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IT'S THE YEAR 2109. BERNARD CAMPION -- BC -- IS AN ASSASSIN FOR THE POPE, A KILLER DISGUISED AS A PRIEST OF THE NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH. HE'S STRUGGLING WITH HIS WORK'S INHERENT CONTRADICTIONS, TRYING TO TAKE CARE OF "BUSINESS" DURING AN OUT OF CONTROL, INTERPLANETARY RELIGIOUS WAR.

HIS CURRENT ASSIGNMENT? ELIMINATE THE GOVERNOR OF LUNAR PRIME, THE FREE STATE ON THE MOON.

BC HAS NO IDEA -- THIS LATEST ASSIGNMENT WILL CHANGE EVERYTHING!

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ACTS 2:20: THE SUN WILL BE TURNED TO DARKNESS AND THE MOON TO BLOOD...

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THE MOON. HOME TO OVER A MILLION PEOPLE. INDEPENDENT, NOT ALLIED WITH EITHER SIDE IN THE ONGOING WAR BETWEEN EARTH AND MARS -

NEUTRAL TERRITORY, A PLACE WHERE THE TWO SIDES CAN MEET WHEN THEY NEGOTIATE... WHEN THEY BOTHER TO TRY.

I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR AGREEING TO ATTEND THIS PEACE CONFERENCE...

LUNAR PRIME GOVERNOR MEREDITH MCENTYRE LOOKS OUT AT THE WARRING PARTIES...





WASTE TRANSPORT TUNNEL 5, LUNAR PRIME

IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE EASY THIS TIME

FIND THE GOVERNOR IN THE GREEN ROOM -
SORRY, MA'AM, JUST LOST... I'M THE NEW PR
AIDE - FATHER BERNARD CAMPION.

SHOOK HER HAND...
EXCHANGED THE KILLBOTS.

SHE SEEMED NICE. HAD TO BE ELIMINATED FOR
THE GREATER GOOD. SO THEY TELL ME. DID AS I WAS INSTRUCTED...
DID THE LORD'S WORK. SHE'S A UIN SYMPATHIZER. WE CAN'T LET
HER GIVE THEM THE MOON.

THE UIN LAUNCHES ATTACKS FROM MARS - BUT THEY
ONLY HAVE A FEW STOLEN TRANSPACE SHIPS ABLE TO
MAKE THE TRIP FAST ENOUGH TO BE EFFECTIVE.

IF SHE GIVES THEM THE MOON, THEY'LL
LAUNCH FROM HERE... WITH A LOT MORE SHIPS!

LEFT THE GOVERNOR, DROPPED DOWN
A MAINTENANCE HATCH. SUPPOSED TO BE A
QUICK TRIP DOWN THIS ACCESS TUNNEL TO THE
NEXT HATCH - THEN OUT THROUGH A MAINTENANCE
CLOSET OFF THE MAIN MALL TO MY SPARE
CLOTHES STASHED THERE.

BUT WHERE'S THE NEXT HATCH?!

GOTTA GET BACK INTO THAT HALL BEFORE ANY GROW WISER...



SMELLS LIKE STEAMING, DECOMPOSING GARBAGE, ROTTING TOMATOES, SULFUR, URINE, DIRTY SOCKS, DISINFECTANT AND VOMIT...



BEST NOT TO ANALYZE IT TOO MUCH! I'M DOING THE LORD'S WORK? RIGHT! WHO AM I KIDDING? WITH WHAT THE OPO HAS ON ME, I GOTTA DO THIS FOR THEM, FOR WHATEVER REASONS THEY MAKE UP. GOD THINKS I SHOULD KILL AND THEN WADE THROUGH THIS CRAP, HUH?



GOD'S PRETTY TWISTED!

IT'S BURNING MY SKIN, TOO! THE BIG GUY WOULD PROBABLY SAY THIS IS MY PENANCE - "FORGIVE ME, LORD, FOR ASSASSINATING THE GOVERNOR OF THE MOON. BUT I DID IT FOR YOU..."



EXTREME FORCE IS AUTHORIZED!

DAMMIT!

THE NEXT HATCH SHOULD BE RIGHT ABOUT HERE... WHERE IS IT?





GREAT. AN AUTOMATED SECURITY 'BOT!

THE GLORIOUS LIFE OF AN AGENT OF THE OFFICE OF PAPAL OPERATIONS...

CAN ALMOST HEAR THE **BIG GUY** IN MY HEAD SPEAKING WORDS THAT SOMEHOW SEEM **WRONG** COMING FROM SUCH A **BLESSEDLY** ADORNED FIGURE...



...IT IS **GOD'S WILL!** YOU, AS ALWAYS, **FATHER CAMPION**, ARE MERELY HIS **INSTRUMENT**.

INSTRUMENT? I'M FEELING PRETTY **PLAYED** RIGHT NOW...



UGH! **SMELL IS GETTING WORSE!** DIDN'T THINK THAT WAS **POSSIBLE!** THE 'BOT IS **SUPERHEATING** THE **SLUDGE** BY **FIRING** INTO IT!



FINALLY! **DAMN GOO** IS **GETTING TOO HOT...**

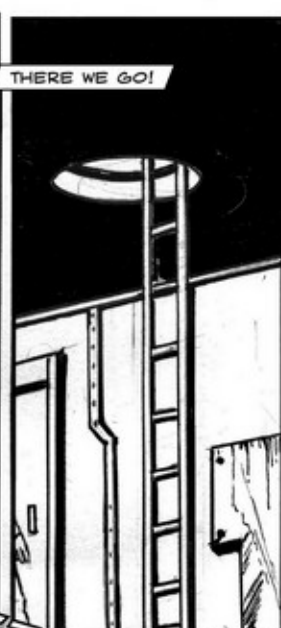
WHERE'S THE **CONTROL PANEL?**



THERE!



DAMN!



LIKE A SLEEPING
LATINO ANGEL!

HAVE TO USE THE
HAND-LASER...

C'MON C'MON!

UNHH...

GOTTA HURRY...
SHE'S WAKING UP!

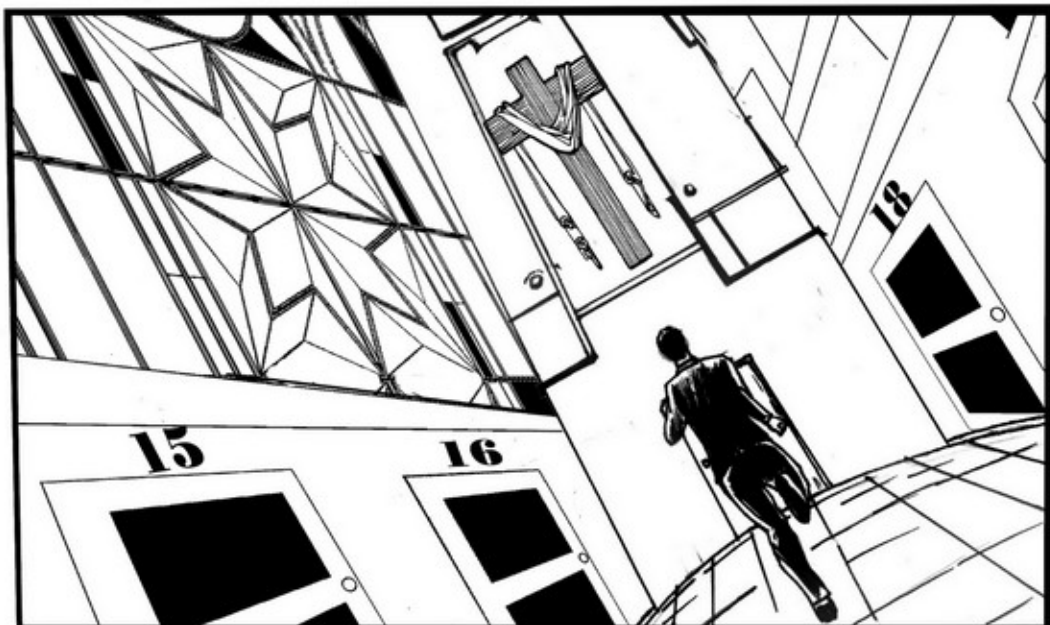
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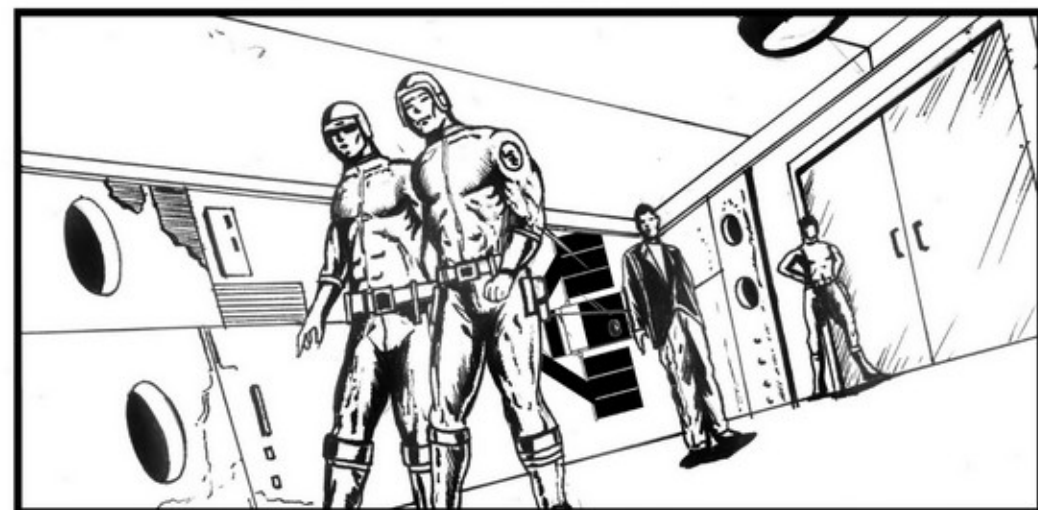
MY BAG SHOULD BE
OVER BY THE TRUNK OF THAT
HUGE PINE... DON'T SEE IT.
GOOD HIDING JOB?

THEY'RE GONE?!

WHO WOULD STEAL A
PRIEST'S CLOTHES?!

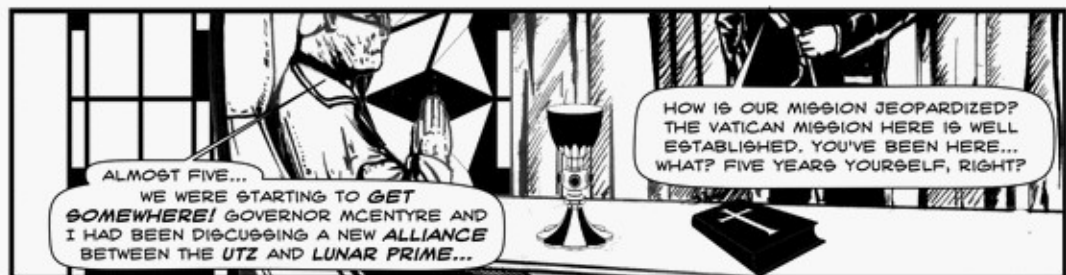
















DANGEROUS GROUND YOU'RE ON, CARDINAL. THERE'S STUFF YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT...


TIME FOR SOME OF MY FAMOUS SPIN...

WE DO THE LORD'S WORK, CARDINAL ANDERSEN, EVEN THE OFFICE OF PAPAL OPERATIONS. THE HOLY FATHER SENDS US AS HIS PERSONAL EMISSARIES INTO THE WORLD. DO YOU FIND THE OPO... DANGEROUS, CARDINAL? WE BUT SERVE GOD'S REPRESENTATIVE ON EARTH, POPE PETER THE SECOND. WE ARE ONLY 'DANGEROUS' IN OUR DEVOTION TO THE LORD.



SO WAS THE INQUISITION, FATHER. TORQUEMADA SAID MUCH THE SAME THING, YOU KNOW.

BETTER WATCH YOURSELF, CARDINAL...




WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE HERE, CARDINAL. PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT. POPE PETER ASSIGNED YOU TO LUNA PERSONALLY, DIDN'T HE?

AREN'T WE ALL THE POPE'S MEN?

WE ARE AT THAT, FATHER CAMPION. MAYBE SOME MORE THAN OTHERS, THOUGH, EH?


CAREFUL THERE, HOLY MAN...



THERE ARE THOSE WHO VIEW YOUR ASSIGNMENT HERE AS MY NEW PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER AS A THREAT. YOU KNOW THE RUMORS ABOUT THE OPO.


MAYBE THE UIN REACTED TO YOUR ARRIVAL WITH THIS POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION?

LORD KNOWS THEY'VE BEEN LEAVING IN DROVES SINCE SHE DIED.




I REALLY DON'T THINK MY ARRIVAL WOULD HAVE EVEN DRAWN THEIR ATTENTION, MUCH LESS THEIR ANGER.

I'M NOT NEARLY SO IMPORTANT...




STILL, IT'S ONLY POSSIBLE FOUL PLAY, YOUR EMINENCE. WE MUST TRUST IN GOD. MAYBE IT WAS JUST HER TIME.

PERHAPS. BUT I DON'T BELIEVE GOD HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS! OUR NEW GOVERNOR EDWARDS AND HIS PEOPLE ARE ALSO VERY SUSPICIOUS. OF COURSE, THEY DO LET THOSE MUSLIMS WANDER THE HALLS HERE... EVEN WITH THE WAR! PRICE OF NEUTRALITY, I SUPPOSE.



I DON'T TRUST THEM. BAD ENOUGH WE HAVE TO LIVE AMONG THEM HERE ON THE MOON. THEY'RE NATURALLY VIOLENT, AND THEY SEEM TO HATE ABSOLUTELY EVERYONE ELSE!

JEEESH, THE GUY'S ALMOST RABID.



THE UIN MAY VERY WELL HAVE KILLED MCENTYRE TO DERAIL OUR NEGOTIATIONS. IF THEY'LL KILL HER, THEY'LL NOT HESITATE TO REMOVE THOSE WHO ARE LESS VISIBLE. BE CAREFUL...



DING!

CARDINAL? GOVERNOR EDWARDS IS HERE TO SEE YOU.

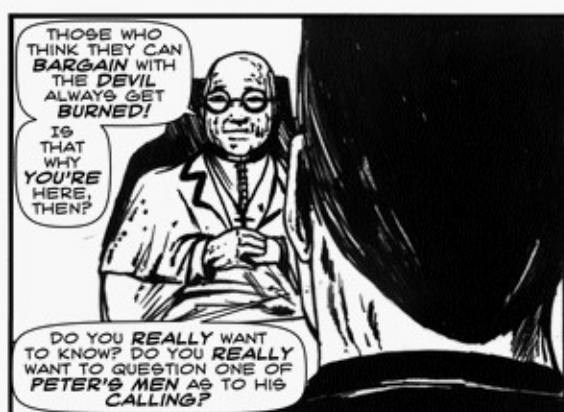















SPREADING
OUT JUST LIKE
YOU DESCRIBED,
FATHER
CAMPION...

COULD
YOU MEET ME
IN MY OFFICE
IMMEDIATELY?

TO BE
CONTINUED!

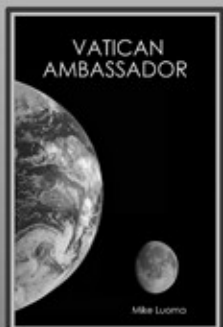
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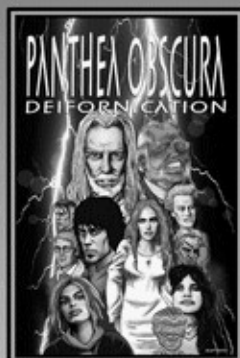


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