

# BRIGHTER THAN A THOUSAND SUNS

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO.

THREE MONTHS LATER.

OH-HHHH,  
MR. SEVEN!

THERE *HAD*  
TO HAVE BEEN AN  
EASIER WAY TO  
DO THIS!

ORDINARILY,  
WE'D JUST *TELEPORT*  
RIGHT TO THE TARGET  
LOCATION...

...BUT SOMETHING  
IS *BLOCKING* THE  
TELEPORTATION UNIT,  
AND OUR ABILITY  
TO DO VISUAL  
SCANS.





BUT... SURELY THERE'S NO TECHNOLOGY ON EARTH THAT CAN DO THAT!

I WOULD HAVE SAID NOT.

OKAY, ISIS, IN YOU GO.



BUT THE FACT EXISTS.



AND THAT LEAVES US ENTERING BY MORE PROSAIC MEANS.



I DON'T THINK HAVING A TRAINED CAT OPEN WINDOWS FOR YOU IS WHAT THEY MEAN BY "PROSAIC"!

HOW THE HECK DID SHE DO THAT, ANYWAY?

ISIS HAS MANY SKILLS, ROBERTA.

NOW, LOOK AROUND. THE BETA FIVE COMPUTER DETECTED ALL KINDS OF CODED COMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC GOING IN AND OUT OF THIS OFFICE.

WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON HERE. AND HOW THEY CAN BLOCK OUR TELEPORTER.



WELL, ZERO OUT OF TEN FOR HOUSEKEEPING, TO START WITH. WHAT A DUMP!

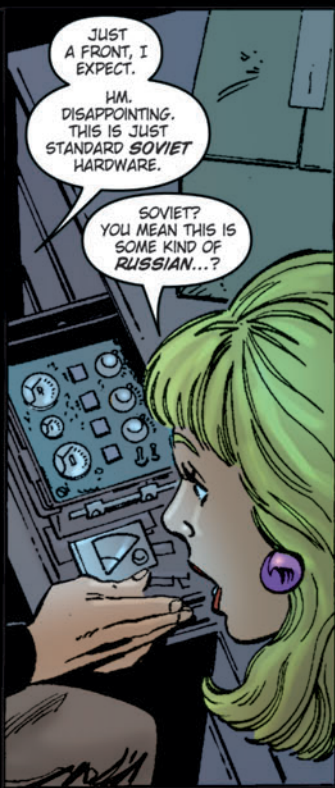
I THOUGHT SPIES WERE SUPPOSED TO LEAD GLAMOROUS LIVES!

ONLY IN THE MOVIES, ROBERTA.



THIS DRAWER IS LOCKED. PERHAPS THERE'S SOMETHING INTERESTING INSIDE.

GOTTA BE BETTER THAN THIS BOX! DISCOUNT OFFICE SUPPLIES! SOLD TO A COMPANY CALLED "ORION MARKETING."



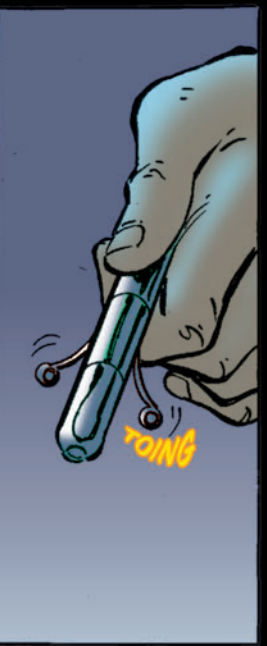
JUST A FRONT, I EXPECT.

HM. DISAPPOINTING. THIS IS JUST STANDARD SOVIET HARDWARE.

SOVIET? YOU MEAN THIS IS SOME KIND OF RUSSIAN...?



SOMEONE'S COMING!



OKAY, NOW, BIG FELLA...

...WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER HERE AND SIT DOWN.

HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE BRIGHTEST BULB IN THE BOX!



YOU HAVE A DEVICE TO BLOCK TELEPORTER SIGNALS.

WHERE IS IT—AND WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

