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ALSO,
APPARENTLY
A DEEP COVER
OPERATIVE
FROM OSTANIA'S
INTELLIGENCE
APPARATUS WHO
HAS REPEATEDLY
PASSED WESTERN
SECRETS TO
THE EAST.



Winston Wheeler

HE MAY
WELL HAVE
BEEN BEHIND
THE RECENT SPY
PURGE THAT'S
DONE SO MUCH
DAMAGE TO OUR
OPERATIONS.



PHEW!

CRASH
ASH

WINSTON
WHEELER,
WESTALIS
INTEL-
LIGENCE,
COMMUNI-
CATIONS
DIVISION.





...

WE'LL
NEED TO DO
WHATEVER IT
TAKES TO STOP
HIM FROM
HANDING OVER
THAT FILE. WHO
KNOWS HOW
MANY WISE
AGENTS' LIVES
ARE HANGING IN
THE BALANCE.



I THINK
IT'S SAFE TO
ASSUME THE
SSS HAS
DEPLOYED A
CONSIDERABLE
NUMBER OF
AGENTS.

THIS IS
PROBABLY
THE REASON
YURI BRIAR
GOT CALLED
AWAY SO
SUDDENLY.

HOW ARE
WE SUPPOSED
TO STAY LEVEL-
HEADED WHEN
WE'RE STEPPING
THROUGH THE
GATES OF HELL
HERE?

HEAVEN
FORBID.

We should grab a drink
when we get there.



THAT'S
JUST HOW
RISKY THIS
OPERATION IS.

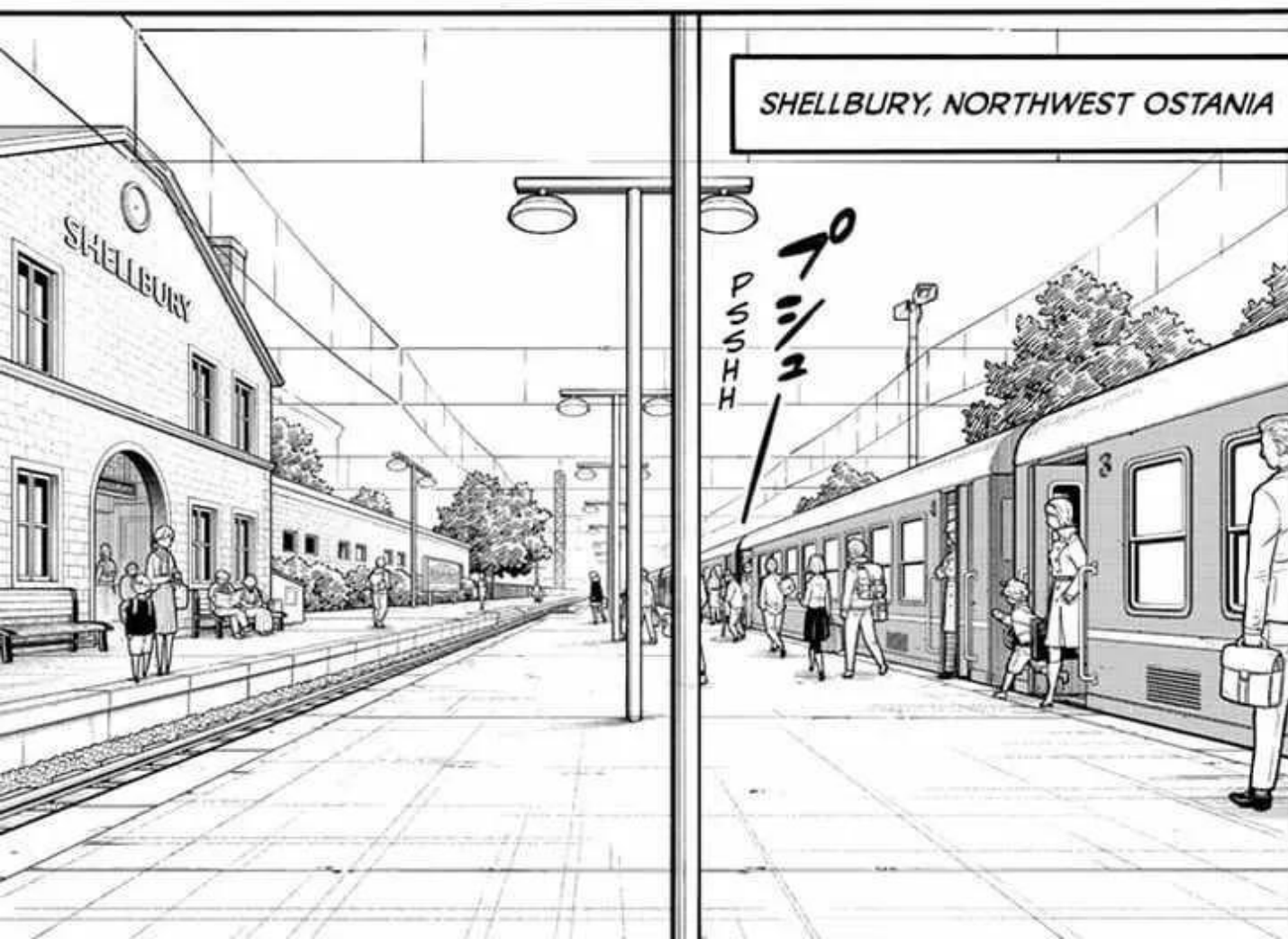
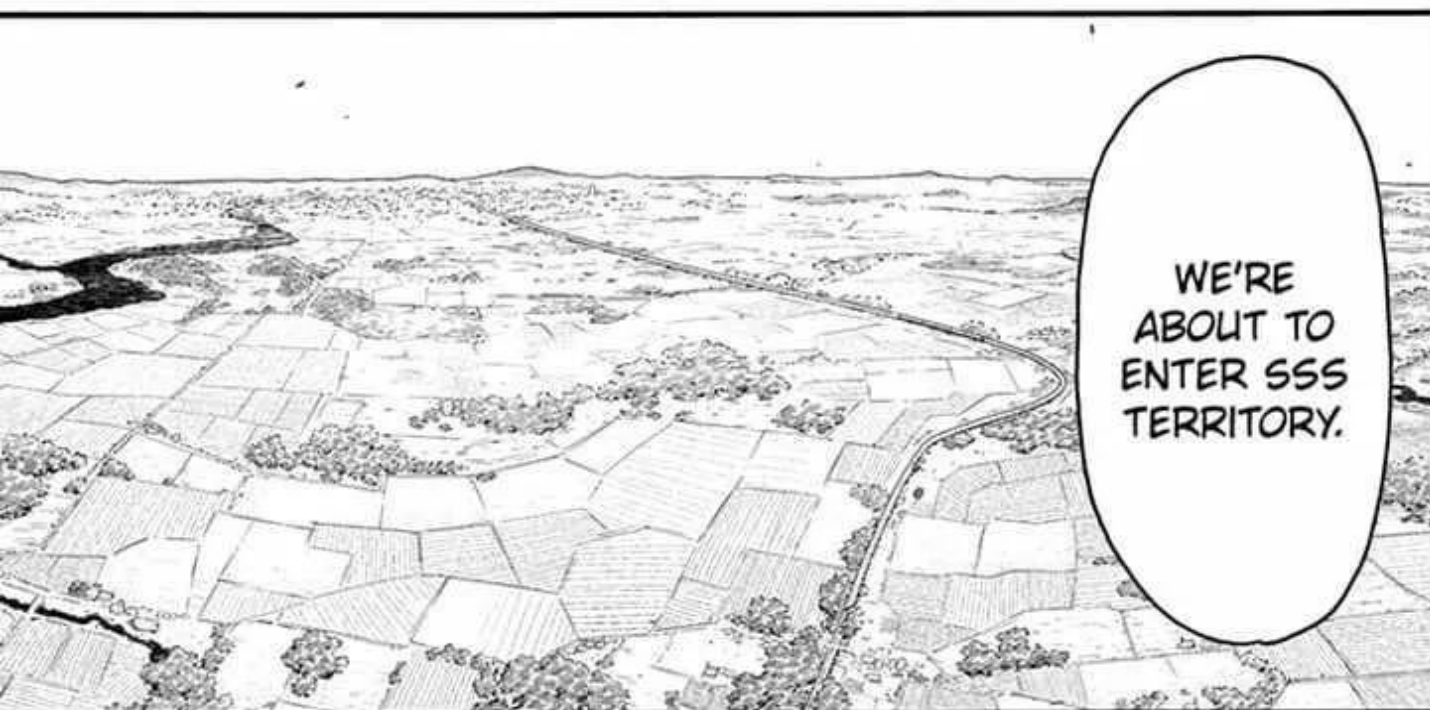
WE MAY NEED
TO CONSIDER
PULLING THE PLUG
ON ALL OUR ACTIVE
OPERATIONS IN THE
EAST, INCLUDING
OPERATION STRIX.
WE CAN REGROUP
AND START
FRESH LATER.



THE HANDLER
ORDERED US
TO RECOVER
THE FILES,
AND THAT'S
EXACTLY WHAT
WE'LL DO.

IF WE
DID THAT, IT
WOULD TAKE
YEARS BEFORE
WE'D MANAGE
TO GET THIS
CLOSE TO
DESMOND
AGAIN.

DON'T
BE
RIDICU-
LOUS.





I'M SURE
THERE ARE
CONCERNS
ABOUT OUR
INTERNA-
TIONAL
IMAGE AS
WELL.

I'M JUST
SPECULATING, BUT
I ASSUME THEY WANT
TO MAINTAIN COMPLETE
DENIABILITY WHEN IT
COMES TO ANYTHING
THAT COULD SPARK
CONFLICT—LIKE
STEALING SECRET
FILES FROM
THE WEST.

THE CURRENT
ADMINISTRA-
TION DOESN'T
WANT TO DO
ANYTHING THAT
WOULD RISK
ROCKING THE
BOAT WITH
WESTALIS.

BESIDES,
IF WISE
INFERFERED
...

...AND
TWILIGHT
WERE TO
SHOW...

REGARDLESS,
WE PROCEED
WITH THE
UTMOST
CARE. DON'T
DRAW ANY
ATTENTION TO
YOURSELVES.

THOUGH
I DON'T
SEE HOW
IT'S THE
DIRECTOR'S
PLACE TO
WORRY
ABOUT
THAT.

THIS
WOULD BE
THE BEST
CHANCE
WE'VE
EVER HAD
TO CATCH
HIM.



DO NOT LET
THEM MAKE
CONTACT WITH
WHEELER, NO
MATTER WHAT.

IT'S
A DAN-
GEROUS
JOB, BUT
YOU WILL
STALL
THE SSS,
RED 1.



RED 4 WILL
WAIT AT POINT
B-7 AS BACKUP.
MAINTAIN RADIO
SILENCE AS
MUCH AS
POSSIBLE.

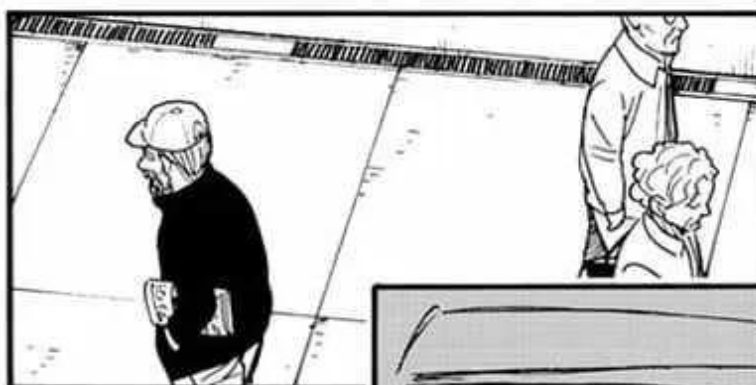
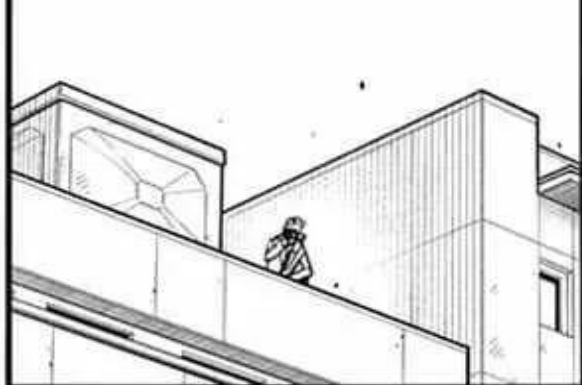
RED 2 AND
RED 3—THAT'S
ME AND
NIGHTFALL—WILL
GO AHEAD TO
COORDINATE WITH
BLUE TEAM AND
GET EYES ON
WHEELER AND
THE FILE.

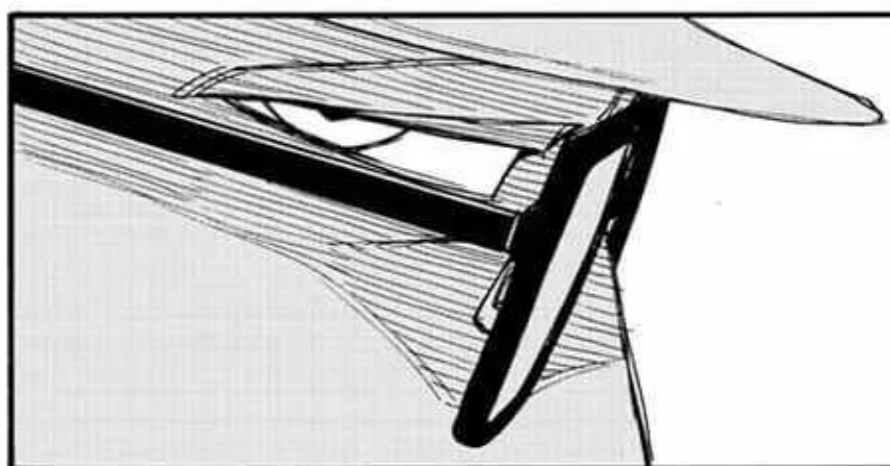
ROGER
THAT.



ROGER
THAT.









IT'S
REALLY
HIM!

A
GEMSTONE
TIEPIN
ON A
GREEN
TIE...



MEET ME
AT THIS
PARK IN 30
MINUTES.





To be continued!