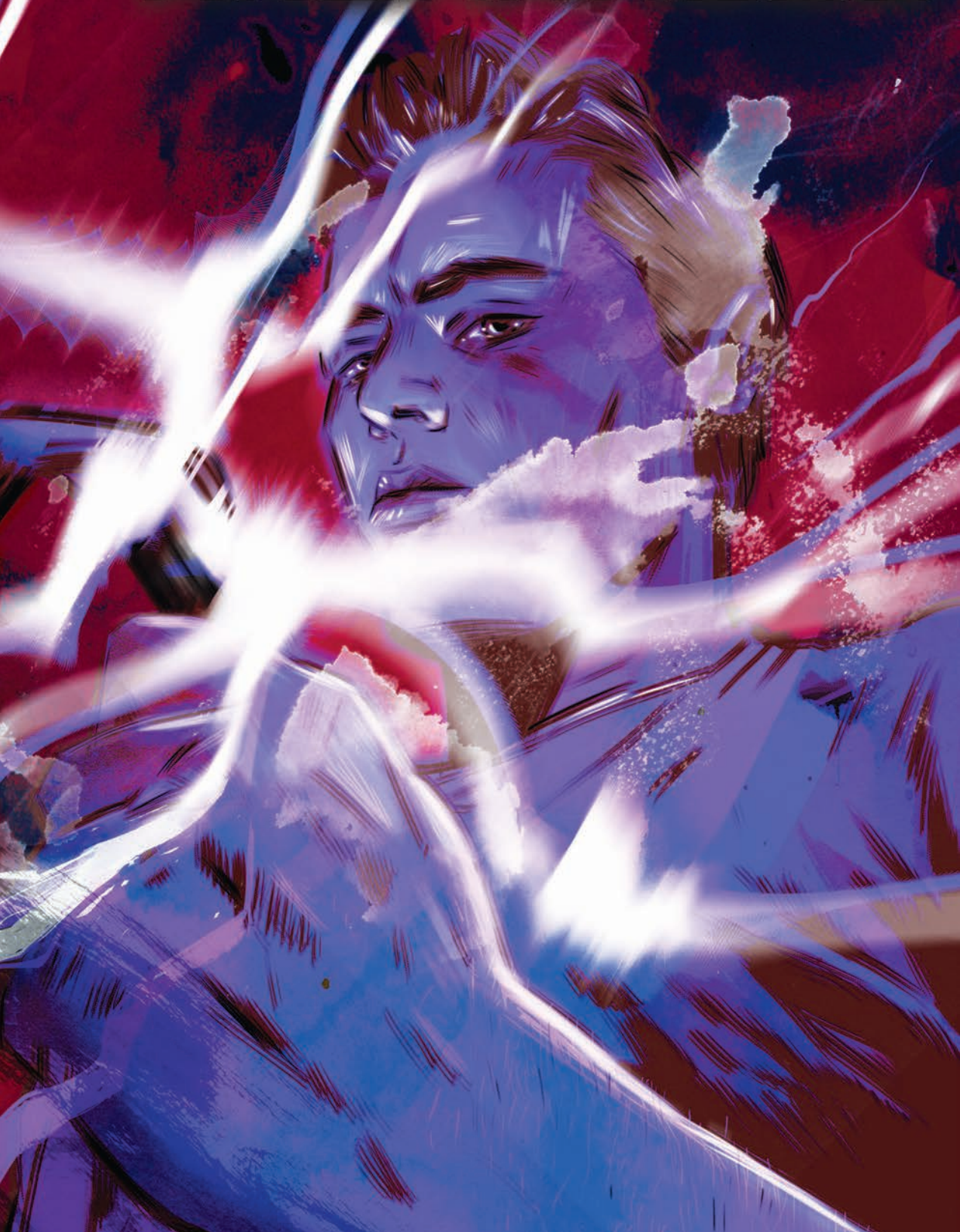


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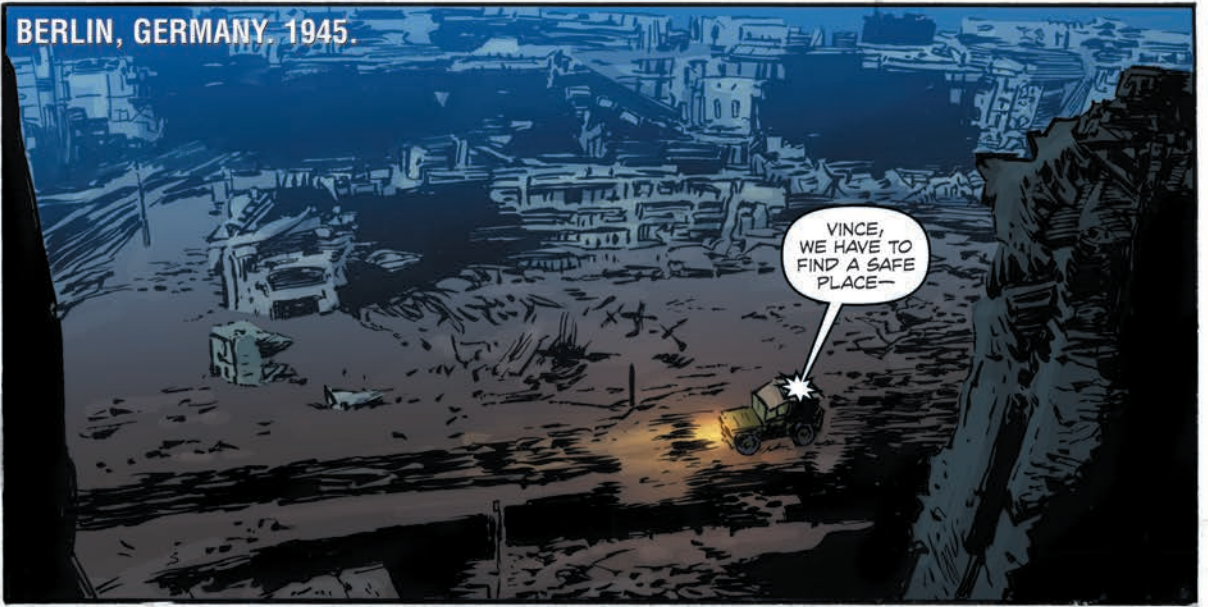
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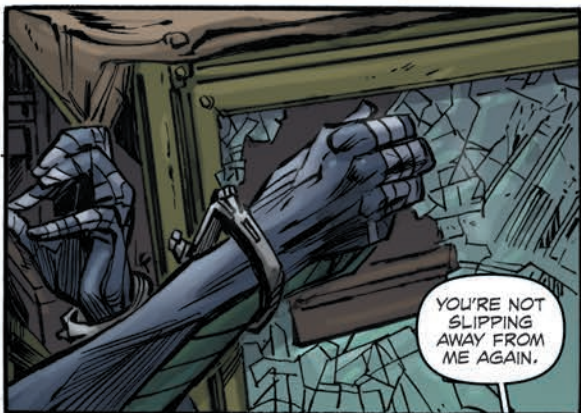
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BERLIN, GERMANY, 1945.





SAME AS BACK HOME. FIRST BOMB'S HIROSHIMA. HERE, THE SECOND BOMB'S FOR NAGASAKI, BUT THIS IS WHERE THE FORK HAPPENS.

WHERE THE MAJOR TRIES TO CHANGE YOUR HISTORY TO MATCH OURS BY HITTING THE RUSSIAN PORT AT ARCHANGEL INSTEAD.



WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT? BOMBING THE RUSSIANS?

STILL OUR ALLIES, LAST TIME I LOOKED.



WHY ARCHANGEL?

BECAUSE STALIN AND HALF THE SOVIET FLEET HAPPENED TO BE THERE AT THE TIME. ARE NOW, I MEAN, THEY'RE THERE, NOW.

WE TOOK OUT MOST OF THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND. AFTER THAT, WE BASICALLY RULED THE WORLD. PAX AMERICANA.



AMERICAN PEACE?

THERE WAS NEVER ANOTHER WAR LIKE THIS. NOBODY ELSE HAD THE BOMB, AND WE DIDN'T GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO GET IT.



WHAT BOMB?

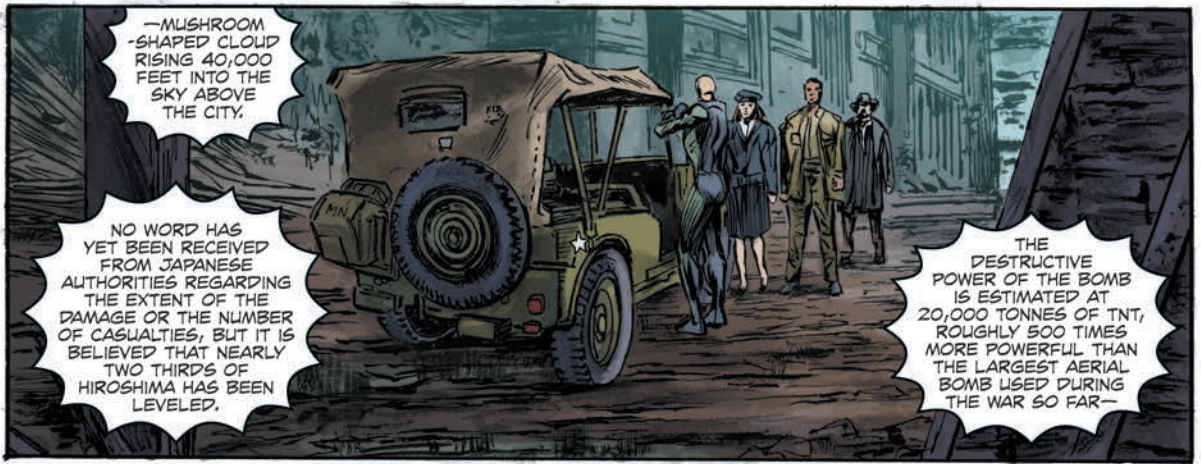
YOU LISTENING? HIROSHIMA. THE ATOM BOMB. ONE BOMB, ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE DEAD. THAT BOMB.

YOU'RE MAKING THIS SHIT UP.



YOU GOT A RADIO IN THIS THING? MUST BE ON EVERY STATION BY NOW—





—MUSHROOM-SHAPED CLOUD RISING 40,000 FEET INTO THE SKY ABOVE THE CITY.

NO WORD HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM JAPANESE AUTHORITIES REGARDING THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE OR THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT NEARLY TWO THIRDS OF HIROSHIMA HAS BEEN LEVELED.

THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF THE BOMB IS ESTIMATED AT 20,000 TONNES OF TNT, ROUGHLY 500 TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN THE LARGEST AERIAL BOMB USED DURING THE WAR SO FAR—



TORRES, THE CUFFS, TAKE 'EM OFF.



THIS IS NOT YOUR SHIT, SEE? NOT YOUR TIME. NOT YOUR WORLD.



WHERE THE HELL DID YOU COME FROM?

FROM THE RESISTANCE.

RESISTANCE TO WHAT?



THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

WHICH IN MY WORLD CONSISTS OF TWO PEOPLE: THE MAJOR BACK THERE, JUNIOR HENDERSON, AND HIS ASSHOLE FATHER, AMERICA'S PRESIDENT FOR LIFE.

THEY'VE ALREADY FUCKED THINGS UP BACK HOME, AND THEY'RE HERE FOR A REDO. THEY'RE TAKING OVER.

