A SEAN TANNER & FRIENDS EPISODE

CRETCHLOW'S RETURN!



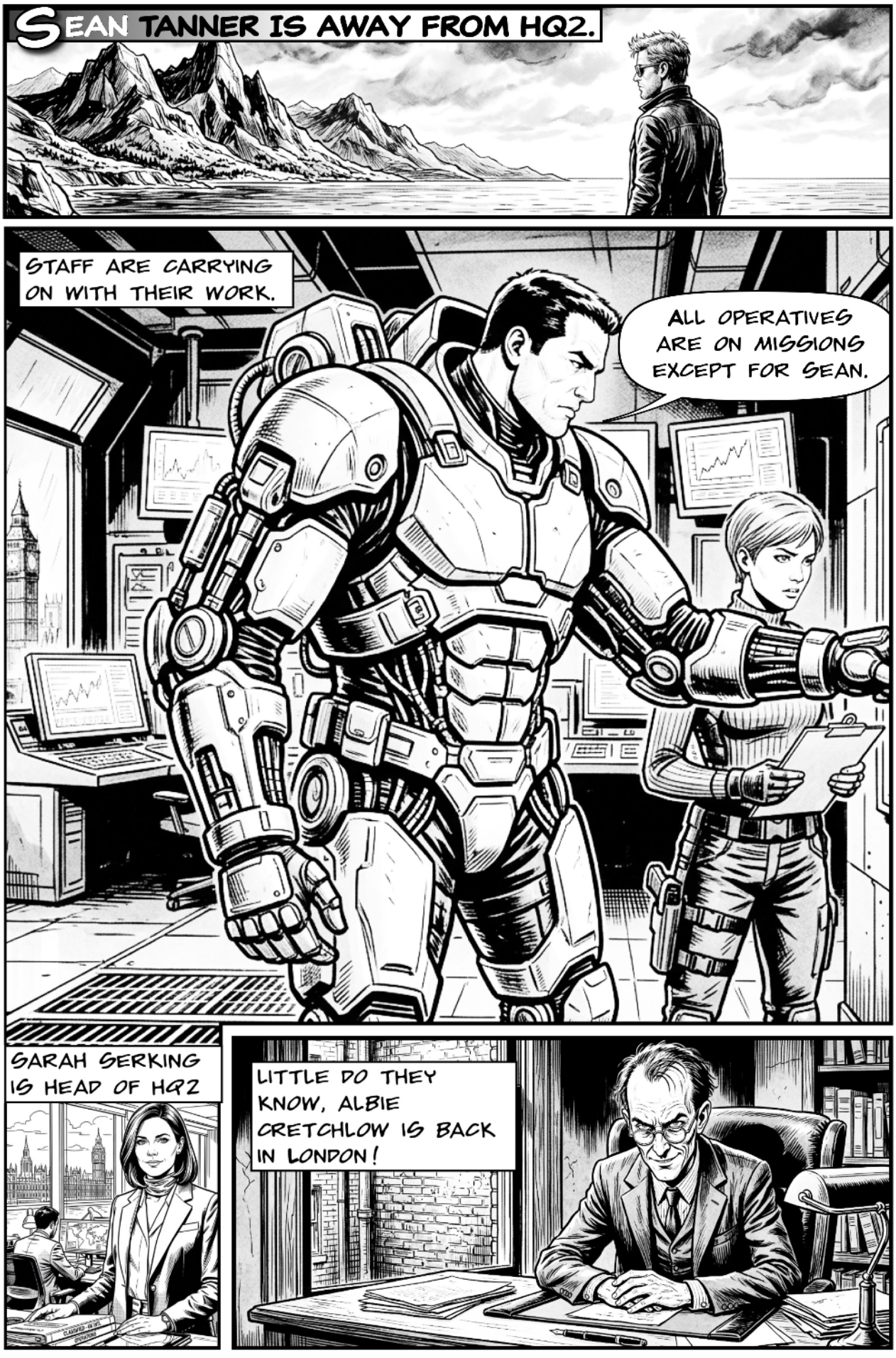
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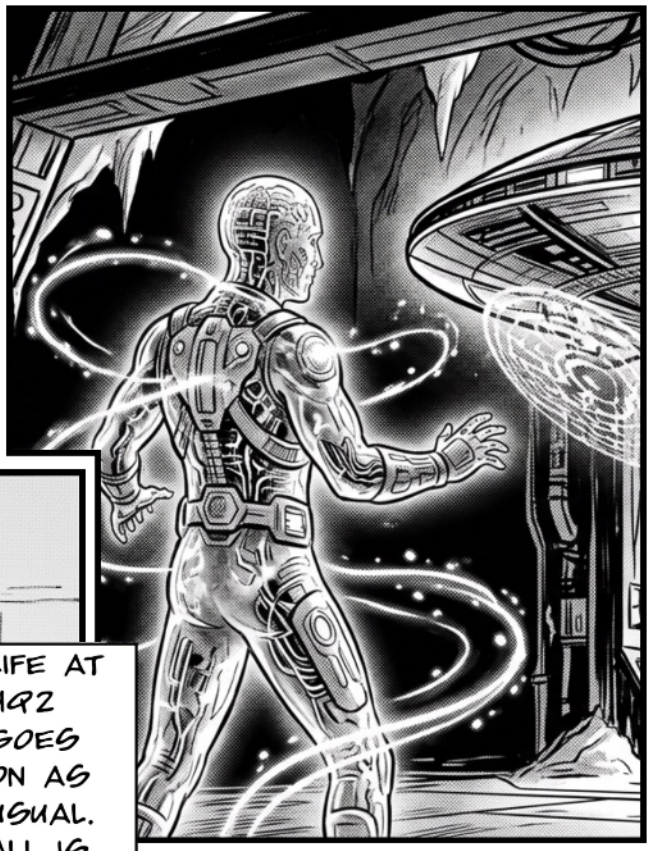
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SEAN TANNER IS AWAY FROM HQ2.
STAFF ARE CARRYING ON WITH THEIR WORK.
ALL OPERATIVES ARE ON MISSIONS EXCEPT FOR SEAN.
SARAH SERKING IS HEAD OF HQ2
LITTLE DO THEY KNOW, ALBIE CRETCHLOW IS BACK IN LONDON!


VOLGIER IS IN CHARGE OF THE NEW CRAFT THAT HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO HQ2.
ISN'T SHE A BEAUTY!
EXPERIMENTAL CRAFT ARE BEING TESTED REGULARLY.
SHE'S FLYING LIKE AN ANGEL!
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LIFE AT HQ2 GOES ON AS USUAL. ALL IS QUIET AND NO ONE WOULD EXPECT THAT ALL HELL IS ABOUT TO BREAK OUT.





I HOPE ALL IS WELL IN LONDON. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO COPE FOR A WEEK WITHOUT ME

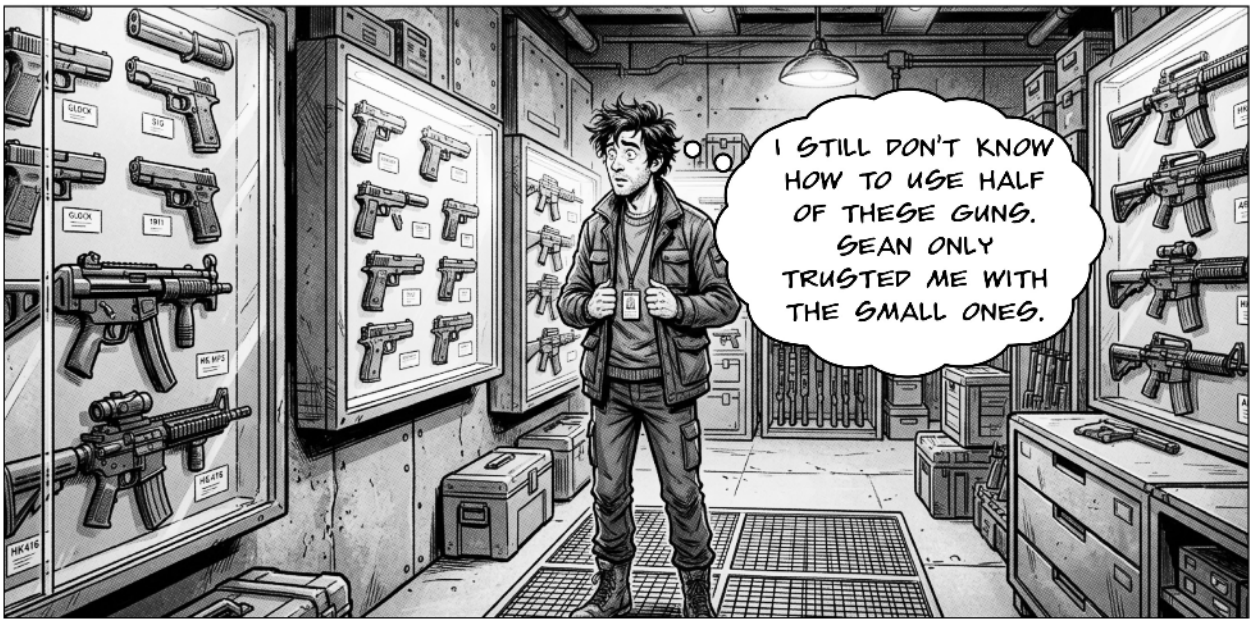


OH MY, I NEED TO SCRAMBLE A TEAM FAST. THIS COULD BE A TERROR ATTACK.






SAUL BAYCROFT, SARAH SERKING'S BOYFIEND AND NEWEST EMPLOYEE IS STUNNED.

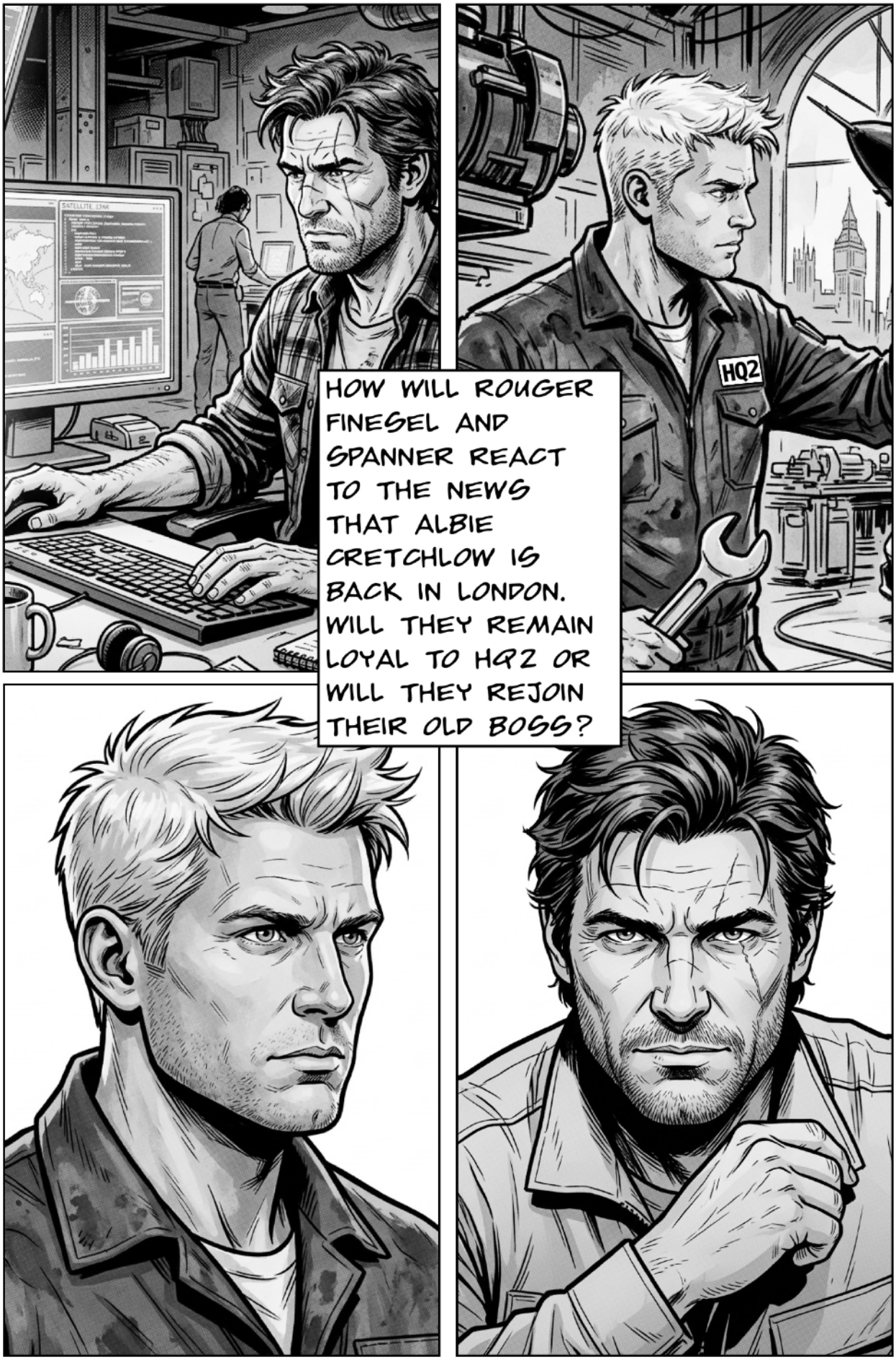

I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE HALF OF THESE GUNS. SEAN ONLY TRUSTED ME WITH THE SMALL ONES.
GLOCK
SIG
1911
HK MP7
HK416
HK416

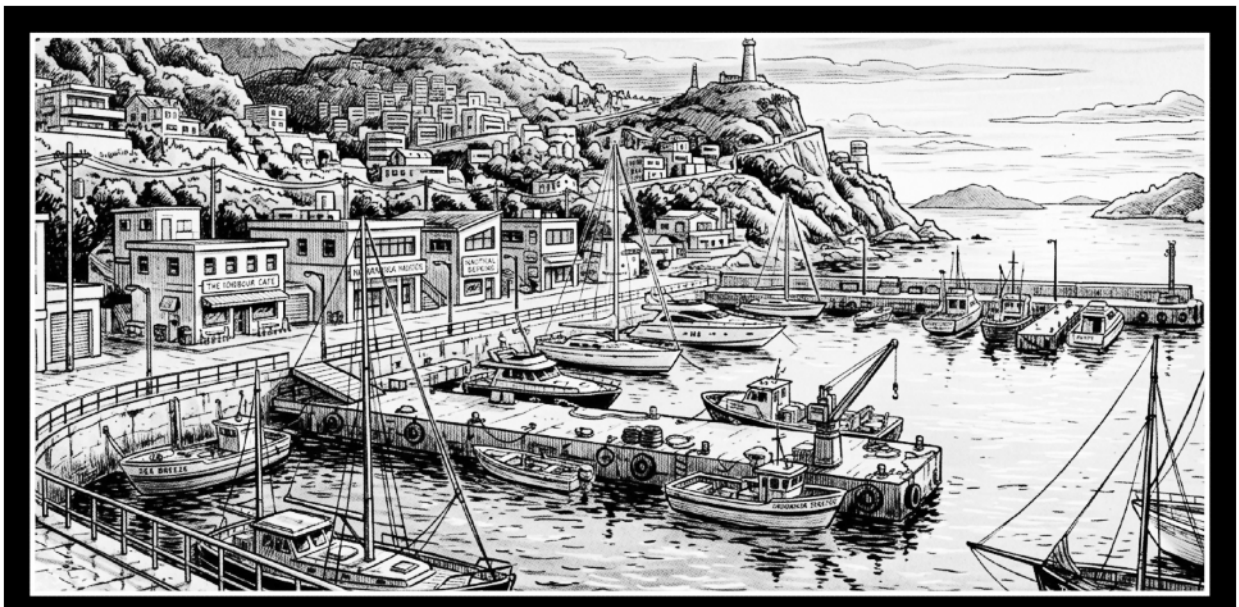

SAUL HAD SETTLED INTO HIS LIFE WITH SARAH AND WAS BEGINNING TO FEEL OKAY AT HQ2. AFTER THE LAST MAJOR INCIDENT IN LONDON, HE HAD HOPED THE LULL WOULD LAST. BUT NOW THE CHAOS WAS ABOUT TO START AGAIN.
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LOGBOOK


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DOWN WITH THE GOVERNMENT!
DOWN WITH GOVERNMENT!


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DOWN WITH THE GOVERNMENT!
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REVOLUTION


HQ2
HOW WILL ROUGER FINESEL AND SPANNER REACT TO THE NEWS THAT ALBIE CRETCHLOW IS BACK IN LONDON. WILL THEY REMAIN LOYAL TO HQ2 OR WILL THEY REJOIN THEIR OLD BOSS?

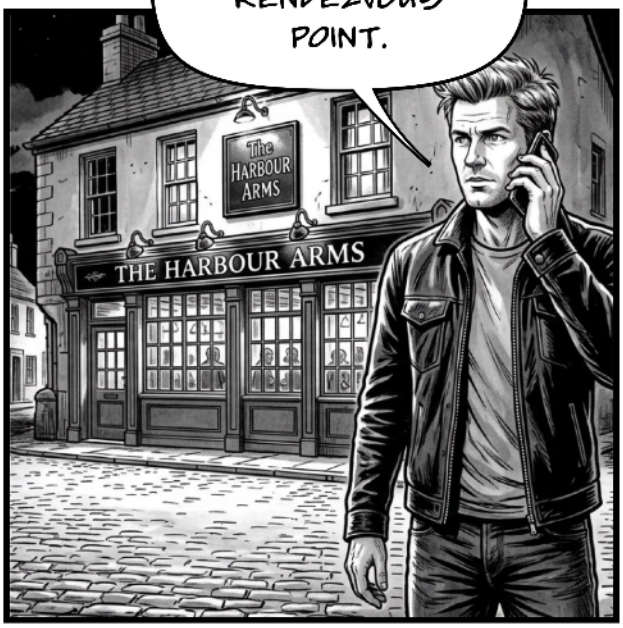




YOU NEED TO GET BACK HERE ASAP! CRETCHLOW'S BACK AND HE'S ON THE RAMPAGE.

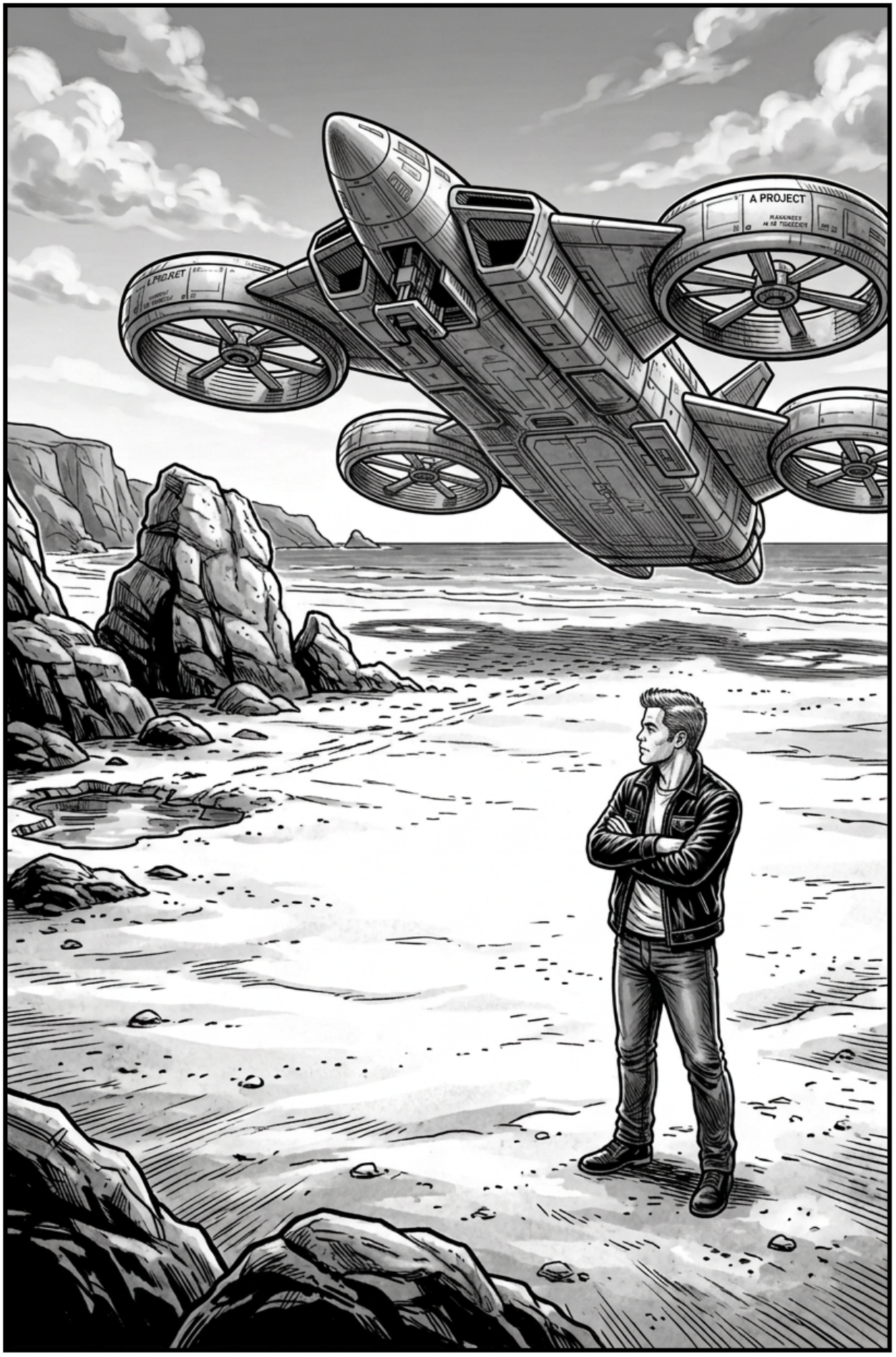


OKAY, I'LL HEAD FOR THE RENDEZVOUS POINT.




HQ2 NEED ME BACK NOW. I HOPE VOLGIER USES THE FASTEST CRAFT HE'S GOT. JEXTRAI IS STILL WORKING ON HIS UFO.
The HARBOUR ARMS


SEAN TANNER RACES TO THE PICKUP POINT.
I'LL SWITCH OFF THE AUTOPILOT AND YOU CAN TAKE HER DOWN MANUALLY.
VOLGIER
HQ2

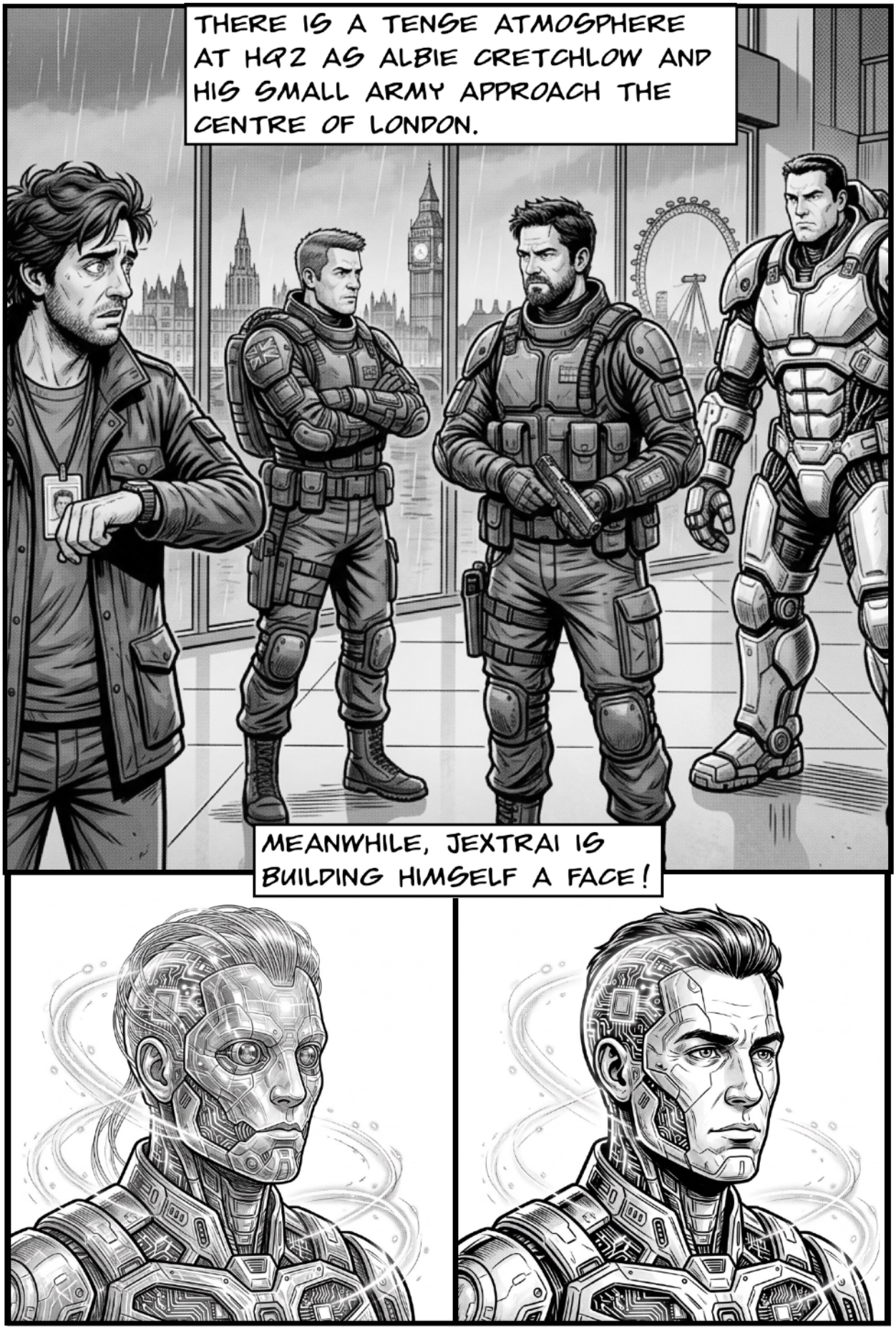

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THAT TIME HE ESCAPED FROM HQ2. HE'D COVERED EVERY EVENTUALITY!
CRETCHLOW'S A SLIPPERY CHARACTER. I UNDERESTIMATED HIM IN THE PAST. HE MUST BE WORKING FOR HIGHER POWERS. BUT WHO ARE THEY?
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HOW ON EARTH DID CRETCHLOW ESCAPE FROM PRISON?
WELL, HE HAS FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES WHO ARE USING HIM AS A PAWN.


GO CRETCH!
GO CRETC


THERE IS A TENSE ATMOSPHERE AT HQ2 AS ALBIE CRETCHLOW AND HIS SMALL ARMY APPROACH THE CENTRE OF LONDON.
MEANWHILE, JEXTRAI IS BUILDING HIMSELF A FACE!


CRETCHLOW WILL WISH HE STAYED IN PRISON.
I HOPE YOU LIKE MY NEW APPEARANCE.
LET'S CATCH US A WORM!


MEMBERS OF HQ2 ARE POISED, READY FOR TROUBLE.
SARAH SERKING AND HER TEAM MUST TAKE THE WEASEL ALBIE CRETCHLOW DOWN. HE CAUSED ENOUGH TROUBLE THE LAST TIME WHEN HIS DEADLY HIRED MERCENARIES KILLED HUNDREDS.
COMPLEX
INTELLIGENCE COMPLEX
YOU, AND WHOSE ARMY? MY MECH BOTS AND SOLDIERS ARE MORE THAN A MATCH.


JEXTRAI JOINS THE GROUP.
INTELLIGENCE COMPLEX


HOLD IT, KNUCKLEHEAD! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER OR I'LL SHOOT.
AFTER A SHORT STALE-MATE, THE FIGHT STARTS.

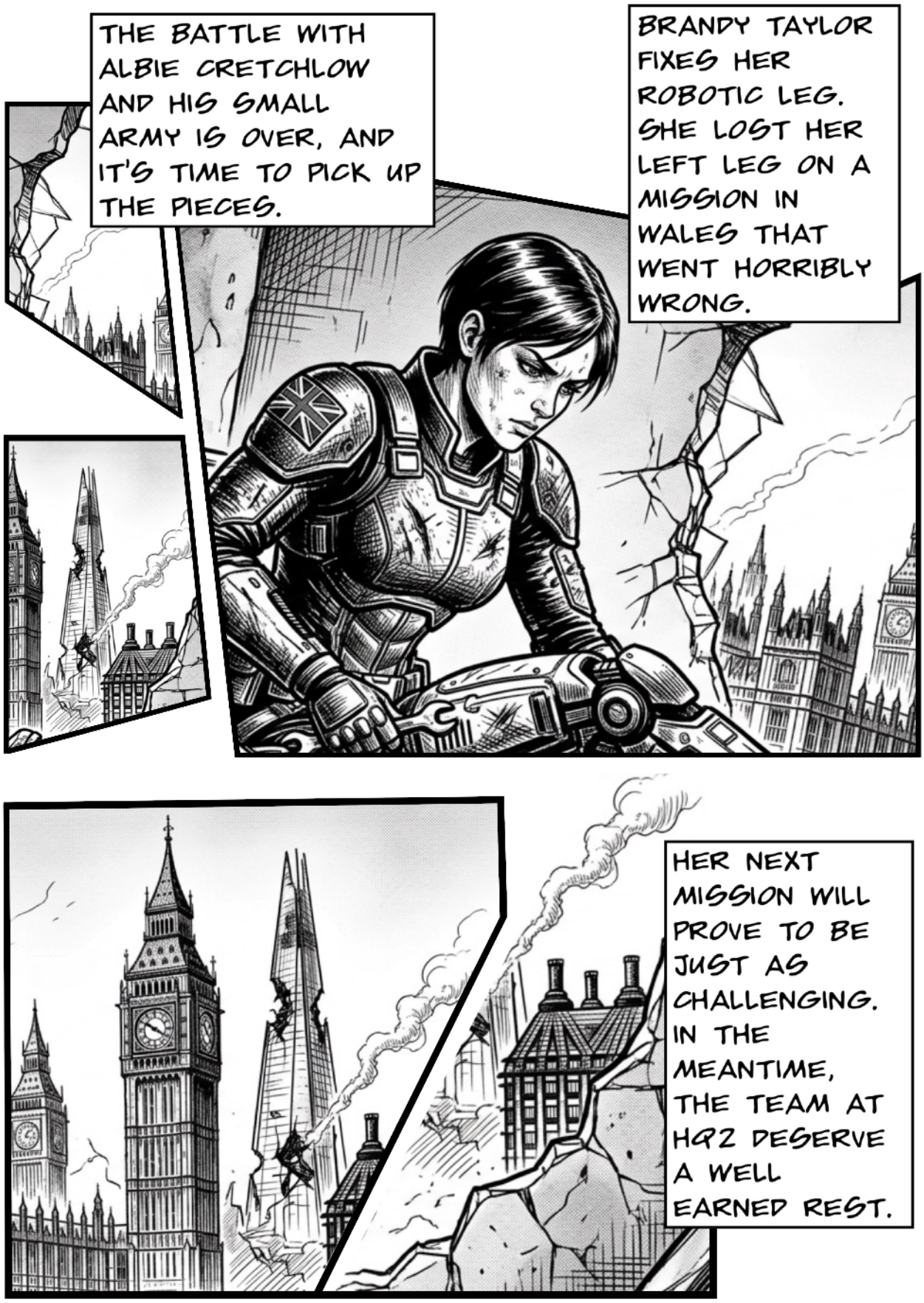

HEADQUARTERS
INTELLIGENCE
ARRGGG!!!
WE WERE MEANT TO BE INVINCIBLE!
POW!
I FEEL SO DETACHED!
WE'RE LOSING!

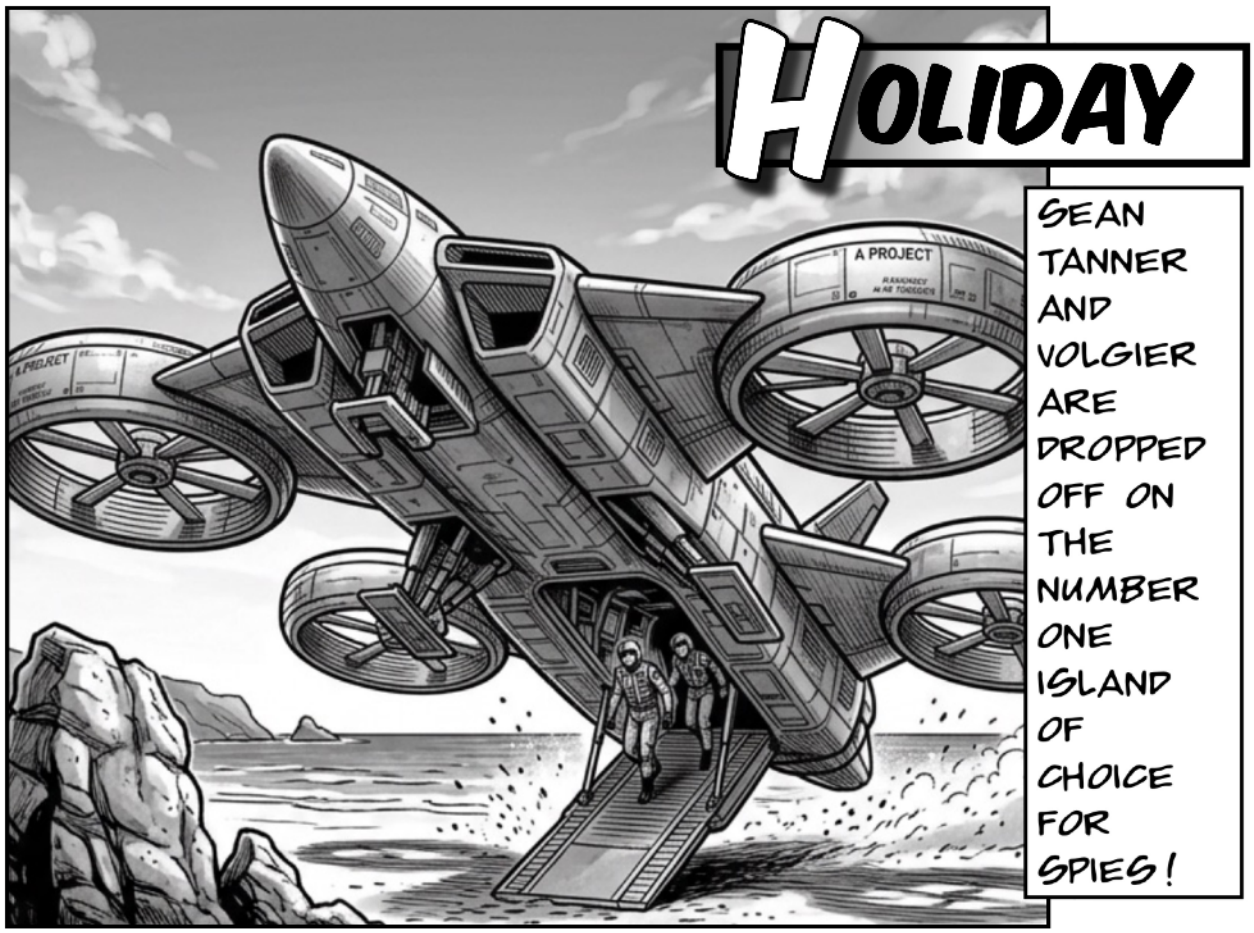



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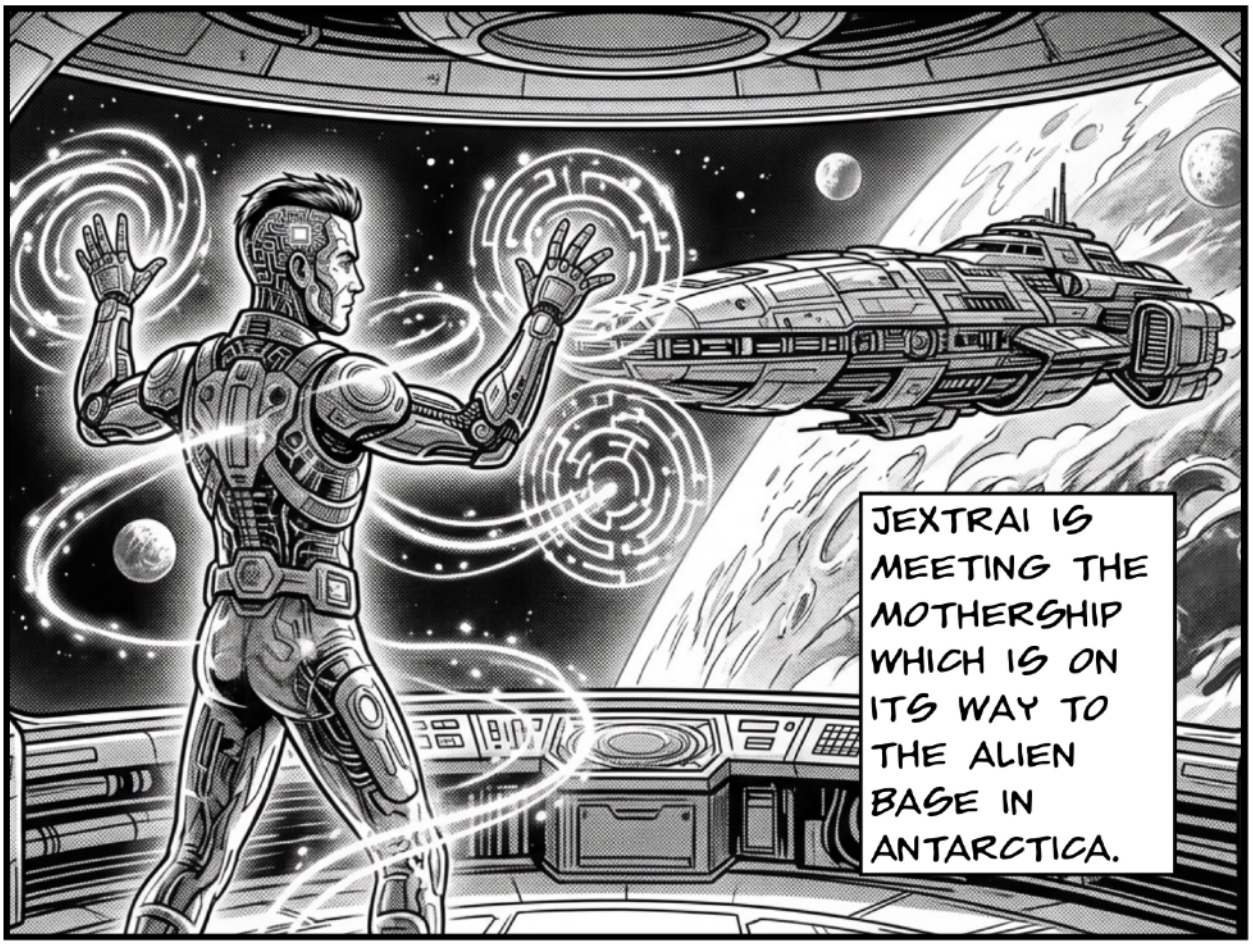

ALBIE CRETCHLOW IS BEING HELD IN THE HQ2 SECURE CELL. WHETHER SEAN TANNER AND SARAH SERKING CAN GAIN ANY INFORMATION FROM CRETCHLOW, REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING! IS JEXTRAI DRINKING TEA?


THE BATTLE WITH ALBIE CRETCHLOW AND HIS SMALL ARMY IS OVER, AND IT'S TIME TO PICK UP THE PIECES.
BRANDY TAYLOR FIXES HER ROBOTIC LEG. SHE LOST HER LEFT LEG ON A MISSION IN WALES THAT WENT HORRIBLY WRONG.
HER NEXT MISSION WILL PROVE TO BE JUST AS CHALLENGING. IN THE MEANTIME, THE TEAM AT HQ2 DESERVE A WELL EARNED REST.


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SEAN TANNER AND VOLGIER ARE DROPPED OFF ON THE NUMBER ONE ISLAND OF CHOICE FOR SPIES!




SARAH SERKING AND SAUL BAYCROFT ARE ENJOYING FUN IN THE SNOW!


JEXTRAI IS MEETING THE MOTHERSHIP WHICH IS ON ITS WAY TO THE ALIEN BASE IN ANTARCTICA.


THE
END!

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