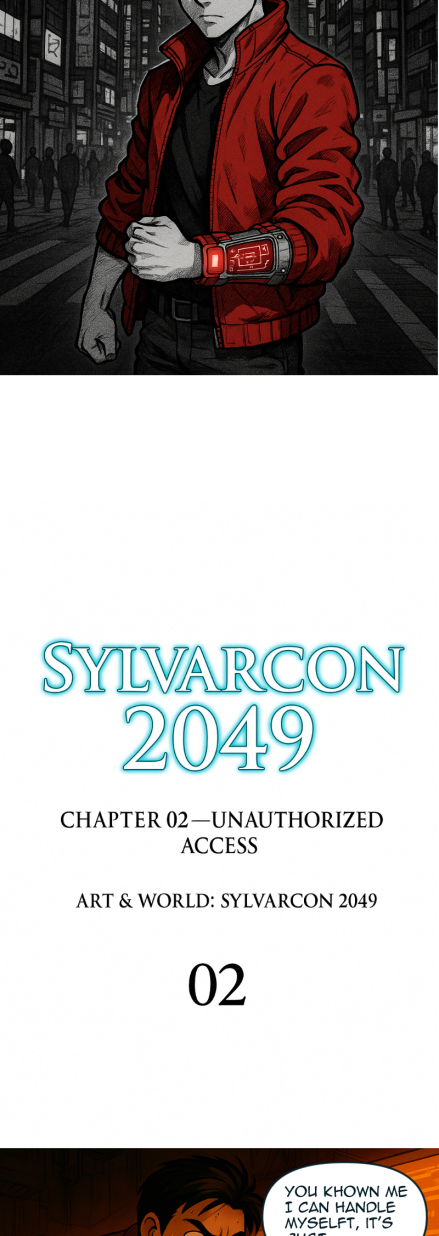


ETHAN



SYLVARCON 2049

CHAPTER 02—UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS

ART & WORLD: SYLVARCON 2049

02



YOU KNOW ME I CAN HANDLE MYSELF, IT'S JUST.....

WAIT!!

WHAT?

UH-HO. LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE ELSE IS IN HERE

GET OUT!!!
ETHAN



UFFFF!! I CAN HANDLE IT GOTTA GO.....

NOW, I NEED..

RE-ROUTE THE FEED FROM HERE.. TO HERE

WOAH!!! IT'S LIKE THAT IT?

RIGHT. IN THAT CASE, TRY THIS! HA! GOTCHA.

Gah! Who the hell WAS that? It's been a long time since I had to fully eject...

Aaand you're OUT! I'm out. >>> CONNECTION TERMINATED

AAAND. YOU'RE OUT! I'M OUT. GAME OVER! PHEW!

SUFU - ETHAN'S APARTMENT.
Ethan's desk, seen in close-up. The monitors are all off. Everything is shut down. His silhouette remains surrounded by the screens, drenched in total silence

AH WELL, LOOKS I'LL HAVE TO SHUT DOWN FOR A WHILE.

TIME TO GET SOME FOOD... OR BETTER YET, SOME SLEEP.

...HMM. BETTER CALL JAILNOR FIRST... TELL HIM I'M OK.

[FLASHBACK]

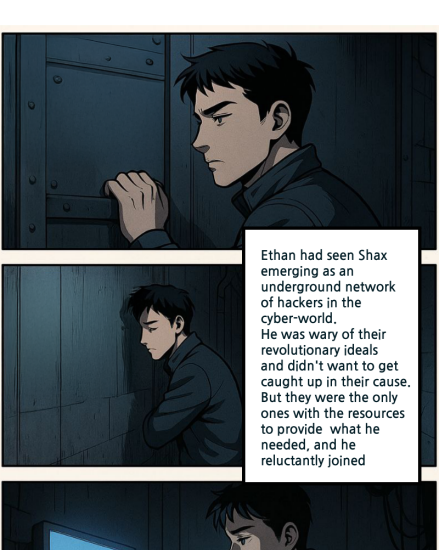
NAME: ETHAN PIPPEN

ALIAS: Z4USX

AGE: 30

STATUS: LEVEL 0

LOCATION: ANTUM DISTRICT, SYLVARCON



Ethan Pippen was 10 years old when his parents succumbed to the 6th generation pandemic. He fled, into the back streets of Sylvarcon with his younger brother,



At 10, Ethan was of working age and sent to the munitions factories to prepare ammunition for the war against the Outsiders.



Subjected to the worst of menial duties, reclaiming raw materials from the waste outlets of Sylvarcon. He knew more than anyone that it was futile busy-work.



Ethan had seen Shax emerging as an underground network of hackers in the cyber-world. He was wary of their revolutionary ideals and didn't want to get caught up in their cause. But they were the only ones to provide what he needed, and he reluctantly joined



Ethan built a reputation as the best hacker in cyber-space, known for his abilities to alter the Lazarus status for Citizens who needed their histories updated - without attracting the attention of Recon and circumventing every known security detection system

WORK AVAILABLE. CONFIRM?

[AT THE PRESENT]

I SHALL CALL JAINOR

JAILNOR? CAN YOU HEAR ME? WHAT IT IS!!!!

JAILNOR!!!

HOW ARE YOU? WHERE IS JAILNOR? ANSWER ME NOW!!!!

JAJA!

EH!!

WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING?

ANTUM I HAB BLOCK DISTRICT
ETHAN'S APARTMENT, SUFU
WE KNOCK WHO YOU ARE...
Z4USX:
ETHAN PIPPEN.
N7FAA-7288XF
YOU MUST PERMA-DELETE
YOUR SYSTEM. ALL CONTACTS.
ALL DATA...
YOUR BROTHER IS IN DANGER.
THEY ARE COMING...
FTZZ.

CONTINUE

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When the daughter of Skytech's founder joins RECON, the truth about Lazarus becomes a target.

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CLAIRE IS NOT HERE TO FOLLOW ORDERS.
SHE'S HERE TO EXPOSE THEM.

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