



WHEN DIRECTOR GABRIEL DISAPPEARED AND LEFT THE S.Q.R.L. A SHAMBLES, HE ALSO LEFT A LOT OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS.



AND, AS EXCITING AS IT IS TO SEND IN THE ALPHAS TO BUST SOME HEADS, IT'S THE INTELLIGENCE GATHERING THAT'S GOING TO GET ANSWERS.



HALEY GOT OUT OF THE S.Q.R.L. WHEN IT WAS GOING BAD. HE HAD HOPED TO SET THINGS RIGHT BY EXAMINING ITS PAST.



THE POWERS THAT BE WEREN'T INTERESTED, SO HE'S GONE UNDERGROUND, PIECING TOGETHER THE SECRET HISTORY OF A SECRET ORGANIZATION.

WE NEEDED INFORMATION FROM HIM.

FIRST, THOUGH, I NEED YOU TO FILL IN SOME BLANKS.

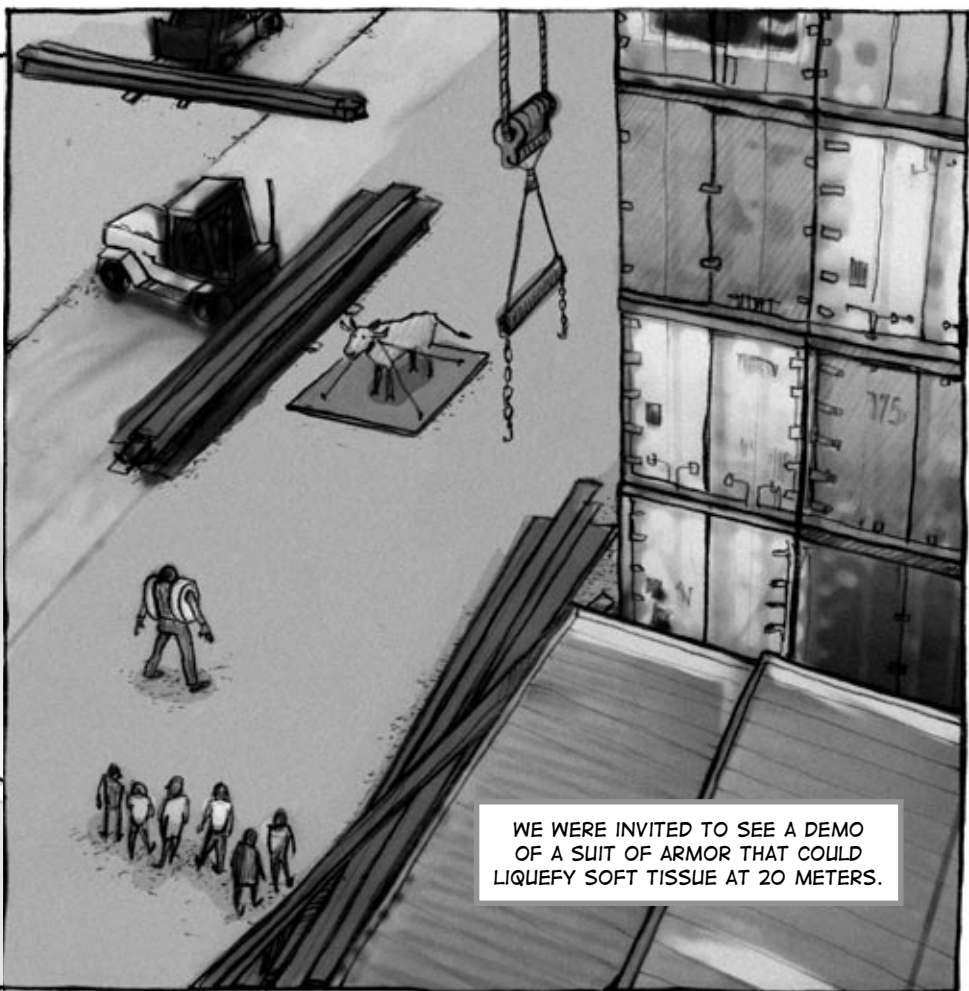
TELL ME ABOUT MADRID.



WELL, AS YOU KNOW, AROUND THAT TIME...



...ROSE AND I HAD ESTABLISHED DEEP COVER AS ARMS BROKERS.



WE WERE INVITED TO SEE A DEMO OF A SUIT OF ARMOR THAT COULD LIQUEFY SOFT TISSUE AT 20 METERS.



SEEMED A BUNCH OF RUSSIAN SCIENTISTS
DECIDED IT WASN'T WORTH KEEPING THEIR
SONIC WEAPON A STATE SECRET ANYMORE.

THIS IS TOO
BIG TO LET HIT THE
MARKET.

IT'S BIG ENOUGH
TO ATTRACT THE
HEAVY HITTERS.

IT'LL COST US
OUR COVERS...


...WE CAN SET
ONE HELL OF
A TRAP.

...BUT
IF WE CAN SET UP
THIS DEAL...





IT TOOK EIGHT MONTHS IN
TWELVE COUNTRIES TO GET
ALL THE PLAYERS ON BOARD.



WE BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER
TO WORK OUT THE DEAL.

AND THEN WE CONTACTED CENTRAL.

IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST HEAVILY
GUARDED GATHERINGS YOU'LL EVER SEE.



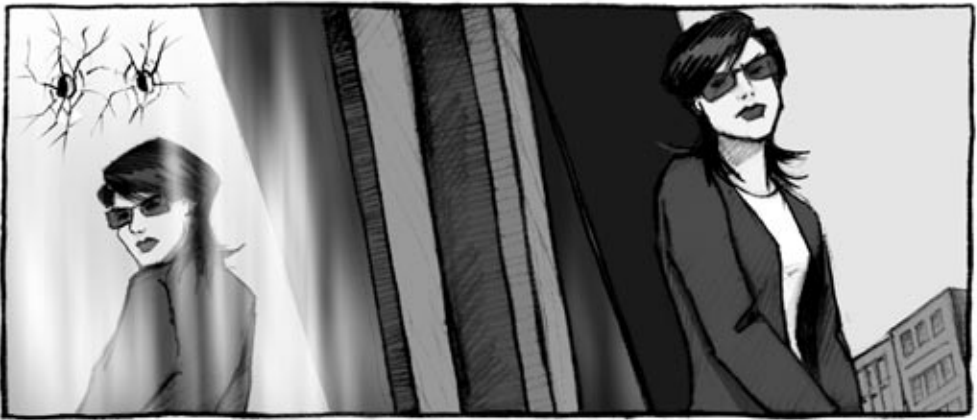
CENTRAL DROPPED PLASMA ON THEM...



...AND SENT
IN FENRIS—

BLAM!





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