

SLADE
JOSEPH
WILSON.

JOINED
THE ARMY
AT AGE
SIXTEEN.

SILVER
STAR, PURPLE
HEART, SERVICE
CROSS, SPECIAL
FORCES
NONCOM--

--FIRST
SOLDIER I EVER
MET TO EARN A
COMMISSION
FOR GOING
AWOL.*

YOUR
HUSBAND.
EX.



VOLUNTEERED
FOR PROJECT X--

--WHICH
EARNED
HIM ENHANCED
REFLEXES, STRENGTH,
MENTAL CAPACITY
AND RAPID
HEALING.



YEARS LATER,
YOU SHOT HIM IN
THE EYE.

OUR
SON HAD HIS
THROAT
SLASHED--

--WHILE
SLADE WAS
RESCUING THE
ILLEGITIMATE
DAUGHTER HE'D
FATHERED AT A
CAMBODIAN
WHORE-
HOUSE.

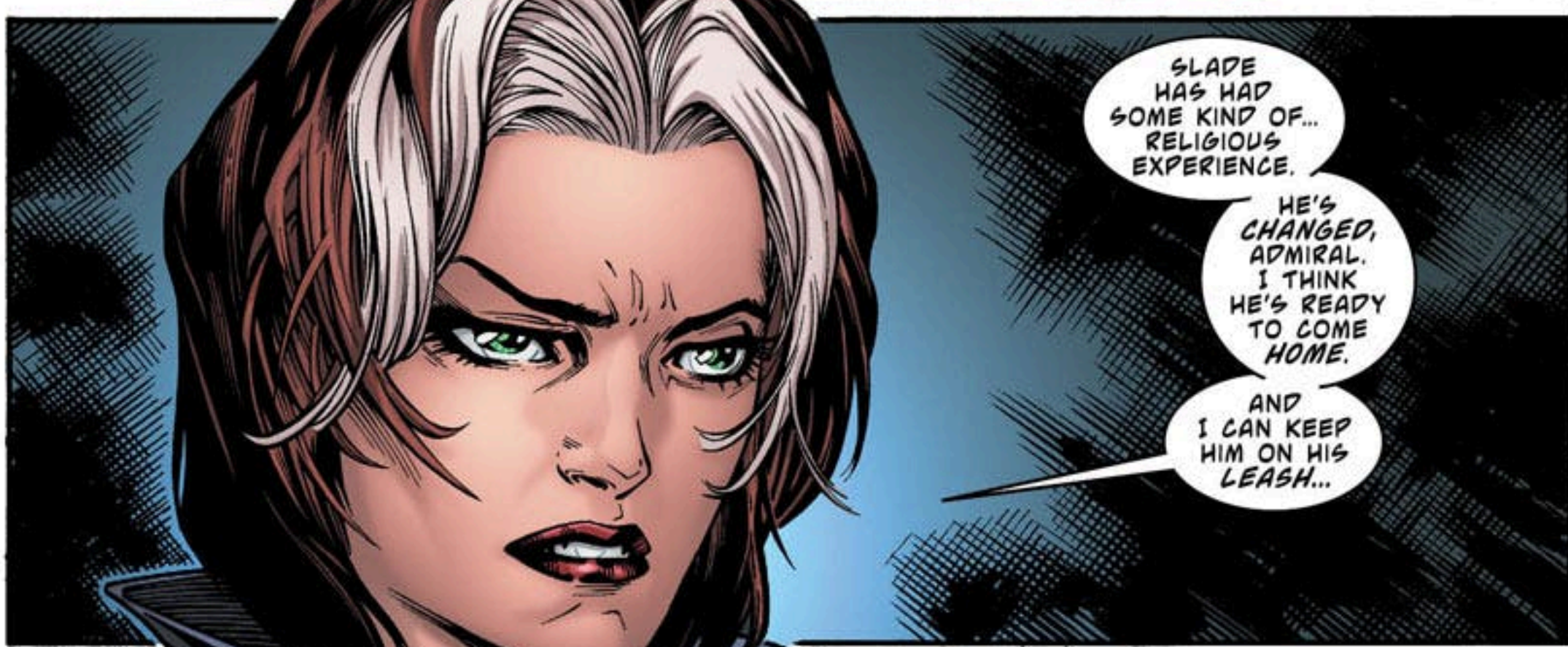
"Adeline"
LANGLEY



AFTER
WHICH COLONEL
SLADE BECAME
INCREASINGLY
UNSTABLE--

--ULTIMATELY
LEAVING US TO
PARTNER UP WITH
THAT BRIT
WINTERGREEN.

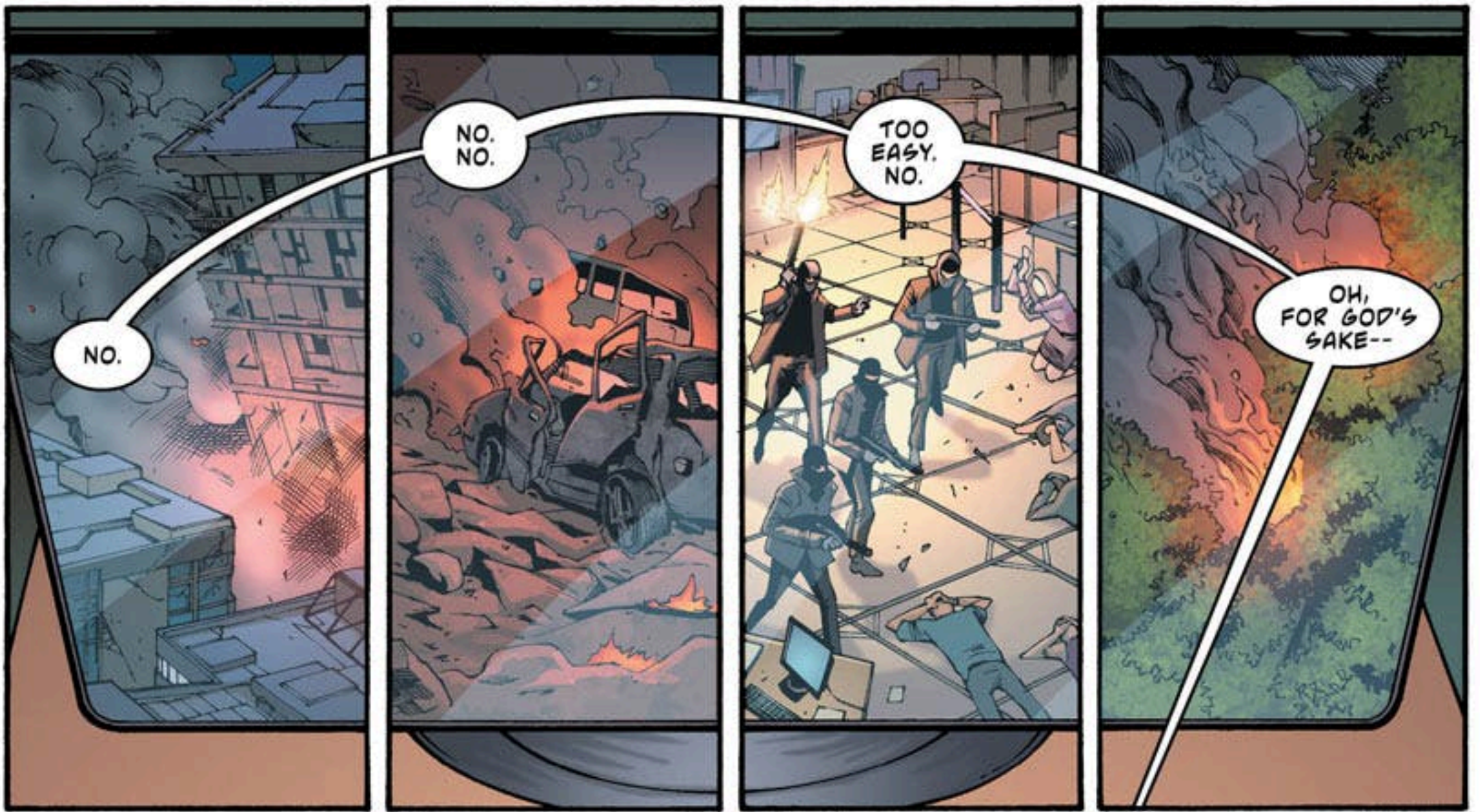
AND
NOW YOU WANT
TO VOUCH FOR
THIS LUNATIC FOR
YOUR NEW TASK
FORCE.



SLADE
HAS HAD
SOME KIND OF...
RELIGIOUS
EXPERIENCE.

HE'S
CHANGED,
ADMIRAL.
I THINK
HE'S READY
TO COME
HOME.

AND
I CAN KEEP
HIM ON HIS
LEASH...



"Slade"

DEFIANCE HQ

THE BRONX





--PROJECT DEFIANCE IS MY SHOW.

I GOT THE FUNDING FOR IT--IT'S MY TOP-SECRET CLEARANCE.

I CREATED IT SO MY SON--JOEY--COULD RUN IT. NOT YOU.



DON'T KNOW WHY I LET YOU TALK YOUR WAY INTO USING MY PILOT PROGRAM--

--FOR "TRAINING" SESSIONS WITH THESE KIDS--

WAIT--SSHHHH--!

--THAT'S IT.



...VOLATILE DICTATOR AMIR OGDENGENES...

...WHOSE TINY ISLAND HOLDS STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE BECAUSE OF ITS PROXIMITY TO...



...

...OF COURSE, ARTHUR...

SLADE--ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!



YES.

YOUR SHOW. LET'S GO, WINTERGREEN.

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