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INT. SAFE HOUSE — NIGHT

The room is silent.

Faces still bruised from battle.

Weapons lean against the wall.

No one speaks.

13 stares into the distance.

Lost in thought.

13 (13)
My grandfather always says...
(beat)
Evil never dies.
You can stop it.
You can bury it.
You can lock it away.
(beat)
But it'll always wait...
for someone to let it out
again.

She slowly looks around the room.

Each member of the team meets her eyes.

13 (13) (cont'd)

We thought we stopped it.
(long beat)
I'm not convinced we did.

Silence. Nobody moves.

COLE
What are you talking about?

13 exhales.

13 (13)
Eclipse.
(beat)
We were wrong.
There weren't one...
there were two control
rooms.
We broke into the wrong one.

The realization spreads across the room.

13 (13) (cont'd)
Forty-five seconds.
beat
That's what it cost us.
Forty-five seconds...
while the world waited.

Nobody interrupts.

13 (13) (cont'd)
The first room only
authorized the transfer.
The second...
was the transfer.
(beat)
By the time we found it...
the clock was already
against us.

Cole leans forward.

COLE
What exactly was Eclipse?

13's expression hardens.

13 (13)
A solar eclipse gave them
the perfect cover.
For six minutes...
the world expected power
fluctuations.
Communication failures.
Strange behavior.
Nobody would've questioned
it.
(beat)
During those six minutes...
an artificial intelligence
would've spread across every
connected system on Earth.
Military.
Communications.
Satellites.
Power grids.
Financial systems.
Every phone. Every computer.
Every network.

The room grows colder.

13 (13) (cont'd)
They didn't need soldiers.
They didn't need guns.
(MORE)

13 (13) (cont'd)
They only needed control.
(beat)
And once people surrendered
their free will...
they would never know it.

A long silence.

TEAM MEMBER
(almost whispering)
That's horrifying.

Another beat.

TEAM MEMBER #2
Tell me we stopped it.

13 looks down.

She doesn't answer.

The silence becomes the answer.