







THOSE HUGE
ROBED FIGURES--
THEY LOOK JUST
LIKE PETRO-
GLYPHS!

THOSE MAGICIANS
ORVILLE MENTIONED
MUST'VE GONE BACK IN
TIME SOMEHOW,
CREATED THE IMAGES
THEMSELVES --
TO STRIKE
THE FEAR OF
GOD...

GODS,
PLURAL...

...INTO THE
LOCALS!

I'VE NEVER
SEEN ANYTHING
LIKE THIS. NOT
EVEN CLOSE.

QUESTION IS, FLYNN, WHAT DO
WE DO ABOUT IT? ANOTHER
HOUR OR SO, AND MANHATTAN
IS GOING TO BE A COLOSSAL
PILE OF RUBBLE...

AND THERE'S SIMILAR
CHATTER COMING IN FROM OTHER
CITIES, TOO. THESE GUYS ARE
EXTENDING THEIR RANGE...

I KNEW ORVILLE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH,
BUT I STILL HOPED THAT SOMEHOW, HE
WAS BLUFFING. HIS STORY WAS TOO
CRAZY, TOO UNBELIEVABLE...

BUT, HERE IT IS,
LIFE-SIZED AND IN
LIVING COLOR, JUST
LIKE ONE OF SCHICK'S
MOVIES!
ONLY THIS
TIME, IT'S THE
REAL DEAL.

HEY...

WHATEVER
HAPPENED TO
ORVILLE?



IMPRESSIVE,
ISN'T IT?

Y-YES.

I THOUGHT
THERE WOULD
BE MORE OF
YOU...

WE DON'T NEED
ANY MORE, ORVILLE NOT
WITH THE INTEL YOU'VE
PROVIDED.

THIS IS JUST
THE START. WE'LL LET
OUR AVATARS RIP NEW
YORK TO PIECES...

THEN WE'LL
GO OUR SEPARATE
WAYS AND BRING
THIS WORLD TO ITS
KNEES.

IT WON'T TAKE MUCH,
EITHER. YOU TAUGHT US
THAT. THIS IS A WORLD IN
CHAOS. A WORLD ON
THE BRINK.

ALL IT
NEEDS...



...IS
ONE SMALL
PUSH.





THE REAL JOKE WAS THAT THE PEOPLE OF THIS REALITY BELIEVED IN THOSE FALSE ARTIFACTS, TOOK THEM SERIOUSLY, AND IMBUED THEM WITH MEANING.

IDIOTS.

BUT WHAT ABOUT ALL THE PLANNING, THE PAINSTAKING PREPARATIONS? ALL THOSE ARTIFACTS PLANTED IN THIS REALITY'S DISTANT PAST?

TESTS. DRY RUNS. JOKES, REALLY.

WE JUST DID IT TO SEE IF WE COULD DO IT, AND WE COULD, EFFORTLESSLY.

IT'LL BE A PLEASURE TO BRING ABOUT THEIR END.

I CAN SEE YOU WATCH WHAT WE'RE DOING, AND TRY TO CONTAIN YOUR HORROR. NOT WHAT YOU BARGAINED FOR, RIGHT?

FACE IT, ORVILLE. THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE STILL AROUND IS YOU WERE THE FIRST ONE OVER HERE.



THIS CITY HAS MILLIONS OF RELATIVELY INNOCENT PEOPLE, AND IT'S ONE OF A THOUSAND CITIES IN THIS REALITY.

IMAGINE THE HAVOC WE CAN WREAK. IMAGINE THE DESTRUCTION WE CAN CAUSE. WE'LL ENSLAVE THEIR MINDS AND TAKE THEIR ENERGY.

THEN WE'LL HAVE WHAT WE'VE ALWAYS REALLY WANTED. ENOUGH POWER TO RULE OUR OWN REALITY.



SEE, I KNEW YOU DIDN'T HAVE THE STOMACH FOR IT.

TRUTH IS, YOU NEVER DID. YOU ACTUALLY GREW TO LIKE THIS PLACE.