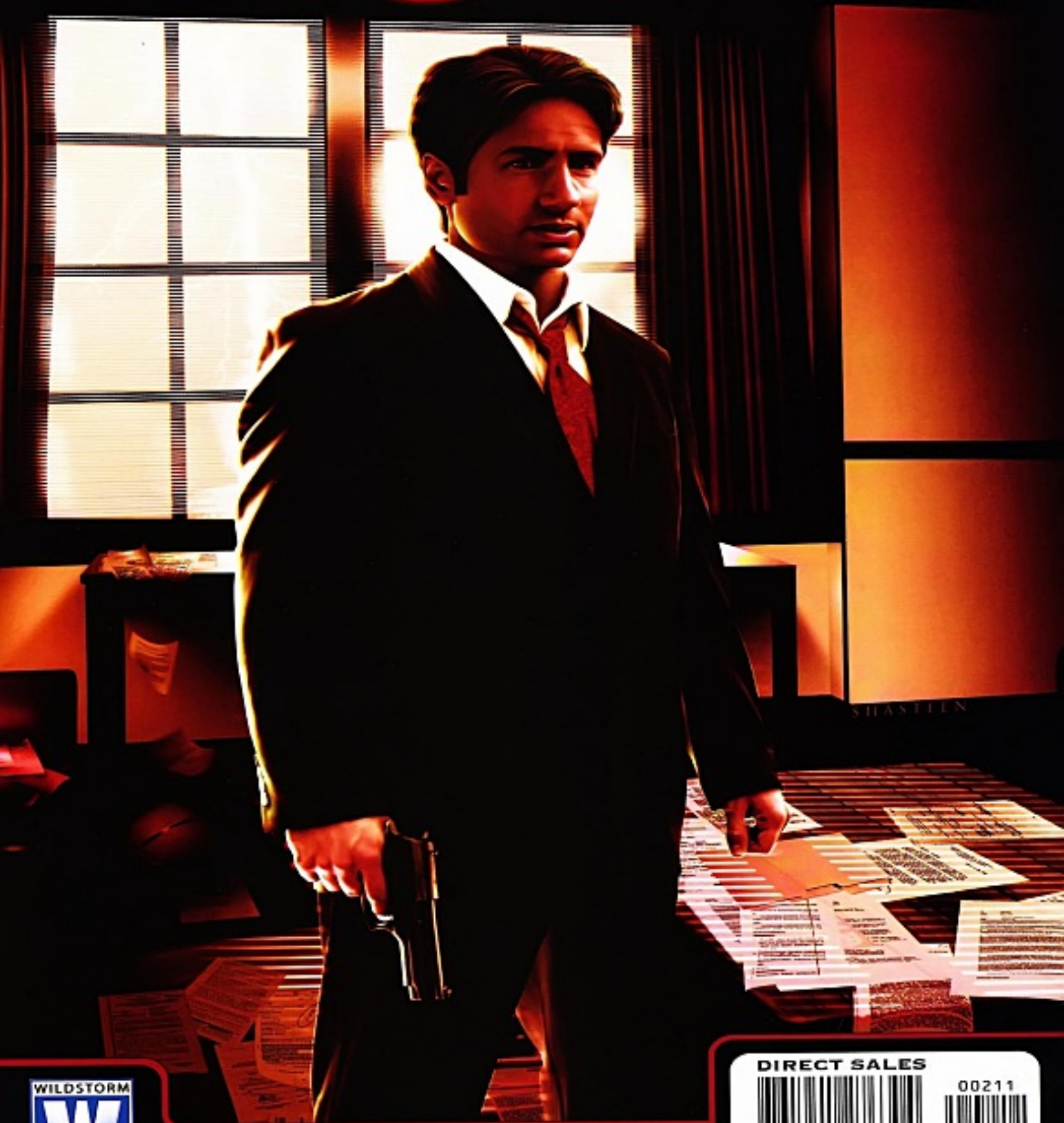


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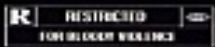
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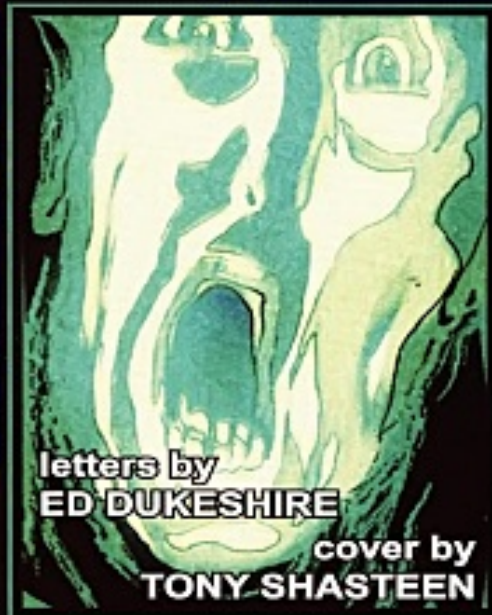


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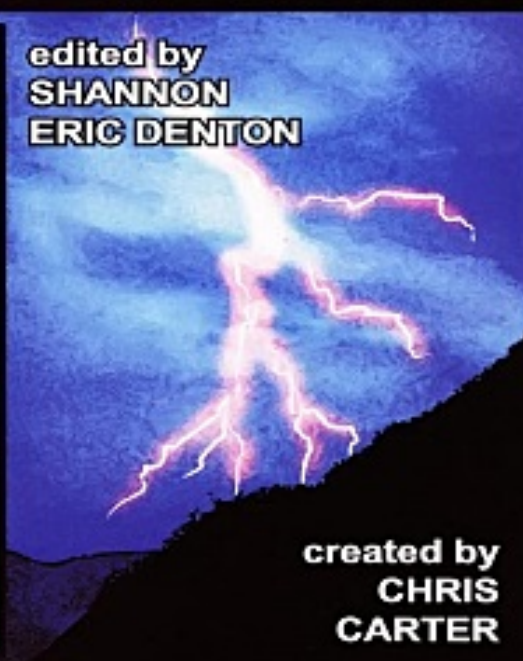
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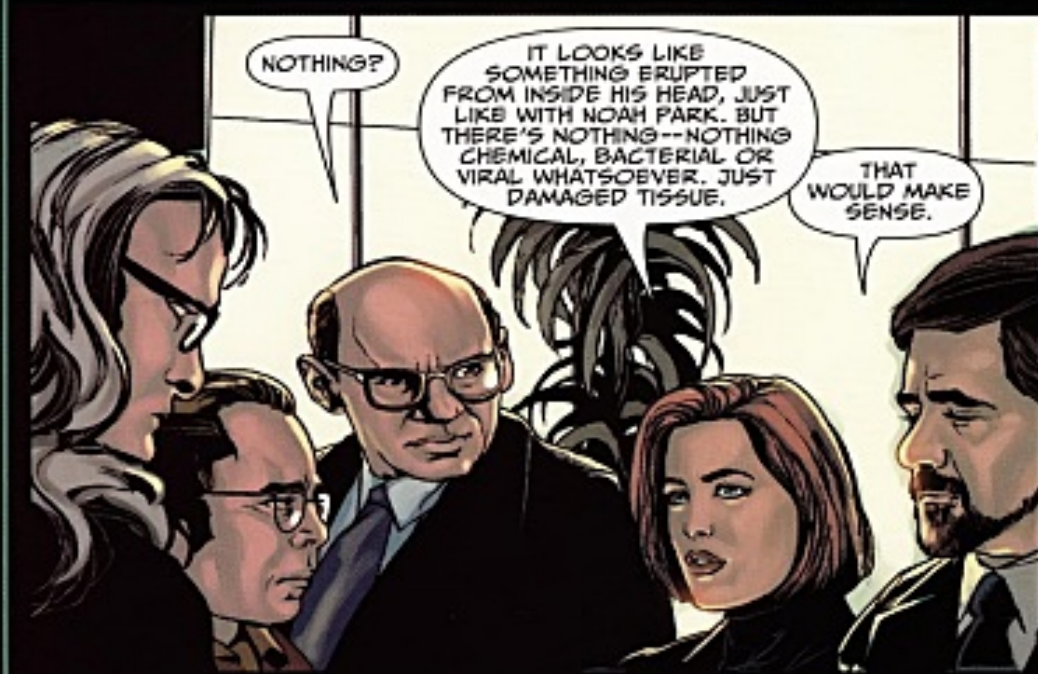
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BANG!**

AGENT
MULDER,
OPEN THE
DOOR!





GET AN
AMBULANCE!
NOW!



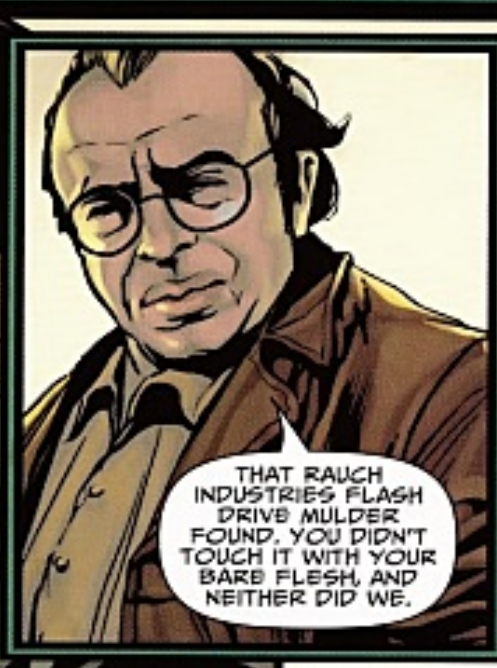


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TALK IN FRONT
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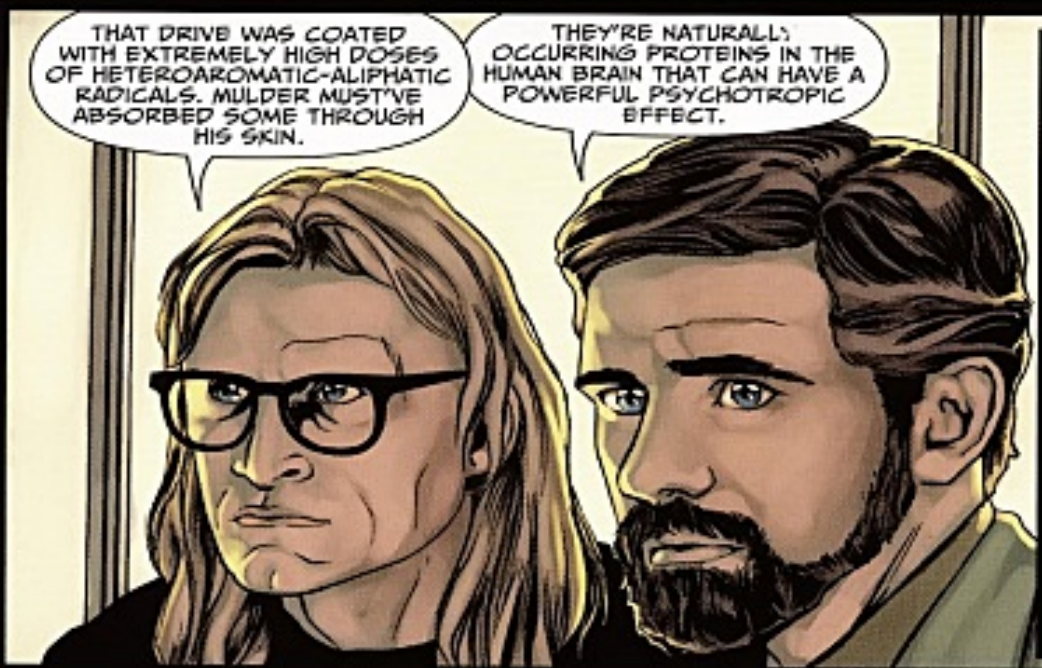


YOU KNOW
SOMETHING, YOU
BETTER SAY IT.

IT'S
OKAY. HE SAVED
MULDER'S LIFE,
REMEMBER?



THAT RAUCH
INDUSTRIES FLASH
DRIVE MULDER
FOUND. YOU DIDN'T
TOUCH IT WITH YOUR
BARE FLESH, AND
NEITHER DID WE.



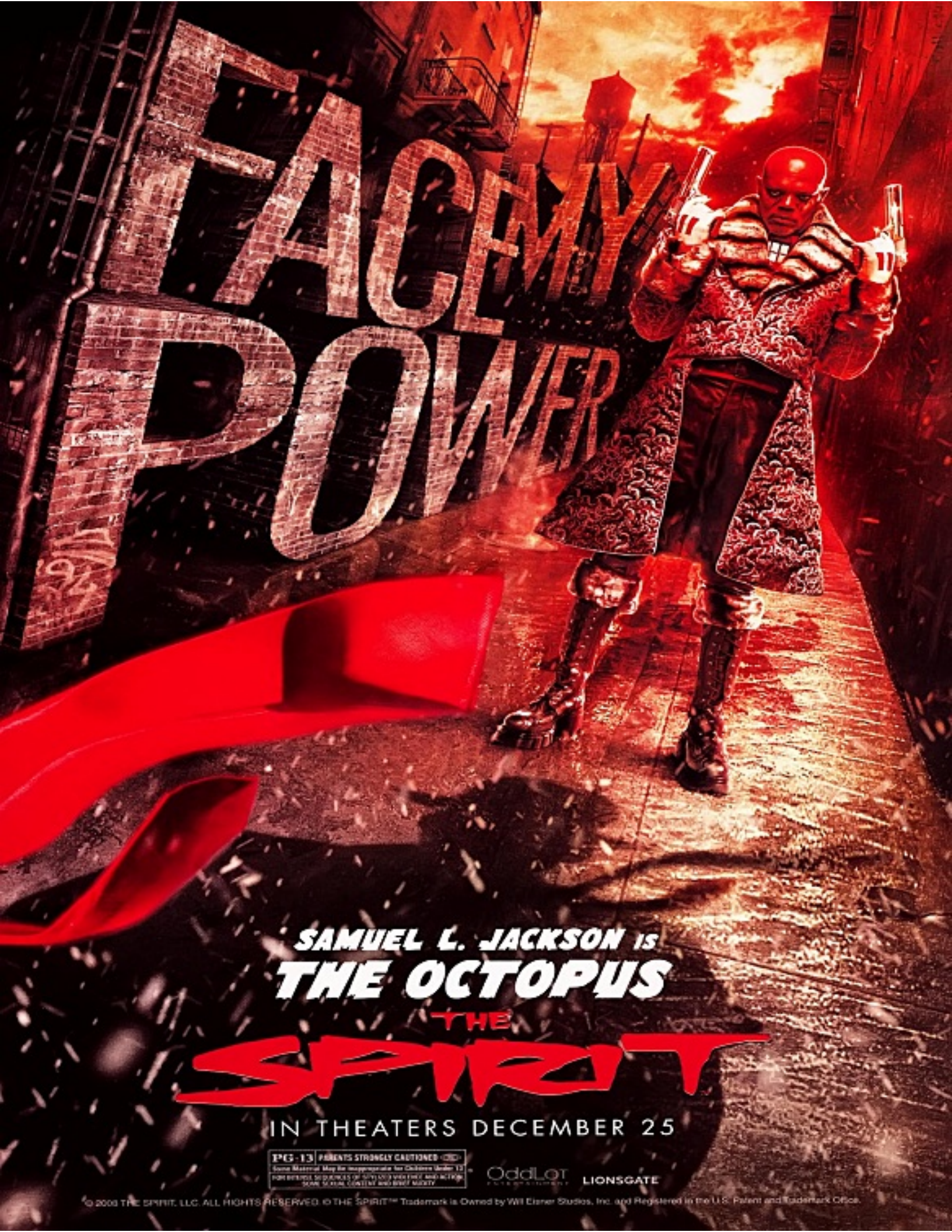
THAT DRIVE WAS COATED
WITH EXTREMELY HIGH DOSES
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RADICALS. MULDER MUST'VE
ABSORBED SOME THROUGH
HIS SKIN.

THEY'RE NATURALLY
OCCURRING PROTEINS IN THE
HUMAN BRAIN THAT CAN HAVE A
POWERFUL PSYCHOTROPIC
EFFECT.



HOW
POWERFUL?

POWERFUL
ENOUGH TO DRIVE
A MAN'S PARANOIA
TO THE POINT THAT
HIS MIND LITERALLY
TAKES HIS OWN
LIFE?



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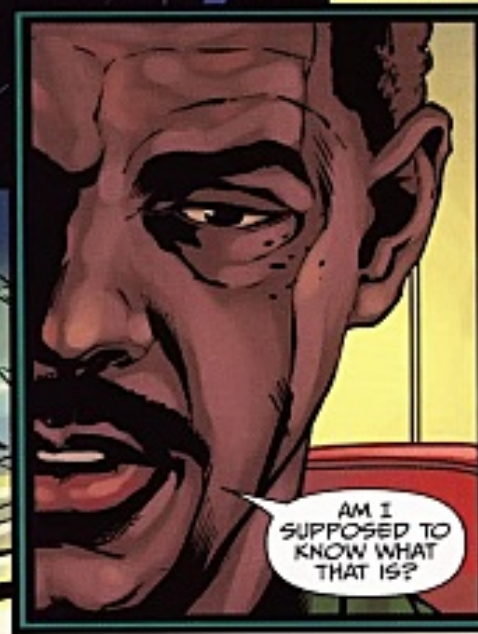
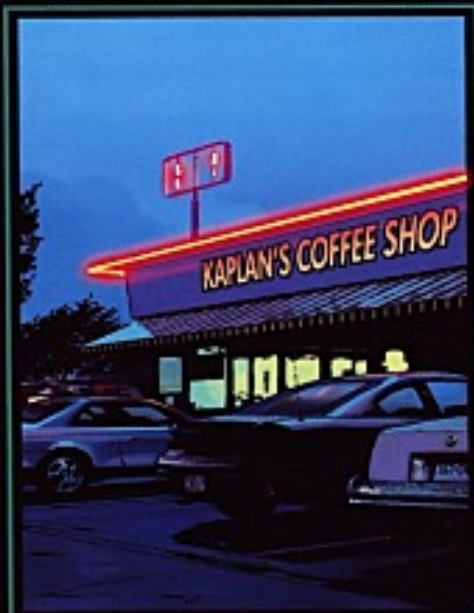
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NOAH PARK KILLED HIMSELF.



THAT'S WHAT THIS CHEMICAL WEAPON IS DESIGNED TO DO, ISN'T IT, DR. PURMAN? MAKE IT LOOK LIKE PEOPLE HAVE KILLED THEMSELVES?



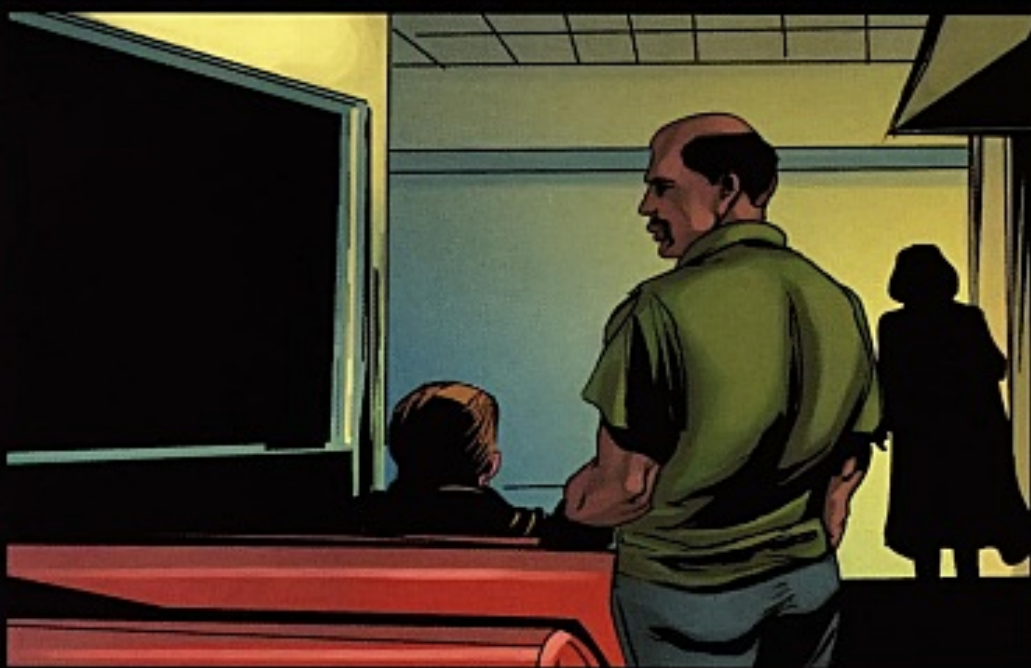
THE QUESTION IS... WHY USE IT ON THE SCIENTIST EVALUATING YOUR DRUG FOR THE GOVERNMENT? BECAUSE HE WAS GOING TO REJECT IT? COSTING RAUCH A MULTI-BILLION-DOLLAR CONTRACT?



YOUR ACCUSATIONS ARE OUTRAGEOUS, AGENT SCULLY.



THEY ARE, BUT I HAVE THE PROOF TO BACK THEM UP.







DR. PURMAN?



I... I CAN'T HAVE ANY MORE BLOOD ON MY HANDS. NOAH PARK WAS A FRIEND OF MINE. I'M PRAYING FOR YOUR PARTNER.



YOU CAN AVENGE HIS DEATH, DR. PURMAN. COME FORWARD. TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW.



YOU NEED TO LOOK OUT FOR YOURSELF, THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YOU.



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**KNOCK
KNOCK**



WHO IS
IT?



IT'S ME,
WALTER
SKINNER.



THANK
YOU FOR
COMING SO
QUICKLY.



DO
YOU HAVE
THE FLASH
DRIVE?



KEEP IT
SAFE.



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7:01 a.m.



SCULLY?
TELL ME I'M
NOT DREAMING.



IT'S NO DREAM. YOU
WERE POISONED BY THAT
DRIVE YOU STOLE FROM
PARK'S LAB. IT WAS
WEAPONIZED WITH A
PROTEIN TO MAKE IT LOOK
LIKE YOU'D KILLED
YOURSELF.



WHAT DAY IS IT?



MONDAY. WHY?



SENATOR MATHESON IS ON A COMMITTEE THAT AUTHORIZES FUNDING FOR RAUCH.



MULDER, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THAT FUNDING IS WHAT PARK WAS TRYING TO STOP, SCULLY. WE NEED TO GET EVIDENCE THAT THEY KILLED HIM TO THE COMMITTEE.



MULDER, YOU SHOULDN'T BE UP. YOU SHOULD BE RESTING.



I'LL SLEEP WHEN I'M DEAD, SCULLY.

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OUT THIS MONTH!

Jim's in Australia right now, so we've decided to poll the editors instead: their favorite book of 2008, and the project they're most excited about for 2009.

BEN ABERNATHY couldn't decide on just ONE title for 2008: Top Book Choice: **NUMBER OF THE BEAST**. Surprise/pride: **World's End**. Books of 09: **MYSTERIUS! RESIDENT EVIL!**

I've got really high hopes for our next big creator-driven mini-series: **MYSTERIUS!** What Jeff Parker and Tom Fowler are doing is just pure, unadulterated FUN! And I'm especially excited about **RESIDENT EVIL**. As a huge fan of the game, I think we're going to produce something head-and-shoulders above the "typical" licensed book...this one's gonna be GOOD!

SHANNON ERIC DENTON: **CHUCK** will always have a special place as my first WildStorm book. Next year, I'll have to pick between **X-FILES**, **PROTOTYPE**, and **STARCRRAFT**. Check back then, okay?

HANK KANALZ: For me, nicest package is the **WORLD OF WARCRAFT HC**—a nice, complete story that really ties into the lore of the game. Plus, great US debut work from Ludo Lullabi, and awesome Jim Lee and Samwise Didier covers! What I'm looking forward to in 2009 is the **HORDE VS. ALLIANCE** maxi-series—more details soon!

SCOTT PETERSON: 2008's big hit was **SECRET HISTORY OF THE AUTHORITY: HAWKSMOOR**, by Mike Costa and Fiona Staples. This miniseries was awesome to work on from start to finish. Mike and Fiona started out good and grew exponentially as the series progressed, and both are going to be seriously major creators soon.

And my first choice for 2009 is **PUSH**. Written by the writers of **THE HIGHWAYMEN**—Marc Bernardin and Adam Freeman—with art by Bruno Redondo and Aaron Miner, this prequel to the upcoming film has been a ton of fun, playing in such a rich world and filling in some of the back-story.

(But that's first because I can't talk about the new series coming from David Tischman, Philip Bond and David Hahn, which is going to be great, as well as another Fiona Staples mini, with Aaron Williams, which is ALSO going to be great.)

KRISTY QUINN: 2008 is easy (I assistant edit a LOT of titles, but I took the lead on only one): **THE NEW DYNAMIX**. Working with JJ and Allen was fun, and I learned a surprising amount about the WildStorm universe.

For 2009? I'm not picking just one, and you can't make me.



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MULDER, WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT OF BED?

THANKS FOR THE FLOWERS, BOYS, BUT I DON'T NEED THEM.

BED MAY BE THE SAFEST PLACE FOR BOTH OF YOU RIGHT NOW.

UHH... I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY.

WHAT GOLDILOCKS HERE IS TRYING TO TELL YOU IS THAT YOUR CONTACT IS DEAD.



DR. PURMAN?



SUPPOSEDLY DROVE HIMSELF OFF A BRIDGE.

MORE LIKELY THEY GAVE HIM A TASTE OF HIS OWN WEAPON.

THE PROTEIN COULD'VE BEEN LEFT ON THE CAR DOOR, STEERING WHEELS, KEYS... ANYWHERE.



BUT I ONLY
SAW HIM A
FEW HOURS
AGO--



WHICH INDICATES
THE SPEED AT
WHICH THE PROTEIN
WORKS CAN BE
ADJUSTED.



WE'VE GOT TO GET
THE PROOF TO
SENATOR MATHESON.



SKINNER'S
WORKING ON
THAT NOW.



I THOUGHT
YOU GAVE IT TO
SKINNER FOR
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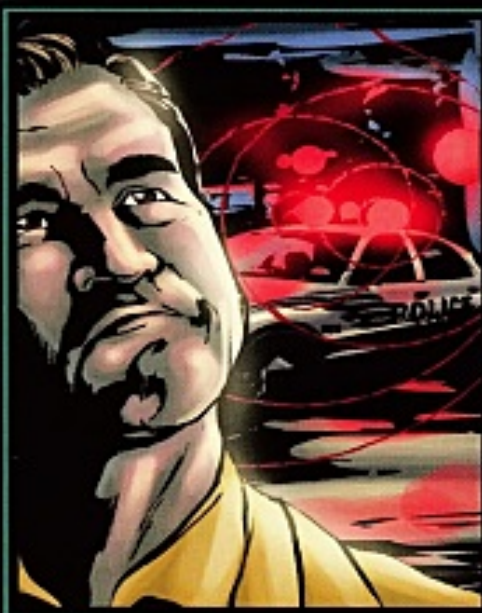
NO, BUT
THAT'S EXACTLY
WHAT WE WANTED
THE MAN WATCHING
ME OUTSIDE MY
APARTMENT TO THINK.





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YOU'RE
TELLING ME THIS
IS THE WEAPON
THAT NEARLY
KILLED YOU?

THAT'S RIGHT,
SENATOR. PROOF
POSITIVE THAT RAUCH
KILLED A GOVERNMENT
SCIENTIST WHO WAS
GOING TO OPPOSE
THEIR PROJECT.



NOT QUITE PROOF, FOX.
WE NEED TESTIMONY
PROVING THIS DRIVE DID
INDEED COME FROM
RAUCH.



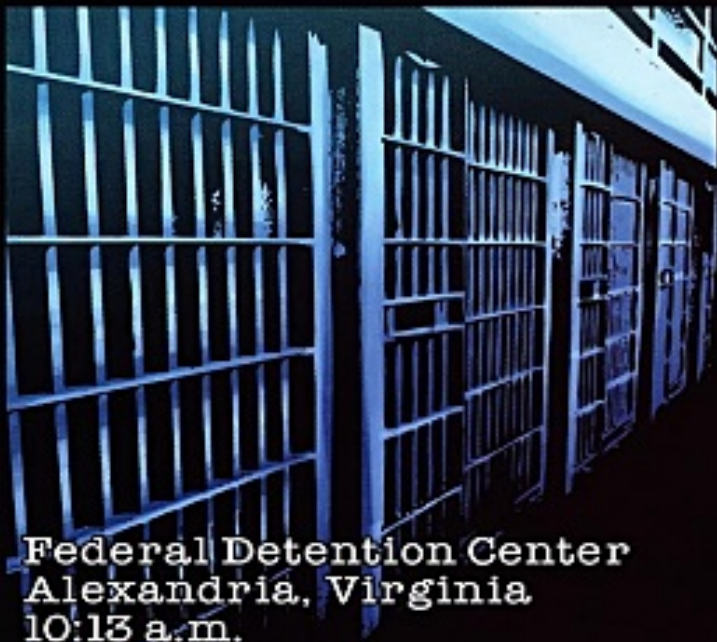
WE'RE WORKING ON THAT, SIR.
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SKINNER
HAS A MAN IN CUSTODY WHOM
WE BELIEVE DIRECTED THE
COVER-UP FOR RAUCH.

THE
COMMITTEE
HEARING IS
STARTING. I'LL
NEED HIS NAME
AND TESTIMONY
RIGHT AWAY.



WE'RE HEADED
THERE NOW TO
QUESTION HIM.

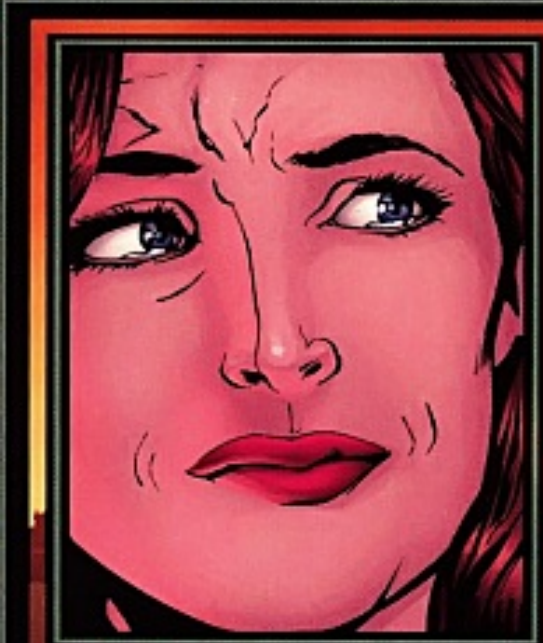




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