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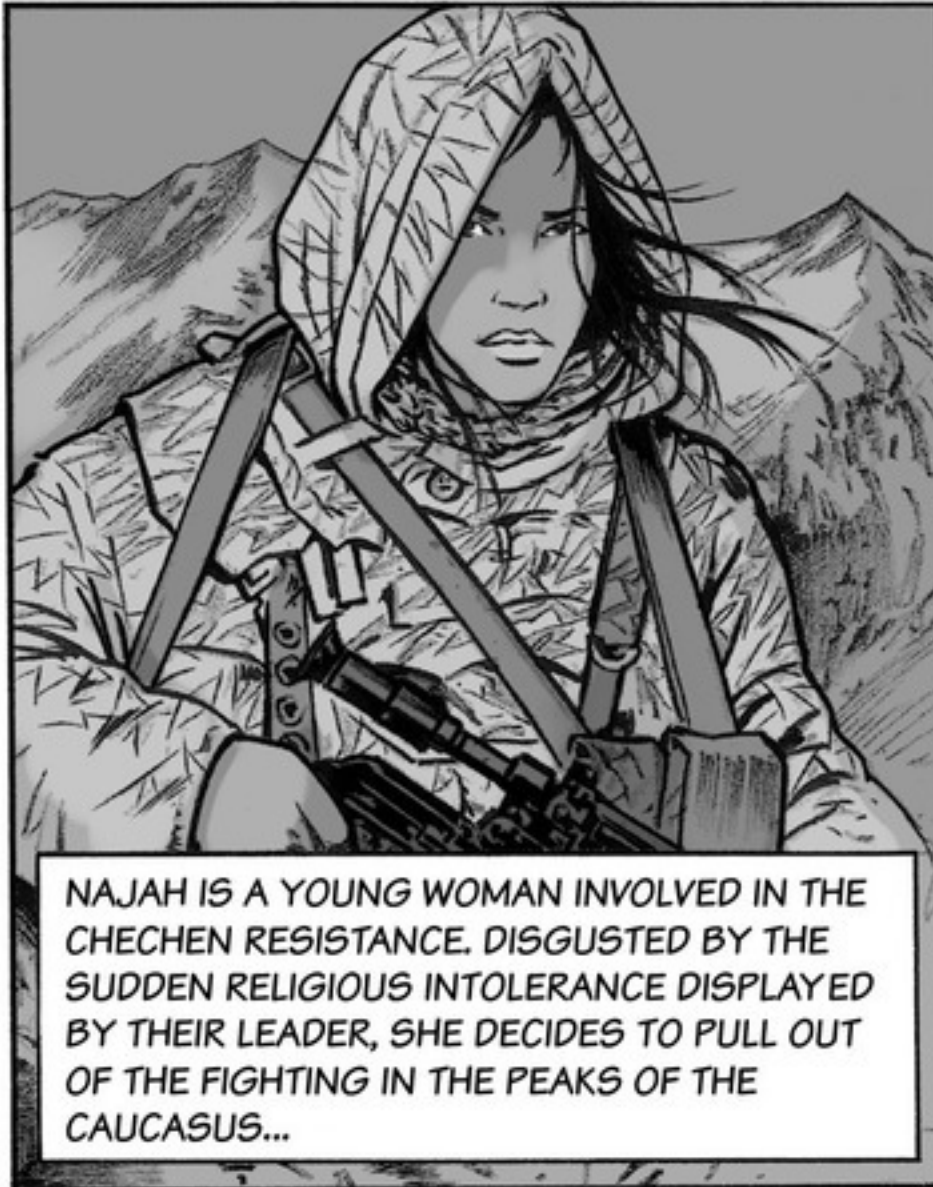
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NAJAH IS A YOUNG WOMAN INVOLVED IN THE CHECHEN RESISTANCE. DISGUSTED BY THE SUDDEN RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE DISPLAYED BY THEIR LEADER, SHE DECIDES TO PULL OUT OF THE FIGHTING IN THE PEAKS OF THE CAUCASUS...



... MEANWHILE, DICK MATTHEWS (A FORMER CIA DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS) RECEIVES FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE USA A GREEN LIGHT TO SET UP A TOP-SECRET OPERATION, ONE WITH NO INVOLVEMENT FROM ANY OTHER AGENCY: "PROJECT INSIDER..."

... NAJAH IS THEN KIDNAPPED BY MATTHEWS' PEOPLE AND WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO WORK FOR HIM. FOR HER REAL NAME IS ACTUALLY ISABEL MENDOZA, AND SHE LIVES UNDER THE THREAT OF AN INTERNATIONAL WARRANT ISSUED SEVERAL YEARS EARLIER...



... THE YOUNG WOMAN BECOMES AN "INSIDER." HER FIRST MISSION IS TO INFILTRATE THE ENTOURAGE OF BILLIONAIRE SAM NACHEZ—A MAN DICK MATTHEWS SUSPECTS OF BEING THE SECRET BOSS OF THE HIGH COUNCIL OF ORGANISED CRIME SYNDICATES...

... NAJAH SUCCEEDS IN HER INFILTRATION BY SAVING NACHEZ'S LIFE AFTER HIS PLANE CRASHES. SHE BECOMES HIS BODYGUARD DURING A BUSINESS TRIP THAT TAKES THEM TO PAKISTAN WITH BERTRAND CORDEZ, CEO OF THE NMF (NEW MISSILE FACTORY)...



... THE NEXT DAY, NAJAH AND CORDEZ ARE KIDNAPPED IN DOWNTOWN ISLAMABAD BY NEO-TALIBAN TERRORISTS WHO ALSO CAUSE CARNAGE BY DETONATING A BOMB IN FRONT OF A HOTEL FAVOURED BY WESTERNERS...

"The increase in cultivation of the opium poppy in Afghanistan is in response to a growing consumption of heroin in the world, which in turn contributes to the spread of AIDS (...) The drug trade generates funds that corrupt institutions, finance terrorism and insurgency and lead to a destabilisation of the region."

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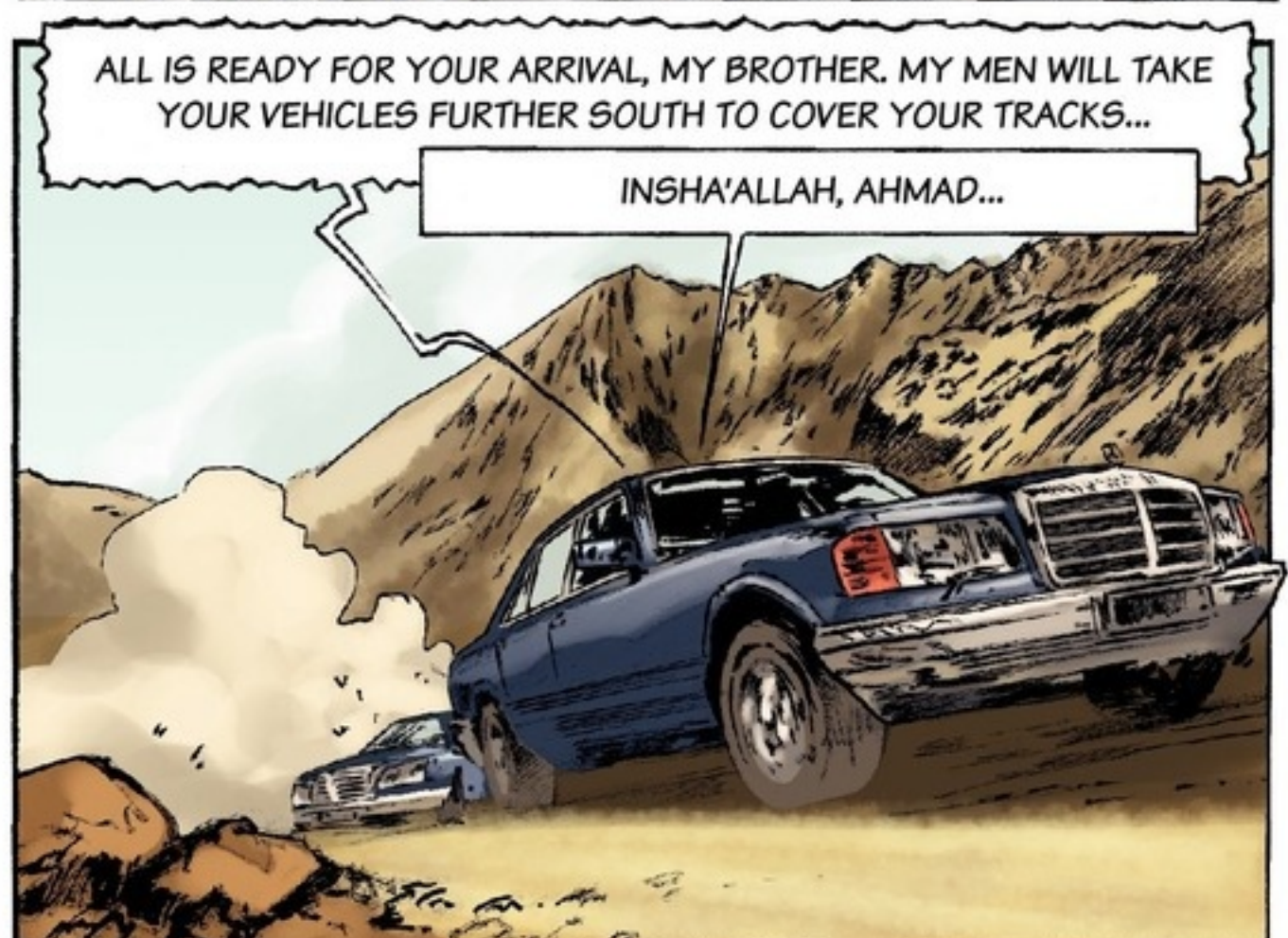


MAY 25. TRIBAL ZONE, THE BORDER BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN...





AHMAD, WE'RE NEARING THE MOUNTAINS OF SAFID-KOH. NO ONE'S FOLLOWING US. OVER!



ALL IS READY FOR YOUR ARRIVAL, MY BROTHER. MY MEN WILL TAKE YOUR VEHICLES FURTHER SOUTH TO COVER YOUR TRACKS...

INSHA'ALLAH, AHMAD...



AZIZ, TAKE MUSAWI AND MALIK. CLIMB ONTO THE PROMONTORY AND KEEP WATCH TOWARDS THE VALLEY...

ABU, I LEAVE YOU IN CHARGE OF THE WESTERN DOGS!

VERY WELL, MULLAH KAMALI





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