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LIBERTY STATION:  
DESTRUCTION ISLAND,  
WASHINGTON

MEDEVACS  
ARE IN ROTATION  
AND TRIAGE IS UP  
AND RUNNING. ANY  
PROGRESS ON A  
HEAD COUNT,  
FARADAY?

WE'RE SHORT  
A BAKER'S DOZEN,  
STANDER, BUT THEY'RE  
STILL CLEARING SPIDERS  
OUT OF THE ENGINEERING  
LEVEL. I SUSPECT WE'LL  
FIND SOME PEOPLE  
HIDING OUT DOWN  
THERE.

WE'RE  
ALMOST OUT OF ANTI-  
VENOM. WE PRIORITIZED  
THE BITE VICTIMS, BUT WE  
MIGHT NOT HAVE ENOUGH  
TO GIVE EVERYONE ELSE  
A PREVENTIVE  
DOSE.

OKAY,  
NEW RULE:  
IF YOU HAVEN'T  
BEEN INOCULATED,  
YOU STAY OUT OF  
LIBERTY STATION.  
SPREAD THE  
WORD.

CRUSADERS

# HOLDING GROUND

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FUTURIST DURLAN SAFEHOUSE:  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

SLEEPING  
LIKE BABIES.

YEAH. UGLY,  
SHAPE-SHIFTING,  
SOUL-SUCKING,  
WEIRD ALIEN  
BABIES.



IS OUR BUSINESS  
CONCLUDED, LATHAM?  
I NEED TO RETURN TO  
MY PEOPLE.

YOU  
WOULD LEAVE NOW,  
JAGUAR? TELL ME,  
WHO WILL PROTECT  
YOUR "PEOPLE" WHEN  
THE DURLANS BRING  
THEIR WAR TO YOUR  
DOORSTEP?

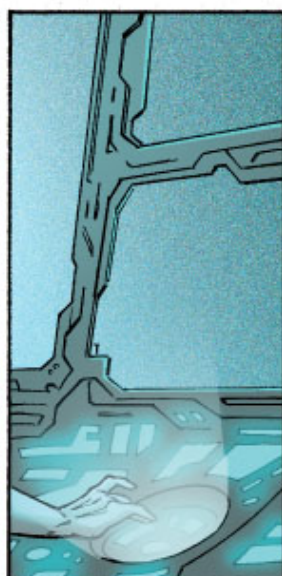


I'VE GOT THE JAG'S BACK ON  
THIS ONE. HANGMAN CALLED  
AND WE CAME RUNNING, BUT  
THIS AIN'T EXACTLY MY  
NORMAL GIG.

IT IS  
NOW, SON.  
I'M GOING TO  
NEED THE THREE  
OF YOU TO STICK  
AROUND FOR  
A LITTLE BIT  
LONGER.



HERE  
WE GO.



TIME  
TO HEAD BACK  
TO THE FARM,  
BOYS...

... 'CAUSE I  
JUST CALLED ALL  
THE CHICKENS  
HOME TO  
ROOST.



MOSCOW, RUSSIA

HANG ON, FOXMEISTER. THINGS MIGHT GET BUMPY.

ROCKET RED BRIGADE, CIRCLE AROUND AND REGROUP!

LADY SHEBA! WE ARE RECEIVING AN OPEN-CHANNEL SIGNAL FROM A...FUTURIST DURLAN OUTPOST?!

THE CONTENT OF THE MESSAGE SHOULD BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO YOU, MILADY.

INDEED IT IS.

LEAVE THE HUMAN INTERLOPERS AND TRACE THE SIGNAL TO ITS SOURCE.

CONTACT SHIPS TWO AND THREE; THEY WILL RENDEZVOUS WITH US EN ROUTE.

DO YOU SEE THAT, COMET?

YUP.

HEADS UP, ROCKET MEN! LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE KICKING IN THE AFTERBURNERS!

PERHAPS WE FRIGHTENED THEM OFF.

WHERE ARE THEY GOING?

THAT SEEMS UNLIKELY.

LISTEN CAREFULLY, COMET. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME...



YOU MAY HAVE BLOCKED MY TELEPORTATION POWER...

NNNF!

...BUT I DON'T NEED ANYTHING EXTRA TO KILL YOU.

HUNH. HUNNGH.

ACCESSING PROFILE.  
CODE NAME: WAR EAGLE.

FILE NAME:  
THERESA SHANE

AFTER BEING TASKED WITH  
OVERSIGHT OF A CLASSIFIED  
PROJECT CADMUS  
SUBJECT UNCOVERED A  
GENETIC MANIPULATION RING.

CAPTURED BY THE ROGUE SCIENTIST  
WHOSE WORK SHE WAS THREATENING TO  
EXPOSE, SUBJECT BECAME THE VICTIM  
OF EXPERIMENTATION THAT MERGED  
HER DNA WITH THAT OF AN EXOTIC  
AVIAN SPECIES—ERROR. REBUFFERING.

PLEASE  
STAND BY.

PSYCHOLOGICAL 0101001 ERROR  
PROFILE SUPPLEMENTAL: SUBJECT  
HAS DIFFICULTY CONTROLLING RAGE AND  
ANIMALISTIC INSTINCT, PARTICULARLY  
WHEN ENGAGED IN COMBAT SITUAAAAA.  
ERROR. REBUFFERING.