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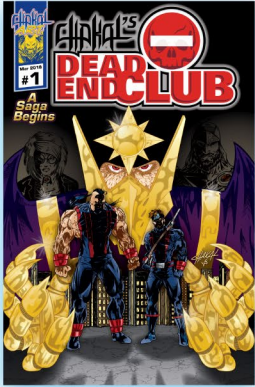
# DEAD END CLUB



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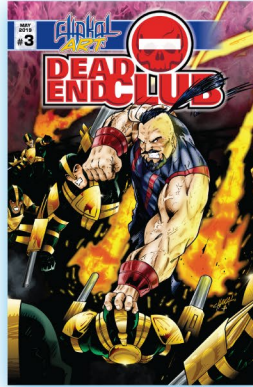
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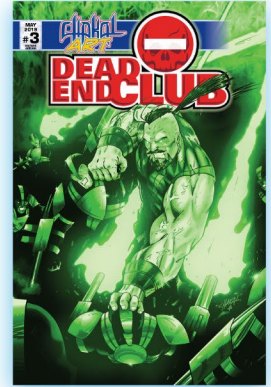
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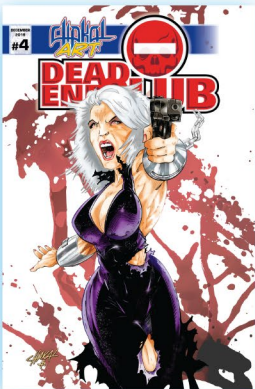
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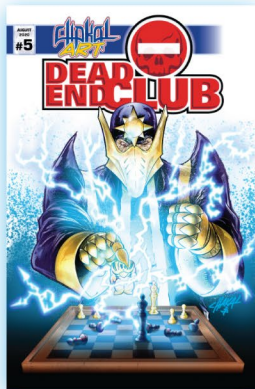
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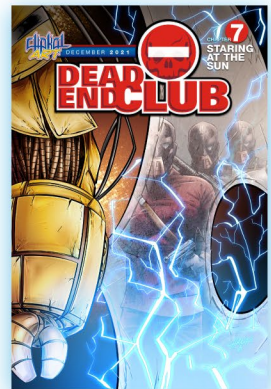
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**E**LIZABETH LONG WALKS ALONG THE CORRIDORS OF THE BOTTOM LEVEL OF HER PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY'S OFFICES.

THE GOVERNMENT REQUIRES ITS SERVICES WHEN SITUATIONS EXCEED THE COMPETENCES OF TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES.

OR, WHEN THEY REQUIRE MEASURES THAT ARE BEYOND WHAT MAY BE PERMITTED BY LAW.

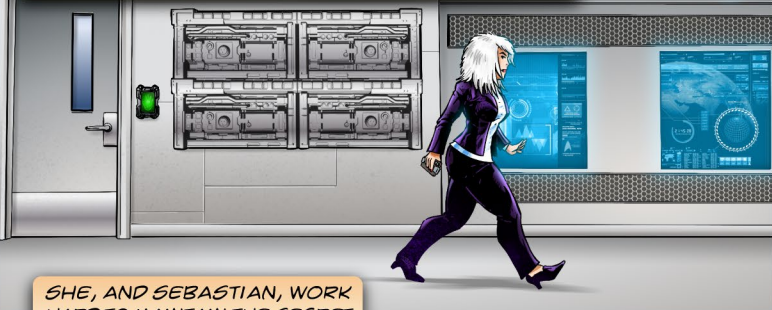
THE AGENCY IS EXTREMELY COMPETENT.

IT USES TECHNOLOGIES OF UNPARALLELED ADVANCEMENT.

TECHNOLOGIES DEVELOPED BY HER BROTHER: **SEBASTIAN LONG**.

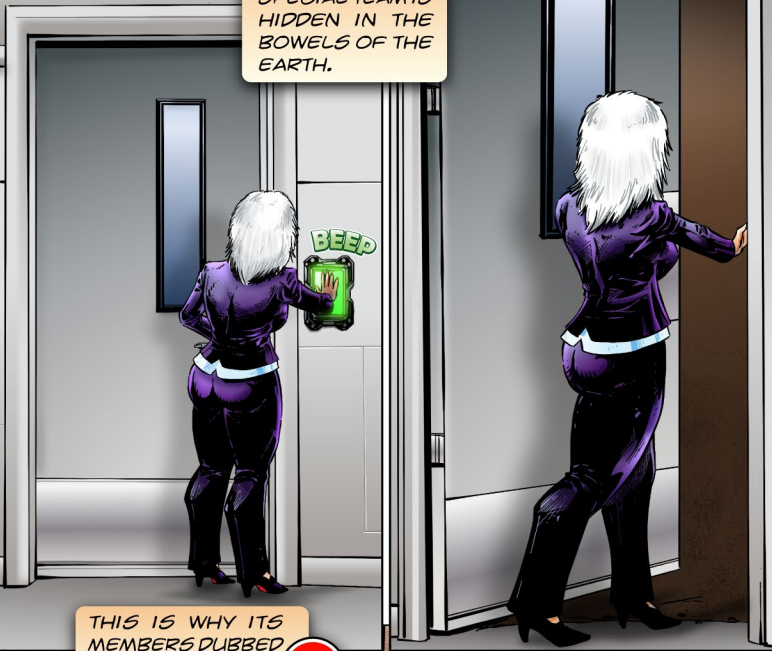


WHAT IS MOSTLY UNKNOWN TO THE REST OF THE WORLD IS THAT THIS AGENCY USES THE SERVICES OF PEOPLE WITH GIFTS BEYOND THE ABILITIES OF NORMAL HUMANS.



SHE, AND SEBASTIAN, WORK HARD TO MAINTAIN THE SECRET OF THEIR SUCCESS.

THAT'S WHY THIS SPECIAL TEAM IS HIDDEN IN THE BOWELS OF THE EARTH.



THIS IS WHY ITS MEMBERS DUBBED THIS LEVEL: THE

**DEAD END CLUB**

SEB, YOU WANTED TO SEE ME?



Created,  
Written &  
Illustrated  
by David  
"Chakal"  
St-Martin  
Revision &  
Consultation  
by Vizh



SEE, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO THE MEETING ROOM?!?!?

BAH!

I REDECORATED IT A BIT.

FEELS MORE SPACIOUS NOW.



HERE, ON THIS KEY, ARE SECRET FILES CONCERNIN' US.

THEY WERE ON AN ULTRA-PROTECTED WHITE HOUSE SERVER, BUT MR. BOLEA MANAGED TO GET A COPY OUT. IT'S SERIOUS.



EACH FILE ENCRYPTED WITH MY QUANTUM ENTANGLEMENT ALGORITHM EMITS A SECRET SIGNAL N' CONNECTS TA MY SYSTEM, LIKE A GPS.

SO'S I CAN PHYSICALLY FOLLOW ALL OF MY FILES NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE.

THAT'S HOW I WAS ABLE TA GET THE COPY WARNIN', AN' TRACK IT.



I WON'T WASTE MY TIME FIGURING OUT HOW YOU GOT THIS KEY, OR WHY YOU'RE DISGUISED LIKE THIS.

BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT THE FILES HAD BEEN COPIED AND MOVED?

THEY COULD NEVER'VE BROKEN THE ENCRYPTION, BUT IT'S WORRYIN' NONETHELESS.



SOMEONE CARES WAY TOO MUCH 'BOUT US.

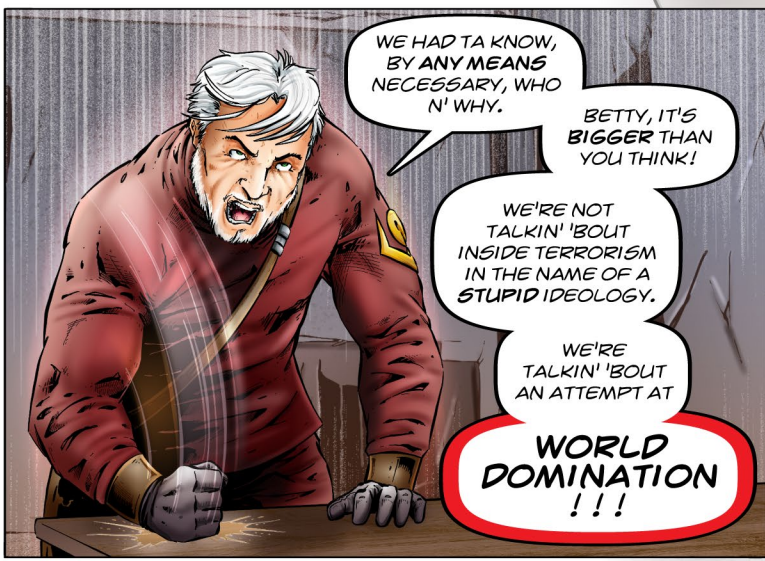
I JUST HOPE YOU HAVEN'T GONE TOO FAR TO GET THIS KEY BACK.

BOLEA SANG LIKE A CANARY.

A CULT FORMED AROUND A GUY WHO GOES BY THE NAME OF REX SUMMA. THIS GROUP SEEMS TA HAVE INFINITE RESOURCES AN' THEY OPERATE WITH THE AIM OF OVERTHROWIN' THE KINGDOM OF ANTKHAMENON N' SEIZIN' THE RESERVES OF ANTKHANIMUM.

THAT'S HOW THEY COULD CANCEL THE GERF\* N' CONTROL ALL THE GOVERNMENTS ON THE PLANET- BY HOLDIN' EM BY THE BALLS.

BUT WE NOW KNOW WHERE AND WHEN THEY'LL MEET N' WE INTEND TA BE THERE.



WE HAD TA KNOW, BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY, WHO N' WHY.

BETTY, IT'S BIGGER THAN YOU THINK!

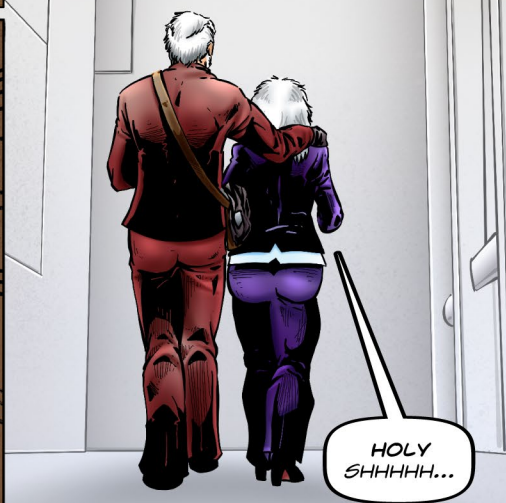
WE'RE NOT TALKIN' 'BOUT INSIDE TERRORISM IN THE NAME OF A STUPID IDEOLOGY.

WE'RE TALKIN' 'BOUT AN ATTEMPT AT

**WORLD DOMINATION !!!**



**OH!**



HOLY SHHHH...

\*GLOBAL ENERGY REPLACEMENT FUND.

INSIDE THEIR BRAND-NEW EMBASSY, THE ANTKHAMIENIANS CONTINUE THEIR DIPLOMATIC MISSION DESPITE VARIOUS DANGERS AND COMPLICATIONS.

THE KINGDOM OF ANTKHAMIENON'S KHAN SUPREME, KALLIOSEUS III, AND HIS WIFE, QUEEN NEERHA, ARE ACCOMPANIED ON THIS MISSION BY THEIR YOUNGEST CHILD.

< MY HUSBAND, OUR LITTLE PRINCE KALDUS IS FINALLY ASLEEP. >

< LOVE OF MY LIFE, IT IS MY FAULT. I SHOULD NOT HAVE TOLD HIM ABOUT THE EVENTS THAT JUST UNFOLDED. >

< TRANSLATED FROM ANTKHAMIENIAN >

< NO, IT WAS APPROPRIATE. ONE DAY HE WILL RULE THE KINGDOM. >

< HE MAY AS WELL BE EXPOSED AT A YOUNG AGE TO THE REALITIES OF THIS WORLD. >

< I KNOW, MY DEAR. BUT WE COULD ALSO ASSESS THE POSSIBILITY OF EMPOWERING ONE OF OUR DAUGHTERS. >

< IT WOULD BREAK WITH TRADITION, BUT KALDUS IS SO PLAYFUL, WE COULD SPARE HIM THE WEIGHT OF THESE RESPONSIBILITIES. >

< DO YOU WANT TO PROTECT KALDUS? >

< OR THE IMAGE OF YOUR LITTLE BROTHER SALUMAR THAT YOU SEE IN HIM? >

< YOU ARE PROBABLY RIGHT. >

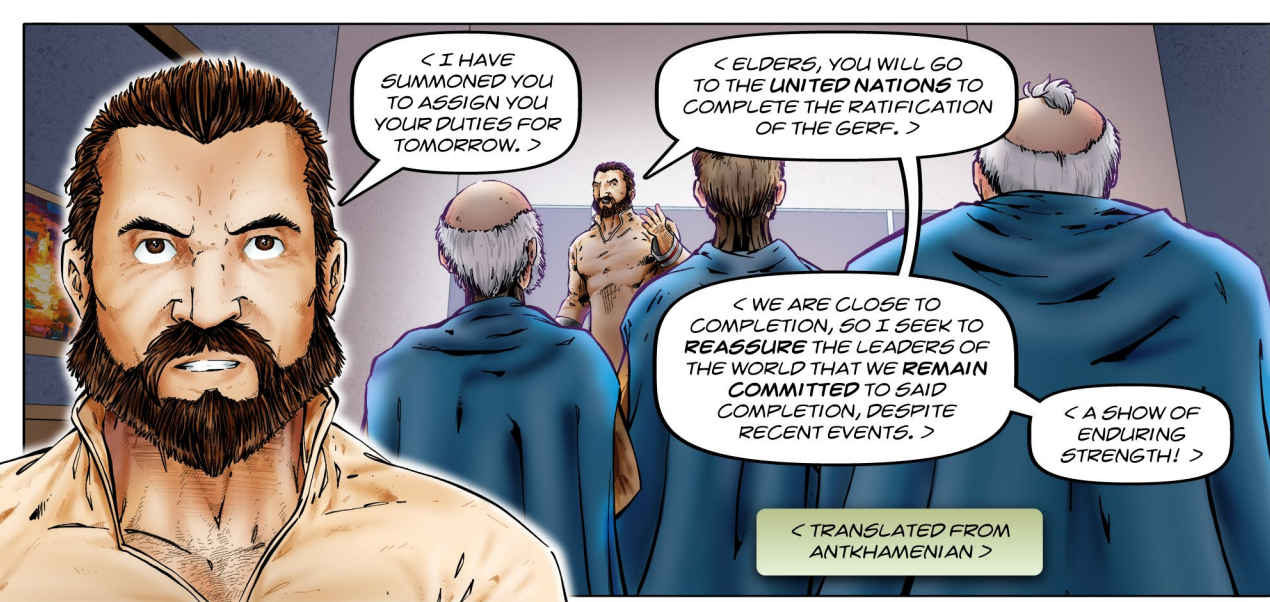
< SALUMAR LEFT US WAY TOO EARLY. >

< IF ONLY I COULD HAVE BEEN HERE THAT DAY. >

< IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, MY LOVE. >

THEY'RE ALSO ACCOMPANIED BY THE ELDERS, A GROUP OF COUNSELORS TO THE MONARCH.

< WE'RE HERE, KHAN SUPREME. >



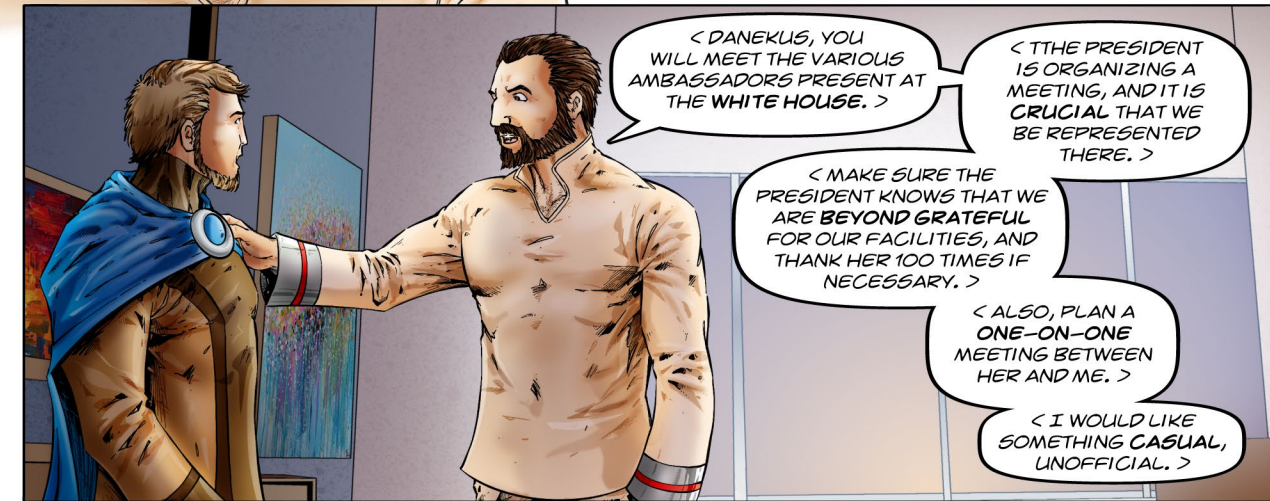
< I HAVE SUMMONED YOU TO ASSIGN YOU YOUR DUTIES FOR TOMORROW. >

< ELDERS, YOU WILL GO TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO COMPLETE THE RATIFICATION OF THE GERF. >

< WE ARE CLOSE TO COMPLETION, SO I SEEK TO REASSURE THE LEADERS OF THE WORLD THAT WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO SAID COMPLETION, DESPITE RECENT EVENTS. >

< A SHOW OF ENDURING STRENGTH! >

< TRANSLATED FROM ANTKHAMENIAN >



< DANEKUS, YOU WILL MEET THE VARIOUS AMBASSADORS PRESENT AT THE WHITE HOUSE. >

< THE PRESIDENT IS ORGANIZING A MEETING, AND IT IS CRUCIAL THAT WE BE REPRESENTED THERE. >

< MAKE SURE THE PRESIDENT KNOWS THAT WE ARE BEYOND GRATEFUL FOR OUR FACILITIES, AND THANK HER 100 TIMES IF NECESSARY. >

< ALSO, PLAN A ONE-ON-ONE MEETING BETWEEN HER AND ME. >

< I WOULD LIKE SOMETHING CASUAL, UNOFFICIAL. >



< DEFINITELY, KHAN SUPREME. >

< I ALSO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ENERGY INDUSTRY TO MEET. >

< PERFECT. YOU WILL CONFIRM TO THEM THAT OUR SUPPORT FOR THEM REMAINS UNWAVERING. >

< YES, KHAN. >



< BEFORE I FORGET, ADVISE THE PRESIDENT THAT I INTEND TO EXTEND OUR STAY IN THIS COUNTRY, IF SHE HAS NO OBJECTION. >

< AS IF IT WAS DONE, KHAN. >

THE NEXT DAY AT REX SUMMA'S DUNGEON.

THE DISCIPLES OF THE SUN'S COMMUNION SHOULD HAVE BEGUN.

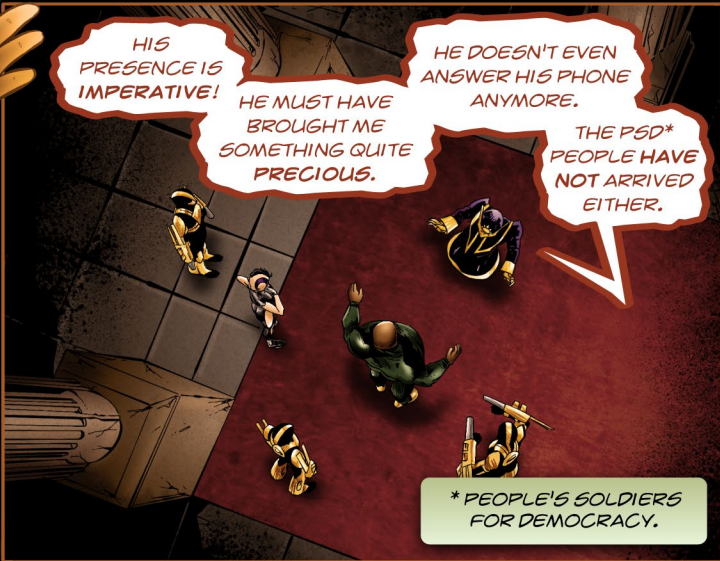
REX SUMMA IS DELAYING THE CEREMONY.

SOMETHING BOTHERING YA, MASTER?

THE GUESTS HAVE ARRIVED, BUT THE ONE I ANTICIPATED THE MOST IS MISSING.



IS IT THAT IMPORTANT?



HIS PRESENCE IS IMPERATIVE!

HE MUST HAVE BROUGHT ME SOMETHING QUITE PRECIOUS.

HE DOESN'T EVEN ANSWER HIS PHONE ANYMORE.

THE PSD\* PEOPLE HAVE NOT ARRIVED EITHER.

\*PEOPLE'S SOLDIERS FOR DEMOCRACY.



THIS IS A SERIOUS BREACH OF MY ORDERS!

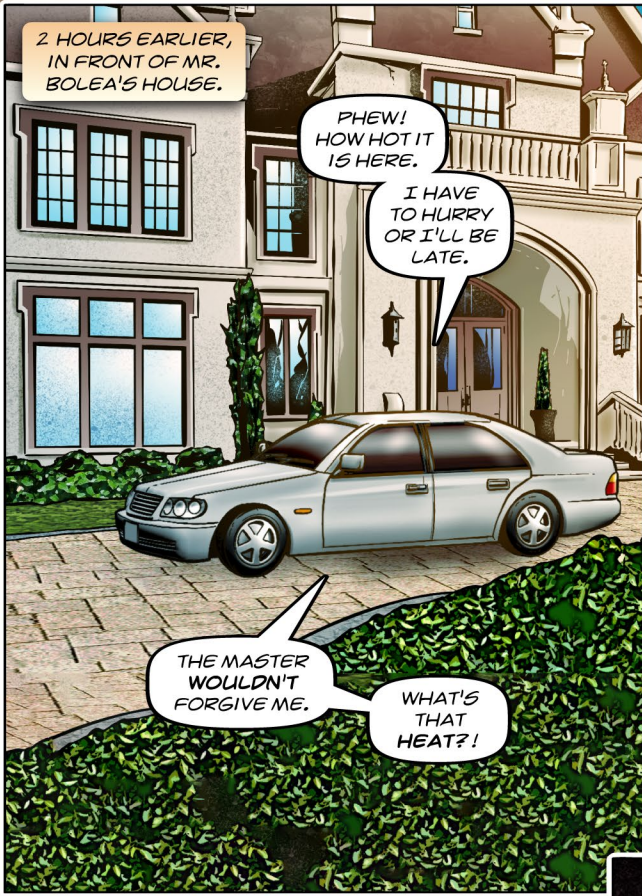
THE PUNISHMENT WILL BE IN KIND.

WE CANNOT WAIT ANY LONGER, WE MUST MEET THE DISCIPLES.

THUS, YOU WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SHOW, ANGELUS AND LADY RAM.







2 HOURS EARLIER,  
IN FRONT OF MR.  
BOLEA'S HOUSE.

PHEW!  
HOW HOT IT  
IS HERE.

I HAVE  
TO HURRY  
OR I'LL BE  
LATE.

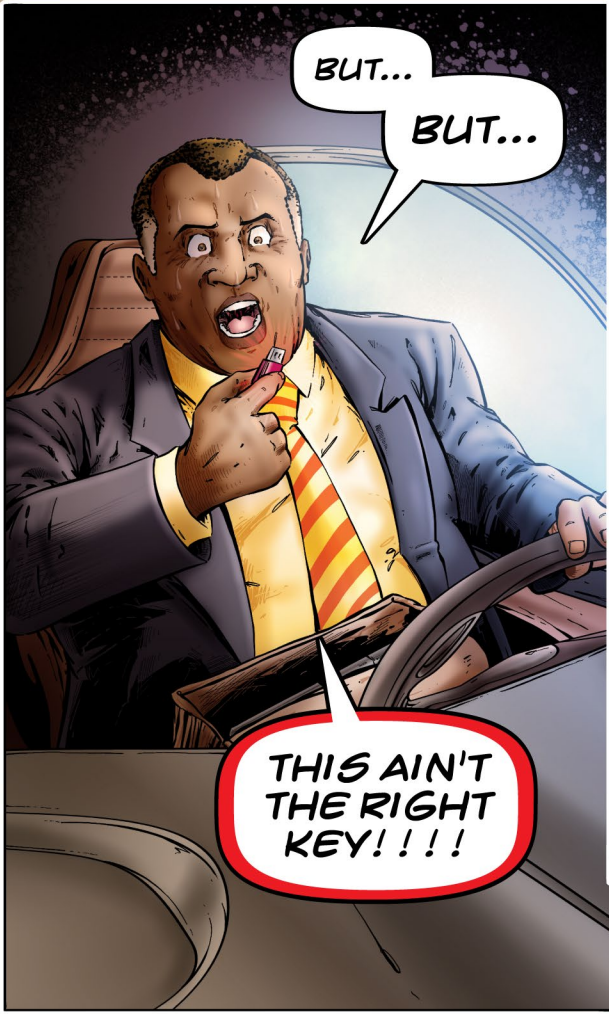
THE MASTER  
WOULDN'T  
FORGIVE ME.

WHAT'S  
THAT  
HEAT?!



I HOPE TO ARRIVE  
BEFORE THE PSD, I  
WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT  
THEM TO THE MASTER  
MYSELF.

BETWEEN THIS  
AND THE USB KEY, THE  
MASTER WILL BE  
DOUBLY IMPRESSED  
WITH ME.



BUT...

BUT...

**THIS AIN'T  
THE RIGHT  
KEY!!!!**



**ARRGGGGH!**





IN A SMALL BOOKSTORE.

HUM, YAH, SIR, I'M LOOKING FOR "THE GREAT MYTH OF SUPER-HUMANS" BY LAFAYETTE LONG, PLEASE.

OF COURSE!

I HAVE IT, FOLLOW ME.

PRESIDENT-MANDATED FESTER CHESTNUT INVESTIGATES THE POSSIBLE EXISTENCE OF SUPER-HUMANS. (SEE DEC #1 AND #6)



ODDLY ENOUGH, THIS OLD BOOK IS IN HIGHER DEMAND THAN EVER.

HUM, YAH, I'LL STUDY IT FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, SIR.



I HUMBLY ACCEPT THIS NOBEL PRIZE.

I'VE TURNED ALL THE STONES ON THIS PLANET.

YES, IT'S TRUE, I WORKED THROUGH THICK AND THIN.

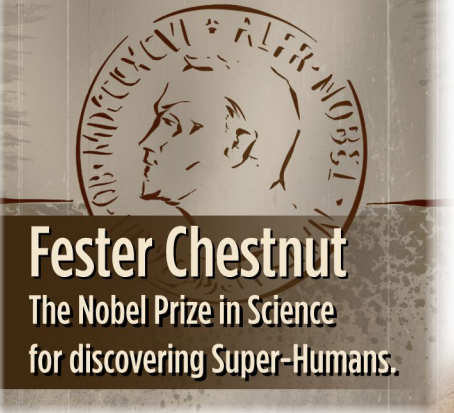
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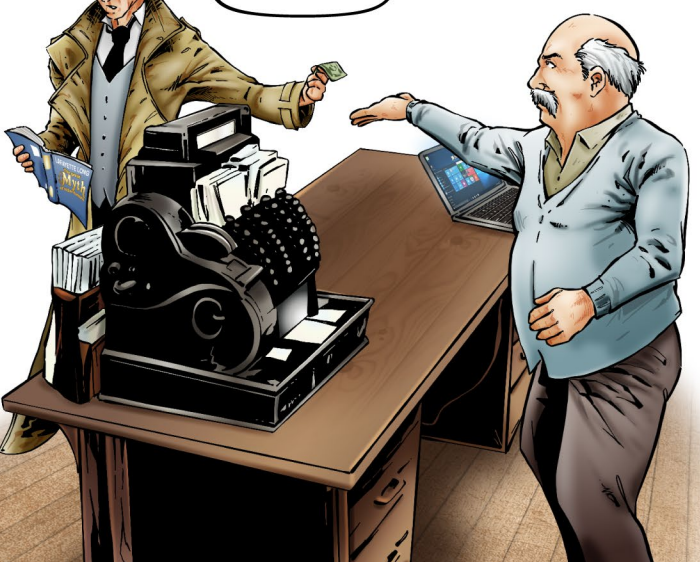
WE PAY AND WE GET OUT!

WHOA!

HUM, YAH, INDEED, SIR.



**Fester Chestnut**  
The Nobel Prize in Science  
for discovering Super-Humans.



THE CEREMONY BEGINS.

DEAR DISCIPLES, EVERY PASSING DAY BRINGS US CLOSER TO OUR ULTIMATE GOAL.

THANKS TO YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS, WE ARE VERY CLOSE TO SUCCESS!

AT THE SAME TIME, HIGH IN THE SKY.



GUTIERREZ, GIVE THE SIGNAL WHEN WE'RE 200 YARDS FROM THE TARGET.



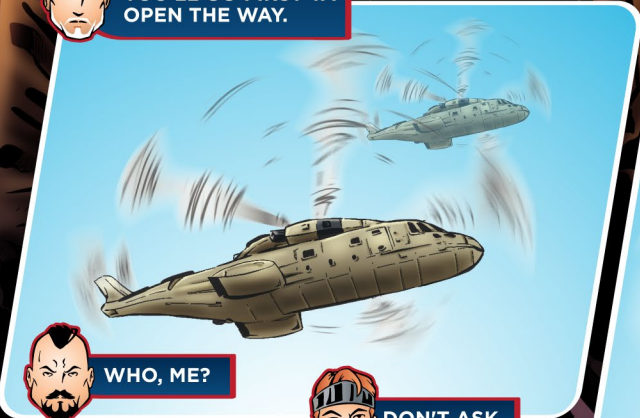
AT YOUR COMMAND, MISTER.



JUMBO TSURUTA, YOU'LL GO FIRST TA OPEN THE WAY.



THE AIRWAVES ARE ALREADY BLURRED BY SOMEONE ELSE.



WHO, ME?



DON'T ASK.



NO BIG DEAL, WE'LL KNOCK 'N WE'LL INVESTIGATE AFTERWARDS.

ON RARE OCCASIONS, A GIANT LEAP IS TAKEN.

TODAY IS ONE OF THOSE DAYS MY BRETHREN.



THIS TIME, NO HIDIN'.

WE RUSH IN THERE, FULL FORCE!

WE'RE ENDIN' ALL THIS, **TODAY!**

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO THE WONDERS OF TECHNOLOGY THAT HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR DONATIONS.

HERE ARE OUR SOLDIERS!

THESE ARE THE ONES WHO WILL BRING US TO POWER.

A POWER THAT WILL SAVE US FROM DEATH!

WHO WILL MAKE US ETERNAL!

**HAIL REX...**



# WARRIORS



WHAT'VE WE GOT HERE?



THERE IS TOO MUCH DUST, WE CAN'T SEE 2 FEET IN FRONT OF US.



THE HELICOPTERS ARE GAININ' ALTITUDE; THE DUST WILL SETTLE.



HELP ME PLEASE!

WE ONLY WANT TO DO GOOD.

I'M D-YING.



IN A FEW SECONDS YOU'LL HAVE BETTER VISIBILITY.

THE REST O' THE GANG ARRIVES BY GROUND.

BE CAREFUL, THE INFO I GOT SAYS THEY GOT A WHOLE WAR ARSENAL.



WE ONLY SAW OLD AND HARMLESS MEN.



I WOULD SAY  
OLD AND NOW  
USELESS!

WE DON'T NEED  
THE DISCIPLES  
ANYMORE.

ELIMINATE  
THEM TOO.



**FIRE!**



MAY I KNOW  
WHAT THE HELL  
THE SNAKES ARE  
DOING HERE?



KEEP YER POSITIONS.  
SHOOT ON SIGHT. KEEP  
'EM AT A DISTANCE.



SEB, THIS IS A STERILE FIGHT.

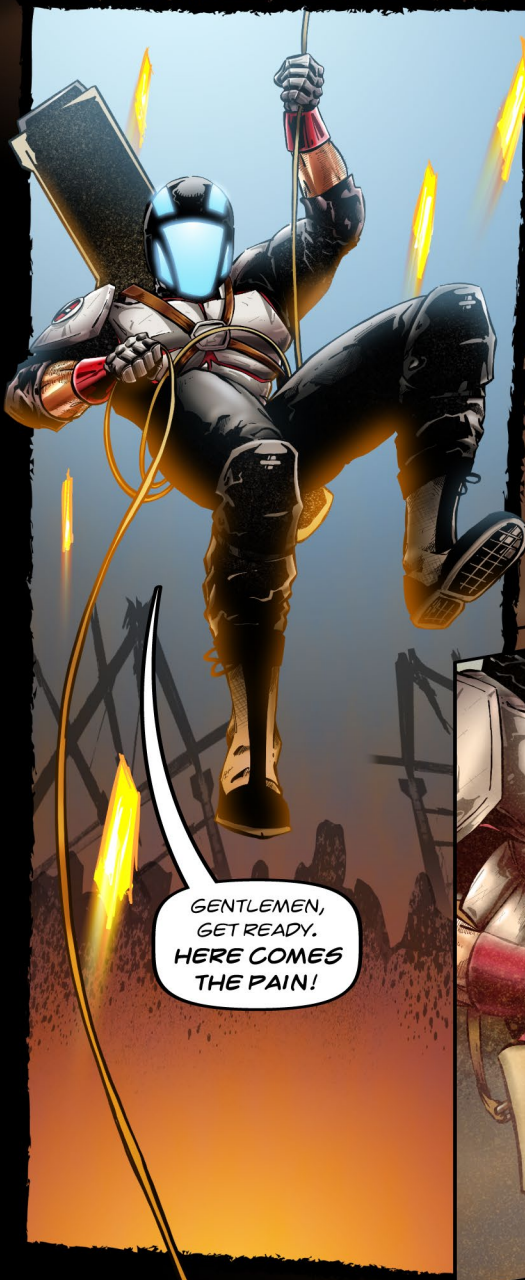
THEY HAVE THE SAME WEAPONS AND SAME DEFLECTION TECHNOLOGY WE DO.

IT'S TOTALLY USELESS.

AS I EXPECTED.

I'M COMIN' DOWN, I GOT A NEW TOY TA TRY.

THE FUN BEGINS.



SEB, WHAT ABOUT THE HELMET?

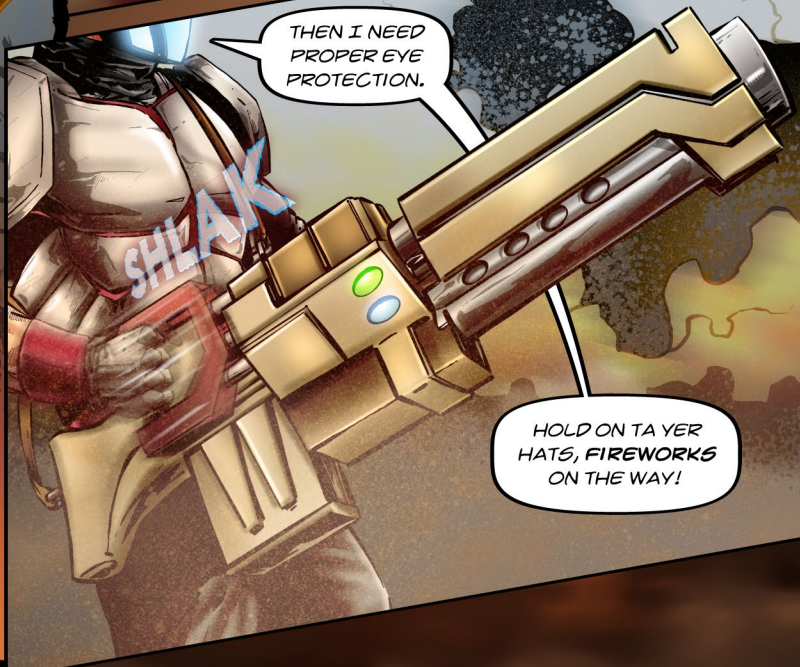
HEY, I PROBABLY KNOW MORE THAN HALF OF THESE RICH OLD SUCKERS.

DON'T WANT ANY OF 'EM TA COME N' GREET ME.

GENTLEMEN, GET READY. HERE COMES THE PAIN!

THEN I NEED PROPER EYE PROTECTION.

HOLD ON TA YER HATS, FIREWORKS ON THE WAY!

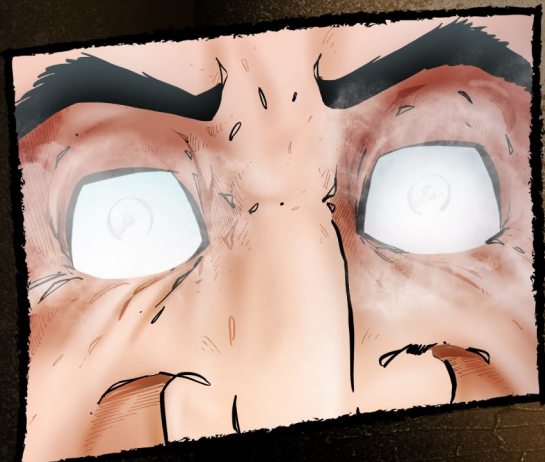


ALL HELLFIRE IS  
SWEEPING OVER  
THE SNAKE KLAN!





WHAT THE \*\$?%\*15 THIS?



LET ME INTRODUCE YA TA NIC.

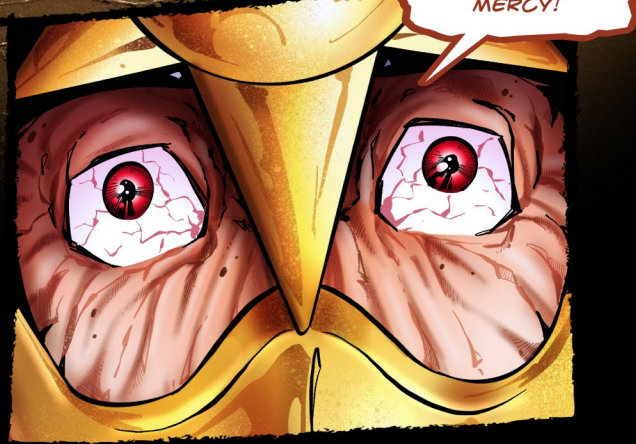
A NUCLEAR IMPULSE CANNON.

THIS JEWEL O' MY CREATION PRODUCES A NUCLEAR IMPULSE THAT SIMULATES AN ORGANIC STRIKE.

BY MY CALCULATIONS, THAT'S ABOUT EQUIVALENT TO 12,000 PUNCHES FROM OVERDRIVE IN ONE HIT.

NO DEFLECTION TECHNOLOGY CAN STOP IT.

POWERFUL AND LETHAL. I'M IN LOVE, GUYS.



ANGELUS, LADY RAM, SHOW NO MERCY!

**HERE'S  
JOHNNY!**

**EVERYBODY,  
RETREAT N' GET ON  
THE BIRDS, NOW!**

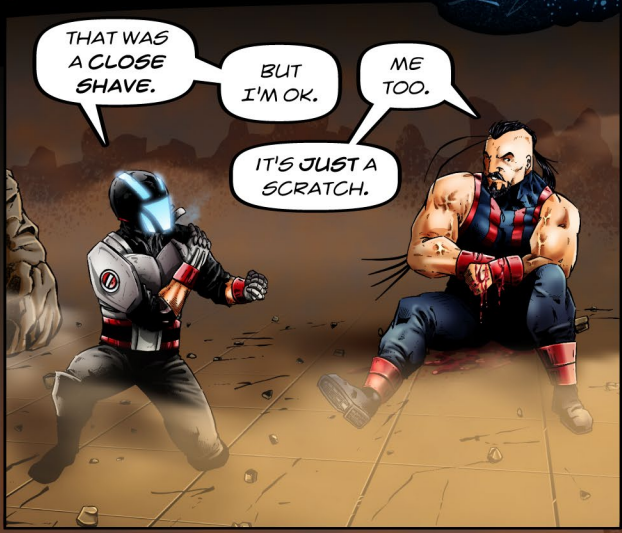




TAKE THAT!

HEY!

THE NIC!

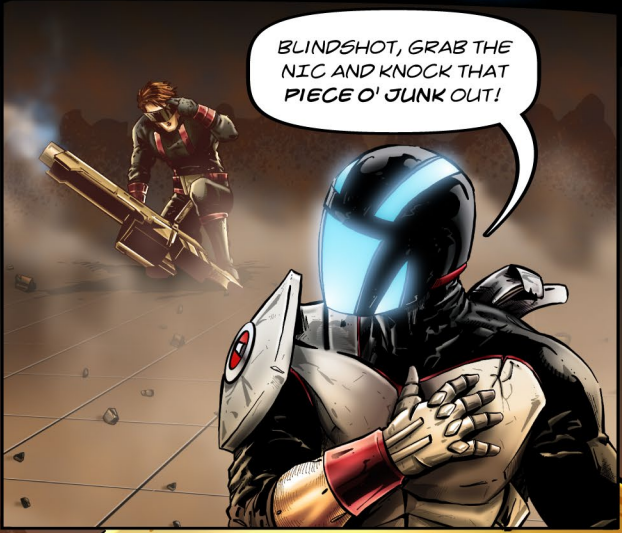


THAT WAS A CLOSE SHAVE.

BUT I'M OK.

ME TOO.

IT'S JUST A SCRATCH.



BLINDSHOT, GRAB THE NIC AND KNOCK THAT PIECE O' JUNK OUT!



GOT IT!



**NOOOOOOO!**  
ANGELUS,  
LIFT-OFF!

FASTER THAN THE  
DEC CAN NOTICE,  
THE GROUND CRUMBLES  
BENEATH THEIR FEET.

**TO BE CONTINUED.**

# COMING SOON



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