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In this issue: Cobra's deadly femme fatale Anastasia Cisarovna a.k.a. Anastasia DeCobray a.k.a... **BARONESS!**



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IN DARKLONIA.

HARD TO BELIEVE THIS VILLAGE WAS IN PRISTINE CONDITION BEFORE THE DARKLONIANS DECIDED TO *PASTE IT* WITH AN ARTILLERY BARRAGE. THEIR *OWN* PEOPLE, TOO...

COBRA'S PRESENCE HERE IS TO *ADVISE*, FRAG VIPER. THE DARKLONIANS DON'T TAKE *ORDERS* FROM US.

THE SAW VIPER ONLY TELLS *HALF* OF IT, BARONESS. THE DARKLONIANS *KNEW* THAT THE VILLAGERS WERE STILL IN THEIR HOMES, AND THAT THE REBELS WERE PROBABLY DUG IN AND FORTIFIED.

AND THEY CAN COMPLETELY *IGNORE* OUR SUGGESTIONS IF THEY FEEL LIKE IT.

THE COBRA ELITIST SCUM ARE *ALWAYS* TALKING AMONG THEMSELVES, CALLING US BUMPKINS OR WORSE.

THEY THINK WE'RE *SAVAGES* FOR SHELLING THE VILLAGE. THEY'RE *WEAK* FROM THEIR SOFT WESTERN LIVES. THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW *RUTHLESS* THE REBELS ARE.

SHOW THE REBELS ANY MERCY AND THEY JUST *RAMP UP* THEIR ATTACKS.

THEY'RE DIRTY ANIMALS TO BE *EXTERMINATED*.





I TOLD YOU SHE WAS GOING TO BE TROUBLE, LASLO!

BELIEVE ME, YOU HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN TROUBLE YET.

IS THIS YOUR IDEA OF ADVICE?



I THINK MAYBE WE HAVE AN ACCIDENT AND ONE OF OUR ADVISORS BECOMES COLLATERAL DAMAGE, NO?



NO, I DON'T THINK SO...



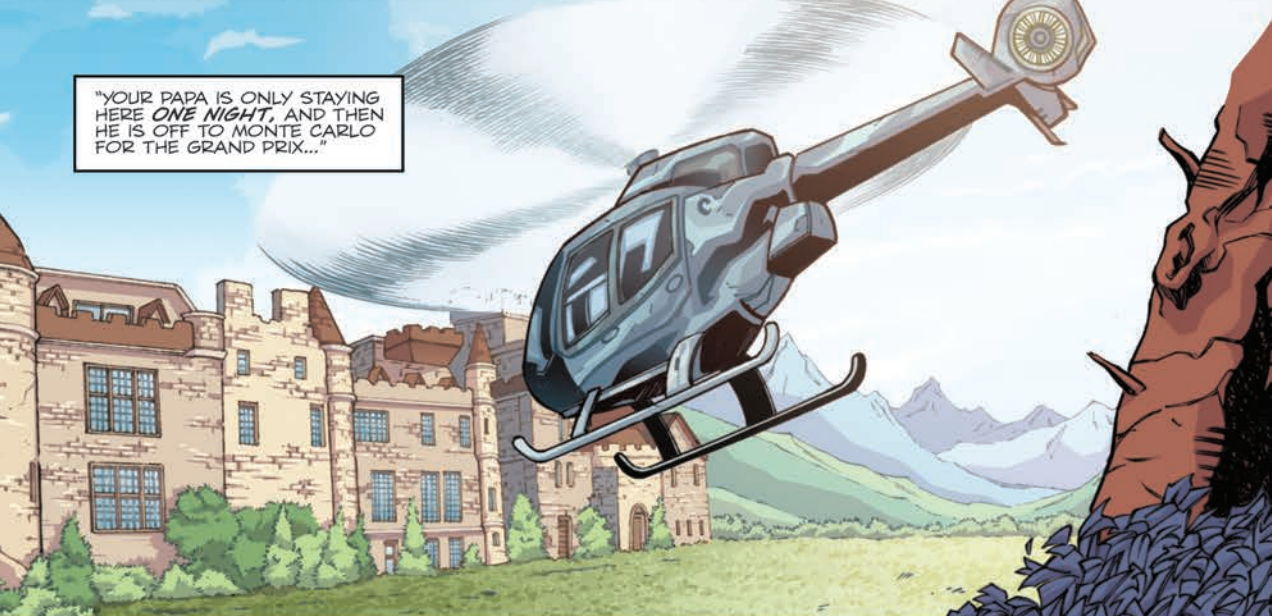
...I THINK WE ARE ALL GOING TO PUT OUR WEAPONS ON "SAFE" BEFORE WE HAVE MULTIPLE ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES RESULTING IN SUCKING CHEST WOUNDS, AND OTHER EGREGIOUS BALLISTIC TRAUMAS.



OKAY! WE ARE GOOD! OKAY?



"YOUR PAPA IS ONLY STAYING
HERE *ONE NIGHT*, AND THEN
HE IS OFF TO MONTE CARLO
FOR THE GRAND PRIX..."



...SO WE
MUST TRY NOT
TO UPSET HIM IN
ANY WAY, MA
PETITE.

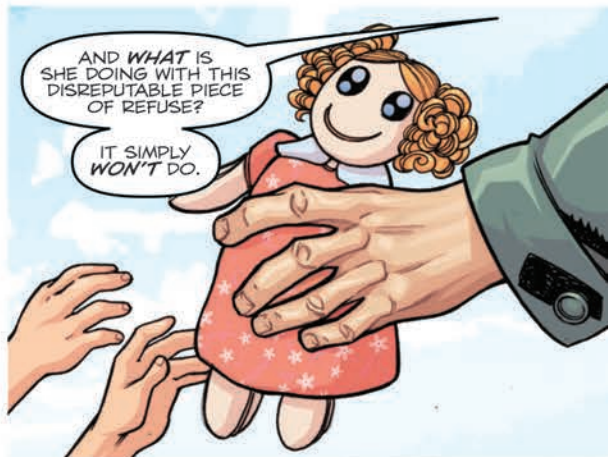
I WILL BE
VERY GOOD,
NANNY
JENETTE.

WE WILL
BOTH BE *VERY*
GOOD, WON'T WE,
GENEVIEVE?



HER MOTHER WAS
AN *INTERNATIONAL*
BEAUTY, SO YOU
WOULD HAVE THOUGHT
HER ISSUE WOULD BE
A *CUT ABOVE*...

...INSTEAD
OF *THIS*
HOMUNCULUS.



AND *WHAT* IS
SHE DOING WITH *THIS*
DISREPUTABLE *PIECE*
OF REFUSE?

IT SIMPLY
WON'T DO.