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At 6:35 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, President Oren Roth ordered the firebombing of Crosstown, Kentucky.

Crosstown was home to approximately 1,150 people. It had no Kentucky Guard presence whatsoever. It is noteworthy only as the home and birthplace of Luther Tindle, founder and Prophet of the Mountain Faith Church.

Most of the victims who didn't die immediately burned to death in their homes. Some tried to run. Drone footage shows men, women, and children burning and drowning in bubbling asphalt as the streets melted under their feet.

I cannot stress enough that every single victim of this atrocity was a non-combatant. Even the centuries-old excuse of "casualties of war" cannot justify their deaths. They were murdered without cause... on the whim of the President of the United States.

—Representative Randall Bashear (fmr. R-KY) in response to the Crosstown Massacre, October 29, 2041

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GET DOWN!



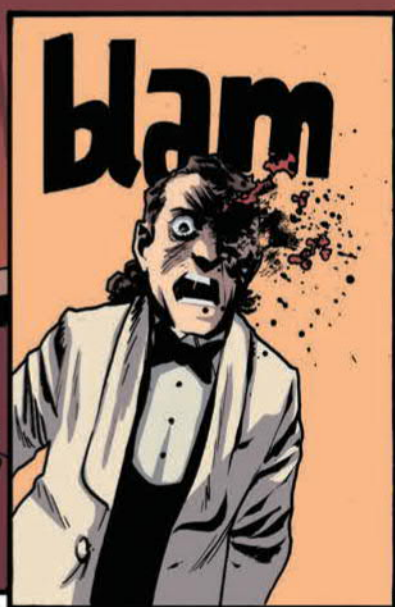
THE BLOOD OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS ON YOUR HANDS, OREN ROTH!

PSSSHH



ROTH IS THE GREAT LIAR FORETOLD BY THE PROPHET LUTHER TINDLE, AND KADE MERCER IS GOD'S--

SHOOT HIM!



blam



WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!

A VIDEO OF THE RED ROCK SHOOTING JUST LEAKED. A DEAD SOLDIER WHO WAS FLOWN UP HERE APPARENTLY HAD A PHONE ON HIM.

THE VID SHOWS U.S. SOLDIERS FIRING ON UNARMED CIVILIANS...



...AND KADE MERCER LEADING A GROUP OF REBS ON HORSEBACK, LOOKING LIKE DAMN KING ARTHUR.

IT'S BAD.

GET MOSE WALKER ON THE PHONE.

"ANY ASSOCIATION WITH
KADE MERCER JUST
BECAME PUNISHABLE
BY DEATH."



I HOPE
YOU'RE MORE
HELPFUL THAN
THAT KID
WAS.

WH-WHO'S
THERE?



CAPTAIN
MOSE WALKER,
AUGMENTED
AIRBORNE
CAVALRY.

YOU TRIED
TO STEAL A
UNITED STATES
ARMY VEHICLE,
SAM.

H-HOW
DO YOU
KNOW MY
NAME?



YOUR BOSS
KADE MERCER HAS
BECOME ENOUGH OF
A PAIN IN THE ASS THAT
THE PRESIDENT HAS
TAKEN NOTICE.

THAT'S
WHY WE'RE
HERE.



"WE"?

SURE, "WE."
YOUR BROTHER
GERRY'S HERE,
TOO.

GERRY?
GERRY, ARE
YOU--





AND THIS IS MASTER SERGEANT SHRIKE.



WHAT IS THIS?

SHRIKE'S AN AUGIE, LIKE ME. A SPECIAL OPERATOR WHO WAS BROKEN, BUT MADE BETTER.



"BETTER"? HE DON'T LOOK BETTER.

OH, HE'S BETTER.



MUCH BETTER.

