



# THE LIES

## Part Three

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LANDRY  
LET ME KNOW  
YOU WERE  
COMING.

I MADE  
COFFEE.


I THINK  
I MAY LOVE  
YOU.

WAIT 'TIL  
YOU TASTE  
IT.

DIDN'T  
THINK YOU'D  
BE AWAKE.



HOW LONG SINCE WE LOST CONTACT?



FOUR HOURS, THIRTY-SEVEN MINUTES SINCE INITIAL LOSS OF SIGNAL.

JUST OVER TWO HOURS SINCE THEY BLEW THE FALLBACK.



TREVOR'S NOT LIKELY TO HAVE FORGOTTEN PROTOCOL.

SO SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO ECHO TEAM.



THAT'S OUR ASSESSMENT, YES, MA'AM.



ETTA, IT'S FOUR IN THE MORNING, YOU'VE DRIVEN OUT FROM THE PICKET TO GIVE ME THIS REPORT IN PERSON, AND WE'RE STANDING IN MY KITCHEN.



CALL ME SASHA.



YES, MA'AM.



OKAY, YOU WIN.

YES, MA'AM.

SO WE'VE LOST TREVOR'S TEAM, AND OUR INTEL SAYS THAT CADULO'S APOTHEOSIS COULD HAPPEN AT ANY MOMENT.



I ASSUME YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE YOU WANT PERMISSION TO MOUNT A RESCUE OPERATION?



ACTUALLY, NO.

NO?



WONDER WOMAN WAS TRACKED ENTERING BWUNDAN AIRSPACE YESTERDAY, LAST SEEN IN THE BANAKANE RAINFOREST.

THAT'S THREE HUNDRED KILOMETERS SOUTH OF ECHO TEAM'S LAST-KNOWN.



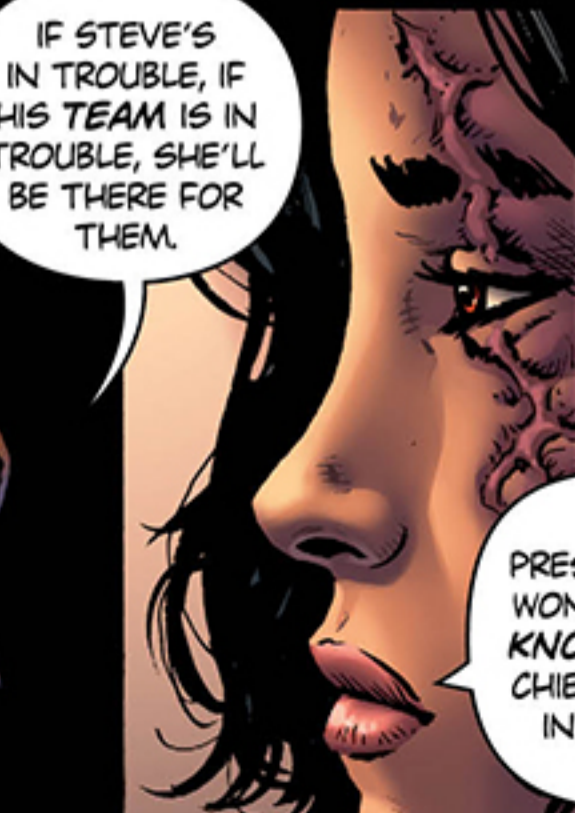
I KNOW.

YOU THINK SHE'S IN BWUNDA BECAUSE OF CADULO? OR BECAUSE OF TREVOR?



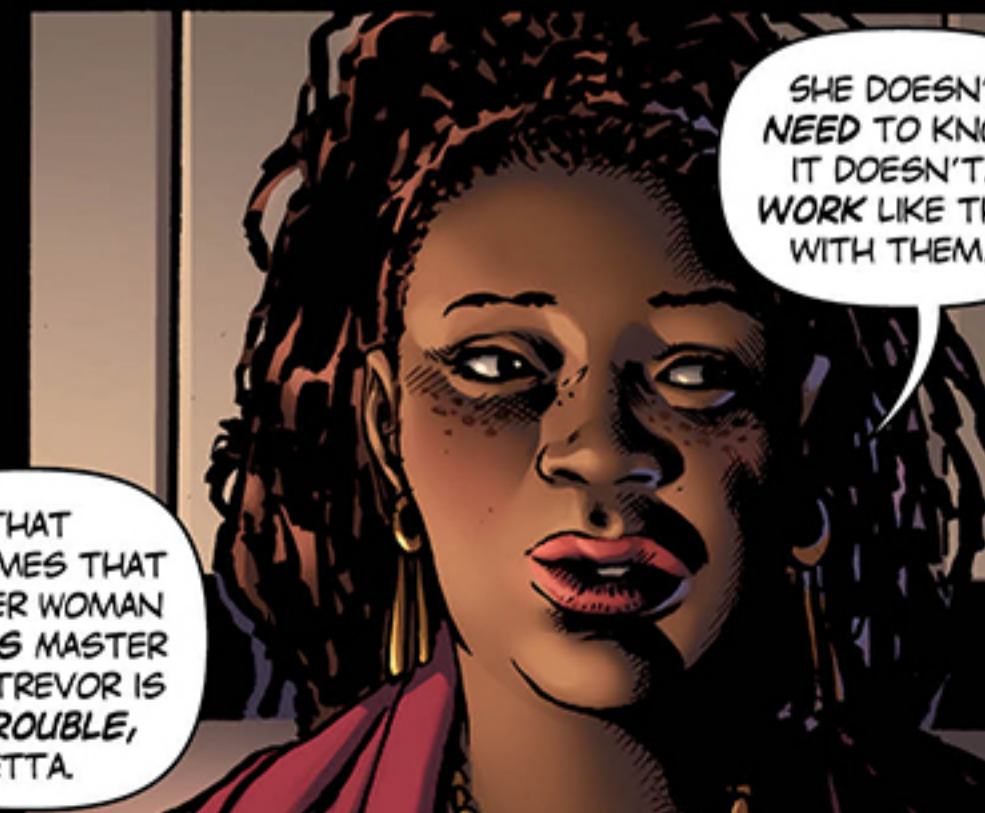
I HONESTLY DON'T HAVE THE FIRST IDEA WHY SHE'S THERE.

BUT IT'S NOT COINCIDENCE.



IF STEVE'S IN TROUBLE, IF HIS TEAM IS IN TROUBLE, SHE'LL BE THERE FOR THEM.

THAT PRESUMES THAT WONDER WOMAN KNOWS MASTER CHIEF TREVOR IS IN TROUBLE, ETTA.



SHE DOESN'T NEED TO KNOW. IT DOESN'T... WORK LIKE THAT WITH THEM...



"...THEY'RE BOUND TO EACH OTHER, I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT..."

"...CALL IT FATE OR DESTINY OR THE GODS AT WORK..."

"...BUT ONE THING I KNOW AFTER ALL THESE YEARS..."

"...AFTER THE BETTER PART OF A DECADE BEING A FRIEND TO EACH OF THEM..."



"...WHEN ONE OF THEM IS IN NEED..."

HEY.  
HEY.

BWUNDA.



BE CAREFUL WITH THAT.

"...THE OTHER ONE WILL ALWAYS BE THERE."



AMERICANS.

SENT TO STOP CADULO.

BUT WHO EXACTLY? THE CIA?  
NO, NO...ARGUS, PERHAPS?

YOU ALWAYS REFER TO YOURSELF IN THIRD PERSON?



JUST MEN. WEAK. MORTAL.



ANTS BENEATH THE FOOT OF A GIANT.



THERE'S A TECHNICAL TERM FOR THAT.



"ILLEISM."



"ILLEISM," THANKS, DAVY. SOME CONSIDER IT A SIGN OF NARCISSISM OR EVEN MEGALOMANIA.



I'M MAYBE GOING OUT ON A LIMB, BUT MY MONEY'S ON MEGALOMANIA.



Heh.



THIS IS INTERESTING.



WHO IS SHE TO YOU?



WONDER WOMAN.