

Carlyle Special Warfare Center (C-Swick)-
Camp Coyote, Black Rock Desert, SWR Sub-Dominion

Family: Carlyle

...EACH OF
YOU A WARM
WELCOME TO OUR
LAST ARRIVAL...

Population [Family]: 0
Population [Serf-Active Duty
Carlyle Forces]: 269

...SERGEANT CASEY
SOLOMON, A VETERAN OF
THE PULLITH CAMPAIGN.

I AM GUNNERY
SERGEANT ELIJAH
HACKETT...

...YOU WILL
REFER TO ME
AS SERGEANT
HACKETT.

FOR MOST OF YOU
JUST TO GET HERE REQUIRED
FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE, THREE
WEEKS OF CONDITIONING, A SIXTY-FIVE
DAY ASSESSMENT, A SEVEN WEEK
ORIENTATION AND **FURTHER**
EDUCATION...

...AND EIGHT AND A HALF WEEKS
ON THE SCOUT SNIPER COURSE, WITH FORTY
WEEKS OF **SPECIALTY TRAINING**...

...CASEY SOLOMON
DID NOT,

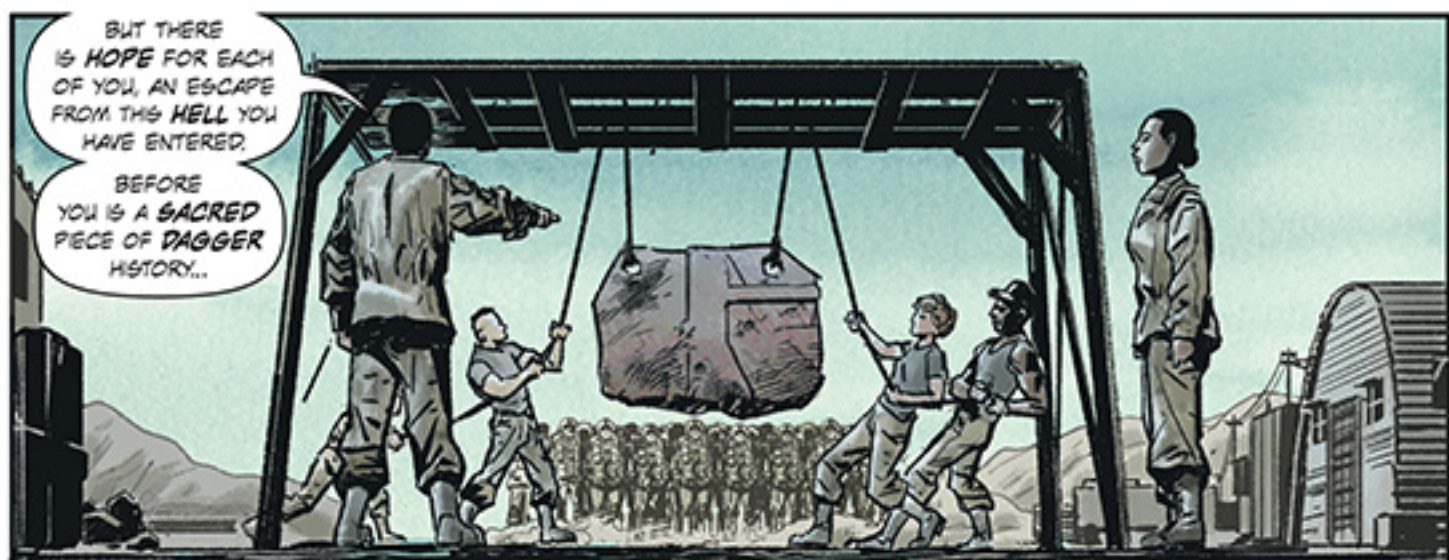
CASEY SOLOMON
GOT HERE BY BEING
A HERO.

SERGEANT
SOLOMON, REPORTING
AS ORDERED, GUNNERY
SERGEANT.

HACKETT CAR SOC

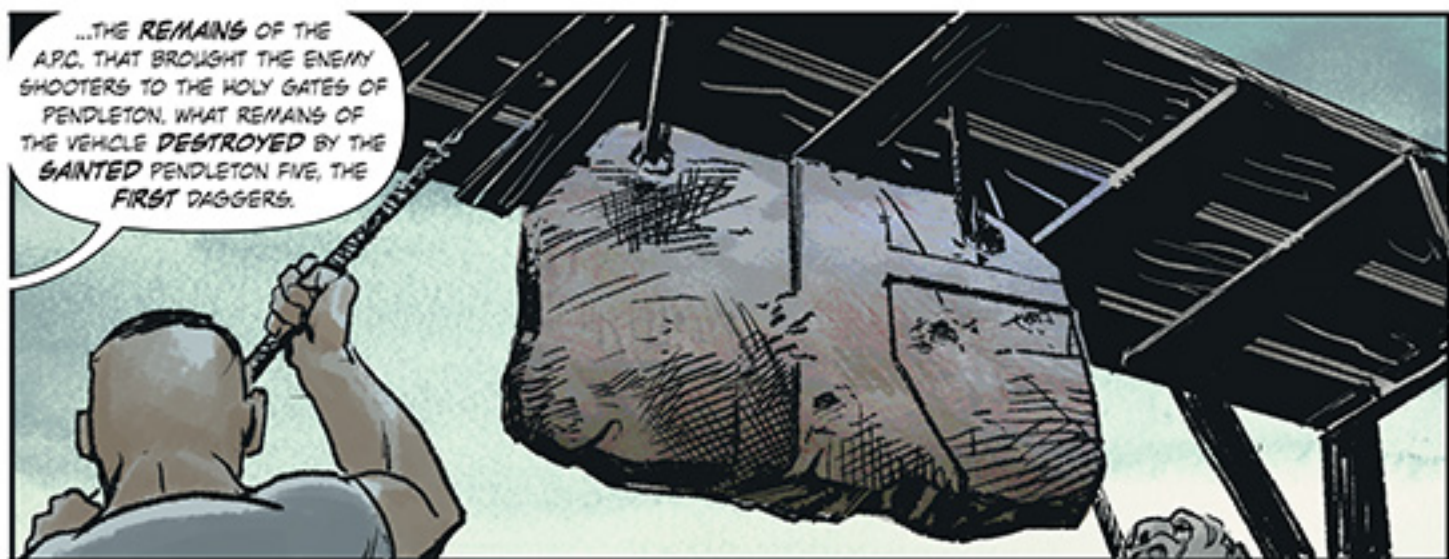
FALL IN,
CANDIDATE.





BUT THERE IS HOPE FOR EACH OF YOU, AN ESCAPE FROM THIS HELL YOU HAVE ENTERED.

BEFORE YOU IS A SACRED PIECE OF DAGGER HISTORY...



...THE REMAINS OF THE APC. THAT BROUGHT THE ENEMY SHOOTERS TO THE HOLY GATES OF PENDLETON. WHAT REMAINS OF THE VEHICLE DESTROYED BY THE SAINTED PENDLETON FIVE, THE FIRST DAGGERS.



WHEN YOU ARE READY TO CONFESS THAT YOU HAVE WASTED MY TIME, YOUR TIME, YOUR INSTRUCTORS' TIME, YOU WILL WALK TO THAT HOLY ARTIFACT.

YOU WILL TAKE THE HAMMER THAT HANGS THERE.

YOU WILL STRIKE THAT PANEL THREE TIMES.



THREE TAPS, THAT'S ALL...



...AND YOU GET TO GO HOME TO HOT FOOD AND SOFT BEDS AND LOVING ARMS...

...AND YOU GET TO PRETEND THAT YOU NEVER, FOR A MOMENT, IMAGINED YOU MIGHT BE SOMEONE SPECIAL.



WE BEGIN NOW.



--AND DROP
PACKS.

YOU ARE **WEAK**
AND **SLOW** AND SHOULD HAVE
REACHED THIS OBJECTIVE TWO
MINUTES **AGO**.

YOU SEE BEFORE
YOU **DAGGER** SERGEANT
GINGERSNAP AND
A **DOOR**...

...ON MY
ORDER, YOU WILL
GO THROUGH THAT
DOOR AND **CLEAR**
THE HOUSE.



CANDIDATE
SOLOMON AND
CANDIDATE CERVANTES,
SINCE YOU GOT **HERE**
FIRST, YOU ARE GOING
IN FIRST.

SOLOMON, YOU
ARE **FIRST** MAN,
CERVANTES, YOU
ARE **SECOND**
MAN...

...TRUST THE
OPERATOR AHEAD OF
YOU TO DO THEIR JOB,
THE OPERATOR BEHIND
YOU TO HAVE YOUR
BACK.

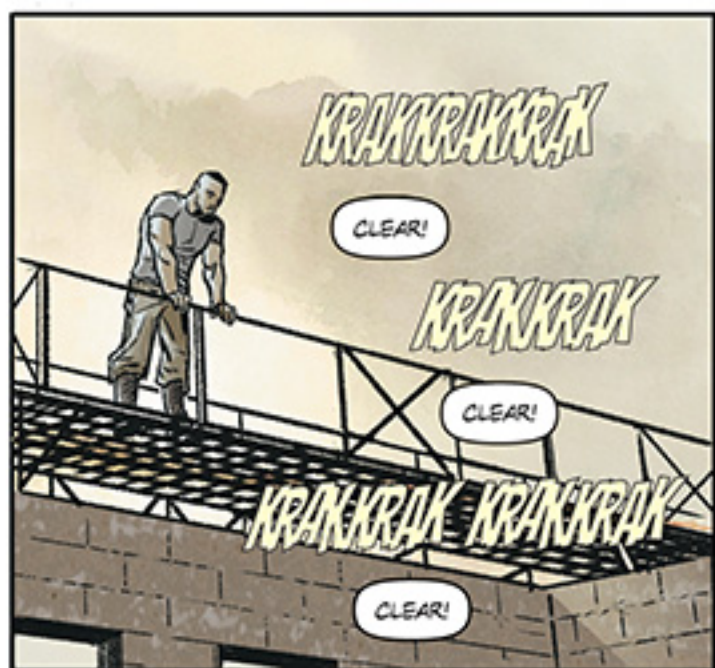


OR MAYBE HE
DOESN'T.

ON MY
COMMAND--



--GO GO
GO!



KRANKRANK

CLEAR!

KRANKRANK

CLEAR!

KRANKRANK KRANKRANK

CLEAR!