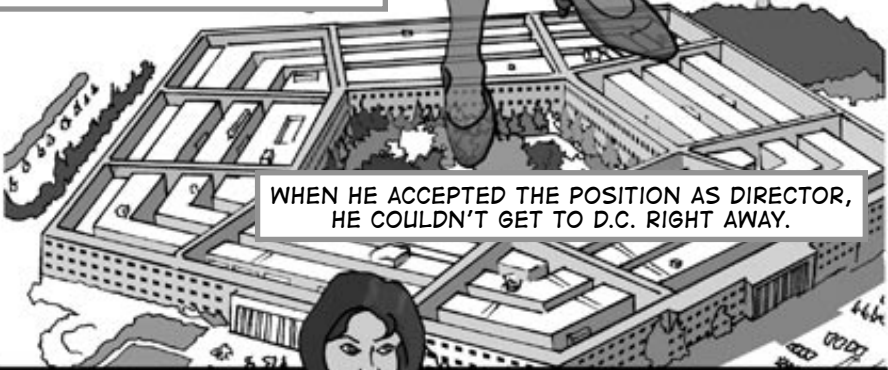


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...TO HELP UNDERSTAND HIS FIRST DAY, I'D LIKE TO SHARE A LITTLE OF MINE.

I'D WORKED FOR DEAN BOOKMAN FOR ALMOST TEN YEARS.



WHEN HE ACCEPTED THE POSITION AS DIRECTOR, HE COULDN'T GET TO D.C. RIGHT AWAY.



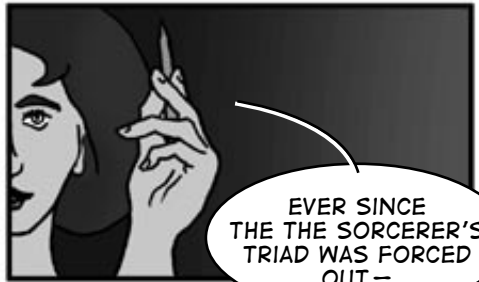
WHICH IS HOW I WOUND UP IN THE PENTAGON'S SUB-BASEMENT, IN THE S.Q.R.L.'S OFFICE, MEETING WITH OUR L.O.



AND HE WASN'T TOO PLEASED WITH WHAT I HAD TO SAY.



THIS ORGANIZATION IS A *VITAL* MILITARY ASSET. YOU *CAN'T* JUST *MOVE OUT*.



EVER SINCE THE THE SORCERER'S TRIAD WAS FORCED OUT —



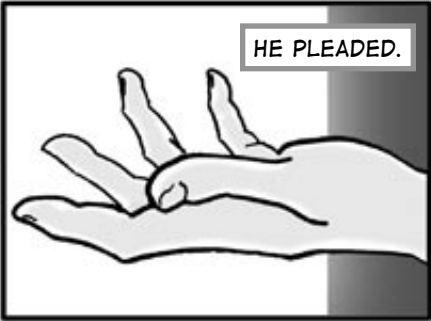
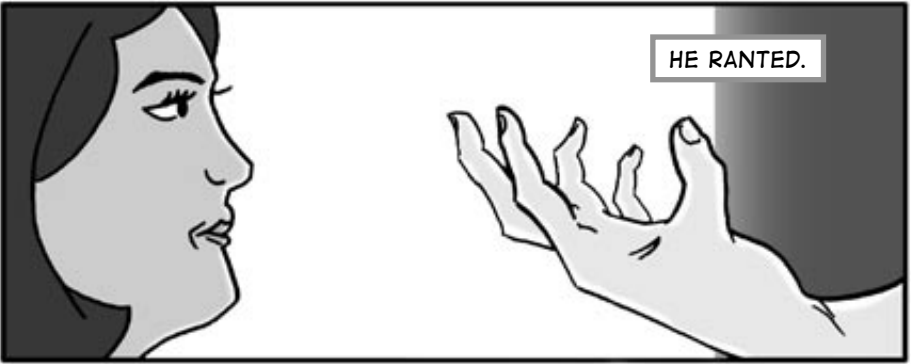
— THE PENTAGON HAS ENJOYED A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE S.Q.R.L.



WE THINK, MAYBE TOO CLOSE.

AND WITH DIR — FORMER DIRECTOR GABRIEL'S ... *ABRUPT* ... DEPARTURE —

— DIRECTOR BOOKMAN THINKS BOTH ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT BENEFIT FROM SOME... *DISTANCE*.





NICELY
DONE,
JANET.

I LOOK
FORWARD TO
HEARING ABOUT HOW
YOU MADE THIS
HAPPEN.

BUT FIRST, I NEED
THE FILES ON INACTIVE
AGENTS ON MY DESK
IN AN HOUR —

SO WHEN DIRECTOR BOOKMAN ARRIVED,
HE WALKED INTO HIS NEW OPS CENTER —
IN CRYSTAL CITY, A COUPLE MILES FROM
THE PENTAGON'S INFLUENCE.

— AND SCHEDULE A
MEETING WITH NSA, GET THE
AMBASSADOR TO THE U.N. ON
THE PHONE, AND GET INFINITY
AND TARGET IN HERE.



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