

HEROES

CHAPTER 24

War Buddies

The Lonestar File

Part 1 of 6

Hana Gittelman has sworn revenge on Mr. Bennet, the man in horned-rimmed glasses. He brought her into his shadowy organization, claiming to be part of the U.S. government. Hana soon learned Bennet's true nature and planned to bring him down. When Claire is revealed to have regenerative abilities, Bennet was forced to take a stand. Is he a father first, or a company man? Bennet sought out Hana again, this time with an offer: take down the company. Together. Can she trust him? Will she?

MY NAME IS **HANA GITTELMAN**. I CAN SEE, HEAR AND MANIPULATE THE VORTEX OF **WIRELESS DIGITAL INFORMATION** SWIRLING AROUND THE EARTH.

YES, I KNOW. I'M A **WALKING BLACKBERRY**.

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YESTERDAY, I WANTED **VENGEANCE** ON THE MAN IN THE HORN-RIMMED GLASSES -- **BENNET**.

HE **MANIPULATED** ME. **USED** ME. AND WHEN I NEEDED HIM MOST -- HE THREW ME TO THE **WOLVES**.

TODAY, HE TURNED TO ME FOR **HELP**. SO THE QUESTION IS --

DO I **TRUST** HIM?

MARK WARSHAW
Story

STEVEN LEJEUNE
Art

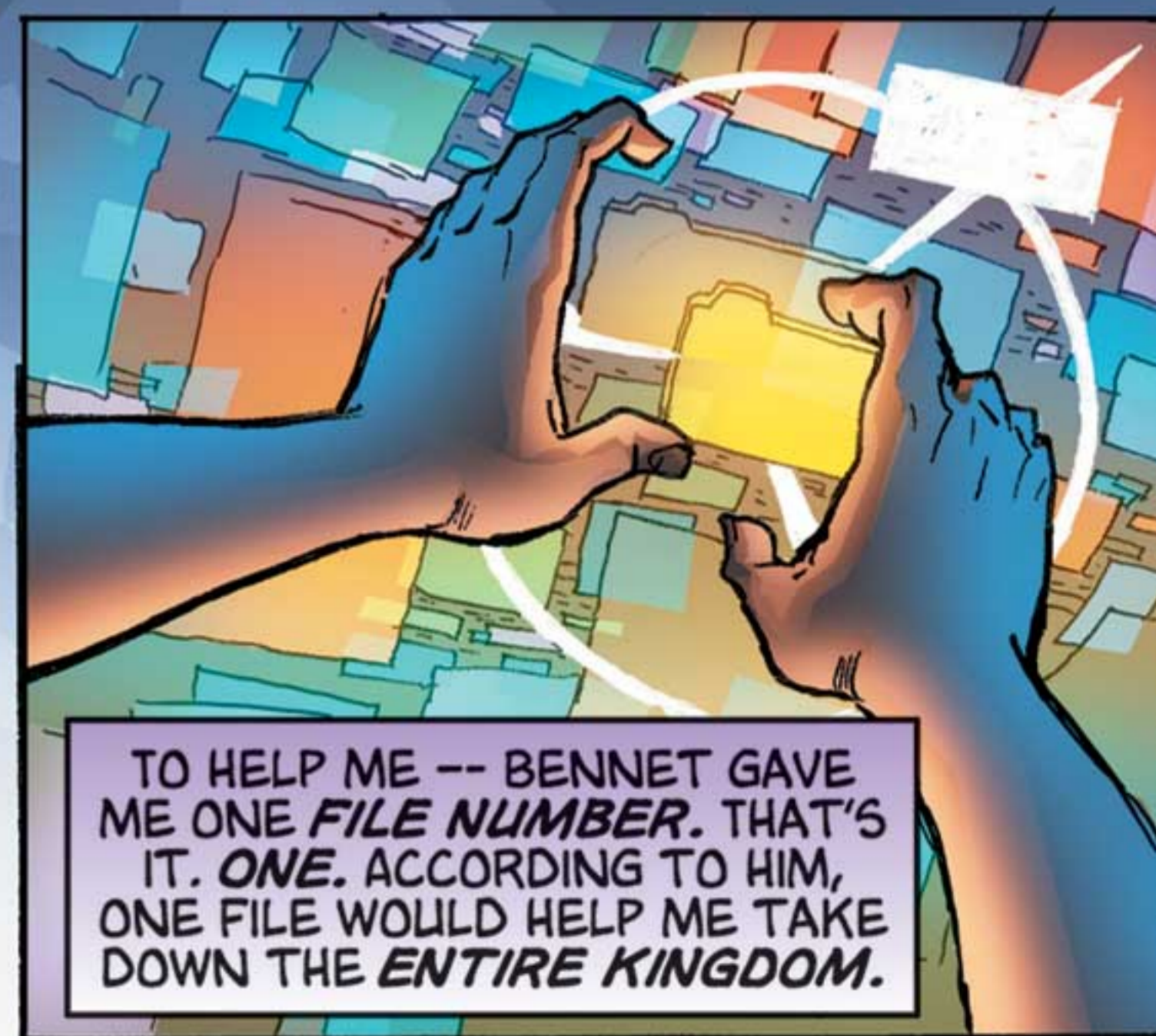
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BENNET SAYS THAT **HE'S** A VICTIM TOO. MANIPULATED BY THE COMPANY.

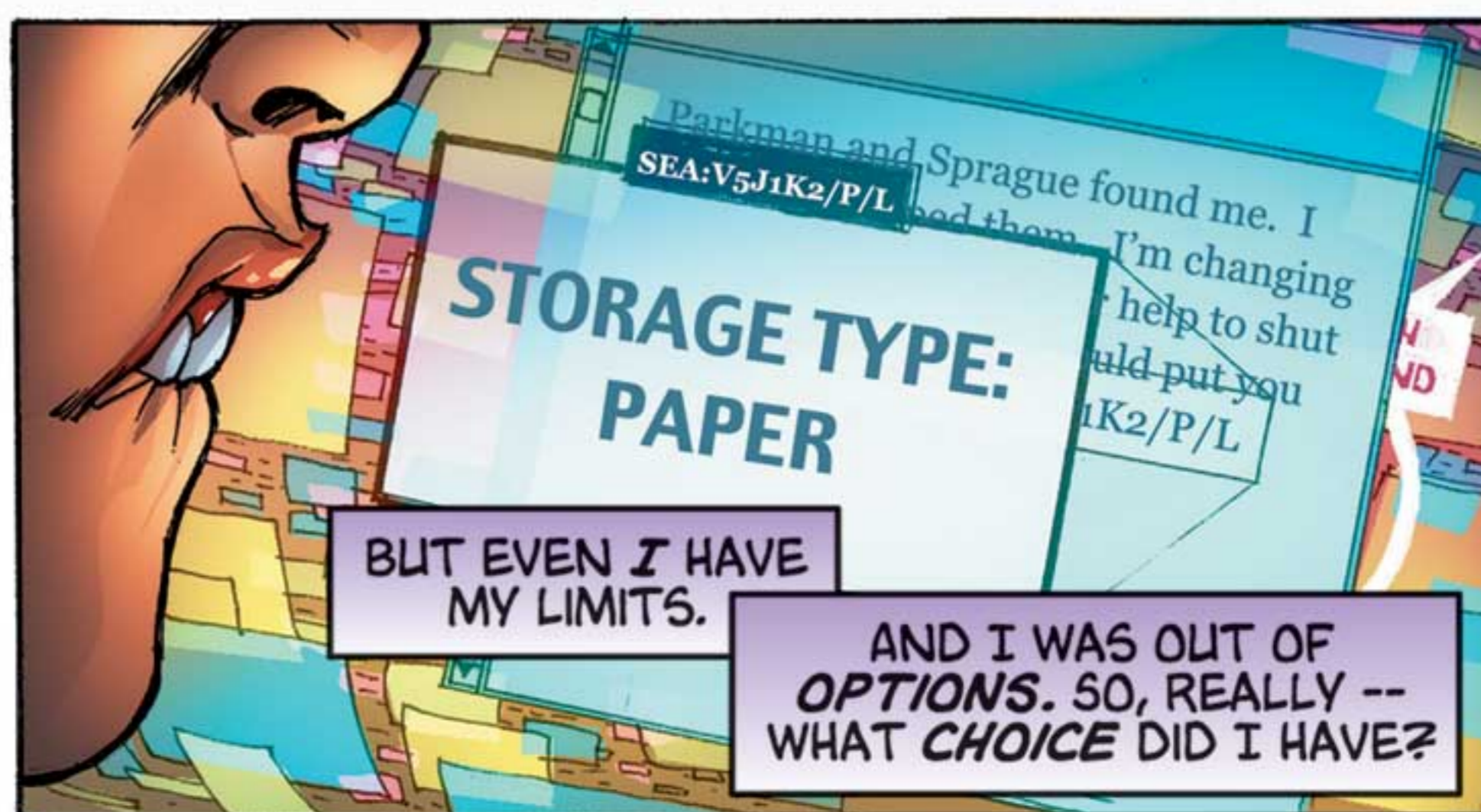
THAT WE'RE BOTH ON THE SIDE OF THE **ANGELS**. THAT IT'S UP TO **US** TO TAKE DOWN THE COMPANY.



TO HELP ME -- BENNET GAVE ME ONE **FILE NUMBER**. THAT'S IT. **ONE**. ACCORDING TO HIM, ONE FILE WOULD HELP ME TAKE DOWN THE **ENTIRE KINGDOM**.



THE **FILE** IS NOT A PROBLEM. IF IT'S BEEN CONVERTED TO A **BYTE** OR A **BIT**, I CAN **FIND** IT. NO MATTER **HOW** PAINSTAKINGLY ENCODED.



BUT EVEN **I** HAVE MY LIMITS.

AND I WAS OUT OF **OPTIONS**. SO, REALLY -- WHAT **CHOICE** DID I HAVE?

HIGHWAY 40.
HEADING EAST.

WAR DOES NOT *CARE* IF YOU
ARE A MAN OR A WOMAN.
MY TRAINING IN ISRAEL
PREPARED ME FOR THIS.



ARCHIVES

Casey Z. Smith



Clearance: TOP SECRET/SCI



**ISRAEL. MOSSAD
TRAINING CENTER. 2001.**

FEW GIRLS CAN
BEAT UP BIG BOYS.




- Smith, Carmen..... Washington, DC
- Smith, Carol..... District Heights, MD
- Smith, Carolyn..... Jefferson, MD
- Smith, Casey Z..... Arlington, VA
- Smith, Cassio.....
- Smith, Katrina..... Bunker Hill, WV
- Smith, Katrina.....
- Smith, Katrina..... Chevy Chase, MD

SO WE HAVE TO
PLAY THE HAND
WE'RE *DEALT*.



GIVE
UP?

 **CaseyZSmith**
Man seeking Woman
For: A date, A friend,
A long term relationship

New Message

From: Samantha48616e61

MEET FOR DRINKS?

MAYBE.



LUCKY FOR *ME*,
CASEY SMITH
HAPPENS TO BE
SINGLE.

6 GEORGETOWN.
WASHINGTON, DC.

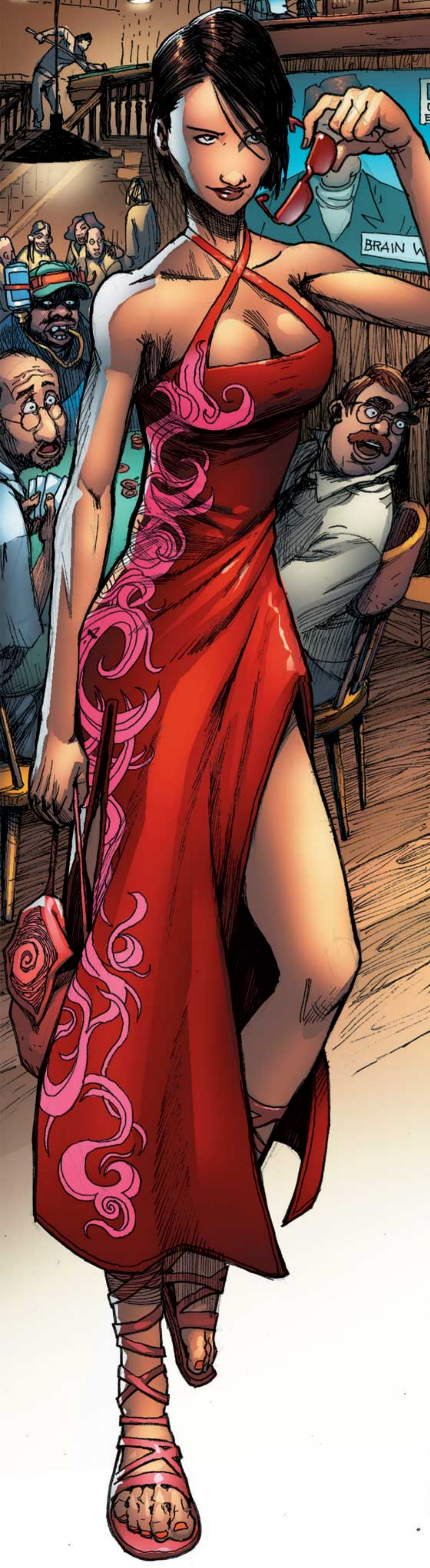
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CASEY?

SAMANTHA?

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ELECTIONS

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I LIKE YOUR
ACCENT.

YOU'RE MORE
HANDSOME THAN
YOUR MYSPACE
PHOTOS.

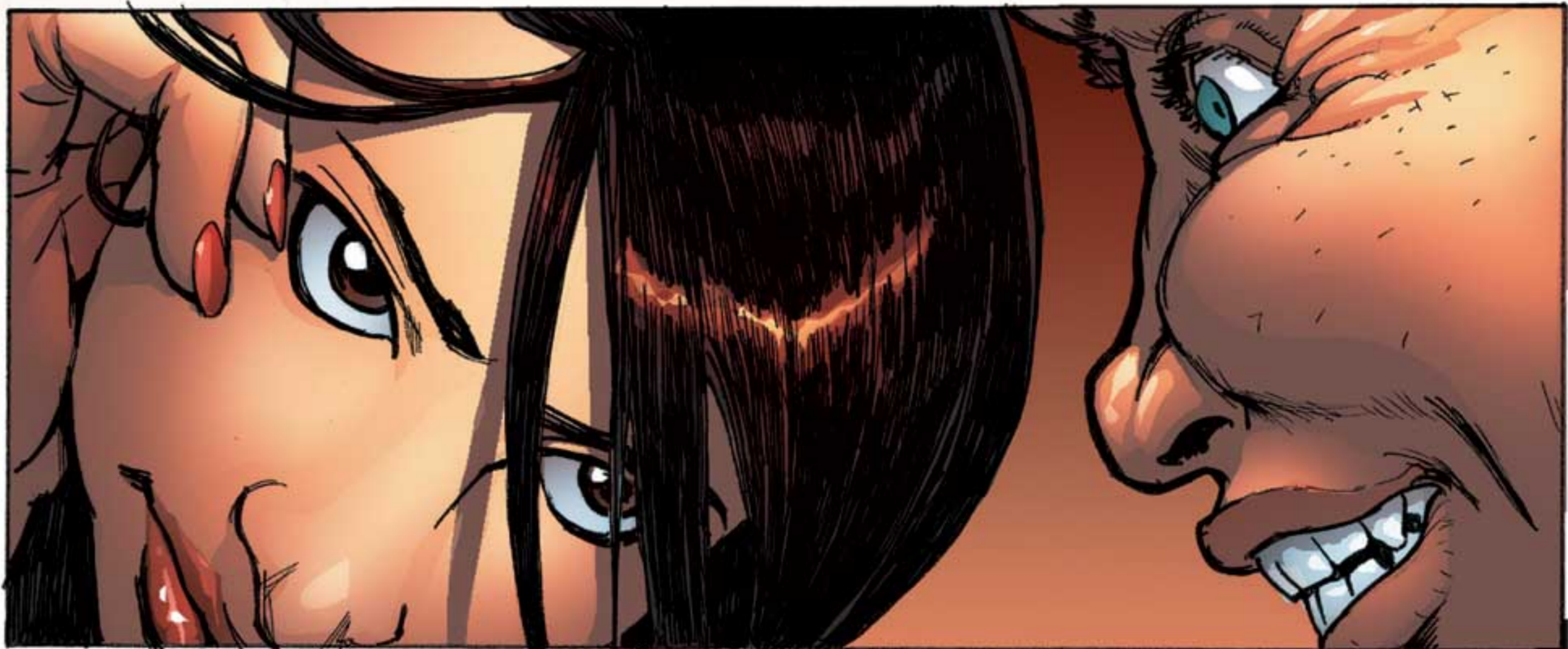


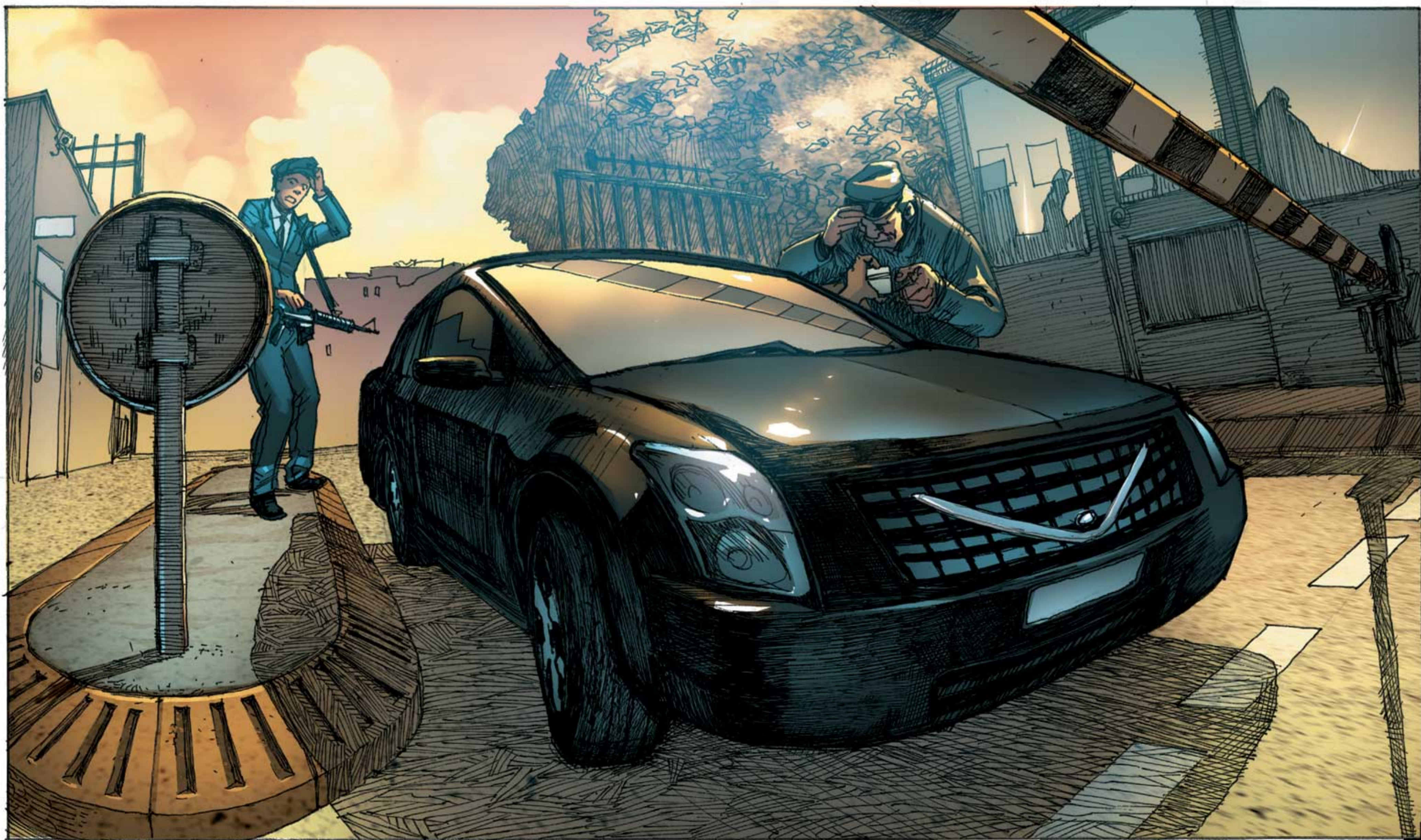
SO, UM, DO YOU
THINK THIS GUY'S
GONNA WIN
NEW YORK?

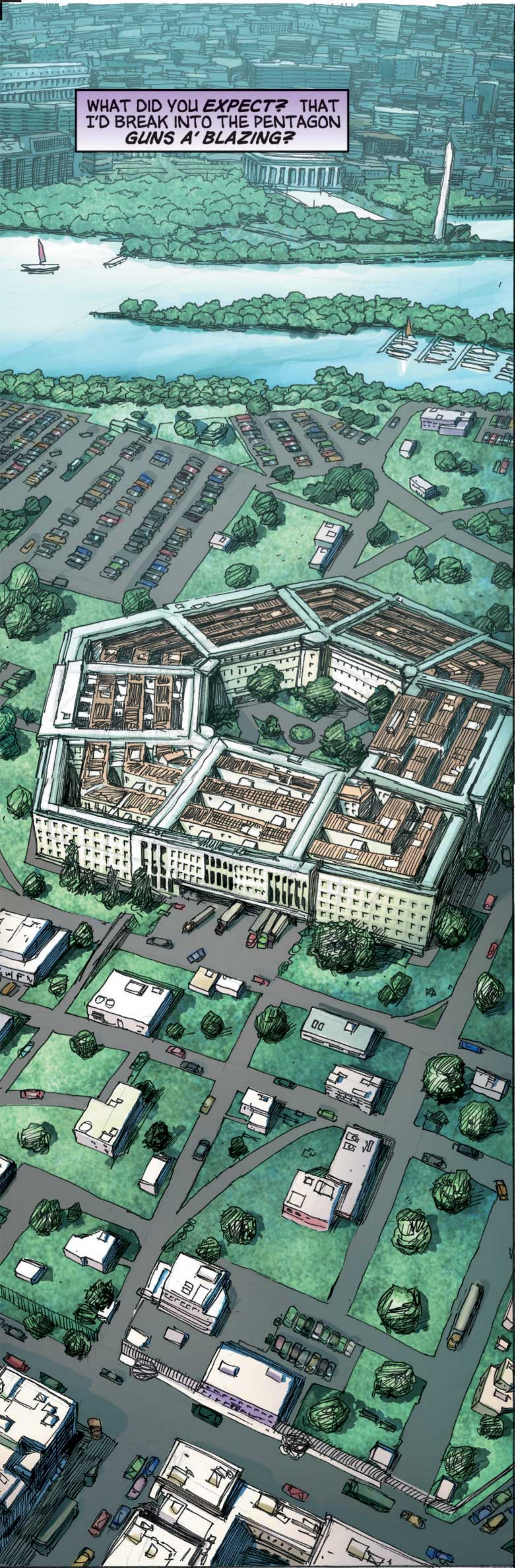
POLITICS AND
RELIGION. **NOT**
GOOD FIRST DATE
CONVERSATIONS.



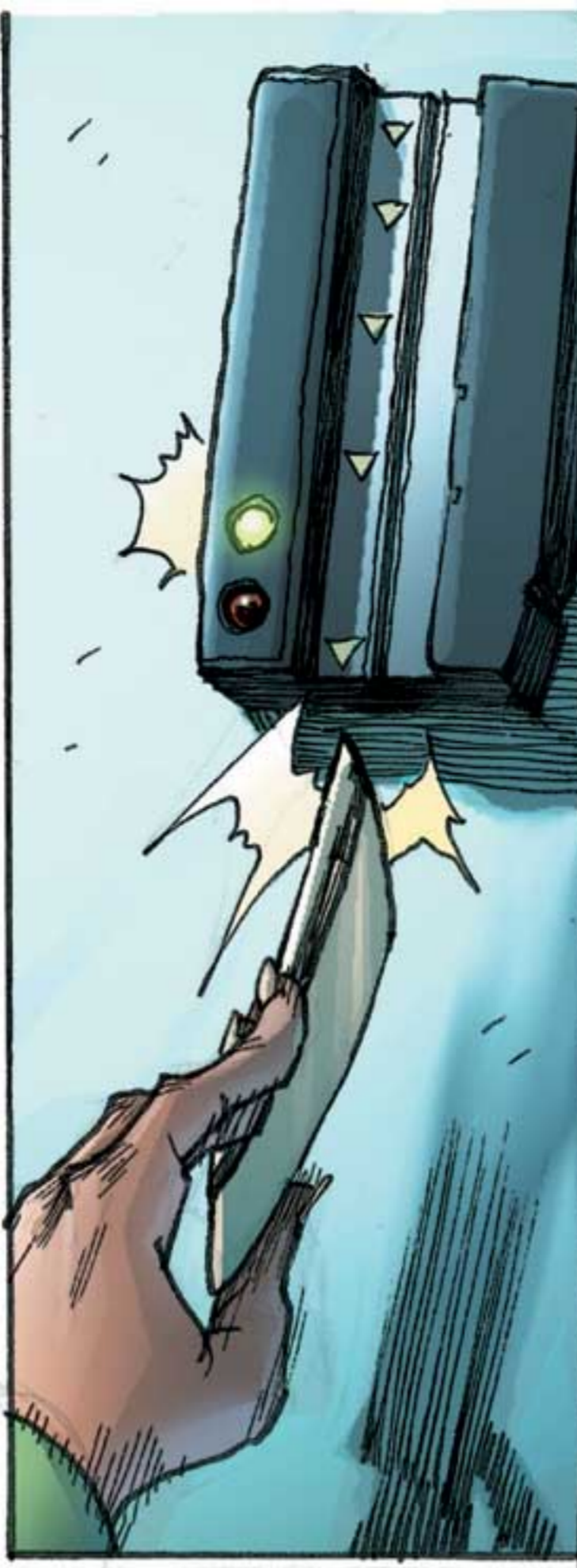
BUT YOU
KNOW WHAT
IS?







WHAT DID YOU *EXPECT?* THAT I'D BREAK INTO THE PENTAGON *GUNS A' BLAZING?*



I NEED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS *MISSION.*



I NEED *ANSWERS* TO MY QUESTIONS.



LOOKS LIKE I'M OFF TO A *GOOD START.*

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