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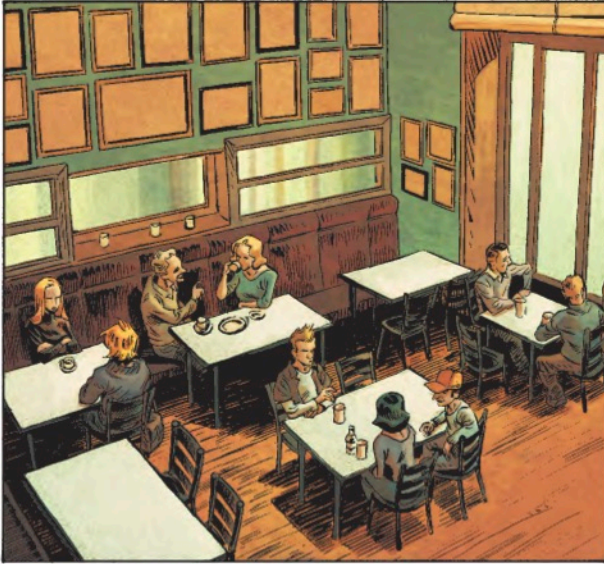
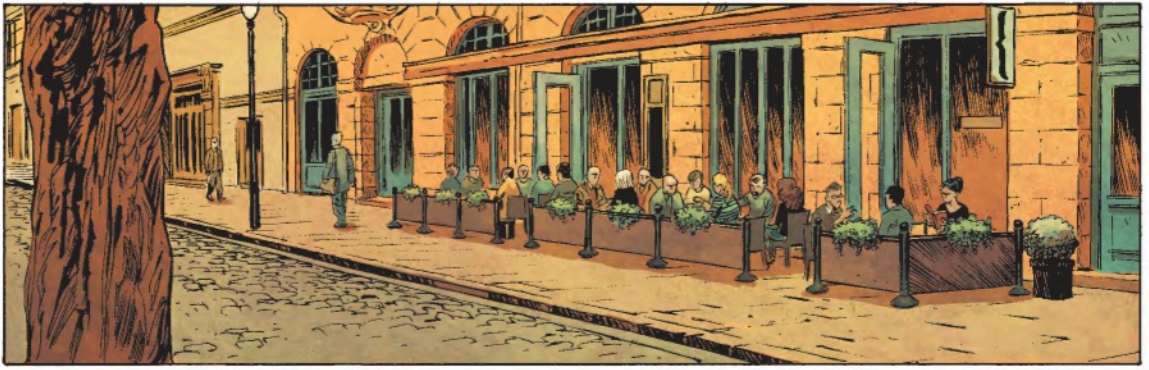
After a year-long absence, Lisbeth Salander returned to Stockholm, without making contact with her one-time lover and award-winning journalist, Mikael Blomkvist. Just as Blomkvist's newspaper was about to launch a major investigation into a national sex crime ring, two of his journalists were murdered, with Salander the lead suspect.

To solve the crime and absolve Salander, the two were forced to delve deep into her past, resulting in her brutal revenge against her father and leaving her near dead.

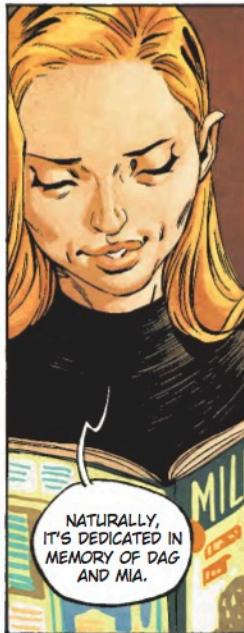
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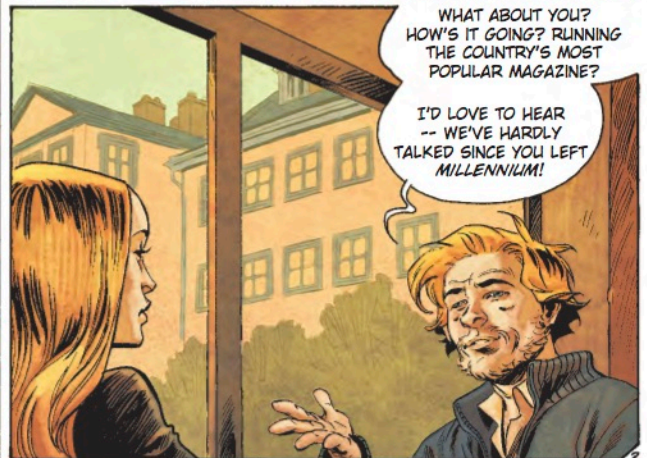
HERE, WE JUST GOT THIS IN -- THE SPECIAL ISSUE DEDICATED TO SEX TRAFFICKING IN SWEDEN. IT'LL BE HITTING NEWSSTANDS WITHIN A COUPLE WEEKS... LIKE A BOMBSHELL.



NATURALLY, IT'S DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF DAG AND MIA.

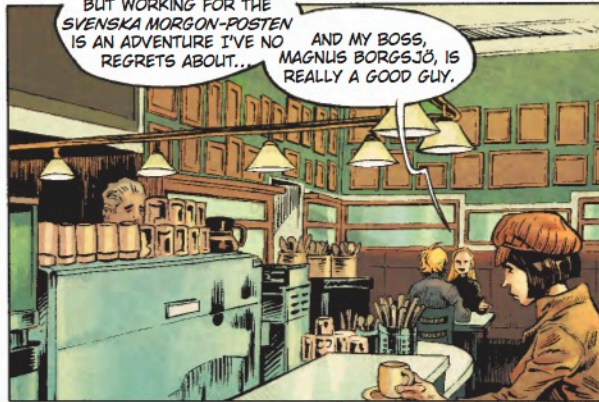


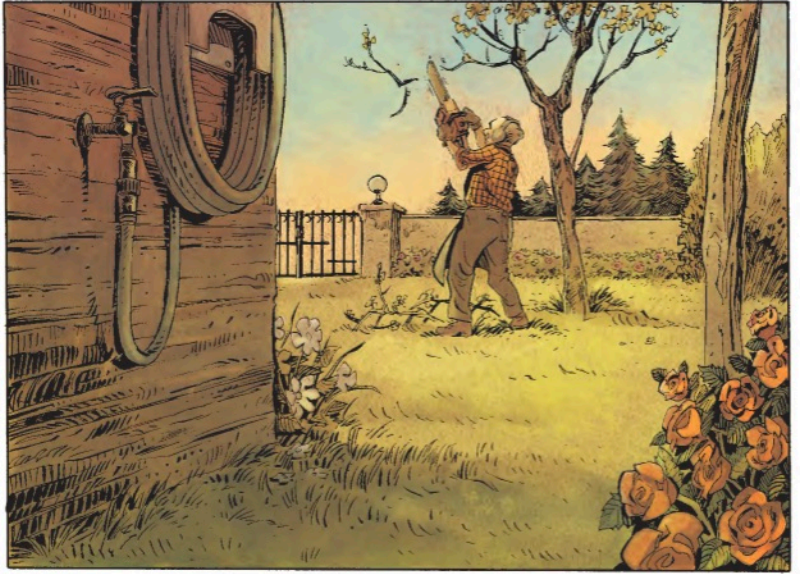
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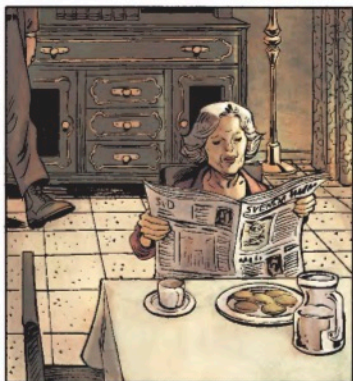
WHAT ABOUT YOU? HOW'S IT GOING? RUNNING THE COUNTRY'S MOST POPULAR MAGAZINE?

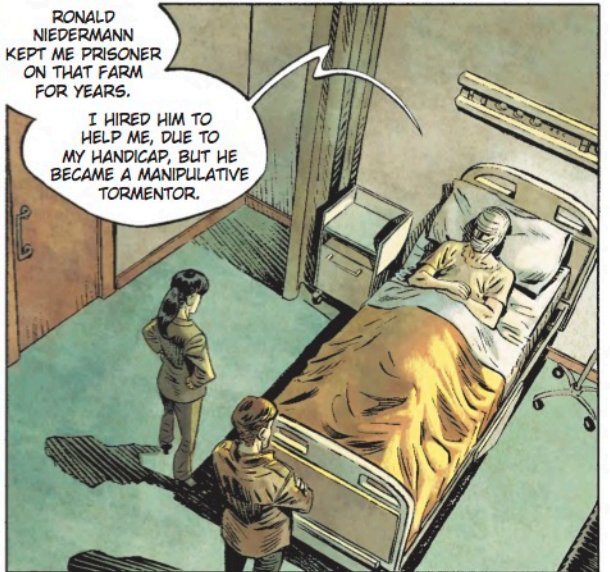
I'D LOVE TO HEAR -- WE'VE HARDLY TALKED SINCE YOU LEFT MILLENNIUM!













WHAT ARE YOUR NAMES AGAIN?



INSPECTORS SONIA MODIG AND CURT BOLINGER.

WHY?



DO YOU SEE WHAT'S LEFT OF MY FACE, SONIA MODIG AND CURT BOLINGER?

THAT'S FROM AN AXE WIELDED BY MY DAUGHTER LISBETH SALANDER WHEN SHE TRIED TO KILL ME.



IT'S THE SECOND TIME IN 15 YEARS SHE'S TRIED TO ASSASSINATE ME!

SO, YES, I'M A VICTIM, AND I'M CALLING MY LAWYER TO LODGE A COMPLAINT ON MY BEHALF AGAINST THOSE WHO'VE BEEN PERSECUTING ME FOR SO MANY YEARS.



MAYBE THIS TIME THE SWEDISH POLICE WILL ACTUALLY DO ITS JOB AND JUSTICE CAN BE DONE?

YOU MAY GO NOW...



I NEED TO REST.



Reception/Annalindgar  
Väntrum

SO?  
THOUGHTS?

HONESTLY?



THE GUY IS ODIUS.  
IT'S A SHAME SALANDER DIDN'T MANAGE TO FINISH HIM OFF.