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USS AIRCRAFT CARRIER HARRY S TRUMAN

THE PERSIAN GULF

"CONNISBEE!"





LIEUTENANT CONNISBEE, ENSIGN COLDEN. COME IN. SIT DOWN.

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO OUR NAVY SEALS...



...CAPTAIN VACHER...

...MACKEAN...

...NICOLAI...

...AND GIFFORD.



GOOD TO MEET YOU. AND CAPTAIN VACHER...

...AND THESE GUYS?

DO YOU, NOW? YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME WHERE YOU'RE FROM.

PLEASD TO MEET YOU LIEUTENANT CONNISBEE.

MY NAME IS ERIC ORLANDO, THIS IS MY COLLEAGUE CAMERON GANS.

WE HAVE A JOB FOR YOU, LIEUTENANT.

THAT'S RIGHT, LIEUTENANT. WE HAVEN'T.



ADMIRAL,
WITH ALL DUE
RESPECT, SIR,
THIS SMELLS
LIKE BUL...

WE ALL
HAVE OUR ORDERS,
LIEUTENANT.

JUST
LISTEN.

SIR, ARE YOU
SURE CONNISBEE
IS THE BEST YOU HAVE,
SIR? SHE'S NEVER
COME THROUGH
BEFORE...

IF
YOU'VE GOT
SOMETHING TO
SAY, **CAPTAIN**,
LET'S HEAR
IT.

I'M SAYING
WE NEED A PILOT
WHO WON'T DROP AND
RUN AT THE FIRST SIGN
OF TROUBLE, SOMEONE
WHO'LL FOLLOW
ORDERS.

YEAH?
MAYBE IF **YOU**
HAD FOLLOWED
YOURS THEN YOUR
TEAM WOULD
STILL BE
ALIVE!

ENOUGH!
YOU HAVE
A HISTORY. I
DON'T CARE. YOU'RE
ADULTS- DEAL
WITH IT.

LIEUTENANT,
YOUR ADMIRAL
SAYS YOU'RE THE
BEST CHOPPER PILOT
HE HAS AND THAT'S
GOOD ENOUGH
FOR ME.

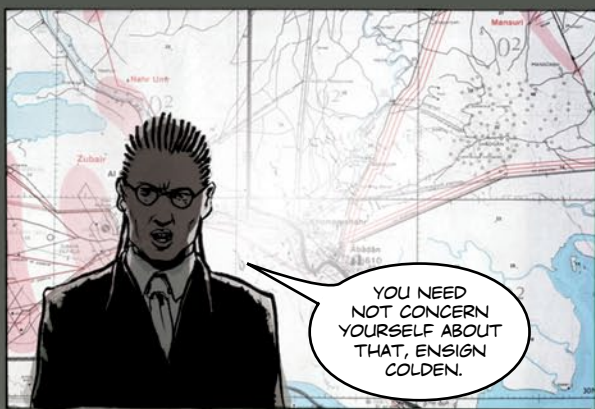
SIR.
WHAT IS THE
MISSION,
SIR?

NO SUCH
THING AS A 'SIMPLE
NIGHT FLIGHT' IN
SOUTHERN IRAQ,
MR ORLANDO.

WE'RE
CALLING
IT **OPERATION
SOLOMON**. A
SIMPLE NIGHT
FLIGHT.

...QUITE.
NEVERTHELESS,
THAT IS THE JOB. YOU
TAKE CAPTAIN VACHER,
HIS MEN, MR GANS AND
MYSELF IN. WE PICK
UP AN.....ITEM. WE
FLY OUT
AGAIN.

SIMPLE.





SON OF A BITCH. I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF HIM TALKING TO ME LIKE THAT...

FORGET IT STEPH - MIND ON THE JOB, YEAH?

I'LL CATCH YOU UP...



STEPH?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?
...STEPH?



WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?



CONNISBEE
WHA...?



SIT DOWN AND SHUT UP CAPTAIN.

OR WHAT...

...I COULD HAVE THAT OUT OF YOUR HANDS IN A...



TRY IT.



I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU HEARD, CAPTAIN, BUT I DID NOT...



DIDN'T WHAT? DIDN'T ABANDON ME AND MY TEAM IN A HOT ZONE?

DIDN'T FLY OFF AND LEAVE US FOR DEAD?

DAMMIT, VACHER! I WAS ORDERED TO LEAVE YOU! IT WASN'T MY CHOICE! YOU THINK I WANTED TO?

YOU WERE TOLD TO WITHDRAW TO THE BIRD. YOU DID NOT.

NO? I DON'T LEAVE MEN BEHIND, CONNISBEE. Y'KNOW? LIKE YOU DID?



YOU CAME BACK TOO LATE.



I CAME BACK, VACHER - AS SOON AS IT WAS SAFE, I CAME BACK.

I DIDN'T LET YOU DOWN, VACHER- THAT'S THE TRUTH.



JUST BE ON DECK AT 22:00...

"...AND LET ME
DO MY JOB."

EVERYONE
STRAPPED
DOWN?

LET'S GO
THEN.

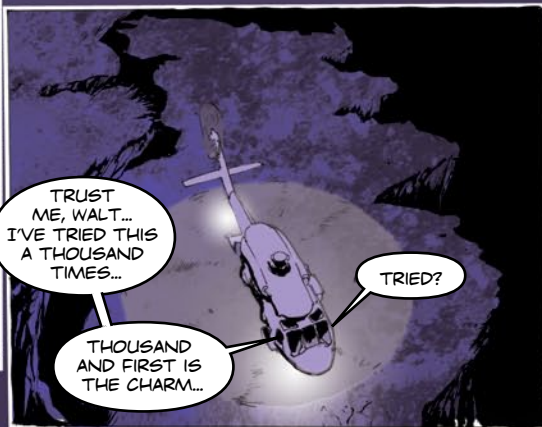
COMING
UP ON TARGET
AREA...



THIS LOOKS FINE...

ARE YOU SURE, STEPH...

...WE'RE PRETTY CLOSE TO-



TRUST ME, WALT... I'VE TRIED THIS A THOUSAND TIMES...

TRIED?

THOUSAND AND FIRST IS THE CHARM...

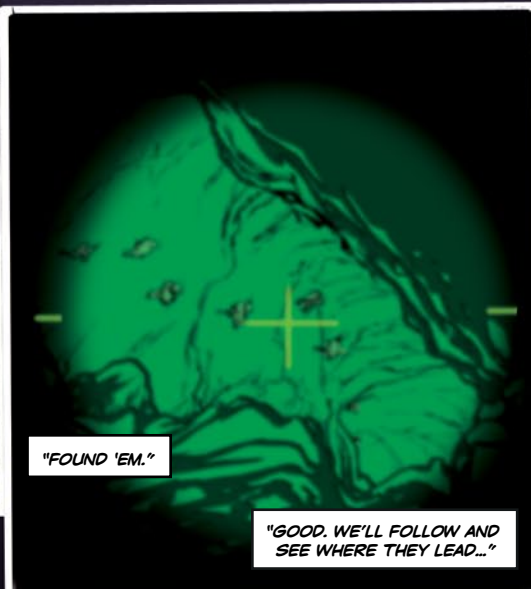


HOW FAR AHEAD?



NOT FAR.

PING!!



"FOUND 'EM."

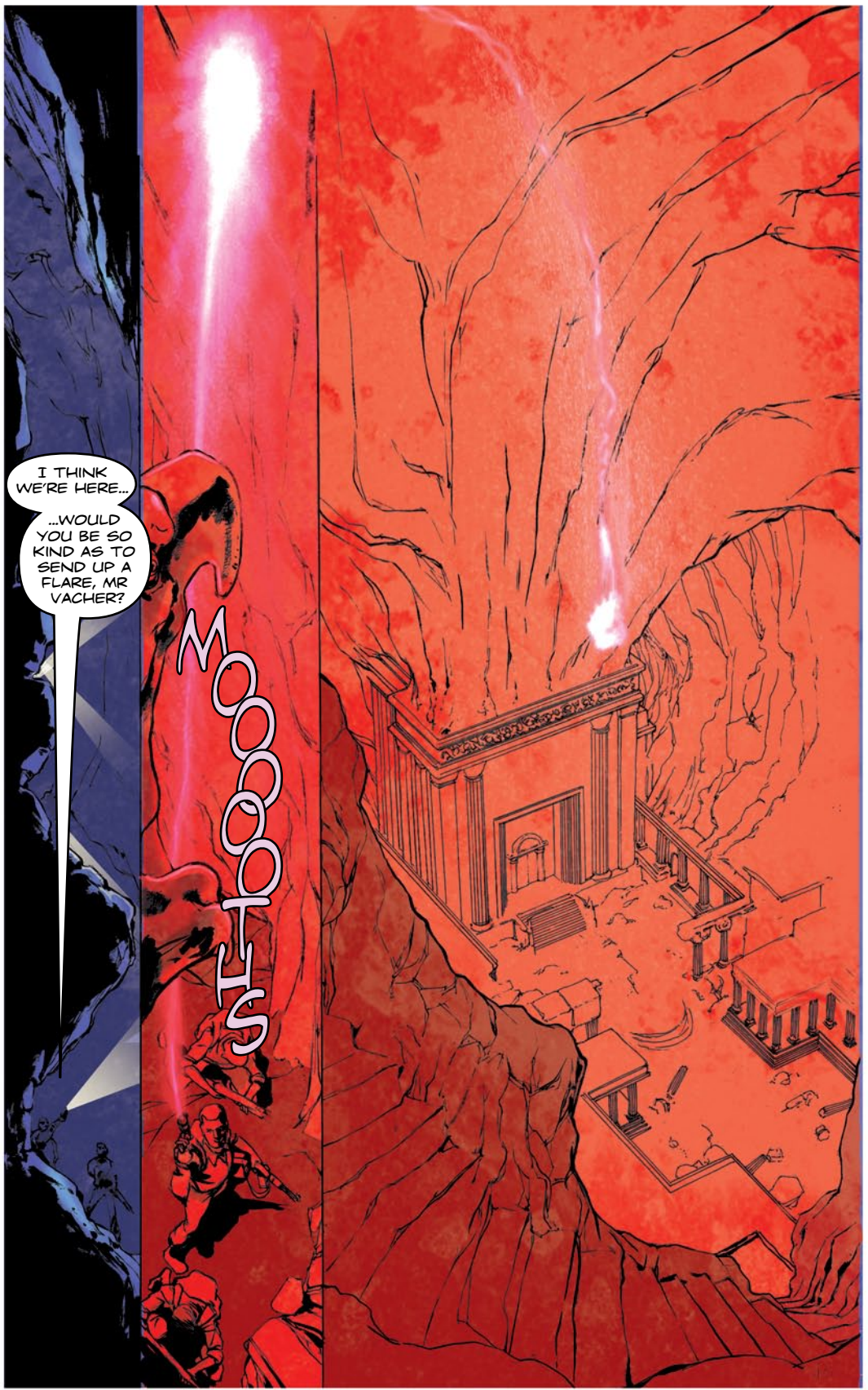
"GOOD. WE'LL FOLLOW AND SEE WHERE THEY LEAD..."



I THINK WE'RE HERE...

...WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO SEND UP A FLARE, MR VACHER?

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WELL I'LL BE DAMNED...

...REMOTE VIEWING GOT IT RIGHT FOR A CHANGE.



THE TEMPLE OF SOLOMON.

THE TEMPLE OF SOLOMON? WASN'T THAT IN JERSUSALEM?



THE OTHER?
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

YES, WELL... THIS IS THE OTHER ONE.



ORLANDO. ELEMENTAL SCIENCE.

ELEMENTAL WHAT?

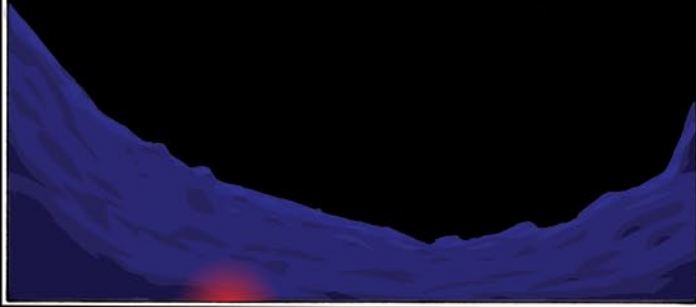
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. NEED TO KNOW.

LET ME GUESS...

...I DON'T NEED TO KNOW?

TRUST ME, LIEUTENANT.

"IT'S SAFER THAT WAY."



"HOLD ON...?"



"LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE GOT COMPANY."

"HOW THE HELL DID **THEY** GET HERE?"



"WHAT'LL WE DO? SHOULD WE HELP?"



"NO, WE WAIT..."



"...WE CAN TAKE WHOEVER COMES OUT."



IT'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING, AIN'T IT LIEUTENANT ?

IT'S PRETTY AMAZING.

LOOK, LIEUTENANT...
...ABOUT EARLIER...

EARLIER...
...YOU MEAN WHEN YOU WERE BEING A DICK...
...SIR?

LIEUTENANT...
...STEPH.
I DID SOME ASKING AROUND AND PULLED THE LOGS ON THE MISSION... YOU'RE RIGHT. IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT. YOU DID WHAT YOU COULD.

I WANT TO SAY I WAS DEAD WRONG. YOU'RE A DAMNED GOOD PILOT, MA'AM.
A GOOD SOLDIER.

YOU GOT ANY IDEA WHY WE'RE HERE?

NONE, LIEUTENANT. WE'VE JUST GOT OUR ORDERS...

...SHALL WE FIND OUT?

WORTH A TRY.

AH! JUST THE CHAPS. CARE TO LEND US A MILITARY MIND TO THIS...
...PUZZLE?

LOOKS COMPLEX.

QUITE. BUT HAVE YOU ANY IDEAS HOW WE CAN OPEN IT?

YEAH...
...I CAN OPEN IT.
VACHER...





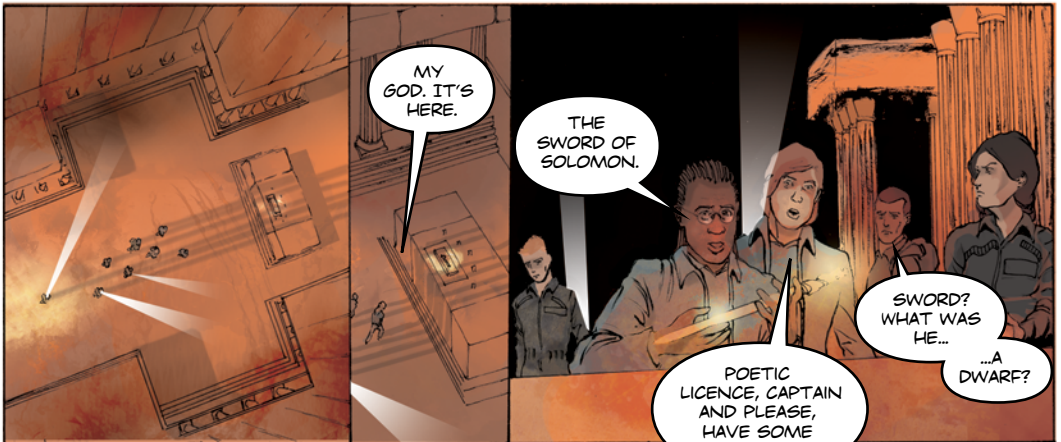
...YOU
PACK ANY
C4 FOR THE
TRIP?

RIGHT HERE,
LIEUTENANT.

AHHH.

FIRE
IN THE
HOLE.

OPEN
SESAME.



MY GOD. IT'S HERE.

THE SWORD OF SOLOMON.

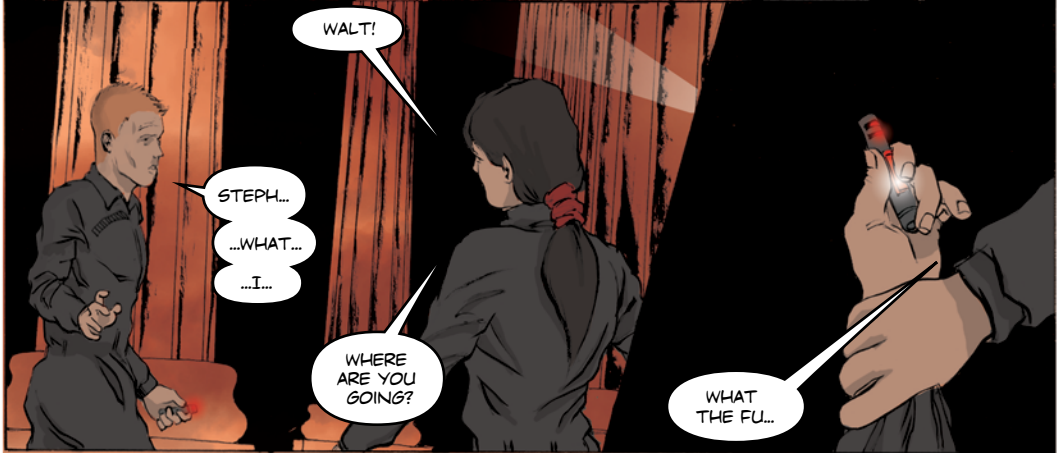
SWORD? WHAT WAS HE...

...A DWARF?

POETIC LICENCE, CAPTAIN AND PLEASE, HAVE SOME RESPECT.



WALT...?



WALT!

STEPH...
...WHAT...
...I...

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

WHAT THE FU...

"THE LIGHTS!"



THE LIGHTS GO OUT LIKE THAT? HAVE TO ASSUME WE'RE BEING ATTACKED.

WHAT HAPPENED?

WHAT? ATTACKED BY...?

WOOMP

ZZZZZZZZ

WHAT DOES THAT?

SOME KIND OF ENERGY WEAPON, MAYBE? GET DOWN, MACKEAN!

ENERGY? WHAT, LIKE A RAY GUN OR SOMETH...

OKAY. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH...

...EVERYONE GET DOWN!

FLASHBANG!

THERE ARE YOUR TARGETS!



YOU GOT ANY ON YOUR EYES?



DIDN'T THINK SO.



CADAMUS!
HAS TO BE! HOW
DID THEY
FIND US?

DOESN'T
MATTER...


...JUST
AS LONG AS
THEY DON'T GET
A HOLD OF THE
BLADE.

WALT!





WALT!
WHAT DID
YOU DO? DID YOU
BRING THEM
HERE?



WHAT
CAN I TELL YOU,
LIEUTENANT...

...THERE ARE
SOME LOYALTIES
DEEPER THAN
COUNTRY.

WALT...



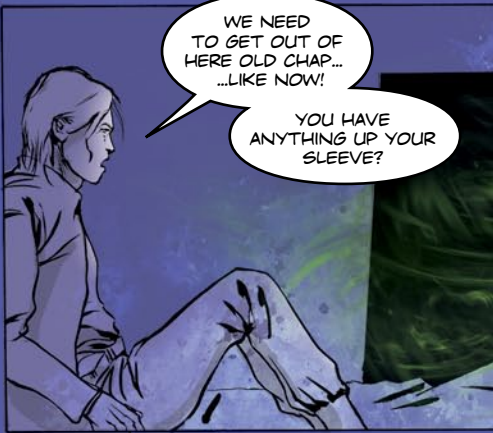
WHAT?
YOU WANT ME
TO SAY I'M
SORRY?



WELL,
LIEUTENANT...
...STEPHANIE...

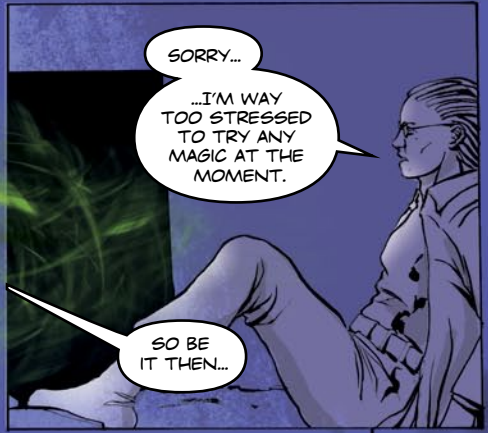


...I'M
SORRY...



WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE OLD CHAP...
...LIKE NOW!

YOU HAVE ANYTHING UP YOUR SLEEVE?



SORRY...
...I'M WAY TOO STRESSED TO TRY ANY MAGIC AT THE MOMENT.

SO BE IT THEN...



...WE DO IT THE HARD WAY!



ARGGHHH!!



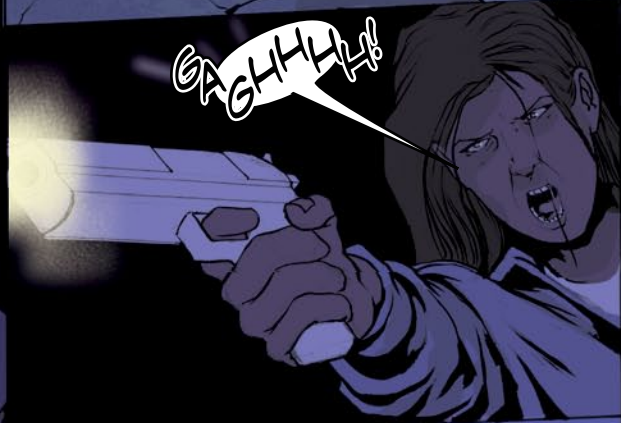
NOOO



OH DEAR. THIS IS NOT GOOD...

THANKS.

DE NADA.





THE CENTRAL PILLAR HAS BEEN DESTROYED. THIS PLACE IS GOING TO COLLAPSE!

WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE!



REALLY? GEE, I WISH I'D THOUGHT OF THAT...

...COME ON!



ALMOST THERE, VACHER. I'VE SENT A DISTRESS SIGNAL.



"TWO LEFT."

"TAKE THEM."



WE SHOULD BE...



...VACHER!:-



"FRANKLY, LIEUTENANT, I FIND YOUR ENTIRE TESTIMONY TO BE NOTHING SHORT OF LUDICROUS. **INSULTING**, EVEN."

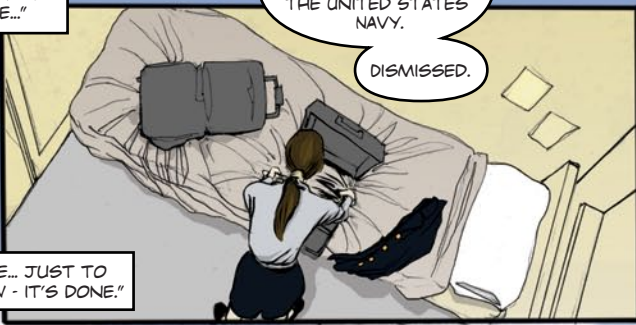
"MYSTERIOUS SPECIAL OPS SOLDIERS. ENERGY WEAPONS. LOST TEMPLES. ELEMENTAL SCIENCE DIVISION. THIS IS NOT A COMIC BOOK, LIEUTENANT CONNISBEE, THIS IS THE UNITED STATES NAVY."

"IN THE LIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE, AND OF YOUR ACTIONS RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF AN ENTIRE HIGHLY TRAINED NAVY SPECIAL OPERATIONS TEAM, NOT TO MENTION YOUR CO-PILOT, I HAVE NO OPTION BUT TO FIND YOU GUILTY OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE..."



...AND TO DISHONOURABLY DISCHARGE YOU FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

DISMISSED.



"ASH? IT'S ME... JUST TO LET YOU KNOW - IT'S DONE."



NEXT TIME, JUST DON'T MISS. I PUT MYSELF ON THE LINE FOR THIS ONE... NO... NO... NO, **ICARUS** IS SAFE.

SHE KNOWS NOTHING. SHE HAS NO IDEA WHAT SHE HAS SEEN.

"I WOULDN'T WORRY, NATHAN. I'M SURE THIS IS THE LAST WE'LL EVER HEAR FROM HER."



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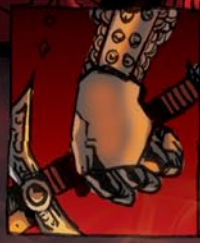






WHO ARE YOU?!

"CONCENTRATE, BOY - FIGHT THEM!"



"THEY MUST NOT ENTER."



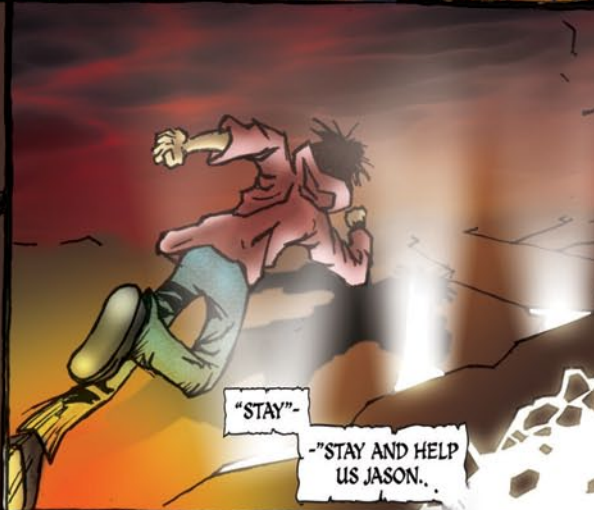
ENTER WHAT?

"THE SLEEPER SHALL AWAKE."

"IF YOU RUN, WE WILL FIND YOU."



"WHEREVER YOU GO, WE WILL FIND YOU."



"STAY"-

"-STAY AND HELP US JASON.."