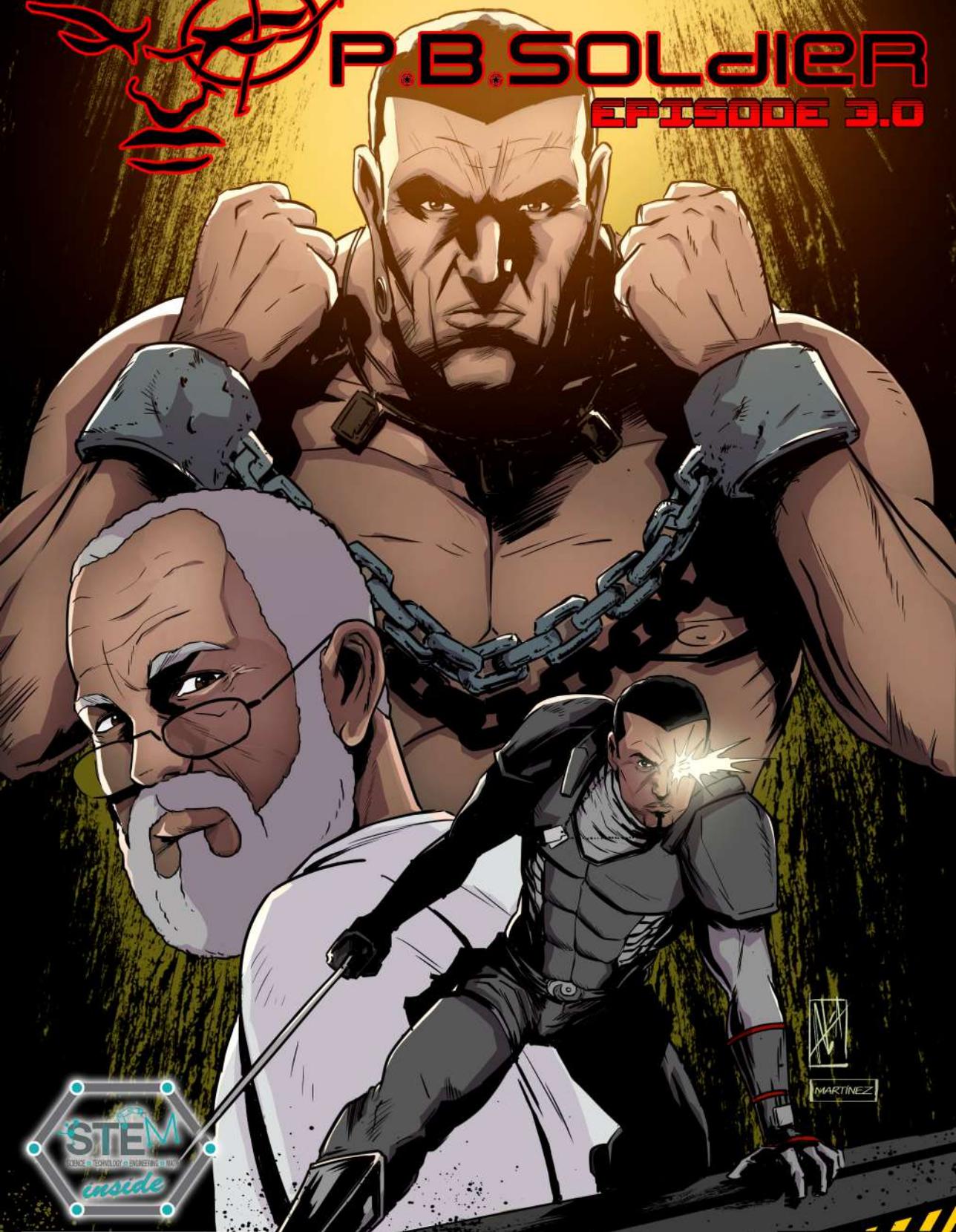




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Welcome to the world of the **P.B.Soldier**.

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.



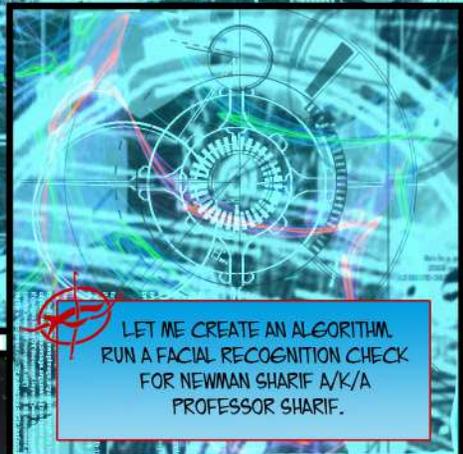
I HAVE TO KNOW THE TRUTH. PERHAPS PROFESSOR GHARIF CAN HELP ME.



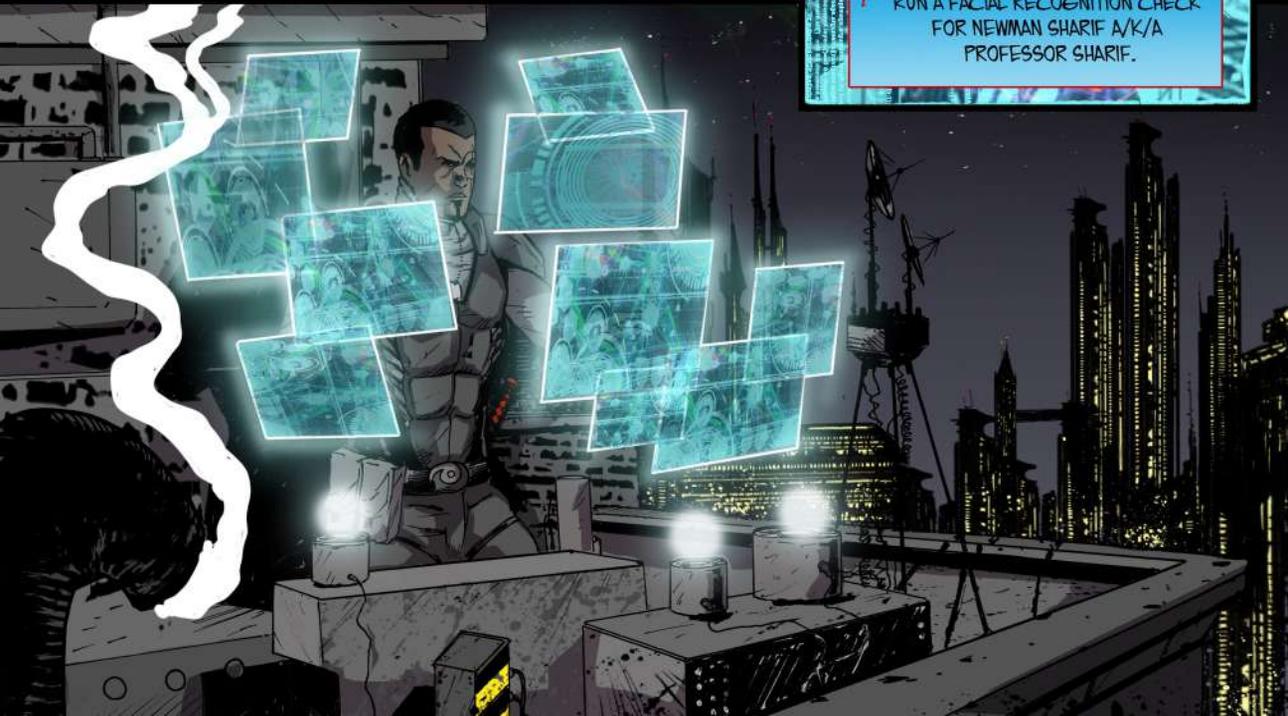
INSIDE NEWS.



FOUND THE RENAISSANCE CITY SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS.



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





FOUND HIM.

TRIANGULATE
ON HIS POSITION.

40.6962° N,
74.2068° W



TOO MANY KNOW ME
IN MY OLD NEIGHBORHOOD.



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



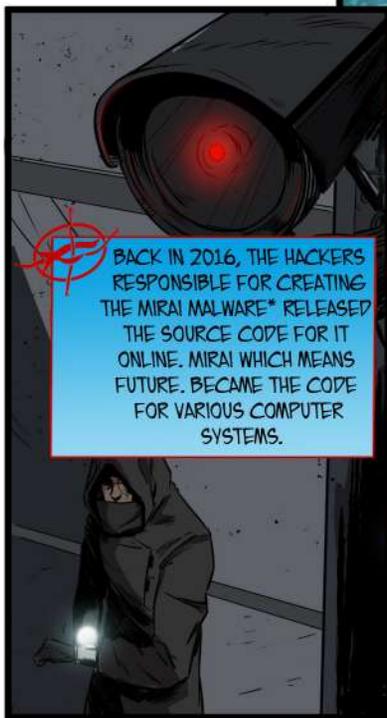
I REMEMBER WHEN
SOUTH SIDE WAS THE JEWEL
OF RENAISSANCE CITY.



WHICH TURNED INTO
GOVERNMENT CONTROL.



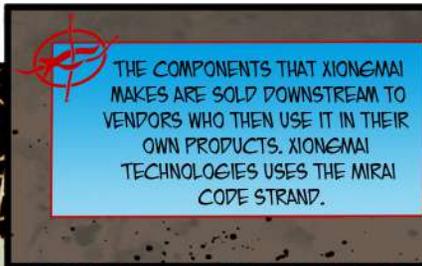
SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS.
NEED TO STAY UNDETECTED.



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.



AHMEN 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."



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 SHARIF?

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\$ OR DIE STARVING.



WHAT ABOUT THE E? THEY WATCH EVERYTHING.

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



SOMEDAY, 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.

*THE SUN IS THE STAR AT THE CENTER OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM AND IS BY FAR THE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCE OF ENERGY FOR LIFE ON EARTH. SUN REPRESENTS MAN.

ONE HOUR LATER.



**KNOCK
KNOCK**



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

I NEED
ANSWERS,
PROFESSOR
SHARIF.



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 SUN,
KNOWLEDGE IS
POWER. THOSE WHO HAVE
THE KNOWLEDGE, HAVE
THE POWER.

WHAT DOES
THAT MEAN?



YOU HAVE TO SEARCH DEEP WITHIN.

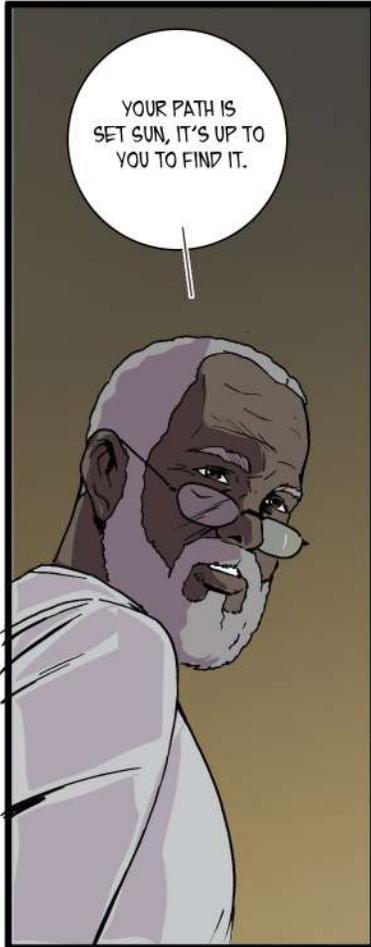
HOW DOES THAT EXPLAIN THE VISIONS?



THERE IS ONE PLACE YOU HAVE NOT LOOKED-- AND IT IS THERE. ONLY THERE THAT YOU WILL FIND THE ANSWER.



YOU HAVE MANY QUESTIONS. DON'T PUT YOURSELF SO FAR IN THE PAST THAT YOU FORGET THE PRESENT AND DENY YOUR FUTURE.



YOUR PATH IS SET SUN, IT'S UP TO YOU TO FIND IT.



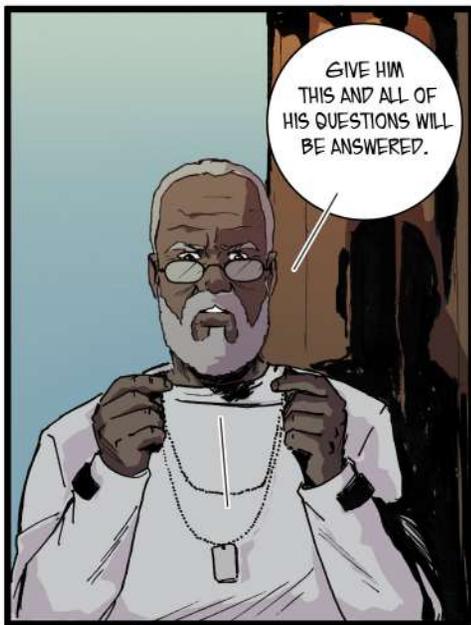
EVERY TIME I'M ABOUT TO DO SOMETIME MAJOR, I START HAVING THESE VISIONS.



YOUR GRANDDAD JOHN AND I WERE REAL CLOSE. HE USE TO TELL ME HE EXPERIENCED THE SAME THING.



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.

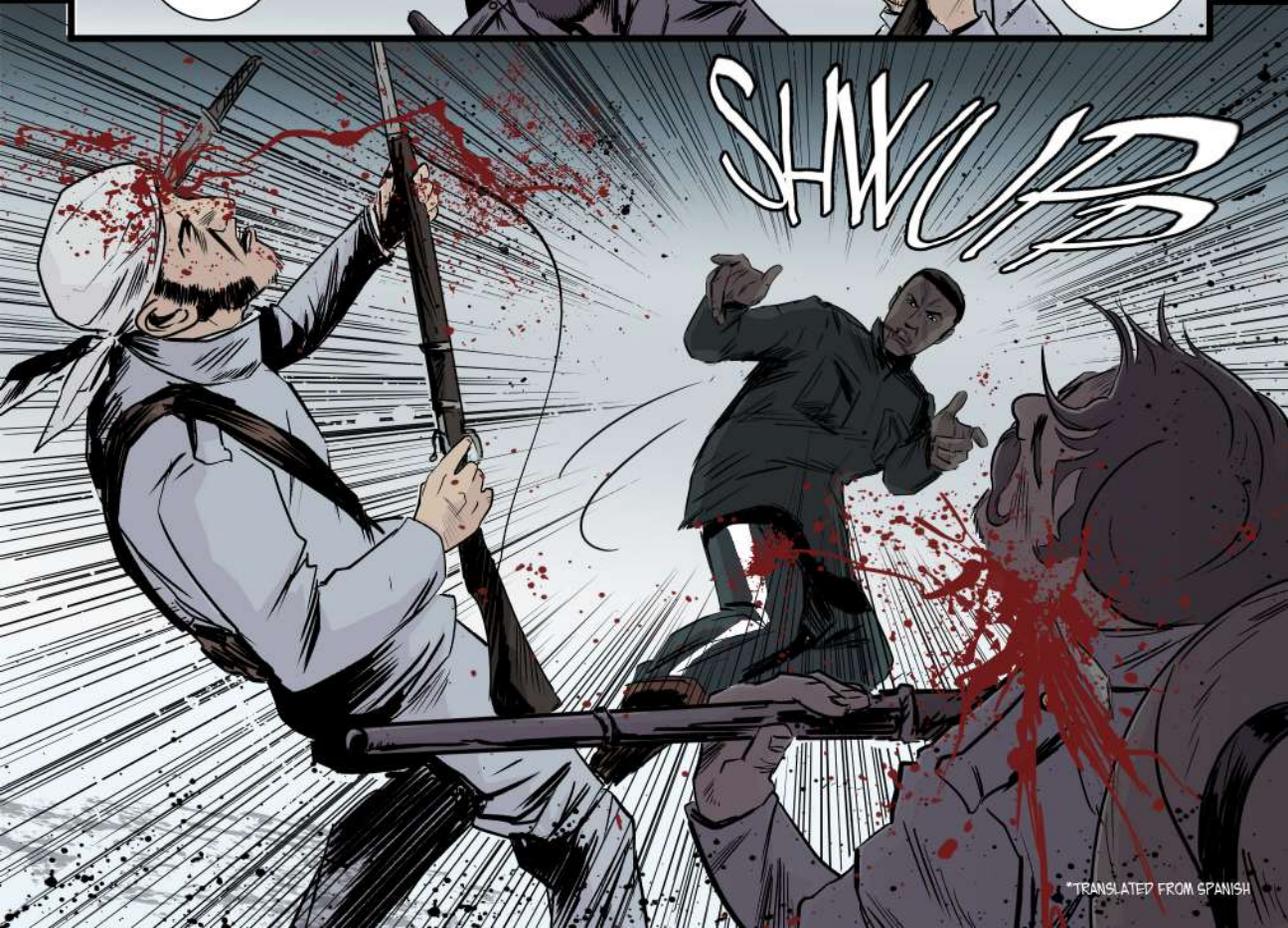
Charles "Young" Cummings

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









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

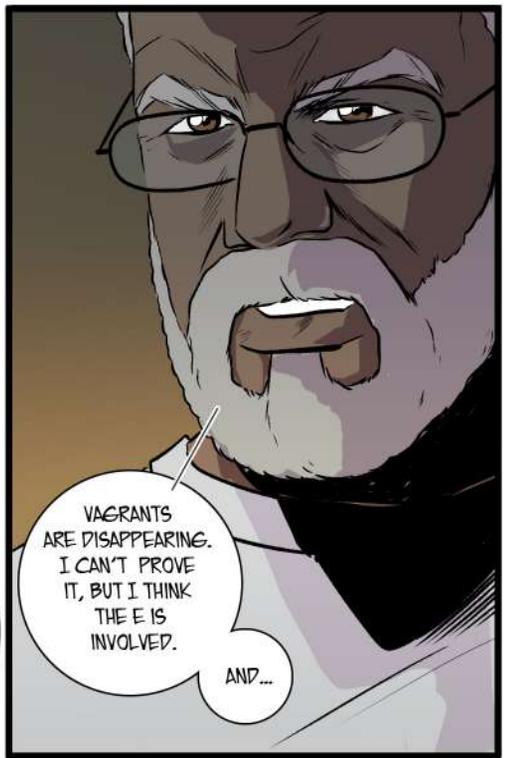
HE HAS TO BE DEPROGRAMMED BEFORE WE CAN FULLY BREAKTHROUGH.

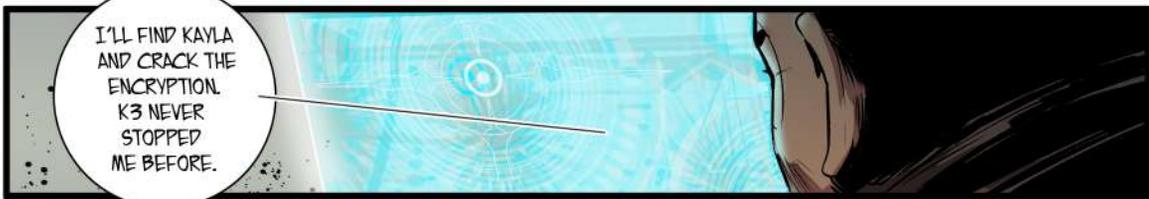
HOPEFULLY, HE CAN LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES AND BREAK THE CYCLE.

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.



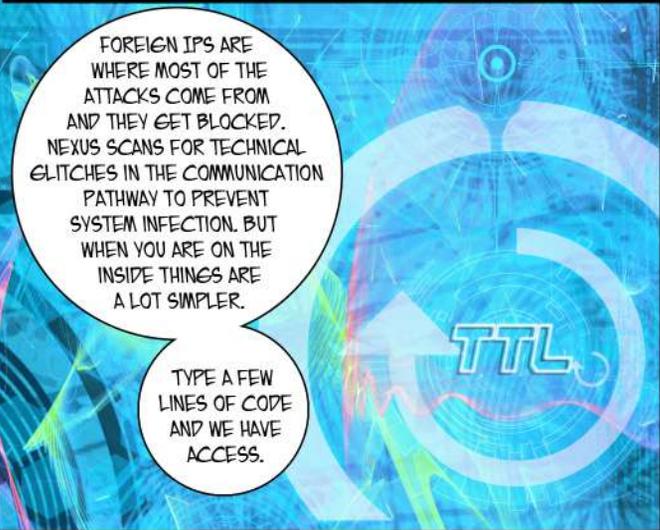


I'LL FIND KAYLA
AND CRACK THE
ENCRYPTION.
K3 NEVER
STOPPED
ME BEFORE.

AFTER SEVERAL HOURS.



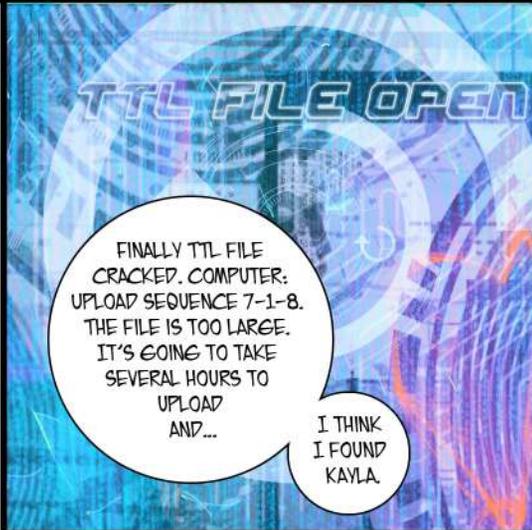
SINCE NEXUS HAS
GONE GLOBAL, IT
RECEIVES 500
MILLION CYBER ATTACKS
PER DAY. MOST
PEOPLE CAN'T GET
THROUGH THE
INITIAL NODE*.



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 INFECTION. BUT
WHEN YOU ARE ON THE
INSIDE THINGS ARE
A LOT SIMPLER.

TYPE A FEW
LINES OF CODE
AND WE HAVE
ACCESS.

TTL FILE OPEN



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 NODUS, 'KNOT') IS EITHER A REPRISIBUTION 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.

RENAISSANCE
CITY MORGUE



HOW
DID YOU
GET IN
HERE?

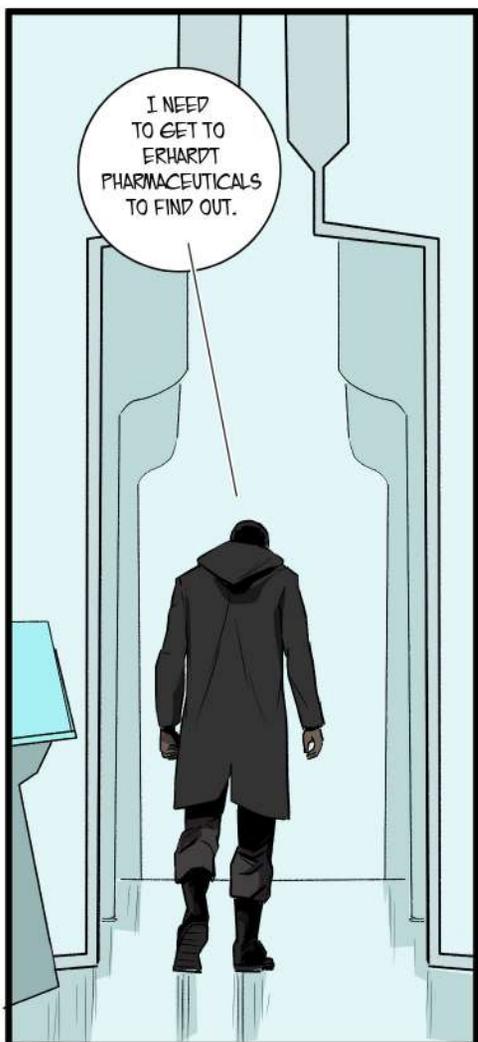
I WALKED
PAST SECURITY.
I BELIEVE
YOUR JANE DOE IS
MY MISSING
FRIEND.

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.





*CRED\$ IS SHORT FOR CREDITS. CREDITS IS THE CURRENCY USED THROUGHOUT THE ESTABLISHMENT.



GOTTA GO. PEACE



YOU, IT'S PAST CURFEW. I...D...S...



I...D...S... I WON'T ASK AGAIN.



WE HAVE NAT CUMMINGS A/K/A P.B.SOLDIER ON 1255 CENTRAL ROAD REQUESTING BACKUP.

DON'T SHOOT.

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