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"...CONTINUING THEIR **RAPID AND RELENTLESS** RECOVERY OF FAMILY BITTNER TERRITORY THROUGHOUT WESTERN EUROPE, NOW LIBERATED IN THE WAKE OF THE RAUSLING FAMILY'S **COLLAPSE**...

"...WITH **COMBAT OPERATIONS** PRIMARILY LIMITED TO THE SUPPORT OF ONGOING HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS.

"FOR REASONS OF **OPERATIONAL SECURITY**, I AM, OF COURSE, NOT PERMITTED TO DISCLOSE OUR EXACT LOCATION.



"WHAT I CAN SAY IS THAT I'VE WITNESSED FIRST-HAND THE **COOPERATION** AMONGST CARLYLE ALLIES, INCLUDING ELEMENTS FROM **MORRAY**...

"...AS WELL AS **ARMITAGE**, ALL UNITED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO DEFEAT WHAT REMAINS OF THE RAUSLING RESISTANCE.



"FOR NOW, THE FIGHTING HAS **STOPPED**...

...I'M SERÉ COOPER, AND YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING A LIT LIVESTREAM, FROM DEEP WITHIN LIBERATED RAUSLING TERRITORY...

...AND CUT, JUST...

...THAT WAS CRAP



54 km east of Frankfurt  
an der Oder, Germany  
Family: Rausing Bittner

Population [Family]: 0 1  
Population [Serf- Active Duty  
Rausing Forces]: 5,000 (est)

Population [Serf - Active Duty  
Coalition Forces]: 10,250 (est)

IT WASN'T  
THAT BAD.



I LOVE  
YOU, LUIS, BUT  
TRUST ME.  
CRAP.

EVEN  
THE VISUAL  
WAS CRAP...



...WE NEED  
SOMETHING WITH  
MORE MEAT...





...FOLLOW ME.

OK, NO, NO, THIS IS NOT A GOOD IDEA, CEE.

IT'S A GREAT IDEA. SONJA BITNER, FIRST EVER BATTLEFIELD INTERVIEW WITH A LAZARUS...



...THAT'S A THIRD SHONA AWARD, RIGHT THERE.

FOR YOU.

AND YOUR FIRST.

IF BROADCAST OVERSIGHT DOESN'T SPIKE IT AND FIRE US, LIEUTENANT MAYES IS GONNA BE BACK ANY MINUTE--



WHICH IS WHY WE'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST.

THEY WON'T FIRE US, LUIS.

MEANING THEY WON'T FIRE YOU.



US, C'YON, SAY IT WITH ME, SHONA AWARD WINNER.

C'YON.

CEE...

SHONA, AWARD...

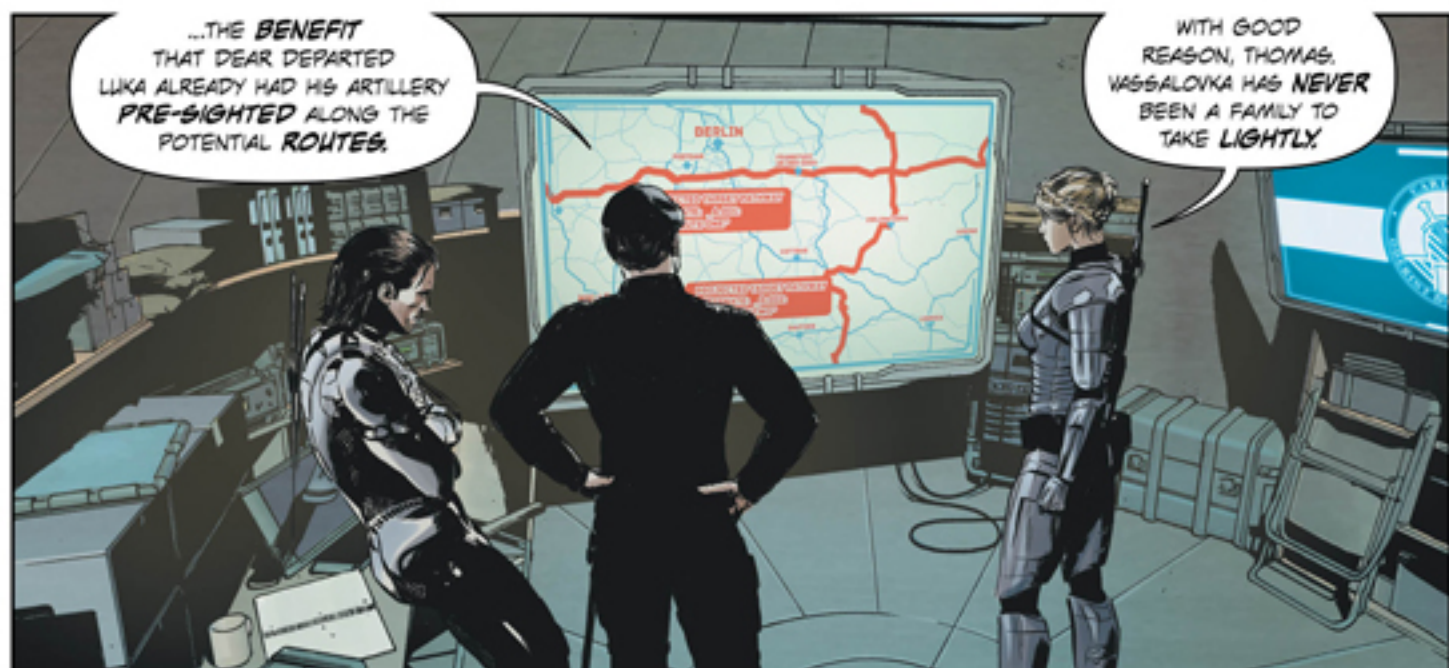


...WINNER.

WE'RE GOING TO BE SENT DOWN, YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?



THINK SHE WENT THAT WAY...



...THE **BENEFIT** THAT DEAR DEPARTED LUKA ALREADY HAD HIS ARTILLERY **PRE-SIGHTED** ALONG THE POTENTIAL **ROUTES**.

WITH GOOD REASON, THOMAS. VASSALOVKA HAS **NEVER** BEEN A FAMILY TO TAKE **LIGHTLY**.



SO **TWO** CHOICES, FIGURE THE SCARY BEAR IS COMING TO VISIT GRANDMA VIA **RED ROUTE ONE**...

...OR **RED ROUTE TWO**, YES.



OR **BOTH**.



AND TO THINK SHE WAS SO **SWEET AND INNOCENT** AT THE CONCLAVE ALL THOSE MONTHS **AGO**.

SHE'S ALL GROWN UP, JOAQUIM.

I DO NOT THINK SONJA WAS EVER SO SWEET OR INNOCENT AS YOU **IMAGINE**, THOMAS.



A MAN CAN DREAM.

