



...WE SHOULD BE LIKE THE BARD OF BECKENHAM-- STRIKE FAST, LIE LOW...

...AND ABOVE ALL, ALWAYS STAY ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE PACK.

LYING LOW IS FOR SNAKES, BILLY. ARE WE SNAKES?

YOU, MR. PLOD!



demand the impossible!



ER, NO, JOEY...I AIN'T NO SNAKE.

EXACTLY MY POINT. AND IF BOWIE TAUGHT US ANYTHING, IT WAS IF A TREE FALLS IN THE WOODS AND NOBODY WROTE ABOUT IT IN MELODY MAKER, DID IT REALLY FALL?



HELLO...IS THIS LONDON WEEKEND TELEVISION? WELL, TELL JANE LANE POTTER I WANNA SPEAK TO HER...TELL HER IT'S A SCOOP.

LONDON'S BURNING DIAL 999!

# Shanghai

"WE COULD HAVE SETTLED FOR WHAT THEY GAVE US. A NICE NINE-TO-FIVE, MEAT, TWO VEG, LUMPY GRAVY, AND BRUCE [REDACTED] FORSYTH ON THE IDIOT BOX.

"BUT WE DID WHAT WE DID, NOT BECAUSE WE HAD ANY BURNING DESIRE TO..."

...BUT BECAUSE WE HAD NO CHOICE EXCEPT TO GET OUT THERE AND DO IT...





"AND NOW THE ONE PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO'D REALIZED THAT, EVEN BEFORE WE DID, WAS DEAD."

TRADITIONAL TIBETAN SKY BURIAL...



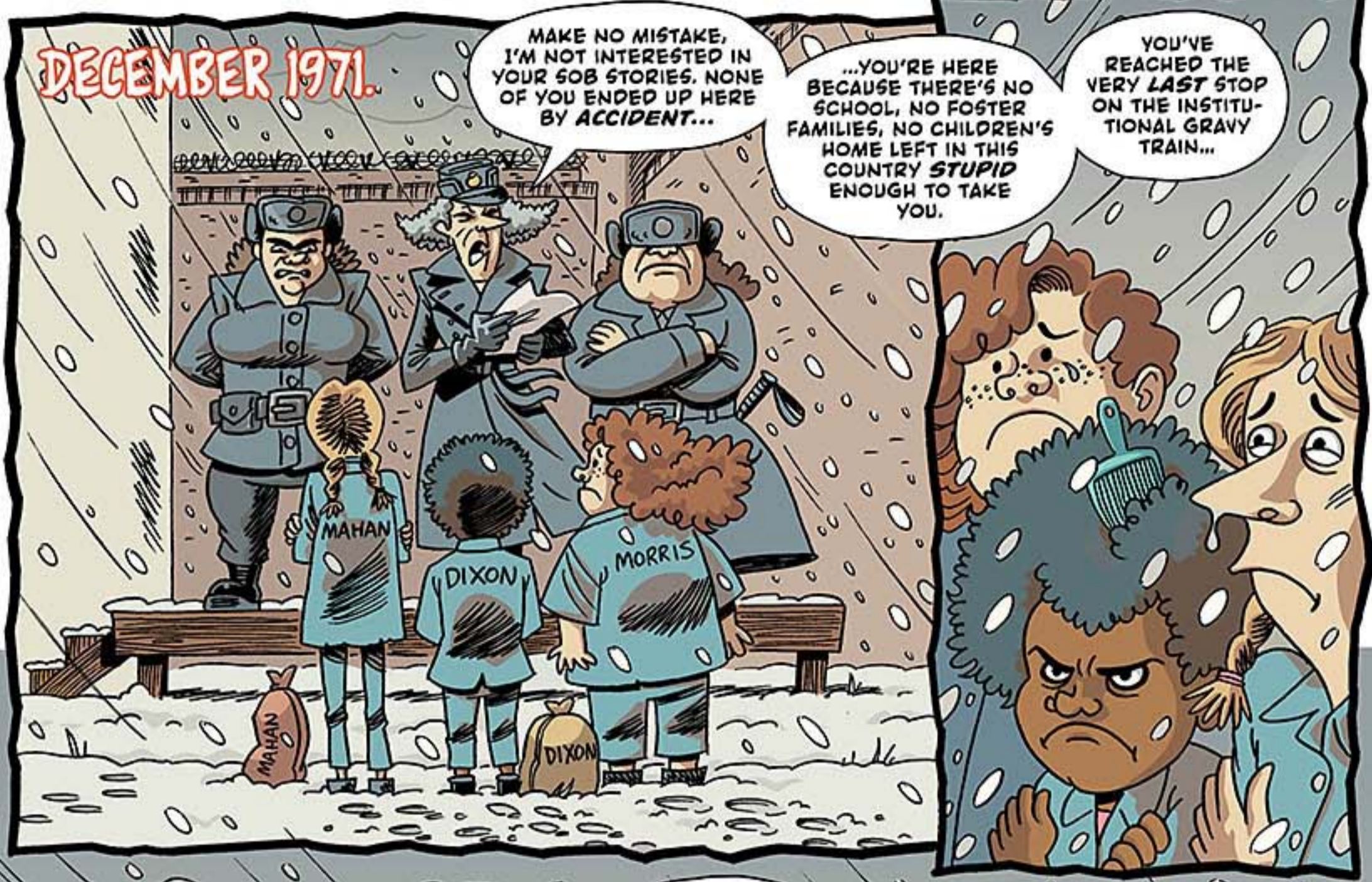


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MAKE NO MISTAKE, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR SOB STORIES. NONE OF YOU ENDED UP HERE BY ACCIDENT...

...YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE THERE'S NO SCHOOL, NO FOSTER FAMILIES, NO CHILDREN'S HOME LEFT IN THIS COUNTRY STUPID ENOUGH TO TAKE YOU.

YOU'VE REACHED THE VERY LAST STOP ON THE INSTITUTIONAL GRAVY TRAIN...



HINDLEY HALL  
GIRLS REFORM SCHOOL

...AND, JUST SO YOU KNOW, ESCAPE IS NOT AN OPTION.

AT LEAST, NOT A SURVIVABLE OPTION.



I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES...



THE THE...

WHAT'S HER NAME?

THAT'S ONE RIGHT BAD APPLE: MISS ALEXANDRIA DIXON.











COR, THAT'S EXCITING. SO WHEN DO WE FIND OUT WOT 'APPENED?

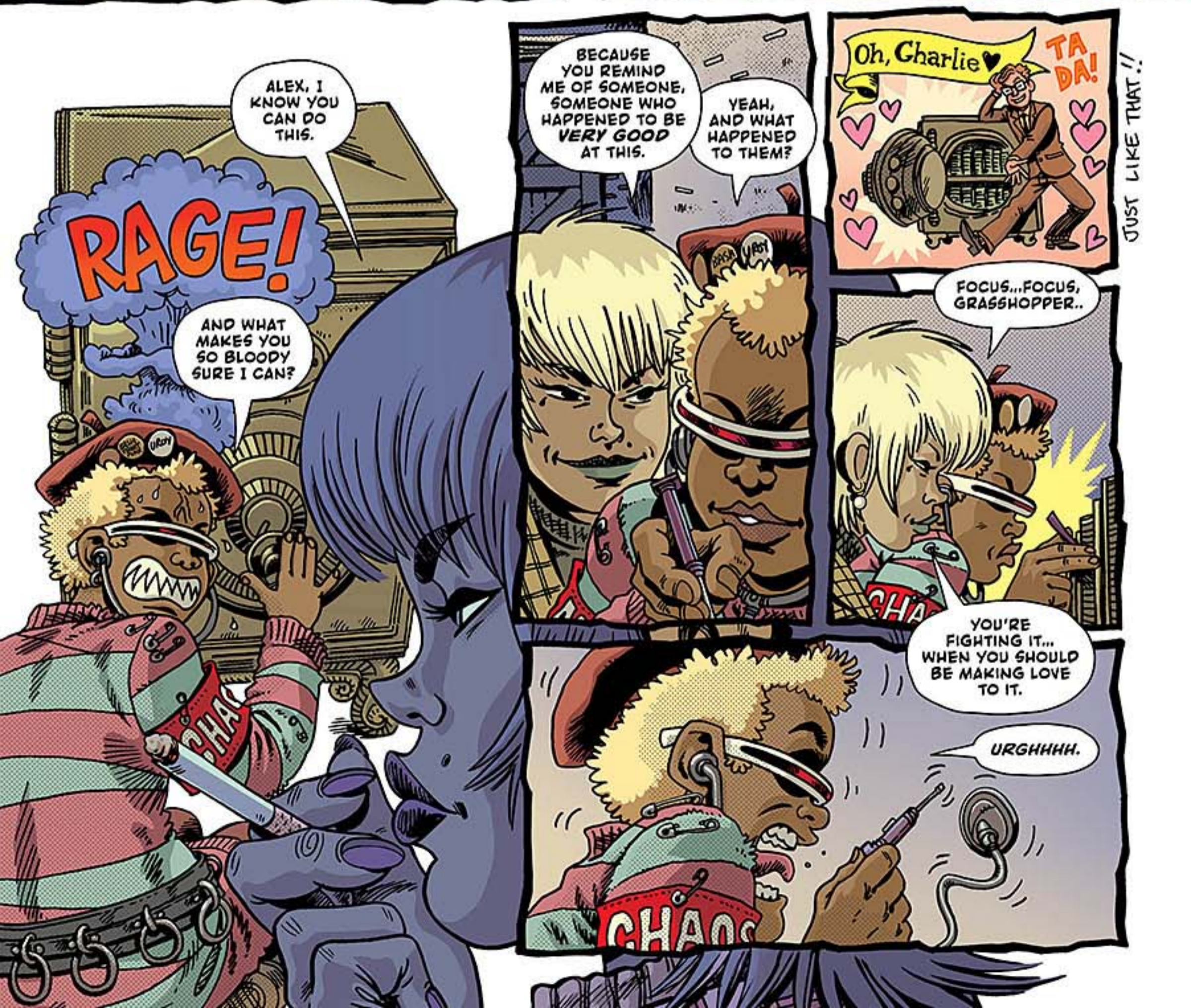
HOW DO YOU KNOW?

LATER.

'CAUSE I FLEW AHEAD A FEW PAGES TO TAKE A LOOK...

GET IT OPEN, ALEX...THE SCREWS ARE BLOODY COMIN'!

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ALEX, I KNOW YOU CAN DO THIS.

BECAUSE YOU REMIND ME OF SOMEONE, SOMEONE WHO HAPPENED TO BE VERY GOOD AT THIS.

YEAH, AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?

Oh, Charlie

TA DA!

JUST LIKE THAT!!

RAGE!

AND WHAT MAKES YOU SO BLOODY SURE I CAN?

FOCUS...FOCUS, GRASSHOPPER..

YOU'RE FIGHTING IT... WHEN YOU SHOULD BE MAKING LOVE TO IT.

URGHhhh.

CHAOS