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ONE MILE BENEATH THE
SURFACE OF THE ISLAND
THAT BEARS MY NAME.

GAMORRA'S INFORMATION
FLOWS LIKE WATER, NEVER
KNOWING IT IS TAPPED.

OR BY WHOM.

WELCOME
TO THE HEART
AND SOUL OF
GAMORRA
ISLAND.

WELCOME,
YOUNG
SAVIOR...

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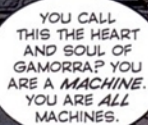
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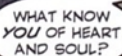
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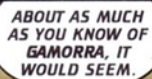
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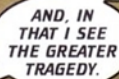
YOU CALL
THIS THE HEART
AND SOUL OF
GAMORRA? YOU
ARE A MACHINE.
YOU ARE ALL
MACHINES.



WHAT KNOW
YOU OF HEART
AND SOUL?



ABOUT AS MUCH
AS YOU KNOW OF
GAMORRA, IT
WOULD SEEM.



AND, IN
THAT I SEE
THE GREATER
TRAGEDY.



SHE DOES NOT LISTEN EASILY, MOTHER CYBERNARY. EITHER THAT, OR SHE *DENIES* THE TRUTH.



I--



--DENY--



--NOTHING!

IF *NOTHING* IS HOW YOU WOULD REFER TO OUR UNDERGROUND SOCIETY AND OUR FIGHT TO BE FREE, THEN I *WARN* YOU, YUMIKO...

...WE *WILL* HAVE WORDS.



WORDS ARE ALL I'VE GOTTEN FROM YOU PEOPLE.



I DON'T KNOW *WHAT* TO BELIEVE.

SO IT IS TRUE, THEN. THE DAUGHTER OF KAIZEN GAMORRA IS IN AS MUCH DENIAL OF THAT HERITAGE...

...AS SHE IS OF HER TRANSFORMATION.

MAD TALK AND RIDICULOUS NOTIONS.



I WAS ONCE LIKE YOU. UNSURE OF MY PURPOSE. STUCK WITHIN THAT PAINFUL GRAY AREA BETWEEN HUMANITY AND MACHINE.

I FOUND MY CALLING BENEATH HUMAN SOCIETY OF THIS ONCE-GREAT NATION. BUT I AM NOT THE LEADER THESE REBELS NEED.



I AM ONLY HER HERALD.



YOU ARE MECHAJIN, LIKE MAX--A CYBERNETIC BEING WITH A CLAIM TO THE LABEL "PERSON."

BUT YOU ARE MORE THAN THAT. YOUR FAMILY HERITAGE IS BOTH YOUR BLESSING AND YOUR CURSE.



WHAT WAS YOUR NAME, MOTHER?



MY NAME WAS KATRINA, CHILD.



MINE IS YUMIKO. PLEASE... DO NOT TAKE IT FROM ME.



YOU SEEM TROUBLED, TOSHIRO. AND ON THIS, THE DAY YOU'VE LONG WAITED FOR.




I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY. IN MERE HOURS, THIS AREA WILL FLOOD WITH MEDIA PEOPLE. THE ATTENTION OF THE FREE WORLD, AND MILLIONS OF *YOUR* COUNTRYMEN, LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW AND GOOD IN THEIR LIVES.

IMAGINE THEM OUT THERE... LOOKING TO *YOU* FOR HOPE.



WHAT WILL YOU *GIVE* THEM, TOSHIRO?

OH...I'M SURE I WILL THINK OF SOMETHING.



IT IS TRUE, MY SERVANT **MECHA-MAX** SEEMS TO HAVE MALFUNCTIONED. HE HAS TAKEN YUMIKO, THOUGH I DO NOT KNOW *WHY*.

LUCKILY, I HAVE A PLAN TO LURE HER BACK!




HMPH!

SHE IS STILL PART **HUMAN**, LORD TAKAHARI. SHE POSSESSES CERTAIN...*FRAILTIES*. THESE MUST BE *EXPLOITED*.

SORRY WE'RE LATE, BOSS.



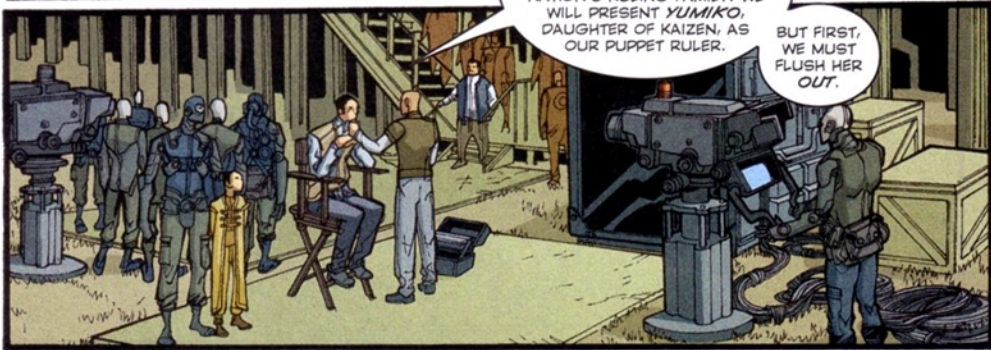
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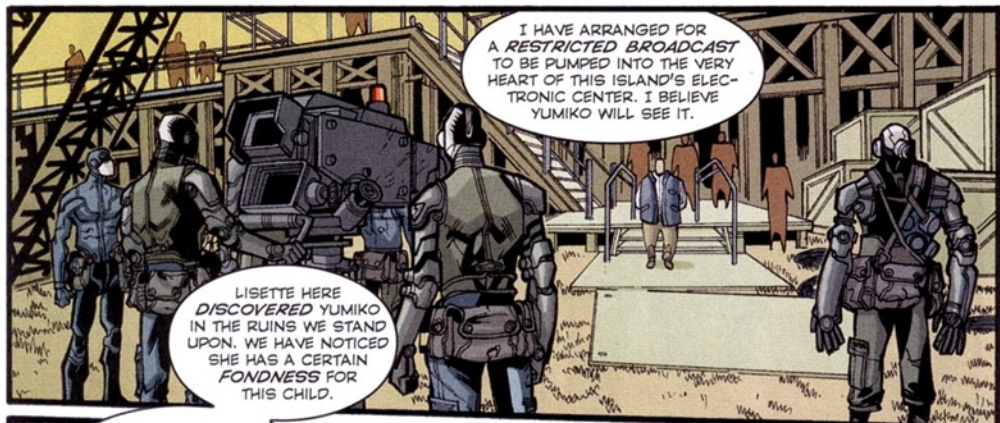


BUT **BLOTTO** *LIKES* IT, SWEET PEA. DON'T YOU FRET NONE.

ENOUGH, **BLOTTO**. WE HAVE LITTLE TIME BEFORE OUR PRESS CONFERENCE. WE WILL ANNOUNCE THE RE-INSTATEMENT OF **CLAN GAMORRA** AS THIS NATION'S RULING FAMILY. WE WILL PRESENT **YUMIKO**, DAUGHTER OF **KAIZEN**, AS OUR PUPPET RULER.

BUT FIRST, WE MUST FLUSH HER *OUT*.





I HAVE ARRANGED FOR A **RESTRICTED BROADCAST** TO BE PUMPED INTO THE VERY HEART OF THIS ISLAND'S ELECTRONIC CENTER. I BELIEVE YUMIKO WILL SEE IT.

LISETTE HERE **DISCOVERED** YUMIKO IN THE RUINS WE STAND UPON. WE HAVE NOTICED SHE HAS A CERTAIN **FONDNESS** FOR THIS CHILD.



AND SO WE WILL **GO LIVE**, SHOWING THIS CHILD TO BE OUR HOSTAGE. WE WILL SHOW YUMIKO HOW THIS GIRL'S FATE AND THAT OF GAMORRA ARE UP TO HER.



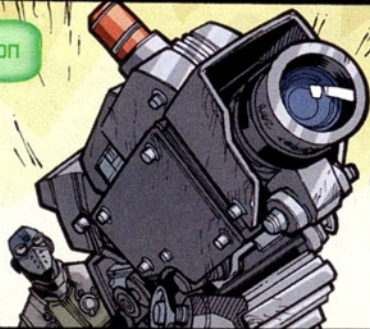
HAH! TOSHIRO... TOSHIRO...THE YOUNG HAVE SO MUCH TO LEARN.



YOUR CYBORGS ALREADY KILLED THE GIRL'S BROTHER. THAT DEATH WOULD HAVE SERVED YOU BETTER HAD YOU EXECUTED HIM AS SOON AS THE BROADCAST COMMENCED. YOU WOULD HAVE MADE A **STATEMENT**.

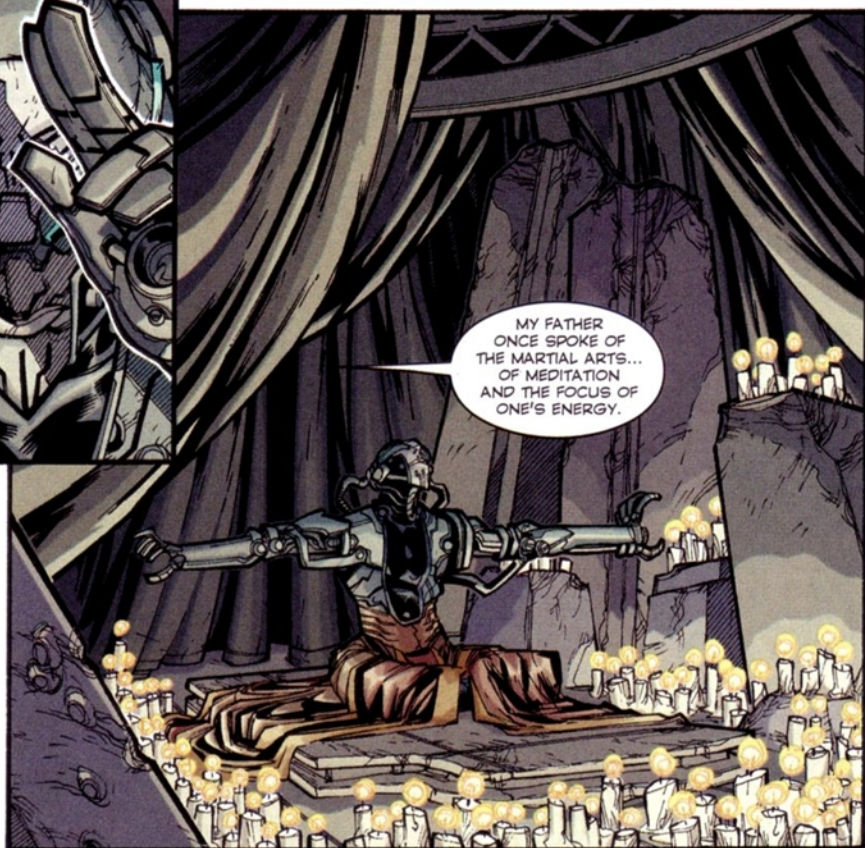


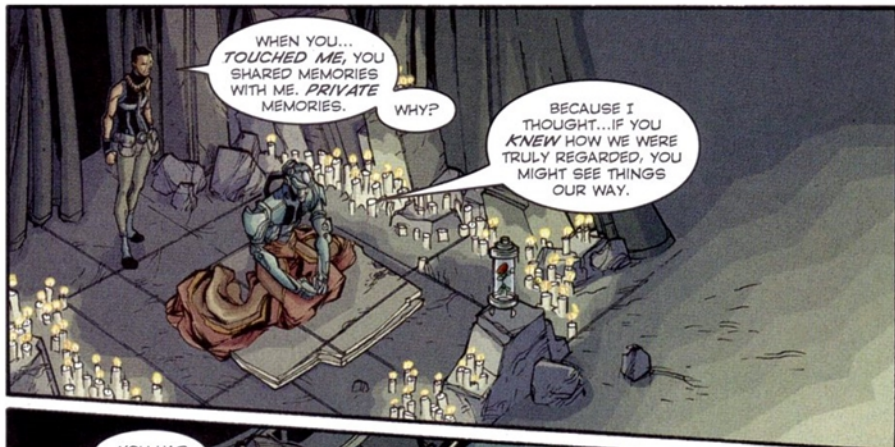
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WHEN YOU...
TOUCHED ME, YOU
SHARED MEMORIES
WITH ME. *PRIVATE*
MEMORIES.

WHY?

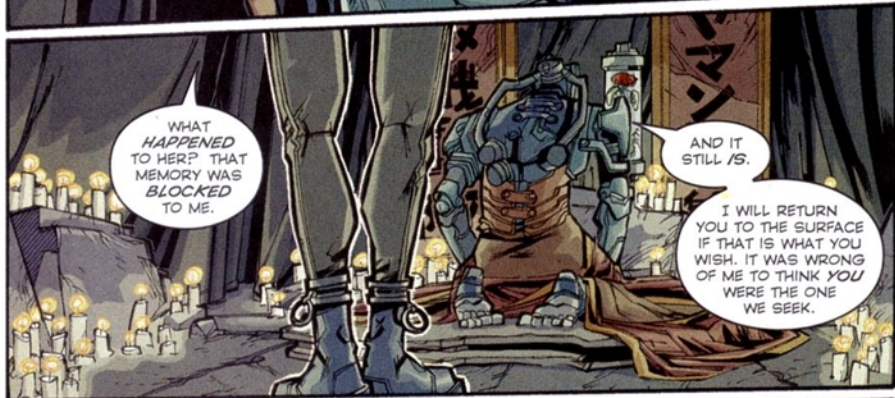
BECAUSE I
THOUGHT...IF YOU
KNEW HOW WE WERE
TRULY REGARDED, YOU
MIGHT SEE THINGS
OUR WAY.



YOU HAD
A WIFE.

YES.

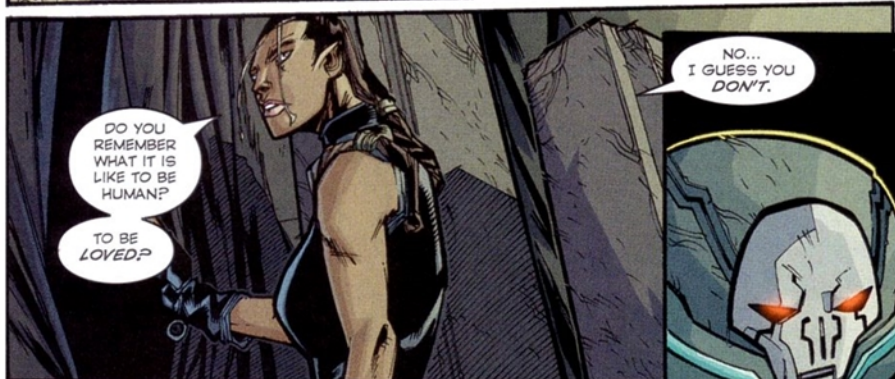
BEFORE I
WAS...TRANS-
FORMED.



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO HER? THAT
MEMORY WAS
BLOCKED
TO ME.

AND IT
STILL IS.

I WILL RETURN
YOU TO THE SURFACE
IF THAT IS WHAT YOU
WISH. IT WAS WRONG
OF ME TO THINK YOU
WERE THE ONE
WE SEEK.



DO YOU
REMEMBER
WHAT IT IS
LIKE TO BE
HUMAN?

TO BE
LOVED?

NO...
I GUESS YOU
DON'T.





YOU MUST
LET GO, YUMIKO.
IT WILL NOT BE
EASY. BUT NOTHING
IS FOR THOSE
LIKE *US*.

THUD!



I...I'M
SORRY.

I DIDN'T
MEAN TO
HURT YOU.

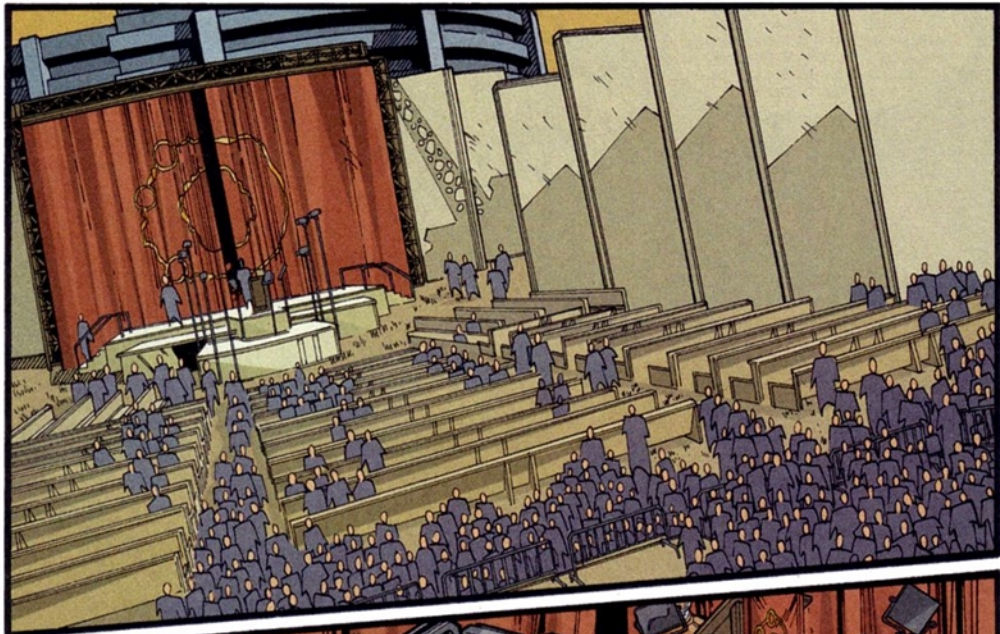


YOUR WOUNDS
ARE PAINFUL, BUT
YOU'VE LEARNED TO
DEAL WITH WHO
YOU ARE.

I AM FAR
TOO *HUMAN* TO
BE THAT WHICH
YOU SEEK.











TEN MORE MINUTES.



YOU BETTER HOPE YOUR FRIEND KNOWS WHAT'S GOOD FOR HER AND SHOWS HER FLESHIE FACE.

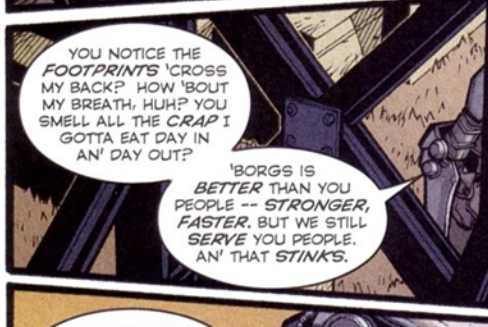
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?



WUZZAT?


YOU'RE JUST GONNA KILL ME ANYWAY.

LIKE YOU DID BILLY.



YOU NOTICE THE FOOTPRINTS 'CROSS MY BACK? HOW 'BOUT MY BREATH, HUM? YOU SMELL ALL THE CRAP I GOTTA EAT DAY IN AN' DAY OUT?

'BORGS IS BETTER THAN YOU PEOPLE -- STRONGER, FASTER, BUT WE STILL SERVE YOU PEOPLE. AN' THAT STINKS.



I DON'T LIKE MEAT THAT TALKS, LIL' GIRL. SO YOU'D DO WELL SPENDIN' YER LAST MINUTES--

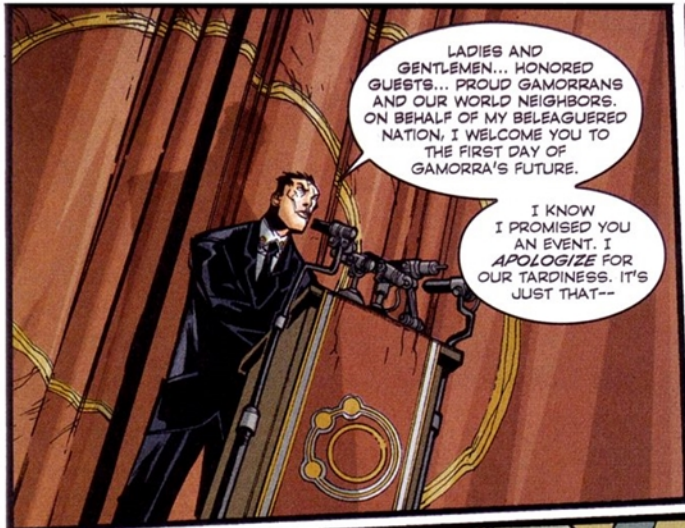
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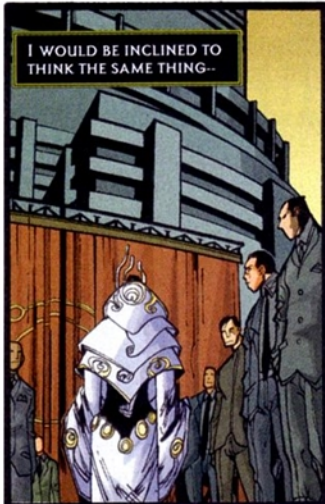


STEP AWAY
FROM THE CHILD,
BLOTTO...

...OR MUST
WE MAKE
YOU?







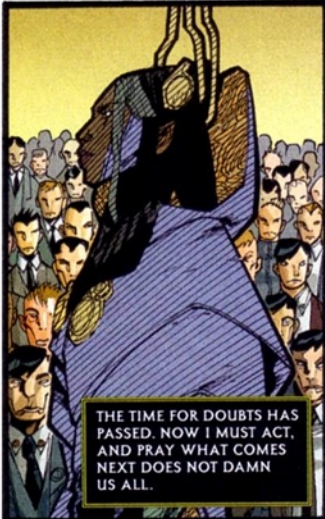
I WOULD BE INCLINED TO
THINK THE SAME THING--



--HAD I NOT BROUGHT
OTHERS WHO FEEL
DIFFERENTLY.



DEAR
GOD.



THE TIME FOR DOUBTS HAS
PASSED. NOW I MUST ACT,
AND PRAY WHAT COMES
NEXT DOES NOT DAMN
US ALL.



I AM YUMIKO
GAMORRA, DAUGHTER
OF THE LATE KAIZEN
GAMORRA AND HEIR TO
THIS NATION'S THRONE.
I COME BEFORE YOU
TODAY TO ASSUME
THAT MANTLE--

--AND USHER
GAMORRA INTO
A NEW AGE.



BELOW...



AAAAA



CRAP!



I NEVER LIKED YOU, BLOTTO, BUT I NEVER WISHED YOU HARM.

DON'T DIE YET. THERE'RE THINGS I NEED TO KNOW.



BITE ME.




AH...I SEE TOSHIRO HAS CHANGED HIS SECURITY CODES AND ACCOUNT PASSWORDS SINCE MY DEPARTURE.

YOU HAVE BEEN MOST HELPFUL, BLOTTO.




YOU ARE SAFE, YUMIKO CAME BACK FOR YOU.

APPRECIATE THAT.



MY FAMILY'S
LEGACY IS...COMPLEX.
BUT I WOULD *RESTORE* OUR
NAME AND BUILD UPON THIS
DEVASTATION.

I WOULD THANK
TOSHIRO, AND THE
HEADS OF GAMORRA'S
GREAT CLANS FOR
THEIR "WELCOME" AND
EDUCATING ME...




...IN THE
TRUE WAYS OF
GAMORRA.

I PLEDGE TO
USE MY BIRTHRIGHT
TO *RESTORE* THIS
ONCE GREAT NATION
TO HER FORMER
SPLENDOR.



BUT IN
MY *OWN*
WAY.



I *CLAIM* THIS
COUNTRY, AS IS MY
BIRTHRIGHT ---



--AS THE
CYBERNATION
OF GAMORRA.



I HAVE SEEN
THIS COUNTRY'S TRUE
FACE, FELT THE NEEDS OF
HER OPPRESSED. I HAVE
LEARNED MY FAMILY'S
TRUE LEGACY, AND
I FEEL SHAME.



I WILL
RESTORE THIS
COUNTRY'S HONOR--
DRAG IT KICKING AND
SCREAMING INTO
THE LIGHT.



WE WILL BUILD
A NEW SOCIETY--
WHERE FLESH AND
STEEL LIVE IN
PEACE.



A COUNTRY
MY FATHER WOULD
BE PROUD OF,
WERE HE HERE.



TO BE CONTINUED...