

CREATED & WRITTEN BY:

# MARK ROSLAN

ILLUSTRATIONS BY:  
**MICAH KANESHIRO**

LETTERS BY:  
**JOSH REED**

EDITORS:  
VINCE HERNANDEZ,  
FRANK MASTROMAURO

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT:  
JOSH REED

MARKETING ASSISTANT:  
STEPHANIE MATSON

BIO-TRAVESTY:  
CHRIS RUPP

DESIGN AND PRODUCTION:  
MARK ROSLAN, PETER STEIGERWALD

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT:  
CHAZ RIGGS

SPECIAL THANKS TO NONO



COVER A  
(DIRECT EDITION);  
MICAH KANESHIRO



COVER B  
(DIRECT EDITION);  
JASON FABOK,  
MARK ROSLAN,  
PETER STEIGERWALD



COVER C  
(SAN DIEGO COMIC-CON  
EXCLUSIVE EDITION  
LIMITED TO 500);  
TALENT CALDWELL,  
MARK ROSLAN,  
CHRISTINA STRAIN

FOR ASPEN:  
Founder: MICHAEL TURNER; President: FRANK MASTROMAURO; Vice President: PETER STEIGERWALD  
Editor in Chief: VINCE HERNANDEZ; Director of Design and Production: MARK ROSLAN

BROKEN PIECES™ Vol. 1 Issue 0 SEPTEMBER 2011. PREVIEW. Published by Aspen MLT, Inc., Office of Publication: 5855 Green Valley Circle, Suite 111, Culver City, CA 90230-6965. The Aspen MLT, Inc. logo® is a registered trademark of Aspen MLT, Inc. Broken Pieces™ and the Broken Pieces logo are the trademarks of Aspen MLT, Inc. The entire contents of this book, all artwork, characters and their likenesses are © 2011 Aspen MLT, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Any similarities between names, characters, persons, and/or institutions in this magazine with persons living or dead or institutions is unintended and is purely coincidental. With the exception of artwork used for review purposes, none of the contents of this book may be reprinted, reproduced or transmitted by any means or in any form without the express written consent of Aspen MLT, Inc. For information regarding the CPSIA on this printed material call: 203-595-3636 and provide reference # EAST - 999999

VISIT US ON THE WEB AT  
[WWW.ASPENCOMICS.COM](http://WWW.ASPENCOMICS.COM)

FIND US ON FACEBOOK AT  
[FACEBOOK.COM/ASPENCOMICS](http://FACEBOOK.COM/ASPENCOMICS)

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AT  
[TWITTER.COM/ASPENCOMICS](http://TWITTER.COM/ASPENCOMICS)

FOR MORE ASPEN COMICS GO TO  
[WWW.ASPENSTORE.COM](http://WWW.ASPENSTORE.COM)

FOR THE COMICS RETAILER NEAREST YOU CALL 1800-COMICBOOK

GULF OF MEXICO.

NOVEMBER 25TH,  
2032. 12:25 E.O.T.

BEFORE.



UNITED STATES.

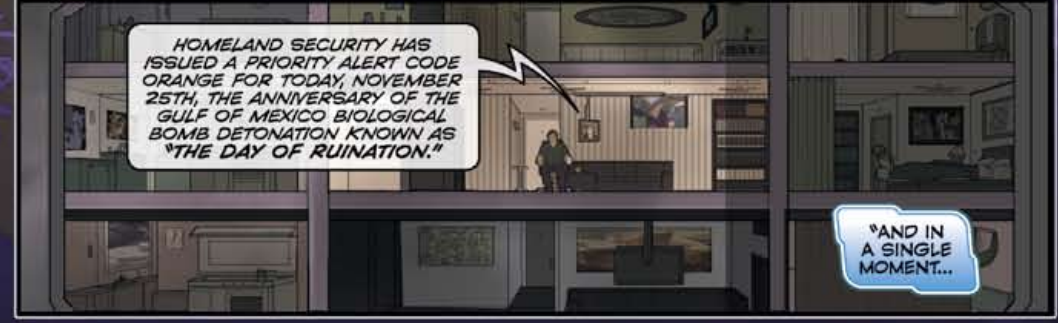
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.  
ONE YEAR LATER.

"WE ARE  
ALL RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE CHOICES  
WE MAKE."



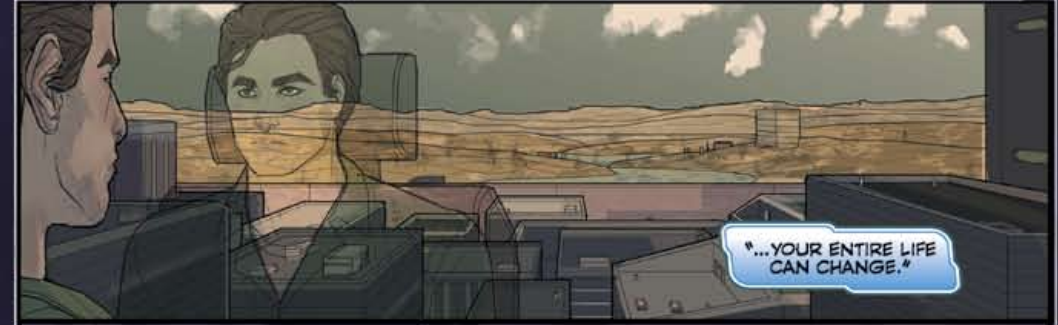
ARLINGTON,  
VIRGINIA.

"FOR EVERY  
CHOICE... HAS ITS  
CONSEQUENCES."

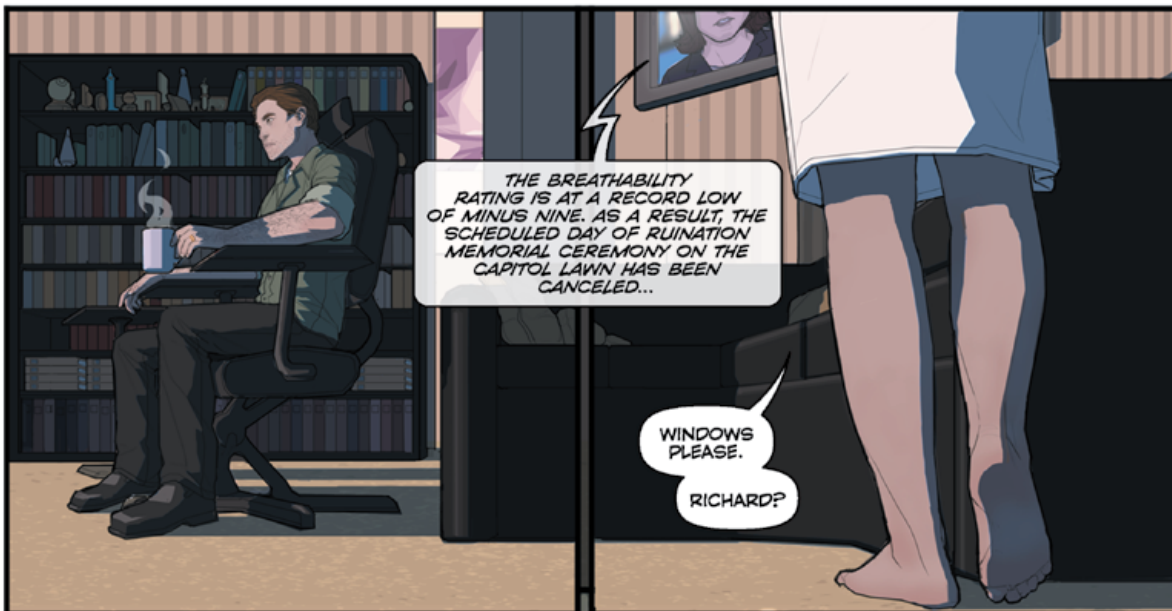


HOMELAND SECURITY HAS  
ISSUED A PRIORITY ALERT CODE  
ORANGE FOR TODAY, NOVEMBER  
25TH, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
GULF OF MEXICO BIOLOGICAL  
BOMB DETONATION KNOWN AS  
"THE DAY OF RUINATION."

"AND IN  
A SINGLE  
MOMENT..."



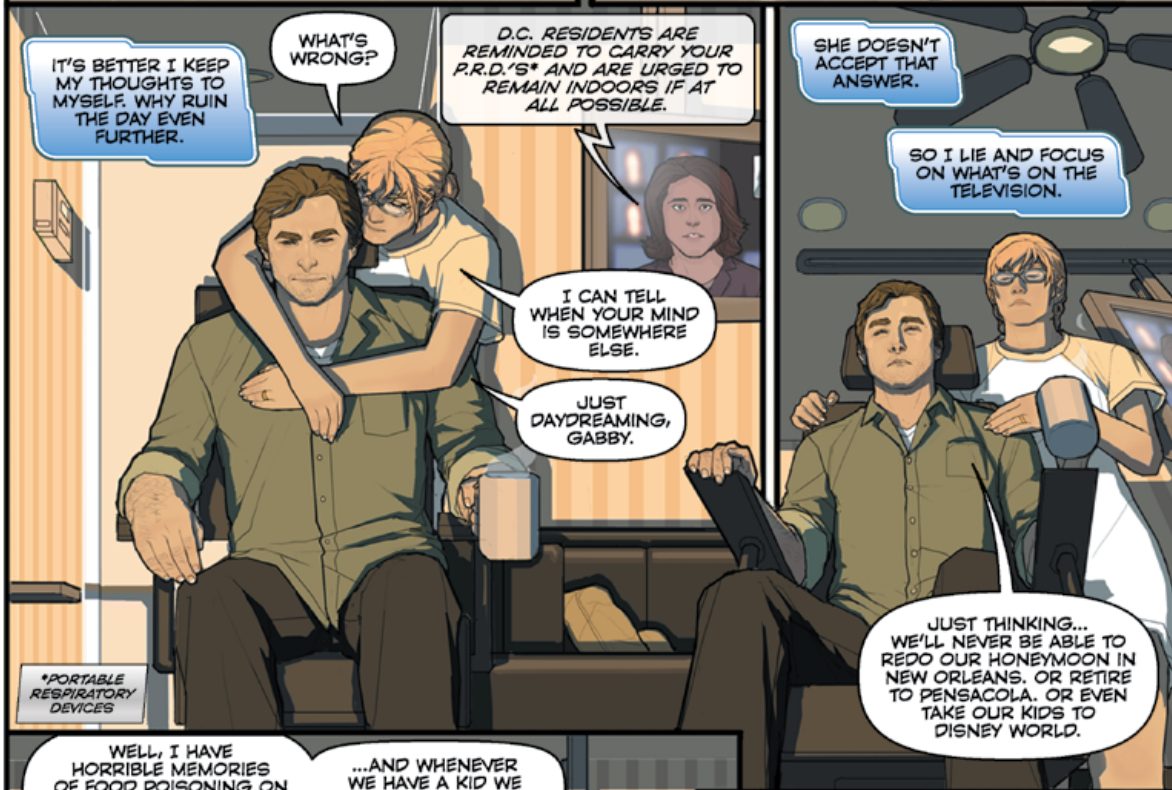
"...YOUR ENTIRE LIFE  
CAN CHANGE."



THE BREATHABILITY RATING IS AT A RECORD LOW OF MINUS NINE. AS A RESULT, THE SCHEDULED DAY OF RUINATION MEMORIAL CEREMONY ON THE CAPITOL LAWN HAS BEEN CANCELED...

WINDOWS PLEASE.

RICHARD?



IT'S BETTER I KEEP MY THOUGHTS TO MYSELF. WHY RUIN THE DAY EVEN FURTHER.

WHAT'S WRONG?

D.C. RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED TO CARRY YOUR P.R.D.'S\* AND ARE URGED TO REMAIN INDOORS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

SHE DOESN'T ACCEPT THAT ANSWER.

SO I LIE AND FOCUS ON WHAT'S ON THE TELEVISION.

I CAN TELL WHEN YOUR MIND IS SOMEWHERE ELSE.

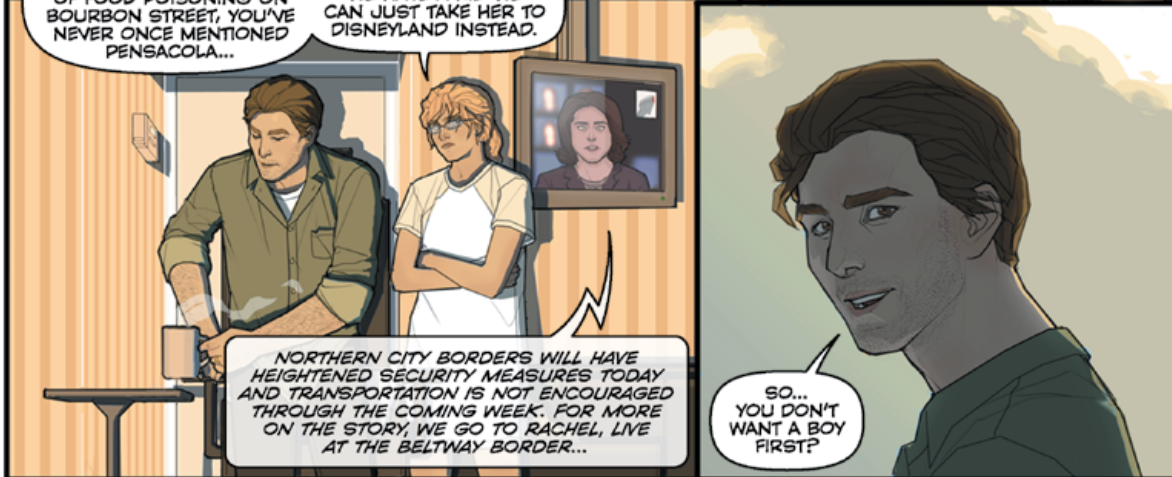
JUST DAYDREAMING, GABBY.

JUST THINKING... WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO REDO OUR HONEYMOON IN NEW ORLEANS. OR RETIRE TO PENSACOLA. OR EVEN TAKE OUR KIDS TO DISNEY WORLD.

\*PORTABLE RESPIRATORY DEVICES

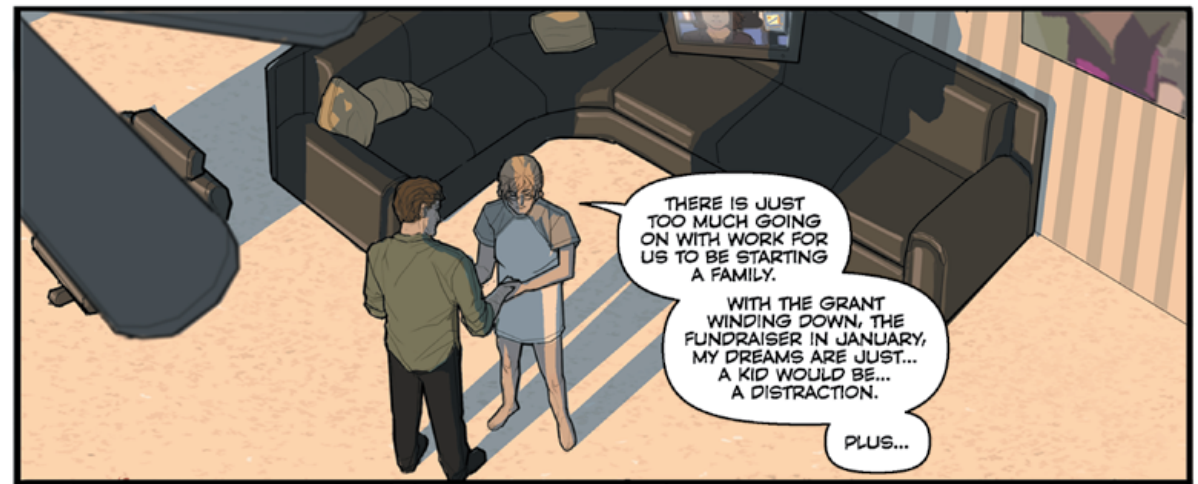
WELL, I HAVE HORRIBLE MEMORIES OF FOOD POISONING ON BOURBON STREET, YOU'VE NEVER ONCE MENTIONED PENSACOLA...

...AND WHENEVER WE HAVE A KID WE CAN JUST TAKE HER TO DISNEYLAND INSTEAD.



NORTHERN CITY BORDERS WILL HAVE HEIGHTENED SECURITY MEASURES TODAY AND TRANSPORTATION IS NOT ENCOURAGED THROUGH THE COMING WEEK. FOR MORE ON THE STORY, WE GO TO RACHEL, LIVE AT THE BELTWAY BORDER...

SO... YOU DON'T WANT A BOY FIRST?



THERE IS JUST TOO MUCH GOING ON WITH WORK FOR US TO BE STARTING A FAMILY.

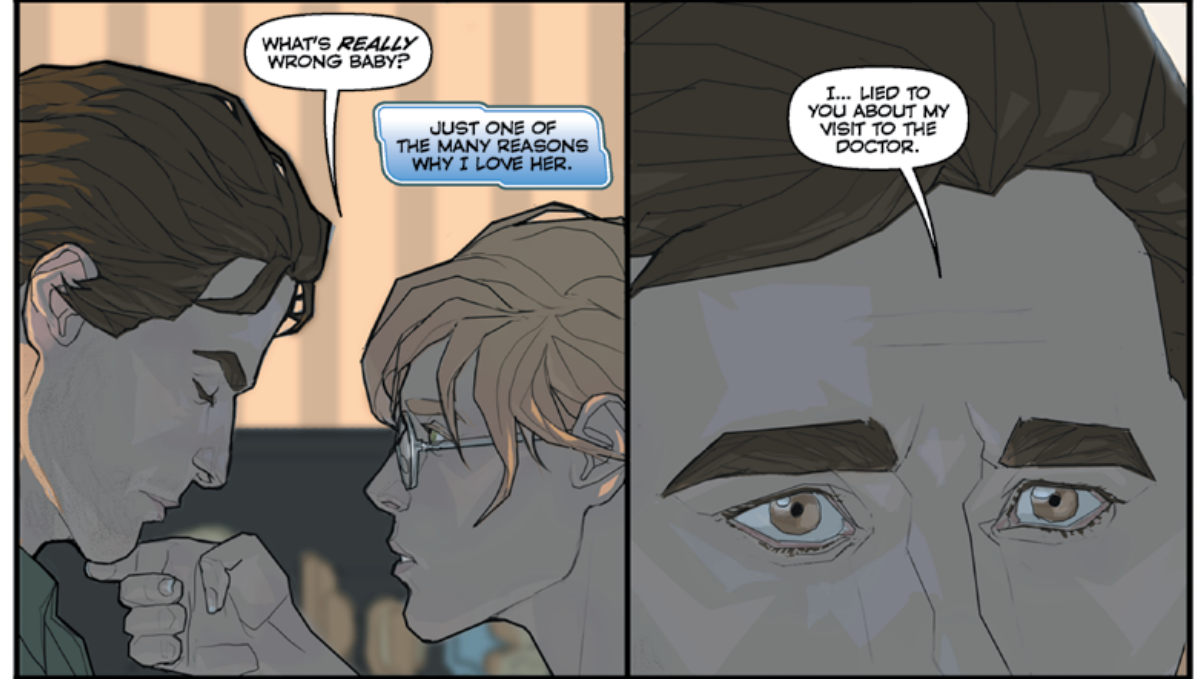
WITH THE GRANT WINDING DOWN, THE FUNDRAISER IN JANUARY, MY DREAMS ARE JUST... A KID WOULD BE... A DISTRACTION.

PLUS...



...I DON'T SEE D.C.'S HOTTEST NEUROSURGEON CHANGING ANY DIAPERS WITH HIS AWARD WINNING HANDS.

BUT SHE KNOWS ME ALL TOO WELL.



WHAT'S REALLY WRONG BABY?

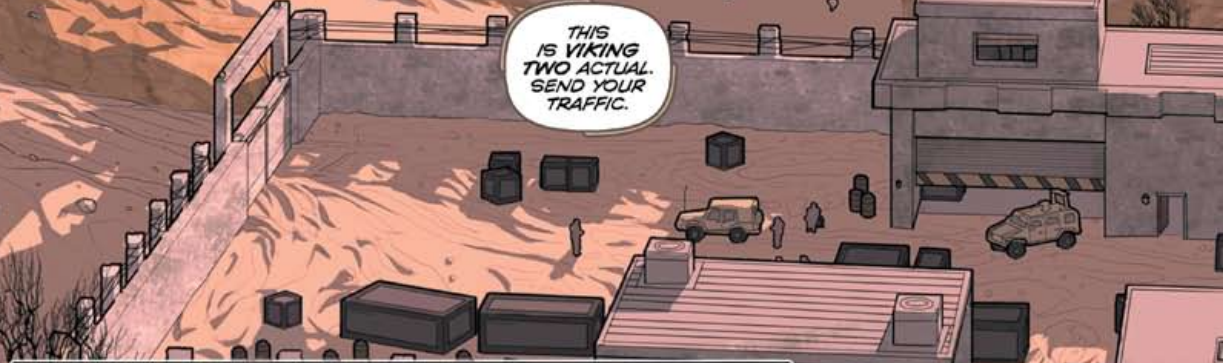
JUST ONE OF THE MANY REASONS WHY I LOVE HER.

I... LIED TO YOU ABOUT MY VISIT TO THE DOCTOR.

NOW.

VIKING TWO, THIS IS VIKING SIX, PUT YOUR ACTUAL ON.

THIS IS VIKING TWO ACTUAL. SEND YOUR TRAFFIC.



WE LOST CONTACT WITH A TRINION TASK FORCE AT THE GAMMA LAB TWO CLICKS SOUTH OF YOUR POSITION. WHOEVER HIT THEM, HIT THEM HARD AND IS HEADING YOUR WAY. GIVE ME A SITREP WHEN YOU HAVE A VISUAL OF THE POSSIBLE HVT.\*

SOLID COPY, SIX.

\*HVT: HIGH VALUE TARGET



LET'S TRY TO WRAP THIS UP QUICK. IF I'M NOT HOME BY EIGHT, THE FIANCE'S GOING TO CHEW ME OUT.



LISTEN UP. THOSE TRINION TASK BOYS COULDN'T HANDLE HOLDING A SCIENTIST'S HAND ACROSS THE STREET.

AN UNIDENTIFIED TARGET TOOK THEM OUT AND IS HEADING OUR WAY.

ALRIGHT THEN. LET'S SHOW DIRECTOR LUDAS WHY HE PAYS US THE BIG BUCKS.



VIKING SIX. WE'RE IN POSITION AT GRID 33100-91000 WITH EYES ON THE TARGET. TRINION TASK JEEP APPROACHING OUR PERIMETER WITH A WHITE LAB COAT HANGING FROM THE PASSENGER WINDOW.



MAYBE OUR TARGET IS READY TO GIVE UP THE DOCTOR.

COPY TWO. AUTHORITY TO APPREHEND AND ESCORT THE HVT TO TRINION OUTPOST FOUR GRANTED.

VROOOOM



WOOP

WOOP



KRA-BOOOON

INCOMING!





GRAAH!

A-NNH!

**KRAAK**



MEN DOWN!  
REQUEST TRINION  
GRF\* SUPPORT!

VIKING  
TWO YOU ARE  
BROKEN AND  
UNREADABLE.

\*GRF= QUICK  
REACTION  
FORCE



TAKE  
HIM DOWN!  
NOW!!

**WASHHKT**



SAY AGAIN. DO  
YOU NEED ADDITIONAL  
GROUND SUPPORT?

**BRATTAKTAKTAKKA**

NEGATIVE  
SIX. TARGET  
DOWN.

**TAK**



ARRGH!

MEDICS ARE ON THE WAY. PREPARE TO BRING THE HYT IN TO TRINION OUTPOST FOUR.

SOLID COPY, SIX. VIKING TWO OUT.



RRRAHH!



I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL YOU ARE, BUT THERE'LL BE NO MEDIC WAITING FOR YOU, YOU SON OF A--





WWHERR?!?



KRRRTCH

NOOOOO!



HHRAAGGHHH!

TRINION  
BRAKKTAKKA



UHH!



WWHERRE?!?



GOD HELP ME.



GGAAA!