

**HIROSHIMA, JAPAN, EARTH,
SOL SYSTEM, ORION ARM,
MILKY WAY, VIRGO SUPERCLUSTER.**

NHAAAA!

**AND WHERE THERE IS
LIGHT THERE IS CLARITY.**

**1936 C.E.--PLANET-SIDE
CALENDAR. 14 BILLION YEARS
AFTER THE BIG BANG.**

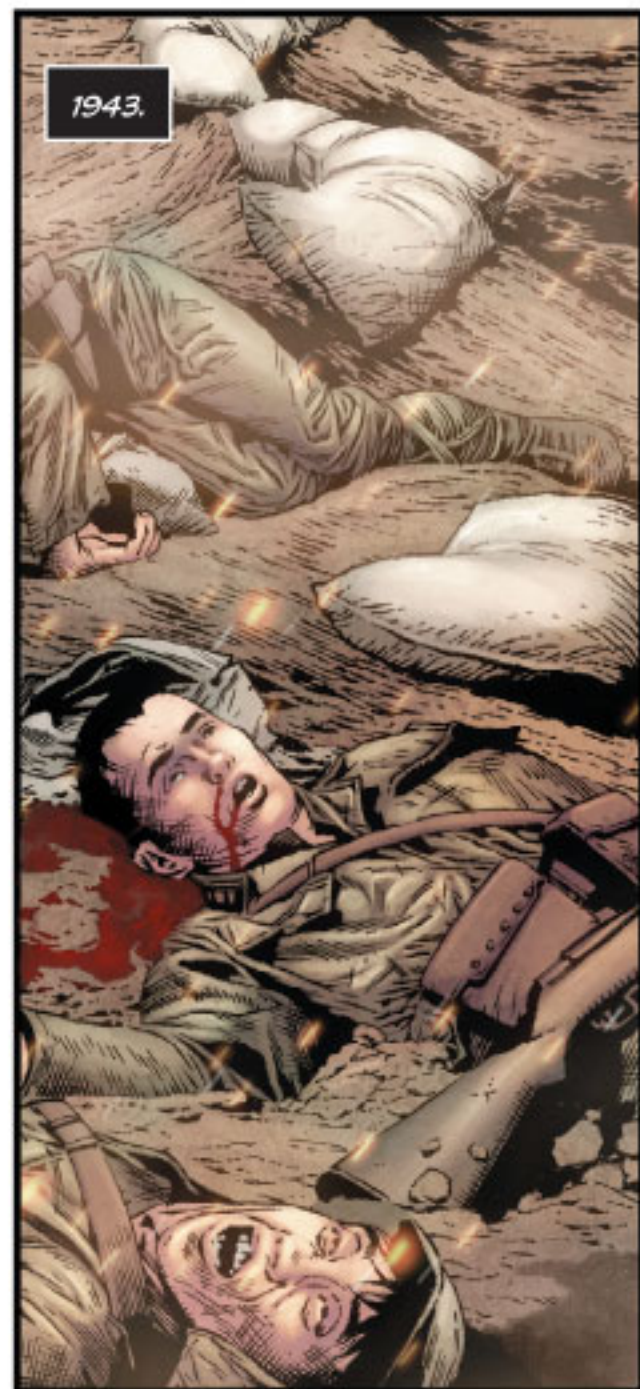
**MY BABY
IS A BOY!
A BEAUTIFUL
BOY!**

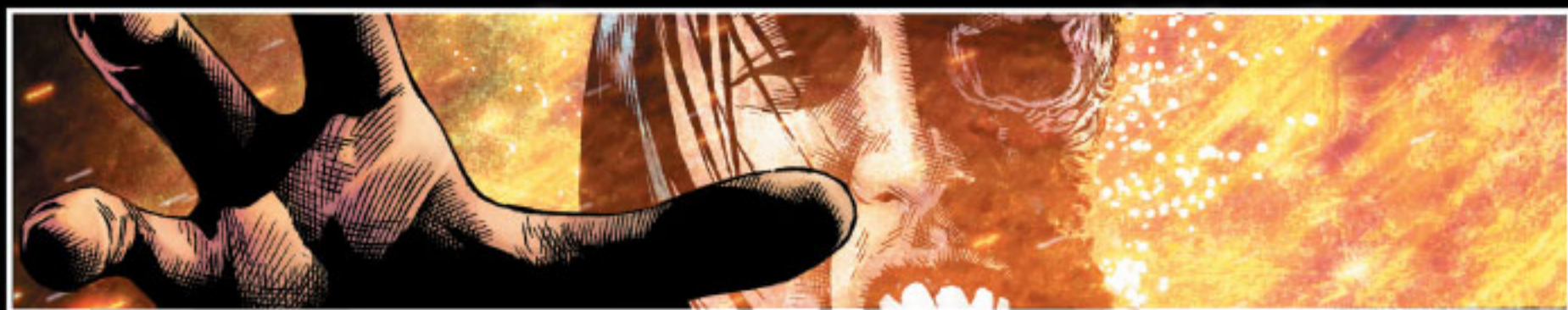
1938.

**WE HEREBY
DECLARE WAR
ON THE UNITED
STATES OF
AMERICA AND
THE BRITISH
EMPIRE...**

1941.

**TO CONTRIBUTE
TO WORLD PEACE IS
THE FARSIGHTED GOAL
FORMULATED BY OUR
GREAT ILLUSTRIOUS
IMPERIAL
GRANDSIRE.**





the LIFE
and DEATH of
**TOYO
HARADA**
CHAPTER I:
THE SPARK

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LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN OF THE
STATE COUNCIL OF
CHINA...

TOYO HARADA
HAS SPENT HIS LIFE
STEALING THE RESOURCES
OF SOVEREIGN STATES TO
BUILD AN ARMY OF PSYOT
SUPER-HUMANS.

HARADA USES
THE RHETORIC OF *RADICAL
EQUALITY* AND *GLOBAL CLASS
STRUGGLE* TO INCITE VIOLENCE
AND UNDERMINE SECURITY
WORLDWIDE.

NEVER BEFORE
HAS A DICTATOR OF
HIS KIND EXISTED OR
HAD SUCH POTENTIAL
TO TAKE CONTROL
OF *THE ENTIRE
PLANET.*



HIS CURRENT PLAY
IS TO REACH THE *ALIEN
TECHNOLOGY DEBRIS
RING* THAT HAS ORBITED
EARTH FOR THE LAST
SEVERAL YEARS.

HE WANTS TO
BE ABLE TO BRING
DOWN MORE TECH RICH
TONNAGE, FASTER, THAN
ANY OTHER SPACE
FARING G8 ECONOMY
CAN MANAGE.

TO THIS END,
TOYO HARADA IS
USING THE VERY LAST
OF HIS ASSETS TO
BUILD A *SPACE
ELEVATOR.*

ONCE COMPLETED IT WILL ALLOW HIM
ACCESS TO GREATER *WEAPONRY* AND
SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE THAN WE
COULD EVER POSSIBLY COUNTER.

AND THAT WOULD BE GAME, SET, AND
MATCH IN TOYO HARADA'S FAVOR,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...



"HIS GLOBAL CONQUEST
WOULD BE CERTAIN."

TOYO HARADA.
NINE MILES ABOVE
EQUATORIAL
DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF CONGO
AND CLIMBING.

GRAVEDOG!

HIGH ALTITUDE FIGHTER
JETS ON OUR TAIL, BEARING
CHINESE MARKINGS.

THEY'VE GOT
RISING SPIRIT
PSIOT-SHIELDS AROUND
THE PILOTS TO PROTECT
THEM FROM MY
NEURO-ATTACKS.

THEY'LL TRY TO SEVER THE ELEVATOR CABLE BEFORE WE GET THE COUNTERWEIGHT INTO ORBIT.

I'VE GOT A VISUAL. THE APPROACH ESCAPED US. MUST BE SOME STEALTH TECH WE HAVEN'T SEEN YET.



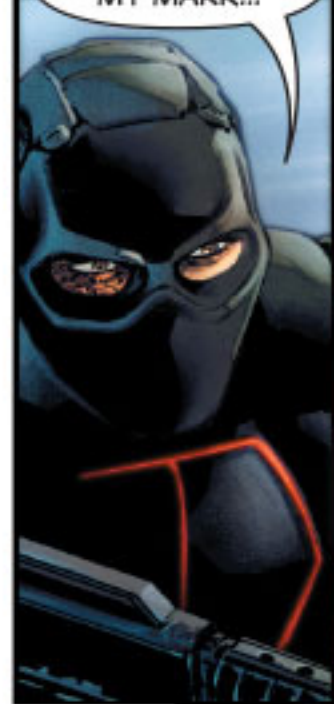
I'M ON IT!

BALLISTIC GLASS! NEW TECHNOLOGY ACROSS THE BOARD.

BRRRRIITTT



CONTROL! DROP *FLIGHT* ON MY MARK...



...THEN CYCLE THROUGH EXPLOSIVE TOUCH, SHIELD, AND BACK TO FLIGHT.

CYCLE SET. YOU'RE LOADED FOR BEAR.



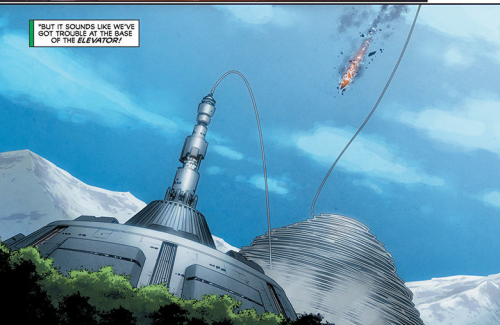
GRAVEDOG'S REMOTE OPERATIONS FACILITY. OVER A THOUSAND MILES AWAY.

ENGAGE!





"BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'VE
GOT TROUBLE AT THE BASE
OF THE *ELEVATOR*!"



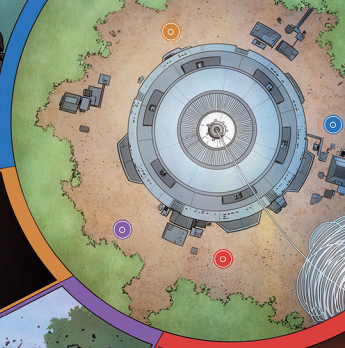
"CHINESE SPECIAL FORCES
WERE WAITING FOR US TO BE
OCCUPIED WITH THE CABLE LIFT."





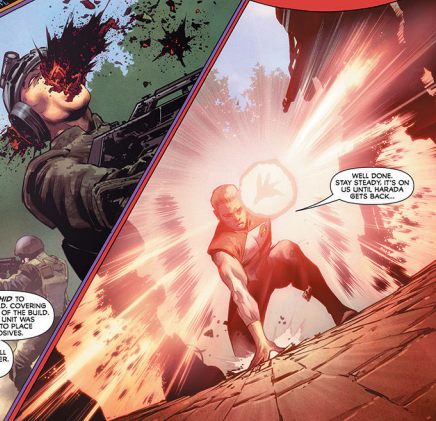


ROGER, STRONGHOLD! THIS IS LAW! EASTERN ENTRANCE OF STATION, TAKING FIRE FROM FLANKING FORCES. EASY MANAGED.



DHARPAN HERE! GENERATOR BUILD ON NORTH SIDE. A SMALL GROUP ATTACKED. I TOOK 'EM OUT WITH A MEMORY STROKE. AT SOME POINT I'LL NEED HELP.

ORCHID TO STRONGHOLD, COVERING WEST STRUT OF THE BUILD. A SMALL UNIT WAS TRYING TO PLACE EXPLOSIVES. I TOLD THEM TO KILL ONE. ANOTHER AREA IS SAFE.



WELL DONE. STAY STEADY, IT'S ON US UNIT, HARADA GETS BACK...