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CHAPTER ONE: BAPTISM BY FIRE

Following the destructive events in Cold Lake Alberta, Philip Wise is assigned to infiltrate and investigate Equilibrium. Now returned none the worse for wear and with Equilibrium's new secret weapon the Uniband in his possession, Phil expected his next assignment to be a simple debrief. But there is a darkness rising across North America and whispers have been heard of a mysterious cult: The Aurora Dawn!

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NORTHERN MONTANA,
USA.

THE STARS HAVE LONG BEEN A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION. WE LOOK UP AND SEE INFINITE POSSIBILITIES. ADVANCES IN SCIENCE, MEDICINE, AND ART WERE ALL POSSIBLE DUE TO THOSE WHO GAZED UPWARD.

BUT NOT ALL WHO GAZE AT THE COSMOS DO SO FOR ALTRUISTIC REASONS.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS!

THEY WILL COME FROM ON HIGH TO JUDGE THIS CRUEL AND SINFUL WORLD!

WE ARE GATHERED HERE TONIGHT BECAUSE THE TIME OF SCOURGING IS APPROACHING.

SOME HAVE MORE SINISTER PLANS IN MIND.

ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN THE *FIVE EYES* AND BEAR THEIR MARK WILL BE SAVED.

SO WE MUST GROW OUR RANKS AND DESTROY THE NON-BELIEVERS AND THOSE WHO WOULD STOP US.

WE MUST CLEANSER THE WAY WITH *FIRE!*

NO! WAIT, PLEASE!

WE WILL BE THE SPARK TO SHOW THEM THE WAY.

PLEASE! SOMEONE HELP ME!

AUGHHHH!!!

AND THE WORLD WILL BURN!



YOU KNOW, WE COULD HAVE TESTED THIS ON A LOWER SETTING.

THAT WOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN ME ENOUGH DATA. AND SO FAR THE UNIBAND SEEMS TO BE PERFORMING ADMIRABLY. NOW, CAN YOU MAKE IT TO ME?



THIS WASN'T IN THE BROCHURE WHEN I FIRST SIGNED UP FOR CSIS.



WHAT P.A.C.T. DOES WOULDN'T MAKE IT INTO ANY BROCHURE, PHIL.

WE INVESTIGATE AND CONTAIN STRANGE THREATS SO THAT REGULAR CANADIANS CAN SLEEP AT NIGHT.



IT'S HARD WORK AND PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND ME THAT KEEP OTHERS SAFE. NOT HOKEY COSTUMES AND LASER BEAMS!



BOOM!



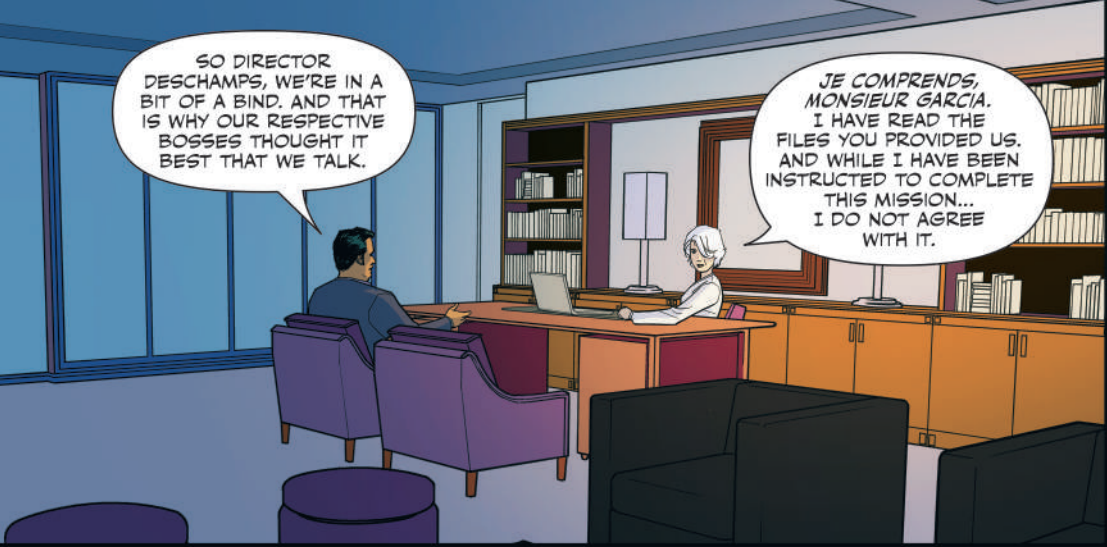
I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO THAT. I JUST THOUGHT ABOUT A LASER AND--

FASCINATING. THE UNIBAND RESPONDS TO YOUR THOUGHTS EVEN BETTER THAN WE FIRST HOPED. WE NEED TO--



DR. CAPE AND AGENT WISE. REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

WE'D BETTER GO. I'LL FINISH THE TESTS LATER.



SO DIRECTOR DESCHAMPS, WE'RE IN A BIT OF A BIND. AND THAT IS WHY OUR RESPECTIVE BOSSSES THOUGHT IT BEST THAT WE TALK.

JE COMPRENDS, MONSIEUR GARCIA. I HAVE READ THE FILES YOU PROVIDED US. AND WHILE I HAVE BEEN INTERRUPTED TO COMPLETE THIS MISSION... I DO NOT AGREE WITH IT.



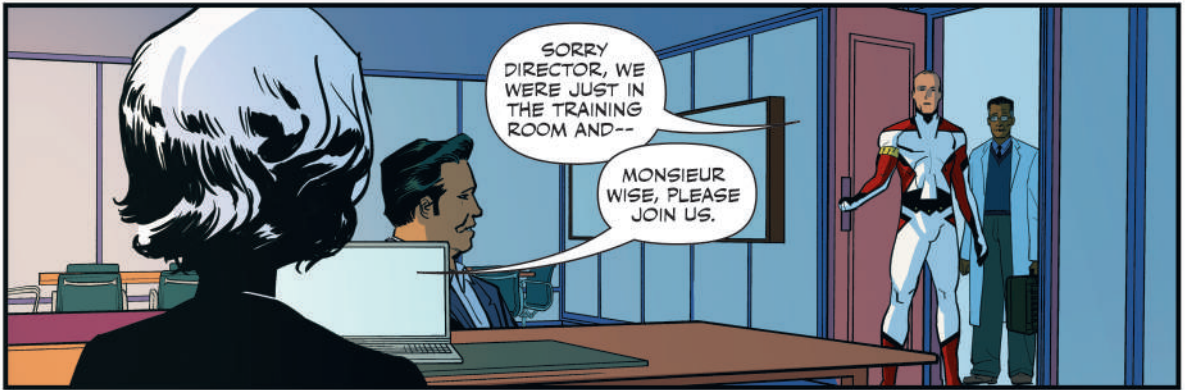
HA! ISN'T THAT THIS LIFE WE CHOSE?

IF I HAD A NICKEL FOR EVERY MISSION I DIDN'T AGREE WITH I'D BE A RICH MAN. SO I FEEL FOR YOU.



BUT THAT'S NOT HOW THINGS WORK, IS IT?

NON, MONSIEUR. IT IS NOT.



SORRY DIRECTOR, WE WERE JUST IN THE TRAINING ROOM AND--

MONSIEUR WISE, PLEASE JOIN US.



THIS IS AGENT GARCIA FROM THE CIA. WE ARE ABOUT TO DO THEM A FAVOUR.

HELLO.

GREAT TO MEET YOU! I'VE HEARD THAT YOU'RE ONE OF P.A.C.T.'S BEST.



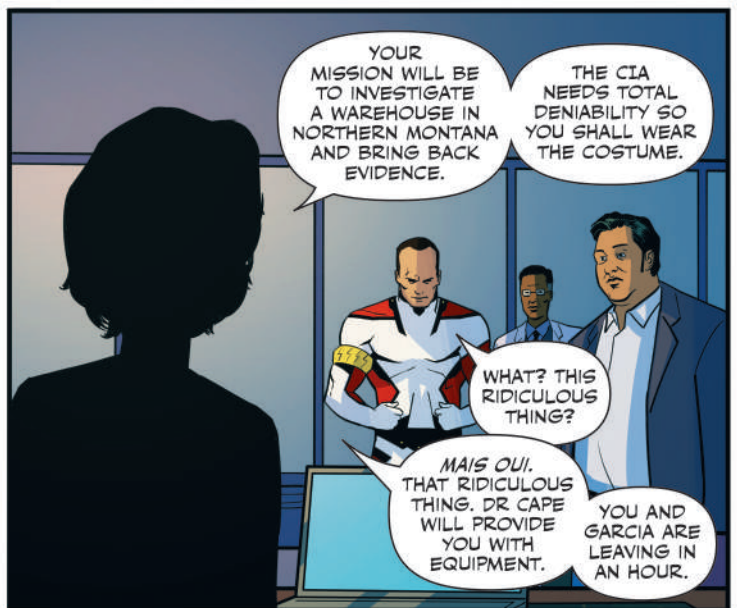
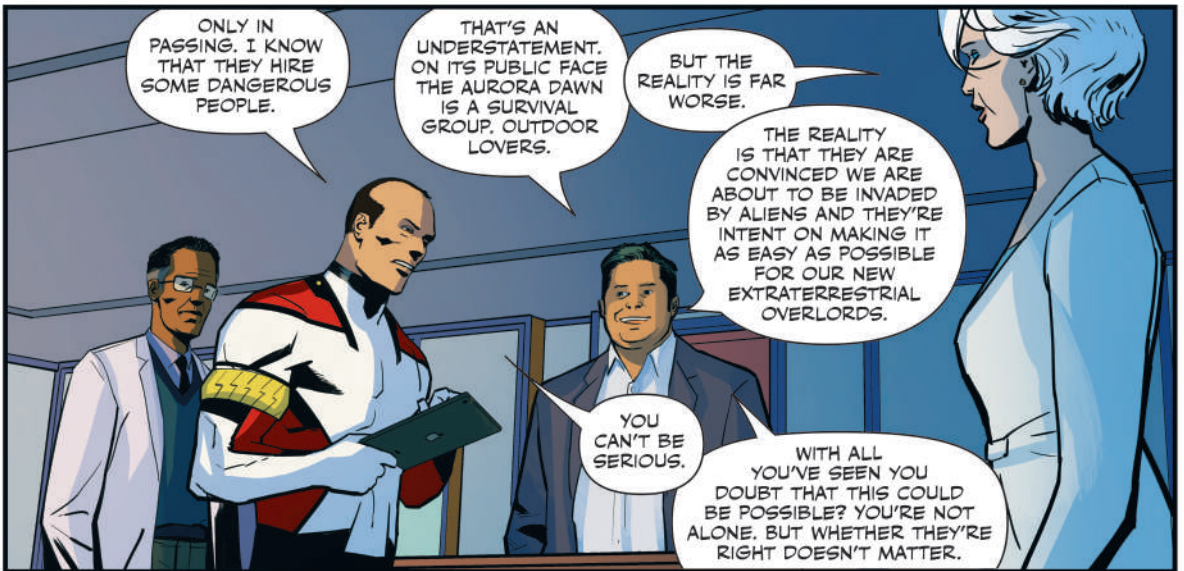
AND OF COURSE YOU REMEMBER DR. CAPE.

NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, RON.

GOOD TO SEE YOU TOO, TERRY. HOW DID YOU LIKE THE "PACKAGE" I SENT YOU?

SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON.

IT WAS PERFECT. AS ALWAYS.





DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS???

NO, I HAD NO IDEA. I JUST HAPPENED TO HAVE YOU RUN TESTS ON A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT THAT YOU HAPPEN TO NEED IN THE FIELD.



THIS COSTUME LOOKS AWFUL.

YEP. AND IT MIGHT SAVE YOUR LIFE.



I'VE BEEN TINKERING WITH THE EQ DESIGN. EVANS MAY BE A GENIUS BUT SO AM I.



I'VE ALSO MADE SOME CHANGES TO THE HELMET. I GOT RID OF ALL THE EYES. WAY TOO CREEPY.



THE UNIBAND WILL ONLY RESPOND TO YOUR BRAINWAVES NOW.

AURORA DAWN

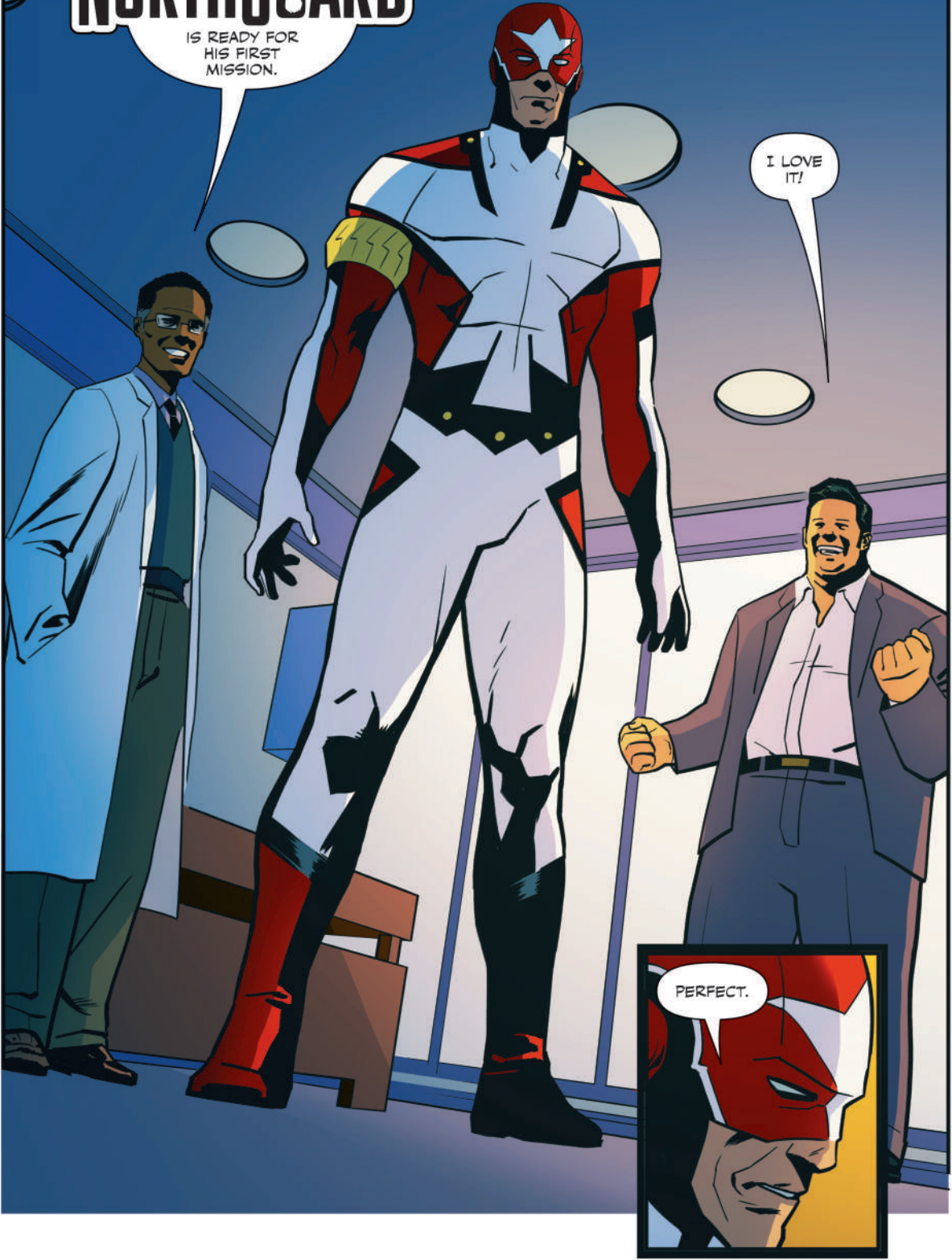
CHAPTER I: BAPTISM BY FIRE

AGENT
NORTHGUARD

IS READY FOR
HIS FIRST
MISSION.

I LOVE
IT!

PERFECT.



CIA JET 0X1. FLYING NEAR THE SASKATCHEWAN/MONTANA BORDER.

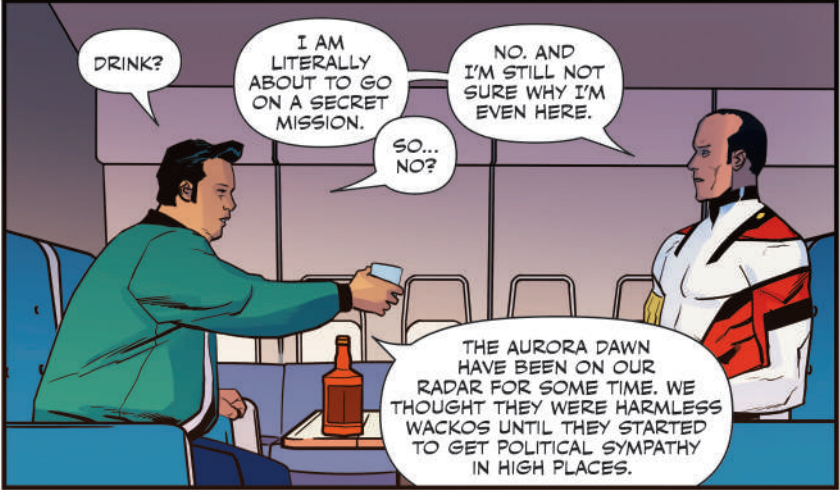




YOU DON'T SEEM TOO CONVINCED ABOUT THIS INTEL.



I'M NOT. LOOK, I'VE SEEN SOME WEIRD THINGS BUT AN ENTIRE ALIEN INVASION. C'MON.



DRINK?

I AM LITERALLY ABOUT TO GO ON A SECRET MISSION.

NO. AND I'M STILL NOT SURE WHY I'M EVEN HERE.

SO... NO?

THE AURORA DAWN HAVE BEEN ON OUR RADAR FOR SOME TIME. WE THOUGHT THEY WERE HARMLESS WACKOS UNTIL THEY STARTED TO GET POLITICAL SYMPATHY IN HIGH PLACES.



WE LOST OUR INFORMANT AND CAN'T GO AFTER THEM WITHOUT CONCRETE PROOF OF WRONGDOING.



SINCE WHEN DOES THE CIA CARE ABOUT INTRUDING ON THE RIGHTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS?

SINCE THEIR CONNECTIONS WITH SENATORS COULD GET OUR OPERATIONS SHUT DOWN.

AND WE'VE GOT OTHER FILES BESIDES THIS ONE. INNOCENT PEOPLE WILL BE KILLED IF WE LOSE FUNDING.

THAT'S WHY WE CAME TO YOU.

I'M FLATTERED.



DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU AS STRANGE THAT THE CIA IS LOOKING INTO THIS? A CULT? THAT'S NORMALLY AN FBI JOB RIGHT?

...RIGHT. YOU GUYS ARE EXTERNAL THREATS.

BINGO.

YOU THINK THE INVASION MIGHT BE REAL?

C'MON, WE ARE ALMOST AT THE DROPZONE.



REMEMBER, THE COMPLEX IS THREE MILES WEST OF YOUR LANDING SITE. SORRY, 4.8 KILOMETRES.

HA. HA.

ONCE YOU'VE GOTTEN THE EVIDENCE, BLOW THE PLACE AND HEAD NORTH ACROSS THE BORDER. YOUR PEOPLE WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU IN SASKATCHEWAN.



DON'T TAKE THIS PERSONALLY, BUT I HOPE WE DON'T SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.

HA! YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW OFTEN I GET THAT. GOOD LUCK AGENT NORTHGUARD.



CAPE? DO YOU READ ME? I'M TOUCHING DOWN AT THE DROPZONE NOW.

READING YOU LOUD AND CLEAR.



I'M TRACKING ALL YOUR VITALS AS GOOD.



COPY THAT. SO FAR, SO GOOD.

AURORA DAWN WAREHOUSE 003,
MONTANA, USA.

CAPE, I'M
ALMOST
IN.

YOUR ENERGY BLAST
COMES IN TWO FLAVOURS:
LETHAL AND NON-LETHAL.
YOU CAN FOCUS THE POWER
OF THE BEAM IN A SMALL
AREA IF NECESSARY.

I'VE ALSO
CHANGED THE
FREQUENCY SO THE
BEAM IS YELLOW NOW
INSTEAD OF BLUE.

I'VE PROGRAMMED
THE COSTUME TO MIMIC
YOUR SURROUNDINGS
WHEN YOU STAND
STILL.

AS LONG AS YOU DON'T
MOVE YOU SHOULD BE
UNDETECTABLE.



YOU
LOOK
LOST.



I THOUGHT
THIS WAS TOO
EASY.

DON'T
SUPPOSE
YOU WANT TO
SURRENDER?



REMEMBER TO KEEP THIS ONE ALIVE. HE'LL BE NEEDED FOR QUESTIONING.



DON'T WORRY, WINGREEN. I WON'T DAMAGE THE LITTLE MAN TOO MUCH. OR HIS FUNNY CLOTHES.

REMINDS ME OF A RODEO CLOWN.

YOU'RE AWFULLY SURE OF YOURSELF. BUT JUST LIKE EVERYONE...



...YOU TALK TOO MUCH!



YOU'LL NEED TO DO BETTER THAN THAT.



SHE'S FAST!



I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS. LET'S SEE WHAT THIS UNIBAND CAN REALLY DO.



MY "RODEO CLOWN" GETUP ISN'T JUST FOR LOOKS. IT PACKS QUITE A PUNCH. HERE...









YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO VERIFY GARCIA'S CONCERNS.

OUR FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON ARE VERY HAPPY WITH YOU.



I, HOWEVER, AM NOT. WE ARE NOT THE ARMY. WE GO IN, AND GET OUT, WITHOUT BEING NOTICED.

HEY! IT ISN'T MY FAULT THAT YOU SENT ME ON A MISSION WITH AN UNTESTED AND DEADLY PIECE OF TECHNOLOGY!



I KNOW THAT YOU AREN'T RAISING YOUR VOICE AT ME, M. WISE. DO YOU FORGET WHO YOU ARE TALKING TO? I'M NOT SOME BUREAUCRAT FROM OTTAWA.

I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT IS LIKE IN THE FIELD.



SO WHAT IS NEXT?

THE CIA WOULD LIKE TO INVESTIGATE THE AURORA DAWN FURTHER.

WASHINGTON IS DENYING ANY INVOLVEMENT IN YOUR MISSION PUBLICLY, BUT PRIVATELY I HEAR THAT THE PRESIDENT AND OUR PRIME MINISTER HAD A VERY PRODUCTIVE CHAT THIS MORNING.

AND THE MAP? THEY ARE PLANNING TO ATTACK CANADA.

YES. I KNOW. THAT IS WHY WE ARE ON PERMANENT LOAN TO THE CIA UNTIL THE AURORA DAWN HAVE BEEN DISMANTLED.

CONGRATULATIONS, AGENT NORTHGUARD. YOU'RE A SUPERHERO NOW.

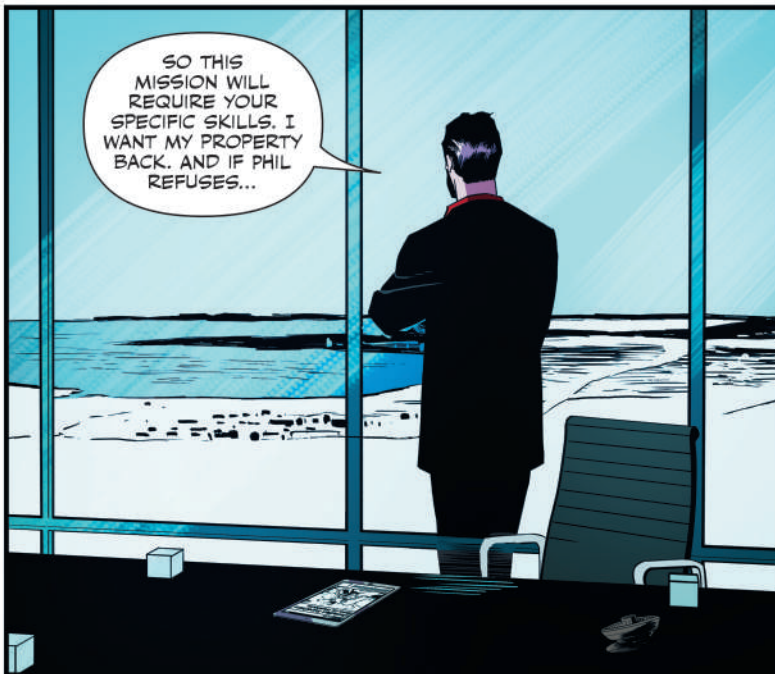


SWELL.

EQUILIBRIUM HQ, RESOLUTE BAY,
NUNAVUT, CANADA.



THIS IS
UNACCEPTABLE!





MAIS
OUI, C'EST
FAIT.

TO BE CONTINUED...

WELCOME TO THE CHAPTERVERSE,
WHERE HEROES LIVE!

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DAANGEROUS ENCOUNTER

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