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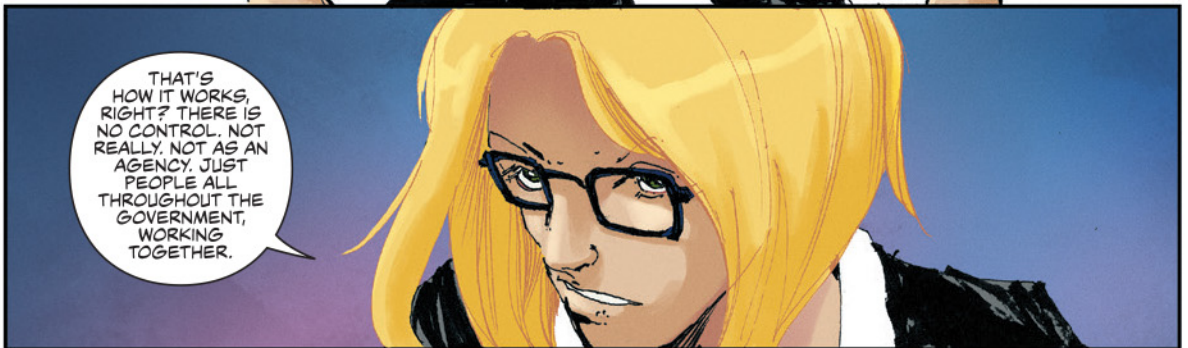
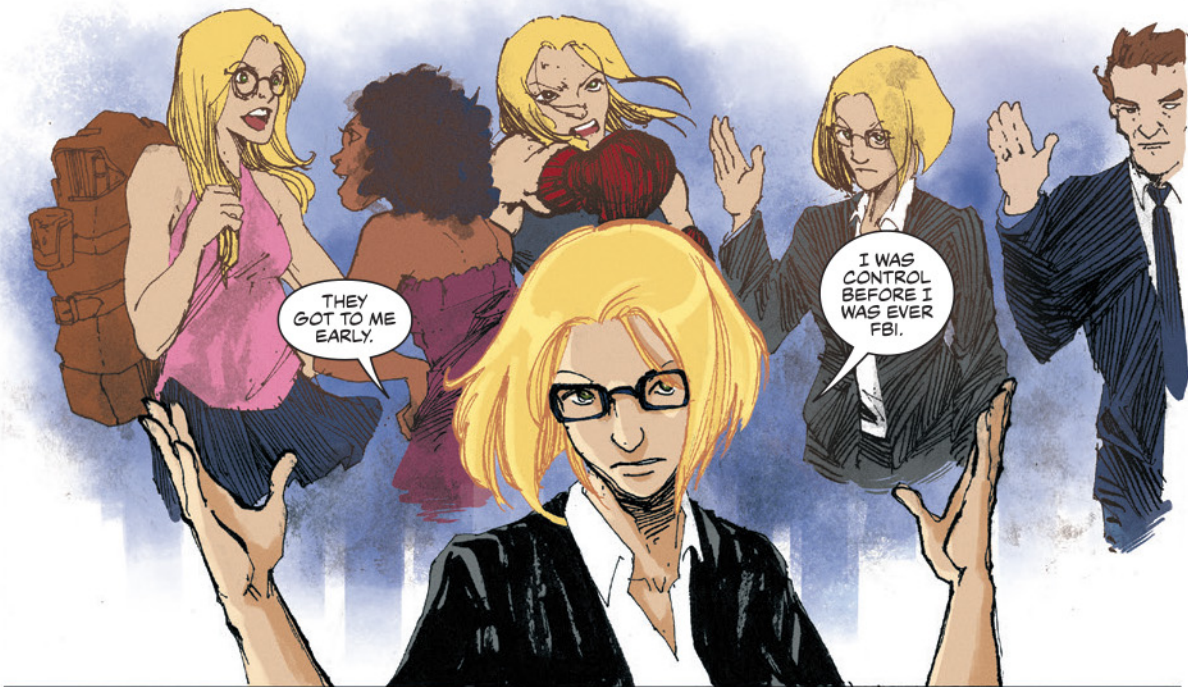
TELL  
ME ABOUT  
CONTROL.

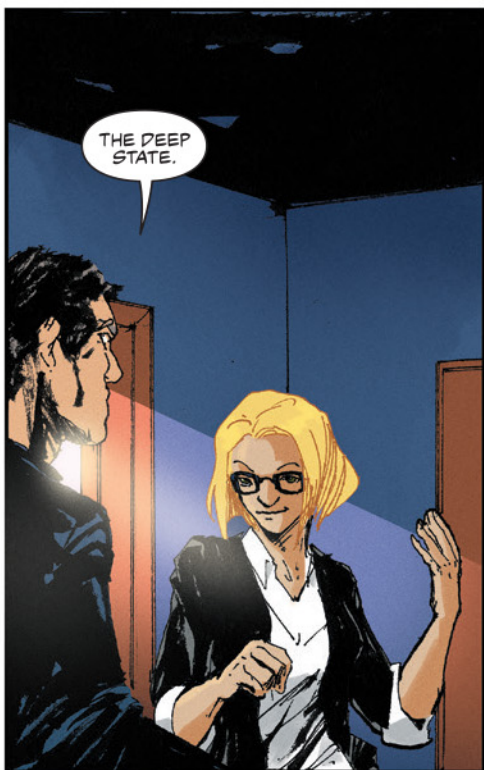


HARROW, CALM  
DOWN. THIS IS  
ODIN. HE'S USED  
IT TO MESS WITH  
YOUR HEAD.



WELL,  
THAT'S  
TRUE.





THE DEEP STATE.



THE GOVERNMENT *INSIDE* THE GOVERNMENT. THE ELECTED FACES CHANGE, BUT THE REAL GOVERNMENT, THE REAL POWER REMAINS THE SAME, HIDDEN WITHIN.

WHY?

BECAUSE I'M NOT YOU. BECAUSE I NEVER WANT TO BE YOU. I WANT TO BE FREE. THE ONLY WAY TO BE OUT IS TO BE IN.



YOU THINK YOU'RE FREE?

I THINK I'M AS CLOSE AS IT GETS.

I'M FREE. ROZ HERE WAS FREE. YOU?

YOU'RE AS MUCH A CHESS PIECE AS HE EVER WAS.



BUT AT LEAST I'M NOT A PAWN. WE STOPPED THE EARTH FROM GETTING EATEN BY A MONSTER FROM THE MOON. WE KEPT THE USA SAFE FROM *SOMETHING*. WE DID THAT. PEOPLE ARE SAFE AND THEY ARE HAPPY AND CONTROL MAKES THAT HAPPEN. AND YOU, YOU AREN'T GOING TO STOP THAT.



YOU STILL THINK THAT SERGEANT RYAN AND HIS BLACK OPS CLEANING TEAM ARE RIDING TO THE RESCUE IF YOU CAN JUST KEEP US TALKING, DON'T YOU?

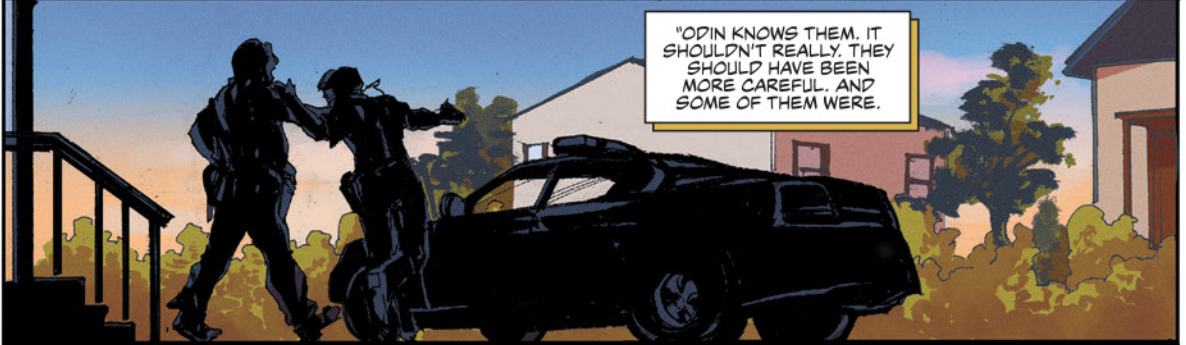
I WOULDN'T COUNT ON THAT.



"DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW?"



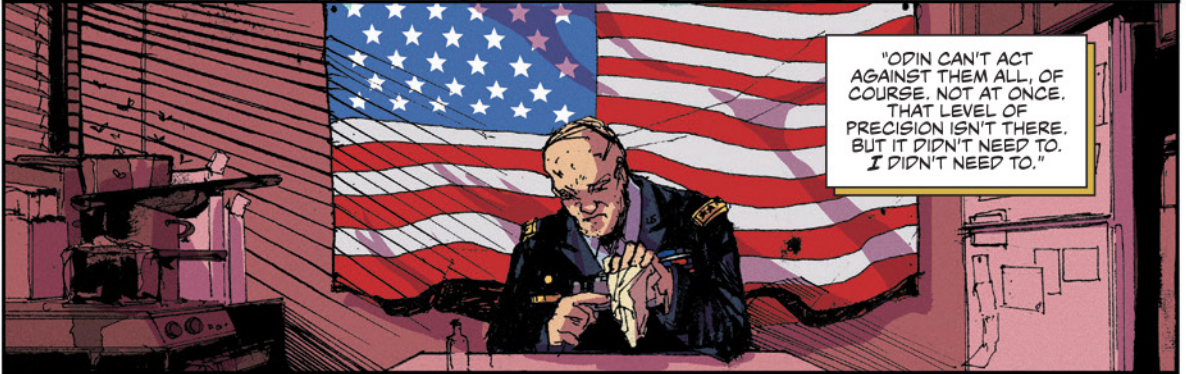
"ALL THOSE LITTLE COGS? THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE CONTROL WORK?"



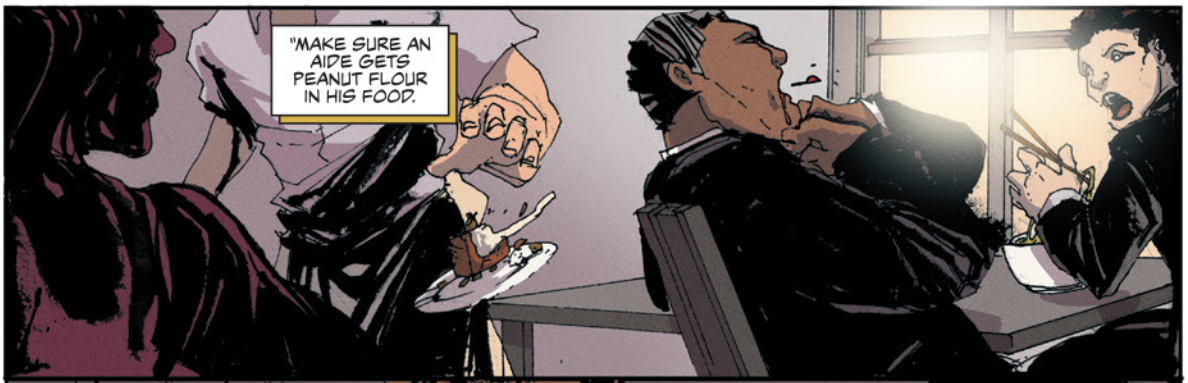
"ODIN KNOWS THEM. IT SHOULDN'T REALLY. THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CAREFUL. AND SOME OF THEM WERE."



"BUT YOU CAN'T ACT IN THIS WORLD WITHOUT SOMEONE NOTICING. OR IN THE CASE OF ODIN, SOMETHING."



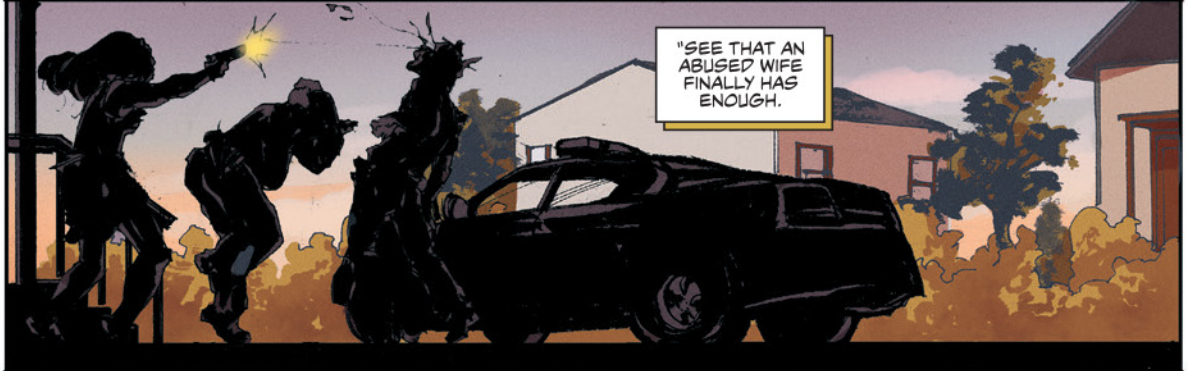
"ODIN CAN'T ACT AGAINST THEM ALL, OF COURSE. NOT AT ONCE. THAT LEVEL OF PRECISION ISN'T THERE. BUT IT DIDN'T NEED TO. I DIDN'T NEED TO."



"MAKE SURE AN AIDE GETS PEANUT FLOUR IN HIS FOOD."



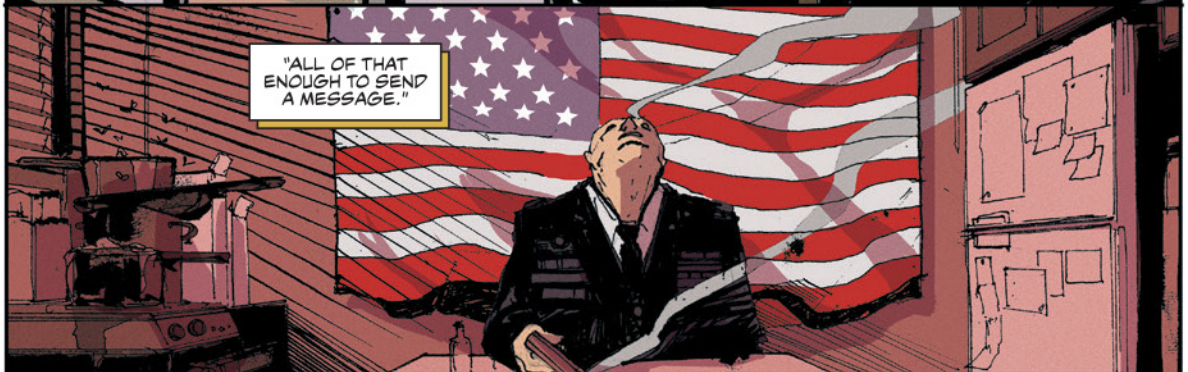
"MAKE SURE AN OFFICIAL WITH THE EPA GETS ANGRY ENOUGH TO BLOW A WHISTLE."



"SEE THAT AN ABUSED WIFE FINALLY HAS ENOUGH."



"MAKE SURE THE HONEST COPS SEE THE PATTERN IN THE NOISE."



"ALL OF THAT ENOUGH TO SEND A MESSAGE."