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# THE WEB

STURGES  
ROBINSON

*TERMINAL  
SESSION!*



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COLORADO--AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION.



ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS JUST LETTING US USE THIS PLACE?

NOT EXACTLY, MS. FREY. MY FIRM BUILT THIS PLACE. THE D.O.D. MOVES IN ON MONDAY.

JUST ENOUGH TIME FOR US TO GET A LITTLE VALUE-ADD.



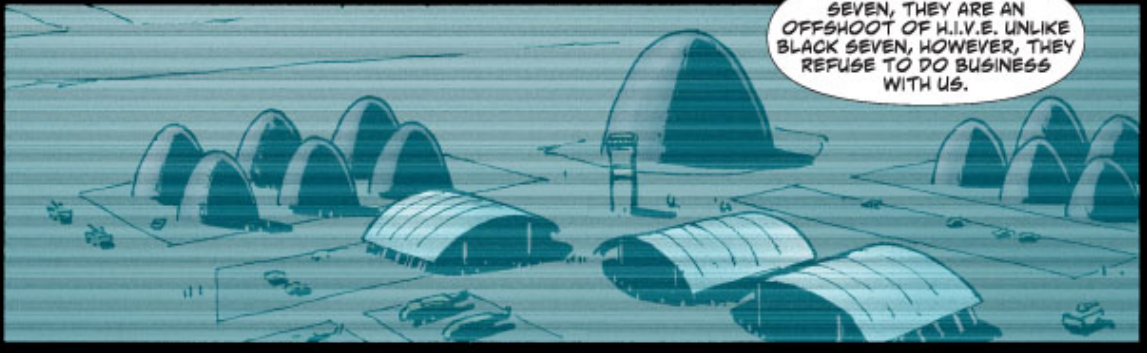
CLEVER. I CAN SEE WHY YOU'VE PROSPERED WITHIN THE GLOBAL CONCERN, DOCTOR ZADAR.

INDEED. NOW PAY ATTENTION.

THE CONCERN HAS TWO FORMIDABLE PROBLEMS AT THE MOMENT.

WHAT YOU SEE ON THE SCREEN IS THE COMMAND CENTER OF A GROUP THAT CALLS ITSELF THE CELL.

LIKE BLACK SEVEN, THEY ARE AN OFFSHOOT OF H.I.V.E. UNLIKE BLACK SEVEN, HOWEVER, THEY REFUSE TO DO BUSINESS WITH US.



OUR OTHER PROBLEM IS THE WEB.

TODAY, BOTH OF THESE PROBLEMS ARE GOING TO SOLVE EACH OTHER, AS THE WEB RESPONDS TO A CRISIS THAT I HAVE CREATED FOR THE CELL.



WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE THAT IT'S THE WEB WHO'LL RESPOND TO THIS CRISIS?

AS YOU'LL SEE IN A MOMENT, MY DEAR FREY--



"--HE WON'T  
HAVE MUCH OF  
A CHOICE."

I CAN'T  
STOP!

REPEAT! I  
CANNOT STOP!  
IT'S LIKE THE  
SERVOS HAVE A  
LIFE OF THEIR  
OWN!

# I DON'T PLAY WELL

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JOHN RAYMOND WAS BORN RICH AND SPOILED BUT SPURNED BY HIS FATHER WHO ADMIRER HIS SELFLESS BROTHER INSTEAD. WHEN JOHN'S INACTION LED TO HIS BROTHER'S DEATH, JOHN DETERMINED TO BECOME THE MAN HIS FATHER HAD ALWAYS THOUGHT OF HIS BROTHER AS, SEEKING TO REDEEM HIMSELF AS THE HIGH-TECH HERO KNOWN ONLY AS...

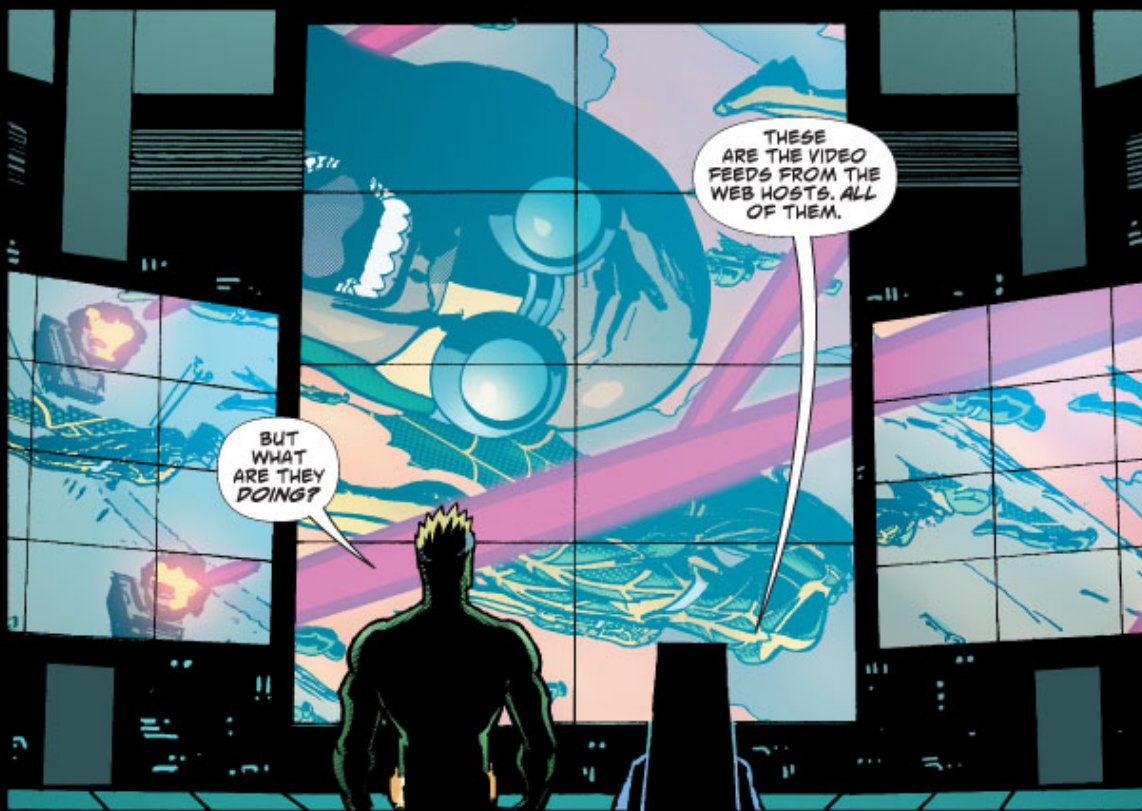
**THE WEB**

# WITH OTHERS



NEW YORK.  
THE RAYMOND  
BUILDING.

DEAREST  
KITCAT, CAN  
YOU TELL ME  
JUST WHAT THE  
HELL IT IS I'M  
LOOKING  
AT?



THESE  
ARE THE VIDEO  
FEEDS FROM THE  
WEB HOSTS. ALL  
OF THEM.

BUT  
WHAT  
ARE THEY  
DOING?

"THEY'RE ALL  
ATTACKING, IN  
UNISON. IN  
FORMATION.

"IT'S SOME  
KIND OF  
PARAMILITARY  
INSTALLATION  
ON A SMALL  
ISLAND OFF  
THE COAST.  
VERY MOODY."

WEB! COME  
IN! SOMEONE!  
STOP THIS!

BUT  
WHY?

IT'S  
A RIDDLE.  
AND THAT'S  
REAL.

THEY  
SEEM TO HAVE  
LOST CONTROL  
OF THEIR SUITS'  
SERVOMOTORS.  
LIKE THEY'RE ON  
AUTOPILOT OR  
SOMETHING.





HOW COULD THIS BE POSSIBLE? EACH WEB HOST SUIT IS TOTALLY INDEPENDENT OF THE OTHERS.

CAN YOU GET ONE OF THEM ON COMMS?



I CAN'T RAISE THEM. NONE OF THEM CAN RECEIVE ANY COMMUNICATIONS.

THEY'RE ALL RADIO-BLIND, OUT OF CONTROL, AND TOTALLY FREAKING OUT.



WHAT DO WE DO?

WE SEND OUT A FIRMWARE UPDATE TO ALL OF THEM.

THERE ARE OVERRIDES IN PLACE IN CASE ONE OF THEM EVER GOES ROGUE.



THE SUIT ON-BOARD THINGAMADOOJIES ARE DENYING ACCESS. THEY'RE RESPONDING THAT THEY'VE ALREADY RECEIVED A MORE CURRENT UPGRADE.



SOMEONE ELSE HAS TAKEN CONTROL OF THE SUITS.



ALL NINETY-NINE OF THEM.



NO-- NOT ALL OF THEM.

ONE OF THE HOSTS ISN'T ANYWHERE NEAR THERE.

REALLY? WHO IS IT?