

DYAD. SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.
11:35 P.M.

THANK YOU,
BUT THE BOOTS
REALLY AREN'T
MY TASTE...

I THINK
YOU'LL TASTE
GOOD IN
THEM.

FUNNY. I'VE GOT
A GIFT FOR YOU. I'M
SITTING ON IT RIGHT
NOW—A GIANT CHEST
FOR YOU TO SLEEP IN.
WHEN YOU RETURN
IN 48 HOURS.

HELSINKI.

IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE PROTOCOL'S
COMPLETION? THAT'S
VERY PRECISE... HOW
DO YOU KNOW
THE TIMELINE?

ALDOUS KEEPS
ME IN THE DARK, BUT
HE'S QUITE RECKLESS
WITH SENSITIVE FILES.
SO I'VE UPDATED
MYSELF ON YOUR
PLAN.

MMMM,
KEPT IN THE
DARK. LOCKED
UP. THAT'S
WHAT I
WANT.

I KNOW.
THAT'S WHY I
BOUGHT THE
CHEST.

BUT YOU
HAVE TO
EARN IT.

HOW ABOUT
A PRIVATE
DEBRIEFING ON
HELSINKI?

**PRIVATE.
DE-BRIEFING.**
JUST THE WORDS
I WANT TO HEAR,
FERDINAND.

MY BRIEFS
ARE YOURS IN
48 HOURS,
BIJOU.

BUSINESS
FIRST. EARN OUR
TIME TOGETHER.
AU REVOIR.

AU REV—
RLK

SO? DOES SHE
KNOW ABOUT THE
USE OF HER DNA?
OR DMITRI'S
LAB?

ERM, THE REPORTS SHE
ACCESSED SEEM TO PERTAIN
ONLY TO THE PROTOCOL,
BUT I'LL CONTINUE
TO... PROBE.

I'M
SURE YOU WILL,
FERDINAND.

AHEM. SHOULD
WE PROCEED WITH
THE PROTOCOL,
MARION?

YES.
NEUTRALIZE ALL
TARGETS.

...DETAILS ABOUT
SUSPECTED TERRORISTS THAT
PLANNED THE ATTACK. AMERICAN
NEWS STATIONS REPORTED THAT THE
FBI SEIZED A CAR CONTAINING
A MANUAL FOR FLYING
LARGE PLANES...

HELSINKI-VANTAA AIRPORT.
SEPTEMBER 12. 7:59 A.M.

Sixteen hours since our
failed press conference.
Sixteen hours of silence.
From them. From us.
The world around us is
in chaos...

IT'S
CRAZY HERE.
ALL FLIGHTS ARE
GROUNDED.

EARLIEST
I CAN FLY IS
TOMORROW
MORNING.

BUT
MY LONDON
MEETING!

I'M SURE IT'LL
BE RESCHEDULED,
JUST LIKE ALL
OUR FLIGHTS,
SIR.

...But up in Niki's tree house,
it's quiet. Too quiet. They make
no moves. We have no voice...

I CAN
PICK YOU
UP IN TWO
HOURS—

NO, NIKI.
COME NOW.

MY DAD'S WAITING
IN THE CAR TO TAKE ME
TO SCHOOL. HE TOTALLY
FREAKED ABOUT ME MISSING
A WEEK. I'M GONNA LET HIM
DRIVE ME, THEN I—

THEY'RE
WATCHING ME—
I CAN FEEL IT. I'M
TAKING A TAXI TO
YOUR HOUSE.

NO! IT'LL
PUT US IN
DANGER.

I HAVE
NOWHERE
TO GO!

DANGER...P

NIKI, SHE'S
VULNERABLE, ALL
ALONE. IF JUSTYNA
SNEAKS THROUGH
THE WOODS TO THE
TREEHOUSE, SHE
WON'T BE SEEN.
SHE CAN HELP US
FIGURE OUT
A PLAN.

FINE.

JUSTYNA,
MAKE SURE NO
ONE FOLLOWS
YOU. SWITCH
CABS.



I WILL, DON'T WORRY.

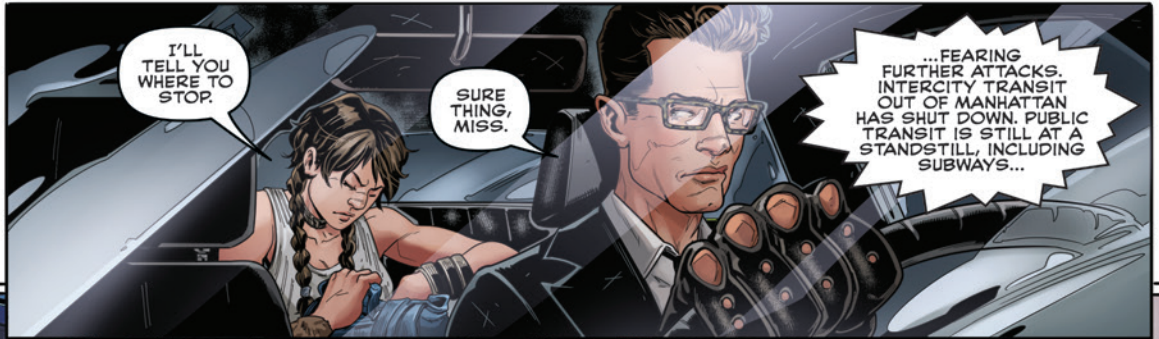
GREAT, SEE YOU SOON.



DOWNTOWN HELSINKI, PLEASE.

ANYWHERE IN PARTICULAR?

...PEOPLE PLAGER HUNDREDS OF FLYERS ALL OVER MANHATTAN STREETS AS THEY SEARCH FOR MISSING LOVED ONES...



I'LL TELL YOU WHERE TO STOP.

SURE THING, MISS.

...FEARING FURTHER ATTACKS, INTERCITY TRANSIT OUT OF MANHATTAN HAS SHUT DOWN. PUBLIC TRANSIT IS STILL AT A STANDSTILL, INCLUDING SUBWAYS...

KUUSI SECONDARY SCHOOL, TAPIOLA. 8:41 A.M.

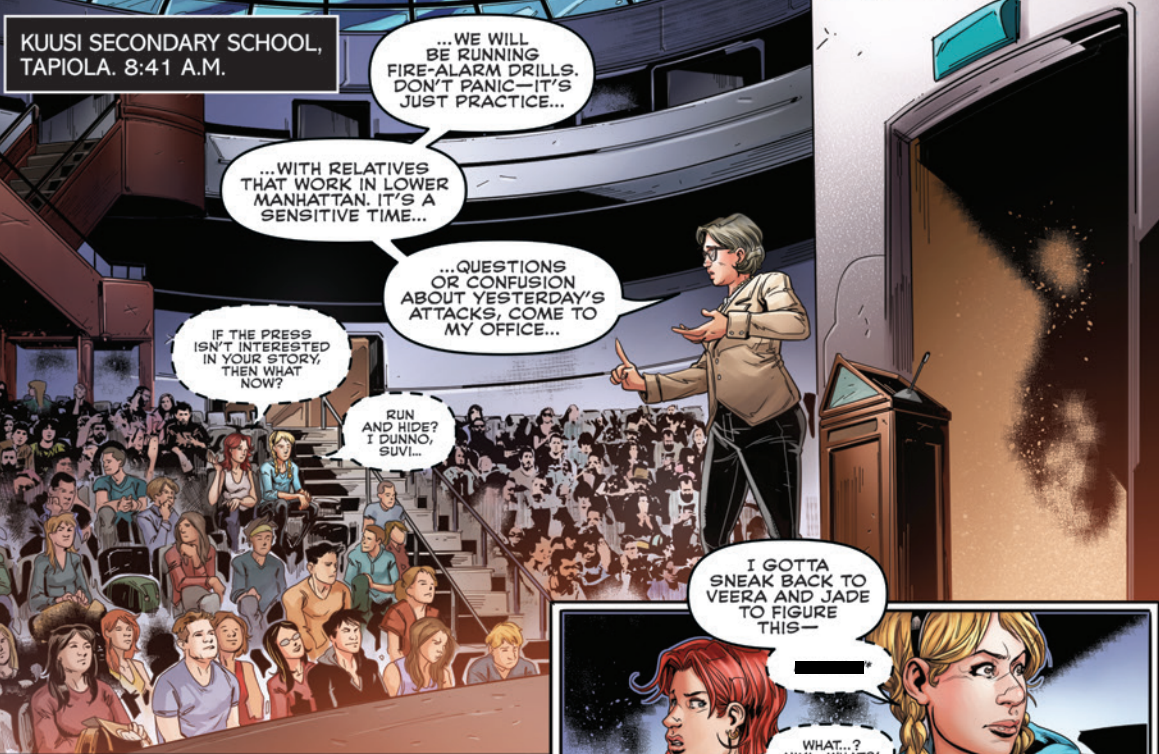
...WE WILL BE RUNNING FIRE-ALARM DRILLS. DON'T PANIC—IT'S JUST PRACTICE...

...WITH RELATIVES THAT WORK IN LOWER MANHATTAN. IT'S A SENSITIVE TIME...

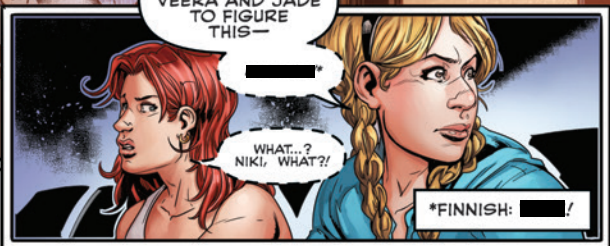
...QUESTIONS OR CONFUSION ABOUT YESTERDAY'S ATTACKS, COME TO MY OFFICE...

IF THE PRESS ISN'T INTERESTED IN YOUR STORY, THEN WHAT NOW?

RUN AND HIDE? I DUNNO, SUVL...

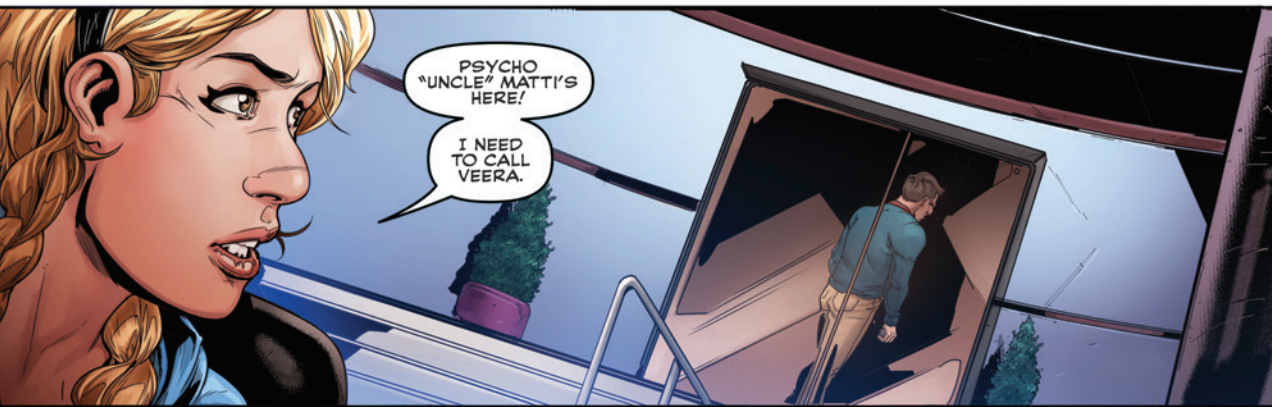


I GOTTA SNEAK BACK TO VEERA AND JADE TO FIGURE THIS—



WHAT...? NIKI, WHAT?!

*FINNISH: [REDACTED]!



PSYCHO "UNCLE" MATTI'S HERE!

I NEED TO CALL VEERA.



GET OUT OF THERE, NIKI.

I'M WITH, LIKE, 500 STUDENTS. HE CAN'T DO ANYTHING. BUT IF I LEAVE—

RIGHT, RIGHT. SAFETY IN NUMBERS.



WHEN JUSTYNA ARRIVES, WE'LL THINK OF A WAY TO GET YOU OUT OF THERE.

WHATEVER YOU DO, VEERA, DON'T RISK—



HHRRMMMM!

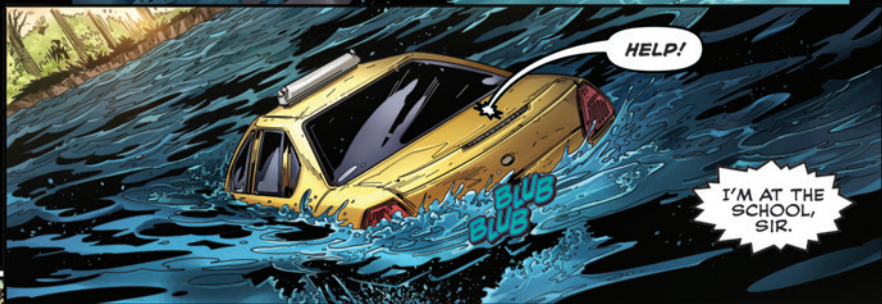
HELLO? NIKI? ARE YOU THERE?!



Something's not right. Niki's mobile keeps going straight to voicemail. No, no, no. This is it—they're coming for us. Maybe we should...

WHY AM I DRESSING UP? WHO ARE YOU CALLING? TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING!

WE NEED TO GO HELP NIKI— SOMETHING'S WRONG AT THE SCHOOL. I'M CALLING JUSTYNA TO WARN HER...



LAKELAND, NORTH OF HELSINKI.
8:50 A.M.

