



THE EYE OF THE ANCIENTS. THE PORTAL TO THE ASTRAL PLANE.



WHAT ABOUT AGANOS? DOESN'T HE NEED THAT?

NOT ANYMORE.



KRAKK

HIS WORK IS DONE.



KRRMMM



WHAT TREACHERY IS THIS?

HE HAS MERELY SHED HIS PHYSICAL FORM. ALL THAT HE WAS NOW RESIDES WITHIN THE EYE.

THIS IS THE GATEWAY, BUT TO OPEN IT, I NEED THE COMBINED POWER OF YOUR GUARDIAN SPIRITS.





I DO NOT TRUST THIS CUR. HE WILL BETRAY US THE INSTANT HE HAS WHAT HE WANTS!

TEMPTING, BUT NO... I AM MERELY BEING LOGICAL.

GAINING ACCESS TO THE ASTRAL PLANE IS ONE THING, BUT IT IS A NEAR LIMITLESS EXPANSE.

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO FIND THE SOURCE OF THE CONFLAGRATION?



WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

TO OPEN THE GATEWAY AND OFFER UP YOUR GUARDIAN SPIRITS AS A LURE.

WHEN THEY ARE TAKEN, THEY AND YOU ALL WILL BE DRAWN THROUGH TO THE LOCATION OF THE ENERGY DRAIN.



AND OUR POWERS AFTWARDS?

WILL BE GONE THERE IS LITTLE I CAN DO ABOUT THAT. IT IS THE PRICE YOU PAY TO KNOW THE TRUTH OF THIS.

I CONCEDE, THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE HARDLY IDEAL. MY POWERS ARE ALSO IN DECLINE.

SOON I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE THEM TO OPEN THE GATEWAY AND THERE WILL BE NOTHING ELSE WE CAN DO.



IF WE SUCCEED, OUR POWERS WILL RETURN TO US?

YES, IN THEORY, AND I SHOULD BE ABLE TO RETURN YOU TO THIS WORLD.



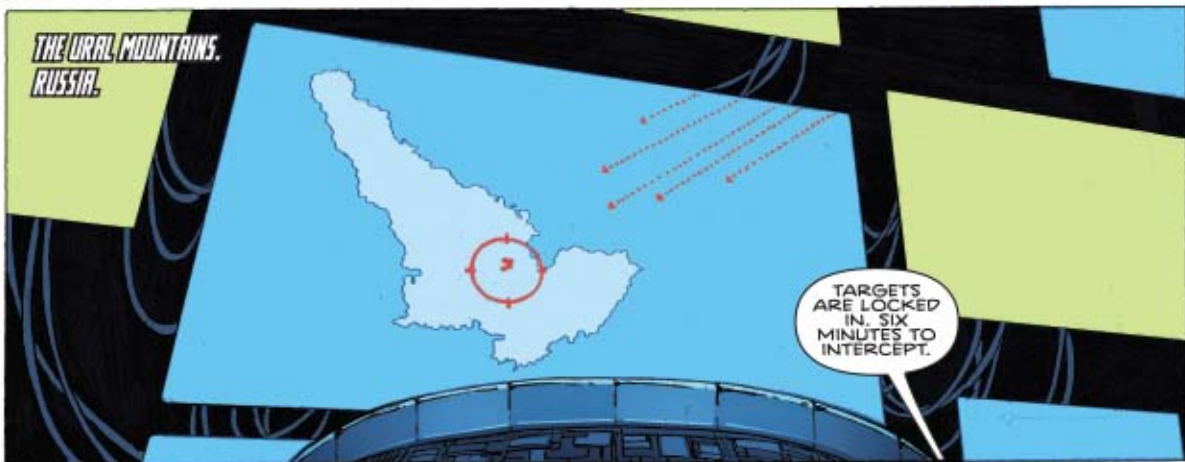
AND IF WE FAIL? HOW WILL YOU BRING US BACK?

OH, MY DEAR, THERE'LL BE NO NEED.





"YOU'LL
ALREADY
BE DEAD."



*THE URAL MOUNTAINS.
RUSSIA.*

TARGETS
ARE LOCKED
IN. SIX
MINUTES TO
INTERCEPT.



NO DEFENSIVE
COUNTERMEASURES
HAVE BEEN DETECTED
OR DEPLOYED. I
DOUBT THEY EVEN
KNOW THEY'VE BEEN
TARGETED.



PITY.

"I WOULD HAVE LIKED THEM TO KNOW IT WAS I WHO KILLED THEM."

HEED ME, LORDS OF THE ABYSS! HEED ME, DWELLERS IN THE DARK! HEED ME, LORDS OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS! FOR I, KAL-BA, COMMAND YOU! BY BREATH AND BLOOD AND BONE, YOU WILL DO MY WILL! OPEN THE GATE, REVEAL THE PATH, SHOW ME THE WAY TO THE WORLD BEYOND!"

*TRANSLATED FROM THE ASSYRIAN

SWORDS! NOW!

THINK

SKRRRKKK

OBSERVE!

IT BEGINS!

