



DANIELS TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS. A WEEK AGO.

I JUST WANT TO SAY AGAIN HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY, MR. DANIELS.

PLEASE, IT'S THEO. AND I SHOULD BE THANKING YOU. DO YOU REALIZE HOW TOUGH IT IS TO FIND SOMEONE WITH EXPERIENCE IN BOTH TECH AND MAGIC?

YOU'RE SETTLING IN, I HOPE? LIKING OUR FACILITIES ALL RIGHT?



MICHELIN-RATED CAFETERIA, FULL-TIME MASSEUSE, ONGITE SPA... I LOVE IT.

BUT HONESTLY, MR... THEO, I FEEL LIKE I'M FREELOADING HERE. I HOPE YOU DIDN'T JUST HIRE ME AS A FAVOR TO BUFFY. I WANT TO CONTRIBUTE.



DON'T BE RIDICULOUS. THE SECURITY CLEARANCE PROCESS TAKES A WHILE, THAT'S ALL. BUT WE HANDLE A LOT OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, SO...

I THINK I KNOW WHAT IT'S ABOUT. CYBER-TERRORISM. SPECIFICALLY, MAGIC CYBERTERRORISM. BUFFY TOLD ME HOW WOLFRAM & HART SNUCK SOME SINISTER CODE INTO YOUR SOCIAL NETWORK.

I CAN HELP YOU FIND AND DEFEND AGAINST THAT SORT OF THING--



GREAT TO KNOW. BUT WE'RE DEALING WITH SOMETHING A LITTLE HEAVIER THAN SWIPING LEFT NOWADAYS.

WILLOW ROSENBERG, WELCOME TO THE WAR ROOM.

HOLY...



IN PIECES ON THE GROUND

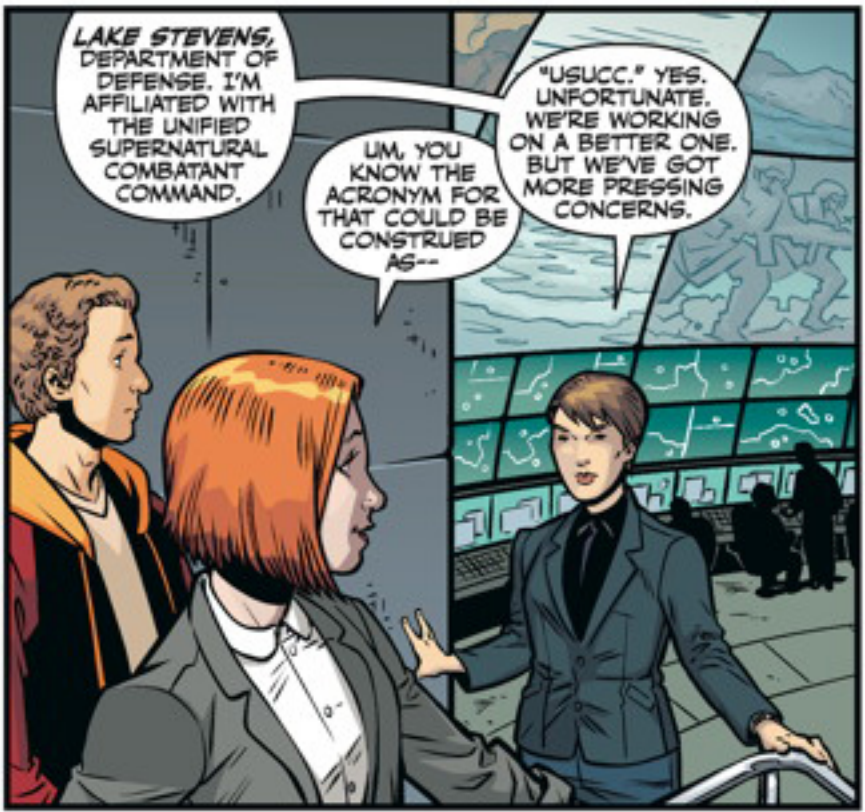
PART TWO



OKAY... WHEN YOU SAID "GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS," I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU MEANT "MILITARY." THERE'S A HISTORY. NOT A GOOD ONE.

I HEARD. BUT THINGS HAVE CHANGED. THEY GOT RID OF THE PEOPLE WHO ATTACKED YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS--

IF YOU DON'T MIND, MR. DANIELS, I'LL EXPLAIN FROM HERE.



LAKE STEVENS, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. I'M AFFILIATED WITH THE UNIFIED SUPERNATURAL COMBATANT COMMAND.

UM, YOU KNOW THE ACRONYM FOR THAT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS--

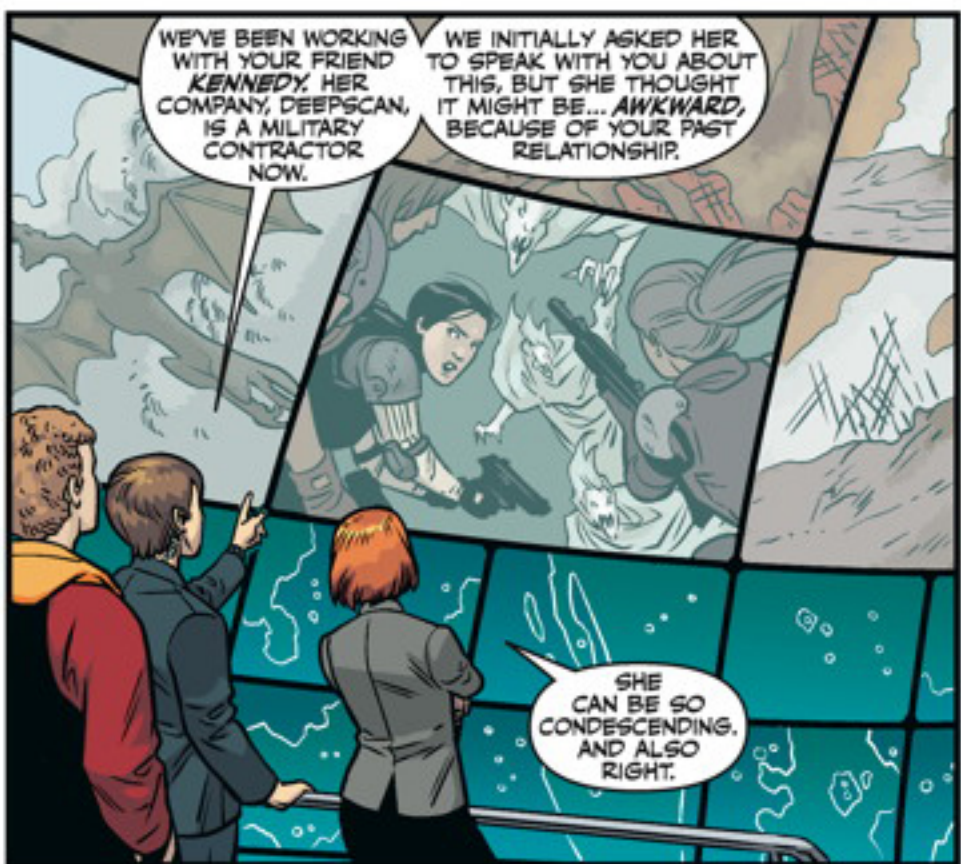
"USUCC." YES. UNFORTUNATE. WE'RE WORKING ON A BETTER ONE. BUT WE'VE GOT MORE PRESSING CONCERNS.



AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE'S A RAGH OF EXTRADIMENSIONAL INCURSIONS OCCURRING WORLD-WIDE. CONSERVATIVELY, THREE TIMES AS MANY AS YOU HEAR ABOUT.

PREMAGIC THINKING IS NO LONGER VALID IN OUR WORLD. THE COMMAND STRUCTURE'S BEEN PURGED OF THE KIND OF PEOPLE WHO ATTACKED YOU WHEN YOU WERE TRAINING SLAYERS.

WE SEE YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES AS ALLIES.



WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH YOUR FRIEND KENNEDY. HER COMPANY, DEEPSKAN, IS A MILITARY CONTRACTOR NOW.

WE INITIALLY ASKED HER TO SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT THIS, BUT SHE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE... AWKWARD, BECAUSE OF YOUR PAST RELATIONSHIP.

SHE CAN BE SO CONDESCENDING. AND ALSO RIGHT.



WE'RE ALSO COORDINATING WITH THE MAGIC COUNCIL.

"MAGIC COUNCIL"? AS IN--

AS IN ME.



D'HOFFRYN?

HELLO, MISS ROSENBERG. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW POSITION. I THINK YOU'LL ENJOY IT HERE.

THE CHEF IS WONDERFUL. I TRY TO COORDINATE MY VISITS WITH TACO THURSDAYS.



I DON'T BELIEVE YOU'VE MET THE FULL COUNCIL YET. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

WHOA, NELLY. I HAVEN'T SAID I WILL. I'M DEFINITELY NOT COMMITTING WITHOUT TALKING TO BUFFY FIRST.



I UNDERSTAND. WE HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE WHO'LL BE APPROACHING HER IN A MATTER OF DAYS. ALL WE ASK IS THAT YOU KEEP THIS BETWEEN US UNTIL THEN.

WILLOW...OUR WORLD IS IN CRISIS. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO HELP TO SAVE COUNTLESS LIVES. YOU WANT TO DO WORK THAT MATTERS? YOU'LL NEVER HAVE A BETTER CHANCE.



GIVE US A WEEK. THAT'S ALL WE ASK.