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INVASION OF THE TRICERATONS

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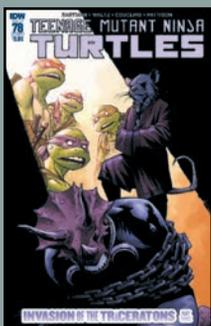
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IT'S BEEN NEARLY 24 HOURS SINCE UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS LAUNCHED THEIR **SECOND ATTACK** AGAINST NEW YORK CITY, ESCALATING WHAT HAD INITIALLY APPEARED TO BE AN ISOLATED TERRORIST INCIDENT INTO **FULL-SCALE URBAN WARFARE**.



DESPITE THE FACT AUTHORITIES HAVE SECURELY CORDONED OFF THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF CONFLICT—INCLUDING A STRICT **NO-FLY ZONE**—OUR CHANNEL 6 NEWS HELICOPTER HAS BEEN ABLE TO COLLECT SOME VIDEO FOOTAGE OF THE BATTLE TAKING PLACE.



THIS IS EARLIER FOOTAGE OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WILLIAMSBURG BRIDGE.

THIS WAS THE FIRST OF A **NUMBER OF BRIDGE EXPLOSIONS** ACROSS MANHATTAN, AND UNCONFIRMED REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE **BROOKLYN BRIDGE** IS THE SOLE REMAINING CONDUIT TO THE ISLAND.



NYC MYSTERY ATTACK

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THE FOLLOWING AMATEUR VIDEO WAS SENT TO OUR STUDIO AND APPEARS TO DEPICT ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENGAGED IN A FIREFIGHT WITH A BRAVE GROUP OF NEW YORK'S FINEST.



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WE HAVE REACHED OUT TO A NUMBER OF MILITARY EXPERTS, BUT *NONE* HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF CRAFTS THE ATTACKERS ARE FLYING.

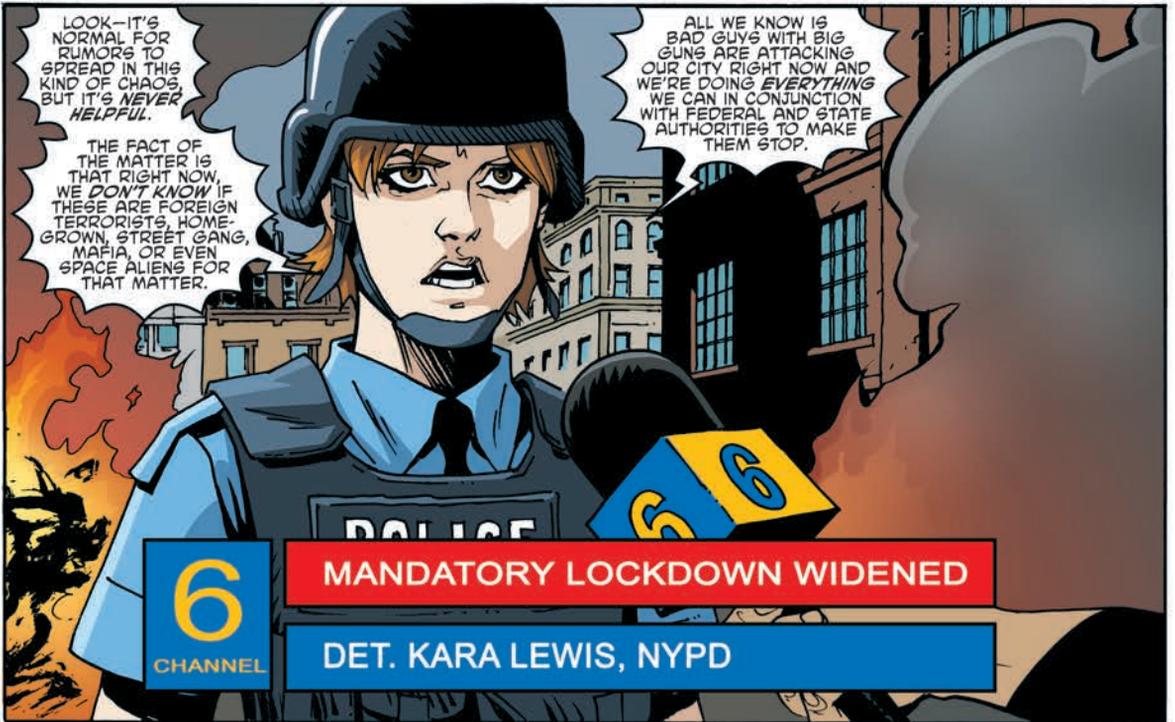
INSTEAD, TERMS SUCH AS "EXOTIC" AND "FOREIGN ENGINEERED" HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED.



AS FOR THE ATTACKERS THEMSELVES, THIS NEXT AMATEUR VIDEO SEEMS TO INDICATE THEY ARE IN POSSESSION OF ADVANCED SMALL ARMS AND BODY ARMOR—COMBAT GEAR *NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE* TO NON-MILITARY PERSONNEL.



SOME WITNESSES ON THE GROUND HAVE GONE SO FAR AS TO SUGGEST THE GEAR—AS WELL AS THE ATTACKERS—APPEAR TO BE, QUOTE, *ALIEN IN NATURE*... A NOTION POLICE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN QUICK TO REFUTE.



LOOK—IT'S NORMAL FOR RUMORS TO SPREAD IN THIS KIND OF CHAOS, BUT IT'S NEVER HELPFUL.

THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT RIGHT NOW, WE *DON'T KNOW* IF THESE ARE FOREIGN TERRORISTS, HOME-GROWN, STREET GANG, MAFIA, OR EVEN SPACE ALIENS FOR THAT MATTER.

ALL WE KNOW IS BAD GUYS WITH BIG GUNS ARE ATTACKING OUR CITY RIGHT NOW AND WE'RE DOING *EVERYTHING* WE CAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH FEDERAL AND STATE AUTHORITIES TO MAKE THEM STOP.

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MANDATORY LOCKDOWN WIDENED

DET. KARA LEWIS, NYPD



AND MY TEAM AND I WILL BE STANDING BY ON THE FRONTLINES TO BRING YOU ALL THE LATEST NEWS AND INFORMATION AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE...



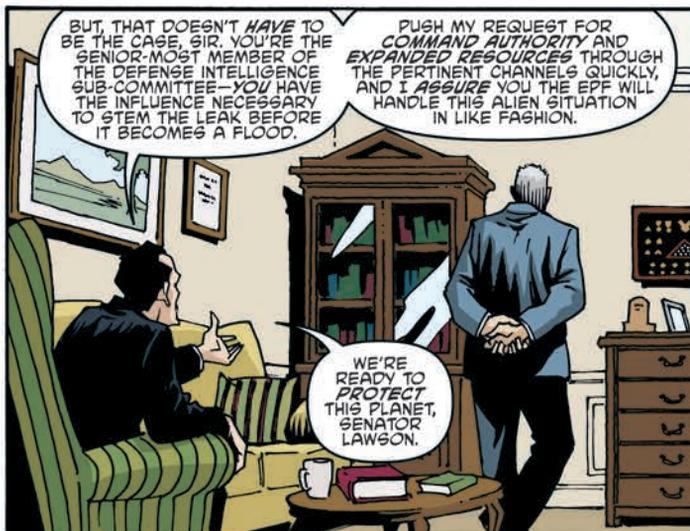
...THIS IS **BURNE THOMPSON**, CHANNEL 6 NEWS, REPORTING.

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AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP THE MEDIA NARRATIVE IN CHECK FOR THE MOST PART, BUT IN THIS AGE OF CELL PHONE CAMERAS AND THE INTERNET, THAT *WON'T* BE THE CASE FOR LONG, SENATOR.

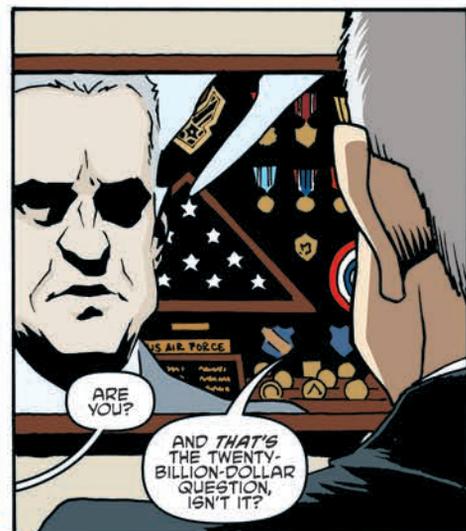
THE ENEMY HAS ESTABLISHED A VERIFIABLE *BEACHHEAD* ON MANHATTAN, BUT THEY WON'T STAY PUT FOR LONG. THEIR REACH WILL SPREAD, AND WITH IT, PANIC—ONCE CIVILIANS BEGIN TO REALIZE *WHO* AND *WHAT* THE TRICERATONS REALLY ARE.



BUT, THAT DOESN'T *HAVE* TO BE THE CASE, SIR, YOU'RE THE SENIOR-MOST MEMBER OF THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE SUB-COMMITTEE—*YOU* HAVE THE INFLUENCE NECESSARY TO STEM THE LEAK BEFORE IT BECOMES A FLOOD.

PUSH MY REQUEST FOR *COMMAND AUTHORITY* AND *EXPANDED RESOURCES* THROUGH THE PERTINENT CHANNELS QUICKLY, AND I *ASSURE* YOU THE EPF WILL HANDLE THIS ALIEN SITUATION IN LIKE FASHION.

WE'RE READY TO *PROTECT* THIS PLANET, SENATOR LAWSON.



ARE YOU?

AND *THAT'S* THE TWENTY-BILLION-DOLLAR QUESTION, ISN'T IT?



YOU KNOW, I *MET* YOUR FATHER ONCE, JOHN—BACK WHEN I WAS FLYING F-102S OUT OF SELFRIDGE FOR THE 1ST FIGHTER WING. I WAS A YOUNG CAPTAIN AND YOUR DAD WAS AT THE BASE, RECRUITING PILOTS FOR THE EPF.

I WAS ONE OF THE STICK JOCKEYS HE TRIED TO BRING INTO THE MIX. GOOD GUY—I REALLY LIKED HIM—BUT I ALREADY HAD POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS AT THE TIME AND *PASSED* ON HIS OFFER.

AND TO BE TOTALLY FRANK, I THOUGHT IT WAS THE MOST *DIE-IN-THE-SKY* THING I'D EVER HEARD OF IN MY LIFE.

GUESS THAT *PIES* ON MY FACE NOW, HUH?



YOU'LL HAVE YOUR MONEY, AGENT BISHOP, AND *WHATEVER ELSE* YOU NEED. I'LL SEE TO IT IMMEDIATELY.

YOU'VE MADE THE *RIGHT* DECISION, SENATOR.

GOD HELP ME, I *HOP*E SO—