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FOR MILLENNIA, the Eternal Warrior has protected the Geomancers—enigmatic mystics who guide mankind and protect the Earth. But the arrival of Tama—a new Geomancer from the future—has caused great division in the Valiant universe...especially as she carries a book that charts its end...



ETERNAL WARRIOR

A master of ancient and modern combat, Gilad Anni-Padda has wandered the Earth for thousands of years in service to the Geomancers.



TAMA

The latest in a long line of mystics who speak for the Earth and guide humanity to new heights. This eleven-year-old girl comes from the future with a book that foretells the end of the Valiant Universe.



X-O MANOWAR

Aric of Dacia was a fifth-century Visigoth warrior and heir to the throne before he was stranded in our time with a sentient suit of powerful alien armor.



NINJAK

Calculating, mysterious, and wealthy, this British superspy often freelances for the highest bidder, but his personal code of ethics sometimes aligns Ninjak with Earth's greatest heroes.



LIVEWIRE

Once the pawn of a megalomaniacal billionaire, Livewire now uses her technopathic ability to control any electronic device. She leads the world's elite superteam, UNITY.



NEVILLE ALCOTT

The MI-6 liaison for UNITY, little is known about the man who pulls the strings of the most powerful team on Earth.



COL. JAMIE CAPSHAW

Commanding officer of G.A.T.E., the Global Agency for Threat Excision. She works with her British counterpart, MI-6's Neville Alcott, to address unfolding crises around the world.

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**ASHLEE, WYOMING.
TODAY.**

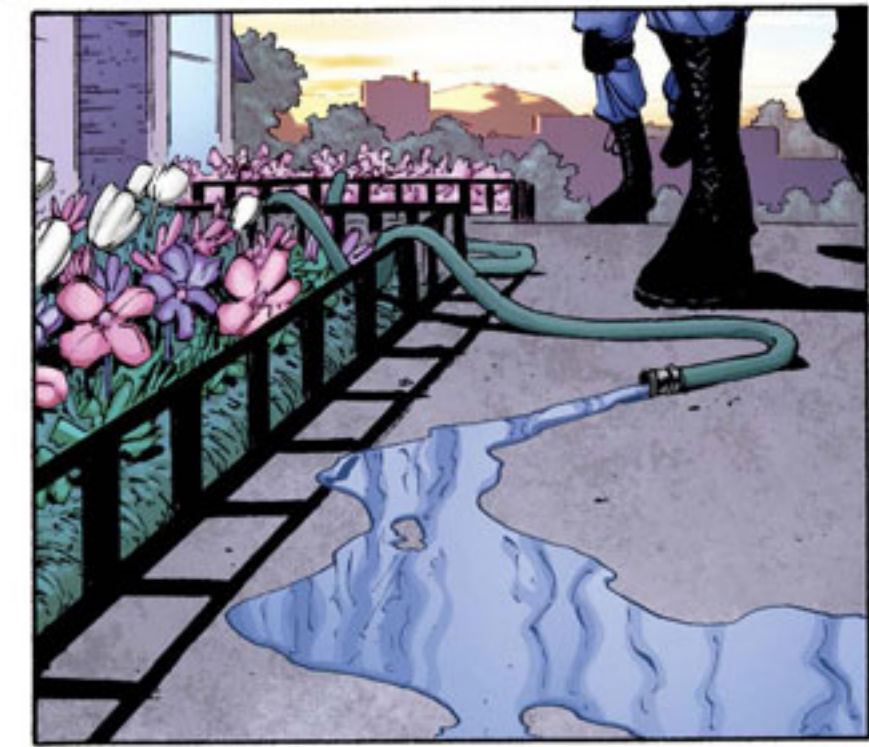
**BRAVO TEAM:
REPORT.**

**ALL CLEAR.
NO MOVEMENT.
CONVERGING ON TOWN
CENTER FROM THE
SOUTH, OVER.**



**NORTH SIDE
ALSO CLEAR.**

**WE'LL MEET
YOU IN THE MIDDLE,
BRAVO TEAM.**



**I GOT A BAD FEELING, MAJOR.
YOU THINK IT'S HAPPENED
AGAIN?**

**ALL TEAMS:
HOLD
POSITIONS.**



AW, HELL...

DEAR GOD.



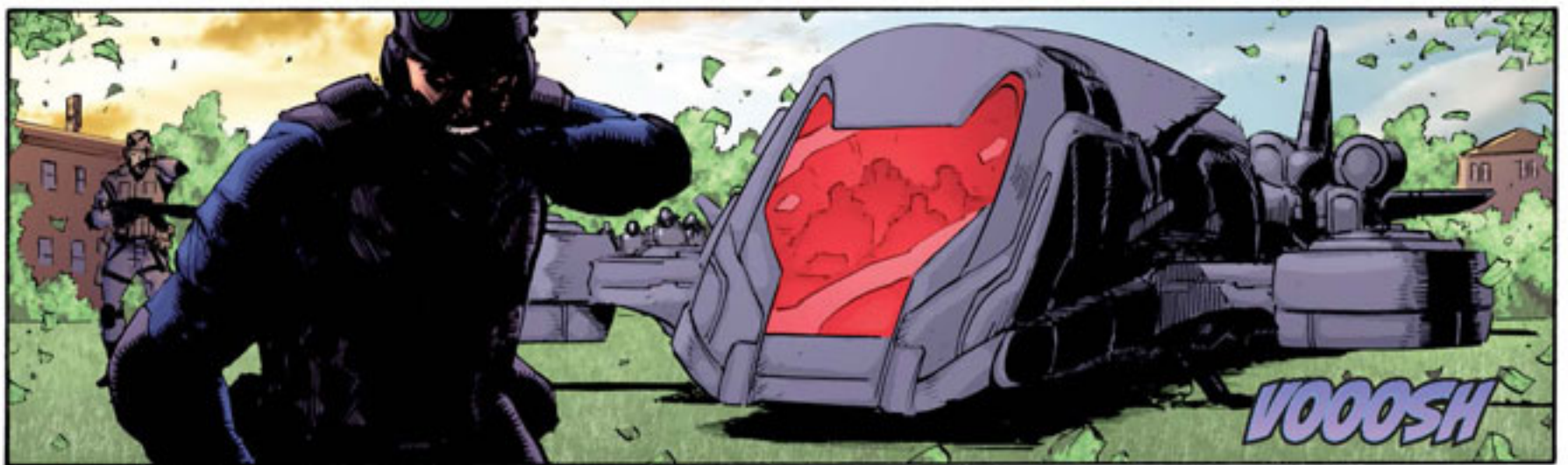
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(PART I): FORETOLD



GATHER INTEL. START WITH ANY CAMERAS THAT HAVE A VIEW OF THE PARK.



"AND TELL UPSTAIRS THEY'LL WANT TO SEE THIS."



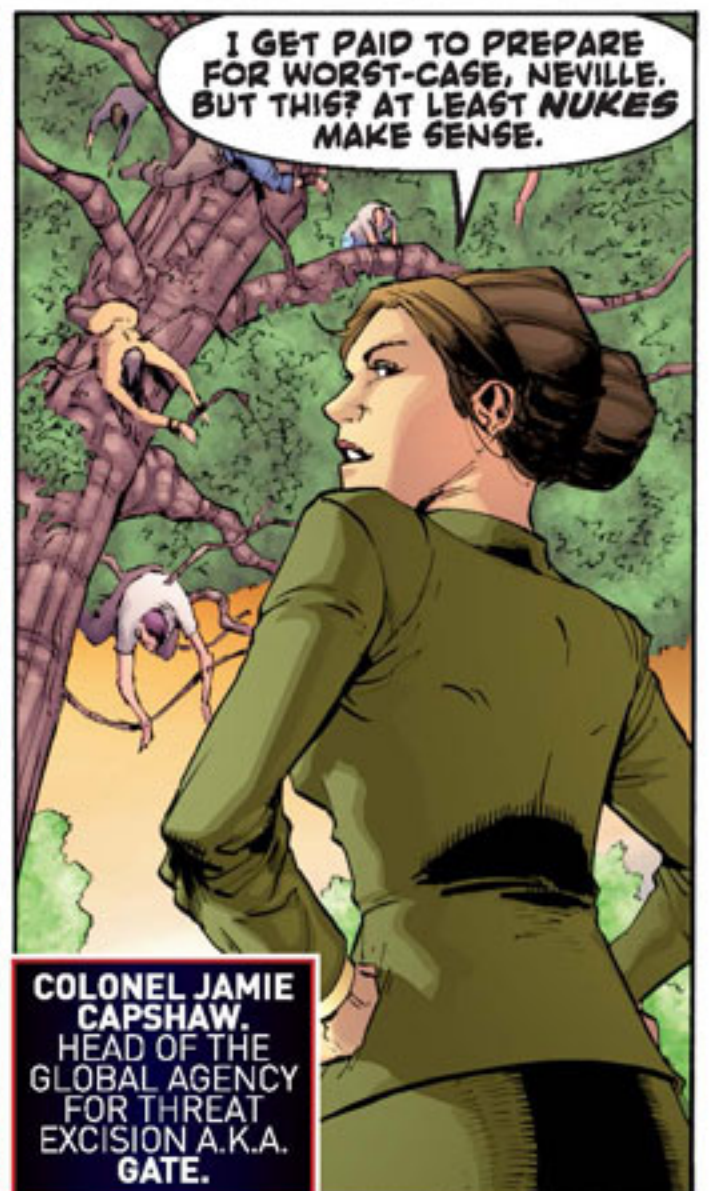
VOOOOSH



IS IT THE WHOLE TOWN?

NEVILLE ALCOTT. HEAD OF MI-6. GENTLEMAN SPY.

WE'RE STILL GOING DOOR TO DOOR, BUT IT LOOKS THAT WAY, SIR.



I GET PAID TO PREPARE FOR WORST-CASE, NEVILLE. BUT THIS? AT LEAST NUKES MAKE SENSE.

COLONEL JAMIE CAPSHAW. HEAD OF THE GLOBAL AGENCY FOR THREAT EXCISION A.K.A. GATE.



"IF ARIC CAN'T
TALK HIM DOWN,
HE'S DONE."

SOUTHEAST OREGON.

GO BACK
INSIDE, TAMA.



QUICKLY.

REMEMBER
THE PATH I SHOWED
YOU. AND STAY
AWAY FROM THE
WINDOWS.





ARIC. OF COURSE THEY'D SEND YOU FIRST.

THERE WAS ANOTHER MASSACRE, GILAD.



WE KNOW YOU WERE THERE. YOU ARE ONE OF US. AN ALLY. MY MENTOR. DO NOT FORCE OUR HAND. YOU MUST SEE THAT RUNNING IS NOT HELPING. RETURN THE GIRL.

RUNNING? WE'RE BEING HUNTED. TAMA IS THE GEOMANCER-- MY ONLY PURPOSE IS TO PROTECT HER. SHE ISN'T TO BLAME FOR THESE HORRORS. I'VE TRIED EXPLAINING THAT, BUT YOUR MASTERS WON'T LISTEN.



THEY WILL NOT LISTEN BECAUSE YOU STOLE TAMA AND ALLOWED THESE EVENTS TO OCCUR.

NOW YOU WOULD LET IT GO ON? WHY? BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE SHE IS A PROPHET? THIS IS INSANITY! YOU'RE INSANE TO THINK YOU CAN HELP.



X-O MANOWAR
VISIGOTH WARRIOR
IN ALIEN ARMOR.
A POWERFUL
COMBINATION.

FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS I'VE WALKED THE EARTH. INQUISITIONS. HOLOCAUSTS. I'VE WITNESSED WHAT HUMANITY DOES WHEN IT PANICS.



I WON'T LET THEM DO IT TO HER.



GO. IF YOU EVER LOVED ME AS YOUR TEACHER--

--CONVINCE THEM TO LEAVE US BE.

THEY'RE MORTALS WHO THINK IN DECADES. NOT MILLENNIA. THIS, I DO ALONE.



THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING. YOU RISK TOO MUCH. IF I AM FORCED TO COME BACK, THERE WILL BE NO WORDS.



COME BACK, AND IT'S YOU WHO'LL WISH IT WAS FOR CONVERSATION.

YOU ARE SURE OF IT?

I TAUGHT YOU EVERYTHING YOU KNOW, ARIC. I DIDN'T TEACH YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW.



YOU ARE A FOOL.



STUBBORN OX.





I TOLD YOU, TAMA. STAY AWAY FROM THE WINDOW.

THAT BLUE MAN. HE'S IN THE BOOK. I FEEL BAD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO HIM.

HE'LL COME BACK FOR ME, GILAD. PLEASE DON'T LET YOUR FRIENDS TAKE ME. THEY'LL MAKE ME A PRISONER. I'LL DIE.

I'LL NEVER LET THAT HAPPEN. I PROMISE.



BUT WE CAN'T KEEP RUNNING. THE MASSACRES HAVE BEGUN, JUST AS THE *BOOK OF THE GEOMANCERS* FORETELLS. IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE FULL PROPHECY COMES TRUE.

IF WE'RE TO STOP THE DESTRUCTION, WE MUST LEARN THE ANSWERS. THEY CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN THE BOOK.



BUT I'M SO TIRED. WE'VE TRAVELED SO FAR.

I WANT TO SLEEP.

I KNOW. BUT YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY TO HELP ME, AND I CAN'T READ THE BOOK AS YOU CAN. IT'S PART OF WHAT MAKES YOU SPECIAL.



I WISH YOU COULD READ IT.

YOU SAID THE PROPHECIES ARE IN A LANGUAGE ONLY GEOMANCERS CAN UNDERSTAND, BUT THAT'S JUST WEIRD BECAUSE TO ME IT LOOKS LIKE REGULAR-OLD ENGLISH.

READ.

OKAY. "THE GEOMANCER KAY MCHENRY WAS SLAIN--"



YOU NEVER TALK ABOUT KAY MUCH. WHAT WAS SHE LIKE? WAS SHE PRETTY?

PLEASE, TAMA. CONCENTRATE. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.



SHUFFLE FINE.

"THE GEOMANCER KAY MCHENRY WAS SLAIN, AND THE MASSACRES BEGAN."