

RAJA WAS CURSING GOD FOR BURNING HER AGAIN, BUT STOPPED HERSELF HALF-FINISHED.

BETTER TO CURSE THE SUN-- THAT [REDACTED] WAS AT LEAST REAL--AND HAD BEEN COOKING HER FOR MONTHS.

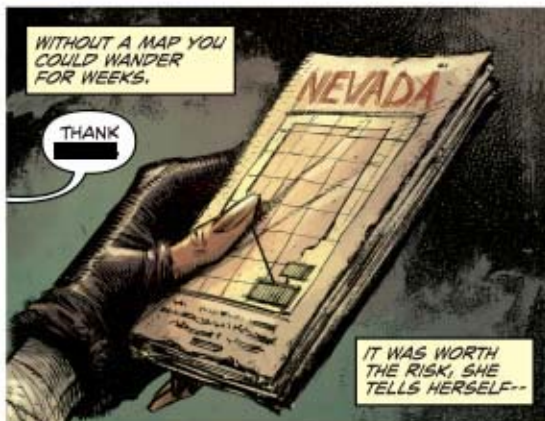


THE CITIES WERE BAD NEWS.

SHE KNEW THAT MUCH.

C'MON.

BUT SHE'D BEEN LOST FOR SO LONG.



WITHOUT A MAP YOU COULD WANDER FOR WEEKS.

THANK [REDACTED]

IT WAS WORTH THE RISK, SHE TELLS HERSELF--



--LOW GRUNTS OUTSIDE PROTEST.



WAS THIS THE MISTAKE THAT UNDOES ALL HER WORK?

NOT IF THEY JUST PASS. NOT IF SHE STAYS QUIET ENOUGH.

SHE FIGHTS THE GAG REFLEX FROM HER OWN STENCH.



THE STENCH BRINGS BAD MEMORIES.

SHE HASN'T RISKED WASHING FOR A VERY LONG TIME.

IT WAS THEIR BATH IN THE SALT LAKE THAT GOT HER BROTHER MUTILATED.

THE SPARE PISTOL IN HER
BOOT WAS A PLEDGE, NO
MATTER HOW THIS ENDS--



--SHE ISN'T GOING
TO DIE LIKE THAT.

GLADDOOM







