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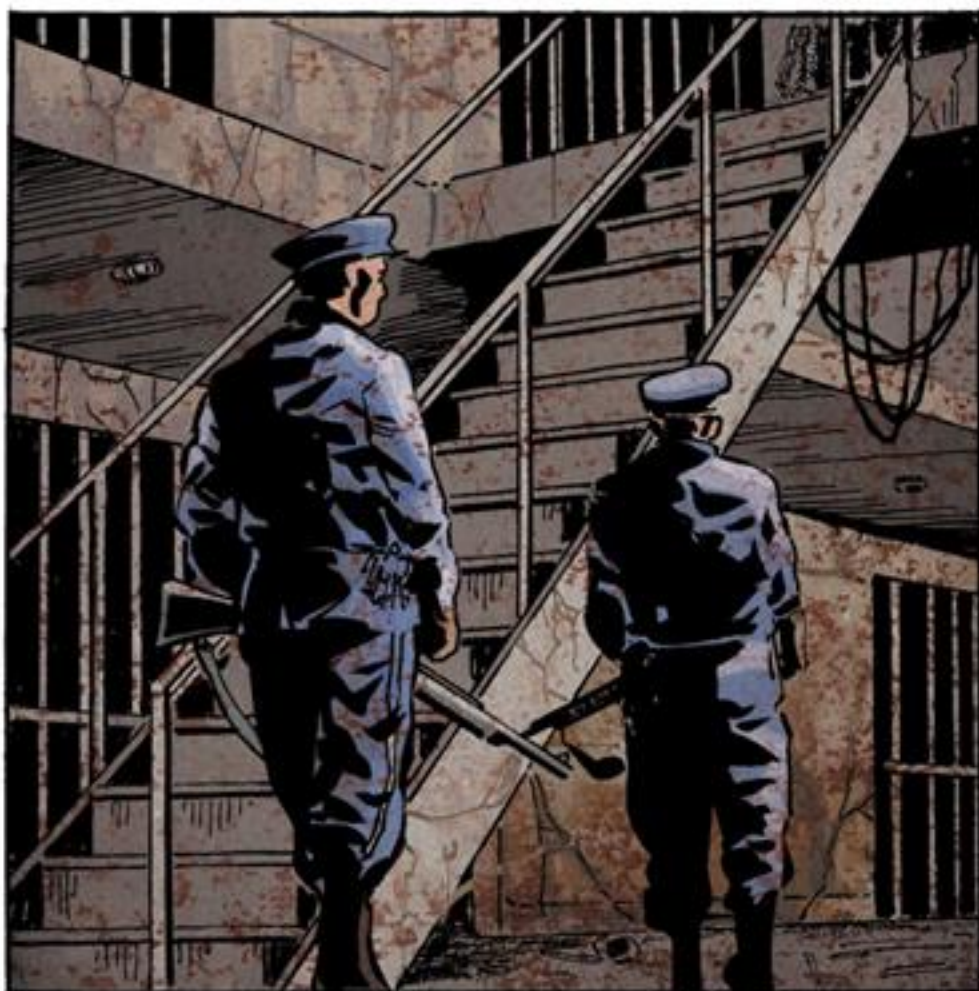
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ROGUE









ROGUE SQUAD, PART ONE

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TIME.

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...A HUNDRED-FOLD INCREASE IN SURPLUS ENERGY EXPORTED FROM MYANMAR OVER THE LAST SEVEN MONTHS...



...APPARENTLY SOURCED FROM A NEW FACILITY OUTSIDE OF YANGON.

ANALYSIS BY CHECKMATE'S BISHOPS HAS LED US TO CONCLUDE THIS NEW SOURCE IS LIKELY METAHUMAN IN NATURE, AND CONSEQUENTLY IN VIOLATION OF THE U.N. PROHIBITION AGAINST THE EMPLOYMENT OF SENTIENT POWER SOURCES...

WHITE QUEEN--
AMANDA WALLER



...AS WELL AS BEING POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS AND, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, UNSTABLE, AS YOU CAN SEE EXPLAINED IN THE BRIEFING MATERIALS.



D'ACCORD, YES, THE REPORT IS ALL VERY CLEAR, WHITE QUEEN.

BUT ALL WE ARE SEEING IS SUPPOSITION WITHOUT PROOF...



...AND THAT IS NOT ENOUGH TO CONVINCE THIS COUNCIL TO GRANT YOUR PROPOSAL.

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, PRESIDENT DURAND, ACTION IS REQUIRED.

AT THE LEAST, THE SITUATION RUNS THE RISK OF DESTABILIZING THE ENTIRE REGION, AS WELL AS AFFECTING THE GLOBAL ECONOMY.

BRAZIL



THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT **SHARES** THIS CONCERN, MISTER PRESIDENT.

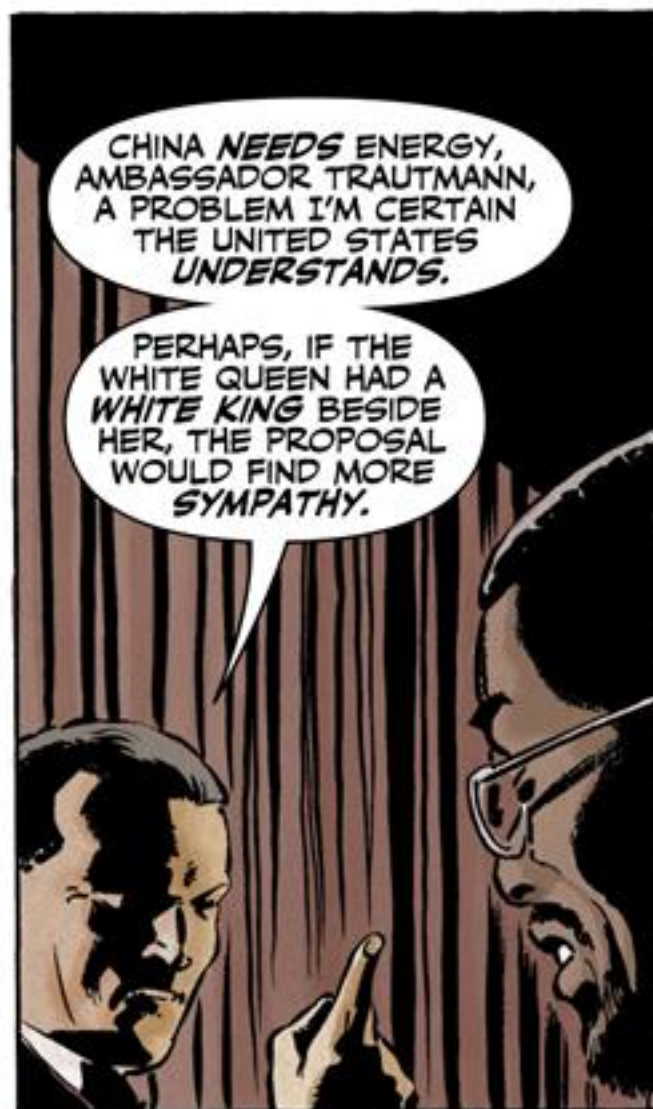
WE ARE **HEARTENED** BY CHECKMATE'S INVESTIGATION OF THE PLANT NEAR YANGON AND BELIEVE THE WHITE QUEEN'S PROPOSAL HAS **MERIT**.



HARDLY SURPRISING, CONSIDERING VENEZUELA'S POSITION AS THE **FOURTH** LARGEST OIL-PRODUCING NATION IN THE **WORLD**.

CHINA, CONVERSELY, FINDS **NOTHING** WRONG WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION IN MYANMAR.

NO DOUBT BECAUSE CHINA HAS BEEN **BUYING** A LOT OF THEIR SURPLUS **POWER**.



CHINA NEEDS ENERGY, AMBASSADOR TRAUTMANN, A PROBLEM I'M CERTAIN THE UNITED STATES **UNDERSTANDS**.

PERHAPS, IF THE WHITE QUEEN HAD A **WHITE KING** BESIDE HER, THE PROPOSAL WOULD FIND MORE **SYMPATHY**.



AND IF THE **PERMANENT** MEMBERS STOPPED **VETOING** EVERY **CANDIDATE** THE U.S. HAS PROPOSED, **PERHAPS** THERE WOULD ALREADY BE ONE.



FOR THE **RECORD**, THE UNITED STATES AGREES WITH THE AMBASSADOR FROM VENEZUELA-- HARD THOUGH THAT MAY BE TO **BELIEVE--**

--AND FURTHER WISHES TO REMIND THE COUNCIL THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS **RECORD** OF THE **DICTATORIAL REGIME** IN WHAT WAS ONCE **BURMA--**



WHILE THE UNION OF MYANMAR'S RECORD IS A CAUSE FOR CONCERN, THAT IS **NOT** AT ISSUE HERE, AMBASSADOR TRAUTMANN.

AUTHORIZING **CHECKMATE** TO TAKE WHAT WOULD ULTIMATELY BE A **PREEMPTIVE** ACTION IS.



THERE'S **ANOTHER** FACTOR THE COUNCIL HAS YET TO TAKE INTO **CONSIDERATION**, MISTER PRESIDENT...

...THAT OF **OTHER** METAS.



IF THIS SOURCE OF POWER IS IN FACT DERIVED FROM A META, THEN IT'S BOTH **MOBILE** AND VIRTUALLY **UNTRACEABLE**.

WHAT IF **OTHER FORCES** TOOK **CONTROL** OF IT?

THE **SOCIETY**, FOR INSTANCE.



I'M SURE EVERYONE REMEMBERS WHAT HAPPENED TO THE AMERICAN CITY OF **BLUDHAVEN**.



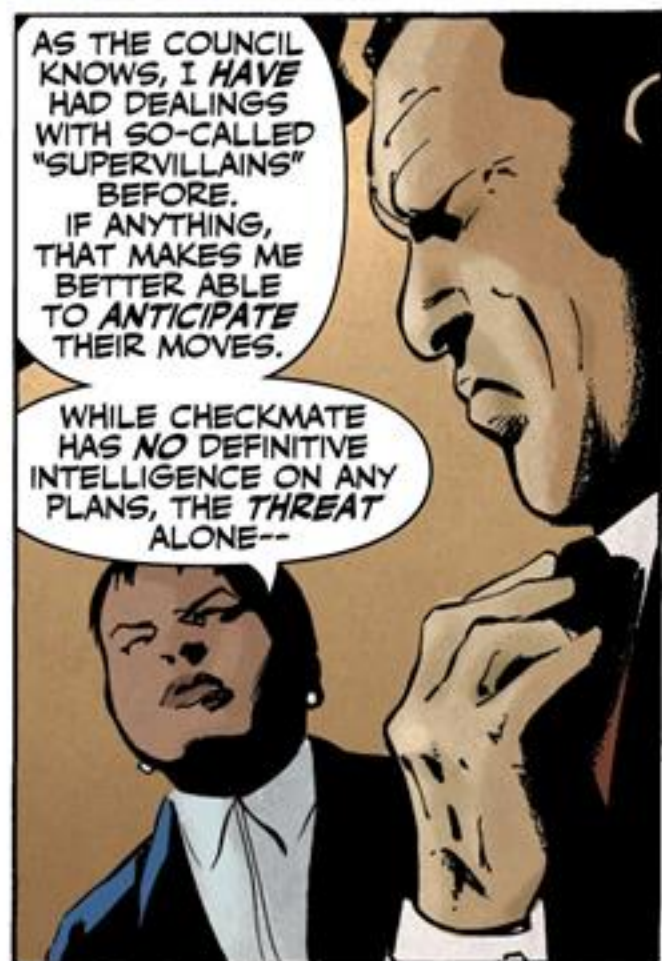
AN ALARMING SCENARIO, WHITE QUEEN. DO YOU HAVE **INTELLIGENCE** SUGGESTING THE **SOCIETY** HAS SUCH PLANS?

I AM LED TO BELIEVE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE **MIND** OF THE COSTUMED VILLAIN BETTER THAN MOST, AFTER ALL.



THE **SOCIETY** ISN'T THE **ONLY** GROUP THAT COULD ABUSE A META'S POWERS.

THE AMBASSADOR FROM CHINA CAN SURELY **IMAGINE** THE THREAT A GROUP LIKE, SAY, **KOBRA** COULD POSE.



AS THE COUNCIL KNOWS, I **HAVE** HAD DEALINGS WITH SO-CALLED "SUPERVILLAINS" BEFORE. IF ANYTHING, THAT MAKES ME BETTER ABLE TO **ANTICIPATE** THEIR MOVES.

WHILE CHECKMATE HAS **NO** DEFINITIVE INTELLIGENCE ON ANY PLANS, THE **THREAT** ALONE--



AND THAT IS WHAT IS AT **ISSUE**.

UNDER RULE 472 SLASH C, CHINA MOVES THAT THE **PROPOSAL** BE TABLED INDEFINITELY.

AGREED...



...THE **ISSUE** IS **CLOSED**.



**"THE CASTLE"--CHECKMATE H.Q.,
UNDISCLOSED LOCATION, SWISS ALPS.**

SASHA?



**BLACK
QUEEN'S
BISHOP--
JESSICA
MIDNIGHT.**

RIGHT
HERE,
JESS.

HOW LONG
YOU BEEN DOWN
HERE? I'VE BEEN
LOOKING FOR YOU
EVERYWHERE.



**BLACK
QUEEN--
SASHA
BORDEAUX.**

I'D HAVE
THOUGHT
YOU WERE
WITH YOUR NEW
KNIGHT, PUTTING
HER THROUGH
HER PACES.

SHE'S
ON A PASS--
HOLD THIS,
WILL YOU?



HAD
TO GO BACK
TO PARIS TO
FINISH GETTING
HER THINGS IN
ORDER.

THE COUNCIL
SHOT DOWN THE
WHITE QUEEN'S
PROPOSAL.



GOOD.



THEY
COMPROMISED.
SHE'S IN, BUT
WHITE SIDE
ONLY.

WALLER DOES
ANYTHING REMOTELY
OPERATIONAL...



...SHE'S
OUT ON HER...
ASS...



WHITE KING'S
BISHOP--MICHAEL
HOLT--"MISTER
TERRIFIC."



YOU COULD
GO TALK TO HIM,
YOU KNOW.



HE'S
NOT THE
WHITE KING
YET.

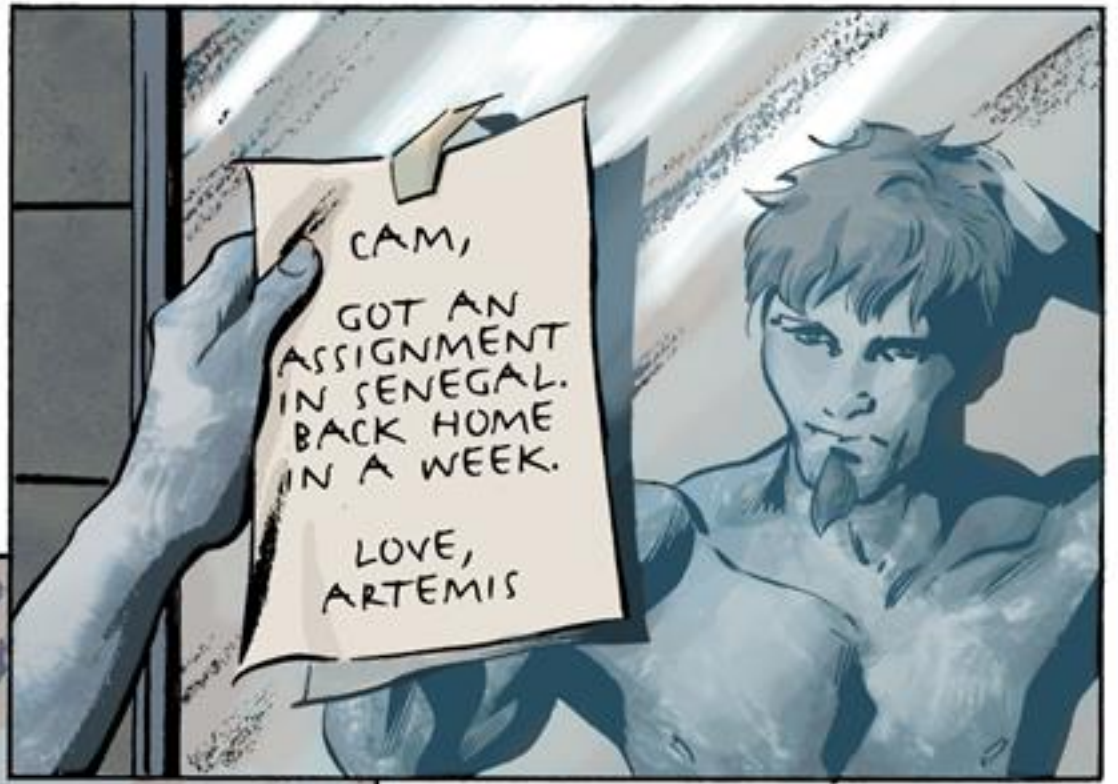


BUT
HE WILL
BE.



LET ME
KNOW IF YOU
HEAR ANYTHING
MORE ABOUT
WALLER.





CAM,
GOT AN
ASSIGNMENT
IN SENEGAL.
BACK HOME
IN A WEEK.

LOVE,
ARTEMIS



HEY
ICICLE...

JESUS!

HOWZITGOIN',
BUDDY?



WE'RE
NOT BUDDIES,
MIRROR MASTER.
WE BARELY KNOW
EACH OTHER.

AYE, BUT
WE *WILL* IF
YOU SAY
YER IN.

Y'GIVEN
ANY THOUGHT
TO THE **MYANMAR**
DEALIE I TOLJA
ABOUT?



YEAH.
LOOK, I *GET*
WHY WE SHOULD
DO THIS. TRUST
ME, I DO.

BUT THIS
ISN'T A **SOCIETY-**
SANCTIONED JOB,
RIGHT? YOU REALLY
WANT TO PISS
THEM OFF?



TELL
YE THE
TRUTH?
NO.

BUT
FER THIS
OP, THE **KEY**
QUESTION
IS:

ARE YOU
UP FOR PISSIN'
OFF **AMANDA**
WALLER?



THE
TIGER DOJO.
DETROIT.

I KNEW
YOU'D COME,
WALLER.

NOW GO
HOME.

CHARMING
AS EVER, HUH,
TURNER?

WHY
ISN'T HE IN THE
HOSPITAL?

BECAUSE I DIDN'T
WANT YOU SINKING YOUR
CLAWS INTO HIM. I KNEW YOU'D
COME LOOKING WHEN YOU
FOUND OUT HE WAS STILL
ALIVE.

FOUND OUT? I *KNEW* BEFORE YOU
DID. WHO DO YOU THINK SENT YOU THE
INTEL ON THAT FORGOTTEN PRISON
IN QURAC?

I THINK
THAT ENTITLES
ME TO *ONE*
CONVERSATION
WITH THE
MAN.

ONE
CONVERSATION.
UPSTAIRS.

HE'S RECOVERING
NICELY, THANKS FOR
ASKING. BUT IF YOU *UPSET*
THAT, OR HIM, I'M TOSSING
YOU OUT. *LITERALLY*.

MISSED
YOU TOO,
BEN.



COLONEL...?

I'M SURPRISED BEN LET YOU IN, YOU COW.

AND I'M SURPRISED HE MUSTERED THE EFFORT TO SAVE YOUR INBRED WRINKLED ASS, YOU SORRY BASTARD.

RICK FLAG... BEEN A HELL OF A LONG TIME, HASN'T IT? YOU'RE LOOKING GOOD.



I DOUBT THAT. MAYBE LOOKING LESS LIKE A MAN WHO SPENT **FOUR** YEARS IN A QURACI PRISON.

BUT SEEING AS YOU NEVER GAVE A RAT'S ASS ABOUT HOW WELL I WAS DOING, WHY DON'T WE JUST **CUT TO THE CHASE?**



LET ME GUESS. YOU **NEED** ME.

YOU'VE GOT THE **SUICIDE SQUAD** UP AND RUNNING AGAIN.



IF I DID, DON'T YOU THINK I'D HAVE SENT **THEM** TO GET YOU INSTEAD OF LEAKING INTEL TO THE BRONZE TIGER?

I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF AUTHORITY ANYMORE. THINGS HAVE CHANGED. CHECKMATE'S A **U.N. OPERATION** NOW.

AND I'VE BEEN FORCED OUT OF THE OPS GAME.



HAH! YOU?
OUT OF THE
OPERATIONS
GAME? WHY
DO I **DOUBT**
THAT?

YOU'VE
ALREADY DONE
IT, HAVEN'T YOU?
PULLED TOGETHER
ANOTHER **SQUAD**.
ANOTHER BUNCH OF
CRIMINAL LOSERS
LOOKING FOR A
WAY TO BUY OFF
JAIL TIME.

I DID PULL ONE TOGETHER
BEFORE THE U.N. TOOK OVER
CHECKMATE. ROUNDED UP SOME
"VOLUNTEERS" AND SENT THEIR
ASSES INTO **KAHNDAG**.

THE
LESS SAID
ABOUT **THAT**
FIASCO, THE
BETTER.

SO **THAT'S** WHY YOU HAD BEN
RESCUE ME. I WASN'T **WORTH** THE
EFFORT UNTIL YOU **NEEDED** ME.

THAT'S
NOT IT...

I'LL **DO** IT, WALL.
I **OWE** YOU, SO I'LL **DO**
IT. BUT SPARE ME THE
BULL.

IF **HE'S**
IN, SO AM
I.

BUT YOU NEED TO
UNDERSTAND...I'M DOING
THIS FOR **FLAG**, NOT
FOR YOU.

YOU
WANT US TO
TAKE **CHARGE**
OF THIS
SQUAD?

NOT
QUITE.

I NEED YOU
TO **TRACK** THEM
DOWN.

YOU'VE
LOST CONTROL
OF THEM?

CERTAINLY
LOOKS THAT WAY,
DOESN'T IT?



WELL, WELL... GANG'S ALL HERE THEN, EH?

YEH KNOW **WHAT'S** BEEN PROPOSED, AND YEH KNOW **WHY** YE'VE BEEN PICKED.



PLASTIQUE... WALLER NICKED YOU YEARS AGO. YOU WERE ON HER FIRST SQUAD BEFORE THAT SODDING SLAG WIPED YER MIND, RIGHT?

YES. THIS WAS BEFORE I... **REFORMED**.



PUNCH, JEWEL... I HEAR YOU TWO WERE SUICIDE SQUADDERS FOR A MITE STRETCH BEFORE YOU HAD YER KID. IZZAT RIGHT?

YES, BUT SHE **DISMISSED** US. "PSYCHOLOGICAL CONCERNS."

THAT WITCH STILL KEPT TABS ON US, THOUGH. JUST WOULDN'T LET US LEAD A **QUIET** LIFE.



AN' **JAVELIN**. WALLER PROMISED T'ERASE YER CRIMINAL RECORD IF YOU HELPED 'ER TAKE DOWN THE **JUSTICE LEAGUE**, CORRECT?

JA. BUT SHE DID NO SUCH THING.

SEEIN' AS YOU GUYS DIDN'T NIX THE LEAGUE **EITHER**, YOU CAN HARDLY COMPLAIN, RIGHT?



THEN THERE'S **ICICLE** AND **TATTOOED MAN**.

WE KNOW WHY WE'RE HERE, **MIRROR MASTER**.

CAN WE JUST GET TO THE **POINT**?



POINT IS, THE **WALL'S** GOT SOMETHIN' ON EACH OF US, AND SHE KNOWS WHEN TO **DANGLE** IT TO GET US JUMPIN'.

JUST REMINDIN' EVERYONE OF **WHY** WE'RE DOIN' THIS.



NOW...THIS IS THE
NAY POWER PLANT IN
THE **YANGON DIVISION**
OF **MYANMAR**. OUR
TARGET.

I "BORROWED"
THESE FROM **WALLER'S**
OFFICE. PURE DEAD
BRILLIANT, INNIT?



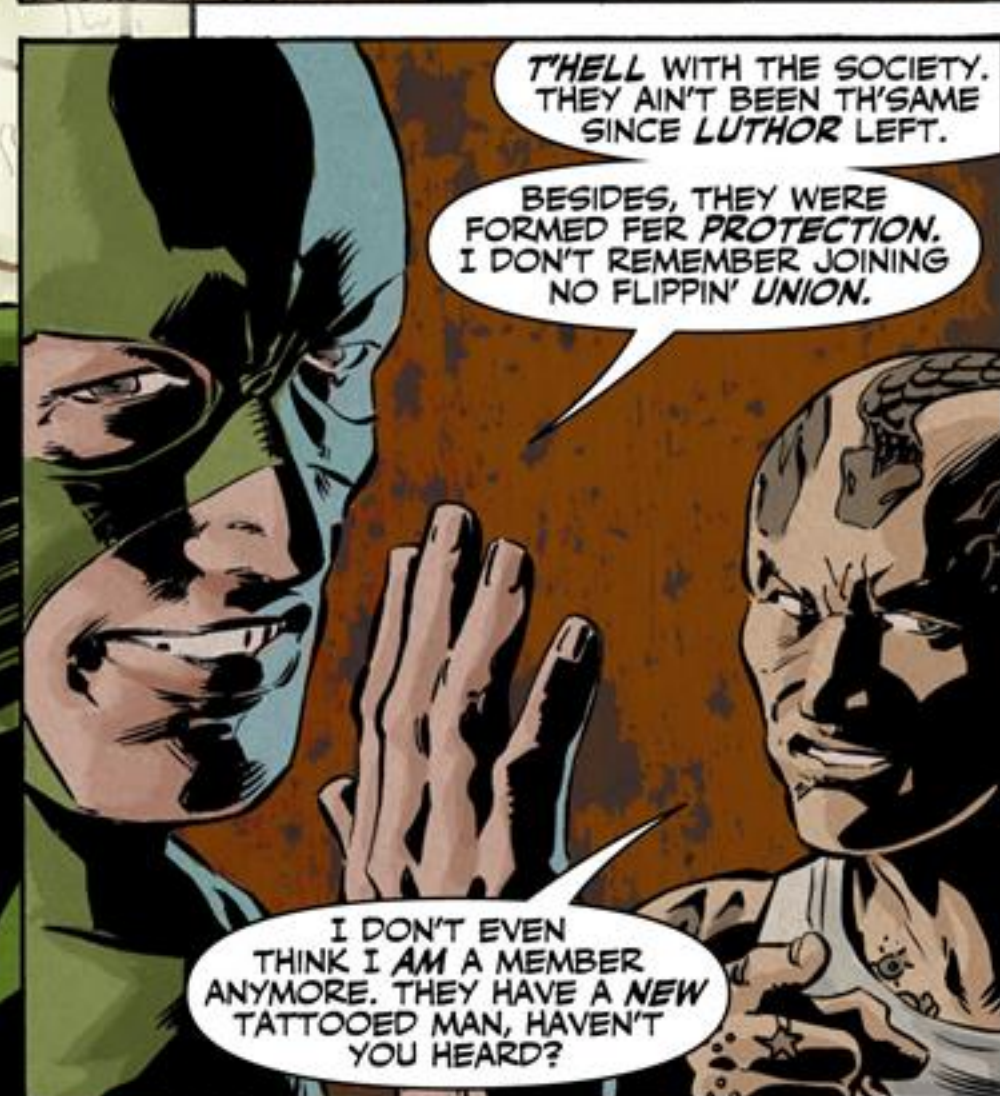
HERE'S THE **LOT**
WHERE THEY KEEP THEIR
TRUCKS. **TRUCKS** WITH **SIDE-**
VIEW MIRRORS. FROM THERE,
WE CAN ENTER THROUGH
THIS **DOOR**.

NOW THIS IS A
COSTUMED **FOUR-COLOR**
OP, **KIDDIES**. WE WANT
CHECKMATE AND THE **U.N.**
TO KNOW WHO DID THIS.
AND **WALLER--**



I'M **STILL**
NOT CONVINCED
THIS IS A **GOOD**
IDEA.

THE **SOCIETY**
WANTS TO KEEP
TABS ON ALL **MAJOR**
OPERATIONS LIKE THIS.
THEY WANT THEIR
CUT, THEY WANT
APPROVAL.



T'HELL WITH THE **SOCIETY**.
THEY AIN'T BEEN TH'SAME
SINCE **LUTHOR** LEFT.

BESIDES, THEY WERE
FORMED FER **PROTECTION**.
I DON'T REMEMBER JOINING
NO **FLIPPIN' UNION**.

I DON'T EVEN
THINK I **AM** A **MEMBER**
ANYMORE. THEY HAVE A **NEW**
TATTOOED MAN, HAVEN'T
YOU HEARD?



STILL...WITH THE
CALCULATOR WATCHING
EVERYTHING THE WAY
HE DOES...

IF WE
DO THIS **OP--**
ESPECIALLY IF
WE DO IT IN
COSTUMES--
HE'LL **KNOW**.
THEY'LL
KNOW.









ALL RIGHT, KIDS. TIME T'GO.



STEP INTO ME MIRROR AND WE'LL BE ON OUR MERRY WAY.

NEXT STOP... MYANMAR!

HE SEEMS... CHIPPER.

SNORTING A KILO OF BLOW WILL DO THAT TO YOU.

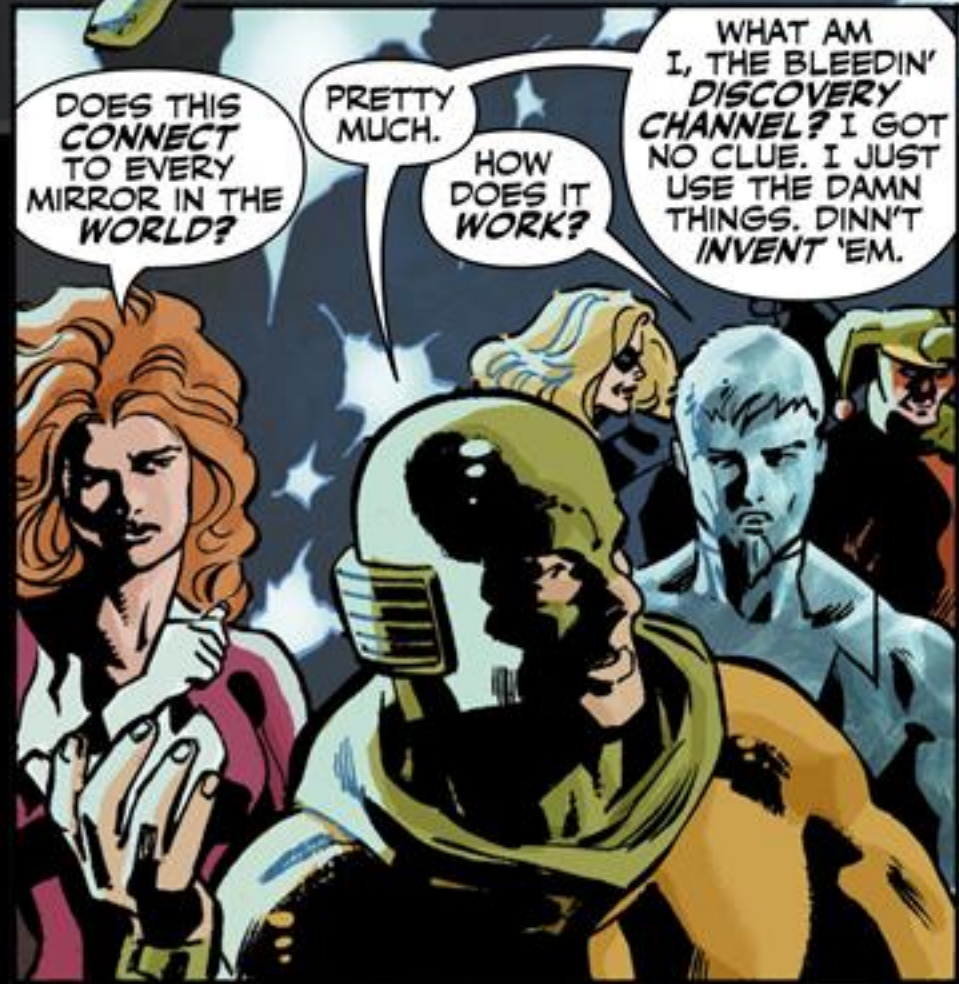


OOOH! OOOH! FUN GAME, DARLING! WHAT DO YOU SEE IN THE PATTERNS?

WELL, OVER THERE I SEE...EITHER A CAULIFLOWER OR AN EXPLODING HEAD.

THESE ARE ALL... MIRRORS?

THE BACKS OF 'EM, YEH. IF I KNOW WHERE A MIRROR IS, I CAN TAKE YE THROUGH TO IT. BUT YEH GOTTA STICK WITH ME, RIGHT? OTHERWISE, YE'LL GET TRAPPED INNA MIRROR PRETTY MUCH F'REVER.



DOES THIS CONNECT TO EVERY MIRROR IN THE WORLD?

PRETTY MUCH.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

WHAT AM I, THE BLEEDIN' DISCOVERY CHANNEL? I GOT NO CLUE. I JUST USE THE DAMN THINGS. DINN'T INVENT 'EM.



THIS SHOULD BE ONE O' THE TRUCKS.

I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT ALL MIRRORS WERE ACCESSIBLE. IF THAT'S TRUE, WHY NOT JUST COME IN THROUGH A BATHROOM MIRROR?

ONLY LAVVIES ON OUR MAP ARE TOO NEAR THE BARRACKS.







TO BE CONCLUDED!