

TNM intro cinematic script

[Fade from black to a dark alley somewhere; camera relatively low, about waist height. Deus Diablo walks into the frame and down the street. He stops as a noise emanates from a side alley.]

Deus Diablo: Hm? Who's there?

[DD pauses for a moment, then draws his fireblade and moves into the alley, out of view. His footsteps are heard walking deeper into the alley until he stops.]

Deus Diablo: Hey, what the...?

[A futuristic sound effect is mixed with a surprised shout from DD as several green flashes of light are seen from the alley. Then all is quiet. Linger for a moment, then fade to black. The sound of rain fades in, followed by text: "Off Topic Productions presents..." Text fades out and the view fades in, showing a close-up of the moderator group-photo hanging on the wall of Phasmatis' bedroom. The camera zooms out a bit and tracks around the bedroom, coming to rest on an answering machine sitting in the window sill in Phasmatis' bedroom. Outside it's raining.]

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Phas' I33t voice: This is Phasmatis. I can't get to the phone right now, but leave a message after the beep. Despot probably has my phone bugged, so he may give me your message. Otherwise, I'll receive it when I get home.

Beep

[Fade to black again. Text fades in: "A Deus Ex Total Conversion...". Text fades out and the view fades in while KK speaks. Camera tracks through the streets of the Downtown sector from Phasmatis' apartment building. Firewalls are walking purposefully and mechanically through the streets.]

King Kashue: We need to talk. The curfew was a good start, but without Deus Diablo, we're not going to be in charge of this city much longer. Report in at the new HQ when you hear this, I'll set some things in motion in the mean time. I'll see you there.

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[Fade to black again. Text fades in: "The Nameless Mod". Text fades out and the view fades into Kashue's office in PDX HQ. KK stands at his desk and turns around to face Slicer and Evil Invasion.]

Slicer: I still don't understand how somebody could kidnap a moderator. You guys are supposed to be invulnerable.

King Kashue: We need to find somebody to look into this while we keep things running. (beat) Phasmatis has some useful contacts, and he knows how to pull the strings. He'll find someone we can trust.

Slicer: Fine, but we can't just sit around waiting for Phas to show up.

The voice of Ghandiaah from an adjacent room: OH DEAR GOD!! I HAVE POCKETS!!!!11

[Kashue sighs. The camera quickly fades to black and quickly fades back in, showing a short but slow track around the WorldCorp building, showing it from below in a menacing angle.]

King Kashue: Slicer, go get that interview with the WorldCorp guy who contacted us... it sounded like he had some important things to tell us about their activities and the incident at Aunt Betty Industries. If we're lucky, it has something to do with Deus.

[The camera does another quick fade and this time shows the Llama temple in the Downtown sector from above, Abom and some Llamas are fighting attacking Goats.]

King Kashue: We also need to do something about the escalating cult wars. That conflict will blow wide open if they realize we've lost control.

Evil Invasion: Send Ghand, maybe they'll kill him.

King Kashue: No, let that loon think he's running the place. We'll step up the firewall presence in the Downtown sector until we can arrange for a more permanent solution to the cult problem.

[One more quick fade, this time to the bombed PDX HQ in the Corporate sector.]

Evil Invasion: What about DXO?

King Kashue: They're one of my primary suspects for the abduction, it's a toss-up between them and WorldCorp.

Evil Invasion: I've been probing their systems all day, I'll let you know if I make any progress.

[Camera cuts back to Kashue's office.]

King Kashue: Good, and PM me when Phas comes by, I'll be at the bar getting a drink and some advice from Alpha.

Ghandaiah: LOOK GUYS! MY PANTS ARE ON FIRE!!!

[Fade to black and then back in. Camera is overlooking Sol's Bar and Grille. Alpha is chatting to some guests. ZeroPresence is sitting at a table near the bar, his back to the camera. KK walks into the bar and sits down. Alpha comes over.]

Alpha Operator: Hey Kashue. You look a bit worried, cults giving you trouble again?

King Kashue: Not today. Today we have bigger concerns.

[Phas comes in the door and looks around until he spots KK sitting at the bar. He walks over to KK. Alpha leaves again.]

Phasmatis: Got your message. Figured you'd be here.

King Kashue: I've become too predictable, then. What the hell are we going to do, Phas?

Phasmatis: My immediate idea would be to call Trestkon.

King Kashue: Igloo-boy? Are you sure? His record speaks for itself... but he seemed a little shaken by the Kylie-incident when he left.

Phasmatis: Trestkon has brains. He even uses it once in a while. Plus, he's completely independent; we can trust him.

King Kashue: Alright, bring him in. I hope he's still the man he used to be. I'm sure WorldCorp is gonna try to snag him up as soon as he arrives. Scara can be very persuasive.

Phasmatis: I trust that he hasn't changed too much. I'll go home and drop him a mail. I'll tell you what he says.

King Kashue: Good luck with the chaos out there.

Phasmatis: I don't need luck, I need to find Deus.

[Camera follows Phas as he walks toward the exit. Fade to black and back in. Camera follows behind ZP as he walks from Scara's secretary's office into Scara's office and up to his desk.]

Scara: Yes?

ZP: The moderators are calling in an old agent named Trestkon.

Scara: Hm, that sounds familiar...

ZP: I'll keep an eye on the checkpoints in the Downtown district. I reckon the faster we take this nub down, the less trouble he'll be.

Scara: No, don't kill him yet. [Cut to a close-up of Scara's face] I have a better idea... [Fade to black.]

[Fade in. Camera tracks down the street in the Downtown sector and stops at Phasmatis' apartment building. Trestkon walks into the right side of the foreground of the picture and looks at the building. The camera moves towards the door. Fade to black before it reaches it. Begin game.]