

4:52 P.M.

"POSITIVE ID ON THE SHOOTER IS ONE TOBY FITZSIMMONS, AGE 20."

"HE WORKED AT THE BURGER COUNTER FOR OVER A YEAR WHERE HE WAS APPARENTLY NAMED EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR SEVEN OF THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS."

NOT EXACTLY THE UNDERPINNINGS OF A WORKPLACE RAGE INCIDENT.

WITNESSES SAY HE'D GROWN IRRATIONAL LATELY. APPARENTLY, HIS WORK HAD SLIPPED.

WE'RE HEARING HE MIGHT HAVE BROKEN UP WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND RECENTLY.

SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF FIREPOWER OVER ONE BROKEN HEART.

HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK WITH THE EX, DETECTIVE?

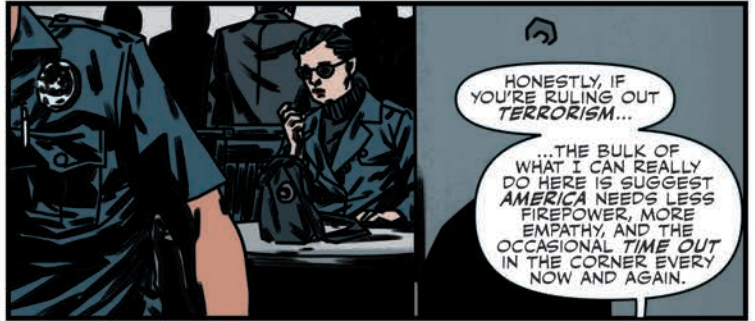
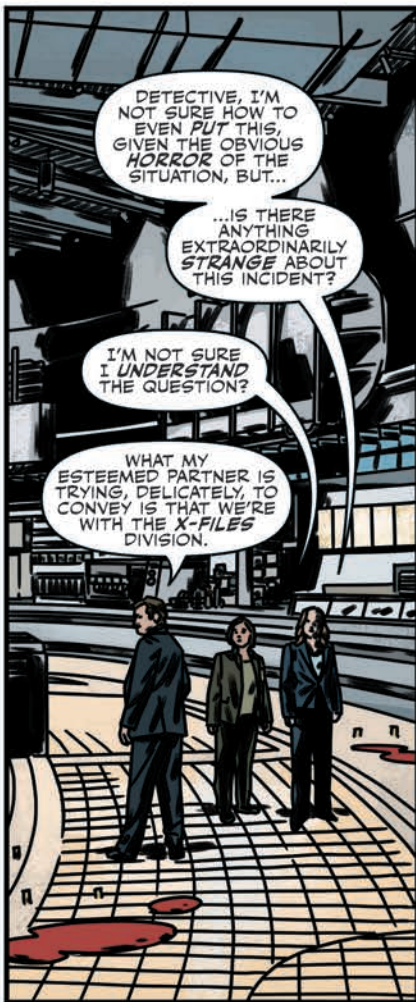
SHE WAS WORKING THE SAME SHIFT AS FITZSIMMONS... BUT WE CAN'T FIND HER ANYWHERE.

MY PEOPLE ARE SEARCHING THE REST OF THE MALL NOW.

WE'RE WAITING ON A WEAPONS TRACE, TOO, BUT YOU KNOW HOW THAT GOES.

WHEN THE STATES WITH STRICTER LAWS ARE SURROUNDED BY THOSE WITH LOOSER ONES, THE ASSAULT-RIFLE-PER-CAPITA RATIO IS A TOUGH TIDE TO TURN BACK.

SORRY— I MEANT FREEDOM IS INEVITABLE.





I RECEIVED A **SECURE MESSAGE** ON MY MOBILE ASSIGNING US HERE BUT NO DETAILS. WITH THE CHAOS AND THE CARNAGE AND THE **MEDIA ATTENTION**, I IMAGINED WE'D BE FILLED IN AS WE GO.

DIDN'T YOU GET THE SAME?

YOU KNOW I STRUGGLE WITH TECHNOLOGY, SCULLY.



EGROUP SUB 01
EXP +28 HRS



I'M GOING TO CALL IN TO **SKINNER'S OFFICE**. COUNTY POLICE COULD USE RESOURCES BEYOND ERRONEOUSLY SENDING US OUT INTO THE—

HE FELL FORWARD HERE.



BEING SHOT OVER A DOZEN TIMES BY POLICE **SHARPSHOOTERS** CAN HAVE THAT EFFECT, MULDER.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH SHOWS UP **LOCKED AND LOADED** AT HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND'S SHIFT...

...GOES ON TO RACK UP **SEVENTEEN** INNOCENT BYSTANDERS BEFORE THE COPS CAN PUT HIM DOWN...

...SO WHERE'S THE EX?



IS HIDING SO MYSTERIOUS A THEORY, MULDER?

THE SHOOTER SEEMS TO HAVE PREFERRED MOWING DOWN PEOPLE IN THIS DIRECTION.

NOW, I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY **SURVEILLANCE TAPES** YET...



...BUT I'M GOING TO ASSUME THERE WERE A **WHOLE LOT MORE PEOPLE** SURGING OUT OF THOSE EXITS RIGHT OVER THERE.



