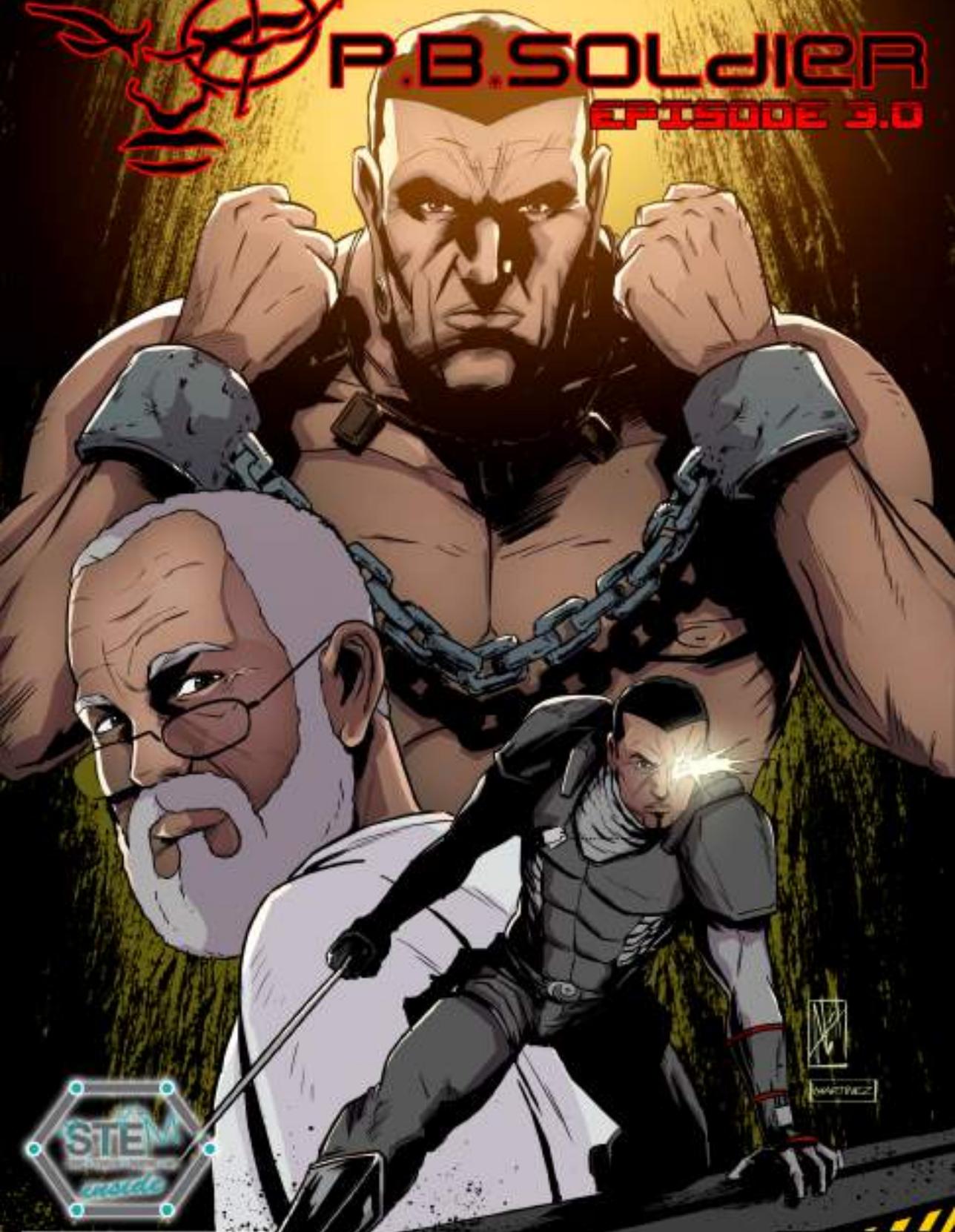




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Overview

Previously in Episode 2.5, P.B.Soldier (Nat Cummings) gets a visit from his past. The question becomes can you have a future with an unresolved past?

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P.B.Soldier (Nat Cummings) seeks out one of his mentors in order to make sense out of the visions he is having.



ART BY: TIM FIELDER

WEST AFRICA, 1580.



YOU KNOW
NOT WHAT
YOU DO.







SEEK THE TRUTH. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?*



WHAT ARE THESE VISIONS? AM I GOING CRAZY?



THEY DON'T SEEM LIKE HALLUCINATIONS. THEY SEEM MORE LIKE MEMORIES.



I HAVE TO KNOW THE TRUTH. PERHAPS PROFESSOR GUARF CAN HELP ME.



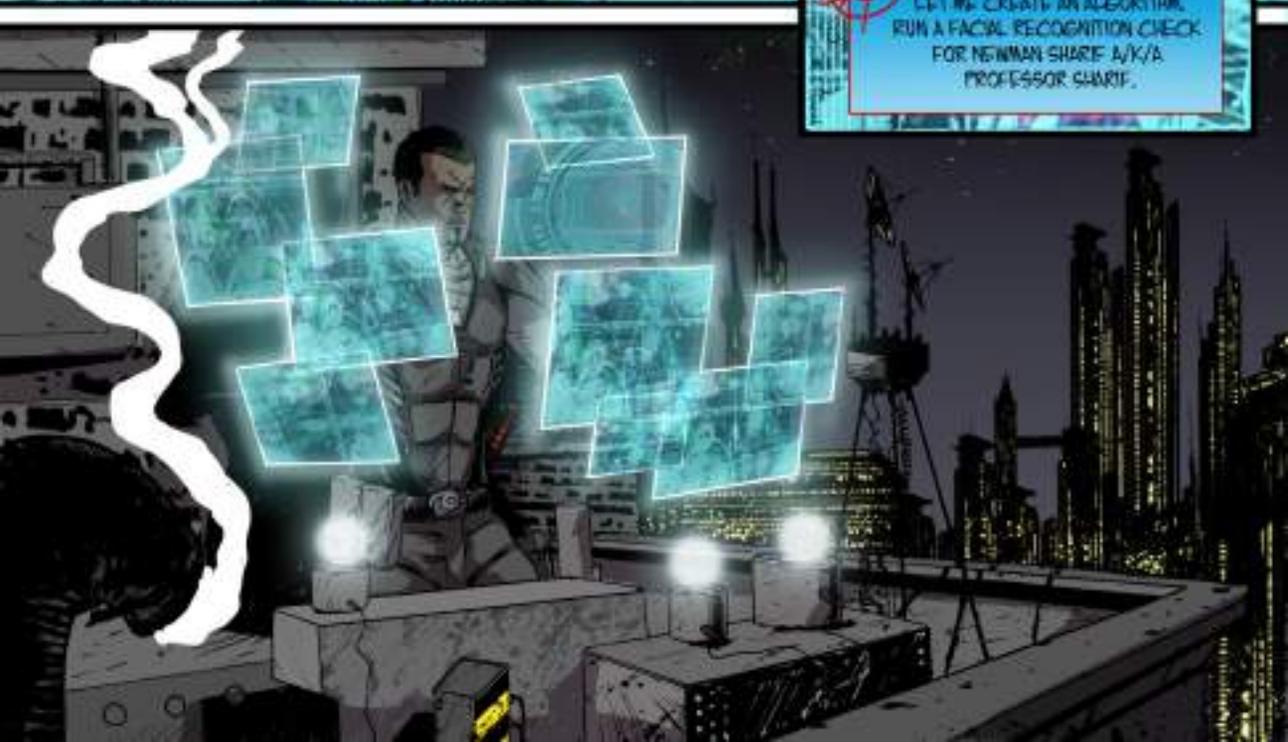
INSIDE HEARSL



FOUND THE RENAISSANCE CITY SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS.



LET ME CREATE AN ALGORITHM,
RUN A FACIAL RECOGNITION CHECK
FOR NEWMAN SHARE A/K/A
PROFESSOR SHARIF.

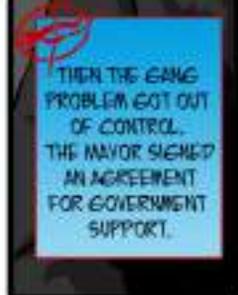




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IN MY OLD NEIGHBORHOOD.



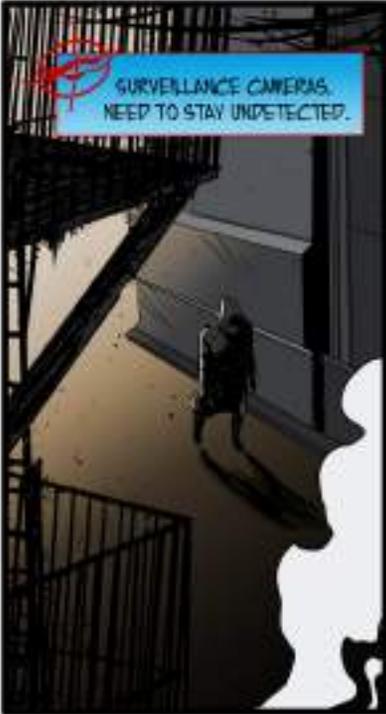
I REMEMBER WHEN
SOUTH SIDE WAS THE JEWEL
OF RENAISSANCE CITY.



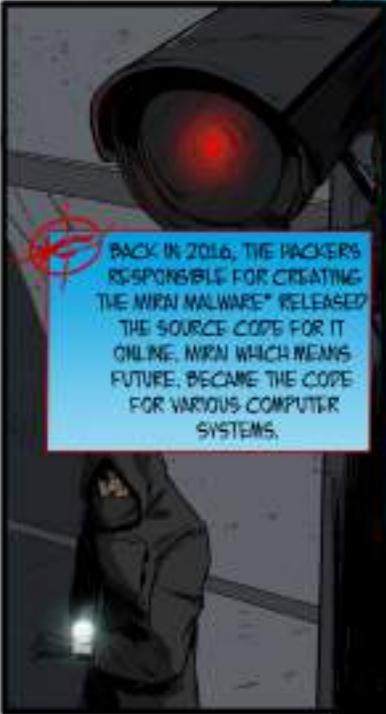
THEN THE GANG
PROBLEM GOT OUT
OF CONTROL.
THE MAYOR SIGNED
AN AGREEMENT
FOR GOVERNMENT
SUPPORT.



WHICH TURNED INTO
GOVERNMENT CONTROL.



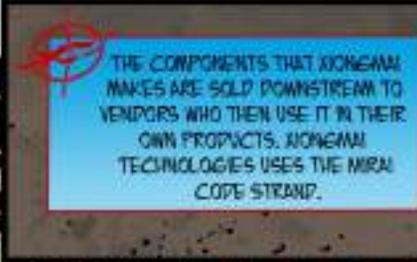
SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS
NEED TO STAY UNDETECTED.



BACK IN 2016, THE HACKERS
RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING
THE MIRAI MALWARE* RELEASED
THE SOURCE CODE FOR IT
ONLINE. MIRAI WHICH MEANS
FUTURE, BECAME THE CODE
FOR VARIOUS COMPUTER
SYSTEMS.



AMEN INC.
CONTRACTED THIS HIGH-TECH
CHINESE COMPANY CALLED XIONGMAI
TECHNOLOGIES TO DEVELOP IP**
CAMERAS FOR THE E.



THE COMPONENTS THAT XIONGMAI
MAKES ARE SOLD DOWNSTREAM TO
VENDORS WHO THEN USE IT IN THEIR
OWN PRODUCTS. XIONGMAI
TECHNOLOGIES USES THE MIRAI
CODE STRAND.



THIS ALLOWED ME TO
CREATE A BACKDOOR
INTO THEIR SYSTEM.



ONLY BEING SEEN
WHEN I WANT TO.

* MIRAI MALWARE - MIRAI (JAPANESE FOR "THE FUTURE", 未来) IS MALWARE THAT TURNS COMPUTER SYSTEMS RUNNING LINUX INTO REMOTELY CONTROLLED "BOTS", THAT CAN BE USED AS PART OF A BOTNET IN LARGE-SCALE NETWORK ATTACKS. IT PRIMARILY TARGETS ONLINE CONSUMER DEVICES SUCH AS REMOTE CAMERAS AND HOME ROUTERS.

** IP - INTERNET PROTOCOL ADDRESS (IP ADDRESS) IS A NUMERICAL LABEL ASSIGNED TO EACH DEVICE (E.G., COMPUTER, PRINTER) PARTICIPATING IN A COMPUTER NETWORK THAT USES THE INTERNET PROTOCOL FOR COMMUNICATION. AN IP ADDRESS SERVES TWO PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS, HOST OR NETWORK INTERFACE IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION ADDRESSING. ITS ROLE HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED AS FOLLOWS: "A NAME INDICATES WHAT WE SEEK, AN ADDRESS INDICATES WHERE IT IS, & A ROUTE INDICATES HOW TO GET THERE."



BROKEN
DREAMS

NAT IS
THAT YOU?

YES,
IT'S ME.



I HAD
TO LEAVE.
THINGS WERE
TOO HECTIC.

AREN'T
YOU A SIGHT FOR
AN OLD MAN'S EYES.
HAVE NOT SEEN YOU
SINCE R.C.I.T.*



I LEFT
ALSO?

WHY
PROFESSOR
GHARIF?



I GREW TIRED
OF THE POLITICS,
THE SYSTEM AND
LACK OF
CREATIVITY.

THINGS
HAVE REALLY
CHANGED IN THE
LAST FEW
YEARS.



I REMEMBER WHEN THIS PARK WAS FILLED WITH KIDS. NOW LOOK AT IT.

EVER SINCE THE A.T.S. CAME TO TOWN.



SEE THOSE GUYS DEALING THAT POISON. KILLING OUR OWN.



WITH ALL OF THE JOBS AND RECREATION GONE. WHAT ELSE ARE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TO DO?



IT'S ALMOST LIKE WE ARE FORCED INTO THIS LIFESTYLE.



BEFORE YOU HAD OPTIONS. NOW IT'S EITHER HUSTLE FOR CRED'S OR DIE STARVING.



WHAT ABOUT THE EP THEY WATCH EVERYTHING.

AS LONG AS CITY DWELLERS ARE KILLING THEMSELVES, WHO CARES? IT'S OUR OWN GENOCIDE.*



SOME DAY, WE'LL WAKE UP.

WAKE UP?? I HOPE SO BEFORE WE ARE PURGED FROM EXISTENCE.

*GENOCIDE - THE DELIBERATE KILLING OF A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF A PARTICULAR ETHNIC GROUP OR NATION.



I DON'T
MEAN TO CUT
YOU OFF.

YOU KNOW
I CAN GET PREACHY
SOMETIMES. WHAT
IS IT SUN*?



WELL, I DON'T
KNOW WHAT THAT
MAY BE, BUT I
NEED TO GO.



I HAD SOME
STRANGE VISIONS
ABOUT AN AFRICAN
VILLAGE OR
SOMETHING.

REALLY.



THAT WAS
STRANGE.



MEET ME AT
MY HOUSE
IN ONE HOUR.

I'LL TELL YOU
ALL I KNOW.





**KNOCK
KNOCK**



I HOPE YOU
WEREN'T FOLLOWED.
COME IN QUICKLY.

I NEED
ANSWERS,
PROFESSOR
SHARK.



I BROUGHT
YOU HERE FOR
TWO REASONS.



I THOUGHT
I WAS COMING
HERE TO
LEARN ABOUT
THE VISIONS
I'M HAVING.

THAT'S ONLY
HALF OF IT.



LOOK SON,
KNOWLEDGE IS
POWER. THOSE WHO HAVE
THE KNOWLEDGE, HAVE
THE POWER.

WHAT DOES
THAT MEAN?





ALL I
KNOW IS
HE TOLD ME
WHEN MY GRANDSON
COMES ASKING
ABOUT HIS PAST.



GIVE HIM
THIS AND ALL OF
HIS QUESTIONS WILL
BE ANSWERED.



I FOUND
IT ODD, SINCE YOU
WERE NOT BORN YET,
BUT HERE YOU COME
ASKING FORTY
YEARS LATER.



WAS
SOMETHING
SUPPOSED TO
HAPPEN?



HE TOLD
ME IT BELONGED
TO YOUR GREAT-GREAT
GRANDFATHER
CHARLES "YOUNG"
CUMMINGS WHO SERVED
IN THE SPANISH
AMERICAN WAR.



BACUA, 1898.

COLONEL YOUNG,
WE'RE TRAPPED.
WE WON'T MAKE IT
OUT OF THIS
ONE.

Charles "Easy" Cummings

I'LL GO FIRST
MICHAEL AND DRAW
THEIR FIRE, THEN
YOU DISAPPEAR.

IT WAS
GREAT SERVING
WITH YOU.

IT WAS A
HONOR TO FIGHT
FOR YOU,
COLONEL
CUMMINGS.

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM







FIND
HM,
NO MATTER
WHAT.*

The top panel shows a man in a military-style uniform holding a rifle, standing in a dark forest. A dog is on a leash. A speech bubble from the man says, "FIND HM, NO MATTER WHAT.*". In the background, the words "RUUF RUUF" are written in a stylized, jagged font, suggesting a dog's bark.

RUUF
RUUF



A man in a trench is shown in a dark, watery environment, possibly a trench or a flooded area. He is looking upwards with a concerned expression. A dog is visible in the background. A speech bubble from the man says, "HOPEFULLY, THERE'S FOOD.".

HOPEFULLY,
THERE'S
FOOD.





MY DAY IS
DONE.



THE WAR IS OVER. THE
SPANISH ARE RETREATING.



WE FINALLY GAINED
OUR INDEPENDENCE.



FINALLY.



I AM NEVER GOING BACK. NEVER FELT THIS TYPE OF EMBRACE BEFORE.



I WILL START A FAMILY HERE.



THAT WAS MY GREAT UNCLE IN BACUA. NOW THE FEELINGS I HAD MAKE SENSE.



SHU, WE ARE FINALLY BREAKING THROUGH.

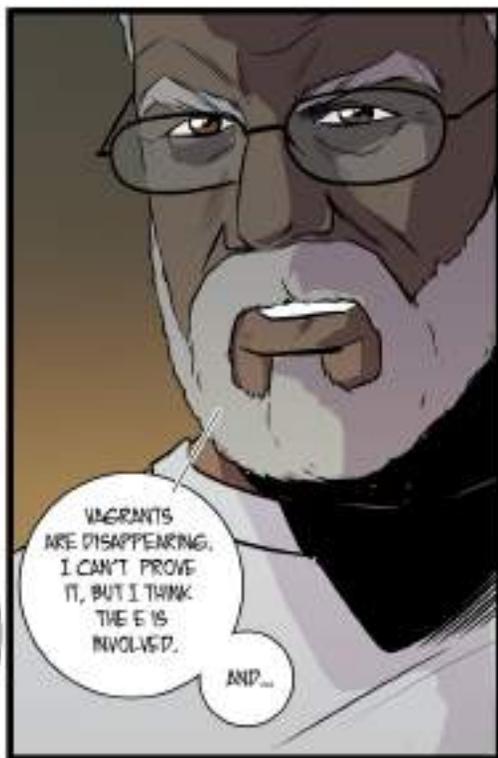
HE HAS TO BE DEPROGRAMMED BEFORE WE CAN FULLY BREAKTHROUGH.

HOPEFULLY, HE CAN LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES AND BREAK THE CYCLE.

WE CAN ONLY WAIT UNTIL HE FINDS HIMSELF.



EVEN THOUGH HE'S PHYSICALLY A MAN, HE STILL HAS NOT GONE THROUGH HIS RITES OF PASSAGE.





I'LL FIND KAYLA AND CRACK THE ENCRYPTION. K3 NEVER STOPPED ME BEFORE.

UPON SEVERAL HOURS



SINCE NEXUS HAS GONE GLOBAL, IT RECEIVES 500 MILLION CYBER ATTACKS PER DAY. MOST PEOPLE CAN'T GET THROUGH THE INITIAL NODE*.



FOREIGN IPS ARE WHERE MOST OF THE ATTACKS COME FROM AND THEY GET BLOCKED. NEXUS SCANS FOR TECHNICAL GLITCHES IN THE COMMUNICATION PATHWAY TO PREVENT SYSTEM INFECTON, BUT WHEN YOU ARE ON THE INSIDE THINGS ARE A LOT SIMPLER.

TYPE A FEW LINES OF CODE AND WE HAVE ACCESS.



FINALLY TTL FILE CRACKED. COMPUTER: UPLOAD SEQUENCE 7-1-8. THE FILE IS TOO LARGE. IT'S GOING TO TAKE SEVERAL HOURS TO UPLOAD AND...

I THINK I FOUND KAYLA.



KAYLA HAS A RARE BLOOD TYPE AB-, LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF WORLD'S POPULATION HAVE THIS BLOOD TYPE AND EVEN RARER AMONG BLACKS.



I FOUND THE ONE PERSON IN NEXUS DATABASE THAT HAS THE SAME BLOOD TYPE AND HAS BEEN LABELED JANE DOE.



THAT MUST BE HER. IT SAYS SHE'S AT THE MORGUE.

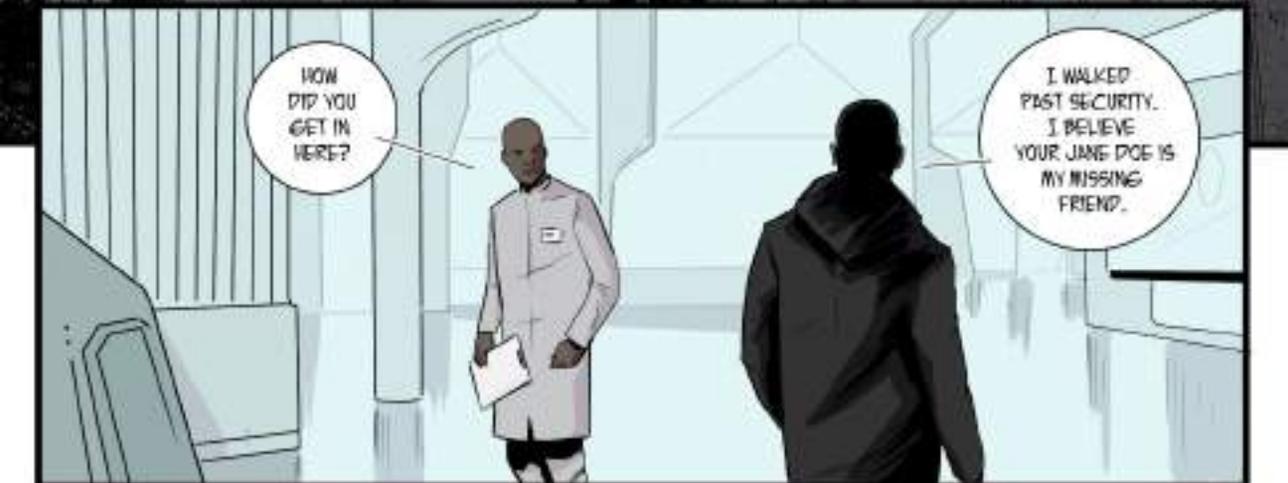


ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT.

*NODE: IN COMMUNICATION NETWORKS, A NODE (LATIN: NŌDŪS, "KNOT") IS EITHER A REDISTRIBUTION POINT (E.G. DATA COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT), OR A COMMUNICATION ENDPOINT (E.G. DATA TERMINAL EQUIPMENT). A PHYSICAL NETWORK NODE IS AN ACTIVE ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT IS ATTACHED TO A NETWORK, AND IS CAPABLE OF CREATING, RECEIVING, OR TRANSMITTING INFORMATION OVER A COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL.



GAINING CAMERA CONTROL
TO GET IN UNDETECTED.



HOW
DID YOU
GET IN
HERE?

I WALKED
PAST SECURITY.
I BELIEVE
YOUR JANE DOE IS
MY MISSING
FRIEND.



STRANGE
CASE.
SHE HAD A RARE
BLOOD TYPE.

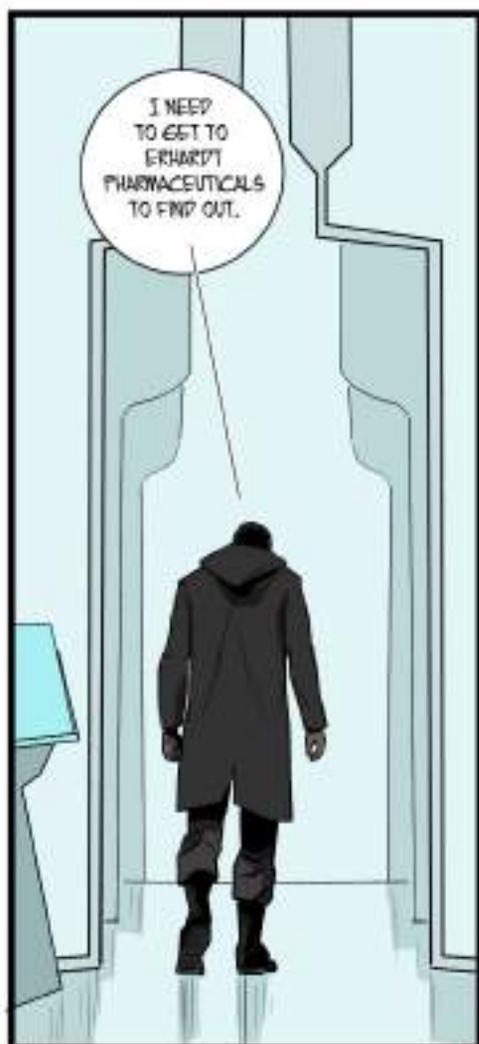
WHAT MAKES
THAT
STRANGE?



SHE WAS
SHOT,
BUT HER
KIDNEYS
ARE
MISSING.



I JUST
HEARD
CAROL CLINTON
IS RECOVERING. SHE
COULD'VE HELPED HER,
BUT A GUN SHOT
WOULD'VE PREVENTED
THAT.





*CREP IS SHORT FOR CREDIT, CREDIT IS THE CURRENCY USED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE INCIDENT.



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