

RED SPIKE



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**CLASSIFIED LOCATION,
0400 HOURS...**



THE FIRST THING YOU FEEL WHEN THE
ADRENALINE STARTS FLOWING IS
THE WARMTH. LIKE YOUR BLOOD JUST
GOT 20 DEGREES WARMER.



LIKE ELECTRICITY IS FLOWING
THROUGH YOUR VEINS. THAT'S
HOW YOU KNOW THE
SYSTEM IS GEARING UP.



THERE'S GOTTA BE A HUNDRED GUYS DOWN THERE. ARMED TO THE TEETH WITH ITCHY TRIGGER FINGERS.



AND REALLY PICKY ABOUT WHO SHOWS UP TO THEIR LUAU.



MOST PEOPLE WOULD CALL THIS A SUICIDE MISSION.



WE CALL IT TUESDAY.



NICE NIGHT
TO SLAUGHTER
SOME NATIVES,
HUH BOYS?



JUST RUN
THIS THE SAME
AS AT HOME
AND YOU'LL BE
FINE.

"JUST GO OUT THERE
AND DO YOUR JOB."



AND IN OUR CASE THE
JOB IS ALWAYS SIMPLE.





MATT,
LAV TAG'S
THE COMMANDER
IN THE MAN
BUILDING.

ADVISE
HOW TO
PROCEED.

ON OUR
WAY.



HOW IS
EVERYTHING,
DR.
FAIRFIELD?

THE RED
SPIKE SYSTEM IS
FUNCTIONING BEAUTIFULLY.
BOTH ARE AT 90% ADRENAL
CAPACITY WITH ADRENALINE
RE-UP TAKE AND NEURAL
ACTIVITY PROCEEDING
AS EXPECTED.



AND YOU,
DOWNEY?

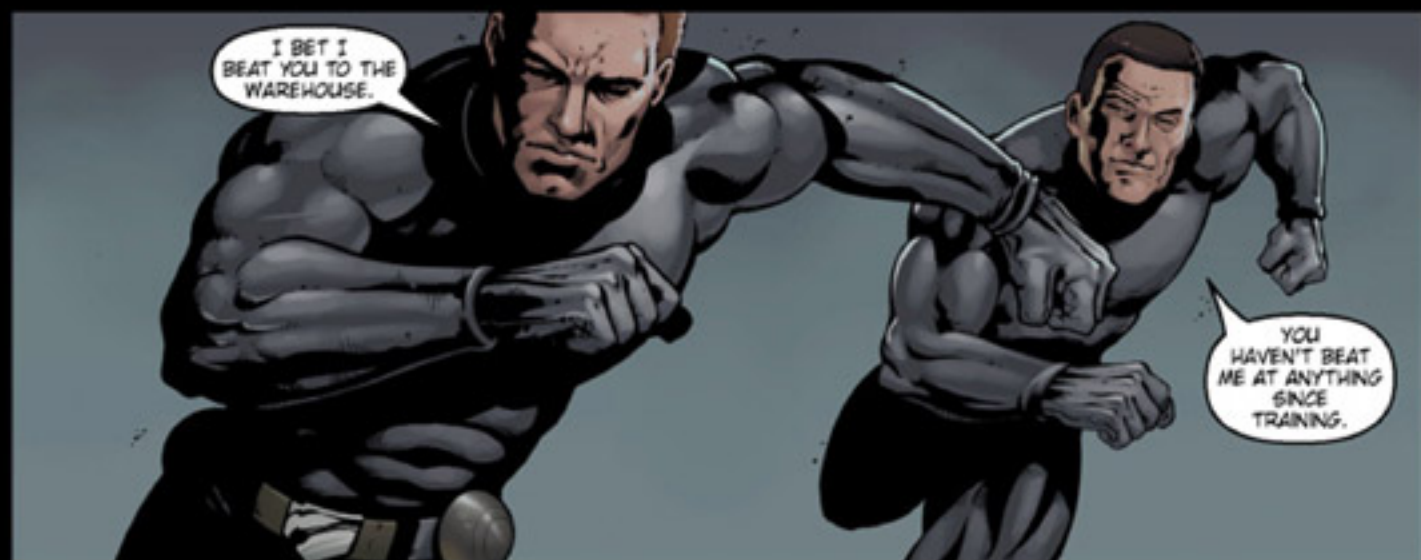
EVERYTHING'S
FINE, COLONEL
MOYER.



FOR
NOW.



WE
NEED YOUR HEAD
IN THIS, MARGARET.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT GREG.
HE'S BEEN PREPARING FOR
THIS DAY SINCE HE
WALKED THROUGH
THE DOOR.







GREG'S MONITOR
SHOWS HE HAS
MORE ADRENALINE
IN HIS SYSTEM.





KILL THEM!







IMPRESSIVE.

LET'S SEE YOU TOP THAT.

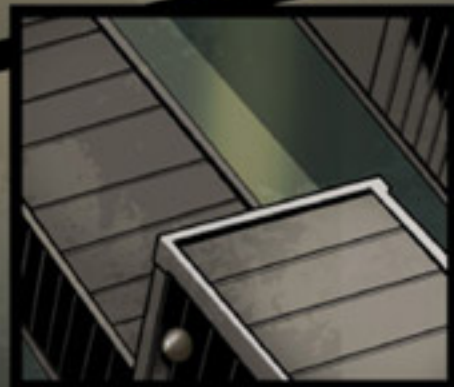
HEY, I GAVE YOU PROPS.

BUT CHECK THIS OUT.



YOU GIRLS ALMOST FINISHED?

ALMOST.



NOW WE'RE FINISHED.

WELL DONE, SON.

NOW YOU AND GREG GET THE HELL OUT OF THERE.





WHAT'S OUR ESCAPE PLAN, GREG?

YOU TELL ME, BILLY BADASS. MOYER SEEMS TO THINK YOU'RE RUNNING THE SHOW.

COLONEL ONLY CALLS IT LIKE HE SEES IT.



HEY, I NEED SOMETHING. UNLIKE YOU I DON'T HAVE A PERSONAL SHRINK TO TEND TO ME.

DOES BELIEVING THAT GET YOU THROUGH THE NIGHT?

DON'T BE JEALOUS.

OF YOU? NEVER.



WE NEED TO GET TO THAT DOOR.

THAT DOOR? PIECE A CAKE.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WE GOTTA STICK TOGETHER!

WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?



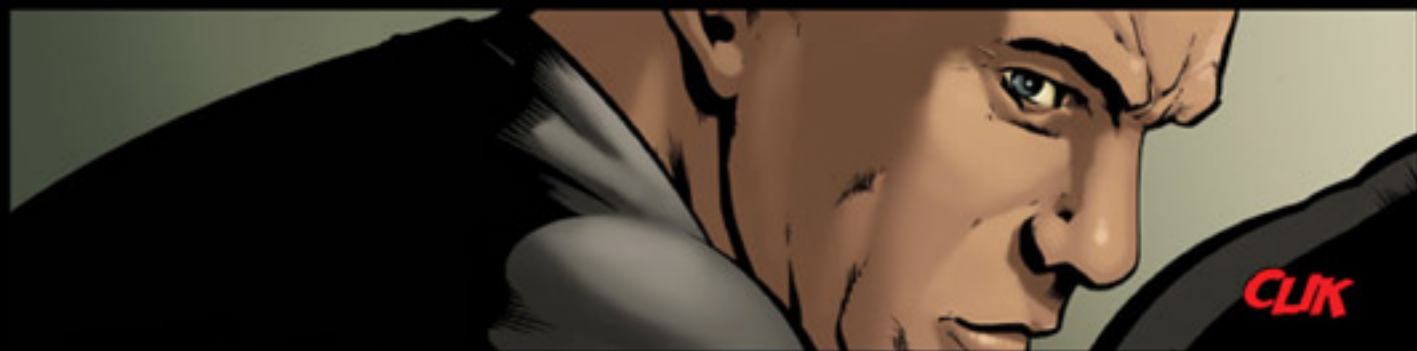
I'M SHOWING EVERYONE WHO THE REAL BADASS IS.



EVAUATE THE FACILITY! NOW!

GREG, GET OUT OF THERE!







THE SON OF A BITCH SHOT ME.



YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU SCREW AROUND?

FUNNY THING IS, HE'D HAVE MISSED IF YOU HADN'T KILLED HIM.

SAVE THE LAUGHS FOR LATER.



RIGHT NOW WE GOTTA SPLIT.



GET OFF ME. I AN'T HURT THAT BAD.



GREG, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

NEVER BEEN BETTER.

YOU BOYS BETTER STOP JERKING AROUND AND GET CLEAR OF THE BLAST RADIUS OR ELSE THE VULTURES WILL BE PICKING THROUGH YOUR PIECES.



COLONEL,
WE DON'T HAVE
TIME TO GET CLEAR
ON OUR OWN. MEET
US ON THE
ROOF.

WE CAN'T
GET THE BIRD
DOWN UP
THERE.



THEN
GET AS CLOSE
AS YOU CAN.



YOU
HEARD HIM.
GET US
CLOSER.





AHHHH!

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Washington, O.C.
7:30 am



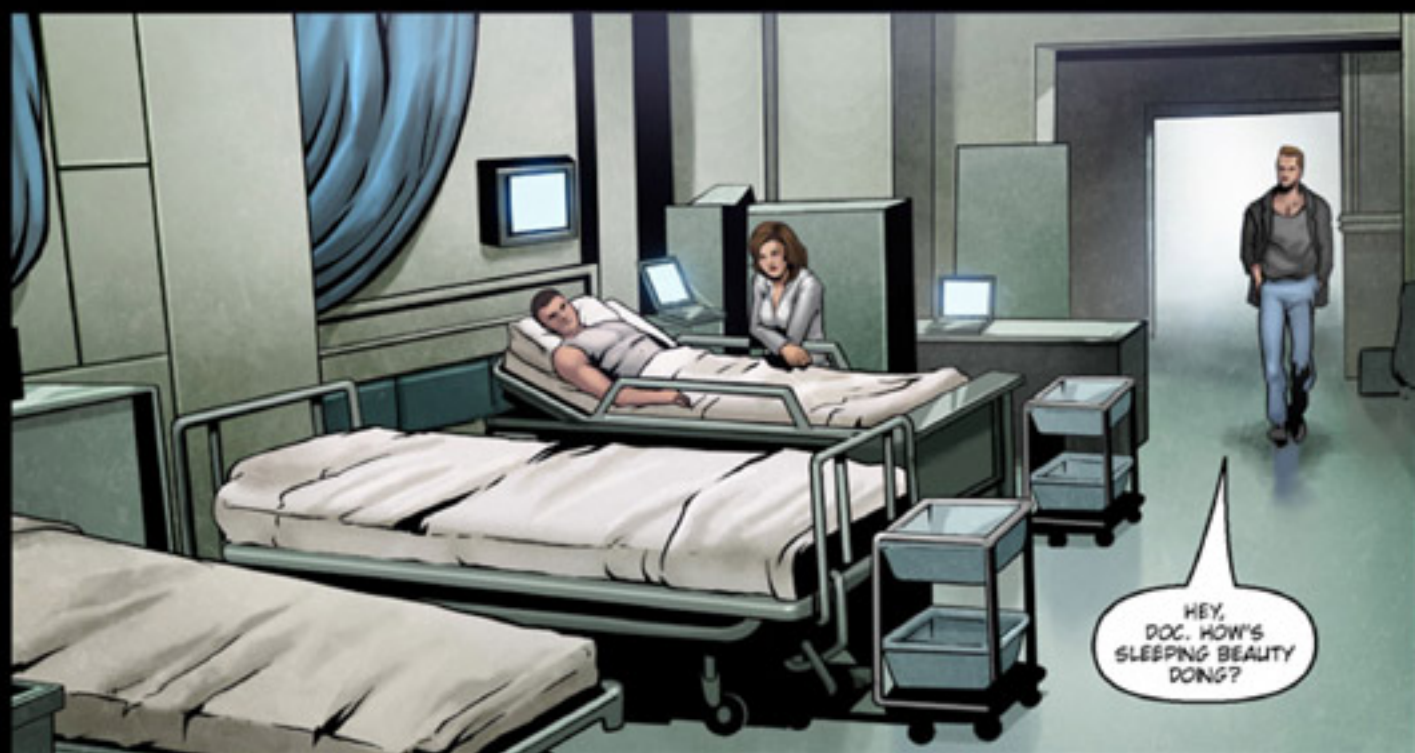
Henry Coughlin's
Office



SO,
HE'S CALLING
IT "RED SPIKE"
NOW...



SEND ME
EVERYTHING
WE'VE GOT ON
A PROJECT RED
SPIKE.



HEY, DOC. HOW'S SLEEPING BEAUTY DOING?



HE HAS SECOND-DEGREE BURNS ON HIS CHEST AND BACK AND A GRADE THREE CONCUSSION. BUT HE'LL LIVE.



I'M FINE IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING.

I KNOW. I LOOKED AT YOUR READINGS THIS AFTERNOON.



UHMM...

GREG?



THAT YOU, BEAUTIFUL?

SURE IS. AND DOWNEY TOO.





MATT'S SYSTEM IS CHECKING OUT PERFECTLY.



SO WHY ISN'T GREG'S?

THE HUMAN BRAIN IS A FRAGILE INSTRUMENT.



I CAN'T HAVE A REPEAT OF WHAT HAPPENED TODAY. THE POTENTIAL FOR DAMAGE IS TOO GREAT.

YOU NEED TO FIND A WAY TO TEMPER HIM.



I ALREADY HAVE.

I SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING.



DO YOU NOW?

THAT'S THE SECOND SIX YOU PICKED UP. DON'T THINK YOU'LL GET THE THIRD.



EVENING, GUYS.



WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HE JUST WOKE UP FROM A CONCUSSION.

SORRY DOC.

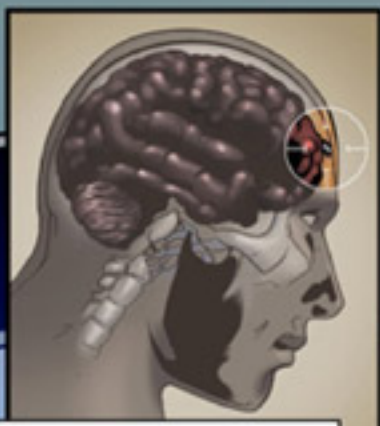


COLONEL'S ORDERS.

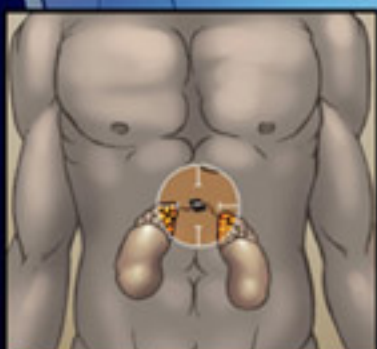
FORGET ABOUT THOSE. I'M HIS DOCTOR. HE'S IN NO CONDITION FOR ANYTHING BUT LYING IN BED.



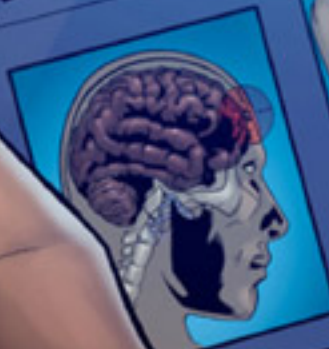
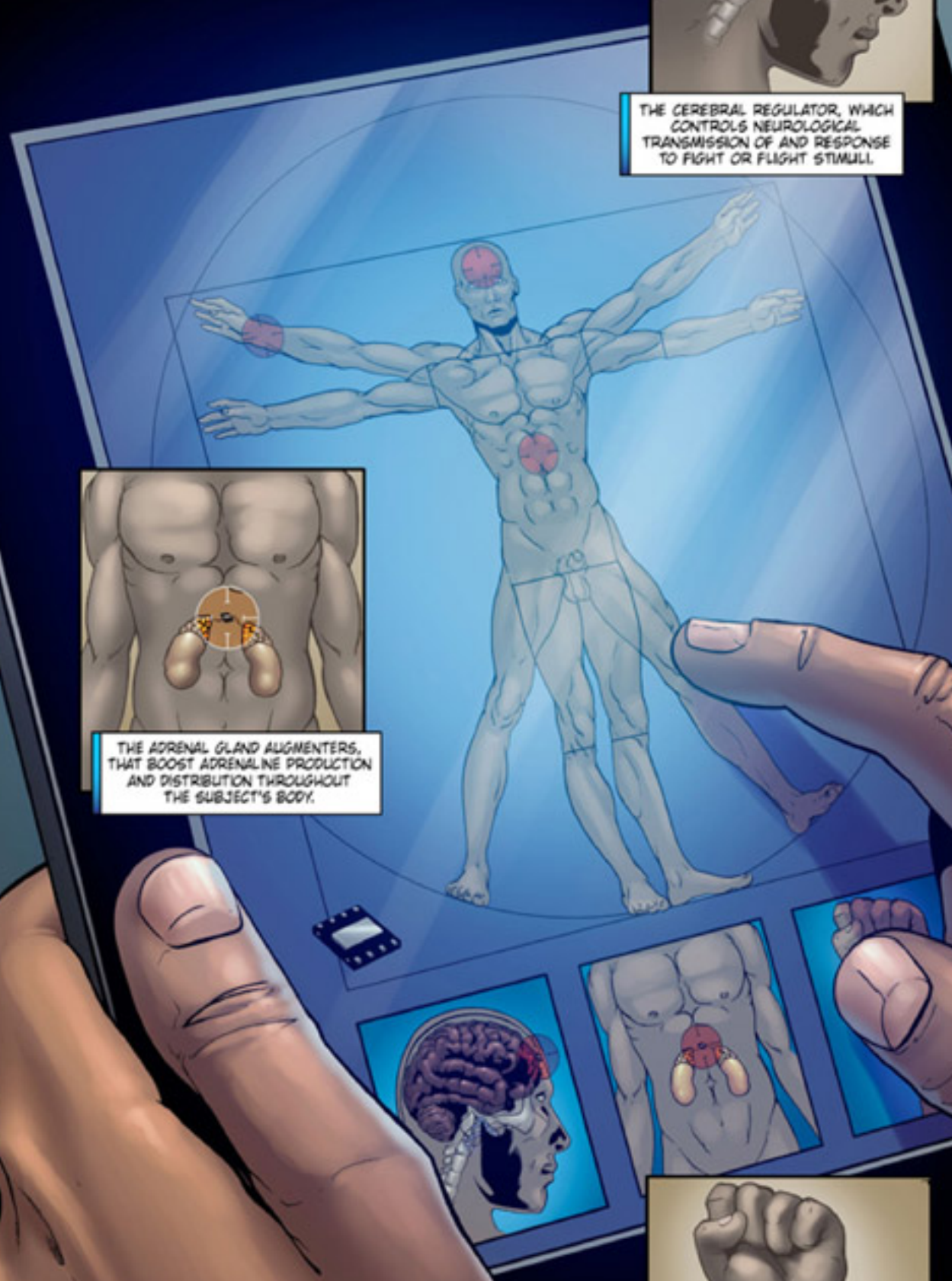
THE RED SPIKE SYSTEM CONSISTS OF THREE IMPLANTS.



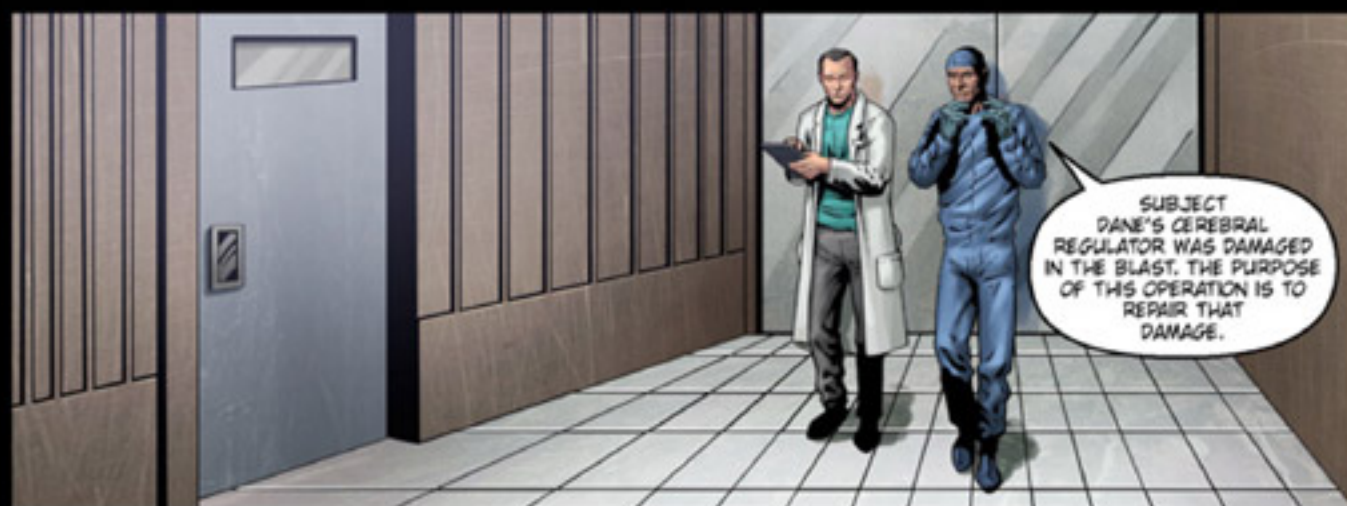
THE CEREBRAL REGULATOR, WHICH CONTROLS NEUROLOGICAL TRANSMISSION OF AND RESPONSE TO FIGHT OR FLIGHT STIMULI.



THE ADRENAL GLAND AUGMENTERS, THAT BOOST ADRENALINE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE SUBJECT'S BODY.



AND THE ADREMIETER, WHICH ALLOWS THE SUBJECT TO MONITOR HIS OWN ADRENALINE LEVELS IN REAL TIME IN THE FIELD.





IS THE PATENT READY?

YES, DOCTOR.



YOU'VE BEEN VERY DISOBEYENT, GREG...



YOU REALLY MUST LEARN TO DO AS YOU ARE TOLD...



FORTUNATELY FOR YOU, THE COLONEL IS GOING TO LET ME TRY TO HELP YOU.



COMMENCING STAGE TWO.



To Be Continued...