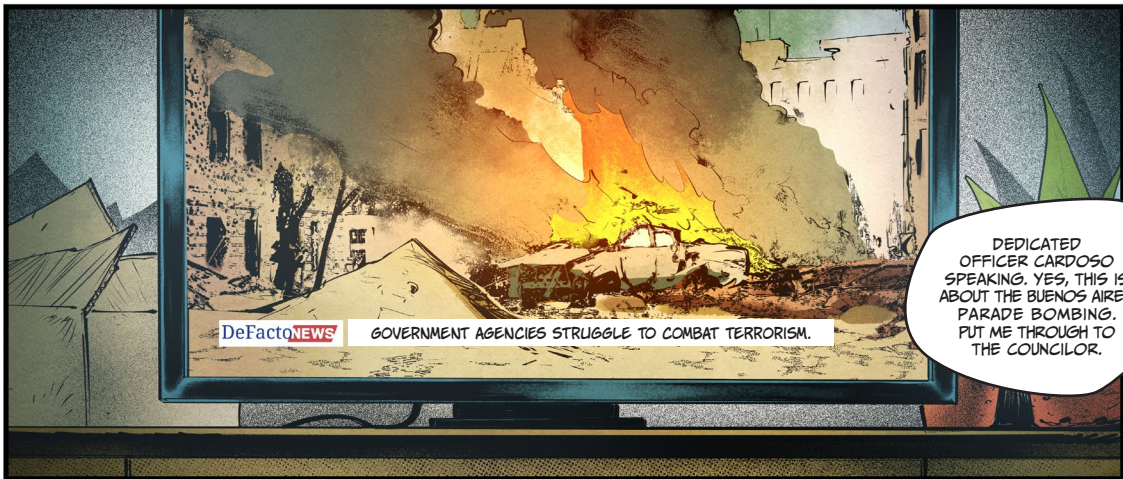


18 MONTHS AFTER RAINBOW SHUTDOWN.



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GOVERNMENT AGENCIES STRUGGLE TO COMBAT TERRORISM.

DEDICATED OFFICER CARDOSO SPEAKING. YES, THIS IS ABOUT THE BUENOS AIRES PARADE BOMBING. PUT ME THROUGH TO THE COUNCILOR.



I HOPE YOUR FIRST CONTACT WITH YOUR OLD COMRADES WENT WELL.



I FOUND FLORES.



WHERE WE LEFT HIM, I HOPE?



HE WASN'T IN CALIFORNIA, NO. BUT IF WHAT I FOUND IS TRUE, THAT'S THE LEAST OF OUR CONCERNS NOW.

TRACE FAMILY FARM, TEXAS.

THERMITE WAS FLORES' LAST KNOWN CONTACT. HE LOST HIS FAMILY, AND THEN HE JUST KEPT LOSING.

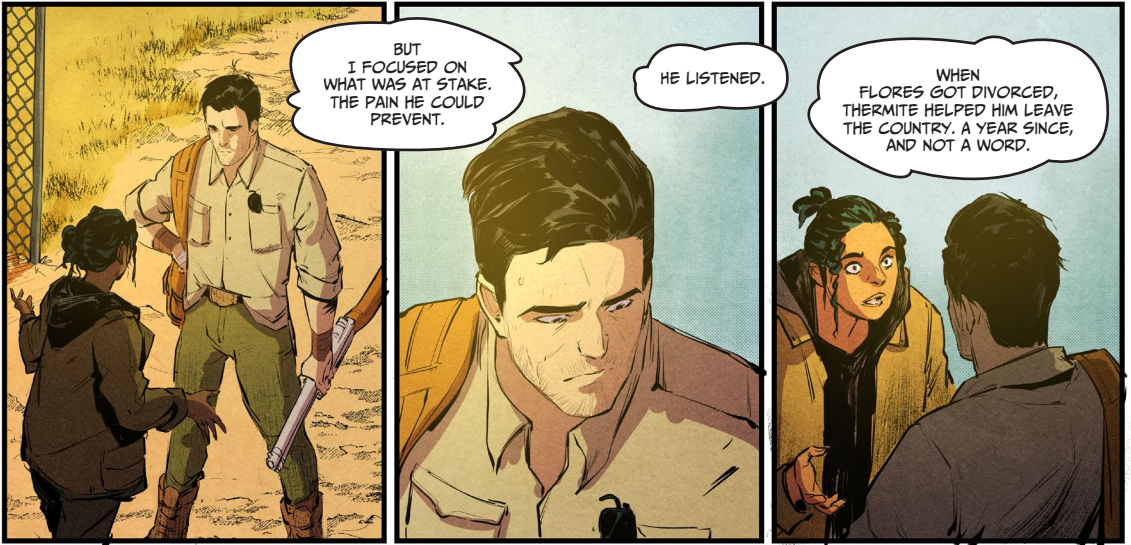
HE BLAMES US.



BUT I FOCUSED ON WHAT WAS AT STAKE. THE PAIN HE COULD PREVENT.

HE LISTENED.

WHEN FLORES GOT DIVORCED, THERMITE HELPED HIM LEAVE THE COUNTRY. A YEAR SINCE, AND NOT A WORD.



BUT HE KNEW WHERE FLORES WENT?

YES. BACK TO BUENOS AIRES.





BUENOS AIRES.

SAME CITY WHERE THE ATTACK TOOK PLACE.



HE WELCOMED ME IN.



SAID HE WAS GLAD I WAS THE ONE WHO CAME.



AND YOU BELIEVED HIM?

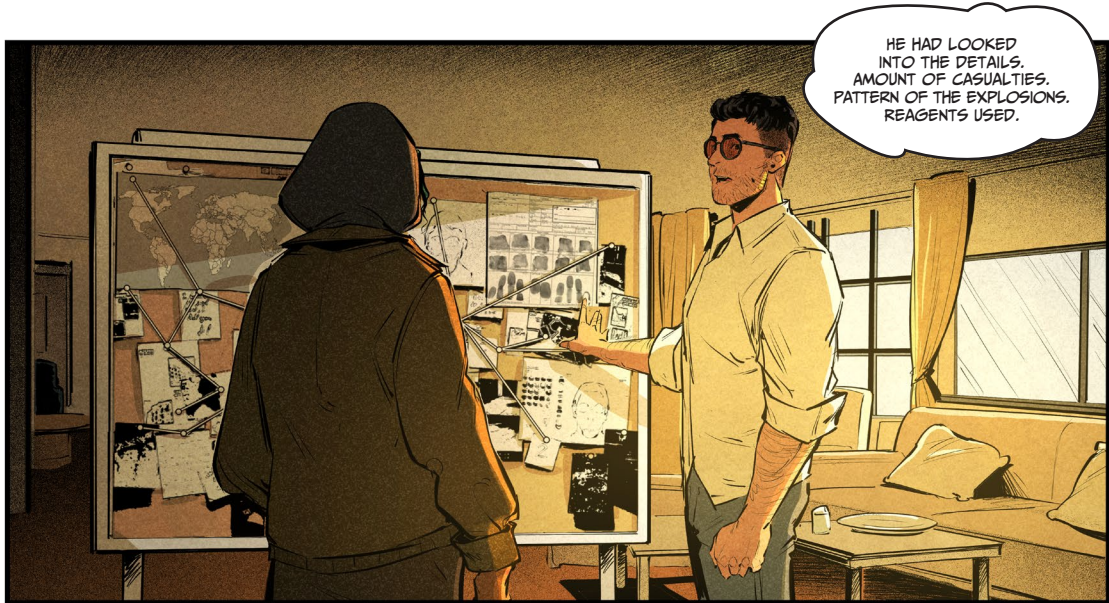


HE BOMBED CIVILIANS FOR PETTY REVENGE ON A CRIME LORD!



IT WASN'T HIM, BUT HE HAD INSIGHT ON THE ATTACK.

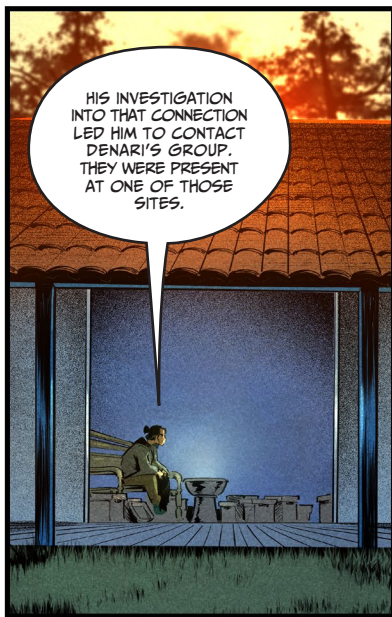
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HE HAD LOOKED INTO THE DETAILS. AMOUNT OF CASUALTIES. PATTERN OF THE EXPLOSIONS. REAGENTS USED.



HIS THEORY WAS THAT THE ATTACK'S SIGNATURE CONNECTED IT TO OTHERS WORLDWIDE.



HIS INVESTIGATION INTO THAT CONNECTION LED HIM TO CONTACT DENARI'S GROUP. THEY WERE PRESENT AT ONE OF THOSE SITES.



FLORES WAS YOUR OBJECTIVE, CARDOSO. YOUR JURISDICTION ENDED THERE.



HE WASN'T BEHIND IT! BUT SOMEONE WHO COULD ORGANIZE ATTACKS WORLDWIDE WITHOUT LEAVING A TRACE WAS. I HAD TO KNOW.

EAST AFRICAN BATTLEFIELD.

AFTER GSAC BOUGHT NIGHTHAVEN, A GOOD NUMBER OF OPERATORS AND AGENTS WERE OUT OF A JOB.

DENARI KEPT THEM GOING WITH CONTRACT WORK.

GSAC MISSED OTHER ATTACKS BECAUSE SOME GOVERNMENTS ARE TURNING TO PRIVATE GROUPS LIKE DENARI'S AND SIA FOR HELP.

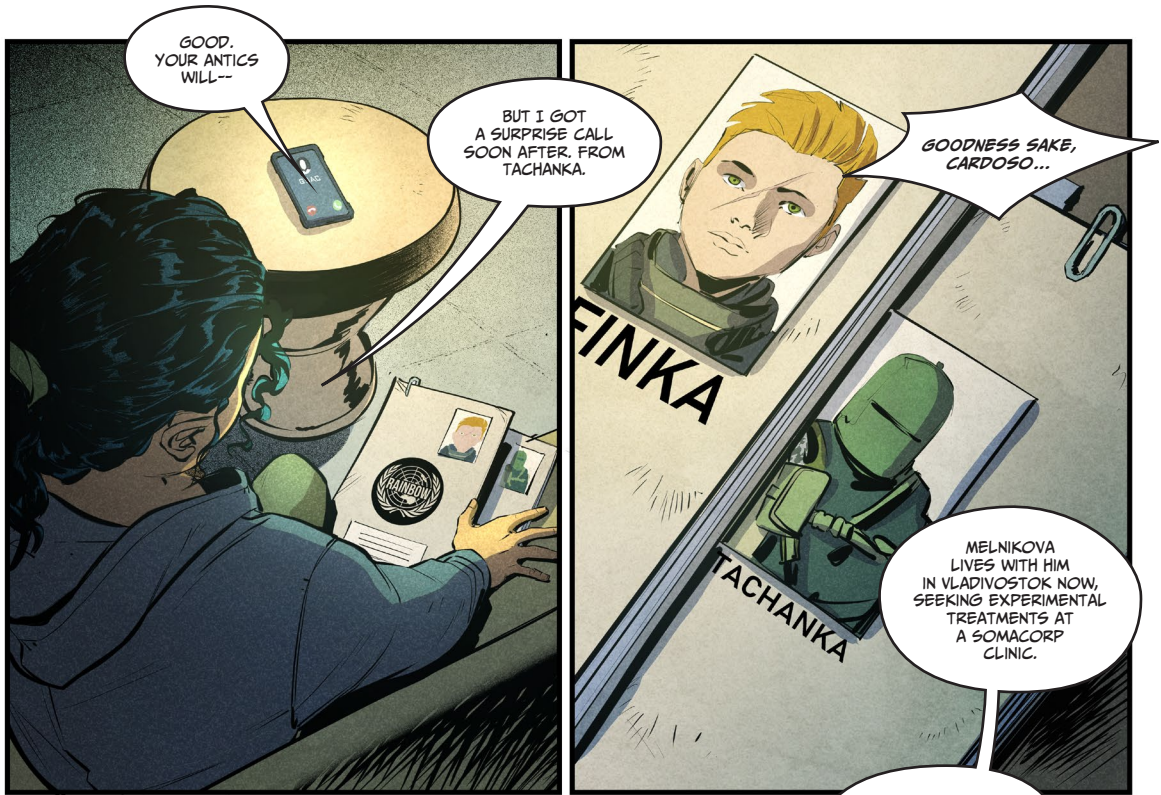
I NEVER LIKED THE SOUND OF HIM, AND I GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WOULDN'T HAVE COOPERATED IF I NEEDED MORE THAN A NAME.

CARDOSO...

GSAC

THE ATTACK FLORES MENTIONED WAS MELNIKOVA'S LAST MISSION, BEFORE HER HEALTH GAVE OUT.

I CONTACTED HER, BUT SHE REFUSED TO MEET.



AIRPORT RUNWAY, UK.

FOLLOWING AN ANONYMOUS TIP, THEY PURSUED A MAN TO A CARGO LOAD OF EXPLOSIVES USING THOSE SAME REAGENTS.

MUTE AND HIS TEAM HAD JUST PREVENTED AN ATTACK, AND THEY DIDN'T KNOW IT.

SAME SIGNATURE, BUT THE BOMBER WAS A NOBODY. NO TIES, NO HISTORY.

THESE ATTACKS WON'T STOP, AND NO ONE IS EQUIPPED TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT THEM ON THEIR OWN.

DO YOU SEE NOW?



WHAT I SEE IS THAT YOU ACTED WITH NO CONSIDERATION FOR PROTOCOL!

THIS ISN'T HOW WE DO THINGS AT GSAC, OFFICER!

ALL DUE RESPECT, COUNCILOR LUGH, BUT WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!



THAT'S NO LONGER YOUR CONCERN.

YOUR MISSION IS OVER, CARDOSO.

PLEASE, THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO BE INFORMED THAT--



THEY WILL BE, FOR YOUR DISCIPLINARY HEARING.

UNTIL THEN, YOU'RE ON LEAVE WITHOUT PAY. DISMISSED.



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ANOTHER GOVERNMENT CONTRACT FOR PMC "STRENGTH IN ARMS".



To be continued in game!