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... IN THE DAYS SINCE THE JUNE
SEVENTH ATTACK BY NAKBA, THE
MILITARY RESPONSE FROM **ISHRAL**
HAS NOT ONLY BEEN EXTREMELY
DESTRUCTIVE, BUT A CLEAR SIGN
OF **INTENT** MOVING FORWARD...

... LAUNCHING CONSISTENT **MISSILE ATTACKS** ON CENTERS OF CIVILIZATION WITHIN THE OZAI PROVINCE. A HIGH NUMBER OF **CIVILIAN CASUALTIES** HAS BEEN REPORTED, SUGGESTING A LESS THAN **MEASURED** APPROACH ON THE PART OF THE ISHRAI DEFENSE FORCES.



REGARDLESS, ISHRAI PRIME MINISTER **JACOB RABIN-GURION** HAS YET TO BACK DOWN, INSISTING THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO TARGET TERRORIST HIDEOUTS IN OZAI WITH NO END IN SIGHT, AS HE DID IN THIS INTERVIEW ON **AL JEZEERA** YESTERDAY...



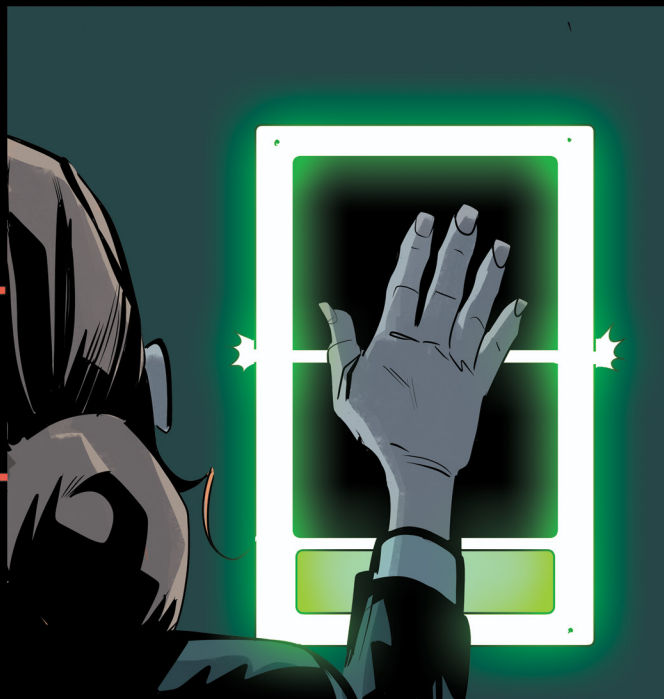
LET US NOT FORGET, IT IS ISHRAI THAT WAS ATTACKED. SO OUR MISSION IS **CLEAR...** AND THERE IS ONLY **ONE** ACCEPTABLE OUTCOME. NAKBA MUST BE DISARMED COMPLETELY AND CAN PLAY **NO** FURTHER ROLE IN OZAI'S GOVERNANCE.



CONSIDERING ISHRAI'S RESOLVE, U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN ATTEMPTING TO **DIFUSE** THIS LATEST CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS BEEN, SO FAR, **MUTED**. WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY **ANGELA HART** ADDRESSED THE SITUATION EARLY THIS MORNING...



WE'VE BEEN ASSURED THAT THE TARGETS IN QUESTION INCLUDE NAKBA **TERROR** OPERATIVES, BUILDINGS BEING **USED** BY TERROR GROUPS, AND **WEAPON DEPOTS**. OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ISHRAI REMAINS STRONG, BUT WE CERTAINLY DON'T WANT **FURTHER** DESTABILIZATION IN THE REGION...



WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM:

ALRIGHT, GENTLEMEN... LET'S NOT PRETEND WE HAVE A **HANDLE** ON THIS NIGHTMARE SCENARIO.

I'VE MADE IT KNOWN TO RABIN-GURION THAT WE CANNOT SUPPORT THESE ATTACKS...

... BUT WHAT ARE WE **REALLY** DOING TO AVOID ALL-OUT **WAR**...?

MY TEAM SHOULD BE MAKING LANDFALL AS WE SPEAK, SIR.

THEY'RE EFFECTIVELY **CLOAKED**, SO THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE KNOWS THEY'RE COMING.

BUT THAT MEANS COMPLETE RADIO SILENCE. SO WE CAN'T EVEN CALL THEM BACK IF **DIPLOMATIC** EFFORTS MAKE ANY SIGNIFICANT **PROGRESS**...

UNFORTUNATELY... THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE A CEASEFIRE ANYTIME SOON.

SIR, THE ISHRAELI GENERALS ARE CONVINCED THAT NAKBA IS WORKING WITH **OTHER** TERRORIST GROUPS IN THE REGION. WE **KNOW** THAT'S NOT THE CASE...

UNLESS YOU COUNT WHATEVER THIS "**KANAN**" GROUP IS...

... BUT **THAT'S** MAINLY WHAT I'VE DIRECTED BLOOD SQUAD SEVEN TO GET TO THE **BOTTOM** OF.

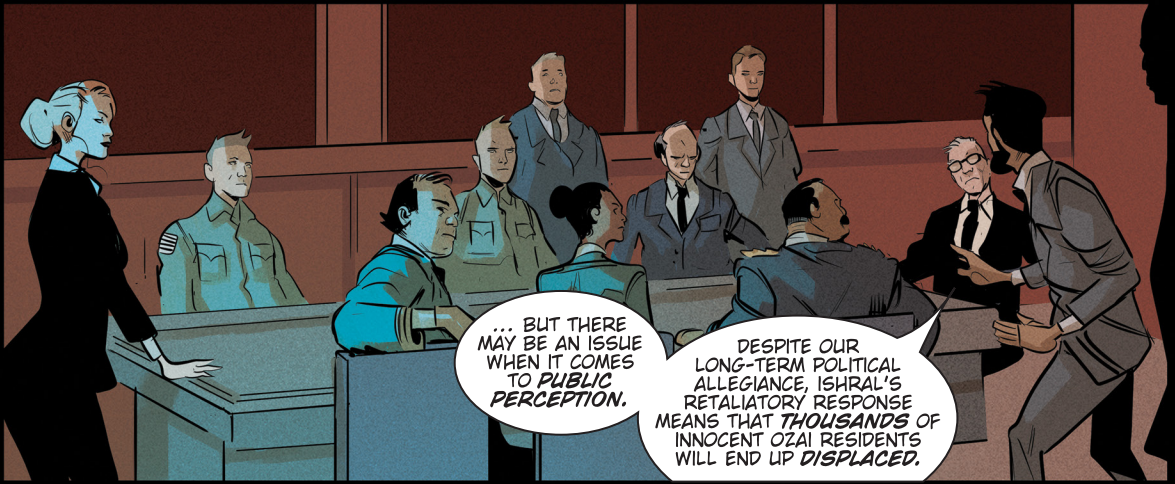
THE EVIDENCE OF THEIR **TELEPORTATION** CAPABILITIES STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT --

MISS RICHMOND, YOUR PROGRAM HAS THE DANGEROUS POTENTIAL TO **ESCALATE** MATTERS. AND NOW YOU'RE TELLING US YOU CAN'T EVEN **CONTACT** THEM?!

SHOULDN'T THIS BE CONSIDERED A **MILITARY** OPERATION...?

LET'S NOT GET BOGGED DOWN IN SEMANTICS, GENTLEMEN. WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE.

YOU WOULD **THINK** SO, MISTER PRESIDENT...



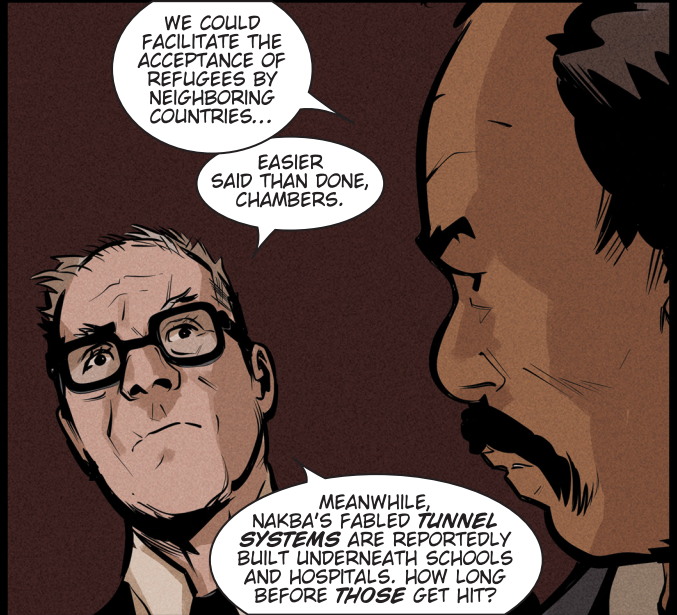
... BUT THERE MAY BE AN ISSUE WHEN IT COMES TO **PUBLIC PERCEPTION**.

DESPITE OUR LONG-TERM POLITICAL ALLEGIANCE, ISHRAI'S RETALIATORY RESPONSE MEANS THAT **THOUSANDS** OF INNOCENT OZAI RESIDENTS WILL END UP **DISPLACED**.



IT'S A POLARIZING ISSUE TO **BEGIN** WITH, BUT NOW WE SHOULD EXPECT RABIN-GURION AND ISHRAI BEING CAST AS THE **BAD GUYS**.

THIS ADMINISTRATION MIGHT VERY WELL BE SEEN AS GUILTY BY ASSOCIATION.



WE COULD FACILITATE THE ACCEPTANCE OF REFUGEES BY NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES...

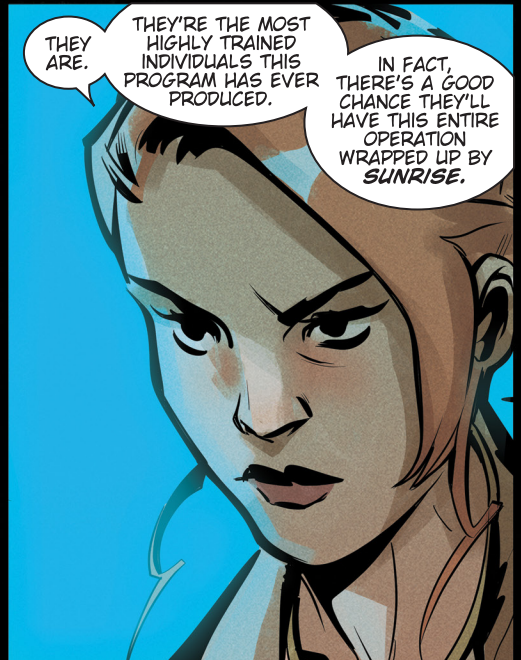
EASIER SAID THAN DONE, CHAMBERS.

MEANWHILE, NAKBA'S FABLED **TUNNEL SYSTEMS** ARE REPORTEDLY BUILT UNDERNEATH SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS. HOW LONG BEFORE **THOSE** GET HIT?



IT'S ALREADY HAPPENING, MISTER PRESIDENT. **COUNT** ON IT.

THEN YOUR PEOPLE BETTER BE ON THEIR **GAME**.



THEY'RE THE MOST HIGHLY TRAINED INDIVIDUALS THIS PROGRAM HAS EVER PRODUCED. THEY ARE.

IN FACT, THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THEY'LL HAVE THIS ENTIRE OPERATION WRAPPED UP BY **SUNRISE**.

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