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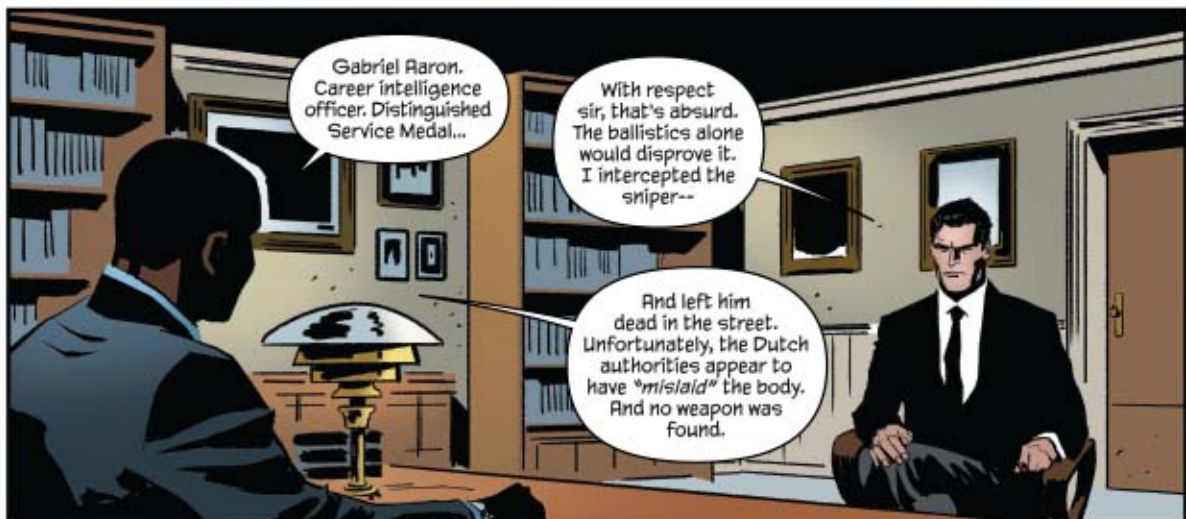
CIA seem to think you killed their man in Rotterdam, 007.



Gabriel Aaron.  
Career intelligence officer. Distinguished Service Medal...

With respect sir, that's absurd. The ballistics alone would disprove it. I intercepted the sniper--

And left him dead in the street. Unfortunately, the Dutch authorities appear to have "mislaid" the body. And no weapon was found.



Officially, the Americans are denying any involvement with Rika Van De Havik, of course, and so are we.

Unofficially, they're freezing us out. And reconsidering their position on Five Eyes.





Our intelligence-sharing agreement?

That seems... somewhat of an overreaction.



To put it mildly.

There's a bigger game being played here, 007. And we can't yet see all the pieces.



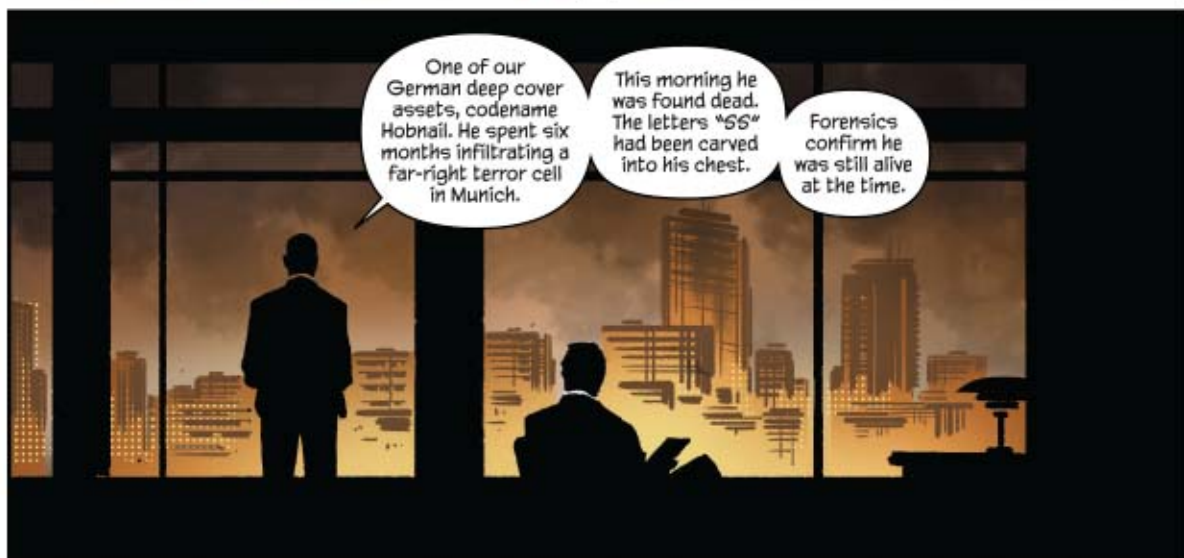
Perhaps the files Rika stole--

Are irrelevant to this operation. There's a reason we had you delete them unread.

You have a new assignment. Focus on this.



...who is he?



One of our German deep cover assets, codename Hobnail. He spent six months infiltrating a far-right terror cell in Munich.

This morning he was found dead. The letters "SS" had been carved into his chest.

Forensics confirm he was still alive at the time.



Hitler's  
*Schutzstaffel*...

The Rotterdam  
sniper threw a  
Nazi salute before  
he stepped off  
the roof.



Precisely.

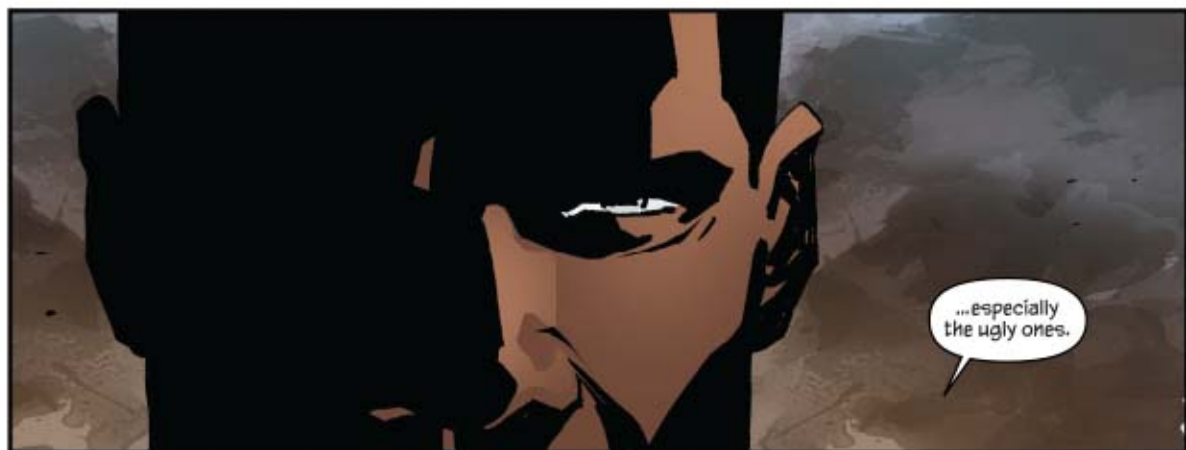
Tanner will  
fill you in on the  
details. And Major  
Boothroyd has  
some questions  
for you down in  
Q-Branch.



Very  
good, sir. One  
thing--

Have you  
considered the  
possibility that  
Hobnail could be  
retaliation for  
Aaron?

It's my  
job to consider  
every possibility,  
007...



...especially  
the ugly ones.



Remington MSR. Suppressed.



And you're sure this was the same model used by your mystery sniper...?

I didn't see it up close. But the stock has a characteristic silhouette.



Personally I'd have gone for something with a bit more punch for this sort of thing. Anti-materiel weapon, cut the bugger clean in half.

Well, not clean. But effective!

Still. Shot from the water, moving target at five hundred yards, I suppose the bugger seems to have known what he was doing. Clearly trained somewhere.



Follow the money, Bond.

Military-grade weapons like this have been showing up in the hands of extremists all across Europe. Far-left and far-right...

But as yet we've been unable to identify their source of funding.



American weapons?

Like your man's Remington.



We're still tracing the head of the pipeline, but Hobnail suspected this skinhead club on the outskirts of Munich may have been used as a staging post.



He spent six months earning their trust. And they killed him anyway.

We don't have that sort of time.

M needs answers before the NATO security summit, so he's sanctioning you to take a more...DIRECT approach.