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# PREVIOUSLY...

DATA COLLECTED.

TRAITOR UNCOVERED.

SITE NEUTRALIZED.

THIS IS ACTION MAN, READY FOR EXTRACTION.

AGENT GALE!

I'M SORRY, IAN.

I TRIED TO KEEP YOU OUT OF THIS.

YOU'RE THE TRAITOR?

YOU'RE WORKING FOR DOCTOR X?

NO, ACTION MAN...

...I AM DOCTOR X.



YOU'RE IMPRESSED!?



WHY NOT? THOSE MOVES WEREN'T BAD.

I NEVER IMPRESSED ANYBODY BEFORE.

NOT EVEN YOUR PARENTS?



THAT'S YOU, HUH?



THAT'S ME.

FOR REAL ACTION MAN.

WELL, IT'S REALLY ABOUT ALL OF US—THE ACTION MAN PROGRAMME.



WE COULD USE SOMEBODY WITH NOT-BAD MOVES, WHO CAN BREAK THROUGH TOP-LEVEL SECURITY LIKE—



"ACTION"... THAT'S GOTTA MEAN SOMETHING.

WHAT'S IT AN ACRONYM FOR?

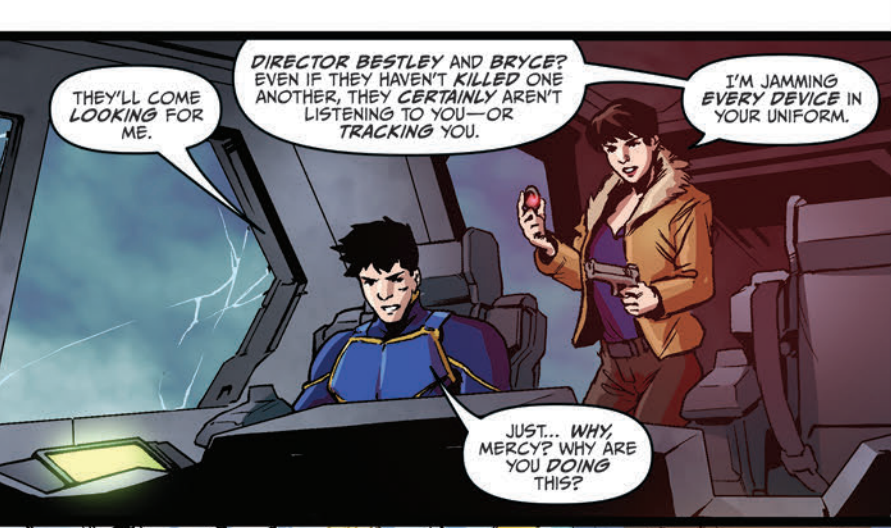


NOTHING, IAN.  
IT JUST MEANS ACTION.



HEH.

NOW THAT'S THE KIND OF LIFE I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR.



THEY'LL COME LOOKING FOR ME.

DIRECTOR BESTLEY AND BRYCE? EVEN IF THEY HAVEN'T KILLED ONE ANOTHER, THEY CERTAINLY AREN'T LISTENING TO YOU—OR TRACKING YOU.

I'M JAMMING EVERY DEVICE IN YOUR UNIFORM.

JUST... WHY MERCY? WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?



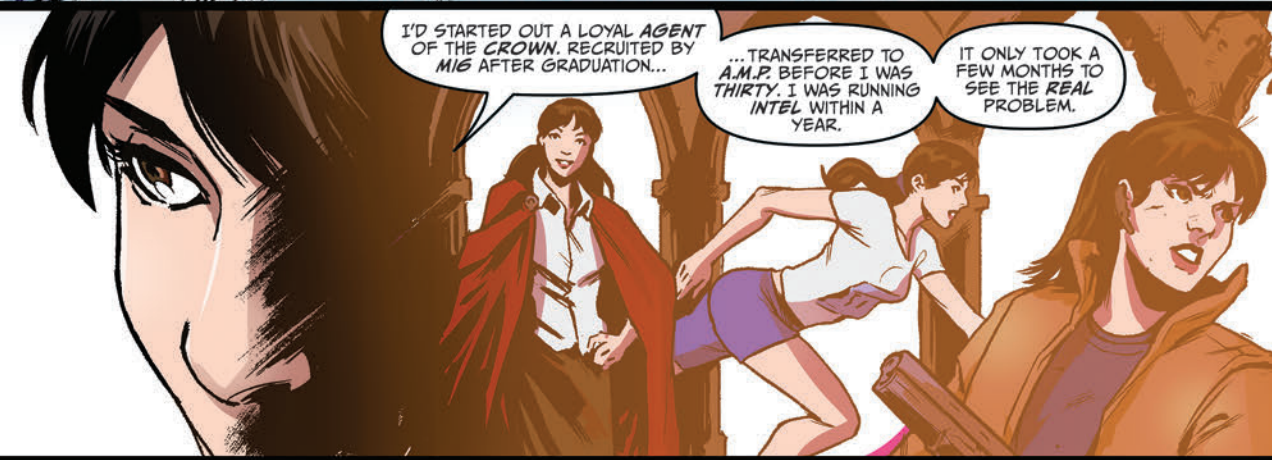
I WANTED TO BE A GOOD AGENT, IAN.

KILLING SALMONS IS A HELL OF A WAY TO SHOW IT.



THAT WASN'T THE PLAN.

# ACTION **man** IN MR LOVE AND JUSTICE



I'D STARTED OUT A LOYAL AGENT OF THE CROWN. RECRUITED BY MIS AFTER GRADUATION...

...TRANSFERRED TO A.M.P. BEFORE I WAS THIRTY. I WAS RUNNING INTEL WITHIN A YEAR.

IT ONLY TOOK A FEW MONTHS TO SEE THE REAL PROBLEM.



YOU'RE GOING OFF-POINT.

YOU KILLED SALMONS... AND... OH MY GOD, YOU KILLED ACTION MAN.

YOU KILLED AGENT BROGAN.

NO, NO, IAN. I'D NEVER.



PUT HER DOWN OVER THERE, BY THE BEECH.

IT'S ALL SNOW, AGENT GALE.

THE BEECH TREE, IAN.



IT'S DUMB, BUT I'LL MISS THAT. YOUR SILLY PUNS.

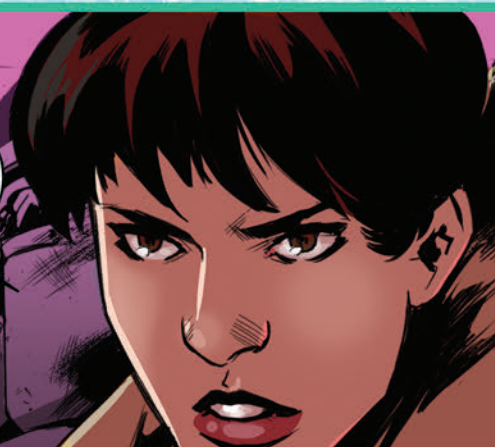
IT'LL BE TOUGH TO KID AFTER YOU KILL ME.

I HOPE WE DON'T COME TO IT.



I SENT YOUR PREDECESSOR ON A MISSION.

I'D TRACKED A MISSING CHEMICAL COMPOUND AND DEDUCED DOCTOR X HAD IT.



"HE WAS USING THE CHEMICAL TO MUTATE STUDENTS AT A COLLEGE UP NORTH.

"ACTION MAN DESCENDED FROM LOW ORBIT WITH A JUMP-PACK—

"—SMASHED THROUGH THE ROOF—

"—AND WENT HAND-TO-HAND AGAINST 1,500 TOXIC MUTANTS."



RUN-OF-THE-MILL STUFF.

AGENT BROGAN PUT THE MUTANTS OUT OF COMMISSION, AND PROF SINCLAIR FIGURED OUT A WAY TO DECONTAMINATE THEM.

ZERO FATALITIES.

"BUT THE WASTE.

"THE EFFORT—THE RESOURCES DOCTOR X PUT BEHIND THIS— WERE MIND-BOGGLING.

"AND ALL MY WORK—NIGHTS POURING OVER SHIPPING MANIFESTS, SPECTROGRAPH READINGS, HUNDREDS OF PAGES OF INTERROGATION TRANSCRIPT...

"...TO WHAT END?"

"TO BREAK EVEN.

"TO BE ONLY AS WELL OFF AS THE NIGHT BEFORE."

BETTER THAN 1500 DEAD STUDENTS.

AND MAYBE I WOULD HAVE LEFT IT ALONE...

...IF NOT FOR WHAT I FOUND.

"IT WAS LUCK—DUMB, BLIND LUCK. THIRTY YEARS OF SEARCHING AND PLANNING CAME TO NOTHING...

"...BUT WHEN ACTION MAN DISENGAGED THE JUMP-PACK, IT JUST HAPPENED TO HIT THE RIGHT PIECE OF JUNK THAT FELL JUST THE RIGHT WAY.

"DOCTOR X WAS DEAD.

"I RAN A GENETIC SCAN—WE HAD HIS GENOME FROM THE CLONE THING IN BANGLADESH.

"IT WAS HIM. BY PURE CHANCE, IT WAS HIM.

"AND NOBODY KNEW BUT ME."

"IF I TOLD DIRECTOR CAIN WHAT HAPPENED, WE'D HAVE A NICE VICTORY CELEBRATION..."

"...BUT THEN WHAT?"