

VANGUARD

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ISSUE ONE

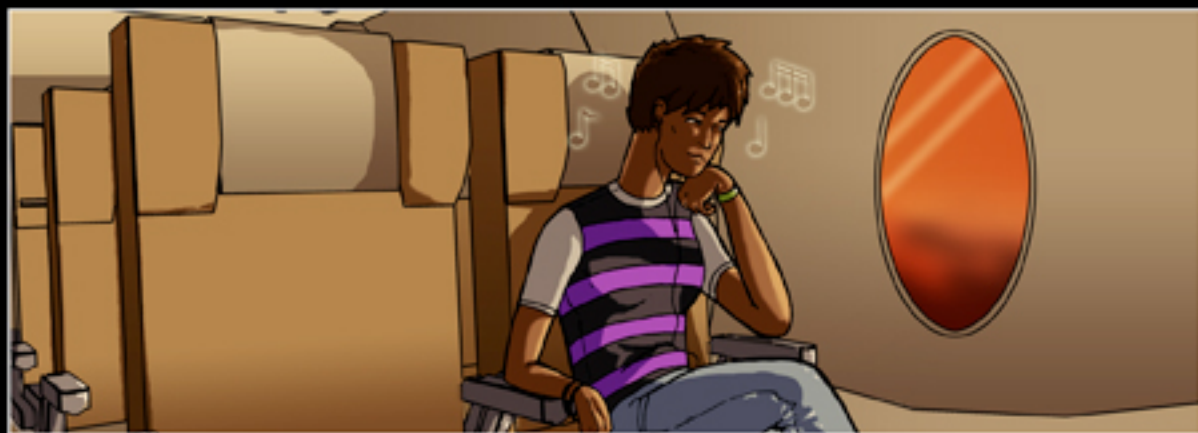
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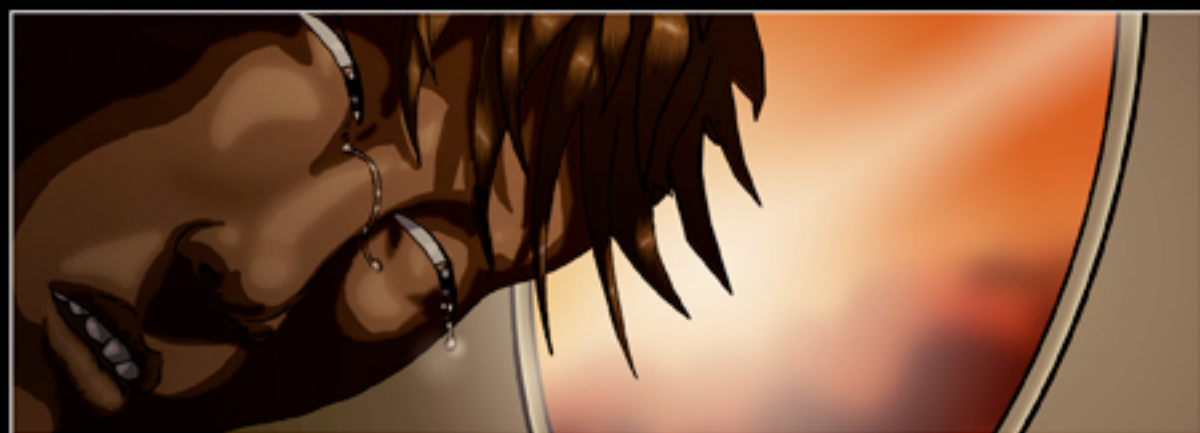
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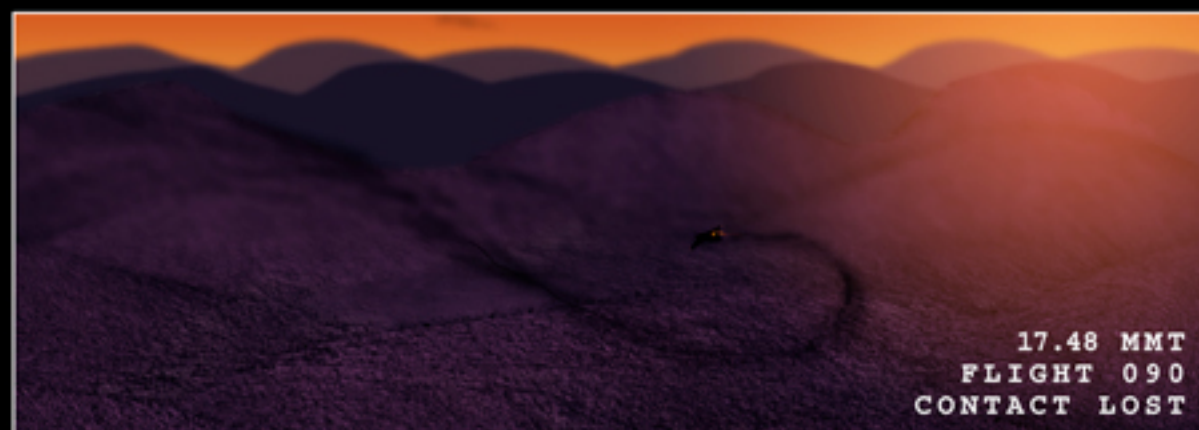


WE ARE NOW FLYING
AT AN ALTITUDE OF
15,000 FEET OVER
MYANMAR.

ARRIVAL TIME
AT HONG KONG
INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT IS
ESTIMATED TO BE
WITHIN TWO
HOURS.









VANGUARD

BBN

THIS IS THE 'BBN'
THE BRITISH BROADCASTING NETWORK

NOW, BEFORE THE REPEAT OF LAST NIGHT'S
FINAL OF 'SOAPSTAR-IDOL', THE NEWS,
WITH YOUR HOST, CLAIR PERRERA

HELLO AND WELCOME.
THIS IS THE NEWS ON
THURSDAY THE 25TH OF APRIL.
TONIGHT'S LEADING HEADLINES -



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IN OUR MAIN STORY, THE
CIVIL WAR IN RUSSIA RAGES
ON AS SEPARATIST FORCES
ATTACK AND CAPTURE THE
CITY OF IRKUTSK IN ONE OF
THE BLOODIEST BATTLES OF
THE CONFLICT SO FAR.

SOURCES INDICATE THAT RUSSIAN
RVSN FORCES HAVE BEEN MOBILISED
TO COUNTER THIS THREAT.

THIS EVENT SIGNALS AN USUAL
TURN IN THE CONFLICT,
AS PRO-GOVERNMENT FORCES
APPEARED TO HOLD THE
MOMENTUM. MORE ON THIS STORY
LATER IN THE PROGRAMME.



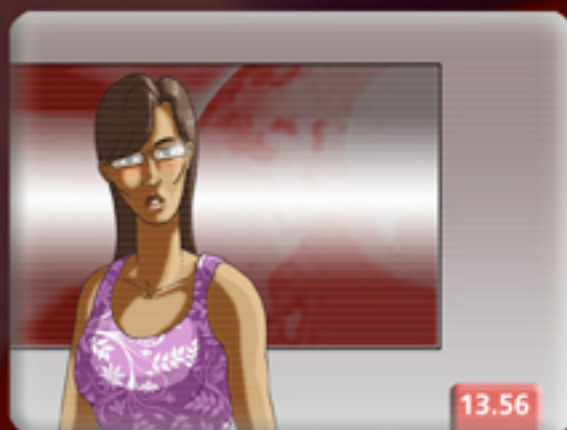
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RIOTS IN BIRMINGHAM OVER MASS UNEMPLOYMENT
HAVE INCREASED IN INTENSITY OVERNIGHT. DOZENS OF
POLICE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN INJURED IN AN EFFORT TO
DISPERSE THE RIOTERS. THE FAILING JOB MARKET HAS
BEEN BLAMED FOR THE MASS UNEMPLOYMENT AS THE
BRITISH ECONOMY FALLS INTO IT'S GREATEST
ECONOMIC SLUMP SINCE RECORDS BEGAN.

OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE CALLED ON THE
GOVERNMENT TO DIVERT MORE RESOURCES TO TACKLE
THE CRISIS. A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN WAS
UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT.

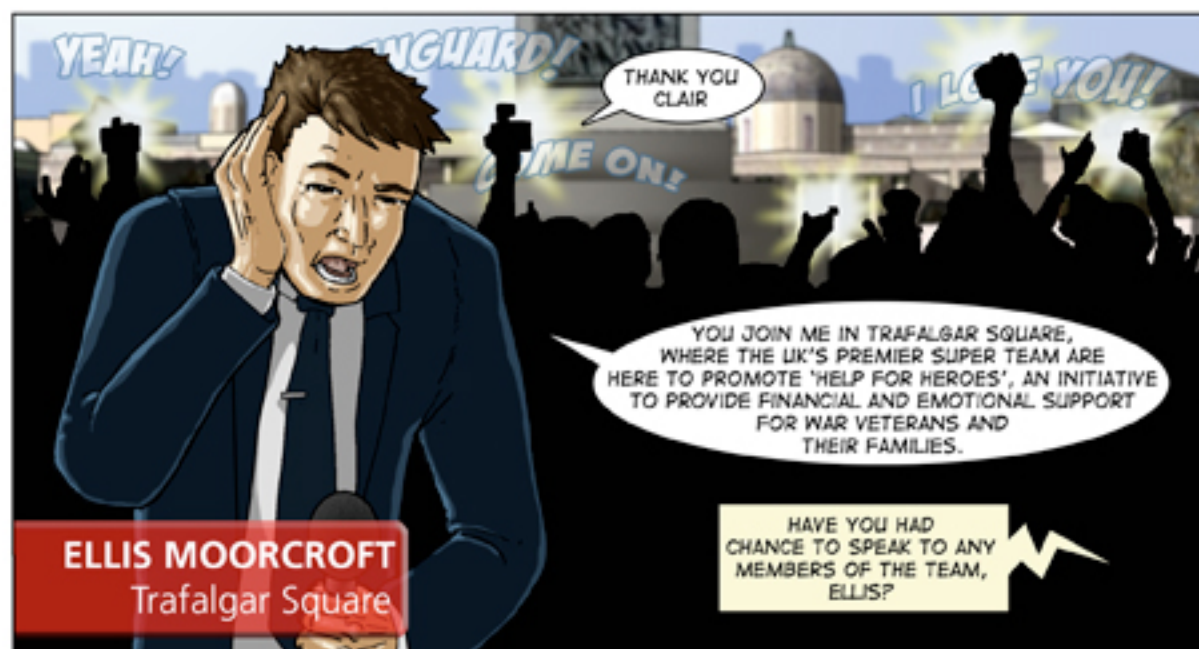


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...BUT FIRST, WE NOW JOIN BBN
CORRESPONDENT ELLIS MOORCROFT IN
TRAFALGAR SQUARE, WHERE THE UK
METAHUMAN TEAM, THE VANGUARD,
ARE SPEAR-HEADING A NEW
GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE.

ELLIS, CAN YOU TELL US MORE?



ELLIS MOORCROFT
Trafalgar Square

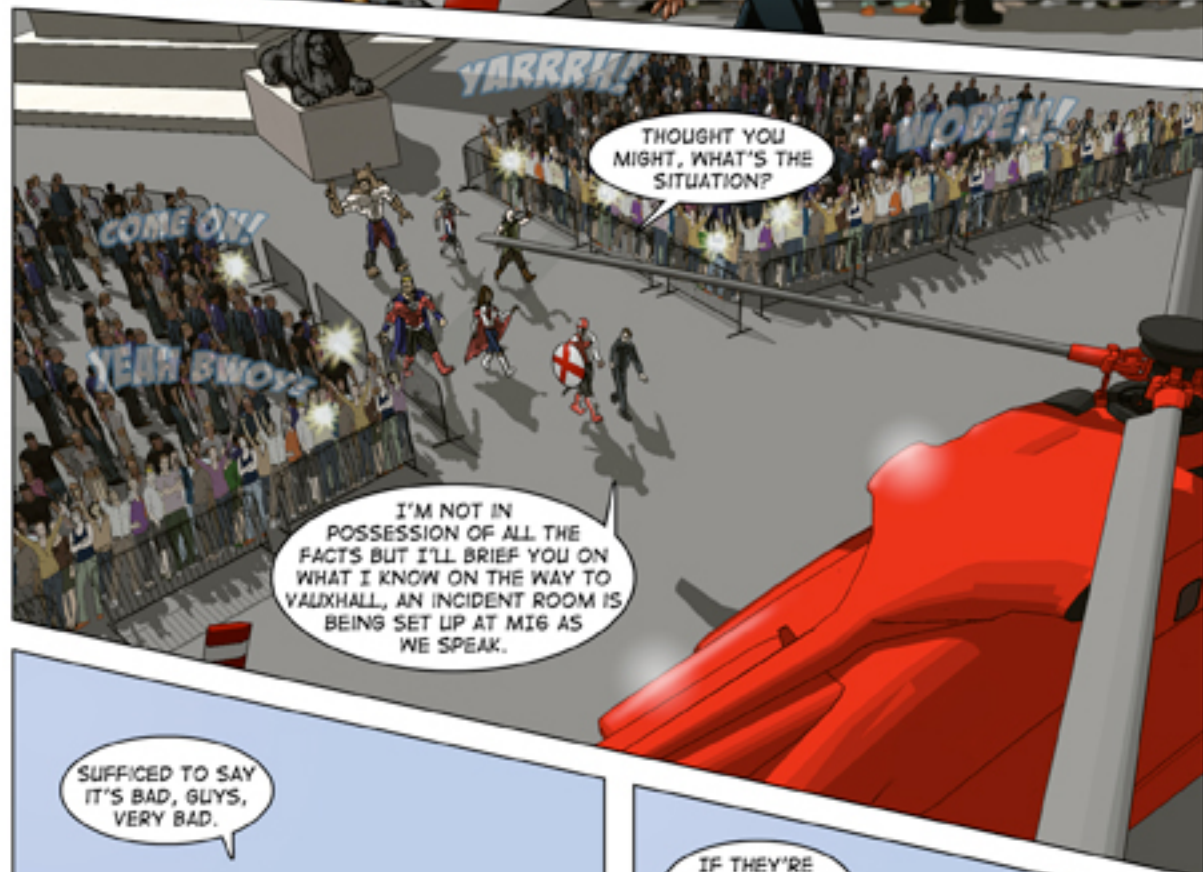


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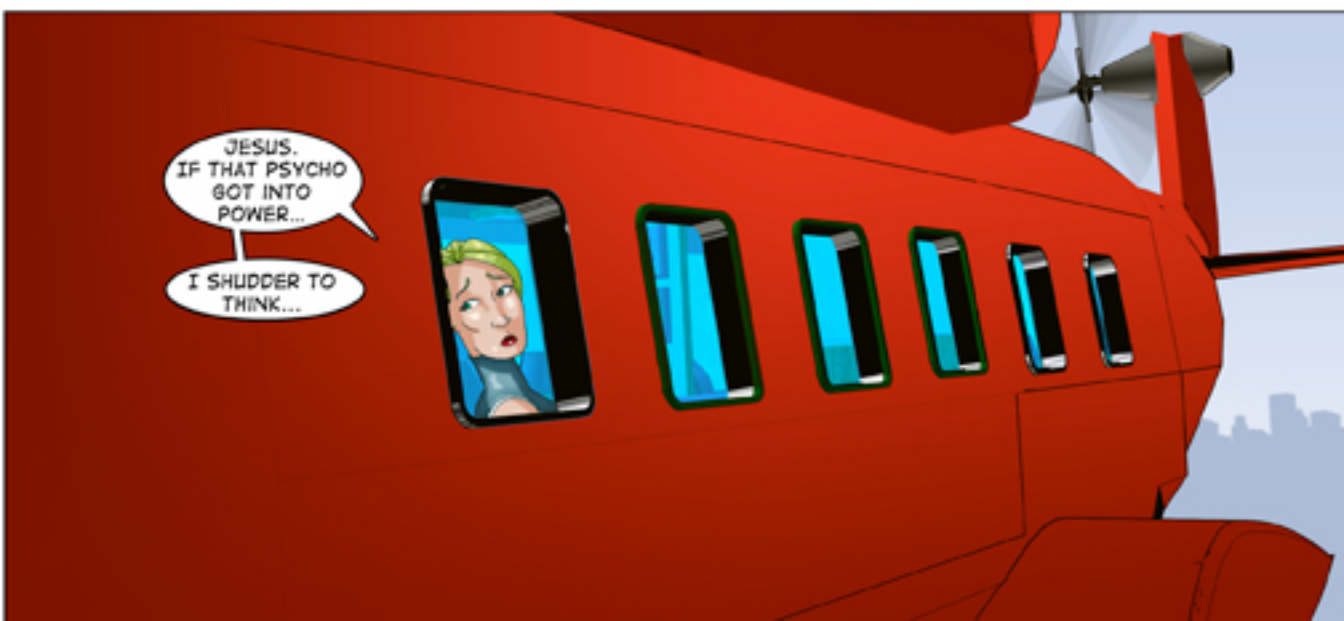


CHAPTER ONE:
THE SHADOW
OF WAR



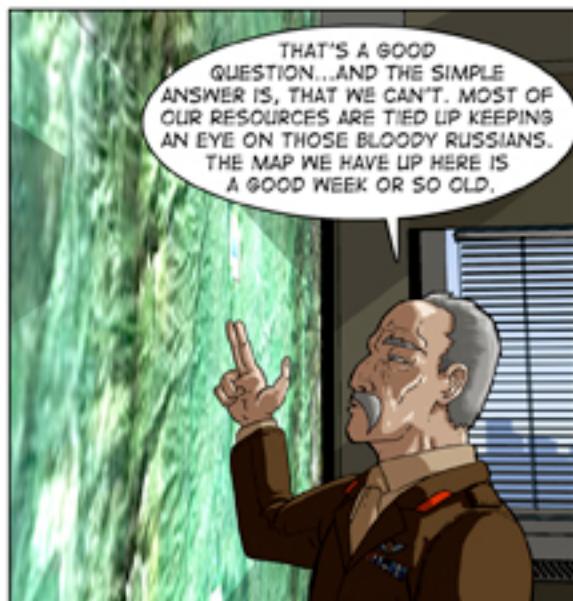






17.32 GMT
Team arrives
at SIS HQ

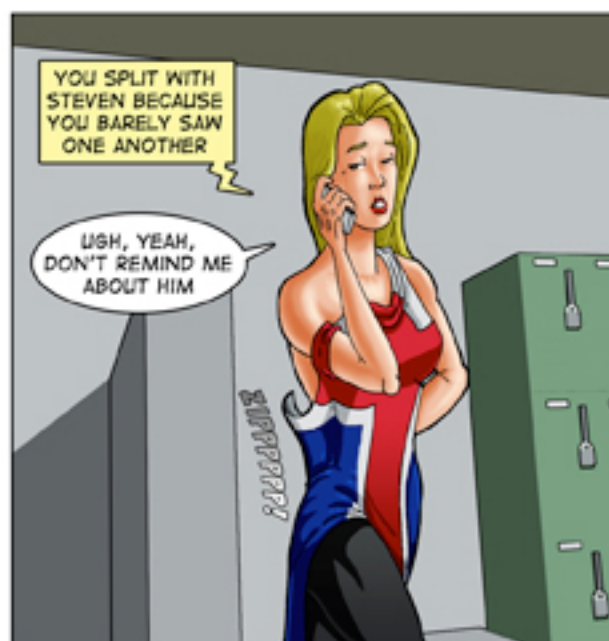












Meanwhile, down in
the hanger bay...

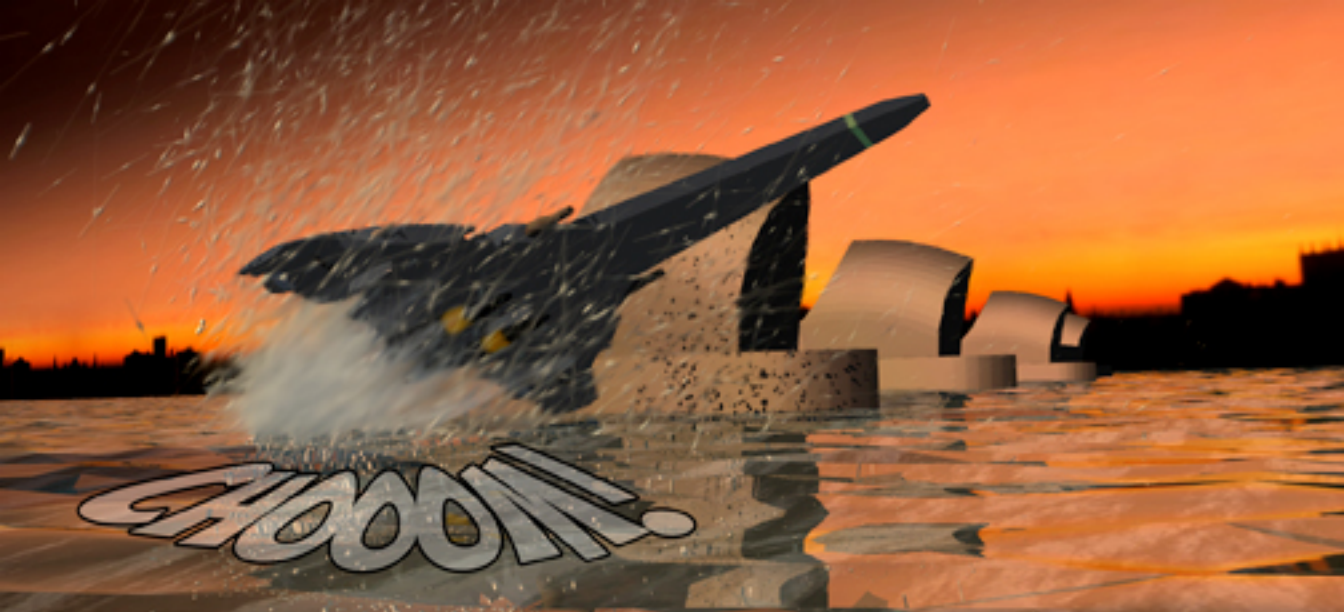
JEEZ MAN, WHY
DON'T YOU JUST
ASK HER OUT?!

HUH?!









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NEW!

**TAKE IT TO THE
EXTREME!**™



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Help the Mighty **MaXtreme** (with glowing chest panel) battle the foul **Toxic Tramp** (with light-up eyes), stop the evil **Drug Thug** (with water squirt syringe action) or bring to justice the Tyrannical **Mind Grind** (with voice changer chest mic). Go on, Take it to the Extreme!™

Drug
Thug

MaXtreme

Mind
Grind

Toxic
Tramp

Each sold separately

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?!

Well, to find out how the team get on with their rescue mission to Burma, head over to:

VANGUARDCOMIC.COM

and find out! Seven+ issues and counting, all for free, just like this comic.

I hope you enjoyed reading Vanguard and look forward to seeing you on the site!

ABOUT THE CREATOR DAN BUTCHER

Dan started, as a lot of comic artists do, by drawing/creating characters and comic strips at an early age. Studying art through school, etc. he ended up earning a degree in Illustration and Design.

After a short career as an animator (realised drawing the same image over 200+ times wasn't for him), he defected to the 'Dark Side' and began working as a graphic designer, which he now does as his 'proper' job.

Dan has worked on various webcomics including Retake, Death Boy, Heroes Alliance/Unite, Acrobat, and Curse of the Black Terror among others.

He currently writes and illustrates his own superhero webcomic, Vanguard, which you are looking at right now

