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Stalker



For the playable Stalker, see Stalker (Playable).

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Some have walked these desolate worlds while you have slept. Some like me. I remember what you did. I remember the day.

The Tenno appeared at the Terminus, gleaming and victorious. Our cold and gold Emperors, breathless, bathed you in savior's silk. Then came the sound. Across all our worlds, all at once, the ceremonial

I am your reckoning!

-Stalker

The Stalker is an ominous, vengeful figure that infrequently appears during missions, armed with powerful weapons and abilities to hunt down













Stalker

Full Codex



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I am your reckoning!

General Information Faction Stalker

Planet(s) Any (exc. Dojo)

Mission Type(s)

Any (exc. Assassination, Relays, Syndicate, Free Roam and Archwing





The Stalker is a sapient Warframe and is able to use ability powers belonging to various other Warframes. His arsenal is similar to that of the Tenno, utilizing a primary, secondary, and melee weapon. The Stalker's signature weapons are the bow Dread, the scythe Hate, and the throwing knives Despair.

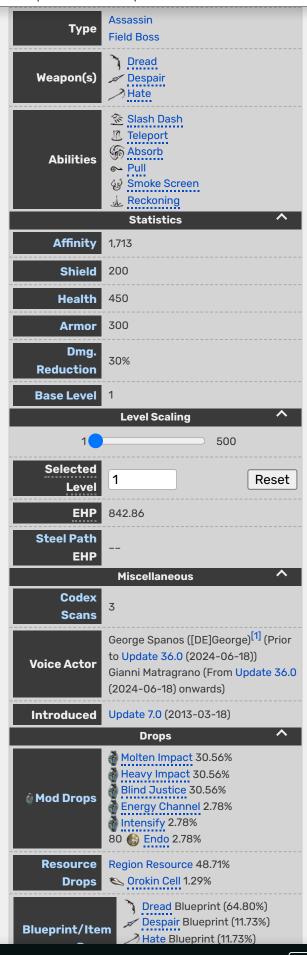
If the Tenno marked for assassination has completed The Second Dream

Quest, they will be confronted with the more powerful, Sentient-enhanced

Shadow Stalker instead. Upon completing the Jade Shadows Quest,

Stalker will appear as Protector Stalker, having reverted to his original appearance, with his mask and

Hate imbued by Jade's energies.





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Lore

General

Before he became the Stalker, he was once a Low Guardian named **Sorren** who served the <u>Orokin</u>, and was engaged in an unsanctioned relationship with an individual known as <u>Jade</u>, with whom he sired a child, which the Orokin legems considered taboo. They were caught by <u>Ballas</u> who turned them into Warframes as punishment; blaming



himself, the Stalker repents and served as the Orokin's devoted dog in hopes Ballas would allow him to reunite with Jade and their child.

During The Collapse of the Orokin Empire, he noticed that the Tenno weren't as stoic and silent but instead waiting and poised, but failed to warn his masters of the slaughter the Tenno were prepared to carry against them. The Tenno went in pursuit of him as well, but he was rescued by Jade in his time of need.

However, he did not recognize Jade and believed the Orokin's downfall dashed any hopes of reuniting with his family. Therefore, the Stalker sought vengeance against the Tenno and hunted their numbers across the Origin System.

The Second Dream

The Stalker allies with <u>Hunhow</u> and is bestowed the War greatsword while upgraded with Sentient powers, transforming into the Shadow Stalker. As they scheme to destroy the heart of the Tenno, the Lotus receives assistance from Alad V, but fail to stop the Shadow Stalker from revealing the Tenno's weakness: the Reservoir on Lua, hidden by the Lotus in the Void.

Upon discovering the Tenno's true form, however, the Shadow Stalker hesitates, confused if he himself was a Tenno. He leaves, but later resolves himself to fight the Tenno on board their Orbiter. He gains the upper hand until the Warframe destroys the greatsword, causing the Stalker to seemingly experience immense pain before vanishing.

Operation: Shadow Debt

For Alad V's interference in The Second Dream, the Stalker sends his Acolytes - warriors as mysterious as the Stalker himself - to hunt him. Alad V invokes his favor from the Tenno and has them repel the Acolytes.

The New War

The Stalker still serves under Hunhow after the fall of Origin System and the rise of Narmer. He has reverted to his original appearance, though Hunhow still addresses him as his Shadow. He slaughters Narmer forces led by Ka-Nuteru, who were hunting the Stalker.

To protect the Lotus from Ballas, Erra, and Narmer, Hunhow allies with the Drifter. The Nataruk bow and assists them in fighting Erra's Archons. Stalker gives them the

Duviri

Through the mysterious powers of the <u>Void</u> and <u>Conceptual Embodiment</u>, an unlikely ally in the form of the <u>Stalker</u> "Warframe" is able to appear in Duviri and lend his assistance to the <u>Drifter</u>.

The Reaper's Lament (https://www.warframe.com/news/the-reapers-lament)

Hunhow, feeling regrets with his <u>own family</u>, urges the Stalker to make amends with the Tenno, to wield the scythe once more (an instrument of cultivation, growth, and love, unlike <u>War</u> that only kills indiscriminately), and let go of the past, as the <u>Orokin</u> weren't worthy of his loyalty. When the Stalker refuses, Hunhow warns that he will always have a target painted on his back and that his "actions will have consequences".

Jade Shadows

Stalker continues to secretly care for the Warframe who saved him, known as <u>Jade</u>, whose health is deteriorating from unknown causes. Despite <u>Hunhow</u>'s suggestions, he raids a Corpus ship for medical-grade bioplasma, catching the attention of a Captain <u>Xeto</u>, though the bioplasma fails to revitalize Jade, while Corpus forces track him down to his lair, and he eradicates the initial raiding party.

As per Hunhow's advice, he teleports onto the Tenno's <u>Orbiter</u>, and after avoiding <u>Ordis</u>, sneaks into the Transference Room and confronts the <u>Operator</u> and convinces them to help Jade. The Operator directs Stalker to harvest <u>Cortichrome</u> from an Infested <u>Juggernaut Behemoth</u>. Xeto also tracks down Stalker and deduces he is attempting to heal someone, and sends Corpus forces to occupy his lair.

When he arrives however, the Operator informs the Stalker that whatever is draining Jade's life force, she is not fighting against it. When the Stalker demands the Tenno try helping her anyway, their solution ends up not being enough to save Jade; she is revealed to be pregnant, her declining health implied to be caused by the baby she is carrying. She passes during childbirth, dissolving her form and leaving behind an infant baby.

The newfound baby seems to empower Stalker with parts of Jade's power making him and his weapon glow green as he begins fleeing with the child, fighting the Corpus who have occupied his lair in the meantime. When he emerges from the elevator at the surface, however, Xeto and her crew of Corpus fire upon him, bringing him to his knees. Upon hearing the child cry however, Xeto commands her crew to stop firing, and they let



Afterwards, he arrives on <u>Lua</u>, reliving a past conversation with Jade, swearing to protect his family. He names the child Sirius or Orion.

Hunhow later notifies the Tenno that the Stalker has fled his lair, and claims that he will not be returning.

Spawn Possibilities and Combat

Players will be marked by killing certain bosses during <u>Assassination</u> missions and being given a Death Mark. Then the Stalker can spawn in almost any player-accessible mission. The exceptions which prohibit his appearance are:

- Syndicate and Assassination standard missions
- Archwing, Free Roam and Arena special game mode missions
 - Also includes Quest and Mastery Test solo-exclusive missions
- Non-combat hub "missions" (Relays, Dojos)
- Any mission that has already been determined as "chosen" for the spawn of another Assassin (Grustrag Three or Zanuka Hunter) or is forced to, due to use of their respective beacons
- Sortie missions
- · Any mission that has already elapsed his spawn time window of around 5 minutes
- Albrecht's Laboratories missions

At least one squad member must be <u>marked for death</u> by the Stalker before he will have a chance of spawning.

Upon being marked for death, the target Tenno will receive an inbox message from the Stalker (marked as ???). After this message is received, the game will calculate the Stalker's chance to spawn in a valid mission according to the following formula:

Spawn Chance = 1.5% + $(0.5\% \times P)$; P = Players in Squad marked for death.

Thus with squad line-ups of 1 to 4 marked players the chances of spawn are **2%**, **2.5%**, **3%** and **3.5%** respectively for each possible combination.

Like other Assassin spawns there are special screen darkening effects announcing his arrival, although not all effects apply to squadmates. When the Stalker spawn starts, the

and a faint shadow of the Stalker flickering behind them. The target will receive a transmission, taunting the Tenno in question with threatening messages. After three taunts, the <u>tileset</u> will enter lockdown, and the Stalker will appear briefly invincible kneeling in a puff of black smoke before proceeding to attack the targeted player.

If the targeted Tenno is killed, the Stalker will again kneel and vanish into another cloud of smoke, proclaiming his victory and that justice was served. If his health drops below **10%** before he manages to kill his target, he will attempt to flee, announcing his shock at his failure, though he can still take damage and occasionally be killed up until he despawns.

If he is defeated (regardless of whether he successfully fled or was accidentally killed), there is a chance for him to drop various loot items, such as a mod or a resource, or even <u>blueprints</u> for one of his weapons. As a boss, he always drops one <u>Mod</u> from his mod drop table.

If <u>Jade</u> is present, Stalker will immediately despawn and drop his usual loot.

Abilities

The Stalker appears to don a unique, one-of-a-kind Warframe; completely immune to all <u>Warframe</u> abilities, regardless of whether they affect him directly or indirectly. He is furthermore capable of casting a wide variety of abilities from multiple Warframes, some of them with a unique variant exclusive to him.

His known used abilities are:

- Slash Dash (variant) The Stalker will usually start the fight by charging at his target with Hate, heavily damaging any targets in the way (akin to the version of this ability in previous updates). After this, he will usually switch to Dread or Despair. This is an ability belonging to Excalibur.
- Teleport If the Stalker is currently using Hate, he will often teleport behind
 players and use Hate to strike the unsuspecting Tenno. He usually uses this ability
 in tandem with his Smoke Screen to unpredictably move across the battlefield.
 This, too, is another ability belonging to

 Ash.





initial Reckoning trance for a short duration, allowing the Stalker to resume attacking his target unimpeded. This is an ability belonging to Oberon but without the slamming.

- Pull Rarely used, if the players are out of his aiming range, he may use this
 ability to pull a faraway target towards him—which in turn stuns the players. This is
 an ability belonging to Mag.
- Absorb This is the Stalker's desperate and possibly most deadly ability. If he
 is low on health, he will use this ability to absorb all damage and repels it back
 towards nearby players, which may prove to be fatal for high-damaging players.
 This is an ability belonging to Nyx.

Strategy

The Stalker is capable of dealing significant damage, comparable to a well-equipped Tenno, and can easily destroy an entire squad if they are caught unprepared. It is important to warn squad-mates when the Stalker begins his taunts so that they can prepare for the upcoming fight. It is also important to stay close to other squad members so that if he does manage to take his target down, the squad can revive them before they bleed out. Note that the Stalker will despawn once the targeted player goes down, even if they are revived before completely bleeding out.

There are several ways to deal with the Stalker once he spawns, such as constant movement, tanking, and / or fighting with <u>Melee</u> weapons. The Stalker will often use abilities from other Warframes, which should be avoided if it at all possible.

If the targeted player attempts to run from the Stalker, he will occasionally teleport behind them and engage in melee attacks, similar to the <u>Grineer Flameblade</u>. The Stalker has also been known to <u>Slash Dash</u> towards a ranged target, dealing potentially lethal damage upon impact. He may also use <u>Pull</u> to drag his victim back towards him. When in melee combat, Stalker can stagger his target by striking with <u>Hate</u> at just the right moment. He may also attempt to evade melee combat by backflipping away from the engaging player. If the Stalker's health gets too low, he can cast

<u>Absorb</u>, forming a shield bubble around him which absorbs all incoming damage and explodes outward, dealing 100% of absorbed damage as <u>Magnetic</u> damage to players within range, draining their <u>Energy</u>, and inflicting a <u>Knockdown</u>.

When actually fighting the Stalker, it has been found that fighting at range while on the

potential status procs). In addition, having <u>Reflection</u> can reflect some of the Stalker's damage back to him, largely eliminating the necessity of risking death in counterattacks with a player's own weapons. Do note, however, that the Hate staggers players who parry its blows, leaving you open to attack.

High burst-DPS weapons such as beam weapons and shotguns are also highly effective; with the right weapons and mod configurations, many players can kill the Stalker before he has a chance to attack. It should be noted that he may use Reckoning to negate taking large amounts of damage.

It is critical to avoid firing on him when he casts <u>Absorb</u>, as the resulting explosion deals not only the ability's base damage, but also any damage the sphere takes before the explosion and can be very damaging and even fatal.

Other Notes

- The Stalker typically only attacks his marked target, but he has been known to
 engage other party members and even enemies if the target is out of range or out
 of his line of sight. This can be used in large rooms or invasions to make the fight
 easier. All allies in Invasions will **prioritize** the Stalker (or any other assassin) over
 regular enemies.
 - Though extra buffs are purged, actions which modify existing stats (such as
 player shields and health) are still effective, such as the shield and / or
 health effects of Blessing and Shield Polarize.
 - Stalkers Dispel will also not affect any charged Scarab Armor of Inaros.
 - Stalker will Dispel Cat's Eye from a Kavat however.
- Players may be able to avoid the Stalker's attacks by keeping 50 meters of distance between the target and Stalker, but due to the frequency of his Teleport, this may be impossible to achieve.
- It may be significantly harder for the targeted player to avoid or maintain distance from the Stalker when they are the host of a multi-player session, as there is no latency while he targets the player and tracks their movements. [citation needed]
- When Stalker spawns, the current section of the tileset goes into lockdown.
 Depending on which tileset players are on, there is a possibility that it can be released by Hacking, either manually or with a Cipher.
- If mission objectives are already complete, players can rush to extraction to complete the mission, avoiding having to fight Stalker entirely.
- · Taking on the Stalker in Operator form can make the fight easier, though it'd be

Gameplay

Main article: Stalker (Playable)

A playable version of the Stalker appears in <u>Duviri</u> upon acquiring <u>Drifter Intrinsics</u>

<u>Opportunity</u> Rank 10. He is functionally equivalent to a Warframe, with a passive that grants 300% critical chance to enemies that do not see him, and the abilities

<u>Teleport</u>, <u>Marked</u> (similar to <u>Marked For Death</u>), <u>Smoke Screen</u>, and

Punishment (similar to Nyx's Absorb).

Notes

- If a player is "taxied" (invited to a node/planet they have not unlocked) to a boss fight, they will not receive Stalker's mark for any boss fight they are taxied to as long as they have not unlocked the planet. If the planet is unlocked already but the node is not when the player is taxied, the boss node and those around it will be unlocked and all subsequent runs of the battle will not earn the player Stalker's mark so long as they are not hosting/playing the mission solo.
- The Stalker can drop the rare resource (save for Orokin Cells which have their own entry on his drop table) of the current planet when defeated.
- There is a delay of 30 to 280 seconds (~4 minutes) before the Stalker will spawn in a given mission.
- The Stalker has a base spawn level of 30 while partially influenced by the level of enemies in the mission his level.
- Normally, upon reaching 10% health, the Stalker will announce his failure to defeat
 the targeted player, kneel, and disappear in a puff of smoke. An excessive amount
 of damage that fully depletes his health before he can do this will cause him to fall
 over similar to a downed player, but he will disappear in smoke either way. He may
 sometimes glitch in this case; not disappearing, becoming invulnerable and
 frozen.
- If kept about 10 meters away while in smoke form and constantly taking fire from the player, the Stalker may stop teleporting and simply drift slightly on the spot until he is defeated, making the fight trivial.
- Prior to Hotfix 11.0.5 (2013-11-23), the Stalker had a 5% spawn chance. It has since been reduced.
- As of Update 11.6 (2014-01-08), the Stalker's (and incidentally Zanuka Hunter's) spawn chance was modified from 2.5% flat spawn chance to 1.5% + 0.5% per player. This update also introduced Death Marks for all existing Assassins.
- If more than one player has a death mark from the Stalker, he might target other

- selected target, he will immediately leave and his attention will revert to his original target if it is within line of sight.
- As of Update 18.5 (2016-03-04), the Stalker will not appear to attack players using any Warframe under Rank 10.
- A Stalker mark can be gained quickly by repeatedly running the assassination for the Hyena Pack on Psamathe, Neptune, as both Hyenas have a chance to give a mark.
 - The Sergeant assassination on Illiad, Phobos is another assassination
 mission that can be completed quickly, especially if using

 Volt with the
 Shocking Speed augment.
- If more than one Stalker Beacon is used in a mission, the user will be prompted with an error sound and no beacons will be consumed.
- Death Marks stack. This means that players can acquire Stalker Death Marks by killing different Bosses. Should the Stalker make his appearance and be slain, the Death Marks do not disappear all at once, meaning players will encounter him again on different missions.
- Players are unable to abort the Mission while the Stalker is present.
- If Protector Stalker spawns in a mission, while one of the squadmates is playing as
 Jade, he will refuse to fight, dropping his loot and simply fleeing a few seconds
 after spawning instead.

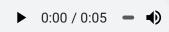
Trivia

- Digital Extremes staff has been known to occasionally "hijack" the AI Stalker as a
 player character under their control. A more refined version of this "Stalker Mode"
 was presented during TennoCon, where selected players were allowed to hunt
 down others and has since returned from time to time during Prime Time streams.
- His internal name (in the game files) is simply "Assassin".
- Apart from his unique helmet, his Excalibur body is also (now) somewhat unique,
 as he still uses an older version of Excalibur (which is also still used by Nyx) before
 he received a slight overhaul to his textures and color channels, most noticeably
 at the outer arm pieces and the cables on his neck sides which are more of a shiny
 grey whereas the updated Excalibur textures have them of a darker, matted color.
- Before Update 36.0 (2024-06-18), Stalker was voiced by WARFRAME's audio director George Spanos, who also voiced with Lieutenant Lech Kril. After Update 36.0 (2024-06-18), Stalker has been redubbed by Gianni Matragrano (https://x.com/GetGianni/status/1800968999695511654).
 - Stalker's ability to speak from single words to full sentences (during taunts)

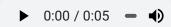
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as the Orokin dictated so, making him the only Warframe capable of doing so.

- The Stalker's favorite breakfast food is "sugar crisps" according to [DE]Steve as jokingly stated on Prime Time #190.
- Before Update 18.0 (2015-12-03), the Stalker communicated with the Tenno with indecipherable whispers.



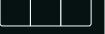
 This taunt is actually played in reverse. The actual message heard is a long, drawn out message that simply and repeatedly says "Death" at varying speeds.



- The voice lines are still used for the Acolytes.
- The Stalker has his own theme when encountered:

- As of Update 7.11 (2013-05-17), the Stalker's loadout was altered to his signature load-out. Before this update, his arsenal was comprised of a Cronus and a Braton Vandal.
- As with all assassins, prior to Update 16.2 (2015-04-01), the Stalker used to drop
 his sigil as a rare drop upon death. This was changed to allow a player to get his
 sigil as a drop the first time he was killed.
- Assassinating Corrupted Vor does not grant a Death Mark.
- A Death Mark is acquired from the Stalker upon killing a valid boss, not upon completing a mission (i.e. a boss can be killed and the mission aborted or failed and the player will still receive a warning from the Stalker).
- Due to the Stalker's rather lenient spawn options, he had some more unusual appearances in the past before a stricter ruleset was applied to him:
 - In the now replaced old Tutorial (if replayed by veteran players with a death mark).
 - During the Mastery Rank tests.





 Weirdly, despite consistently appearing in promotional materials or ingame dioramas, the Stalker helmet does not have any glowing "eye" part on the front.

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Bugs

- If the Stalker spawns in the Orokin Derelict and there happens to be a lot of
 infested in the room and the room happens to be really big, when the target player
 moves far enough away from the Stalker he will forget about the player and start
 targeting infested instead. He will attack his target if it comes back into range or
 most infested have been killed.
- Having <u>Guardian</u> equipped on your <u>sentinel</u> will allow his <u>Dread to deal no</u> health damage if the damage were to surpass your shield limit. This only happens when the <u>Guardian</u> is not on cooldown.
- When the Stalker is killed during a mission, the mission complete music is replaced
 with the Stalker theme. The same thing happens to the defense music, you will
 continually hear the Stalker music during the wave. After finishing the mission, it
 will return to normal music.
- The Stalker may sometimes cast Absorb as soon as he is defeated. This will cause him to immediately disappear right as he finishes his ability. (The damage from Absorb will still trigger).
- Sometimes, the Stalker may say that the player has killed a boss other than the
 most recent one killed (ex.The Stalker may state that the player has killed Lech Kril,
 despite the player not even having Kril's system unlocked).
- The Stalker will sometimes taunt and attack players below Warframe rank 5 though this occurrence is extremely rare unless the player is in a lobby with another player who has the deathmark.

Patch History

Hotfix 36.0.5 (2024-07-20)

- Scans for the Shadow Stalker and Protector Stalker will now count as scans for his previously-unlocked variants, if not already fully scanned.
 - Ex: Scans for the Protector Stalker will now also contribute scans for Stalker and Shadow Stalker, if they are not already fully scanned.

Update 36.0 (2024-06-18)



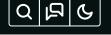
Last updated: <u>Hotfix 24.1.2</u> (2018-11-29)

See also

- Shadow Stalker
- Acolytes
- Stalker Mode

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	Bosses	
	Stalker (Shadow / Protector)	

Bosses and Mini-Bosses [Collapse]		
Grineer	Planet	Captain Vor (Mercury/Ceres) • Councilor Vay Hek (Earth) • General Sargas Ruk (Saturn) • Kela De Thaym (Sedna) • Lieutenant Lech Kril (Mars/Ceres) • Tyl Regor (Uranus)
	Mission	Kuva Liches • The Grustrag Three (Assassin) • Ven'kra Tel and Sprag (Orokin Sabotage)
	Quest	Elder Queen (The War Within)
	Event	Balor Fomorian (Fomorian Fleet)
Corpus	Planet	Alad V and Zanuka (Jupiter) • Ambulas (Pluto) • Jackal (Venus) • Hyena Pack (Neptune) • Raptors (Europa) • The Sergeant (Phobos)
	Mission	Exploiter Orb (Orb Vallis) • Lynx (Orokin Sabotage) • Profit- Taker Orb (Orb Vallis) • Zanuka Hunter (Assassin)
	Quest	Protea Specter (The Deadlock Protocol)
	Event	Razorback (Razorback Armada)
	Planet	Jordas Golem (Eris) • Juggernaut Behemoth (Eris) • Mutalist Alad V (Eris) • Lephantis (Deimos) • Zealoid Prelate (Deimos)
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	Quest	Infested Mesa (Patient Zero)
	Event	Phorid (Phorid Manifestation) • Hemocyte (Plains of Eidolon - Operation: Plague Star)
Orokin	Mission	Corrupted Jackal (The Circuit Assassination) • Corrupted



	Stailer Walti Maile Will Talldolli		
	Quest	Necramech (Heart of Deimos)	
Sentient	Planet	Ropalolyst (Jupiter)	
	Mission	Eidolon Teralyst • Gantulyst • Hydrolyst (Plains of Eidolon)	
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	Quest	Ballas (The New War)	
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