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ON AN ASSASSINATION MISSION IN NEW ANGOLA, XANNA IS TAKEN BY SURPRISE AND BARELY ESCAPES WITH HER LIFE. DESS, THE NEW MINISTER OF INFORMATION, IS ABLE TO SPIN THE RESULTANT EXPLOSION AND VIOLENCE IN THEIR FAVOR, BUT MANY OF GOLGOTH'S MINISTERS ARE STILL LEFT WONDERING IF HE IS LOSING HIS GRIP ON THE EMPIRE.

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WHAT'S
A NICE GIRL
LIKE YOU
DOING IN A
PLACE LIKE
THIS?



RELAX. IT'S NOT LIKE I EXPECT HER TO ANSWER.

I'M NOT CRAZ

OF COURSE NOT.



≠KOFF≠

MINISTER TUMBRIL, SIR... I DON'T SHOW YOU DOWN FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE MINISTRY OF CLOCKWORKS.

ROGENT DOESN'T HAVE A FREE MINUTE?

MINISTER ROGENT OPERATES ON THE STRICTEST OF SCHEDULES. FLEXIBILITY IS NOT A CONCEIT HE'S ESPECIALLY PRONE TOWARDS.



THEN MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME, SWEETHEART...



WHAT C'N YOU TELL ME ABOUT "PROJECT CHIMERA" OR "PROJECT FAR REACH"?

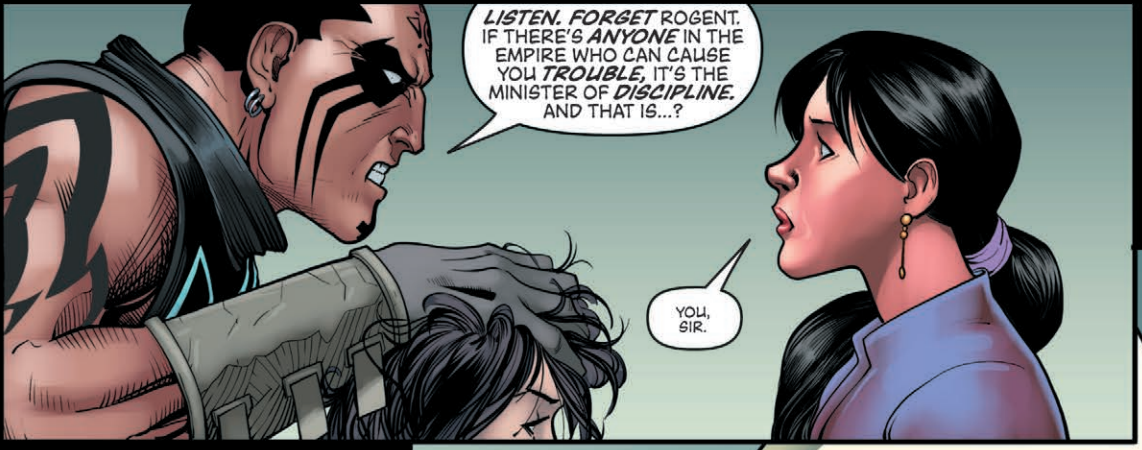


N-NOthing. I...I CAN'T SPEAK TO YOU AT ALL WITHOUT THE M-MINISTER'S PERMISSION...



SO YOU DO KNOW SOMETHIN'.

THAT'S-- THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT TO IM-IMPLY--



LISTEN. FORGET ROENT. IF THERE'S ANYONE IN THE EMPIRE WHO CAN CAUSE YOU TROUBLE, IT'S THE MINISTER OF DISCIPLINE. AND THAT IS...?

YOU, SIR.



WANNA GUESS WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LAST PERSON WHO CROSSED ME? I'M HOLDING A HINT IN MY RIGHT HAND.

SIR, SHE MEANS NO HARM. WE CAN BOOK YOU FOR TOMORROW--



AM I TALKING TO YOU?

TUMBRIL!



MINISTER ROGENT, SIR...



IT'S ALL RIGHT, JENNIS. WALK IT OFF.
I CAN SPARE YOU FOR 120 SECONDS.

TAKE A PEE BREAK.
=SNIFF=
EH. TOO LATE, HUH?



AND YOU. DON'T EVER TRY TO FISH INFORMATION FROM MY STAFF.

I HAVE A RIGHT TO--

IF YOU HAD A RIGHT TO ANY ANSWERS, THEY WOULD ALREADY BE APPARENT TO YOU.



YOUR ANTICS ARE REPULSIVE, AND THEY HAVE ALREADY COST ME TIME I WILL HAVE TO FIND ELSEWHERE.

REMOVE YOURSELF AND YOUR SORDID PROPS.



WHATEVER. MAYBE I'LL JUST ASK GOLGOTH.

YOU'RE RIGHT. THERE'S NO REASON HE WOULDN'T OPEN UP T' ME SAME AS HE WOULD TO YOU.



TRUE...

...UNLESS, FOR ARGUMENT'S SAKE, ONE OF THOSE PROJECTS MADE YOUR POSITION REDUNDANT...?

GOOD DAY, TUMBRIIL.

