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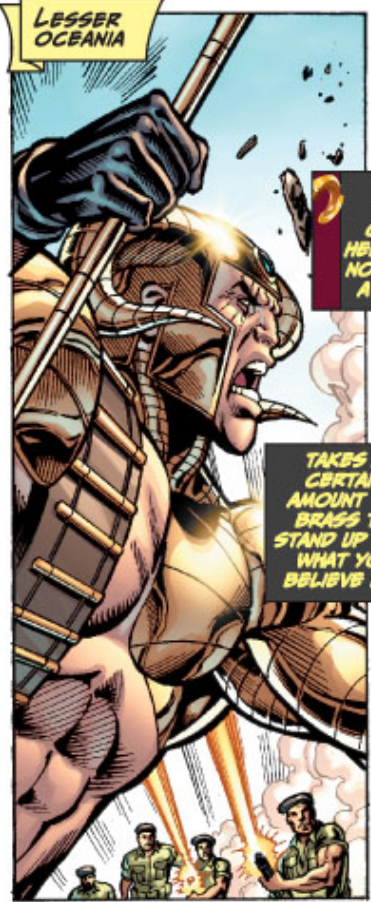
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SHIELDS UP!

LESSER OCEANIA

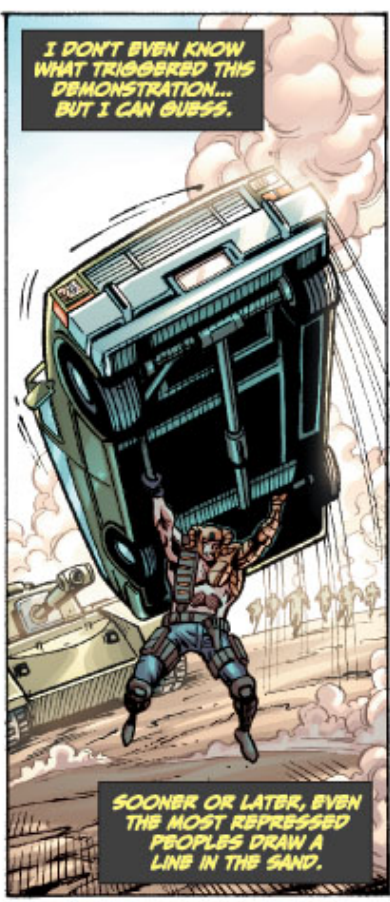


THERE'S GENUINE COURAGE HERE AND IT'S NOT WEARING A UNIFORM.

TAKES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF BRASS TO STAND UP FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN—

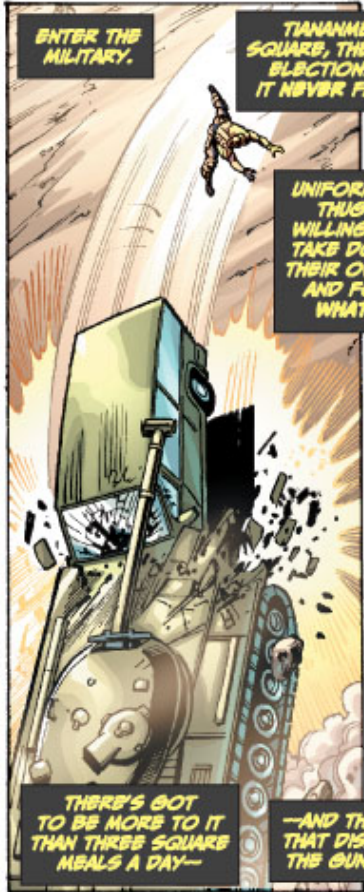


—KNOWING IT'S GOING TO BUY YOU A WORLD OF HURT.



I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TRIGGERED THIS DEMONSTRATION... BUT I CAN GUESS.

SOONER OR LATER, EVEN THE MOST REPPRESSED PEOPLES DRAW A LINE IN THE SAND.



ENTER THE MILITARY.

TIANANMEN SQUARE, THE IRAN ELECTIONS... IT NEVER FAILS.

UNIFORMED THUGS WILLING TO TAKE DOWN THEIR OWN... AND FOR WHAT?

THERE'S GOT TO BE MORE TO IT THAN THREE SQUARE MEALS A DAY—



—AND THE KIND OF "RESPECT" THAT DISAPPERS AS SOON AS THE GUNS ARE OUT OF SIGHT.



MY GUESS'D BE IT'S GOT MORE TO DO WITH PECKING ORDER THAN WITH SERVICE TO COUNTRY.

DOBRES OF REPRESSION AS IN: "AT LEAST I'M BETTER OFF THAN THEY ARE."

**GUESS THAT CAN
DEPEND ON YOUR
PERSPECTIVE,
AS WELL.**



IN TOO DEEP

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LESSER OCRANIA,
ONE OF DOZENS
OF OPPRESSIVE
REGIMES IGNORED
BY PEOPLE WHO
SHOULD KNOW
BETTER.

**ALL BUT FELL OFF
THE WORLD'S RADAR
WHEN THE RESIDENT
STRONGMAN DIED.**

**COMMON
WISDOM WAS
THAT HIS WIFE
DIDN'T HAVE
THE CULT OF
PERSONALITY
THAT KEPT
GAULBITER IN
POWER...**

**...THAT INTERBANKING
POWER STRUGGLES
WOULD CRIPPLE
THE COUNTRY.**

SURPRISS.

**SO THE REALITY OF
LESSER O BOSS FROM
BAD TO WORSE.**

**AT LEAST HIS HUSBAND
CONFINED HIS AMBITIONS
TO HIS OWN COUNTRY.**

**LADY GAULBITER HAS
LOFTIER AMBITIONS...
FANCIES HERSELF A
PLAYER ON THE
WORLD STAGE.**

KRAPOW!

**CONSIDER THIS AN
INTERVENTION.**



MAGOG.
AND SO MUCH
MORE IMPOSING
IN PERSON.

SPARE
ME. YOU
KNOW WHY
I'M HERE.

YOU'VE
DECIDED
TO TRY YOUR
HAND AT NATION
BUILDING?



DON'T TEMPT
ME.

IF THIS
IS ABOUT THE
MEDITERRANEAN
QUEEN INCIDENT,
I'M AFRAID YOUR
OUTRAGE IS...
MISPLACED.

ONE OF YOUR...
"OPERATIVES"
HAD A LOW PAIN
THRESHOLD.



AND HE
POINTED
YOU AT
ME.

YOU HAVE HEARD THAT
TORTURE PRODUCES WHAT
THE TORTURER THINKS THE
TORTURER WANTS TO
HEAR?

AS INTELLIGENCE
GATHERING GOES...
MOST UNRELIABLE.

YOU
SHOULD KNOW.



I CANNOT
BE HELD RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE ACTIONS OF
ROGUE FACTIONS.

MUCH LIKE YOUR
JUSTICE SOCIETY
CANNOT BE HELD
RESPONSIBLE FOR
YOUR ACTIONS.

NO?
YES?

NICE
TRY.



HOW DO YOU
EXPLAIN WHAT
JUST HAPPENED
OUT THERE?

HOW DID
YOUR GOVERNMENT
EXPLAIN KENT
STATEP

I DIDN'T COME
HERE FOR A HISTORY
LESSON--OR TO DEBATE.



NO. YOU
CAME HERE TO
THREATEN.

TO
WARN.

YOU EXPORT
TERRORISM, YOU
IMPORT ME.