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OUTSIDE
THE EMPIRE.

ONE FULL
SOLAR CYCLE HAS
PASSED SINCE THE
MOMENT OF HIS
GREATEST
LOSS...

...AND STILL, EARTH'S
TYRANT RULES SEVEN
BILLION SENTIENTS
WITH AN ADAMANTINE
GRASP.

TRAGEDY DOES
NOT WEAKEN A
MAN AS DRIVEN AS
GOLGOTH, YOUR
PREMINENCE.

IT
TEMPERS
HIM.

GOLGOTH HAS NEVER
BEEN STRONGER. HUMANITY'S
RESISTANCE FORCES ARE
PASSIONATE BUT WHOLLY
INADEQUATE. NOTHING ON THE
PLANET CAN TOPPLE THE
EMPIRE.

THEN
WE MUST
INTERCEDE.



HOW? WE HAVE NO MORE OFF-WORLD PROXIES AT OUR DISPOSAL.



THEN WE WILL ENLIST A TERRESTRIAL AGENT. AN *INSIDER* WHO WILL DO OUR BIDDING.



OR, ALTERNATELY, LEAVE US *EXPOSED AS AGITATORS*. THIS PUTS US AT STAGGERING RISK.



DOES IT? WE ARE NOT WITHOUT FORESIGHT. I SEE NO OTHER VIABLE OPTION.

IT IS DECIDED.



NO EMPIRE IS ETERNAL.



GOOD MORNING, CLASS! WHO CAN TELL ME WHAT TODAY IS?



FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF PRINCESS DELFI'S DEATH.



VERY GOOD, AND WHO WAS PRINCESS DELFI, AND WHY WAS SHE IMPORTANT?

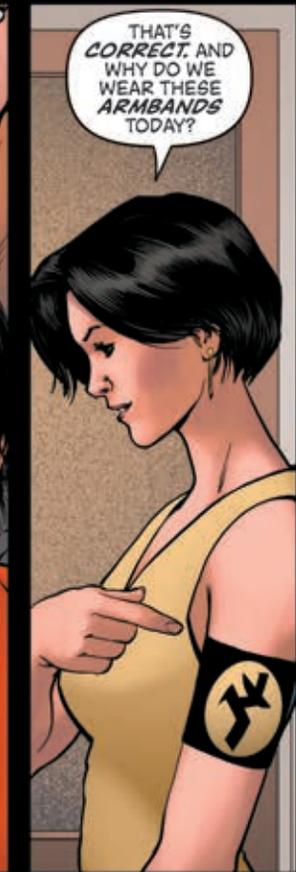


DANIEL?



SHE WAS THE ONLY CHILD OF EMPEROR GOLGOTH AND SHE WAS MURDERED BY FILTHY REBELS!

THAT'S WHAT MY DAD SAYS.



THAT'S CORRECT, AND WHY DO WE WEAR THESE ARMBANDS TODAY?



"TO SHOW OUR REVERENCE TO THE EMPIRE AND TO GOLGOTH, WHO HAS DELIVERED THE HUMAN RACE INTO A NEW U--"

"LIPU--"

LUTOPIA, A PERFECT PLACE.



THIS IS A GOLDEN AGE, CHILDREN. NO ONE WHO HAS EVER LIVED IS MORE RESPECTED THAN GOLGOTH FOR BRINGING A RIGID PEACE AND ORDER TO A CHAOTIC WORLD THESE PAST THREE YEARS.

GOLGOTH HAS ELIMINATED WAR--



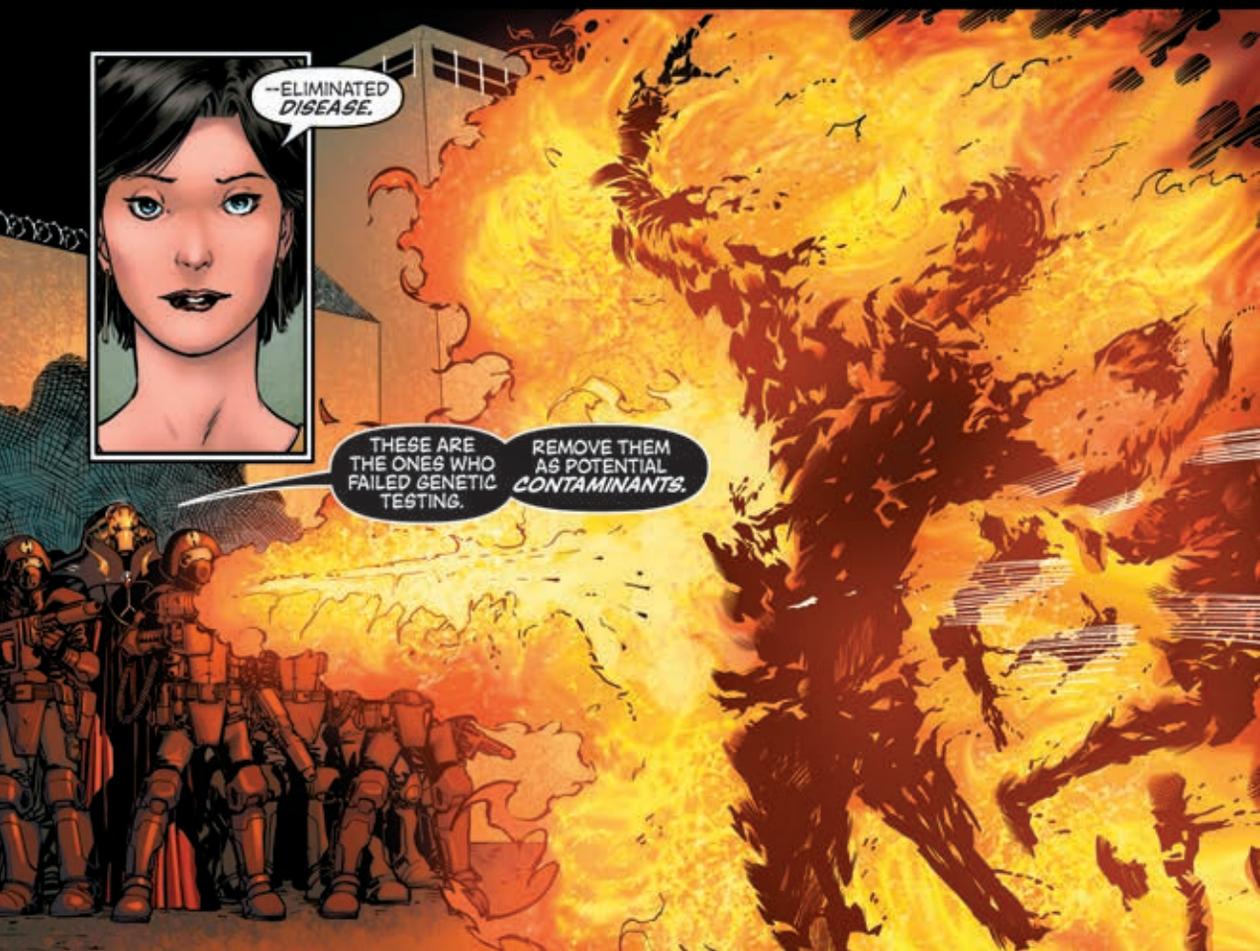
CONSIDER THIS AN ACT OF *ALLIANCE* BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE EMPIRE.

MINISTERS, YOU MAY NOW BEGIN FEEDING THIS NATION'S PEASANTS. AS SOON AS THEY HAVE SIGNED THEIR *LOYALTY PLEDGES*.

--ELIMINATED HUNGER--



SNAP



--ELIMINATED DISEASE.

THESE ARE THE ONES WHO FAILED GENETIC TESTING.

REMOVE THEM AS POTENTIAL CONTAMINANTS.

