

JAZEN

The Rose that grew from the Concrete. PART 1



GIFTED
GARCIA
MARTINEZ

+ DIGITAL
EDITION
see inside for details



TWO YEARS EARLIER.



I REMEMBER
LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY.



THERE'S NO REASON FOR US
TO BE PULLED OVER.
WHAT'S GOING ON?





THAT DAY CHANGED MY
ENTIRE OUTLOOK ON LIFE.

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PRESENT DAY.

RAINY DAYS ALWAYS SEEM
TO TRIGGER THESE
MEMORIES...

THEY TRIED TO STRIP ME OF
EVERYTHING - MY MAKINI,
MY PRIDE, AND MY WILL TO FIGHT.



I WENT FROM RESEARCH
ONCOLOGIST TO A FUGITIVE
ON THE RUN FOR MURDER.

I NEED ANSWERS
AND I KNOW
I'LL FIND THEM HERE.

Erhardt
Pharmaceuticals



IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO GAIN ENTRY UNDETECTED. GOOD THING P.B.SOLDIER GAVE ME HIS ZETA D TO HACK INTO THE SYSTEM. THE PERKS OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NUMBER ONE HACKER IN THE WORLD.

SHORTLY AFTER I LEFT, ERHARDT PHARMACEUTICALS DEVELOPED A CURE FOR CANCER USING THE HELA CELL LINE*.

I SUSPECT THE CURE IS BASED ON THE EXTENSIVE RESEARCH I CONDUCTED WITH THE HELA CELL LINE*.

BEEP

BACK IN 2016, ERHARDT PURCHASED THE CELLS FROM JOHN HOPKINS HOSPITAL TO HARVEST THEM, THEN SOLD THE CELLS TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

WITHOUT ANY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO THE LACKS FAMILY, LET ALONE COMPENSATION.

HELA /'HILA/ (ALSO HELA OR HELA) IS A CELL TYPE IN AN IMMORTAL CELL LINE USED IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. THE OLDEST COMMONLY USED HUMAN CELL LINE DERIVED FROM CERVICAL CANCER CELLS FROM HENRIETTA LACKS, A PATIENT WHO DIED FROM CANCER. THE CELL LINE WAS FOUND TO BE REMARKABLY DURABLE WHICH PROMPTED ITS EXTENSIVE USE IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.



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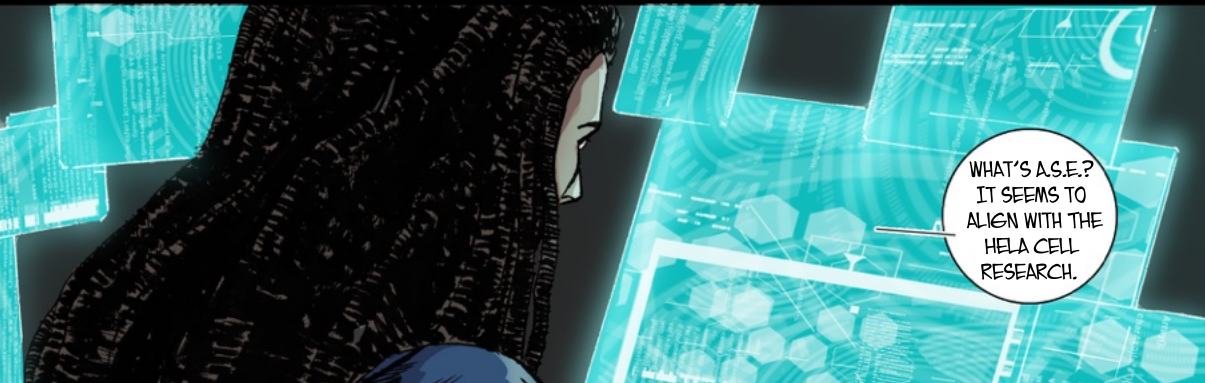
I'M IN.
NOW I NEED TO ACCESS
THE NETWORK SERVER.



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LOOK LIKE
THEY HAVE A TON
OF RESEARCH
ON SOMETHING
CALLED A.S.E..



WHAT'S A.S.E.?
IT SEEMS TO
ALIGN WITH THE
HELA CELL
RESEARCH.

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AT LEAST
PUT A FACE
TO THE NAME OF THE
WOMAN WHOSE CELLS
ARE THE BEDROCK OF
BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH.
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DOWNLOAD IMAGE OF
HENRIETTA LACKS.

10.4.1951

THEY WON'T LET THIS
BEAUTIFUL WOMAN'S SOUL
REST. AND TO THINK,
I ACTUALLY
PLAYED A PART
IN HUMAN
CELL CLONING.

WHO STANDS TO
PROFIT FROM THIS?

FOLLOW THE MONEY-
FIND THE SOURCE.

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DIRECTORS'
FILE.



Dr. Lisa Kim



Dr. Manju Ray



Kitaw Ejigu



Vitaly Ginzburg



Richard Ahmen

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
RICHARD AHMEN SITS ON
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

THIS IS
ALL A
SETUP!

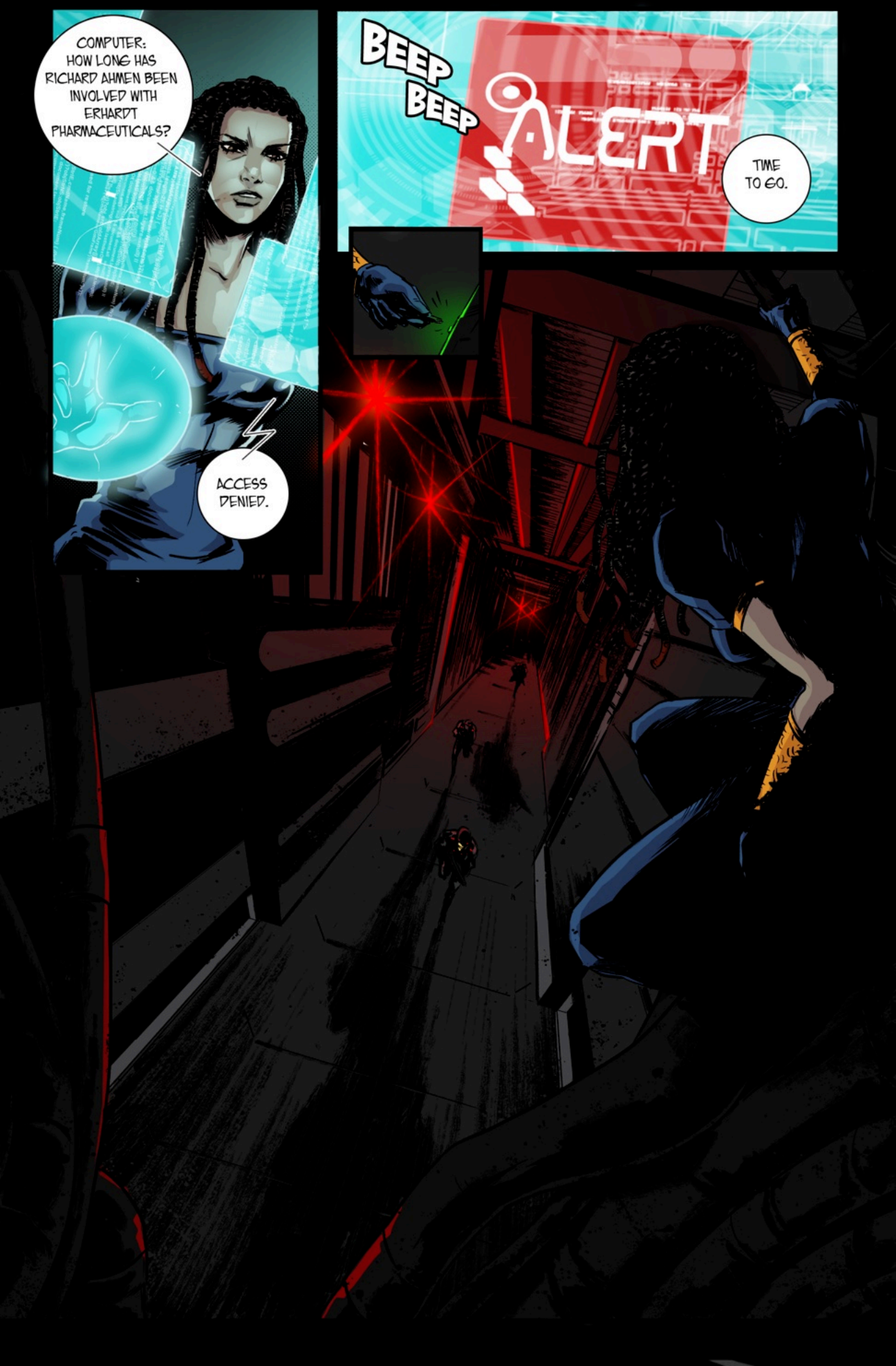


COMPUTER:
HOW LONG HAS
RICHARD AHMEN BEEN
INVOLVED WITH
ERHARDT
PHARMACEUTICALS?

BEEP
BEEP
ALERT

TIME
TO GO.

ACCESS
DENIED.







I AM NOT
GOING
BACK.

