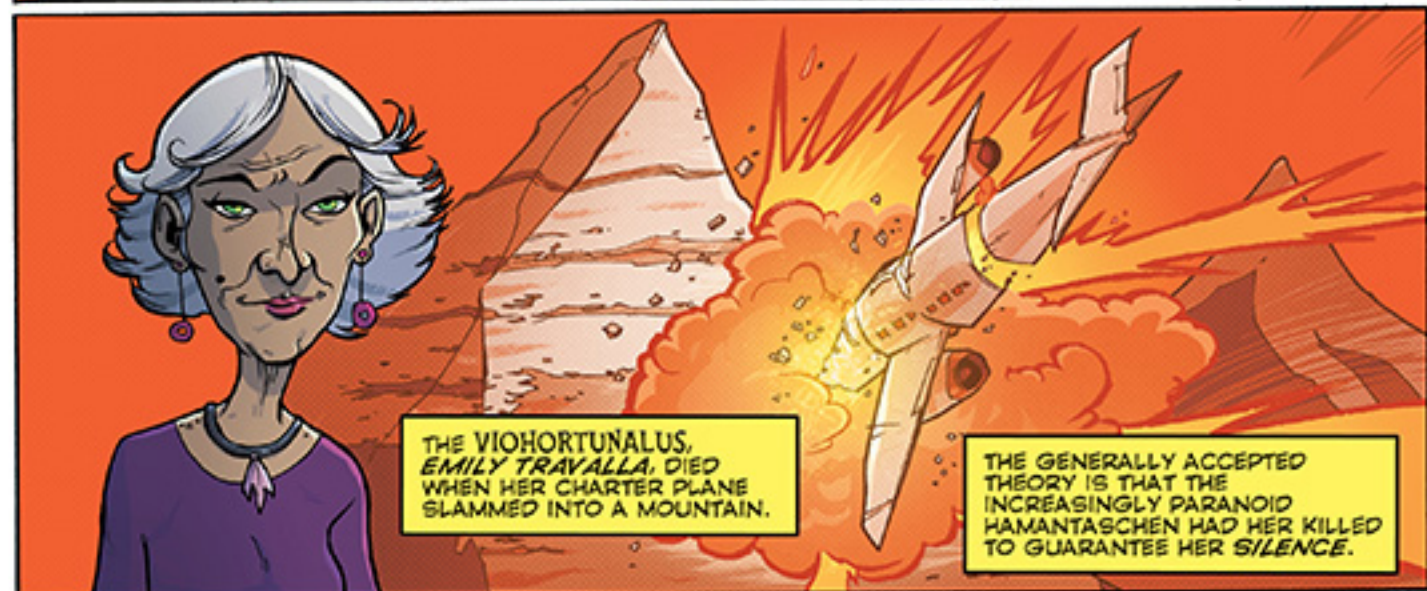




CONSUMED BY GUILT OVER WHAT HE'D DONE, SENATOR *DAVID HAMANTASCHEN*, DIRECTOR AND CHAIR OF THE U.S. NATIONAL SPACE AND AERONAUTICS COMMITTEE--

--DESCENDED INTO ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE, AND WOULD EVENTUALLY DIE OF HEART FAILURE BROUGHT ON BY AN OVERDOSE.



THE *VIOHORTUNALUS*, *EMILY TRAVALLA*, DIED WHEN HER CHARTER PLANE SLAMMED INTO A MOUNTAIN.

THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED THEORY IS THAT THE INCREASINGLY PARANOID *HAMANTASCHEN* HAD HER KILLED TO GUARANTEE HER *SILENCE*.



CERTAINLY THAT WAS THE CONCLUSION OF *SANFORD CIOPPINO*, THE *CIBOPASSIM*, THE *BROADCASTER*, WHO'D HEARD OF *TRAVALLA*'S DEATH, AND FEARED HE WAS *NEXT*.

CIOPPINO DISAPPEARED TO PARTS UNKNOWN AND WAS NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN.

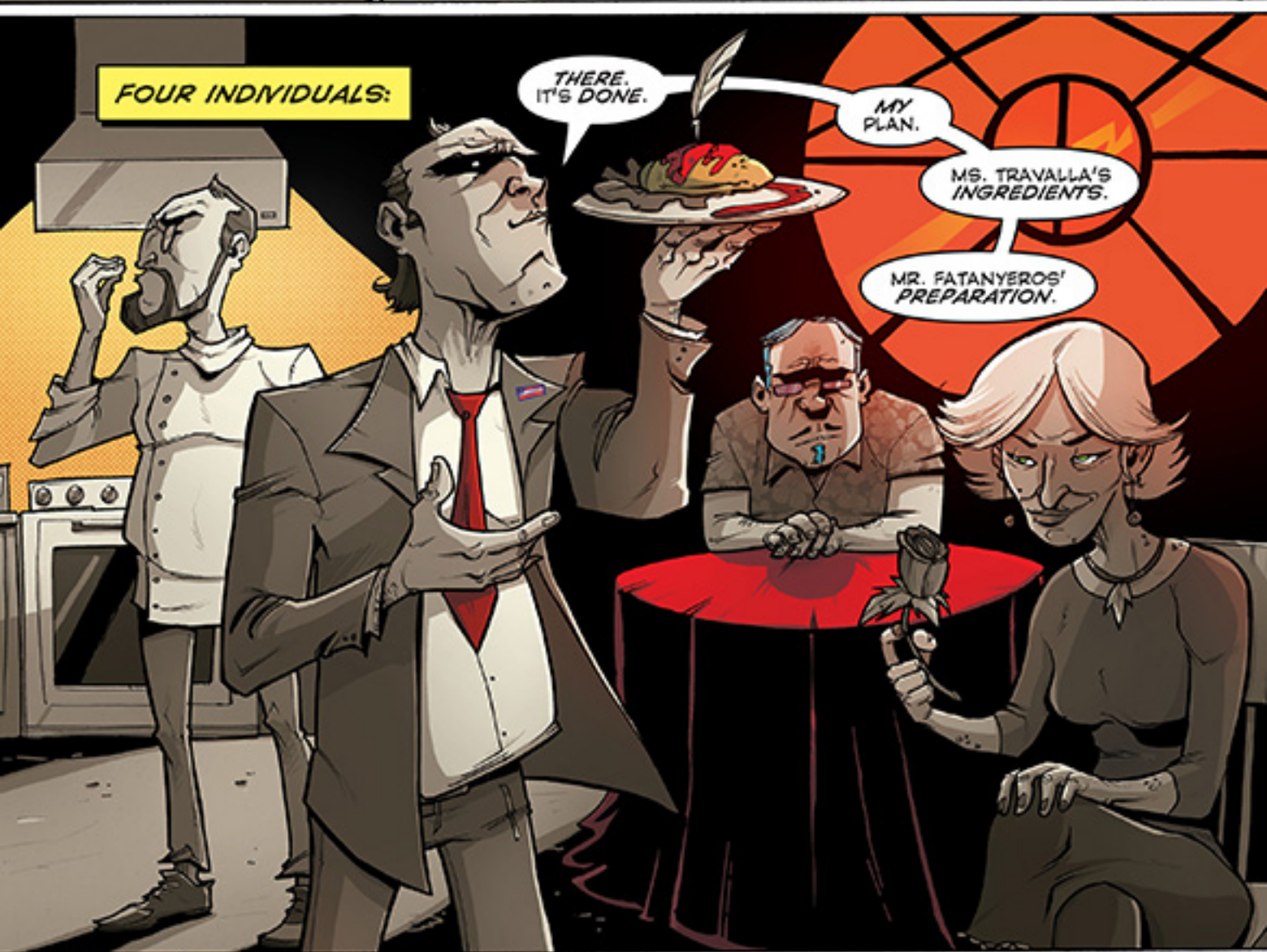


AND OF COURSE WE'RE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH THE TRAGIC FATE THAT BEFELL THE *CIBOLOCUTOR* CHEF KNOWN AS *FATANYEROS*.

THE ACTUAL CONSPIRACY:



FOUR INDIVIDUALS:



CONTAGION:

