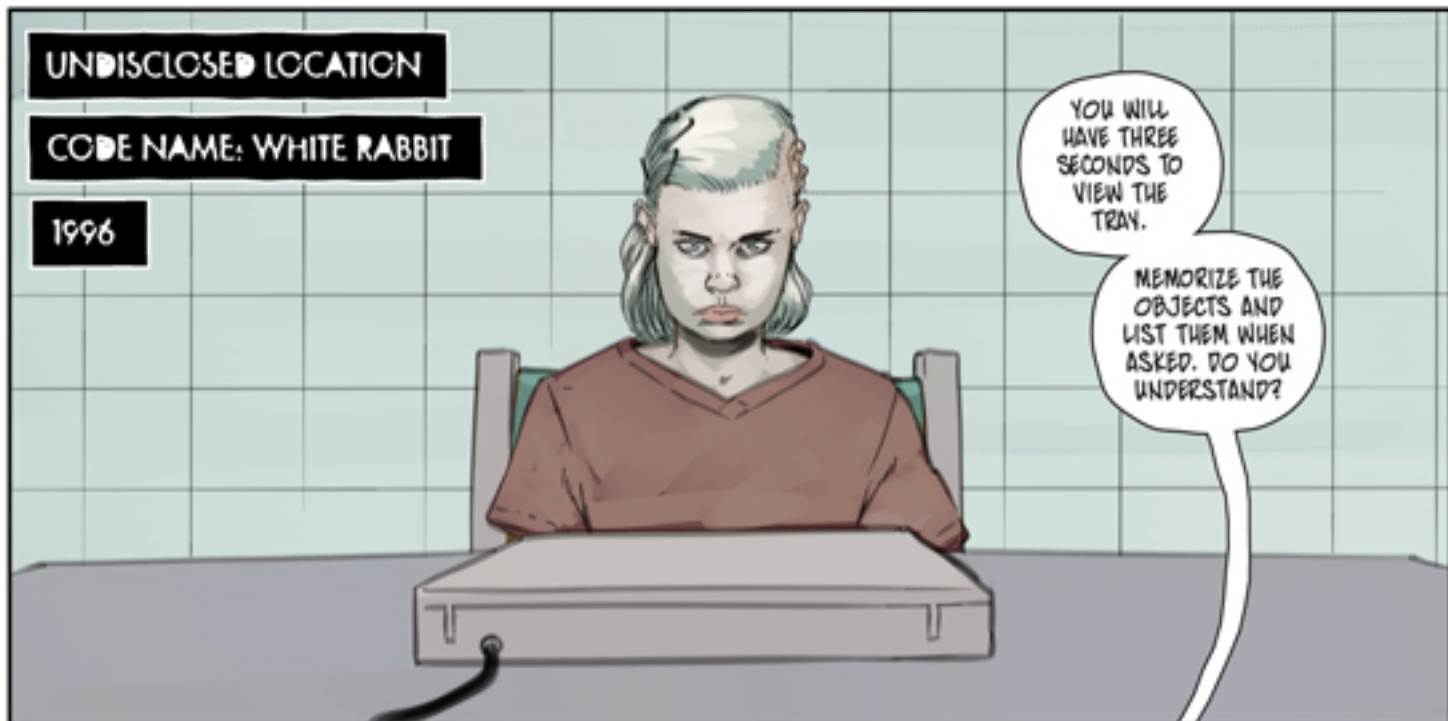


UNDISCLOSED LOCATION

CODE NAME: WHITE RABBIT

1996



YOU WILL HAVE THREE SECONDS TO VIEW THE TRAY.

MEMORIZE THE OBJECTS AND LIST THEM WHEN ASKED. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?



YES.



BEGIN.



BOTTLE CAP, PEN, NIAGRA FALLS POSTCARD, PENNY, TOY SOLDIER--

WRONG.



SHE HAS PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY YET SHE DOES NOT KNOW?

SHE KNOWS, ALL RIGHT. SHE'S JUST BEING CONTRARY.

FIX IT.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE I'M DOING, FATHER?



PORTLAND, OREGON

"HOW ARE YOU SLEEPING, BRAD?"

"SAME AS EVER."

"TELL ME ABOUT SOME OF YOUR NIGHTMARES."

"NIGHTMARES AREN'T REAL, RIGHT? THEY'RE YOUR BRAIN MAKING SHIT UP TO DEAL WITH TRAUMA?"

"SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT DIFFER. IN VETS WITH PTSD, RECURRING DREAMS ARE ALMOST UNIVERSAL."

MY OLD MAN WAS IN 'NAM. HE USED TO GET DRUNK AND THINK ALL HIS BUDDIES THAT GOT FRAGGED IN THE PADDIES WERE THERE WITH HIM.

MENTAL ILLNESS WAS LEFT UNTREATED MORE OFTEN THAN NOT BACK THEN. DID YOUR FATHER EVER HURT YOU?

NO. AND I DIDN'T SEE ANY BUDDIES FRAGGED. EVERYONE I SAW WAS ALREADY DEAD.

THE STUFF I SEE IN MY SLEEP AIN'T NIGHTMARES. IT'S JUST MEMORIES. I GOTTA HANDLE IT.

YOU SAW MASS GRAVES, BRAD. YOU SAW THE WORST HUMANITY HAS TO OFFER.

JUST BECAUSE SARAJEVO IS NOT THE JUNGLE DOESN'T MAKE WHAT HAPPENED ANY LESS TRAUMATIC.



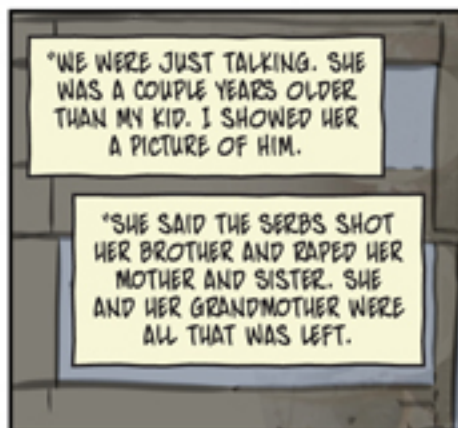


SEEMIN' THOSE HOLES FULL OF DEAD PEOPLE ISN'T WHAT LANDED ME IN THE PADDED ROOM.

NO. YOU TOLD THE ADMITTING DOCTOR YOU WERE HEARING VOICES.



EVERYTHING IN THE CITY WAS BLOWN TO HELL WHEN WE GOT THERE. BOMBING RAIDS ON THE SERBS TO COLD-COOK 'EM BEFORE GROUND FORCES WERE DEPLOYED.



"WE WERE JUST TALKING. SHE WAS A COUPLE YEARS OLDER THAN MY KID. I SHOWED HER A PICTURE OF HIM.

"SHE SAID THE SERBS SHOT HER BROTHER AND RAPED HER MOTHER AND SISTER. SHE AND HER GRANDMOTHER WERE ALL THAT WAS LEFT.



"THE SERBIAN SNIPERS WERE THE REAL DEAL. GUYS WHO'D BEEN PICKING OFF CIVILIANS FOR YEARS ALREADY. JUST AS PRACTICE.



"YOU COULD TELL IT WAS AN OLD GUN--THIN HIGH CRACK RATHER THAN A BOOM LIKE THE SR-25--RUSSIAN. PROBABLY. SOME GRANDPA'S RELIC FROM THE RED ARMY.



"DOESN'T MATTER IN THE HANDS OF AN EXPERT. HE HERDED ME OUT OF THE STREET LIKE I WAS CATTLE.



"LIKE I WAS IN THE WAY."

