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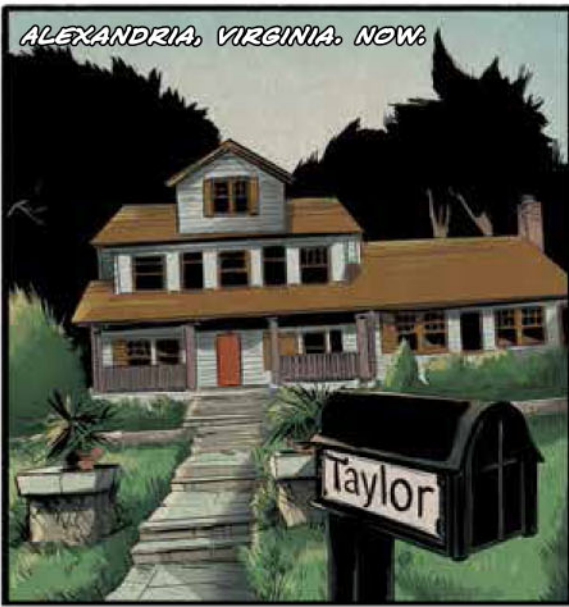
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DON'T WORRY, PET!
I'LL MAKE SURE
THE KIDDOS
ARE UP.

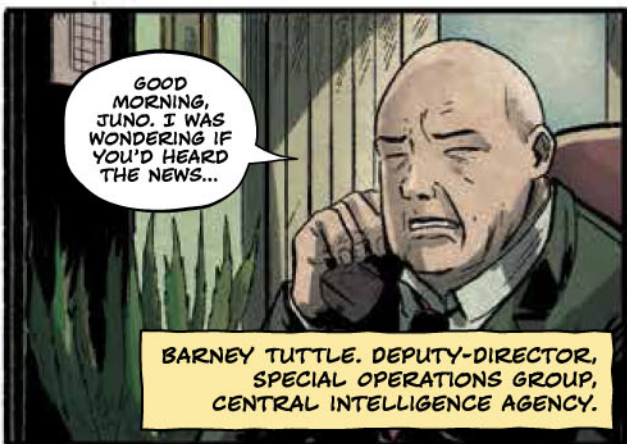


THERE'S A CAR
WAITING FOR YOU
DOWNSTAIRS. I
DON'T WANT YOU
HERE WHEN I
COME HOME.



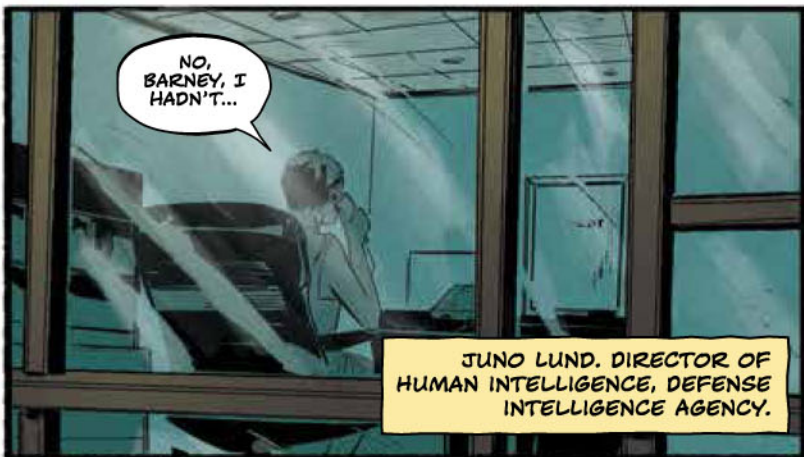


MORNIN',
BRUCE--



GOOD
MORNING,
JUNO. I WAS
WONDERING IF
YOU'D HEARD
THE NEWS...

BARNEY TUTTLE. DEPUTY-DIRECTOR,
SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP,
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.



NO,
BARNEY, I
HADN'T...

JUNO LUND. DIRECTOR OF
HUMAN INTELLIGENCE, DEFENSE
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.



WHERE IS
BUTTERFLY?

RUE CORBEAU, VAL-DE-GRÂCE, PARIS.

I THREW THE OPERATIVE'S BODY FROM THE TRAIN. IT'S LOST OFF A GORGE IN THE MOUNTAINS IN...SOMEWHERE.

I WENT BACK TO THE SCENE OF THE SHOOTOUT.

THERE WERE NO POLICE. THERE WAS NO SIGN OF VIOLENCE AT ALL.

AND NIGHTINGALE--MY FATHER--WAS GONE.

BUT BEFORE I LEFT THE VINEYARD WHERE HE LIVED WITH HIS NEW FAMILY, HIS NEW CHILD...

HIS WIFE... ANGELIQUE GAVE ME SOMETHING.

SHE KNEW, SOMEHOW, I'D LOSE HIM.

DAD.

...REBECCA.

AND SHE KNEW I WOULD WANT TO COME BACK AGAIN.

"REVIENS."

WHAT YOU SAID ON THE ROAD, AFTER THE SHOOTOUT...

I COULD APOLOGIZE FOR LEAVING YOU. BUT I WON'T.

WE'RE ALL THE OTHER HAS RIGHT NOW.

BEFORE WE LEFT, ANGELIQUE GAVE ME A LIST-- EMERGENCY CELL NUMBERS, ONLY TO BE USED IN THE WORST EMERGENCIES. ONE LED ME TO YOU.

I'VE BEEN CALLING ANGELIQUE AND MARTIN... THEY CHECKED IN THIS MORNING. BUT NOW...NO ANSWER.

WE'LL...NEED BRIDGEWELL LTD.

WHAT IS BRIDGEWELL LTD?

BRIDGEWELL... IS WHERE I WORK AS A... PRIVATE CONTRACTOR.

A MERCENARY? WE CAN'T TRUST A PACK OF MERCENARIES, WE'D JUST BE TRADING THE PROJECT FOR SOME OTHER--

BRIDGEWELL IS A VERY DISCERNING ORGANIZATION THAT HELPS PEOPLE LIKE US. GIVES US RESOURCES. THE PRIVATE SECTOR, REBECCA.

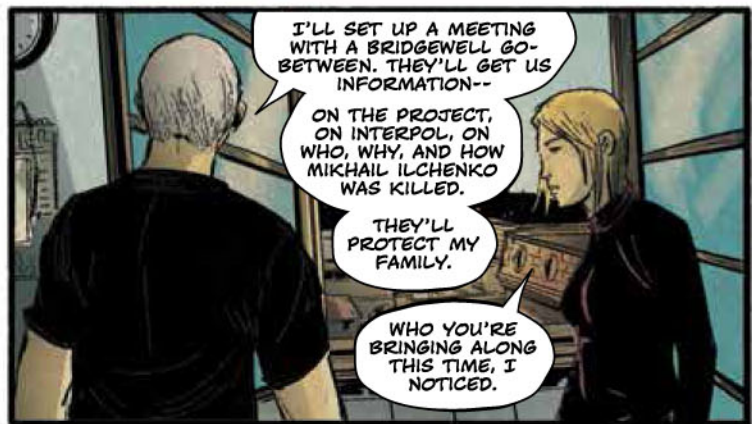


SO, A MERCENARY.

ONCE WE HAVE ANGELIQUE AND MARTIN, WE'LL NEED TO GO INTO HIDING.

OUTSIDE OF FICTION, LIFE ON THE RUN IS GRUELING, ISOLATING, AND EXCEPTIONALLY EXPENSIVE. WE COULD BE AT THIS FOR WEEKS, MONTHS, REBECCA.

I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE.



I'LL SET UP A MEETING WITH A BRIDGEWELL GO-BETWEEN. THEY'LL GET US INFORMATION--

ON THE PROJECT, ON INTERPOL, ON WHO, WHY, AND HOW MIKHAIL ILCHENKO WAS KILLED.

THEY'LL PROTECT MY FAMILY.

WHO YOU'RE BRINGING ALONG THIS TIME, I NOTICED.



IF WE--YOU, ANGELIQUE, MARTIN, AND I--ARE GOING TO SURVIVE, WE NEED MONEY.

TO GET MONEY, THIS IS WHAT WE DO...AND THAT BUYS US TIME AND FRIENDS.

I...I HAVE AN IDEA. I THOUGHT ABOUT TRYING TO FIND MORTIMER OR HUXLEY THIS WAY--MY HANDLERS--



THIS IS THE AMOUNT OF DATA, TEXTS, AND PHONE CALLS USED ON THE THREE PHONES YOU GAVE ANGELIQUE, MARTIN, AND LEO.

SEE, THIS, HERE IS...AVERAGE. ONE HIGHER THAN OTHERS, PROBABLY PLAYING GAMES ON A CELL PHONE, THINGS LIKE THAT.

BUT THEN A FEW HOURS AGO...EVERYTHING FLATLINES.

MARTIN.



"NO INTERNET USE. NO INCOMING OR OUTGOING CALLS, EXCEPT FOR YOUR NUMBER. NOTHING."

"WE NEED TO GET TO THE SAFE HOUSE WHERE YOU SENT THEM. THEY'RE IN TROUBLE."