



SHE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND.

AND TRUTH BE TOLD, I'M NOT HELPING HER TO.



IT'S HARD TO SAY, "I'VE LOST A STEP" OR "I'M A LIABILITY," SO I TELL HER, "MY DEAR, THE FIRE WENT OUT."



SHE REFUSES TO BELIEVE THAT, AND AGAIN--TRUTH, SHE'S *RIGHT*.

THE FIRE'S THERE...



BUT THE BODY, IT'S *KINDLING*.

I'VE LOST MORE THAN A STEP-- I CAN BARELY WALK. I'M NOT JUST A LIABILITY, I'M A *NOOSE*.



IF WE WENT OUT ON PATROL TOGETHER I'D GET HER KILLED, BECAUSE SHE'D BE MORE CONCERNED WITH *ME* THAN THE *MISSION*.

THAT'S HARD TO ADMIT TO SOMEONE, FOR A MAN LIKE ME.



SO INSTEAD, A FIRE GOES OUT.



YOU  
DID GOOD,  
KID.

HMMMPHH



SHE'LL BE BETTER AT THIS THAN I EVER WAS.

SHE'S SMARTER THAN ME.

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS HAVE MOSCOW--

...INDONESIA IN FLAMES...



I WAS ALL BLUNT TRAUMA. SHE'S FINESSE, A GODDAMN BALLERINA.

I WANTED TO TAKE THE PUNCH. I THOUGHT, THAT'LL SCARE 'EM.

IT WAS PROBABLY TOO MANY PUNCHES THAT PUT THAT THOUGHT IN MY HEAD.

DEATH TOLL IN THE THOUSANDS--

PENTAGON HAS ISSUED--



SHE GETS OFF ON MAKING THEM MISS. SHE CAN TAKE IT, SURE, BUT THAT'S NOT HER STYLE. SHE WANTS THEM TO KNOW SHE THINKS FASTER THAN THEY DO.

HARD TO KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF THIS--



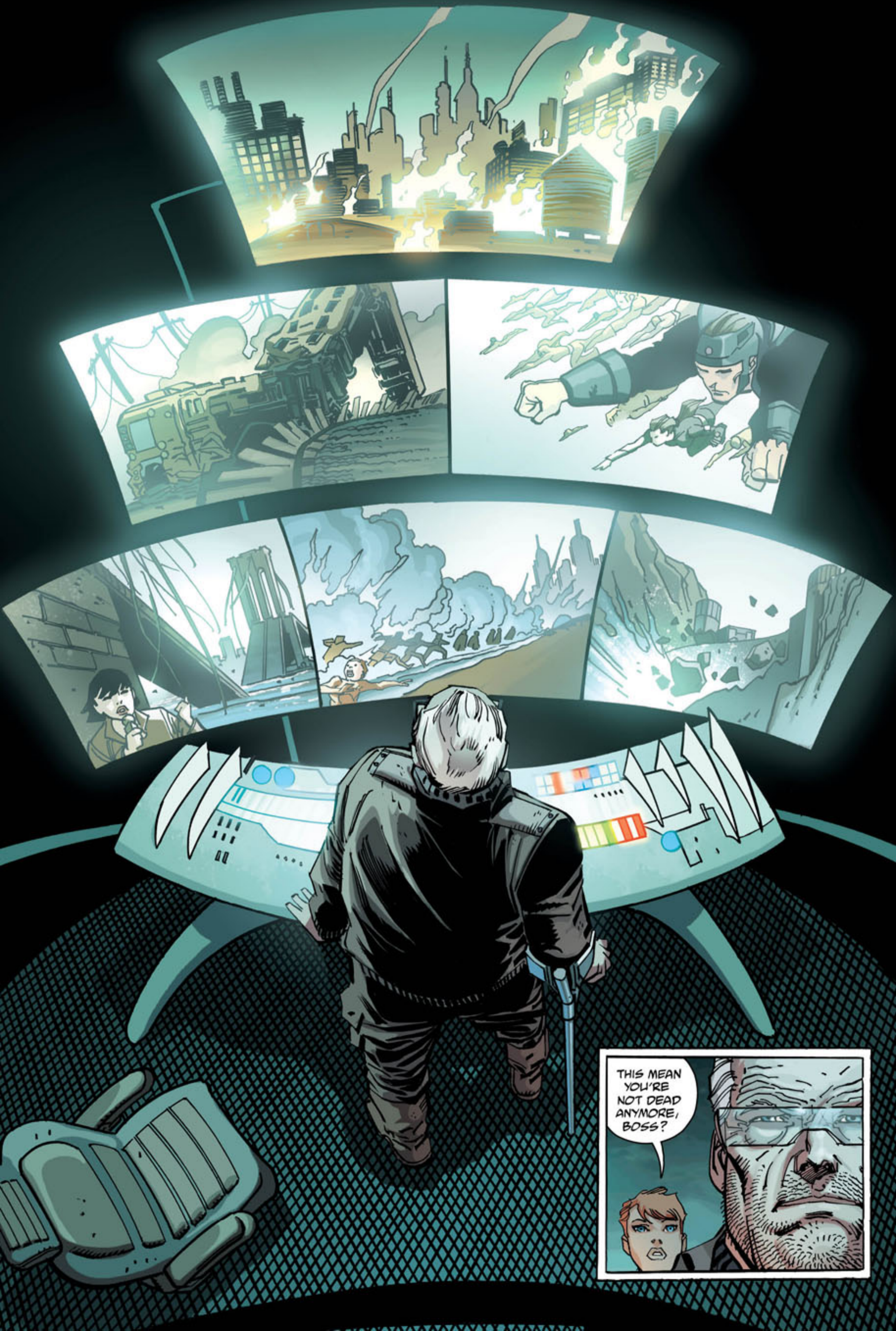
AND SHE DOES. THAT'S SCARY.

BUT IS SHE FASTER THAN A HAIL OF SPEEDING BULLETS?

COMING FROM SPACE IS NOT POSSIBLE, ACCORDING TO NASA--

PRESIDENT HAS YET TO RESPOND--

WHO'S BEHIND THESE GLOBAL ATTACKS--



THIS MEAN YOU'RE NOT DEAD ANYMORE, BOSS?

