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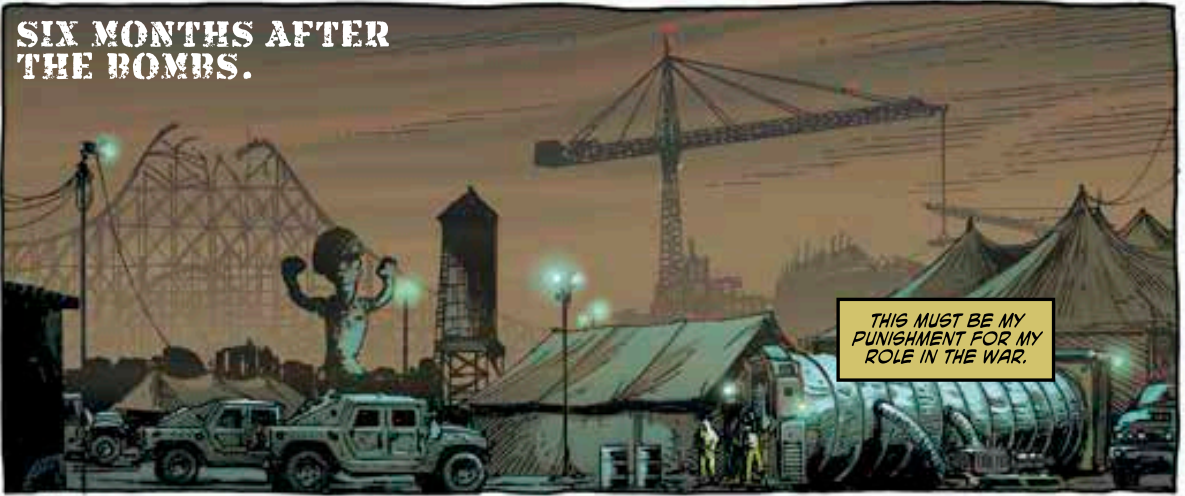
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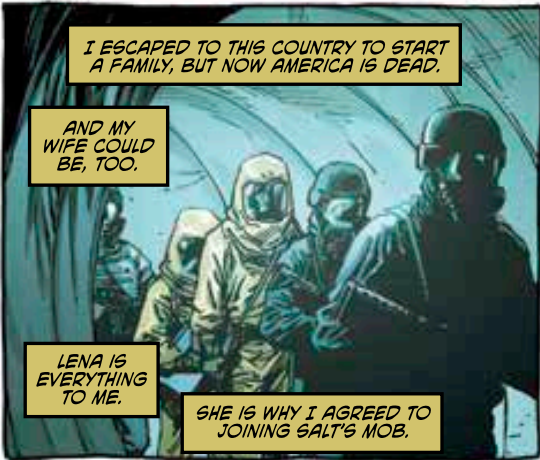


ANDERSON

**SIX MONTHS AFTER
THE BOMBS.**



THIS MUST BE MY PUNISHMENT FOR MY ROLE IN THE WAR.

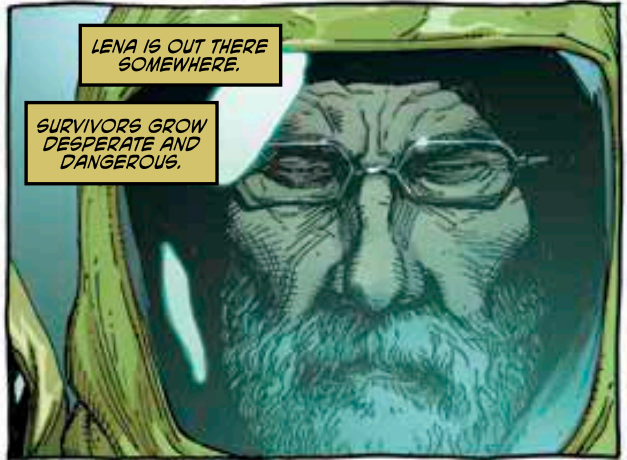


I ESCAPED TO THIS COUNTRY TO START A FAMILY, BUT NOW AMERICA IS DEAD.

AND MY WIFE COULD BE, TOO.

LENA IS EVERYTHING TO ME.

SHE IS WHY I AGREED TO JOINING SALT'S MOB.

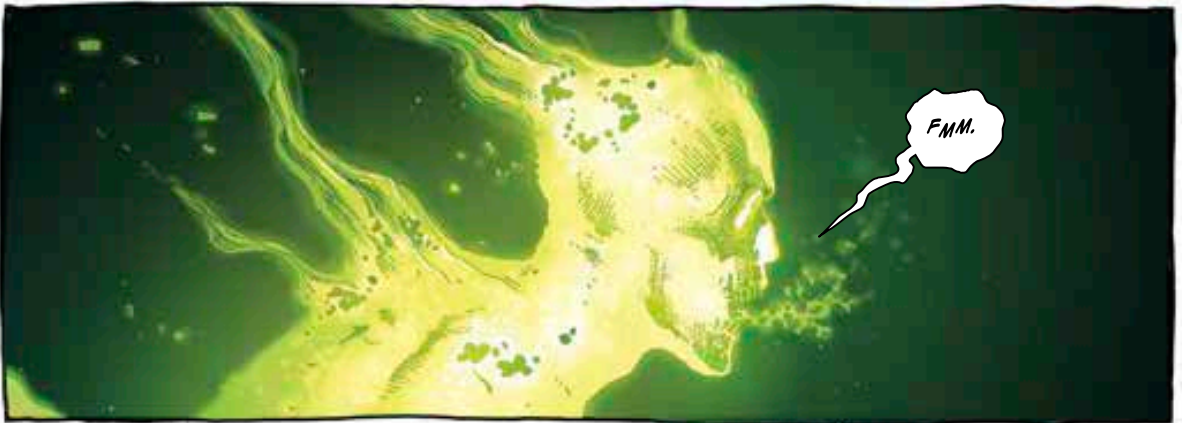


LENA IS OUT THERE SOMEWHERE.

SURVIVORS GROW DESPERATE AND DANGEROUS.



AND THERE IS A MONSTER ROAMING THESE DESERTS.



F.M.M.

I HAD BEEN IN LAS VEGAS FOR AN ENERGY CONFERENCE. LENA WAS ON A PLANE TO MEET ME.

AFTER THE CONFERENCE, WE HAD PLANNED TO DRIVE ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO CELEBRATE OUR DEFECTION AND CHOOSE A PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY.

BUT WHEN THE FIRST MISSILE STRUCK, LENA'S PLANE WAS DIVERTED TO DENVER. SHE FOUND REFUGE IN A HOSPITAL OUTSIDE OF THE CITY.

OUR COMMUNICATION HAD BEEN SPARSE, BUT I KNEW LENA WAS SAFE.

AS A PEDIATRIC SURGEON SHE HELPED ALL SHE COULD.

UNTIL YESTERDAY, WHEN THE HOSPITAL BECAME OVERRUN BY WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY. SHE AND A GROUP OF OTHERS WERE FORCED TO FLEE DENVER.

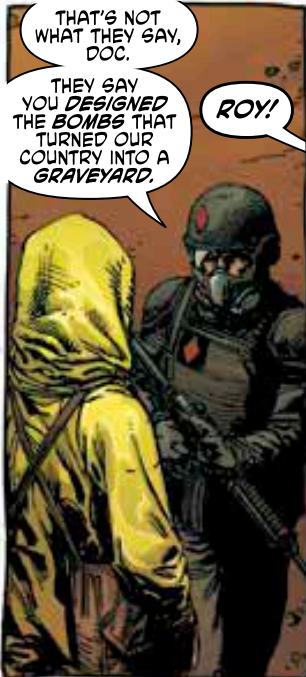
I WOULDN'T TURN YOUR BACK ON ME OUT HERE, RUSSKI.

I KNOW YOU WERE THE ONES WHO FIRED THE FIRST SHOT.

I HAVE NEVER HAD AN AFFILIATION WITH THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT.

MOLOTOV!

GET UP HERE!



THAT'S NOT WHAT THEY SAY, DOC.

THEY SAY YOU DESIGNED THE BOMBS THAT TURNED OUR COUNTRY INTO A GRAVEYARD.

ROY!

LET MOLOTOV THROUGH, GODDAMIT!



WOULDN'T TURN YOUR BACK...



SALT IS MY ONLY HOPE TO LOCATE LENA, BUT HE REFUSES UNTIL THE MONSTER IS KILLED.

THIS MONSTER TOOK HIS BROTHER.

AND TOO MANY MORE OF HIS FOLLOWERS TO COUNT.



THIS IS WHAT'S LEFT OF LAST NIGHT'S HUNTING PARTY.

TAKE A LOOK.



"AND HELP ME TRACK DOWN THIS DAMN THING."

FMM.

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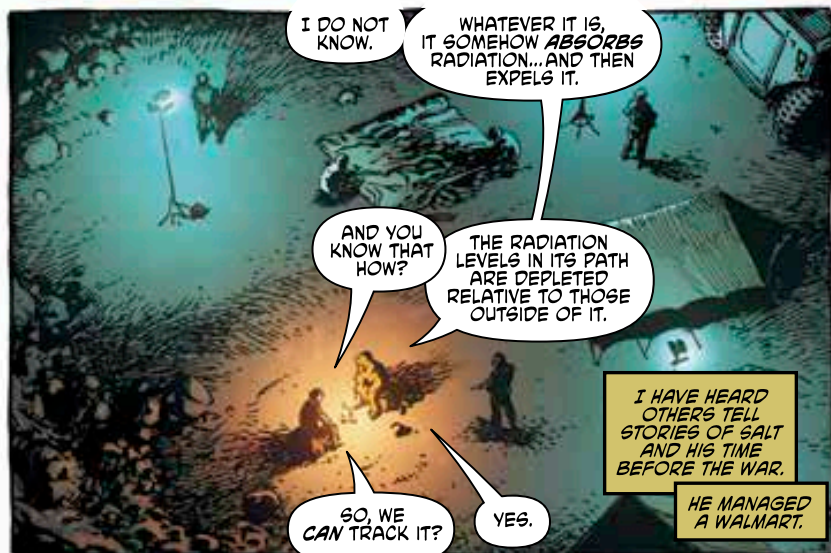




A MONSTER WHO BURNS FLESH WITH A TOUCH?



WHERE THE HELL DID *THE GLOWING MAN* COME FROM, MOLOTOV?



I DO NOT KNOW.

WHATEVER IT IS, IT SOMEHOW *ABSORBS* RADIATION... AND THEN EXPELS IT.

AND YOU KNOW THAT HOW?

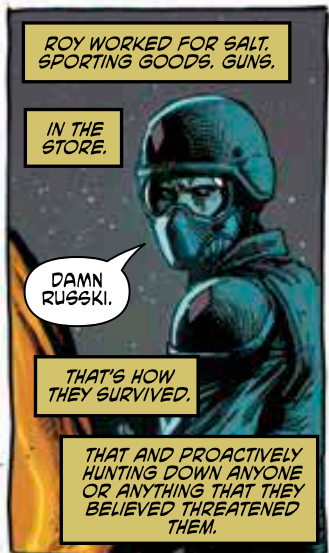
THE RADIATION LEVELS IN ITS PATH ARE DEPLETED RELATIVE TO THOSE OUTSIDE OF IT.

SO, WE CAN TRACK IT?

YES.

I HAVE HEARD OTHERS TELL STORIES OF SALT AND HIS TIME BEFORE THE WAR.

HE MANAGED A WALMART.



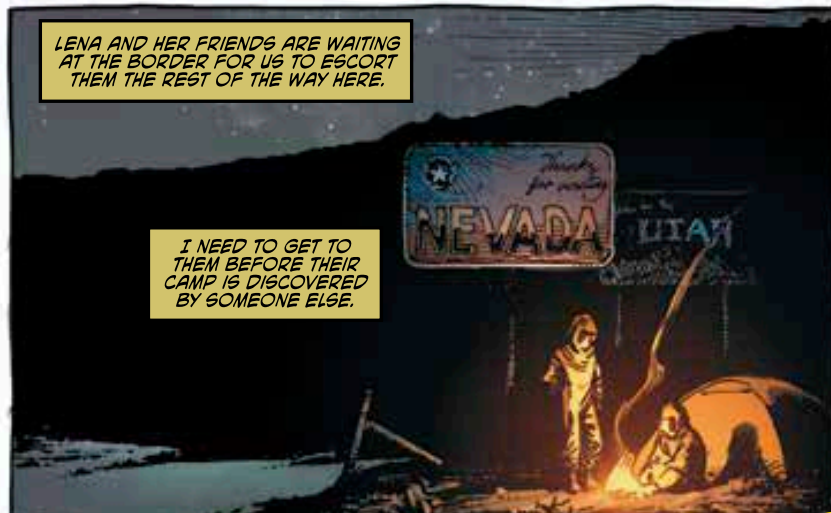
ROY WORKED FOR SALT. SPORTING GOODS, GUNS.

IN THE STORE.

DAMN RUSSEKI.

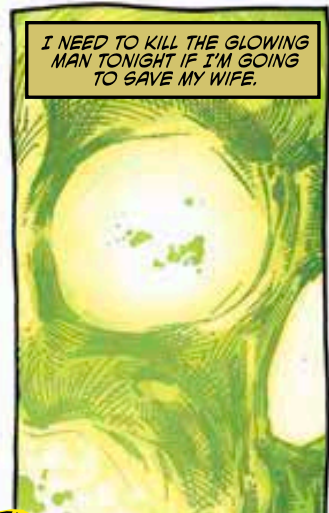
THAT'S HOW THEY SURVIVED.

THAT AND PROACTIVELY HUNTING DOWN ANYONE OR ANYTHING THAT THEY BELIEVED THREATENED THEM.



LENA AND HER FRIENDS ARE WAITING AT THE BORDER FOR US TO ESCORT THEM THE REST OF THE WAY HERE.

I NEED TO GET TO THEM BEFORE THEIR CAMP IS DISCOVERED BY SOMEONE ELSE.



I NEED TO KILL THE GLOWING MAN TONIGHT IF I'M GOING TO SAVE MY WIFE.