOBRIETTA, bathed in golden light. Workers in tech gear move across scaffolding.

KAEL DRAVYN (20s, dark-skinned, dreadlocks, quiet intensity) calibrates a mechanical arm. He's alone in a pocket of noise and wind.

CO-WORKER (O.S.)

Yo, Kael! You good out there?

Kael gives a thumbs-up without looking. His eyes are locked on a point in the sky.

A soft HUM begins to rise. Kael stiffens.

FLASH -

INT. KAEL'S MIND - VISION

A jagged tear rips through the sky. Cities collapse. Fire rains down. A SYMBOL pulses - ancient, burning orange.

BACK TO SCENE:

Kael gasps. Drops his tool. Collapses.

CO-WORKER (O.S.)

Kael!

SMASH CUT TO:

EXT. VILLAGE - EVENING

A modest tech-integrated village. Soft lights glow from rounded structures. Kael walks with a slight limp.

INT. KAEL'S HOME - NIGHT

KAEL scribbles the SYMBOL onto a screen, shaking. MIRA DRAVYN (30s, warm but pragmatic) enters.

MIRA

You're still drawing that thing?

KAEL

I saw it again. Stronger this time.

MIRA

Maybe it's stress. You haven't taken a real break since-

KAEL

No. It's not in my head.

INT. TAVERN - NIGHT

Kael tries to tell others. They mock him.

LOCAL

Next thing you'll tell us the stars are screaming.

Kael leaves, frustrated.

EXT. WASTELAND - DAY

Kael walks alone. Ahead, the ruins of a temple.

INT. TEMPLE RUINS - DAY

KAEL explores. Ancient glyphs pulse faintly. A cloaked figure appears - VOREHN, the Shaman.

VOREHN

You felt it, didn't you? The Agony.

Kael tenses.

KAEL

What are you?

VOREHN

A mirror. And a messenger.

He tosses Kael a small device - it glows in Kael's hand.

VOREHN (CONT'D)

Your blood remembers. You are Chosen.

Kael recoils.

KAEL

I don't believe in fate.

VOREHN

Fate believes in you.

EXT. DESERT VILLAGE - NIGHT

RIVEN and SELA prepare gear under cover of darkness.

RIVEN

He's awake. The Chosen boy.

SELA

Then we begin.

EXT. CANYON PATH - DUSK

Kael moves through tight rock corridors. Shadows move. ZEALOTS ambush him.

Kael fights but is quickly overwhelmed.

Just as a blade is raised -

BLAM. A figure drops from above. Fast. Precise.

AGENT 55 (female form, masked, dark armor) neutralizes the zealots in moments.

Kael loses consciousness.

INT. HIDDEN OUTPOST - NIGHT

Kael wakes. Agent 55 tends to gear, unbothered.

KAEL

You could've let them kill me.

AGENT 55

Thought about it.

KAEL

Why save me?

AGENT 55

They were loud.

Silence. Kael stares.

KAEL

You're Chosen.

AGENT 55

Not anymore.

Beat.

AGENT 55 (CONT'D)

You're not special. Just a target.

KAEL

Then what are you?

Agent 55 removes her mask. Scarred. Tired. Human.

AGENT 55

Someone who saw it happen... and didn't stop it.

EXT. DESERT - NIGHT

A distant beacon activates, pulsing.

INT. TEMPLE - SAME TIME

Vorehn stands at a window, smiling.

VOREHN

The wheel turns.

FADE OUT.

TO BE CONTINUED.