

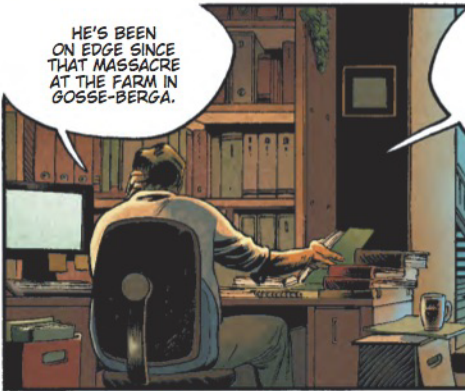




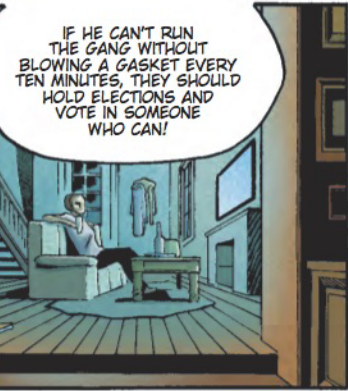
BENNY'S A PAIN IN THE ASS!



THAT JERK WANTS ME TO FINISH THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE CLUB'S LAST SIX MONTHS BY THE END OF THE WEEK!



HE'S BEEN ON EDGE SINCE THAT MASSACRE AT THE FARM IN GOSSE-BERGA.

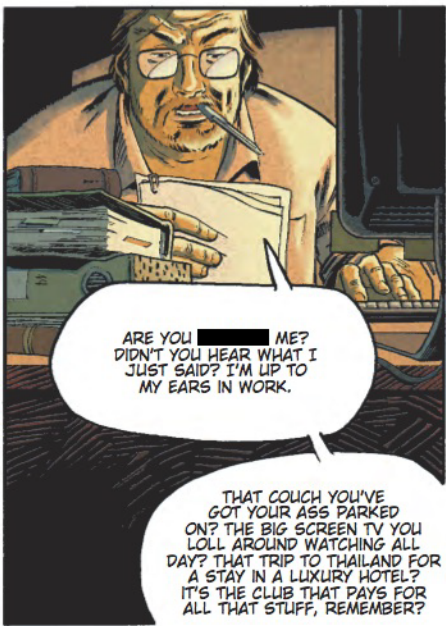


IF HE CAN'T RUN THE GANG WITHOUT BLOWING A GASKET EVERY TEN MINUTES, THEY SHOULD HOLD ELECTIONS AND VOTE IN SOMEONE WHO CAN!



YEAH, FROM WHAT I SEE, IT'S MOSTLY THE SVAVELSJÖ MOTORCYCLE CLUB'S ACCOUNTANT BLOWING A GASKET!

COME SIT DOWN AND HAVE A DRINK. LOOSEN UP!



ARE YOU [REDACTED] ME? DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT I JUST SAID? I'M UP TO MY EARS IN WORK.

THAT COUCH YOU'VE GOT YOUR ASS PARKED ON? THE BIG SCREEN TV YOU LOLL AROUND WATCHING ALL DAY? THAT TRIP TO THAILAND FOR A STAY IN A LUXURY HOTEL? IT'S THE CLUB THAT PAYS FOR ALL THAT STUFF, REMEMBER?



OK, OK... I WAS TRYING TO BE NICE, BUT...

GO [REDACTED] YOURSELF.



SHE'S RIGHT, VIKTOR GÖRANSSON.

THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK TO YOUR GIRLFRIEND.



WHAT'S THAT
LOOK FOR,
STINA?



IS THIS
YOUR IDEA OF
A WELCOME?



LIKE I
SCARE YOU OR
SOMETHING?



THERE'S NOTHING
TO GET UPSET
ABOUT.



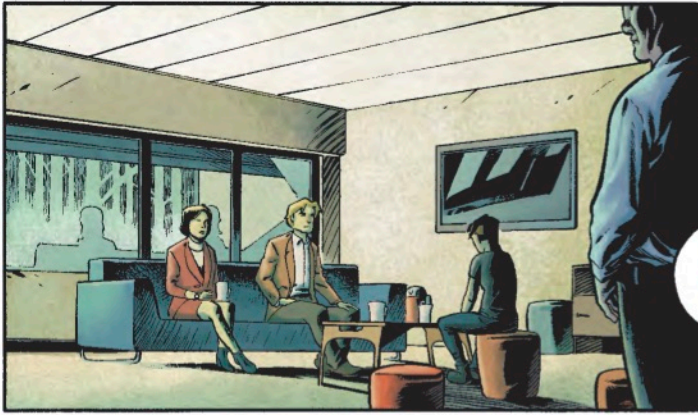
I'VE JUST
DROPPED BY TO
ASK A FAVOR.

THE CASH THAT
MC SVAVELS JO HID
WITH YOU, VIKTOR...

HAND IT OVER.



AND NO FUSS,
MIND YOU.



I KNOW YOU DIDN'T WANT THIS.



AND I'VE RESPECTED YOUR ATTITUDE.

BUT NOW, I'M CONVINCED THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE.



I CAN DEFEND YOU IN THE PRESS, INVESTIGATE ON MY OWN, POKE AROUND IN THE WEEDS AND TURN UP EVIDENCE.

BUT NONE OF THAT COUNTS FOR SHIT IN THE COURTROOM. THERE, YOU NEED A SPECIALIST WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY'RE DOING.



MY SISTER IS NOT ONLY SOMEONE I TRUST UNCONDITIONALLY, SHE'S ALSO AN EXCELLENT LAWYER, ONE OF THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY.

YOU HAVE TO LET HER REPRESENT YOU AT YOUR TRIAL AND OVERSEE YOUR DEFENSE.



I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR RETICENCE, LISBETH.

ALL THE MORE SO, AS MICHELE HAD ME READ THE FILE YOU FOUND AT NILS BJURMAN'S.

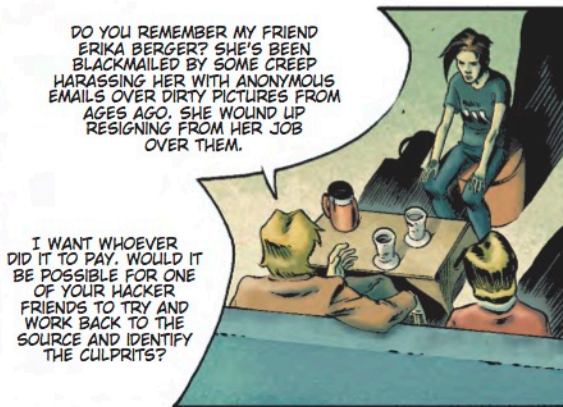
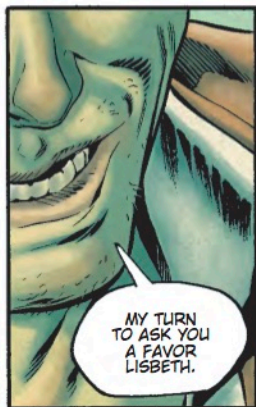


HE ALSO SHOWED ME THE VIDEO OF YOUR SO-CALLED GUARDIAN RAPING YOU.

UNSPEAKABLE.



I WILL DO MY UTMOST TO MAKE SURE THE TRUTH COMES OUT.





A MAJORITY OF THE COUNTRY IS STILL CONVINCED LISBETH SALANDER IS GUILTY...



... AND A DANGEROUS MENTAL CASE.



TO SAY NOTHING OF THOSE DAMNED COMMIE JOURNALISTS SUPPORTING HER, OR THE BJURMAN FILE WE HAVEN'T LAID OUR HANDS ON.

BIRGER, DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE BRIGHT SIDE OF THINGS. THE PICTURES WE SEEDIED IN THE NEWSROOM HAVE FINALLY ACHIEVED THEIR AIM. ERIKA BERGER IS NO LONGER EMPLOYED AT THE SVENSKA MORGON-POSTEN. THAT MAKES HER A WHOLE LOT LESS OF A THREAT.



AS FOR MIKAEL BLOMKVIST, BELIEVE ME, HIS REPUTATION WILL SOON BE IN TATTERS. HE WON'T BE ABLE TO PLACE A WANT AD, MUCH LESS AN ARTICLE.



AFTER THAT, EVEN IF THE BJURMAN FILE DOES TURN UP, IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM.

LISBETH SALANDER'S CHAMPIONS WILL BE SO DISCREDITED WE CAN EASILY PASS IT OFF AS A FAKE.



AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THE ONLY PROBLEM LEFT IS NIEDERMANN, WHO'S STILL ON THE RUN, AND HE DEFINITELY KNOWS WAY TOO MUCH.

WE NEED TO PULL HIM IN.

