





UNNH!



GRAAH!



GRRRR...



ARLINGTON,  
VIRGINIA. 2033.

ONE YEAR AFTER  
THE GULF BIO-BOMB.

YOU JUST  
DON'T GIVE UP,  
DO YOU?

OH, I'M  
RELENTLESS.

SO YOU'RE  
FEELING MUCH  
BETTER TODAY  
I TAKE IT?

I AM.  
SO FAR SO  
GOOD AT  
LEAST.

LET'S JUST  
STAY IN BED  
TODAY.

I WISH.  
THAT TRINION GUY  
IS STOPPING BY HERE  
IN AN HOUR AND I HAVE  
THE GRANT PROPOSAL  
MEETING TONIGHT TO  
GET READY FOR.

I COULD  
LISTEN TO YOUR  
HEARTBEAT ALL  
DAY.

COME  
ON. TIME TO  
GET UP!

I'LL MAKE  
BACON.





DR. GABRIELLA ADAMS.  
IT IS A PLEASURE TO MEET  
YOU IN PERSON. I'M DAMON  
LUDAS, LEAD DIRECTOR AT  
TRINION INDUSTRIES. THANK  
YOU FOR MEETING  
WITH ME.



YES MR. LUDAS.  
PLEASE COME IN  
AND HAVE A SEAT.  
WOULD YOU LIKE  
SOME TEA OR  
COFFEE?

IS THAT  
ONE OF MY  
ROSES?



NONE FOR  
ME, THANKS.  
AND YOU MUST  
BE RICHARD.

YES,  
DOCTOR  
ADAMS.

OF  
COURSE.



AS I MENTIONED  
TO YOU BEFORE ON THE  
PHONE DOCTOR, TRINION  
HAS BEEN MONITORING  
YOUR ADVANCEMENTS IN  
CELLULAR REGENERATION  
FOR AWHILE NOW...

...AND NOW  
IT'S TIME TO TAKE  
THE NEXT STEP.



THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND THEY'VE CONTRACTED THREE COMPANIES TO IMPLEMENT A SOLUTION BEFORE THE THIRD-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF "THE DAY OF RUINATION"... INCLUDING TRINION.



WHILE THE OTHER COMPANIES ARE LOOKING TO *RELIEVE* THE GULF PROBLEM, I'M LOOKING TO *RESOLVE* IT.



THAT'S WHERE *YOU* COME IN.

MY LEFT EYE IS AN INTRAOCULAR BIOMECHANICAL LENS. TOOK ME MONTHS TO FINALLY AGREE TO THE PROCEDURE. WHY? I SIMPLY DIDN'T WANT IT *IN* MY BODY. I WANTED WHAT GOD GAVE ME TO WORK LIKE IT SHOULD.

AMERICA DOESN'T WANT TO BUY "CORRECTIONS" DR. ADAMS, THEY JUST WANT TO *NATURALLY* BE NORMAL...





"...AND YOU CAN GIVE THAT TO THEM.

"AS YOU'RE WELL AWARE, IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR SINCE THE BIO-BOMB WAS DETONATED OVER THE GULF AND ITS EFFECTS ARE NOW STRETCHING CLOSE TO VIRGINIA'S BORDER.

"THE U.S. IS FACING THE WORLD'S MOST DEVASTATING PANDEMIC SINCE THE BLACK PLAGUE. FEAR IS HIGHER THAN AFTER 9/11. PEOPLE ARE AFRAID OF GOING OUTSIDE.

"THEY CAN'T PROPERLY BREATHE WITHOUT RESPIRATORS, AND LIVE IN FEAR OF DEVELOPING MUTATIONS.

"WE NEED TO GIVE THE PEOPLE HOPE, AND YOU COULD HELP DO THAT. YOUR RESEARCH IN CELLULAR REJUVENATION COULD POTENTIALLY ALLOW PEOPLE TO REPAIR THEIR VITAL ORGANS AND ADAPT TO THIS TOXIC ATMOSPHERE.

"WHILE OTHER COMPANIES ARE WASTING THEIR TIME WITH ENHANCEMENTS AND IMPLANTS, THERE IS NOTHING QUITE LIKE THE REAL THING. THERE'S SOMETHING MUCH MORE... **HUMAN** AND COMFORTING WITH THE IDEA OF YOUR BODY REPAIRING ITSELF WITH ITS OWN NATURAL SYSTEMS.

"COME WORK WITH TRINION. HELP US, DOCTOR. HELP US DEVELOP AN ANTIDOTE FOR HUMANITY. IN RETURN, YOUR RESEARCH FUNDS WILL BE NEXT TO UNLIMITED, YOUR FINANCIAL WORRIES WILL BE ELIMINATED, AND YOUR NAME WILL LIVE ON--"

--EXCUSE ME, BUT YOU SAID ANTIDOTE. YOU MEAN **CURE**, RIGHT?

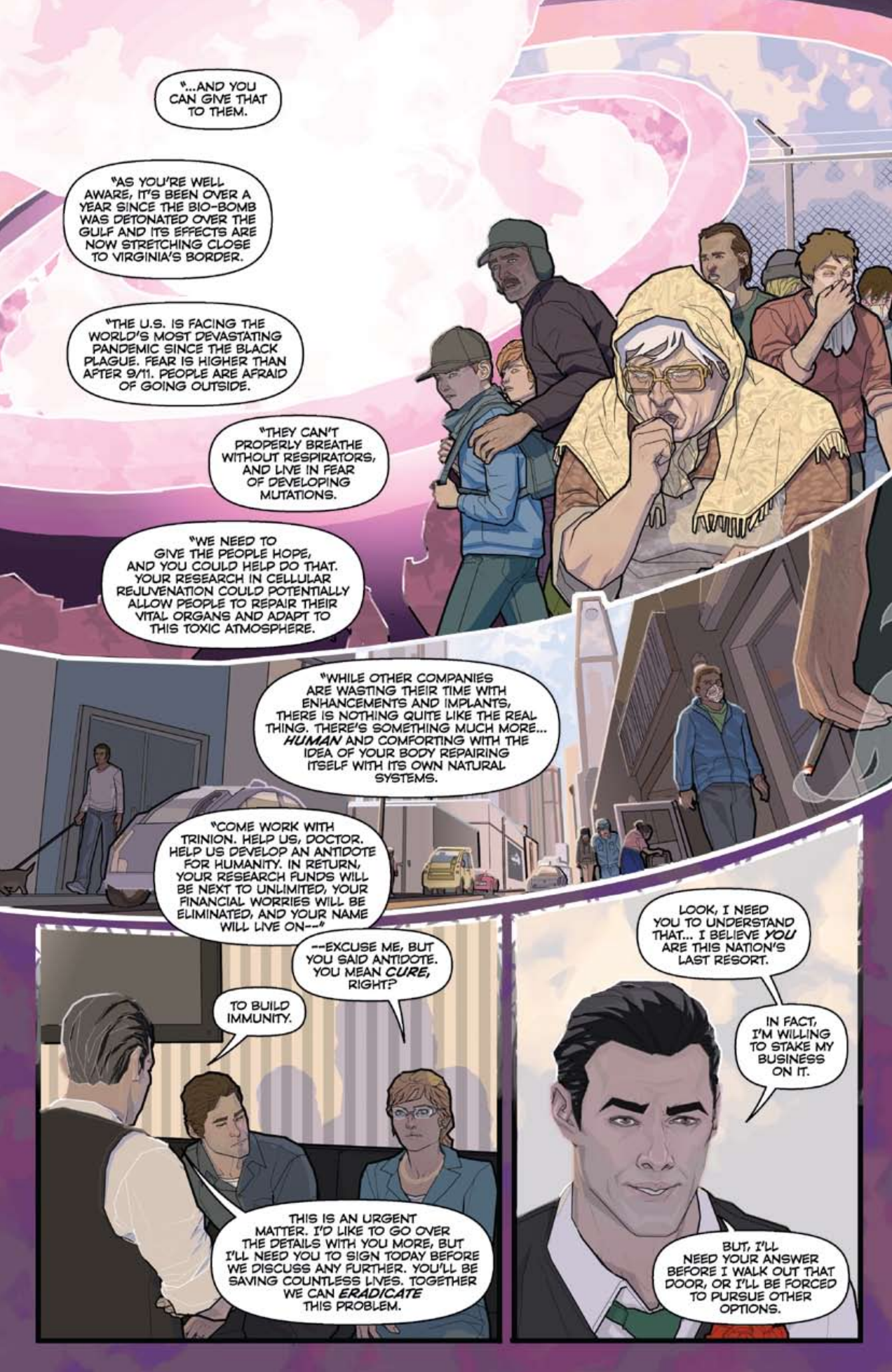
TO BUILD IMMUNITY.

THIS IS AN URGENT MATTER. I'D LIKE TO GO OVER THE DETAILS WITH YOU MORE, BUT I'LL NEED YOU TO SIGN TODAY BEFORE WE DISCUSS ANY FURTHER. YOU'LL BE SAVING COUNTLESS LIVES. TOGETHER WE CAN **ERADICATE** THIS PROBLEM.

LOOK, I NEED YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT... I BELIEVE **YOU** ARE THIS NATION'S LAST RESORT.

IN FACT, I'M WILLING TO STAKE MY BUSINESS ON IT.

BUT, I'LL NEED YOUR ANSWER BEFORE I WALK OUT THAT DOOR, OR I'LL BE FORCED TO PURSUE OTHER OPTIONS.







I'LL NEED  
A MOMENT WITH  
MY HUSBAND.

OF  
COURSE.



SO WHAT  
DO YOU THINK?  
ARE WE DOING  
THIS?

I THINK THIS  
COULDN'T BE  
MORE PERFECT,  
BABY.

WE WON'T HAVE TO  
WORRY ABOUT FINDING  
YOU ANOTHER GRANT. WE  
CAN PAY OFF THE MEDICAL  
BILLS, THE CONDO, AND  
DARE I SAY... START  
A FAMILY.



IT WILL BE A  
LOT OF WORK. A LOT OF  
HOURS. AND I'M REALLY NOT  
COMFORTABLE WITH ASKING  
YOU TO BE A SECONDARY  
CONCERN.

YOU'RE NOT,  
AND I WON'T BE.  
BESIDES, IF YOU COME  
UP WITH A CURE, THEN YOU'LL  
BE ABLE TO HELP *ME* AT THE  
SAME TIME. I BELIEVE YOU  
CAN DO THIS.



AND I'LL BE  
THERE, RIGHT BY  
YOUR SIDE THE  
ENTIRE WAY.



OKAY THEN.  
LET'S DO IT.  
TOGETHER.



YOU TWO  
HAVE MADE THE  
RIGHT CHOICE. YOUR  
LIVES ARE ABOUT TO  
GET *WAY* MORE  
INTERESTING.

Date: