

NOVEMBER 22ND, 1992.

OR MAYBE IT'S THE 23RD...

THE END IS HERE

STREETS WERE LITTERED WITH BODIES, BRAINS BOILED OVER BY GROTESQUE NIGHTMARES OF FICTIONAL INVADER. CLOCK STARTED OVER. WE HAD A CHANCE.

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BUT THEY BLEW IT.

ALL OF THEM.

THE UNDEPLORABLES SCREAM TO HEAR THEMSELVES, DEAFENED IN THEIR ECHO-CHAMBER, BLAMING THE OTHER SIDE FOR WHAT THEY HAVE INSTEAD OF WHO THEY ARE.

America Safe Again!!!

THE END IS HERE

THEIR TOLERANCE IS A ONE-WAY STREET.

WHILE THE TOTALITARIANS STAND THEIR GROUND, COVERING THEIR EYES, PREACHING FOR A RETURN TO A ROSE-COLORED REPUBLIC.

DEPENDS ON YOUR PERSPECTIVE.

GOD TURNED HIS BACK, LEFT PARADISE TO US. LIKE HANDING A FIVE-YEAR-OLD A STRAIGHT RAZOR.

SOON THE BUGS WILL BE ALL THAT'S LEFT. AND THE COCKROACHES WILL GO TO WAR WITH THE MAGGOTS, FIGHTING OVER THE SCRAPS OF THE MODERATES.

UNWARE THAT FOR THOSE NOT LIKE THEM, THE GOOD OLD DAYS WEREN'T SO GOOD.

WE SLIT OPEN THE WORLD'S BELLY. SECRETS CAME SPILLING OUT. AN INTESTINE FULL OF TRUTH AND SHIT STRANGLING US.

THEN THEY'LL EAT THEMSELVES AND FINALLY CHOKE.

UNLESS WE BRING GOD BACK DOWN.

KICKING AND SCREAMING. BECAUSE MAYBE WE DON'T DESERVE IT.

MAYBE THE WORLD SHOULD BURN THIS TIME.



"...GLOBAL MANHUNT CONTINUES FOR THE SELF-PROCLAIMED 'WORLD'S SMARTEST MAN!'"

"...ASSERT ADRIAN VEIDT'S **ARREST AND CONVICTION** WILL DEFINITELY ABSOLVE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OF ACCUSATIONS OF **COLLUSION** IN THE NEW YORK CITY MASSACRE..."

"...RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE INSISTS THE PRESIDENT AND HIS CABINET WERE **WILLING PARTICIPANTS**..."

"...APPREHENSION IS NEEDED TO STABILIZE THE **POLITICAL UNREST** THAT HAS ERUPTED ACROSS OUR COUNTRY AND THE WORLD..."

"...RE-ELECTED ON A CAMPAIGN PROMISING THE CAPTURE OF THE MOST-WANTED MAN IN THE WORLD."

ONCE A CELEBRATED COSTUMED HERO, ADRIAN VEIDT BECAME A **BUSINESSMAN** AND **PHILANTHROPIST** AFTER UNMASKING IN '75.

"TAKING THE SEAT OF CEO AT HIS OWN CONGLOMERATE..."

"...VEIDT LED THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC MARKETS TO NEW HEIGHTS..."

"...CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF THREE MILLION PEOPLE, AND THE HOSPITALIZATION OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF OTHERS WHO SUFFERED PERMANENT PSYCHOLOGICAL DAMAGE..."

"...BIZARRE RUSE THAT BROUGHT THE WORLD TO A GRINDING HALT..."

"AN INVESTIGATION INTO WHO ELSE WAS INVOLVED CONTINUES AS..."

"...NO SIGNS OF HIS FORMER TEAMMATES, INCLUDING THE SO-CALLED AMERICAN DETERENT, DR. MANHATTAN..."

"...BETTER KNOWN AS THE COMEDIAN, WAS MURDERED BY VEIDT AFTER HE..."

"...LAST SEEN ON NATIONAL TELEVISION WHEN IT WAS REVEALED THOSE CLOSEST TO HIM HAD BEEN STRICKEN WITH **CANCER**, THEORIZED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY MANHATTAN HIMSELF."

"...TEAM OF NITE OWL AND RORSCHACH LONG INACTIVE, THEIR CURRENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN..."

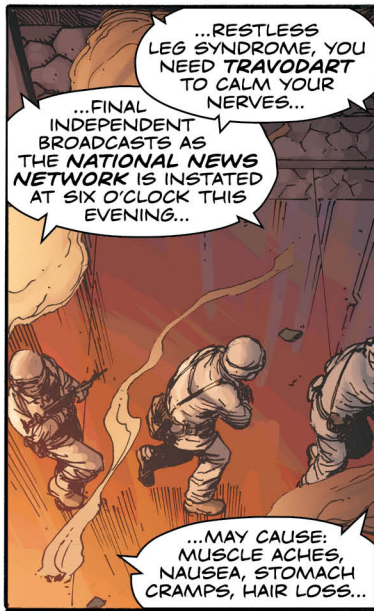
"...HIS JOURNAL DECIPHERED AND VERIFIED BY INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS BEFORE IT WAS **STOLEN FROM**..."

"...SILK SPECTRE VANISHED..."

"OZYMANDIAS REMAINS AT LARGE."



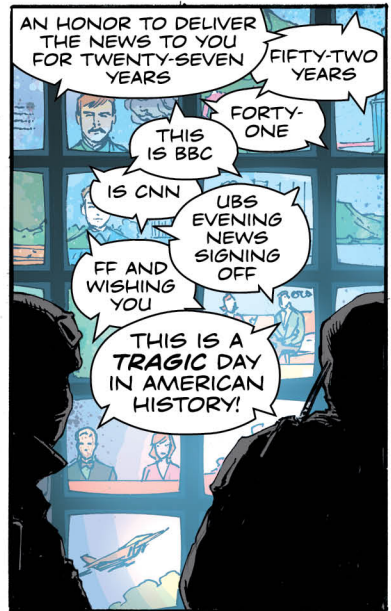
"THE NEW YORK GAZETTE WAS THE FIRST TO BE FORCIBLY SHUT DOWN AFTER THE INFAMOUS FRONT PAGE THAT EXPLODED ACROSS THE WORLD..."



...RESTLESS LEG SYNDROME, YOU NEED TRAVODART TO CALM YOUR NERVES...

...FINAL INDEPENDENT BROADCASTS AS THE NATIONAL NEWS NETWORK IS INSTATED AT SIX O'CLOCK THIS EVENING...

...MAY CAUSE: MUSCLE ACHES, NAUSEA, STOMACH CRAMPS, HAIR LOSS...



AN HONOR TO DELIVER THE NEWS TO YOU FOR TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS

FIFTY-TWO YEARS

FORTY-ONE

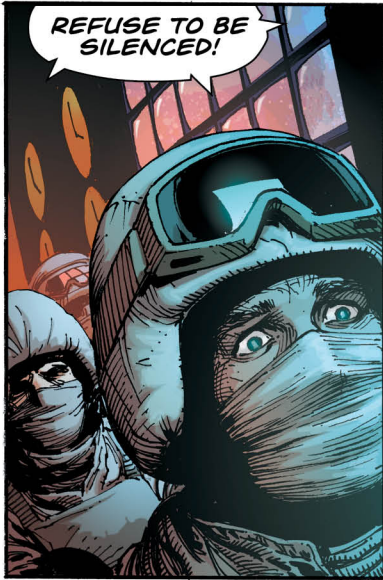
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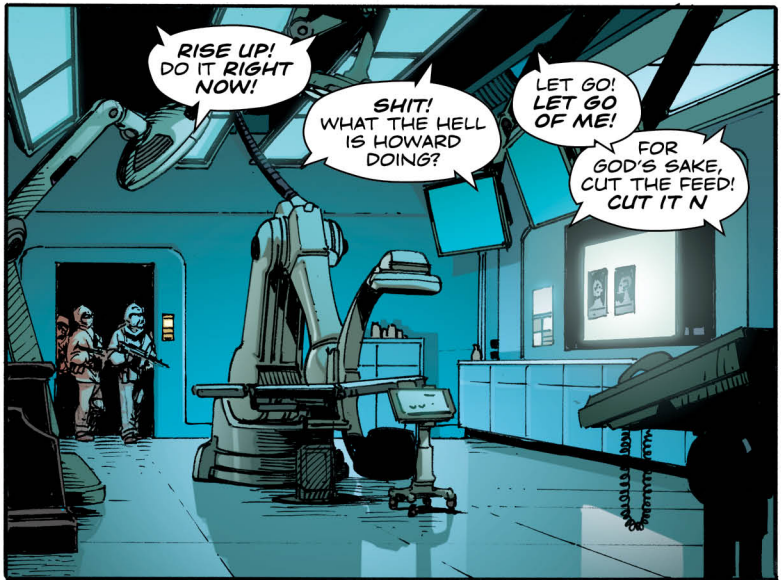
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FF AND WISHING YOU

THIS IS A TRAGIC DAY IN AMERICAN HISTORY!



REFUSE TO BE SILENCED!

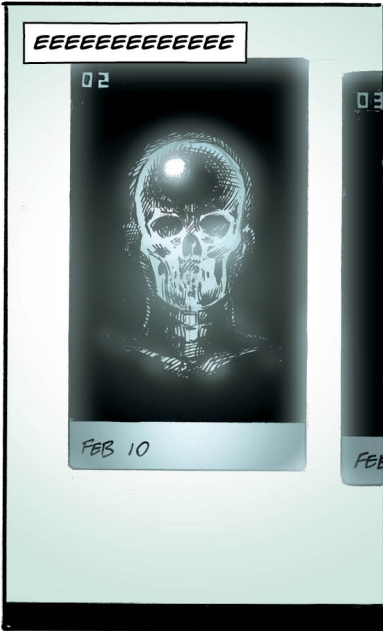


RISE UP! DO IT RIGHT NOW!

SHIT! WHAT THE HELL IS HOWARD DOING?

LET GO! LET GO OF ME!

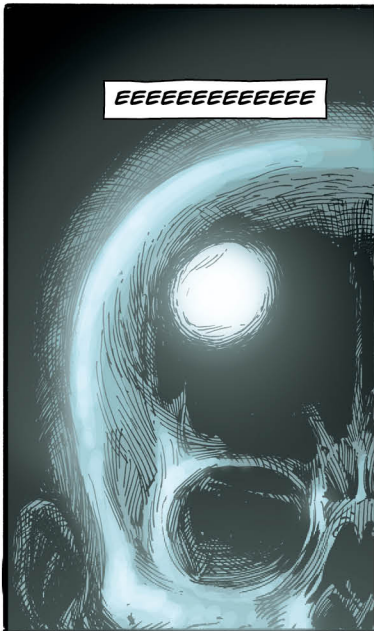
FOR GOD'S SAKE, CUT THE FEED! CUT IT N



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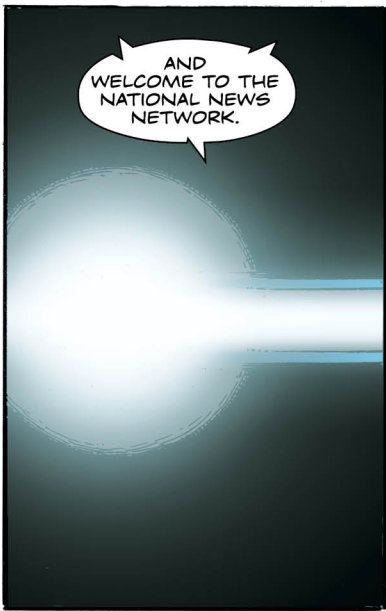


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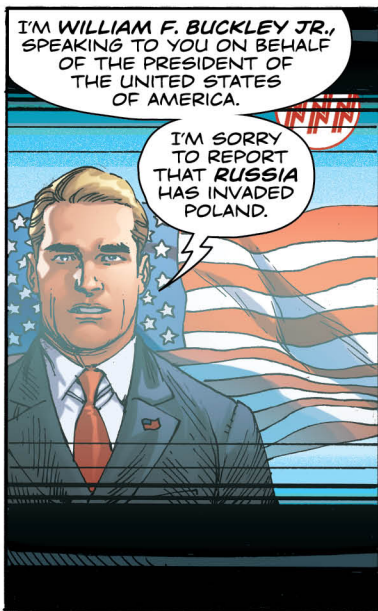


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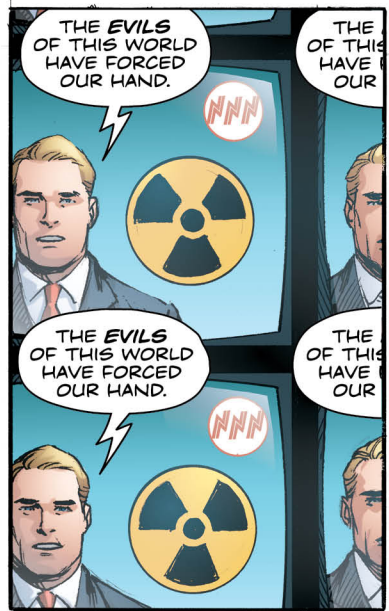


AND WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL NEWS NETWORK.



I'M WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR., SPEAKING TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

I'M SORRY TO REPORT THAT RUSSIA HAS INVADDED POLAND.



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"IF THE RUSSIAN MILITARY DOES NOT WITHDRAW WITHIN **FOUR HOURS**, THE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO LAUNCH THE **FULL FORCE** OF OUR MILITARY MIGHT.

"THEREFORE, A MANDATORY EVACUATION HAS BEEN ISSUED ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

LET US OUT!

"WE URGE YOU TO GATHER YOUR FAMILY AND MAKE YOUR WAY CLEAR OF THE DESIGNATED **RED ZONES**."



"IF THE **EMERGENCY NUMBER** ON YOUR SCREEN IS BUSY...

"...CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICE."



GIMME THE GODDAMN KEYS!



OH SHIT...

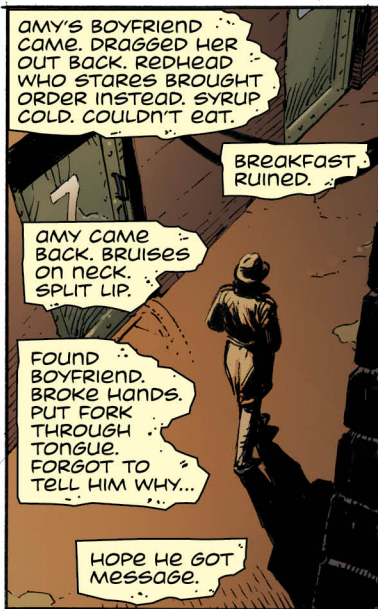


THAT ANNIHILATED PLACE





LAST DAY ON EARTH. WENT TO MORNING JOE'S FOR PANCAKES. BEST IN CITY. SAT IN AMY'S SECTION. DOESN'T STARE. BRINGS SYRUP HOT.



AMY'S BOYFRIEND CAME. DRAGGED HER OUT BACK. REDHEAD WHO STARES BROUGHT ORDER INSTEAD. SYRUP COLD. COULDN'T EAT.

BREAKFAST RUINED.

AMY CAME BACK. BRUISES ON NECK. SPLIT LIP.

FOUND BOYFRIEND. BROKE HANDS. PUT FORK THROUGH TONGUE. FORGOT TO TELL HIM WHY...

HOPE HE GOT MESSAGE.



WENT BACK TO JOE'S. STOP SERVING BREAKFAST AT ELEVEN.

WAS QUARTER PAST.



never been LUCKY.

WAS IT THIRTEEN?



no...



no.

THIRTY-one...



TOO MUCH TO DO.

TOO MUCH TO REMEMBER.

never write anything DOWN...

FAR TOO DANGEROUS.



like her...



like her...