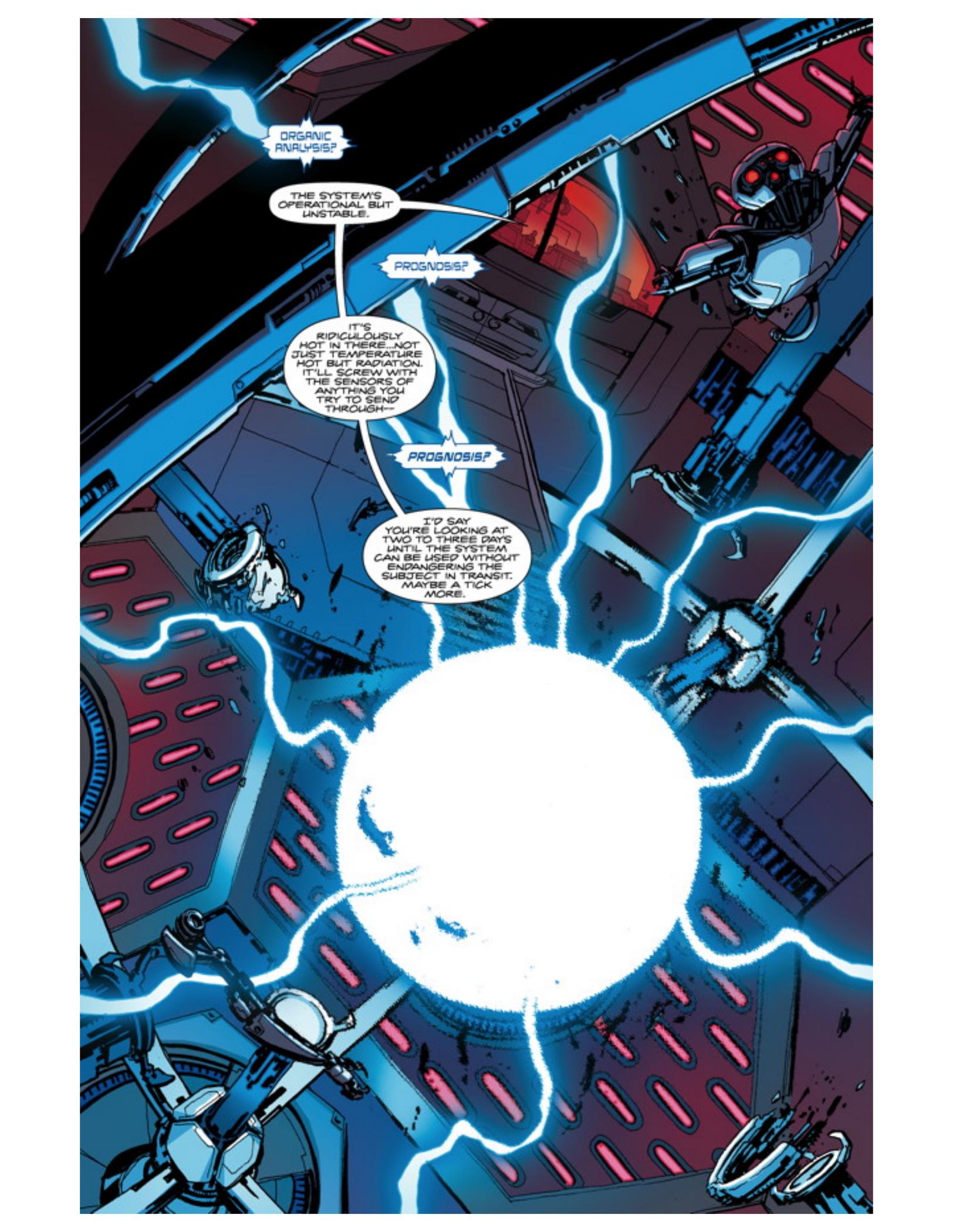


REQUEST PERMISSION
TO ENGAGE FUSION
REACTOR AND ACTIVATE
PRIMARY POWER GRID.



PERMISSION
GRANTED,
ENGAGE.



A comic book panel depicting a futuristic laboratory. In the center, a large, bright white sphere with a glowing blue aura is surrounded by several jagged, blue lightning bolts. The laboratory floor is dark with a grid of red rectangular lights. In the upper right, a robot with a red visor and a blue body is floating. In the lower left, another robot is partially visible. The background shows complex machinery and structural elements of the facility.

ORGANIC ANALYSIS?

THE SYSTEM'S OPERATIONAL BUT UNSTABLE.

PROGNOSIS?

IT'S RIDICULOUSLY HOT IN THERE. NOT JUST TEMPERATURE HOT BUT RADIATION. IT'LL SCREW WITH THE SENSORS OF ANYTHING YOU TRY TO SEND THROUGH--

PROGNOSIS?

I'D SAY YOU'RE LOOKING AT TWO TO THREE DAYS UNTIL THE SYSTEM CAN BE USED WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE SUBJECT IN TRANSIT. MAYBE A TICK MORE.



"TICK" IS IMPRECISE, DR. KOSAN.

YES, WELL, YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCLUDE THE IMPRECISION BUT NO ONE'S EVER BUILT A TIME DOOR BEFORE.



AS IT IS, I BARELY UNDERSTAND THE MATH INVOLVED. MY STRENGTH HAS ALWAYS BEEN SUPERVISING THE ORGANIC ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT, FROM DEVELOPING TISSUE GROWTH FOR THE T-UNITS FROM FIRST DESIGN TO PHASE TWO AND--



--SIGH--
--"TICK" COULD BE AN EXTRA DAY ON EITHER SIDE. WE PROBABLY WON'T KNOW FOR SURE UNTIL WE ACTUALLY SEND SOMETHING BACK.



INSTABILITY OF SYSTEM AND IMPRECISION SUGGEST T-800 UNITS BE UTILIZED FOR INITIAL TIME JUMPS.

WHY THE 800s? IF THE MISSION IS SO IMPORTANT, WHY NOT SEND THE MOST ADVANCED--

T-800 UNITS ARE OLDER MODEL. OUTDATED. EXPENDABLE.



SO YOU JUST TOSS THEM ASIDE. NICE. IN ANOTHER LIFE, YOU COULD'VE BEEN THE C.E.O. OF A MAJOR CORPORATION.

WE HAVE NOT CONCLUDED DEBRIEFING SESSION.

YEAH, WELL, I HAVE TO CHECK ON THE PHASE TWO PROTOTYPE--



--SO IF YOU WANT TO WIN THIS WAR, LET ME DO WHAT I DO BEST, ALL RIGHT?

ACKNOWLEDGED.



