

AETHRA

— CITY  RUSH —

PART 1

THE LAST LIGHT





AETHRA CITY.
THE LIGHT ABOVE ALL.

A CITY BUILT ON UNITY.
POWERED BY HARMONY.
GUIDED BY HOPE.



EVERY DAY
WAS A PROMISE
OF TOMORROW.

KNOWLEDGE
SERVICE
PROGRESS

TOGETHER
WE BUILD
A FUTURE
ETERNAL.



CLEAN ENERGY.
BOUNDLESS INNOVATION.
PEACE THROUGH UNITY.

AETHRA WAS
MORE THAN A CITY.
IT WAS A LIGHT.



ITS PEOPLE.
ITS DREAMS.
OUR HOME.



I NEVER KNEW
HOW BRIGHT
IT COULD BURN...

...UNTIL THE
DARKNESS CAME.

AETHRA CITY
ENERGY CORE FACILITY

MOM... IS THAT
WHAT POWERS
THE WHOLE CITY?

YES, KAEI.

THE AETHRA CORE.

THE HEART OF
EVERYTHING.


AETHRA CORE
POWERING HARMONY.
SUSTAINING LIFE.

DEEP BENEATH
AETHRA, THE CORE
CONVERTS PURE
ENERGY FROM
THE ETHERIUM
CRYSTALS.

IT POWERS OUR
HOMES, OUR SCHOOLS,
OUR TRANSPORT, OUR
MEDICAL SYSTEMS...

...EVERYTHING
WE RELY ON.

BUT THE CORE
ISN'T JUST
MACHINERY.

IT'S A PROMISE.

OUR PROMISE
TO BUILD A BETTER
FUTURE—TOGETHER.

SO... AS LONG AS
THE CORE SHINES,
AETHRA CAN
KEEP GROWING?

AS LONG AS WE
PROTECT IT, NURTURE IT,
AND USE IT WISELY—
YES.

I KNOW YOU'LL
DO GREAT THINGS,
KAEI.

ONE DAY, YOU
MIGHT HELP MAKE
THE CORE EVEN
STRONGER.

I WANNA HELP
MAKE SURE IT
NEVER FADES.

SO THE LIGHT
NEVER GOES OUT.

I PROMISE.

THE FIRST WARNING

AT 14:42, THE AETHRA CORE DETECTED ANOMALOUS ENERGY FLUCTUATIONS.

WHAT BEGAN AS A RIPPLE...
SOON BECAME A STORM.



WHAT'S
HAPPENING?



CORE INSTABILITY
LEVEL 3

THE CORE... IT'S
OVERLOADING!



ENERGY
CONTAINMENT
FAILURE
IMMINENT!

THE LIGHT THAT
SUSTAINED US...
BEGAN TO BREAK.



WARNING: CASCADE FAILURE
POSSIBLE IN T-MINUS 02:17



AETHRA CITY
EMERGENCY ALERT



SHELTER IN PLACE
WAIT FOR INSTRUCTIONS

CORE ALERT
LEVEL 3



EVACUATION
PROTOCOL
STANDBY

ACROSS THE CITY, THE WARNING
SPREAD FASTER THAN THE TRUTH.



AND THEN...
THE CORE SCREAMED.



CRITICAL FAILURE
IMMINENT

T-MINUS 00:45



THE COLLAPSE

THE AETHRA CORE
FAILED.
AND WITH IT...
OUR CITY.

IN SECONDS,
EVERYTHING WE
BUILT... EVERYTHING
WE KNEW...
BEGAN TO FALL.

EMERGENCY ALERT
CORE COLLAPSE
EVACUATE NOW
SEEK SHELTER

KAEL! STAY
CLOSE! WHATEVER
HAPPENS—

WE'LL FIND
EACH OTHER!

KAEL!

BUT THE CROWD
WAS TOO BIG.
THE CHAOS...
TOO FAST.

POWER GRID FAILURE
SECTORS OFFLINE
— LIFE SUPPORT CRITICAL —

AND IN THE END...
ALL THAT WAS LEFT
WAS DARKNESS.

I WAS ALONE.

LOST IN THE DARKNESS



THE CITY
IS GONE.

MY WORLD...
SHATTERED.



MOM?!
DAD?!



PLEASE...
WHERE ARE
YOU?



EVERY VOICE...
GONE.

EVERY LIGHT...
EXTINGUISHED.

SECTOR 7
EVACUATION FAILED
NO SIGNAL

I'M LEFT WITH
NOTHING BUT
THE DARK.



BUT I WON'T
STOP LOOKING.

I WON'T STOP
HOPING.

BECAUSE
THEY'RE
MY FAMILY.



SOMEWHERE
OUT THERE...

THEY'RE
LOOKING FOR ME
TOO.

I JUST HAVE
TO KEEP
GOING.

YEARS LATER.

I DON'T KNOW
HOW MUCH TIME
HAS PASSED.

YEARS.
MAYBE MORE.

BUT THE CITY
I KNEW IS GONE...
AND SO IS
EVERYTHING ELSE.

AETHRA
CITY

ONCE WE ROSE.
NOW WE
REMEMBER.

I'M KAEV VOSS.
ONE OF THE FEW
STILL LEFT.

I DON'T SURVIVE
BECAUSE I'M STRONG.

I SURVIVE
BECAUSE I MOVE.

BECAUSE I ADAPT.
BECAUSE I NEVER
STOP SEARCHING.

THE OLD SECTORS...
THERE'S STILL
THINGS TO FIND.

TECH. SUPPLIES.
PIECES OF THE PAST.

AETHRA ENERGY NETWORK
CORE STATUS: OFFLINE
SECTORS
01 - 09
NO SIGNAL

SOMETIMES...
CLUES.

THE CORE
WAS OUR HEART.
THEY KILLED IT.
WE LOST
EVERYTHING.

SOME SAY THE CORE
WAS THE REASON
FOR OUR FALL.

MAYBE THEY'RE RIGHT.

BUT I BELIEVE...
THERE'S STILL A WAY
TO BRING LIGHT BACK.

I DON'T KNOW HOW.
I DON'T KNOW WHEN.

BUT I WILL FIND IT.

THE SHARD

BENEATH THE
RUINS OF AETHRA...
SOME SECRETS
WERE NEVER MEANT
TO BE FOUND.



AETHRA ENERGY FACILITY
SECTOR 12B
RESTRICTED ACCESS
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY

CORE ARCHIVE
SECTION 7
ENERGY RESEARCH
LONG-TERM STORAGE

OLD WORLD
TECH. LONG
DEAD.

BUT SOMETHING
DREW ME
DEEPER.

AND THEN
I FOUND IT.

THE SHARD.

PULSING WITH
ENERGY I CAN'T
EVEN BEGIN TO
UNDERSTAND.

ANCIENT.
POWERFUL.
ALIVE.

IT CALLS TO ME...
LIKE IT KNOWS ME.

WHAT IS THIS?
AND WHY DOES IT
FEEL LIKE... HOME?

SOME QUESTIONS...
AREN'T MEANT TO BE
ANSWERED YET.

UNKNOWN ENERGY SIGNATURE
MATCH: NONE

RESTORATION

THE SHARD
RESPONDED.

NOT TO ME...
BUT TO AETHRA.

I'M NOT
SAVING THE CITY.

I'M JUST...
THE SPARK.

LIGHTS FLICKERED
BACK TO LIFE.

SIGNS REACTIVATED.

BUILDINGS
POWERED ON.

THE ENERGY
SPREAD.

THROUGH EVERY
SECTOR...
THROUGH EVERY
RUIN.

AETHRA WAS
AWAKENING.

AND HOPE...
WAS RETURNING.

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TOMORROW
WILL BRING.

BUT FOR THE
FIRST TIME IN
YEARS...

...I BELIEVE
WE HAVE A
FUTURE.

AETHRA
RISES

SOMETHING AWAKENS

DEEP BENEATH AETHRA...
IN A FACILITY LONG
FORGOTTEN.

ALL SYSTEMS: OFFLINE
SECURITY PROTOCOLS: DORMANT
AI UNIT: H-07 "THE HUNTER"
STATUS: INACTIVE

SECTOR OMEGA
AI CORE CHAMBER
AUTHORIZED ACCESS ONLY

WHAT IS THIS
PLACE...?

AI ENFORCER UNIT H-07
"THE HUNTER"

BUILT TO ELIMINATE THREATS.

SEALED AWAY AFTER
THE COLLAPSE.

SYSTEMS DETECTING
EXTERNAL POWER SOURCE...
REACTIVATING SAFETY PROTOCOLS...

POWERING CORE...
CIRCUITS ONLINE...
MOBILITY SYSTEMS...
WEAPON SYSTEMS...

VISOR ONLINE...

TARGETING PROTOCOLS
INITIALIZED.

PRIMARY DIRECTIVE:
ELIMINATE.

CONTAINMENT RELEASE
IN 5...
IN 4...
IN 3...
IN 2...
IN 1...
RELEASED.

THIS IS
BAD...

WARNING
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AI UNIT H-07
"THE HUNTER"
ACTIVE
EVACUATE ALL SECTORS
IMMEDIATELY

H-07
THE HUNTER
ONLINE

TO BE CONTINUED

POST-CREDIT SCENE
AETHRA CITY RUSH

FAR BEYOND THE
RESTORED DISTRICTS...
IN THE FROZEN WASTES
OF OLD AETHRA...

THE CITY NEVER
REACHED HERE AGAIN.

BENEATH THE ICE...
SOMETHING SLEEPS.

A CORE FRAGMENT...
LOST SINCE THE FALL.

BURIED.
FORGOTTEN.
UNTIL NOW.

ENERGY SIGNATURE
DETECTED.

ANOMALOUS REACTIVATION
INITIATED.

CORE FRAGMENT
RESPONDING...

UNKNOWN PROTOCOL
ENGAGED.

THIS IS NOT
THE ONLY FRAGMENT.

SOMETHING IS
COMING...

AETHRA CITY RUSH 2
COMING SOON