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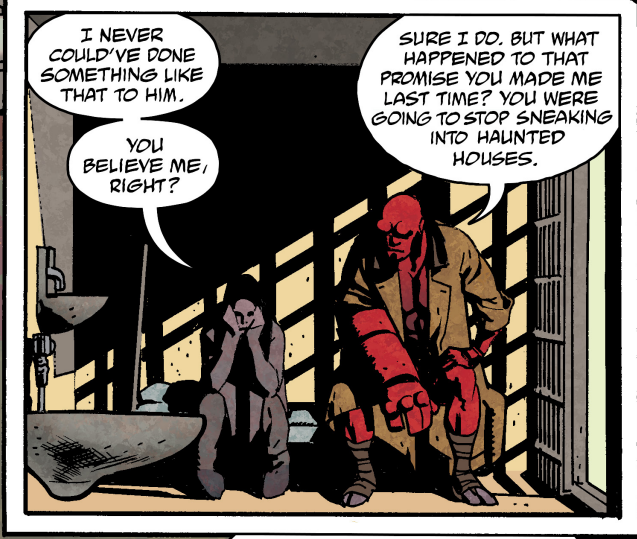


OH, IT'S YOU.

I DIDN'T DO IT. I SWEAR.

I MEAN MAYBE I DID DO IT, BUT... BUT IT WASN'T TOMMY.

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA. 1992.



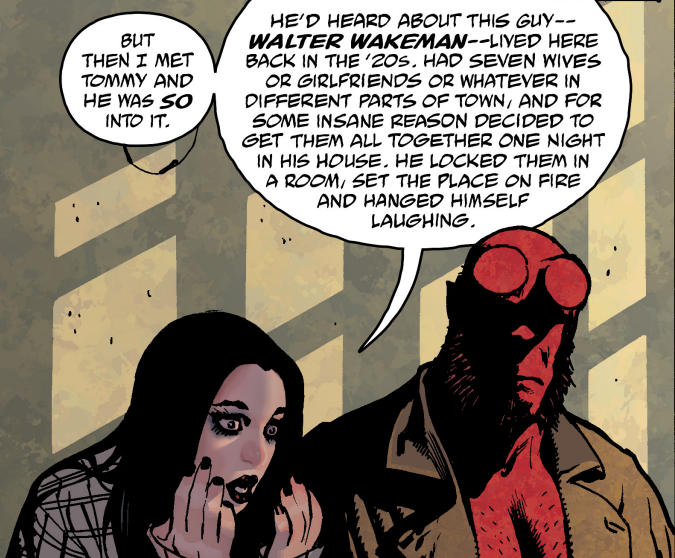
I NEVER COULD'VE DONE SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO HIM.

YOU BELIEVE ME, RIGHT?

SURE I DO, BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT PROMISE YOU MADE ME LAST TIME? YOU WERE GOING TO STOP SNEAKING INTO HAUNTED HOUSES.

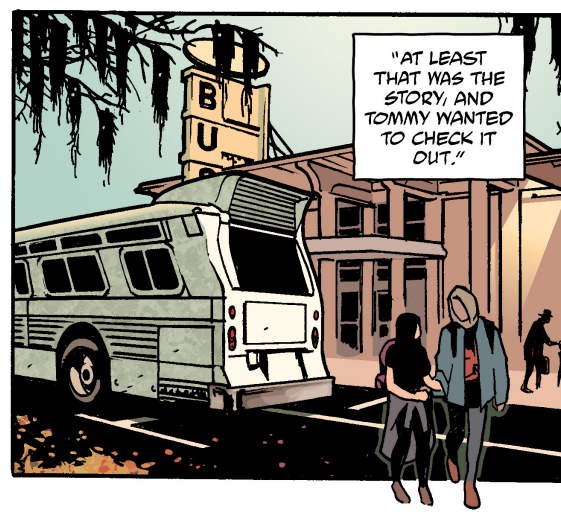
I'M SORRY.

I WAS GONNA REALLY.



BUT THEN I MET TOMMY AND HE WAS SO INTO IT.

HE'D HEARD ABOUT THIS GUY-- **WALTER WAKEMAN**--LIVED HERE BACK IN THE '20S. HAD SEVEN WIVES OR GIRLFRIENDS OR WHATEVER IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF TOWN, AND FOR SOME INSANE REASON DECIDED TO GET THEM ALL TOGETHER ONE NIGHT IN HIS HOUSE. HE LOCKED THEM IN A ROOM, SET THE PLACE ON FIRE AND HANGED HIMSELF LAUGHING.



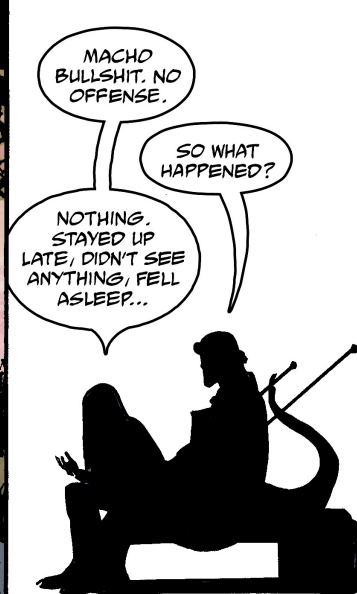
"AT LEAST THAT WAS THE STORY, AND TOMMY WANTED TO CHECK IT OUT."



WHOA.

"WHERE'D
THE GUN
COME
FROM?"

"TOMMY
BROUGHT
IT. WHY?
I DON'T
KNOW..."



MACHO
BULLSHIT. NO
OFFENSE.

SO WHAT
HAPPENED?

NOTHING.
STAYED UP
LATE, DIDN'T SEE
ANYTHING, FELL
ASLEEP...



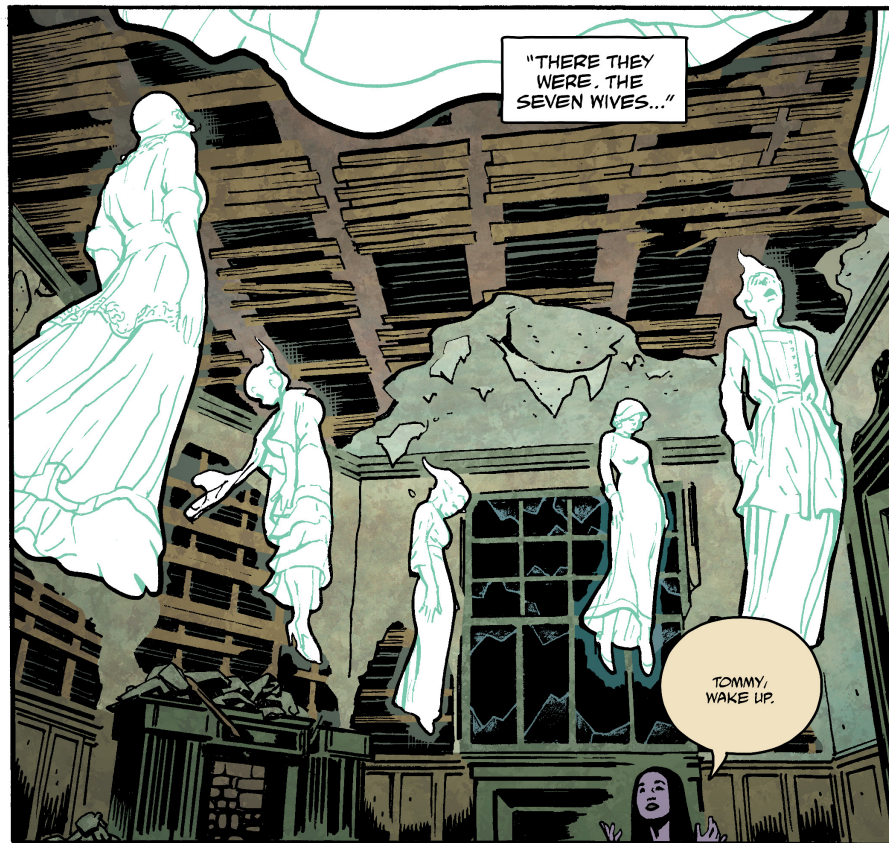
"AND I WOKE UP
LATER BECAUSE I
SMELLED SMOKE."



TOMMY? IS
THAT--?



OH MY
GOD.



"THERE THEY
WERE, THE
SEVEN WIVES..."

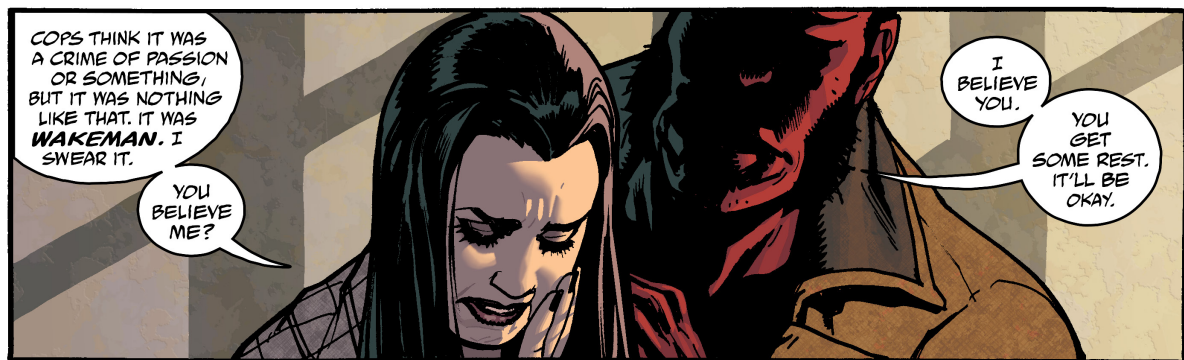
TOMMY,
WAKE UP.



TOMMY...?



BLAM!





SHE GOING TO BE OKAY?

HOPE SO.

SHE DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE AND THE BUREAU'S BEEN ABLE TO CLEAR UP STUFF LIKE THIS BEFORE. AND THE WAKEMAN PLACE HAS A PRETTY BAD REPUTATION.

PAULINE RASKIN,
B.P.R.D.
FIELD AGENT
SINCE 1987

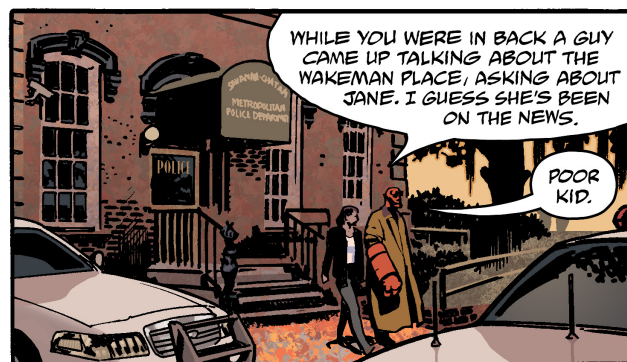


WE SHOULD GET OVER THERE. IT'S GOING TO HELP HER CASE IF WE SEE SOMETHING.



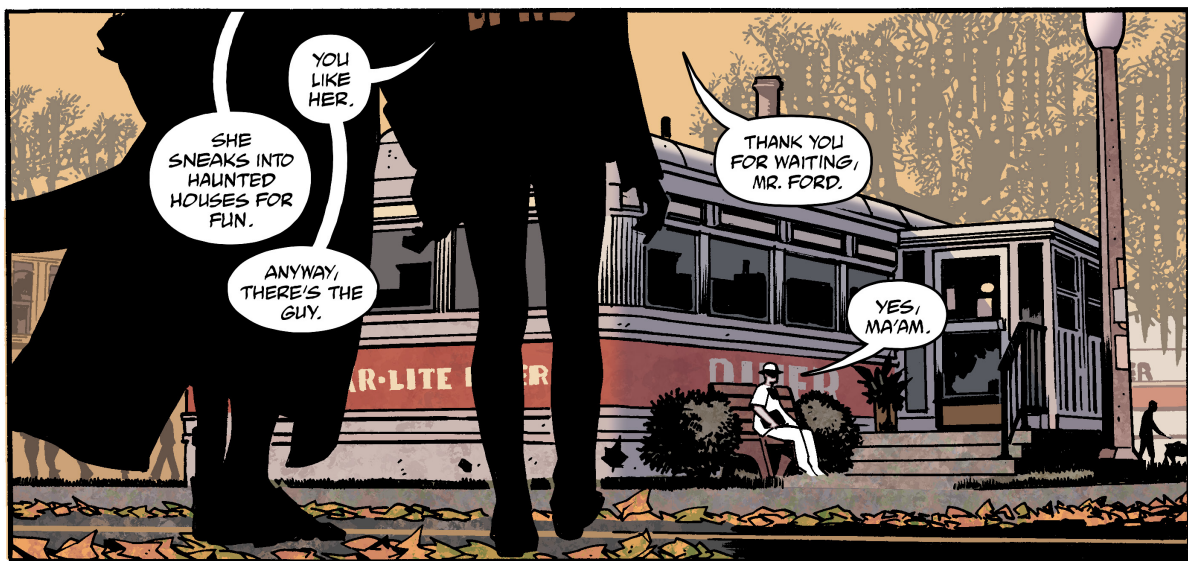
ACTUALLY I CALLED ADAMS AND PURCELL. **THEY'RE** GOING TO STAKE THE PLACE OUT TONIGHT.

REALLY?



WHILE YOU WERE IN BACK A GUY CAME UP TALKING ABOUT THE WAKEMAN PLACE, ASKING ABOUT JANE. I GUESS SHE'S BEEN ON THE NEWS.

POOR KID.



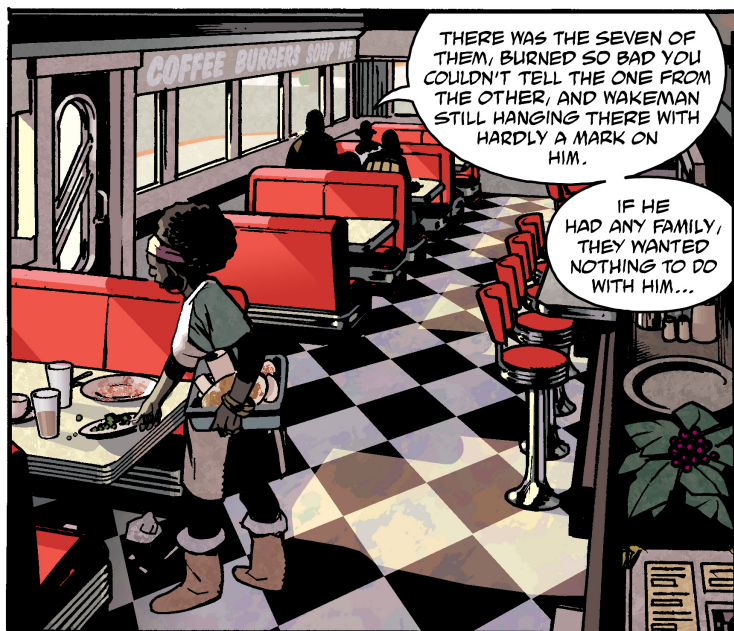
SHE SNEAKS INTO HAUNTED HOUSES FOR FUN.

YOU LIKE HER.

ANYWAY, THERE'S THE GUY.

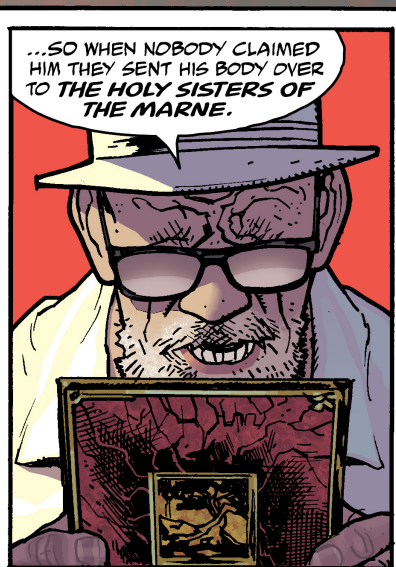
THANK YOU FOR WAITING, MR. FORD.

YES, MA'AM.



THERE WAS THE SEVEN OF THEM, BURNED SO BAD YOU COULDN'T TELL THE ONE FROM THE OTHER, AND WAKEMAN STILL HANGING THERE WITH HARDLY A MARK ON HIM.

IF HE HAD ANY FAMILY, THEY WANTED NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM...



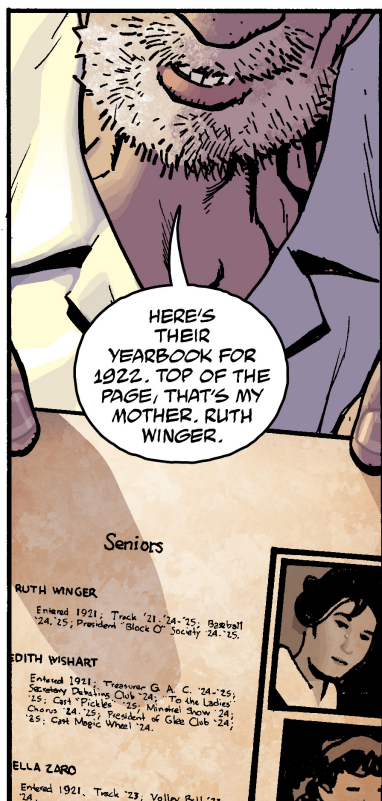
...SO WHEN NOBODY CLAIMED HIM THEY SENT HIS BODY OVER TO THE HOLY SISTERS OF THE MARNE.



HOLY SISTERS OF...?

THE MARNE. THE **BATTLE** OF THE MARNE. SEPTEMBER 1914. WORLD WAR I.

A COUPLE IRISH NURSES WERE THERE AND SOMEHOW ENDED UP HERE AFTER THE WAR, HOOKED UP WITH A RICH DOCTOR AND OPENED A SCHOOL FOR **LADY** DOCTORS.



HERE'S THEIR YEARBOOK FOR 1922. TOP OF THE PAGE, THAT'S MY MOTHER, RUTH WINGER.

Seniors

RUTH WINGER

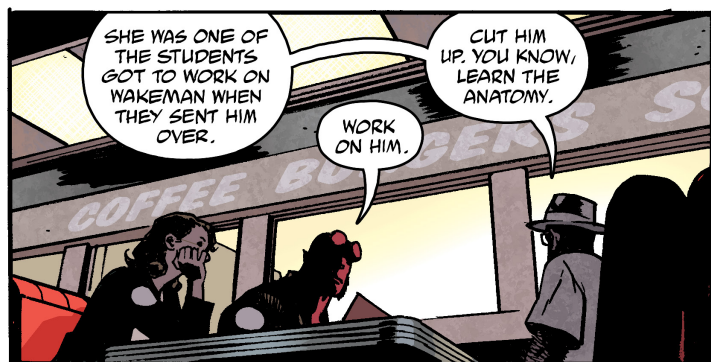
Entered 1921. Track '21-'24-'25; Basketball '24-'25; President "Block O" Society '24-'25.

EDITH WISHART

Entered 1921. Treasurer G. A. C. '24-'25; Secretary Debating Club '24; To the Ladies '25; Girl "Pickles" '25; Minaret Show '24; Chorus '24-'25; President of Glee Club '24-'25; Girl Magic Wheel '24.

ELLA ZARO

Entered 1921. Track '23; Volley Ball '24.



SHE WAS ONE OF THE STUDENTS GOT TO WORK ON WAKEMAN WHEN THEY SENT HIM OVER.

WORK ON HIM.

CUT HIM UP, YOU KNOW, LEARN THE ANATOMY.



RIGHT.



THEN, OF COURSE, SHE AND HER FRIENDS STOLE HIS BODY.

EXCUSE ME?

"SOUNDS BAD, I KNOW, BUT AT LEAST IN THE BEGINNING I THINK IT WAS JUST A **PRANK**."

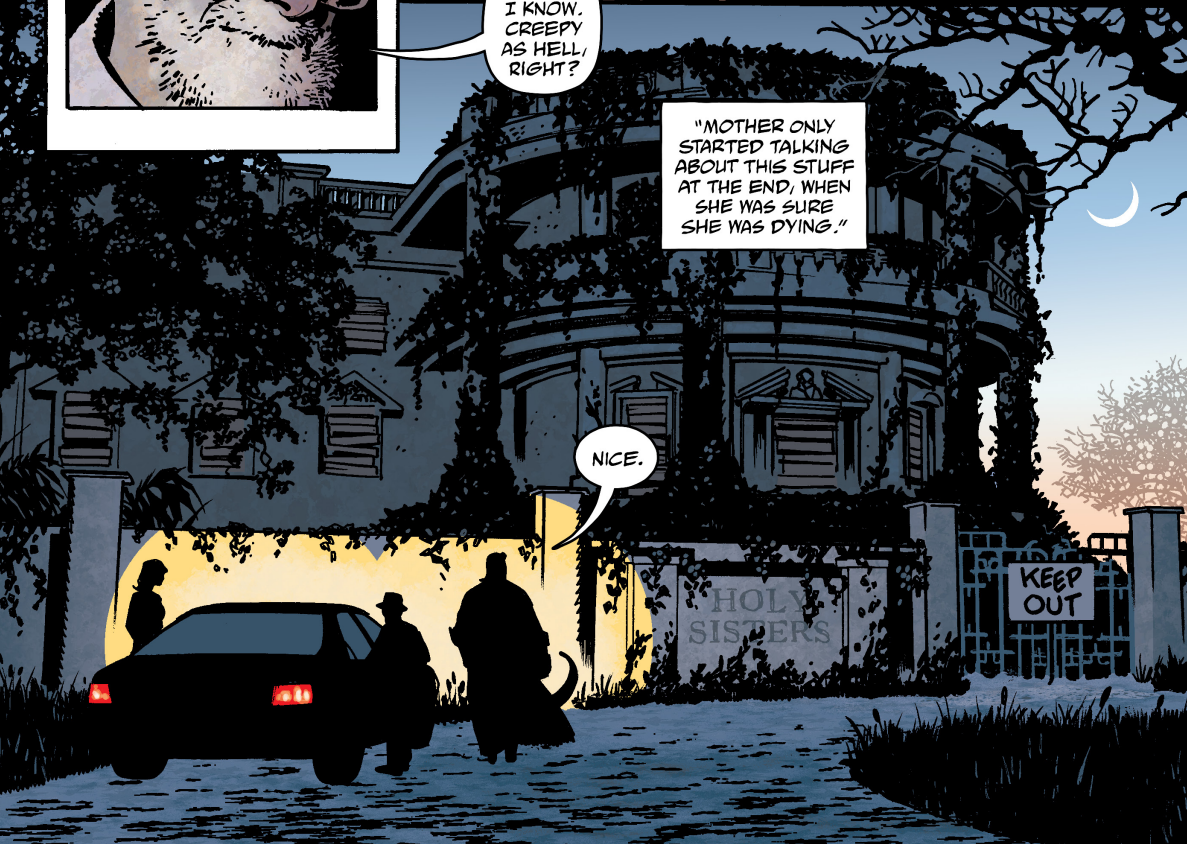


"THERE WERE SEVEN OF THEM. THEY'D FOUND A ROOM IN THE BASEMENT NOBODY KNEW ABOUT. THEY STASHED WAKEMAN DOWN THERE AND USED THE PLACE SORT OF LIKE A CLUBHOUSE, CALLED THEMSELVES THE **SEVEN WIVES CLUB** AFTER THOSE LADIES THAT GOT BURNED."

I KNOW, I KNOW. CREEPY AS HELL, RIGHT?

"MOTHER ONLY STARTED TALKING ABOUT THIS STUFF AT THE END, WHEN SHE WAS SURE SHE WAS DYING."

NICE.

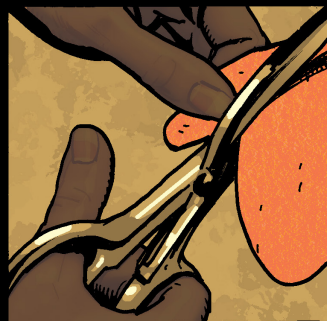


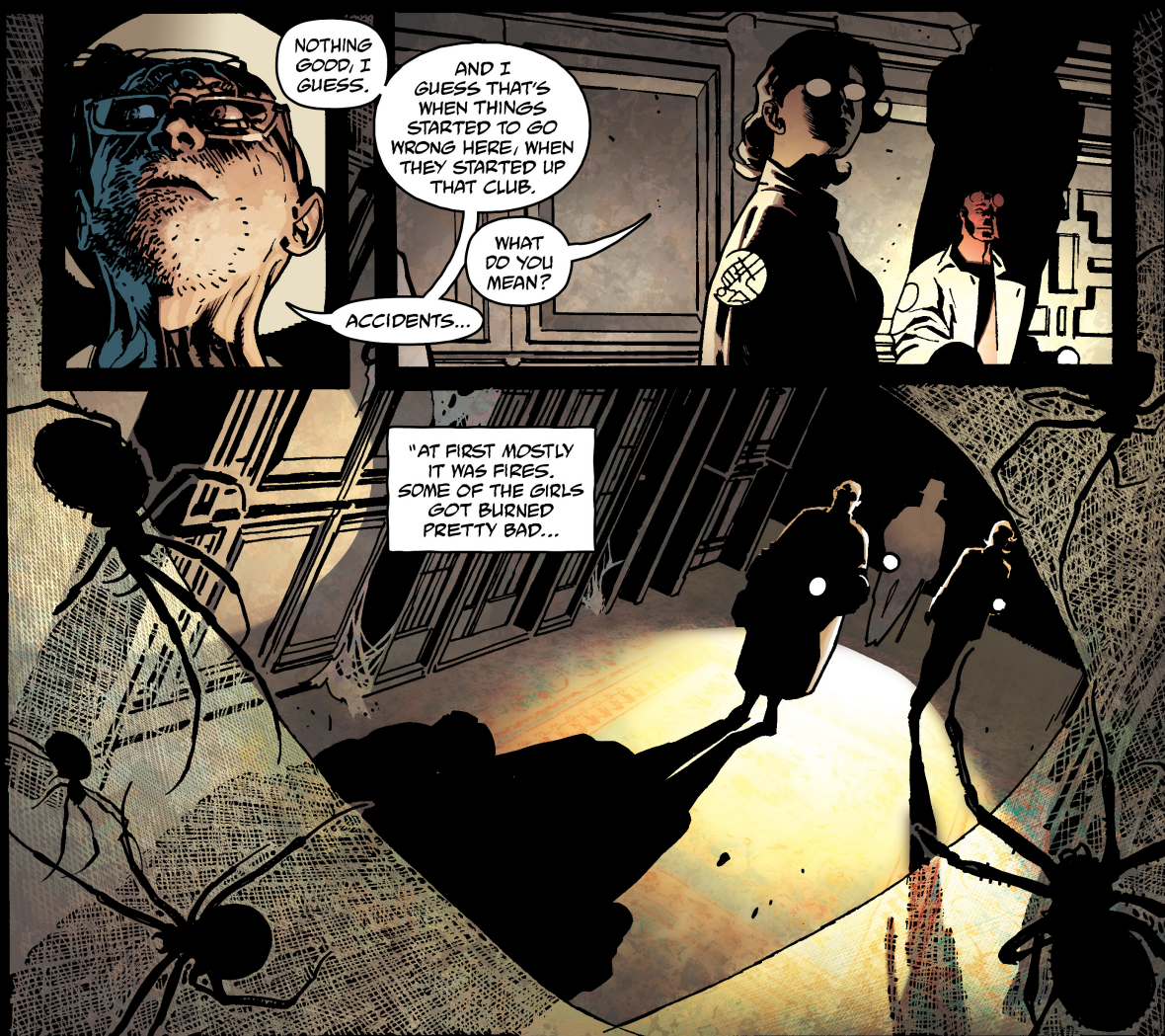


"ONCE WE FIND OUR WAY
DOWN THERE I'M PRETTY
SURE I CAN FIND THE
ROOM. SHE TOLD ME
WHERE IT WAS..."



"...BUT SHE NEVER
WOULD TELL ME
EXACTLY WHAT
THEY GOT UP
TO IN THERE."







SCHOOL OPENED IN 1917. WAKEMAN SHOWED UP IN 1920. MOTHER STAYED ON TIL 1922, BUT BY THEN THINGS HAD GOTTEN PRETTY BAD. MOST OF THE GIRLS HAD LEFT. THEY CLOSED THE PLACE JUST A FEW YEARS LATER.

MOTHER GRADUATED BUT NEVER BECAME A DOCTOR. SAID SHE'D JUST LOST HER TASTE FOR IT.

STAIRS OVER HERE.

BASEMENT.



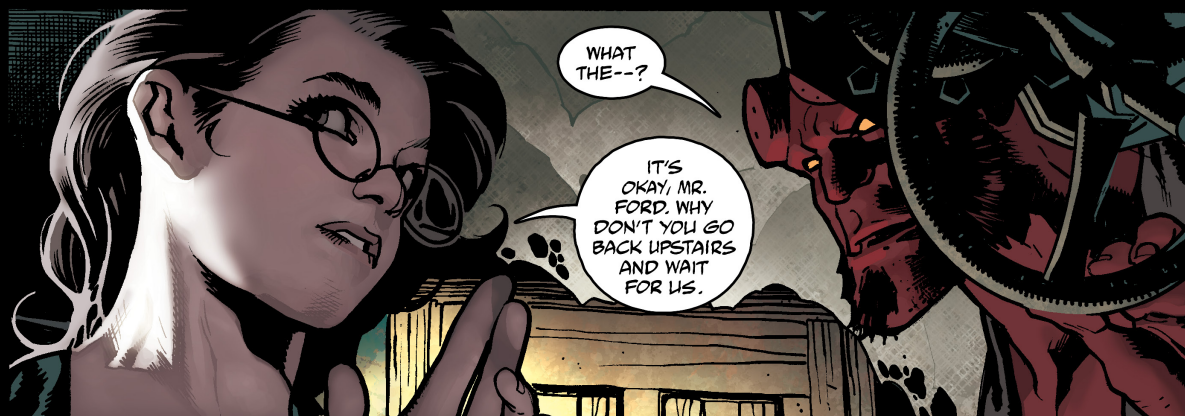
YOU SEE IT?

JUST ON YOUR LEFT THERE.



JOEY, YOU DON'T GO IN THERE.

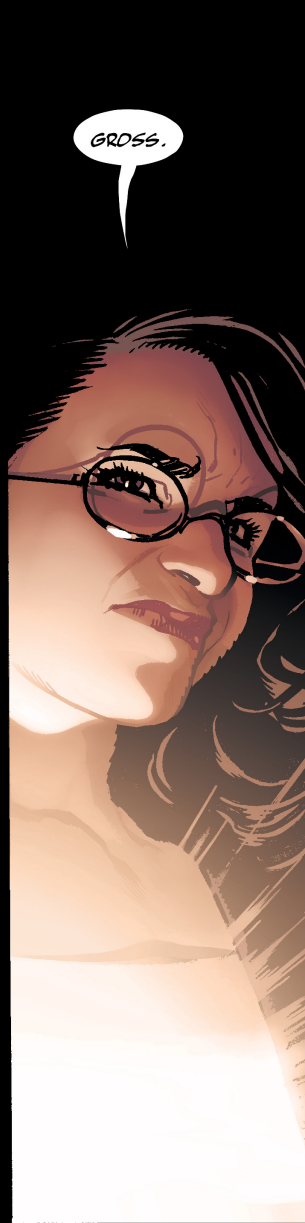
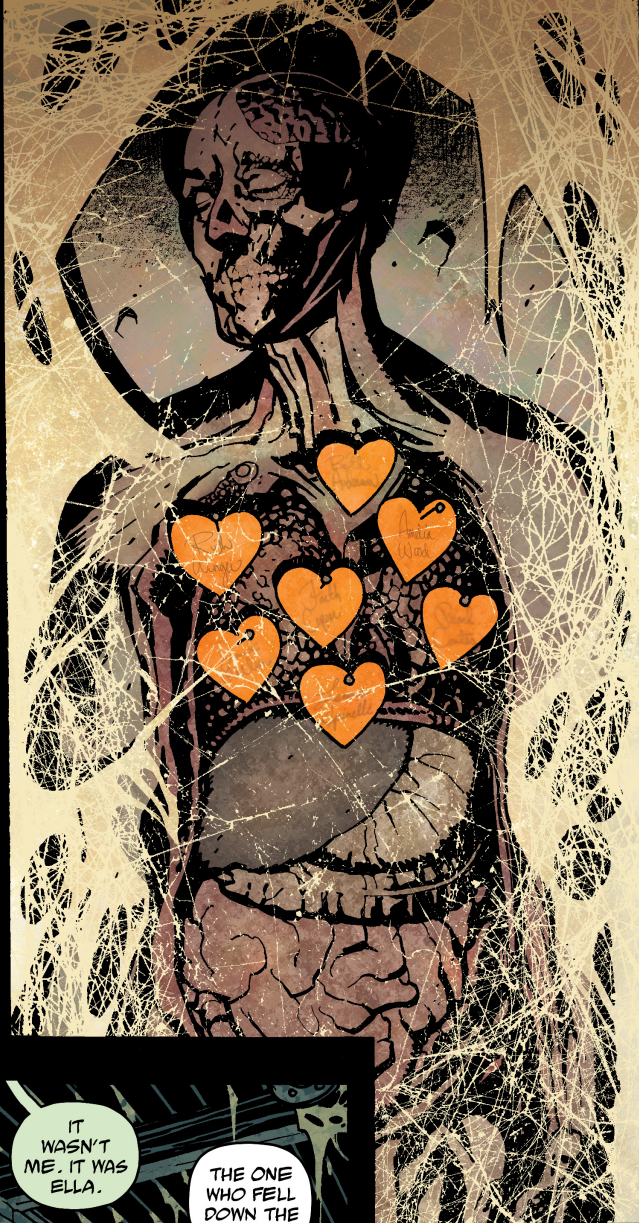




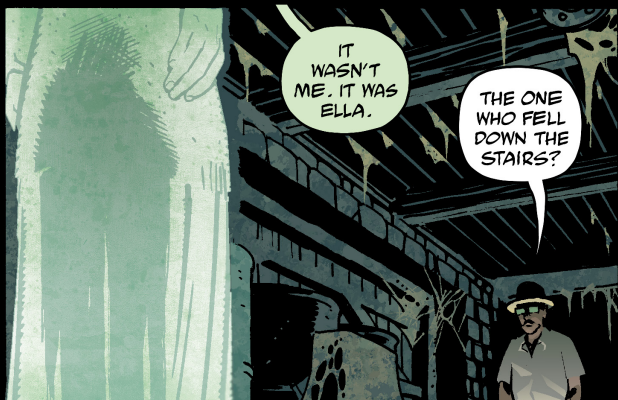




WAKEMAN.



GROSS.



IT WASN'T ME. IT WAS ELLA.

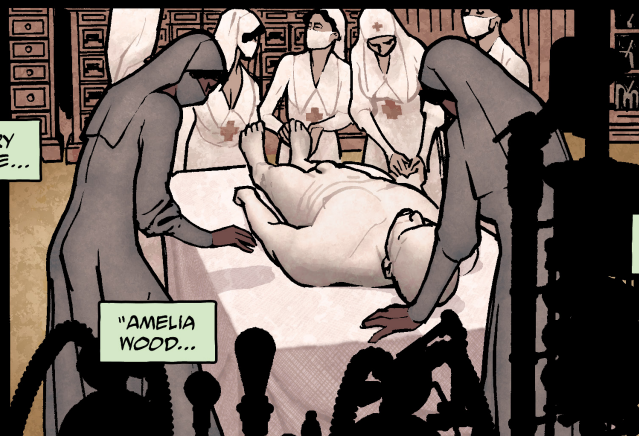
THE ONE WHO FELL DOWN THE STAIRS?



IT WAS MARY...



"MARY LITTLE..."



"AMELIA WOOD..."



"MATTIE COBBE..."



"PHOEBE
CUNNINGHAM,
LUCY MAY..."

"AND
WAKEMAN,
HE WAS **THE**
DEVIL..."



"BUT IT WASN'T ME..."



"IT WAS JUST SCHOOL..."



I DIDN'T...



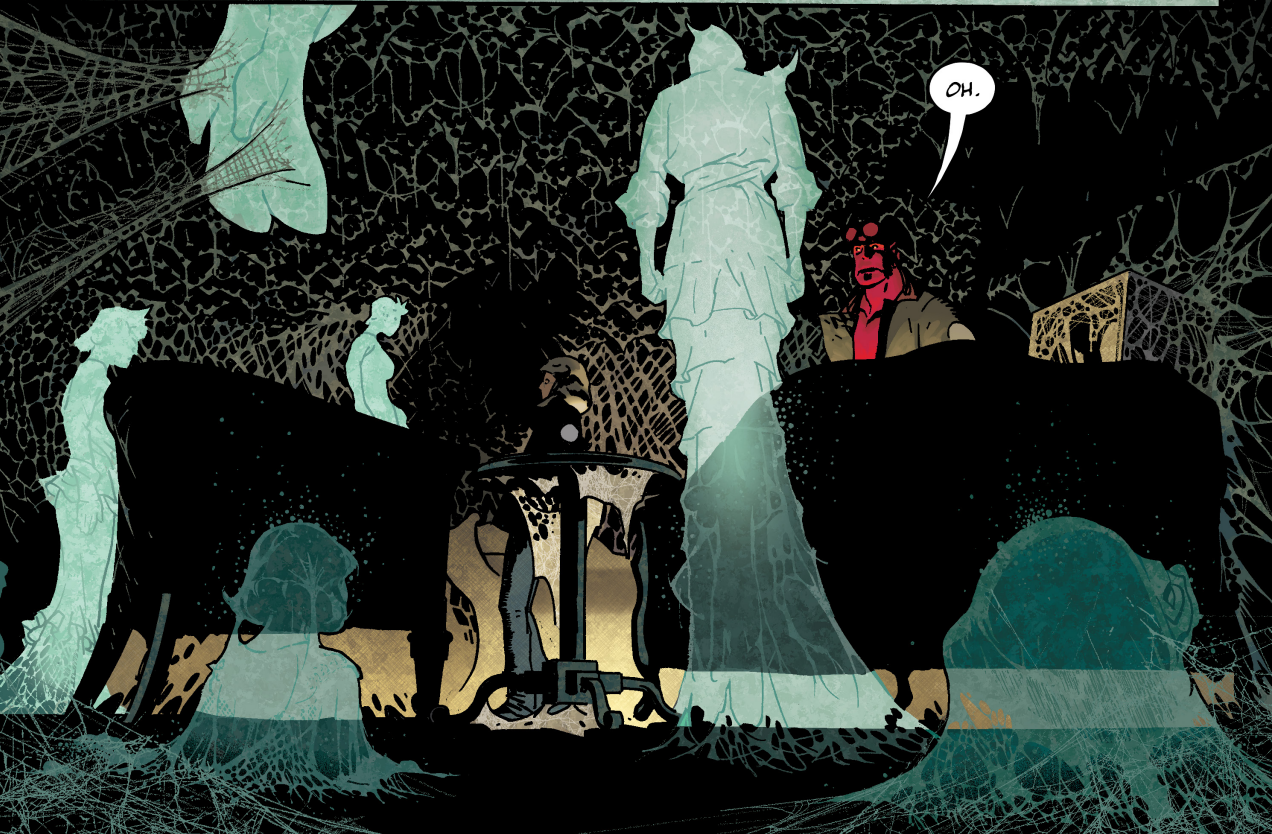
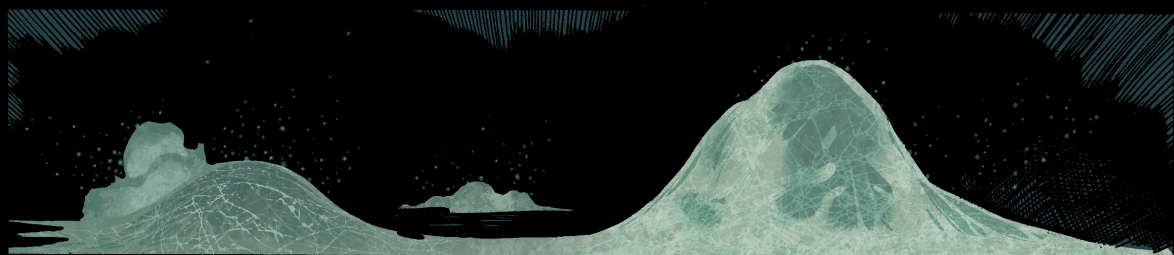
"I DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING WRONG."



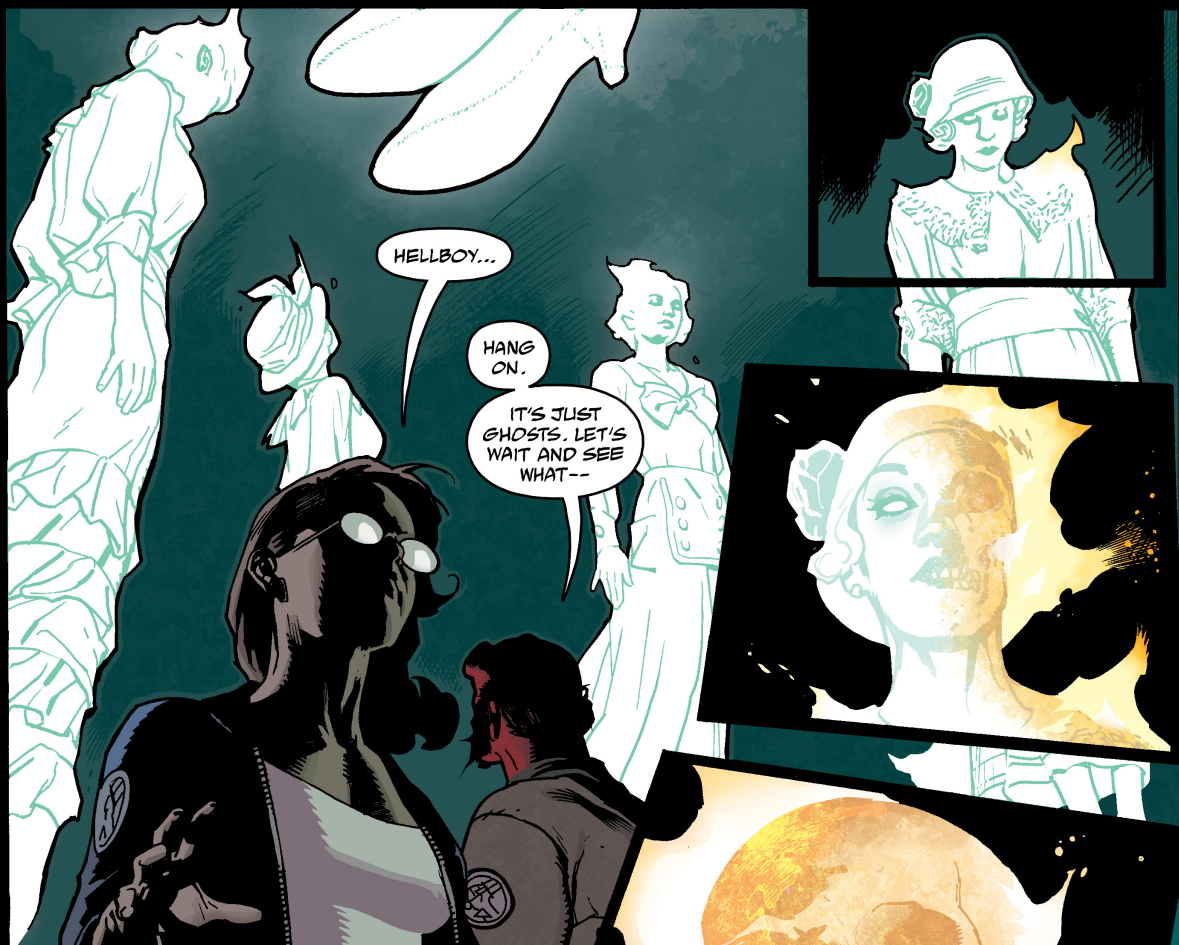
WHAT
THE--?



THAT'S
NOT GOOD.



OH.





DAMN!

SON
OF A--!

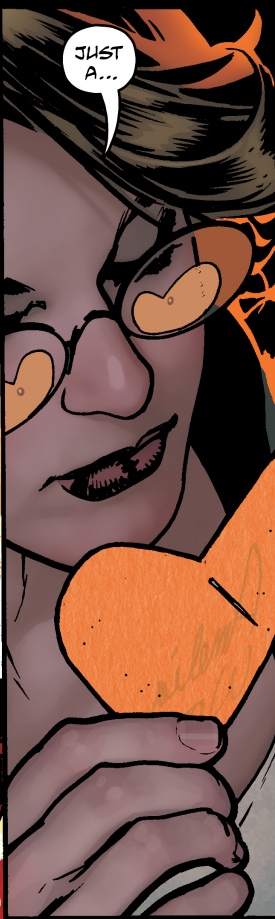
PAULINE,
GET OUTTA
HERE!



JUST A
MINUTE!



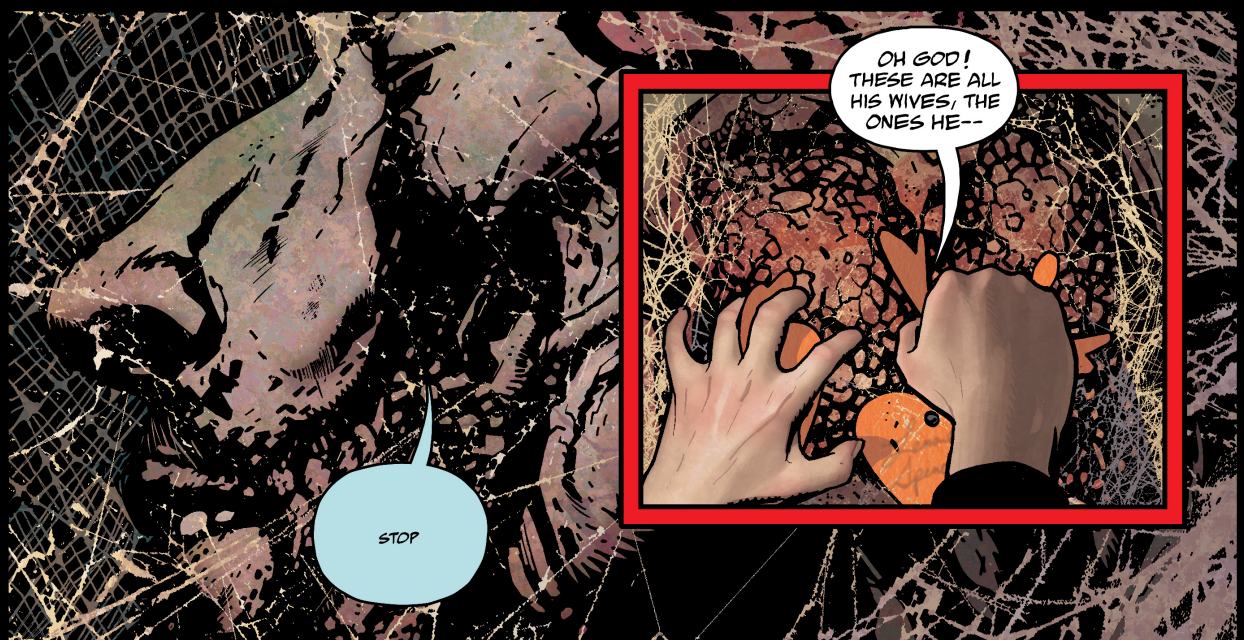
GO!

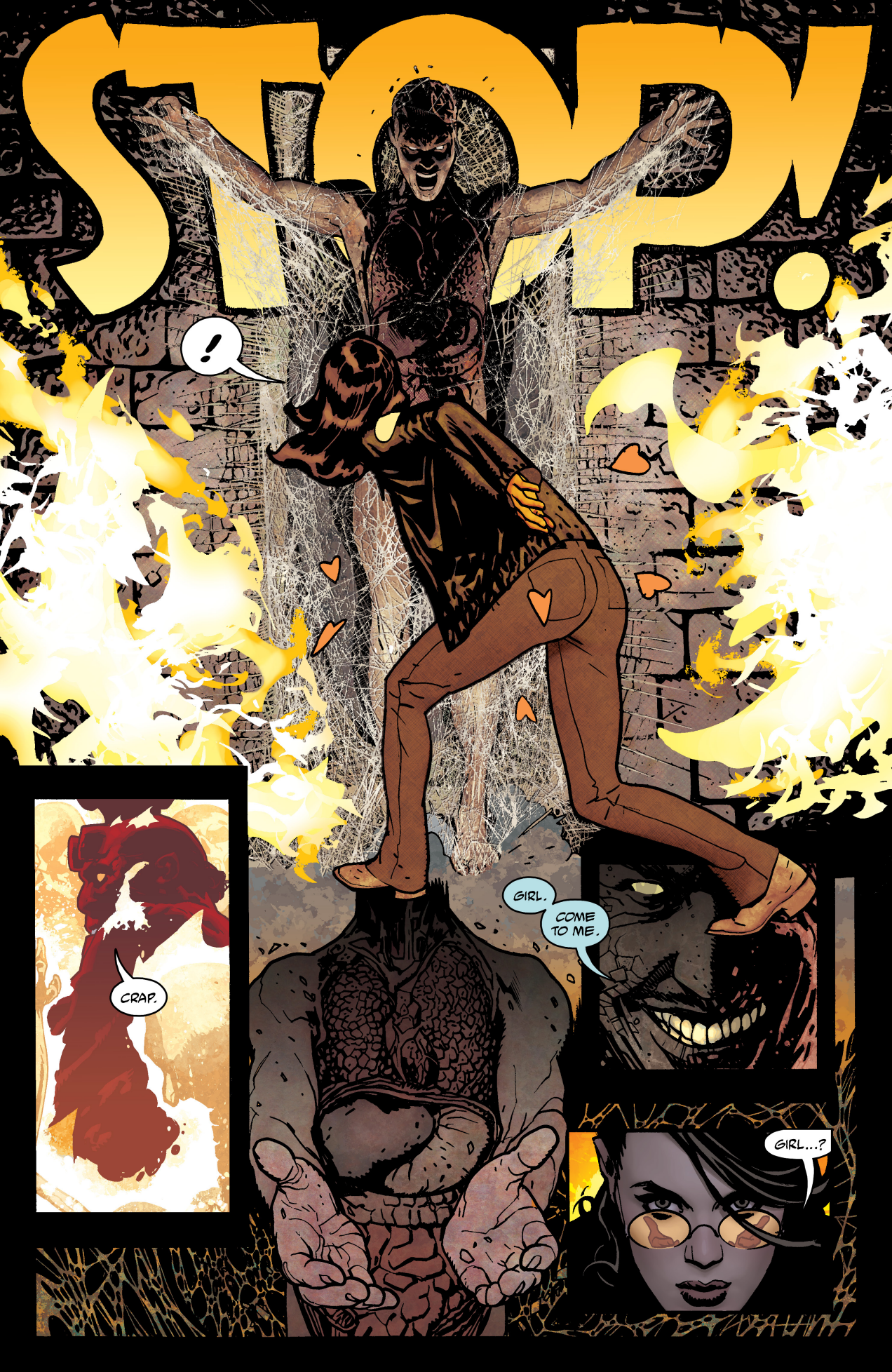


JUST
A...



AMELIA
WOOD.





STOP

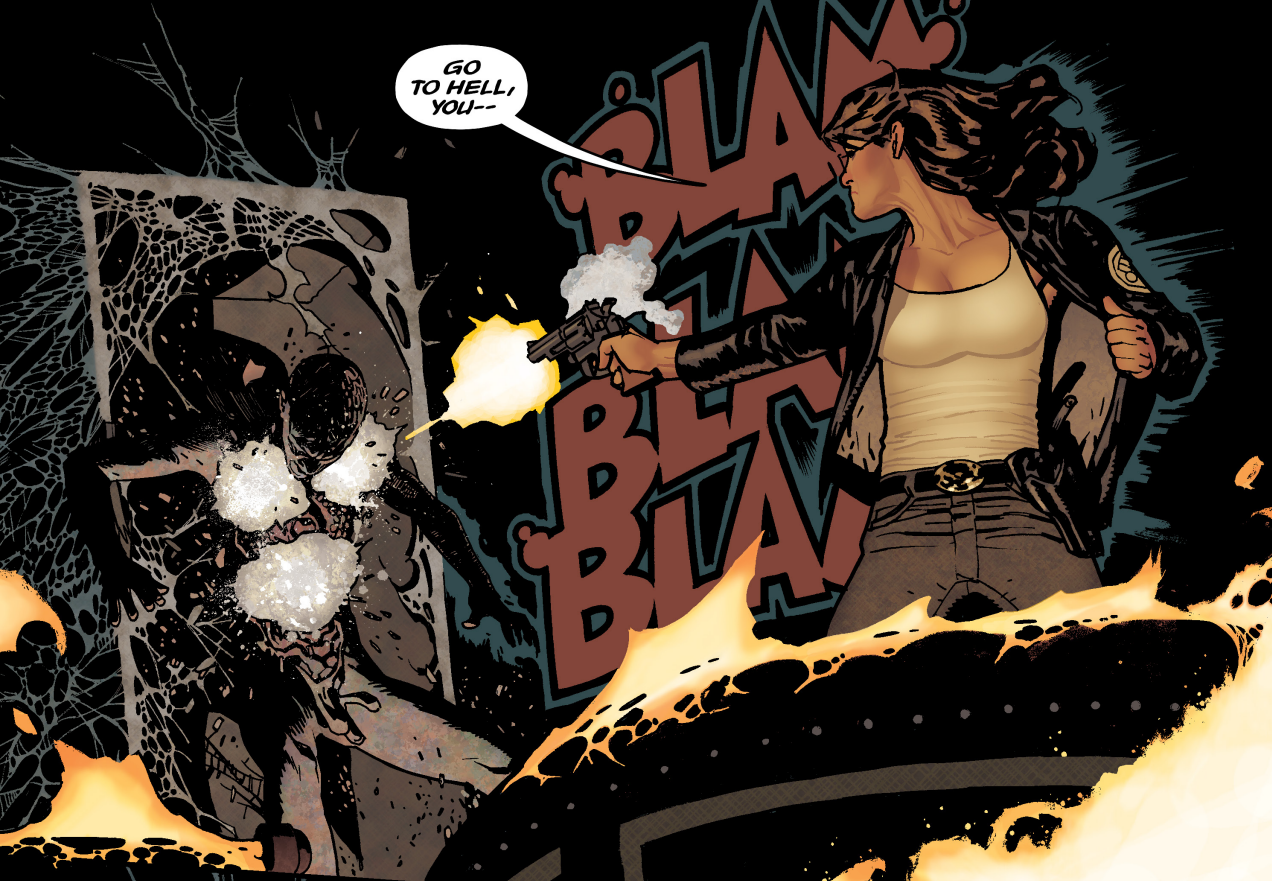
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CRAP.

GIRL.
COME
TO ME.



GIRL...?

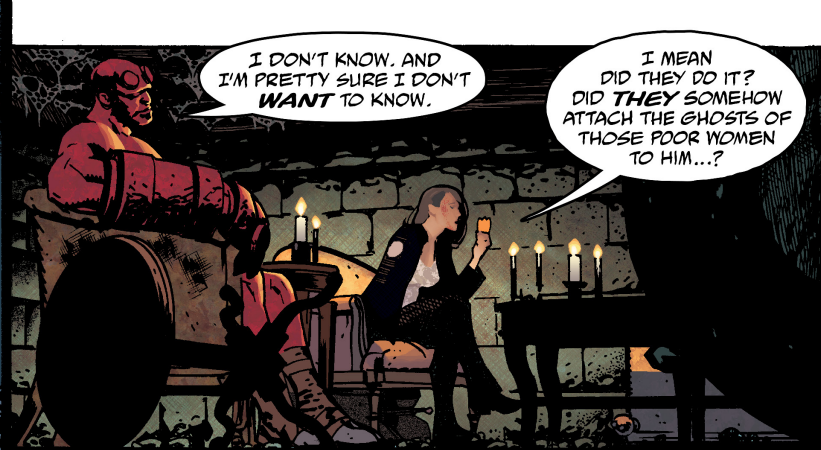








WHAT THE HELL WERE THEY UP TO DOWN HERE?



I DON'T KNOW. AND I'M PRETTY SURE I DON'T **WANT** TO KNOW.

I MEAN DID THEY DO IT? DID **THEY** SOMEHOW ATTACH THE GHOSTS OF THOSE POOR WOMEN TO HIM...?



WITH **THESE**?

OR WERE THEY ALREADY ATTACHED TO HIM EVEN THOUGH HE BURNED THEM ALIVE?



OR MAYBE **BECAUSE** HE BURNED THEM ALIVE.

THAT'S WHAT I HATE ABOUT GHOSTS--YOU NEVER REALLY KNOW WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON.



RIP



WHAT DO I ALWAYS SAY?

GIVE ME A WEREWOLF OR A MUMMY--THEY MIGHT PUT UP A FIGHT BUT AT LEAST YOU USUALLY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE ABOUT.

WE'LL REST IN PEACE, LADIES.

I HOPE.

THANKS TO B.P.R.D. TESTIMONY, JANE HOWELL WAS EVENTUALLY CLEARED OF ALL CHARGES IN THE DEATH OF THOMAS (TOMMY) NILES.



THE END