

**INT. DROPSHIP HANGAR DECK - SHALLOW ORBIT - PLANET ILLYRIA**

CLOSE ON: ARMORED HANDS

From behind, we see them locking a HELMET onto HULKING SHOULDERS.

SHIP'S SPEAKER  
ALL UNITS CONFIRM DROP STATIONS...

Pulling an ASSAULT WEAPON out of a RACK, this soldier turns--we can't see him yet, call him HUNTER.

Stepping away, his leg armor FLASHES OPEN and HOLSTERS his weapon, and he's once again hands-free.

SHIP'S SPEAKER  
ECHO DROP COMMENCING IN T MINUS 30...

He climbs easily down a ladder. The hangar deck is SWARMING with activity. More SOLDIERS, different AIRCRAFT, a PILOT yelling something at his FLIGHT CHIEF on the deck beneath him--

SHIP'S SPEAKER  
...T MINUS 15...

He crosses to one of the LAUNCH PODS lining the wall.

**INT. LAUNCH POD - CONTINUOUS**

He steps into the the TWO-MAN POD. The size of a cramped elevator. His WINGMAN is already strapped in below and briefly looks up. Hunter reaches for his harness and ALARMS BLARE OUT as we hear--

SHIP'S SPEAKER  
...LAUNCH IN 5, 4, 3, 2, 1...

--and BOOM, the hatch SLAMS SHUT right as the pod LAUNCHES out of the BELLY OF THE DROPSHIP.

**SPACE - SHALLOW ORBIT**

A shotgun blast of pods ERUPTS from the the ship. Almost immediately they hit the atmosphere and begin to BURN like TRACERS--

--and just as quickly FLARE OUT at they ROCKET DOWN toward the VAST, GLITTERING METROPOLIS below.

**INT. LAUNCH POD - CONTINUOUS**

The WALLS of the pod REVERSE POLARIZATION and BECOME TRANSPARENT, almost like we're in open air--

An advanced HEADS-UP DISPLAY lights up the interior with all kinds of READOUTS FLASHING: ELEVATION, TARGET LOCATION, PROXIMITY ALERTS, and more.

Dropping through THICK CLOUDS, WATER STREAMING off the WINDSCREEN--

WINGMAN	HUNTER
-- Glide slope to 15 --	-- Make it 18 --
-- 18 percent.	

The pod JERKS as it rapidly brakes--

--and now TWO OTHER PODS come into view.

WINGMAN  
MANPAD! Flares, flares--

A SERIES OF FLARES flash out the sides as a MISSILE trails up at ANOTHER POD and-- BOOM!!

That pod EXPLODES.

SHRAPNEL hits the SECOND POD, sending it FLAT-SPINNING into the SPIRE OF A TOWERING HIGH-RISE--

Just as we SLAM into the DECK--PUNCHING OUT a huge CLOUD OF STEAM as water-brakes absorb the shock.

RAMPS DROP and they're out--as TRACERS STREAK IN from every direction--

HUNTER  
Down!

Hunter's Wingman is instantly killed as ENEMY SOLDIERS rush in through the gray steam cloud--

But Hunter is a DEVASTATING GOD OF WAR--impossibly fast, efficient--he drops FOUR MEN with POINT-BLANK RIFLE BURSTS as he races through the killzone.

Hand-to-hand fighting now as Hunter brutally crushes ANOTHER MAN into the sidewalk.

The steam clears, and the bombed-out city street appears around him... empty.

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Eerie quiet. The sound of DISTANT GUNFIRE echoes down the block.

Peering through the rubble, we feel the menace of an UNSEEN ENEMY lurking somewhere beyond.

Hunter's still scanning the street... then hears a FOOTSTEP.

He DIVES behind a car as he trades VICIOUS BURSTS of automatic fire with the enemy.

It's a cat and mouse game now--Hunter's trying to work the angles, sliding along his cover, reaching down to reload--

--and something settles at his feet--it's a GRENADE--  
BOOM!!

**EXT. VENIA CITY BLOCK - MOMENTS LATER**

Meet GRACE SHAW, 20s, panting for breath. She keeps her rifle aimed at Hunter's motionless form as she picks her way toward him with caution.

Hunter's helmet has been blown off--REVEALING:

He was a fucking robot.

She reaches down and RIPS the power link out of his throat as PICKUP TRUCKS with SQUADS OF MILITIAMEN pull up. The leader, DECK, 30s, starts barking orders:

DECK

Let's go boys, I want MANPADS on both corners--Tommy get your team and check for wounded... You okay?

GRACE

Pull everyone back. Deck, now.

Another wave of pods SHRIEK in like incoming arty rounds, SHAKING THE EARTH as they impact down the block.

MILITIAMAN (O.S.)

More from the south!

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**EXT. PARADISE POINT - DAY**

A remote maintenance wharf for patrol ships hidden along the crystal blue waters and white sands of a tropical island.

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