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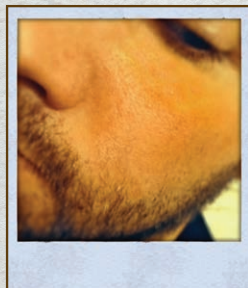


Blake, Hooper, and Shane – highly trained Delta Force Operators – were betrayed and murdered by their commanding officer (Fisher) after successfully securing a mysterious serum.

Reanimated by a Beta version of that same biologic, the “Dead Squad” was taken into custody by Colonel Razinski, under the medical care of Dr. Diana Nash. Unfortunately, their second chance at life will last only 24 hours unless the trio can locate Fisher, and retrieve the “biotics” he absconded with.

After recruiting operative Natalie Vargas – with whom Blake has a messy past – their search takes them to Ireland’s Trinity College, where a second run-in with mercenary Ayala Tal leads to Blake’s reintroduction to Hell.

MEET THE TEAM



TROY PETERI - Letters

Troy has been lettering comics, seemingly, since paper was first invented by Sir Aloysius Paper Inventor back in the day. He’s worked on innumerable titles from AMAZING SPIDER-MAN to WITCHBLADE, and all points between. He also writes comics, including the Radical Comics miniseries ABATTOIR and some upcoming work for Mark Waid’s digital comics website, Thrillbent. He has the mutant ability to NEVER be able to arrive at a traffic light when it is green, and has yet to master the art of the “selfie.”

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11 HOURS OF LIFE LEFT



TENSIONS ARE HIGH AS PRESIDENT GARNER AND OTHER WORLD LEADERS ARRIVE IN PARIS FOR THE G8 SUMMIT...



SORRY, GENTS, THE PUB'S NOW CLOSED!



YER TABS ARE PAID FOR IF YE CAN GET OUT THAT DOOR INSIDE TEN SECONDS!

NINE. EIGHT.



SEVEN. SIX. FIVE.



LAST TIME I SAW THAT LOOK ON YER FACE, RAZINSKI, THE WORLD WAS ABOUT TO END.

AND FROM THE LOOK O' YER TEAM...



DEAD ON THEIR FEET.

EVERYBODY TAKE A LOAD OFF WHILE OWEN AND I HAVE A CHAT.

DRINKS ARE ON THE HOUSE, LADS.



I NEED ACCESS TO YOUR INTEL NETWORK.

I'M LONG OUTTA THAT GAME. CHAPS LIKE US ARE TOO DAMN OLD.



YOU HAD SIX CUSTOMERS AT HAPPY HOUR. YOU'RE NOT PAYING THE RENT SELLING BEER.

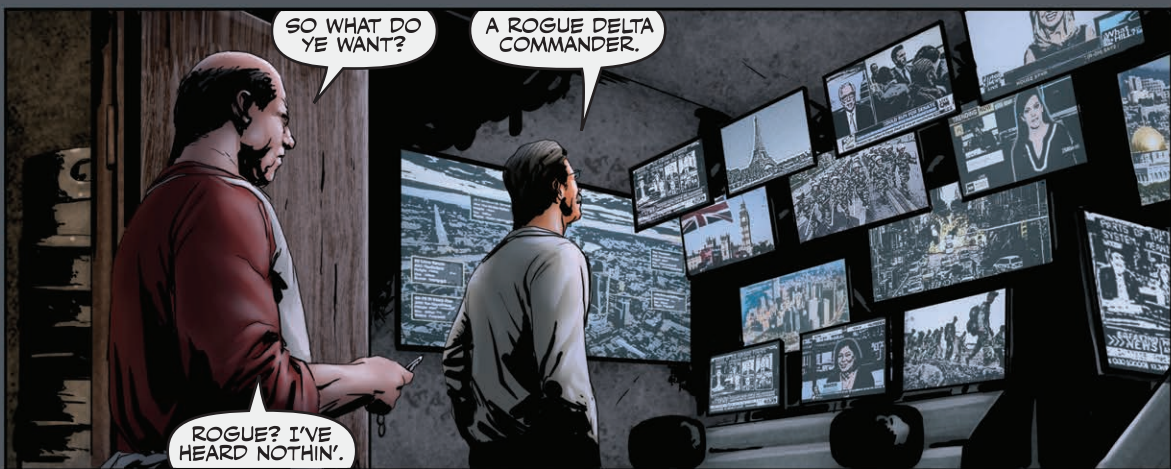


OPEN IT.

YOU CAN'T JUST WALK INTO A MAN'S--!



YOU [REDACTED]!



SO WHAT DO YE WANT?

A ROGUE DELTA COMMANDER.

ROGUE? I'VE HEARD NOTHIN'.



HELP ME FIND HIM, AND YOU CAN SLEEP SECURE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT IF ANYBODY BASHES IN YOUR DOOR, THROWS A BLACK BAG OVER YOUR HEAD, AND MAKES YOU DISAPPEAR FOREVER...

...IT WILL NOT BE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.



A PEACE O' MIND YOU CANNOT ASSIGN VALUE TO.



THIS IS DISGUSTING. AND YET, I CAN'T STOP MYSELF.



WE HAVEN'T EATEN SINCE YESTERDAY, VARGAS. OUR BLOOD SUGAR IS LOW. YOU *NEED* TO EAT NOW OR RISK BECOMING COGNITIVELY IMPAIRED.

YOU AND I NEED TO HANG MORE.



TAKE IT EASY, HOOPER. I NEED YOU AT THE TOP OF YOUR GAME.

FIRST OF ALL, WE CAN'T GET DRUNK, THANKS TO THIS NANO-█ IN OUR BLOOD.



AND SECOND... TOP OF MY GAME, MY █

HEY!



WE HAD THE DROP ON THOSE TWO GUYS AT TRINITY, BLAKE. BUT INSTEAD OF DOUBLE-TAPPING THEM AND QUIETLY GRABBING GERRITY, WE SUDDENLY, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME *EVER*, COULDN'T USE LETHAL FORCE.

NOW GERRITY'S DEAD!



WATCH IT WITH THE FLYING GLASS!

KITSH

AW, WHAT DO YOU CARE, SHANE? YOU'VE SEEN THE █ "LIGHT!" YOU GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.



KID BELIEVES HE'S GOING TO HEAVEN AND SUDDENLY HE'S A BADASS.

YOU'RE A REAL █ HOOPER. I'M THE ONE YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH. LEAVE SHANE OUT OF IT.



OR WHAT? YOU CAN'T EVEN SHOOT BAD GUYS ANYMORE. WHERE'D YOU GO WHEN YOU DIED? TO GET NEUTERED?

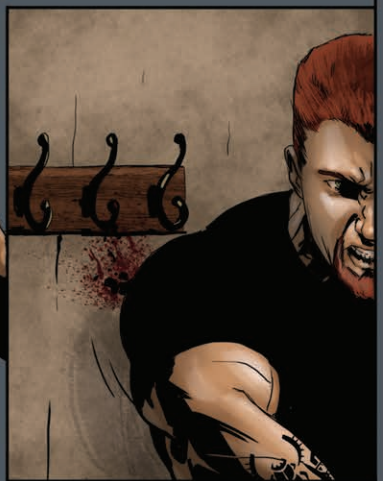
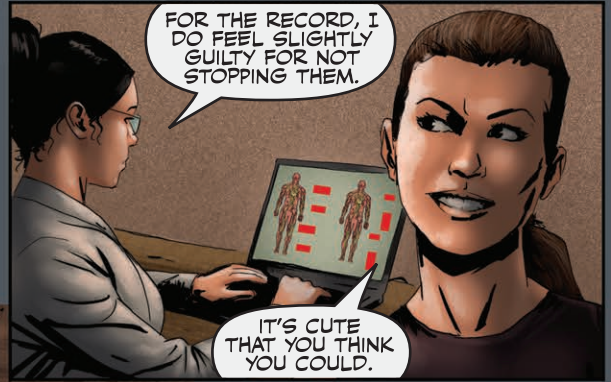
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A CHILD, HOOPER. BUT NOW YOU'RE A CHILD TERRIFIED OF DYING, AND THAT MAKES YOU DANGEROUS.



AND YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A ROBOT. YOU DON'T FOLLOW CHAIN OF COMMAND BECAUSE YOU'RE A GREAT SOLDIER, YOU DO IT BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO IF SOMEBODY ISN'T TELLING YOU.

GUYS, DON'T DO THIS.

SHUT UP, SHANE!





LOSING GERRITY WAS YOUR FAULT!



HE WAS OUR ONLY LINK TO FISHER. IF WE'D KILLED THOSE GUYS BEFORE THEY EVEN KNEW WHAT HIT 'EM, GERRITY WOULD STILL BE ALIVE!

KUH-FWAM

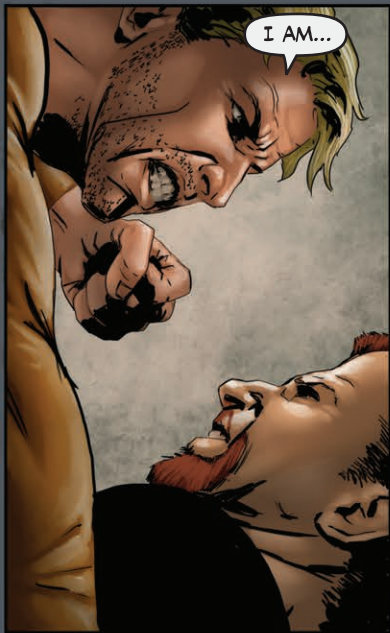


KERRACK

I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE! FROM NOW ON I HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING RIGHT!



WE'RE DEAD BECAUSE OF YOU!



I AM...



...NOT GOING...



...BACK THERE!

BLAKE!