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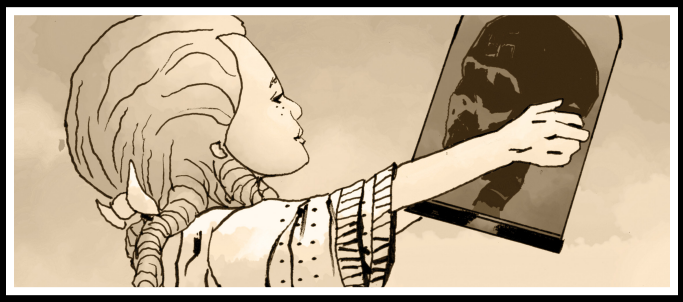

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

10/3 6:38a JD

found there and the request to search the area is granted. Primary objective remains the placement of the explosives and documentation by drone of the aftermath--after the search party and all personnel are at a distant remove from the area. Important: be well clear before detonating. DOD and DHS are confident there are no settlers in the area to be placed at risk, an observation your team should confirm in recon.

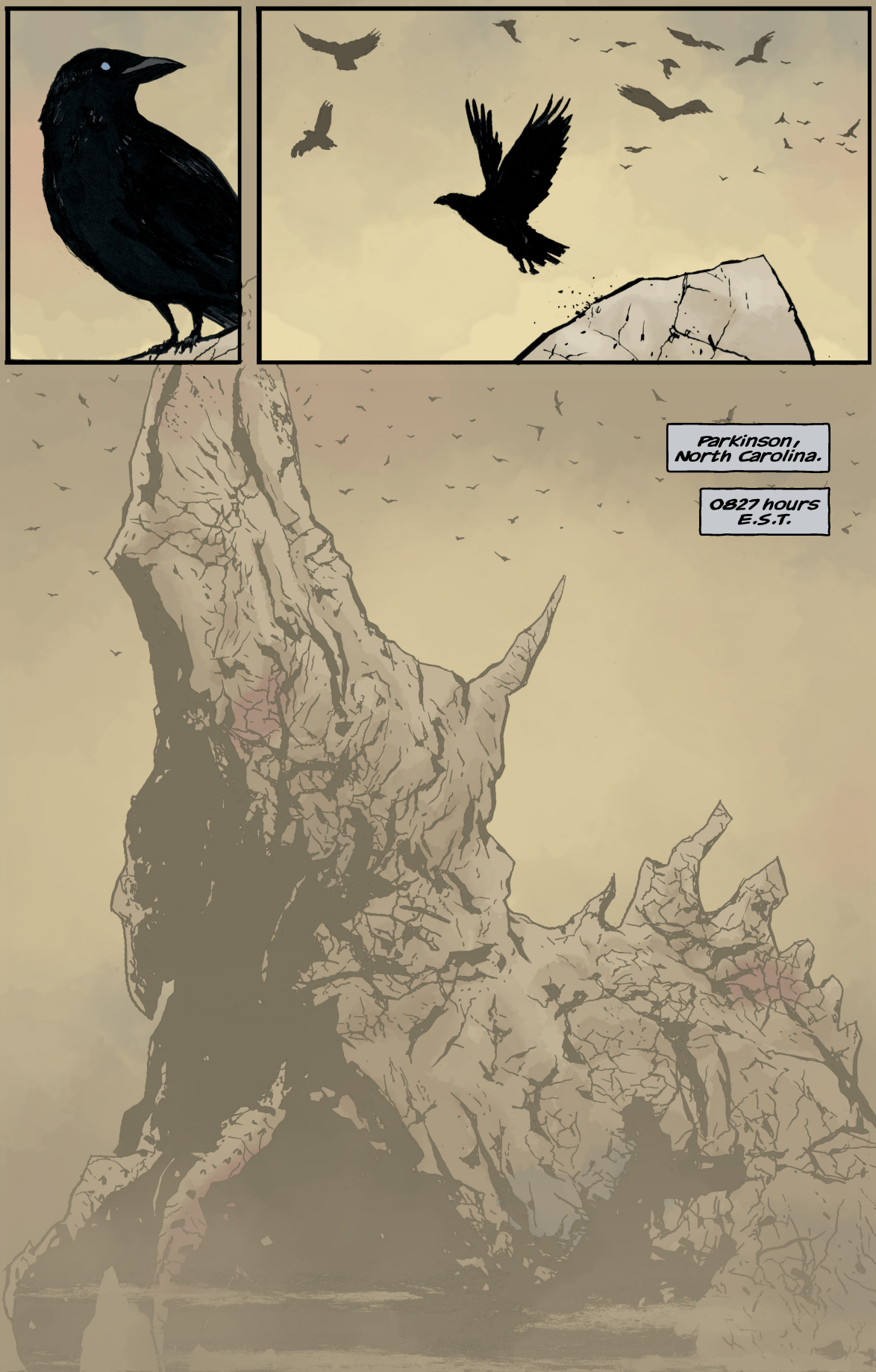
After Parkinson, domestic cult activity is your top priority. Due to the nature of these cults, no other organization is better equipped to assess than your team, with exceptions: continue to refer revenant groups in the SW and elsewhere to the National Guard directly or through this office, and the president would prefer all Sapien cult activity be handled by DHS to avoid conflicts. Your help is requested in investigating reports of activity centered around an unidentified young woman who has "appeared in dreams" nationwide. Specialists in the DC office confirm these dreams, which direct dreamers toward an unspecified spot on the east coast, possibly the northeast. Currently the largest such group is heading east on I-80 through Nebraska and bear investigating. We suspected a connection to the group led by your former ward, but as Fenix has dispersed that group and is believed to remain in N. Calif., this is unlikely.

An unrelated group in Taos, NM died in a mass suicide--232 total including children. The president appreciates any help we can provide in stopping events like this, which do not bolster his message that conditions are improving.

We might need your vessel, if not your team, in the Red Sea. Some survivors in Eritrea are reluctant to flee. They reached out to Russia, who are exerting their option to temporarily recall the ship, though negotiations continue. FYI, Iran claims President Afwerki gave his blessing for the strike, knowing his country was doomed and that this was the only way to spare the region. CIA confirms. Devastating. Afwerki himself made no attempt to flee. Will he be remembered as a lunatic or a man of unusual courage?

The review of the incident in Wichita Falls is complete: no loss of life could have been prevented through alternative courses of action. However, this cannot be stated emphatically enough: No one in our Bureau except myself or any acting replacement can make a unilateral decision of such magnitude. Agent Sherman has been exonerated, but she's to remain on a probationary status until further instructions. She cannot lead missions into populated areas, but permission is granted for her to lead in Parkinson. Important that the team uses the specified explosives rather than incineration, so that the results can be duplicated in other locations. If Parkinson goes as expected we hope to destroy and remove the remains

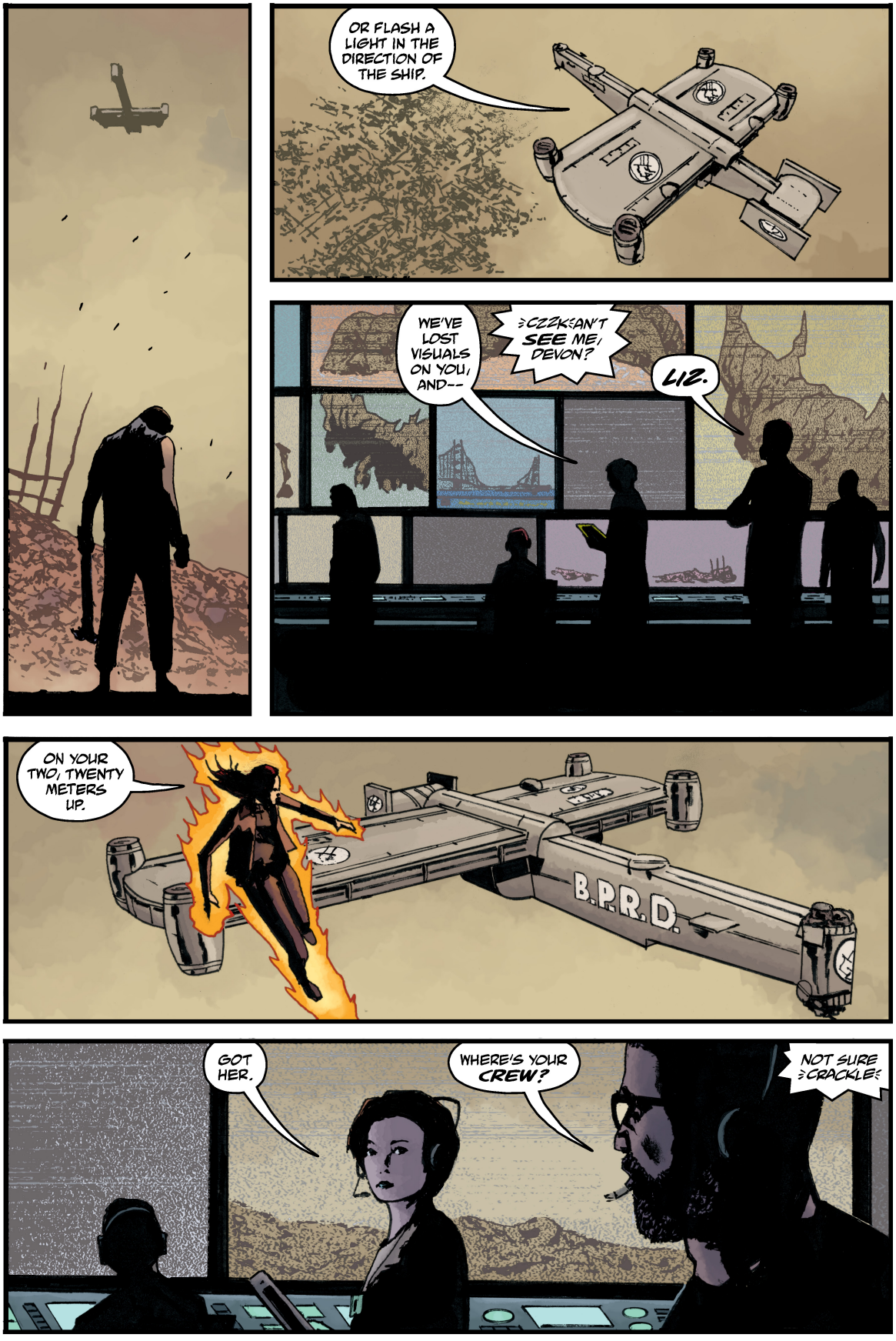
E. Potter
DEP. EXEC. DIR. E. POTTER

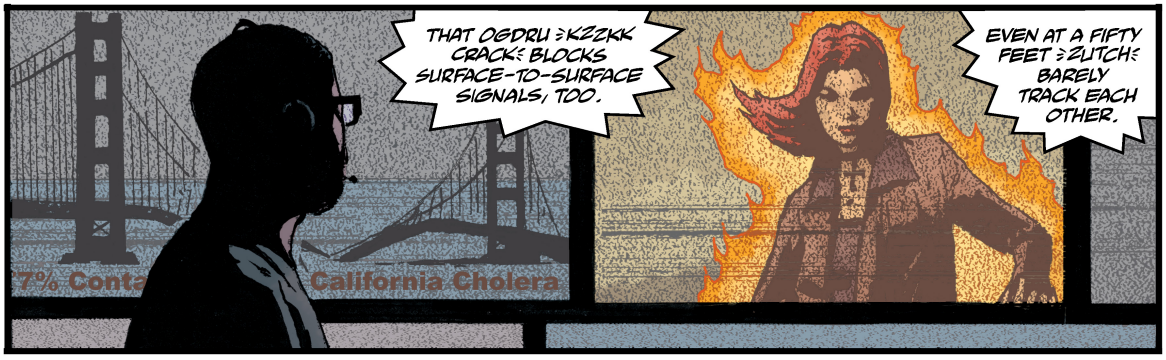

Parkinson, North Carolina.
0827 hours E.S.T.


HUH!

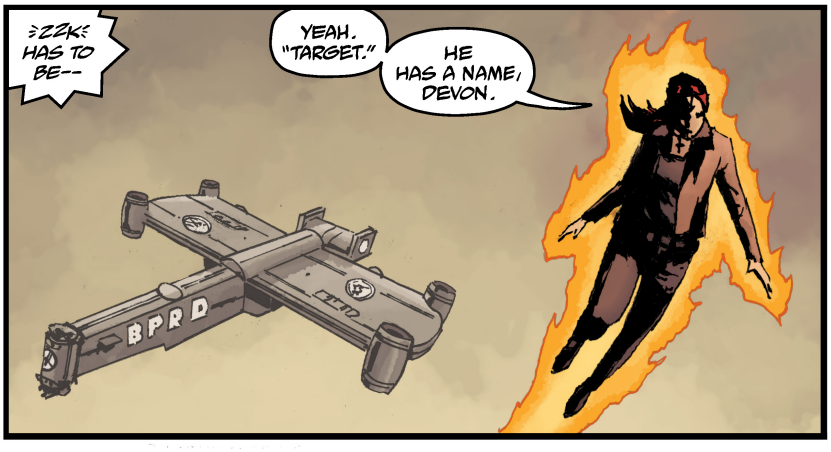

SSSSSS
BAM
CHANK

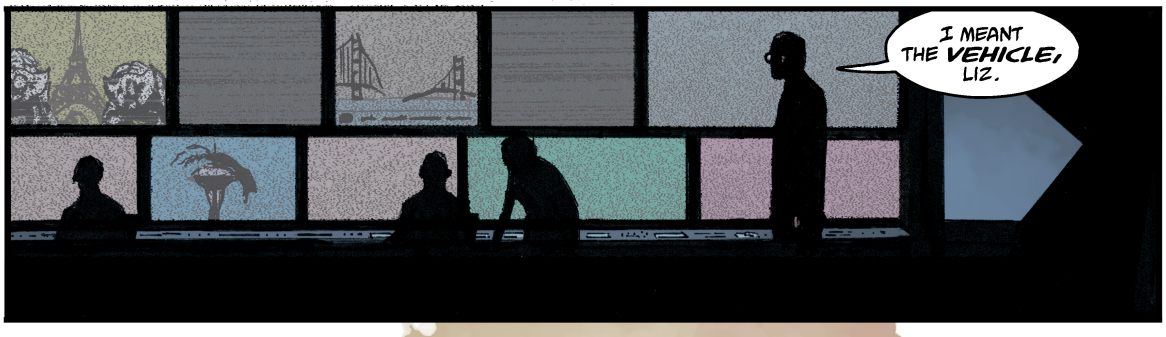

SSSSSS
WAK
CHOP
"IF ANYONE'S PICKING UP MY SIGNAL, PLEASE SWITCH YOUR DEVICE OFF AND ON."


OR FLASH A LIGHT IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SHIP.
WE'VE LOST VISUALS ON YOU, AND--
>CZZK<AN'T SEE ME, DEVON?
LIZ.
ON YOUR TWO, TWENTY METERS UP.
B.P.R.D.
GOT HER.
WHERE'S YOUR CREW?
NOT SURE >CRACKLE<


THAT OGDRU >KZZKK CRACK< BLOCKS SURFACE-TO-SURFACE SIGNALS, TOO.
EVEN AT A FIFTY FEET >ZLITCH< BARELY TRACK EACH OTHER.
7% Conta
California Cholera


RIGHT. SO NO READINGS OFF THE OBJECTIVE TWO TARGET, BUT IT COULD STILL BE THERE--

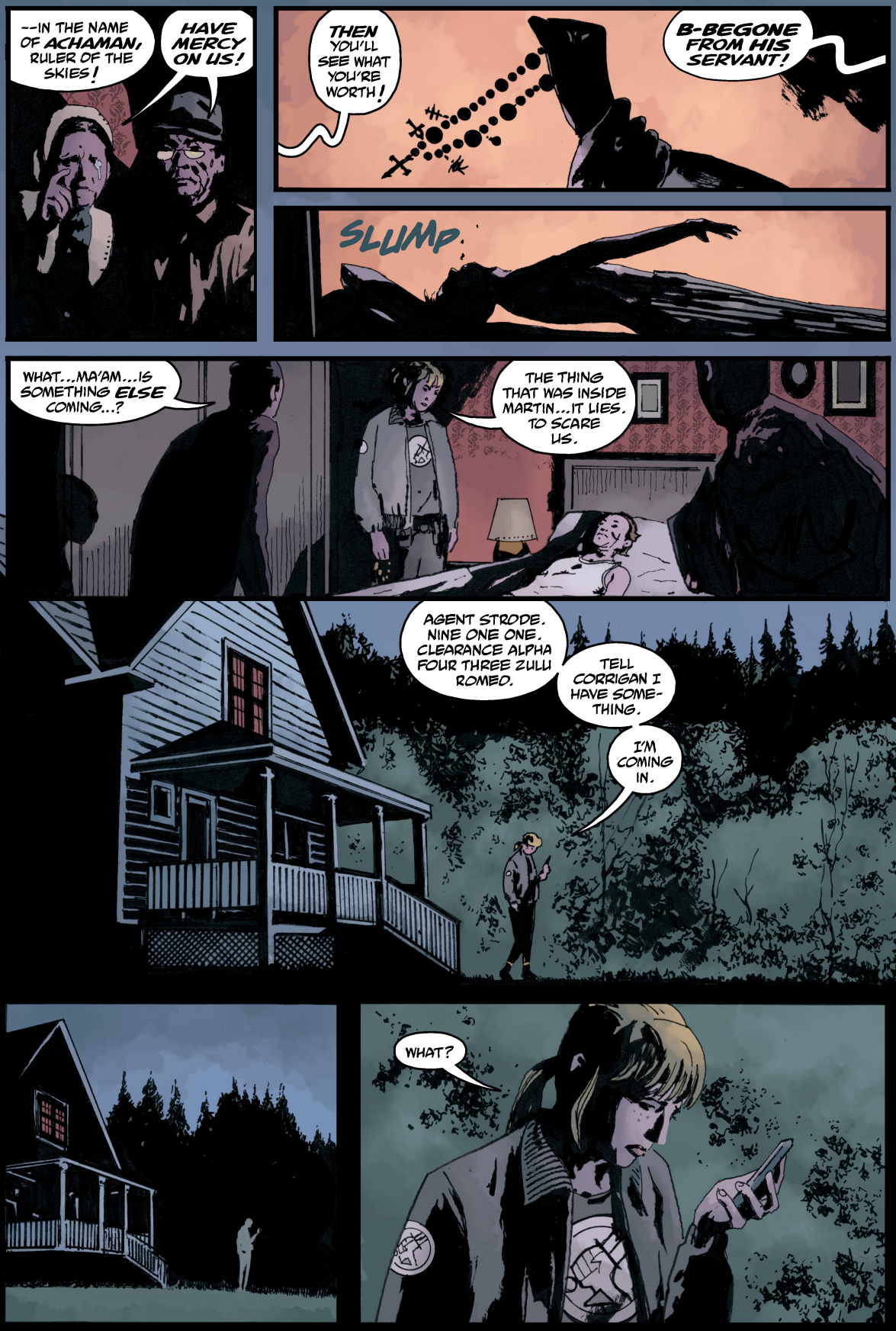

>ZZK< HAS TO BE--
YEAH. "TARGET."
HE HAS A NAME, DEVON.
BPRD


I MEANT THE VEHICLE, LIZ.

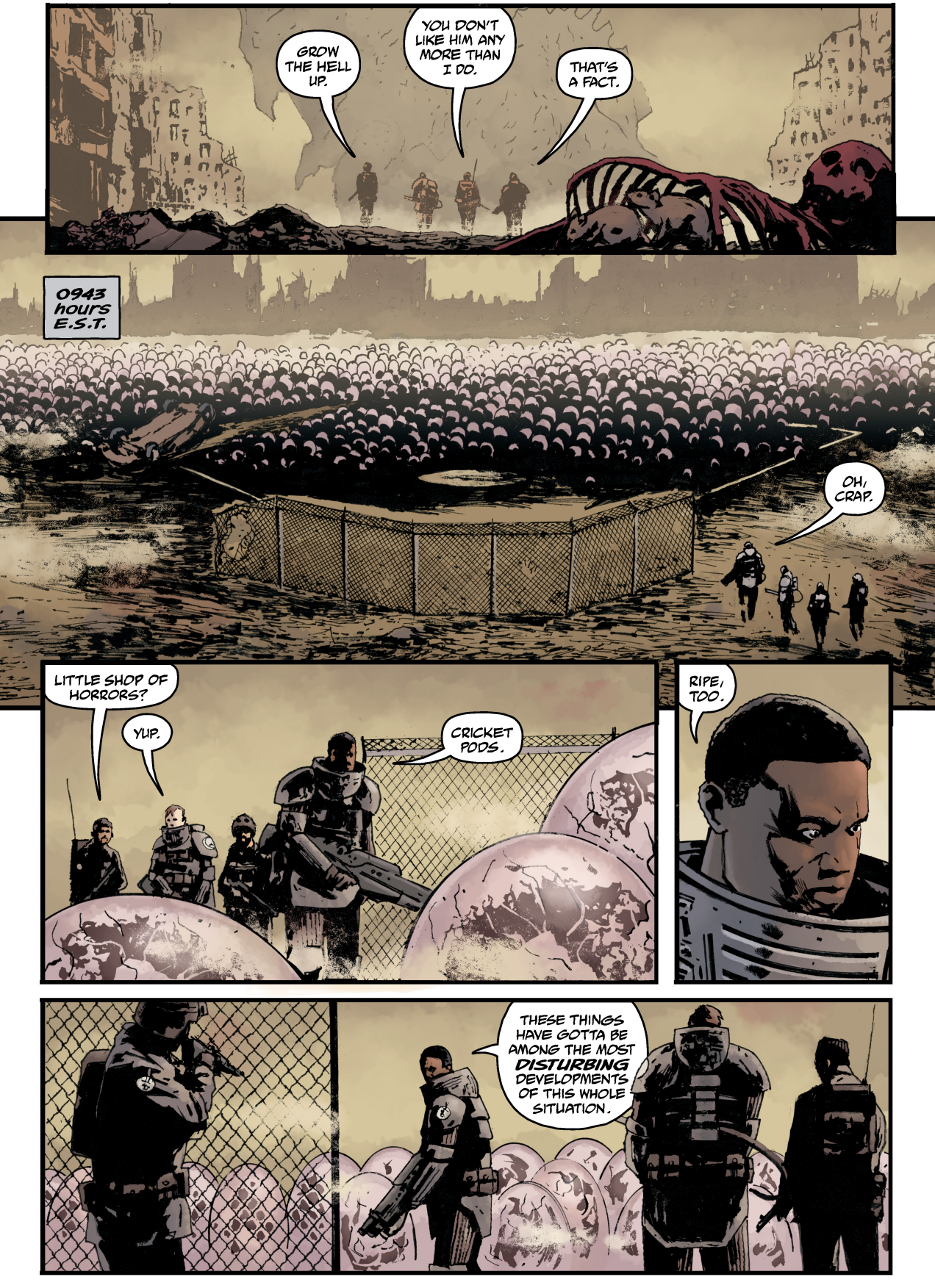

LIZ?


Wallace, Idaho.
0611 hours P.S.T.
I CAST YOU OUT, UNCLEAN SPIRIT, ALONG WITH EVERY SATANIC POWER OF THE ENEMY, AND ALL YOUR FELL COMPANIONS.
TREMBLE AND FLEE AS I CALL UPON ANU AND HIS COURT OF HEAVEN.
HAVE MERCY ON US.
BEGONE AND STAY FAR FROM THIS CREATURE OF GOD. HEARKEN, AND TREMBLE IN FEAR, YOU ENEMY OF THE FAITH--
--FOE OF THE HUMAN RACE.
MAKE NO RESISTANCE IN DEPARTING-- FOR IT PLEASES GOD TO DWELL IN MAN.
I ADJURE YOU--
--EVERY SPECTER FROM HELL--
ASHLEY STRODE...

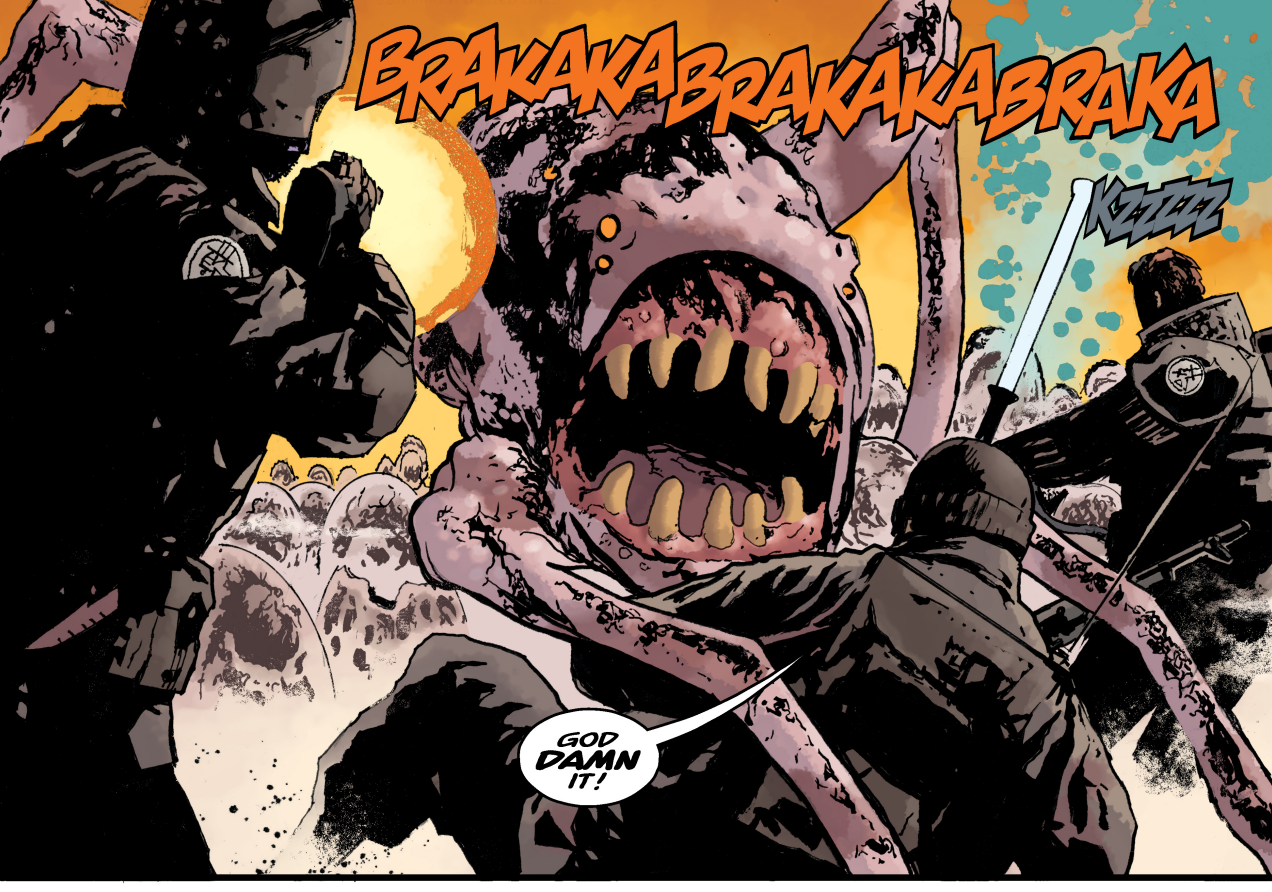

--EVERY SATANIC POWER--
YOU THINK YOU CAN FACE THE SPECTERS OF HELL...
BY THE JUDGE OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD--
...BECAUSE OUR KINGDOM HAS FALLEN?
--BY YOUR CREATOR, ENLIL, BRAHMA, THE LORD GOD--
WE'LL MARCH AGAIN--
--UNDER THE BANNER OF A NEW LORD.
RELEASE ME...SO I MAY JOIN THE GIRL...
--REDEEMER OF THE WORLD.
HAVE MERCY!
HAVE MERCY ON US!
...AND DESCEND-- INTO A NEW PANDEMONIUM!
I COMMAND YOU, UNCLEAN SPIRIT--
--BEGONE--
TEST YOUR METTLE THEN, ASHLEY STRODE--


--IN THE NAME OF ACHAMAN, RULER OF THE SKIES!
HAVE MERCY ON US!
THEN YOU'LL SEE WHAT YOU'RE WORTH!
B-BEGONE FROM HIS SERVANT!
SLUMP.
WHAT...MA'AM...IS SOMETHING ELSE COMING...?
THE THING THAT WAS INSIDE MARTIN...IT LIES. TO SCARE US.
AGENT STRODE. NINE ONE ONE. CLEARANCE ALPHA FOUR THREE ZULU ROMEO.
TELL CORRIGAN I HAVE SOMETHING.
I'M COMING IN.
WHAT?


Parkinson, North Carolina.
0918 hours E.S.T.
SHERMAN? HOWARDS? DO YOU READ ME?
DEVON, IF YOU HEAR ME--WE AIN'T FINDING ANYTHING.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE LOVELY COUPLE IS?
TIAN, FOR CHRIST'S SAKE...
MAYBE THE GOD DAMN VAN IS HERE--
--BUT TELL ME THIS, DEVON--
--WHY SEND A GROUND CREW YOU CAN'T EVEN TRACK--
NOPE.
BEEP
--WHEN YOU COULDA SENT THE HUMAN TORCH TO FIND IT HERSELF!
TIAN!
YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH LIZ NOW?
AND ARE YOU BITCHING AT YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER FOR SENDING YOU TO DO YOUR JOB?


GROW THE HELL UP.
YOU DON'T LIKE HIM ANY MORE THAN I DO.
THAT'S A FACT.
0943 hours E.S.T.
OH, CRAP.
LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS?
YUP.
CRICKET PODS.
RIPE, TOO.
THESE THINGS HAVE GOTTA BE AMONG THE MOST DISTURBING DEVELOPMENTS OF THIS WHOLE SITUATION.


!
SPLORTCH
NICHOLS!
FIRE!
BRAKAKA BRAKA
BRAKAKA BRAKAKA
DAMN FOOL.
FFSSSSSS


BRAKAKABRAKAKABRAKA
KZZZZZ
GOD DAMN IT!


SEPARATED FROM THE GROUP?
BRAKAKA BRAKAKA


I'M FINE.
NOT WORRIED ABOUT YOU.


I HEARD GUNFIRE.
I'LL CHECK.


TAKE ME.

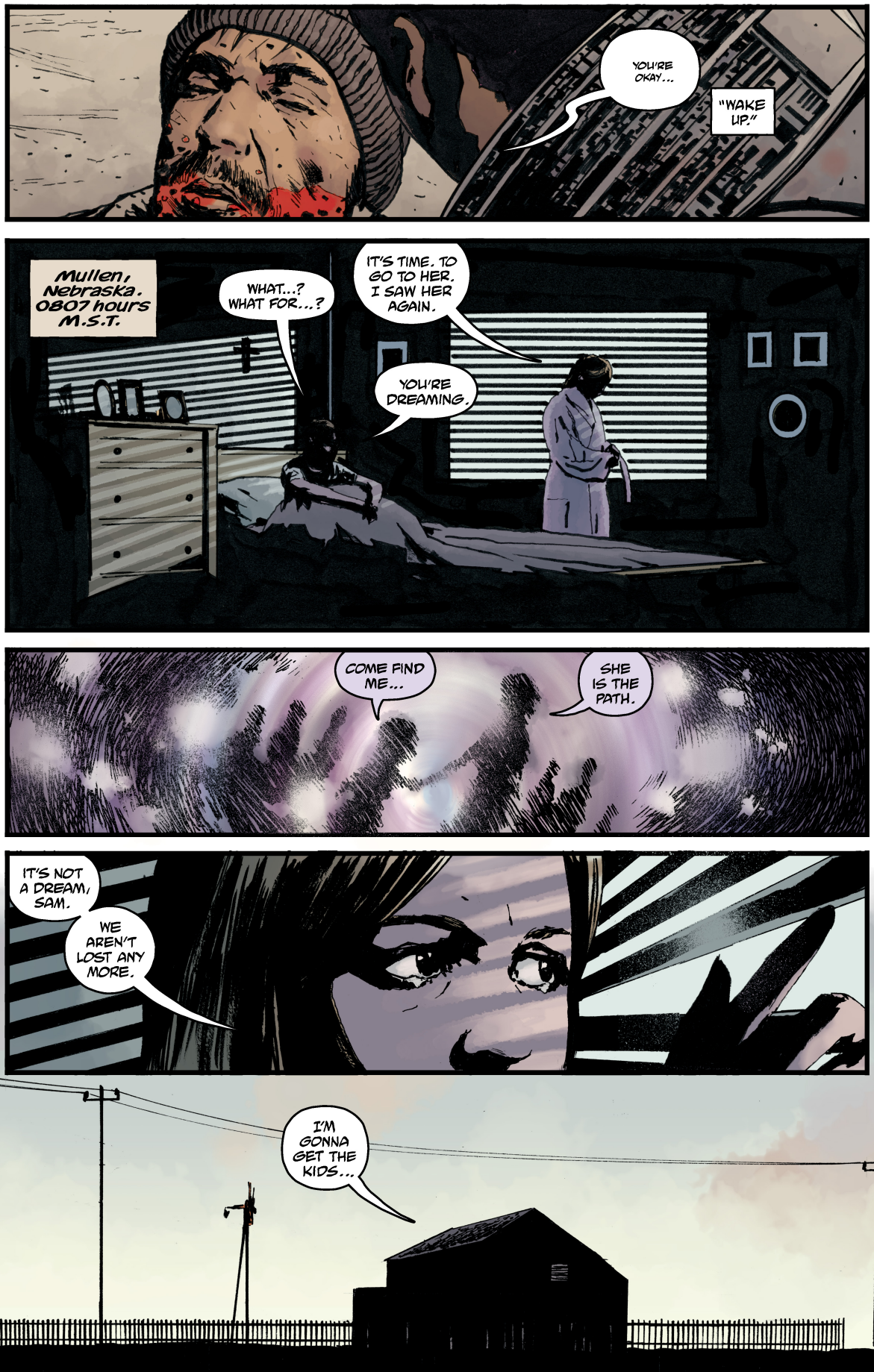



FWOOOSH
BRAKAKA
BRAKAKA BRAKA
BRAKAKA BRAKAKA KZZ BRAKAKA BRAKAKA
AIIIE!
KZZAK
TIAN!
FWOOOSH
SOKOLOV--- OUT FROM BEHIND THERE!
BRAKAKA
NYET!

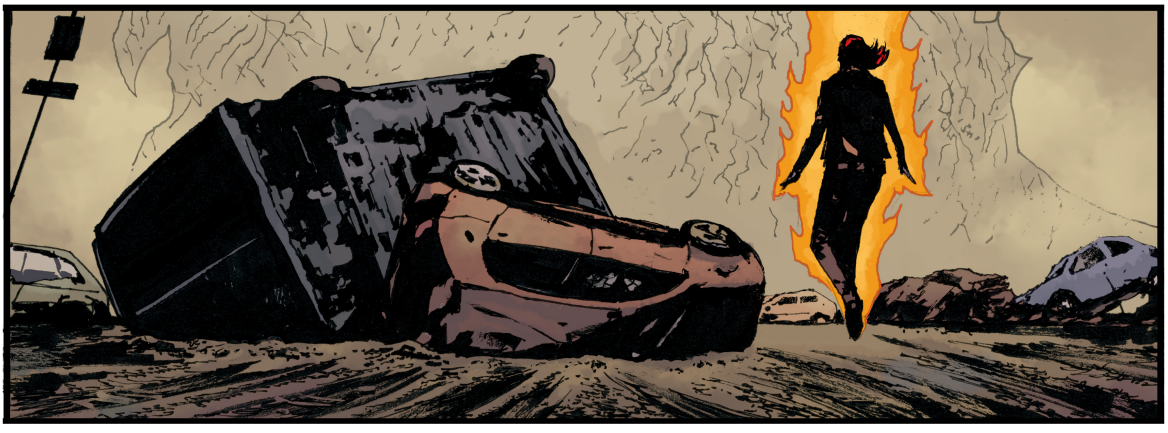

BRAKA
BRAKA
SHERMAN!
BRAKA
GAH!
TIAN!
BRAKA
BRAKA
FWOOSH
IS THAT IT?! IS THAT ALL OF THEM?

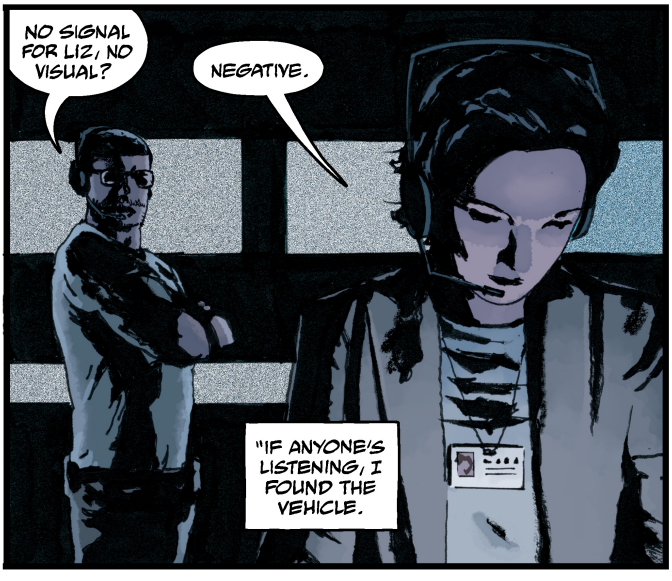

K-ZZZAK
NO.
NO, NO, NO...
AW, MAN... NICHOLS... I BLEW IT, MAN... I >COUGH<...
YOU KIDDING ME? WE CLEARED THE FIELD, TIAN. YOU DID GREAT...
NO, MAN, I'M >KOFF< I'M A IDIOT...
A CRICKET... THIS IS HOW I GO... THIS...?
TIAN, YOU'RE A HERO.

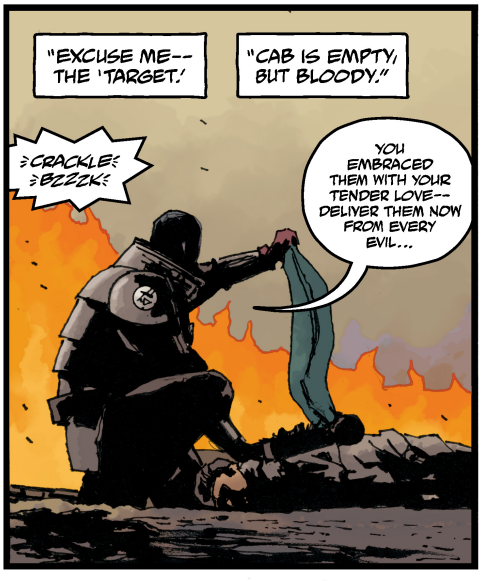

REMEMBER PHOENIX? THE CITY, I MEAN. THE BOY HIDING UNDER THE BROKEN WALL--WOULDN'T COME OUT?
HE CRIED AND CRIED. LOUD.
YOU CRAWLED IN WITH HIM...
WHEN THAT MONSTER CAME BACK, YOU GOT THE KID QUIET.
THAT NIGHT I ASKED HIM, HOW'D YOU STOP CRYING WITH THAT THING SNIFFING AROUND?
STAY WITH THEM THIS TIME.
HE SAID YOU LOCKED HIM IN THE EYE THE WHOLE TIME AND SMILED--YOU SMILED-- AND MOUTHED THE WORDS, "YOU'RE OKAY, YOU'RE OKAY."
YOU THINK THAT KID'LL EVER FORGET YOU, TIAN?
THINK I WILL?
GOD LOVE YOU, YOU'RE A HERO.

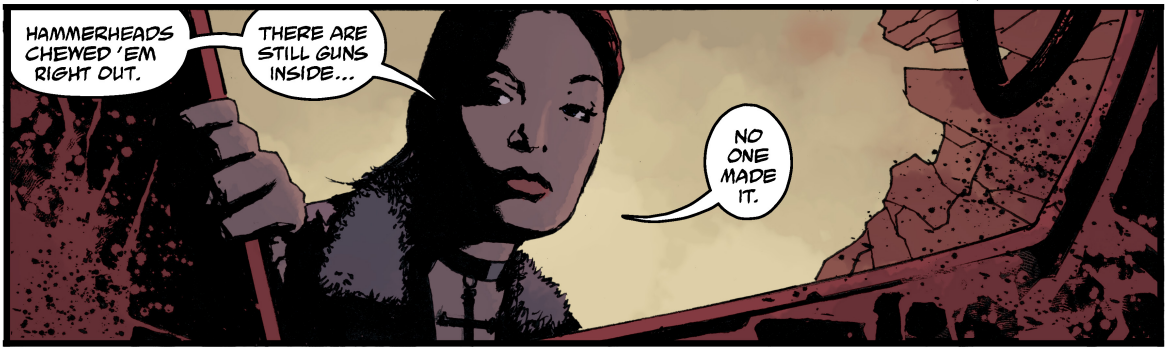

YOU'RE OKAY...
"WAKE UP."
Mullen, Nebraska. 0807 hours M.S.T.
WHAT...? WHAT FOR...?
IT'S TIME. TO GO TO HER. I SAW HER AGAIN.
YOU'RE DREAMING.
COME FIND ME...
SHE IS THE PATH.
IT'S NOT A DREAM, SAM.
WE AREN'T LOST ANY MORE.
I'M GONNA GET THE KIDS...

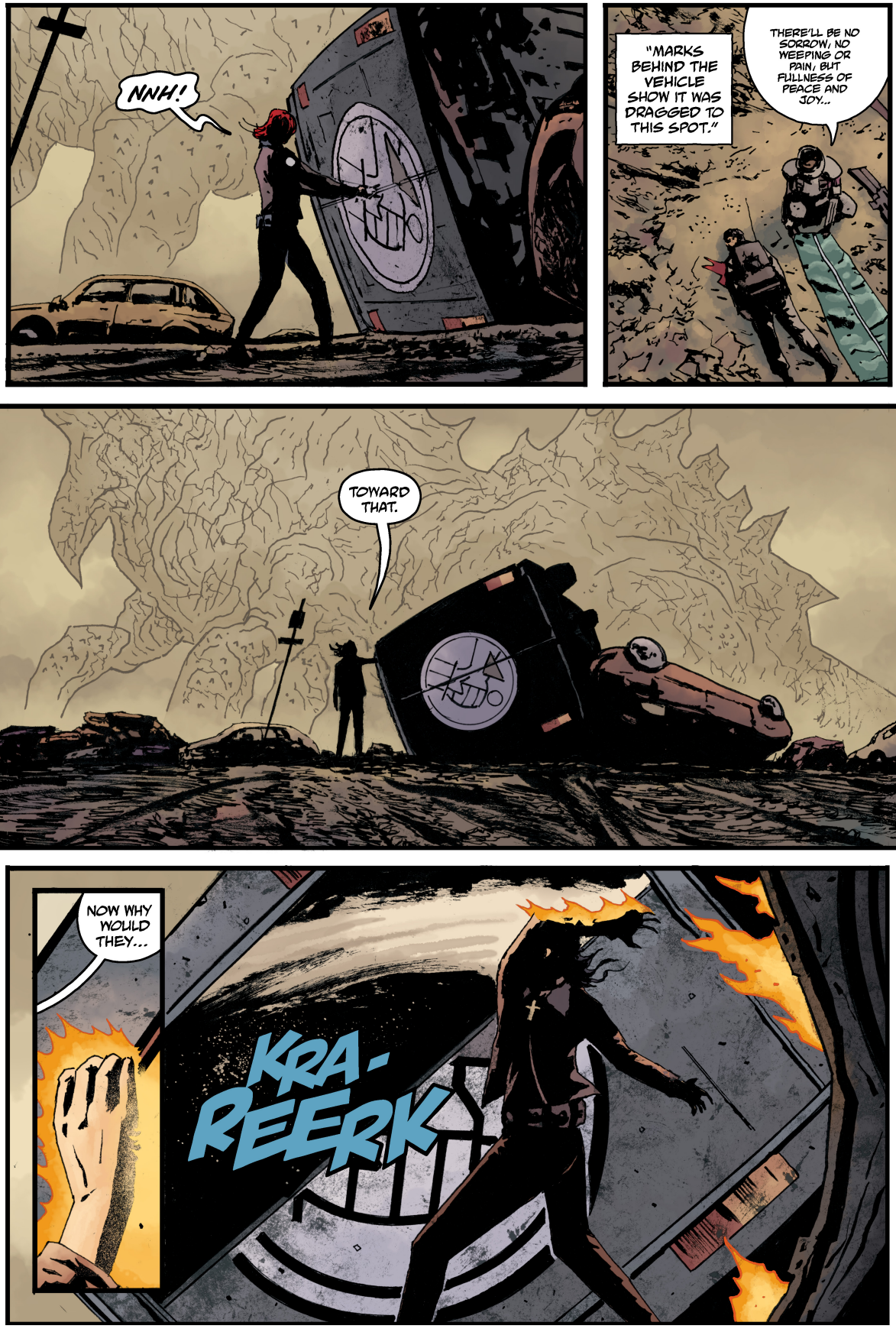

IS THAT...?
Parkinson. 1013 hours E.S.T.

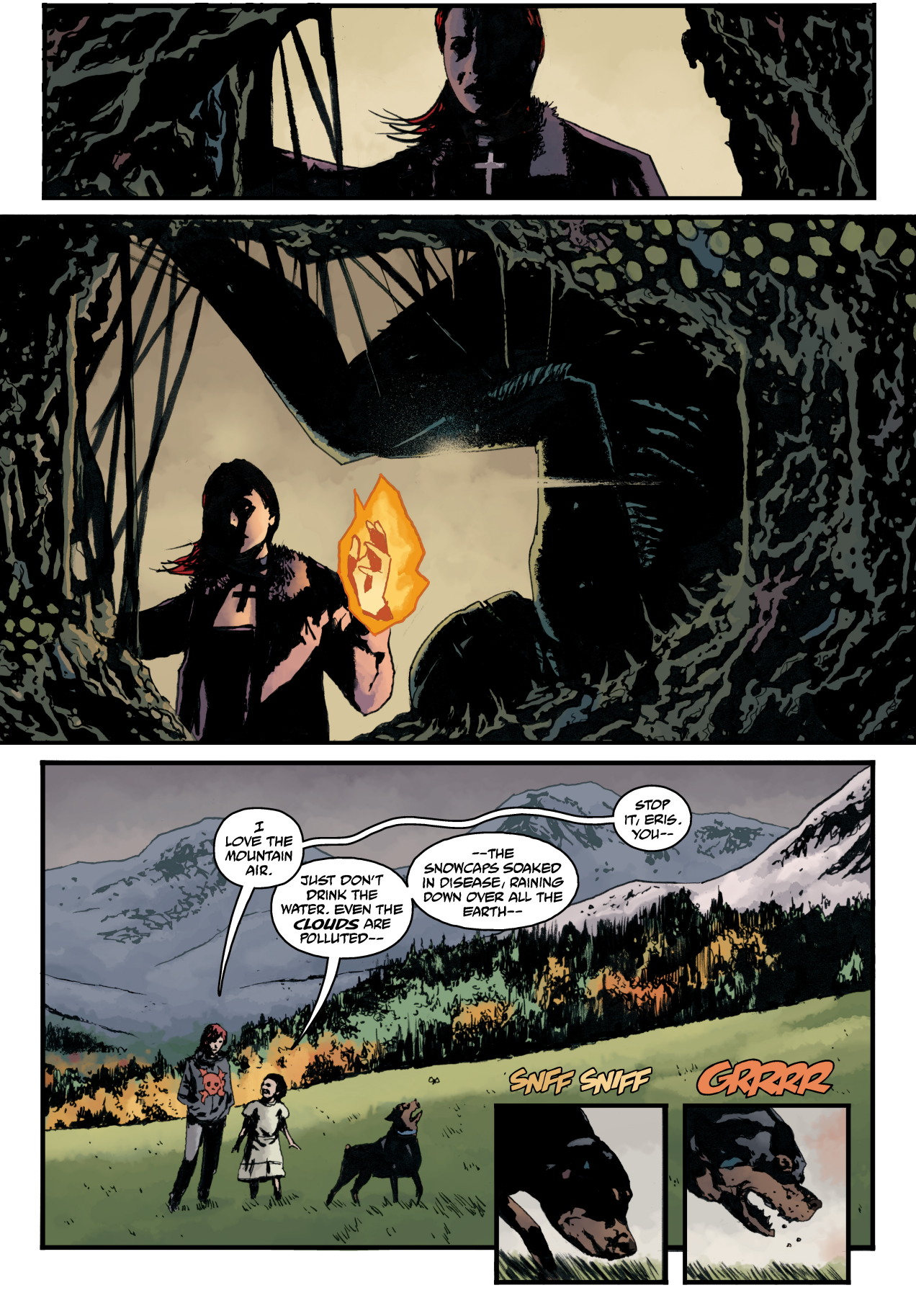



NO SIGNAL FOR LIZ, NO VISUAL?
NEGATIVE.
"IF ANYONE'S LISTENING, I FOUND THE VEHICLE.


"EXCUSE ME-- THE 'TARGET.'
"CAB IS EMPTY, BUT BLOODY."
:CRACKLE:
:BZZZK:
YOU EMBRACED THEM WITH YOUR TENDER LOVE-- DELIVER THEM NOW FROM EVERY EVIL...

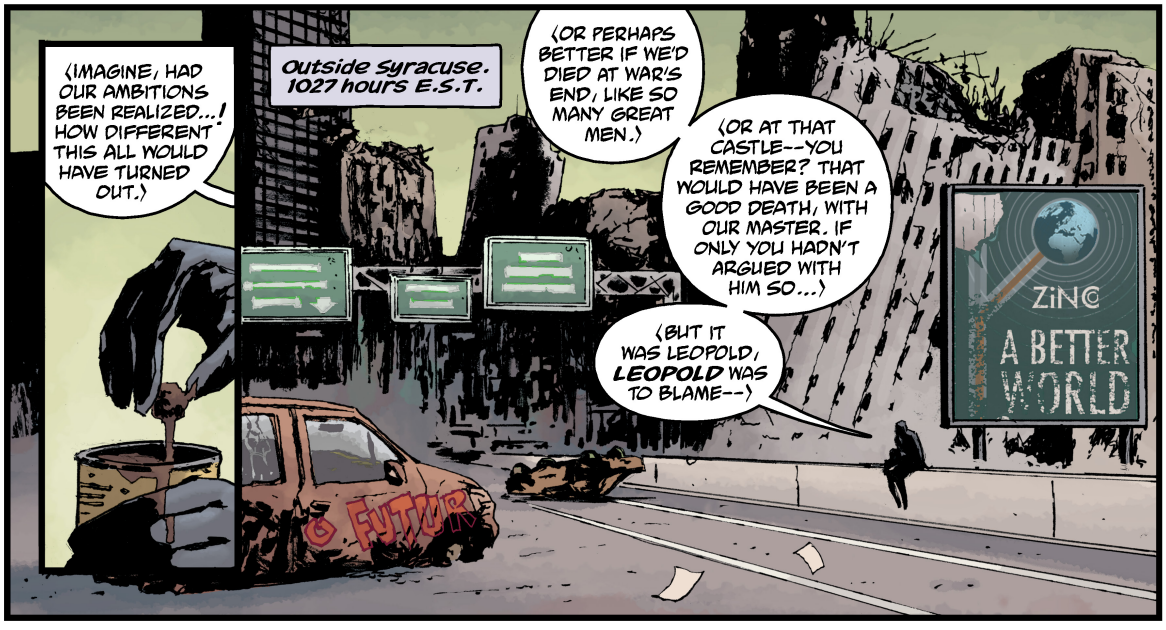

HAMMERHEADS CHEWED 'EM RIGHT OUT.
THERE ARE STILL GUNS INSIDE...
NO ONE MADE IT.

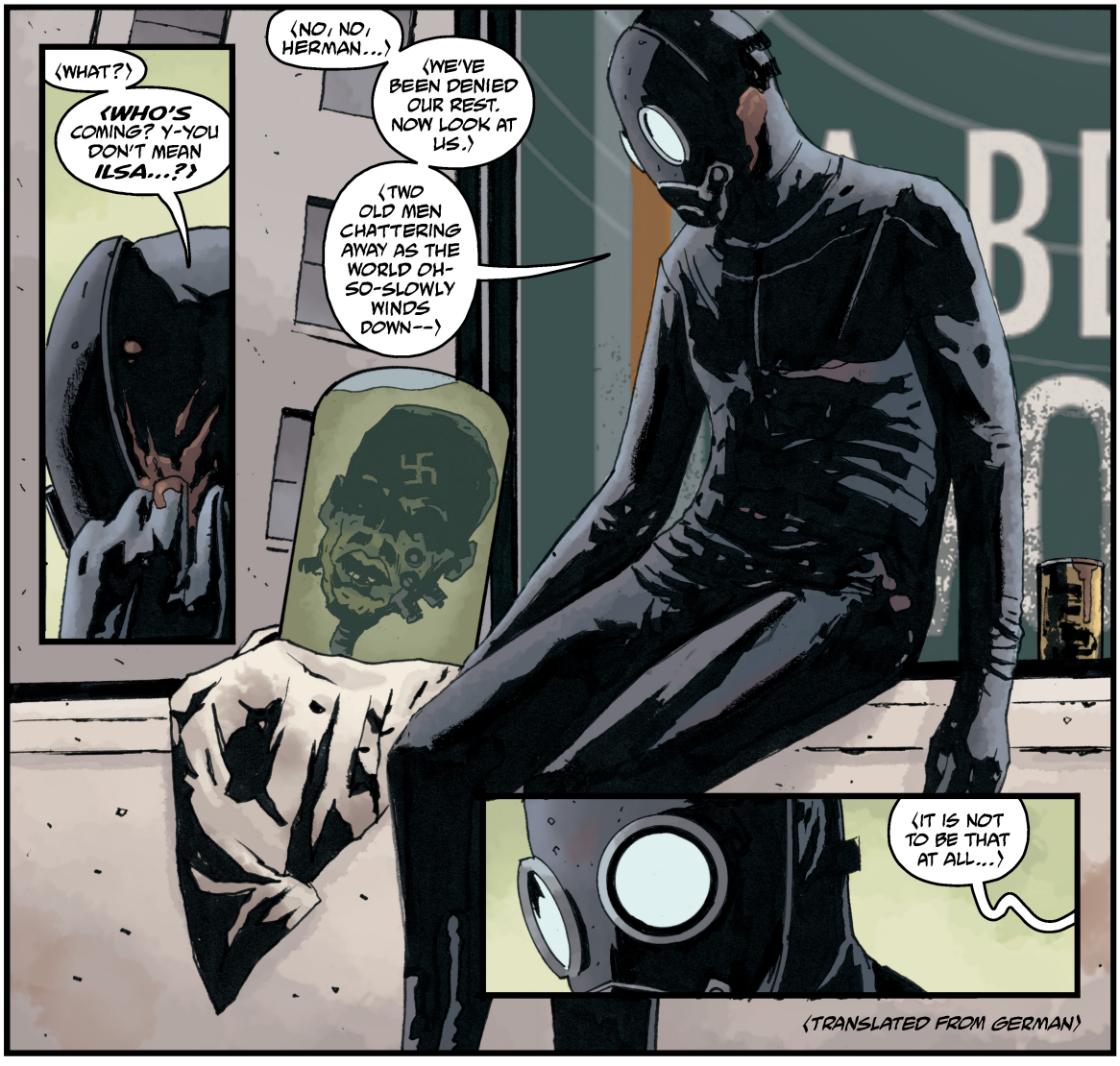

NNH!
"MARKS BEHIND THE VEHICLE SHOW IT WAS DRAGGED TO THIS SPOT."
THERE'LL BE NO SORROW, NO WEEPING OR PAIN, BUT FULLNESS OF PEACE AND JOY...
TOWARD THAT.
NOW WHY WOULD THEY...
KRA-REERK


I LOVE THE MOUNTAIN AIR.
JUST DON'T DRINK THE WATER. EVEN THE CLOUDS ARE POLLUTED--
--THE SNOWCAPS SOAKED IN DISEASE, RAINING DOWN OVER ALL THE EARTH--
STOP IT, ERIS. YOU--
SNFF SNIFF
GRRRRR


BRUISER. WHAT? STOP IT.
F-FENIX...?
GRRRR
YOU FEEL IT, FENIX?
GRRRR
I FEEL IT TOO...
WOOF
...SHE'S COMING...
BRUISER, KNOCK IT OFF!
ERIS--
ROOF
ERIS...?
ROOF
WOOF
WOOF WHINE WHIII


!
SORRY, BRUISER...
≥WHINE≤
'NOTHER ONE OF THEM TIMES...
...I'M PROLLY LEADING YOU TO THE TROUBLE...
Cedarville, California. 0715 hours P.S.T.
MOTEL





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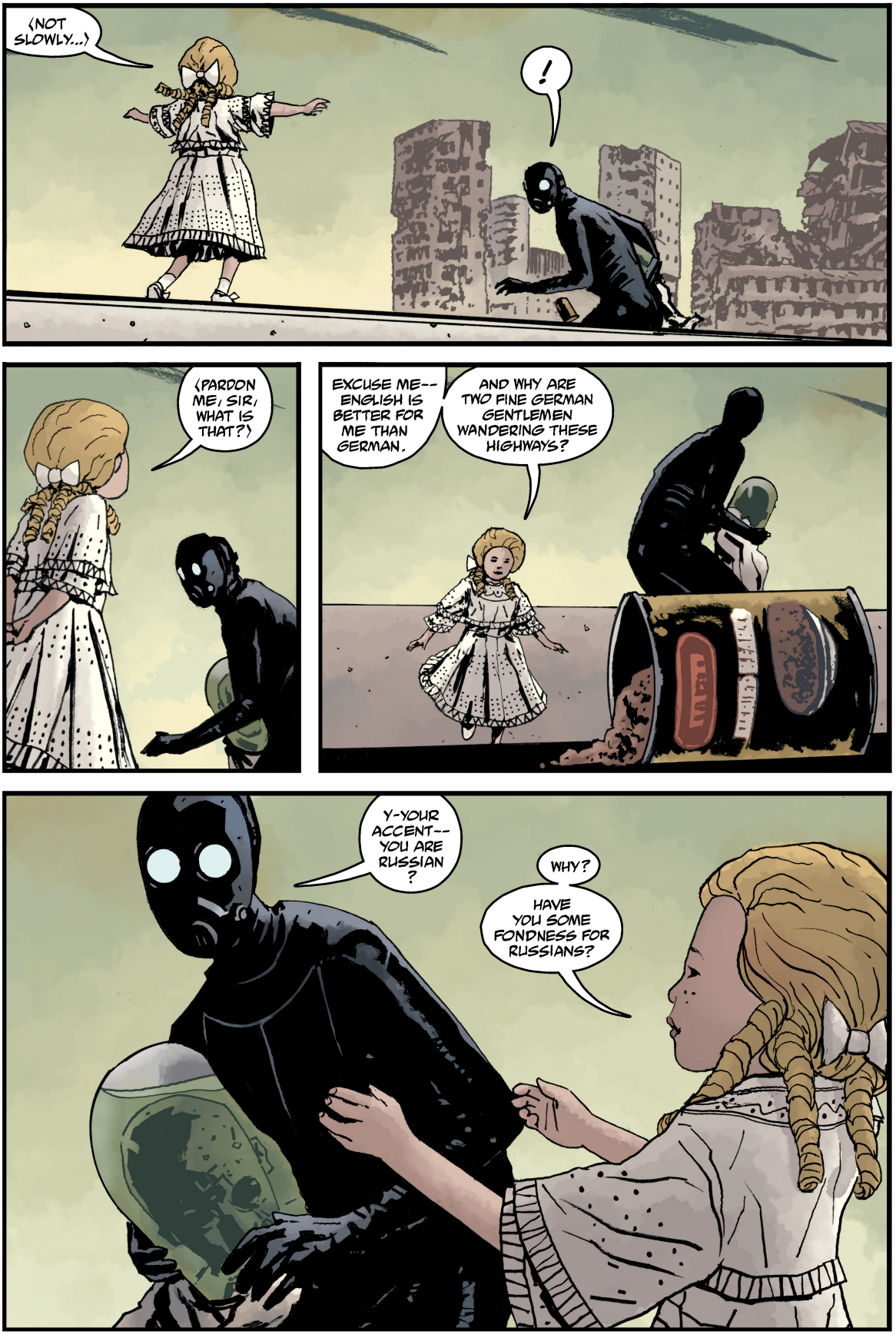
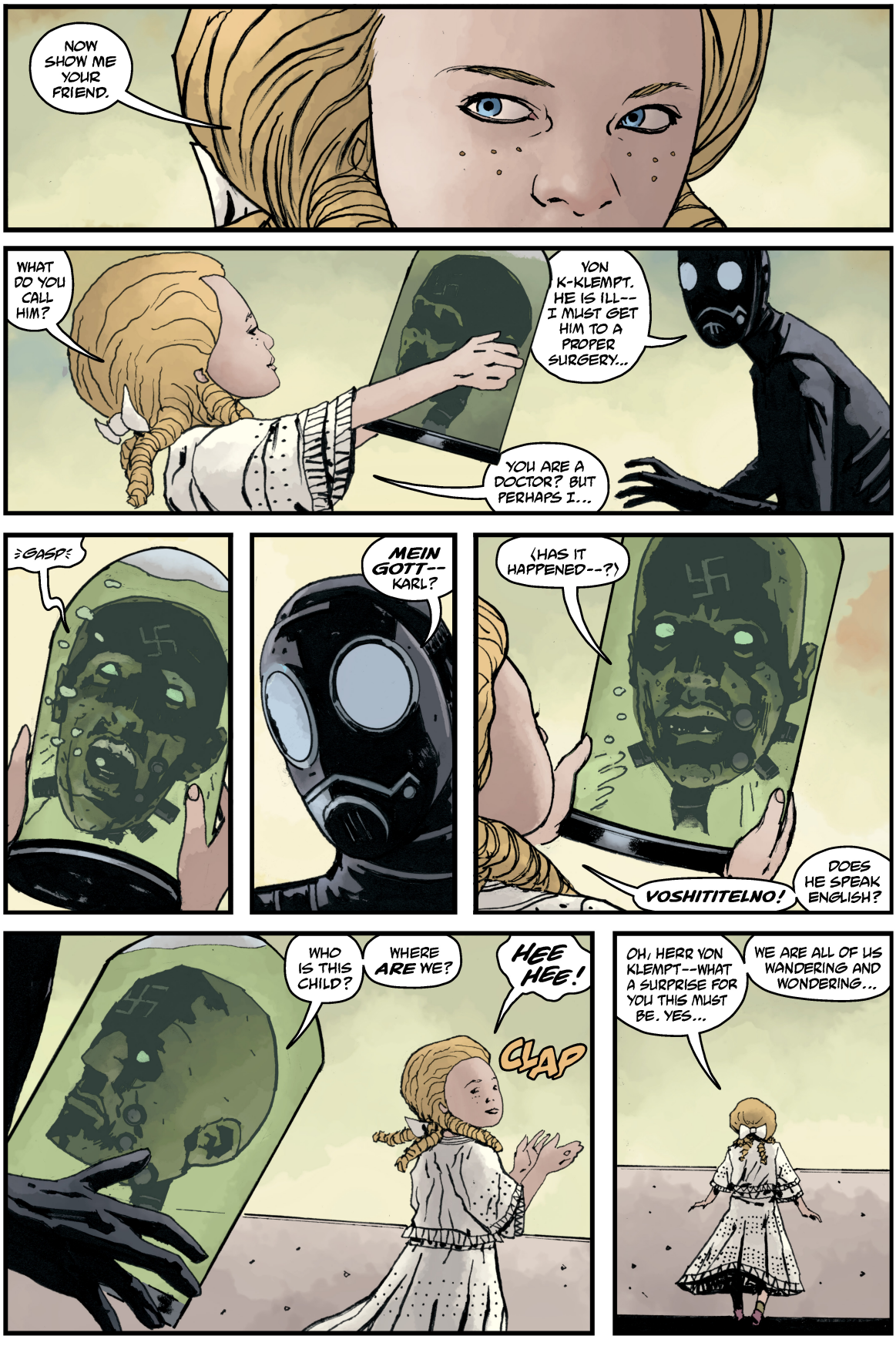
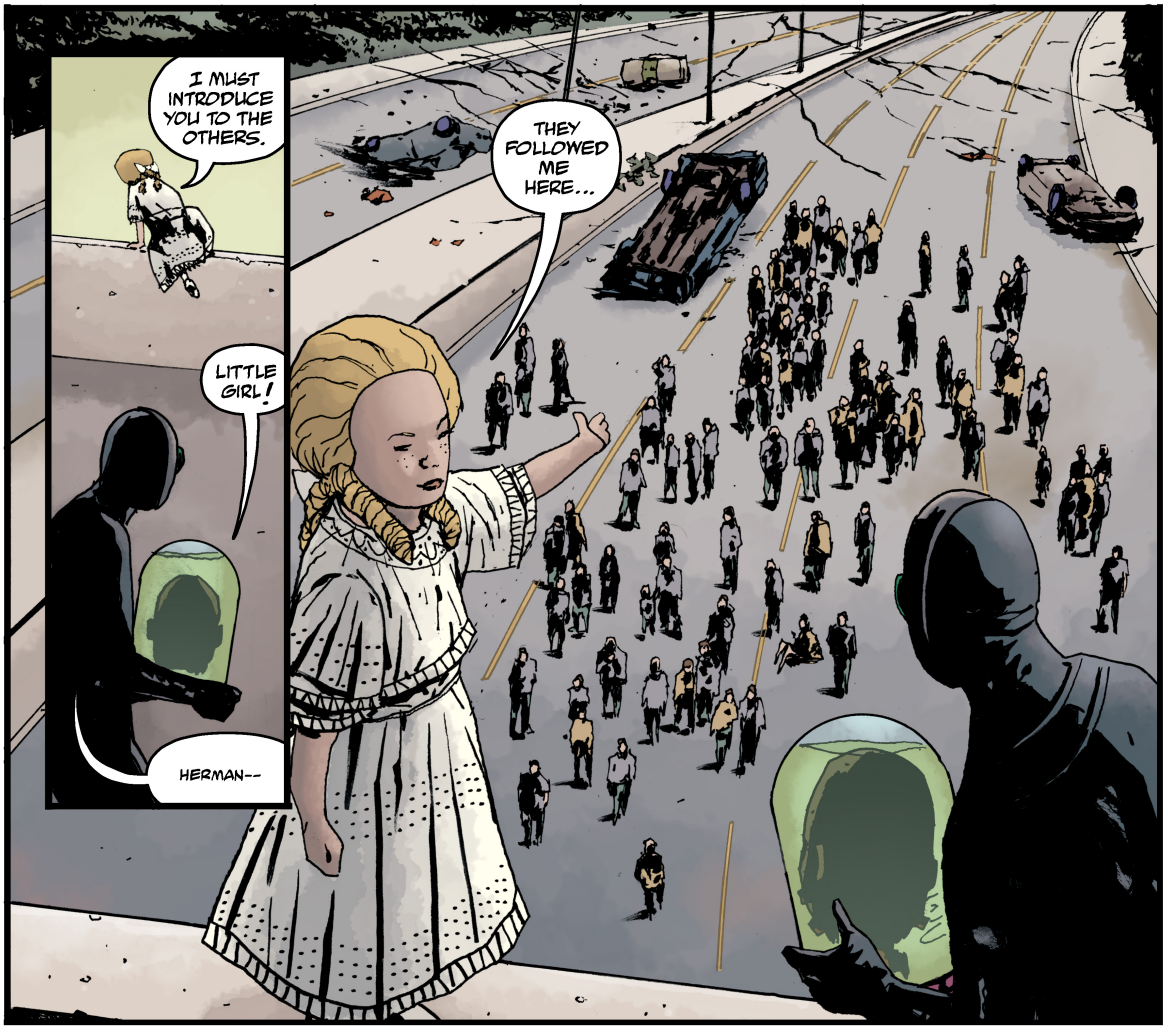
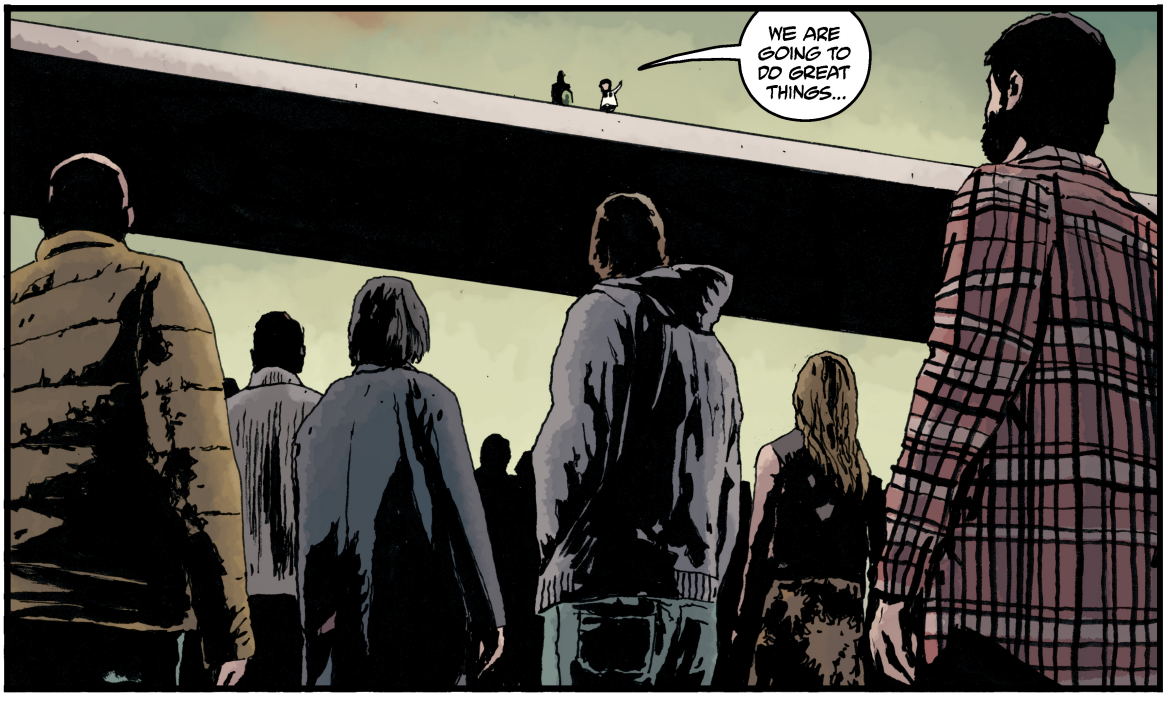

⟨NOT SLOWLY...⟩
!
⟨PARDON ME, SIR, WHAT IS THAT?⟩
EXCUSE ME-- ENGLISH IS BETTER FOR ME THAN GERMAN.
AND WHY ARE TWO FINE GERMAN GENTLEMEN WANDERING THESE HIGHWAYS?
Y-YOUR ACCENT-- YOU ARE RUSSIAN ?
WHY?
HAVE YOU SOME FONDNESS FOR RUSSIANS?


NOW SHOW ME YOUR FRIEND.
WHAT DO YOU CALL HIM?
VON K-KLEMPT. HE IS ILL-- I MUST GET HIM TO A PROPER SURGERY...
YOU ARE A DOCTOR? BUT PERHAPS I...
≥GASP≤
MEIN GOTT-- KARL?
⟨HAS IT HAPPENED--?⟩
VOSHITITELNO!
DOES HE SPEAK ENGLISH?
WHO IS THIS CHILD?
WHERE ARE WE?
HEE HEE!
CLAP
OH, HERR VON KLEMPT--WHAT A SURPRISE FOR YOU THIS MUST BE. YES...
WE ARE ALL OF US WANDERING AND WONDERING...

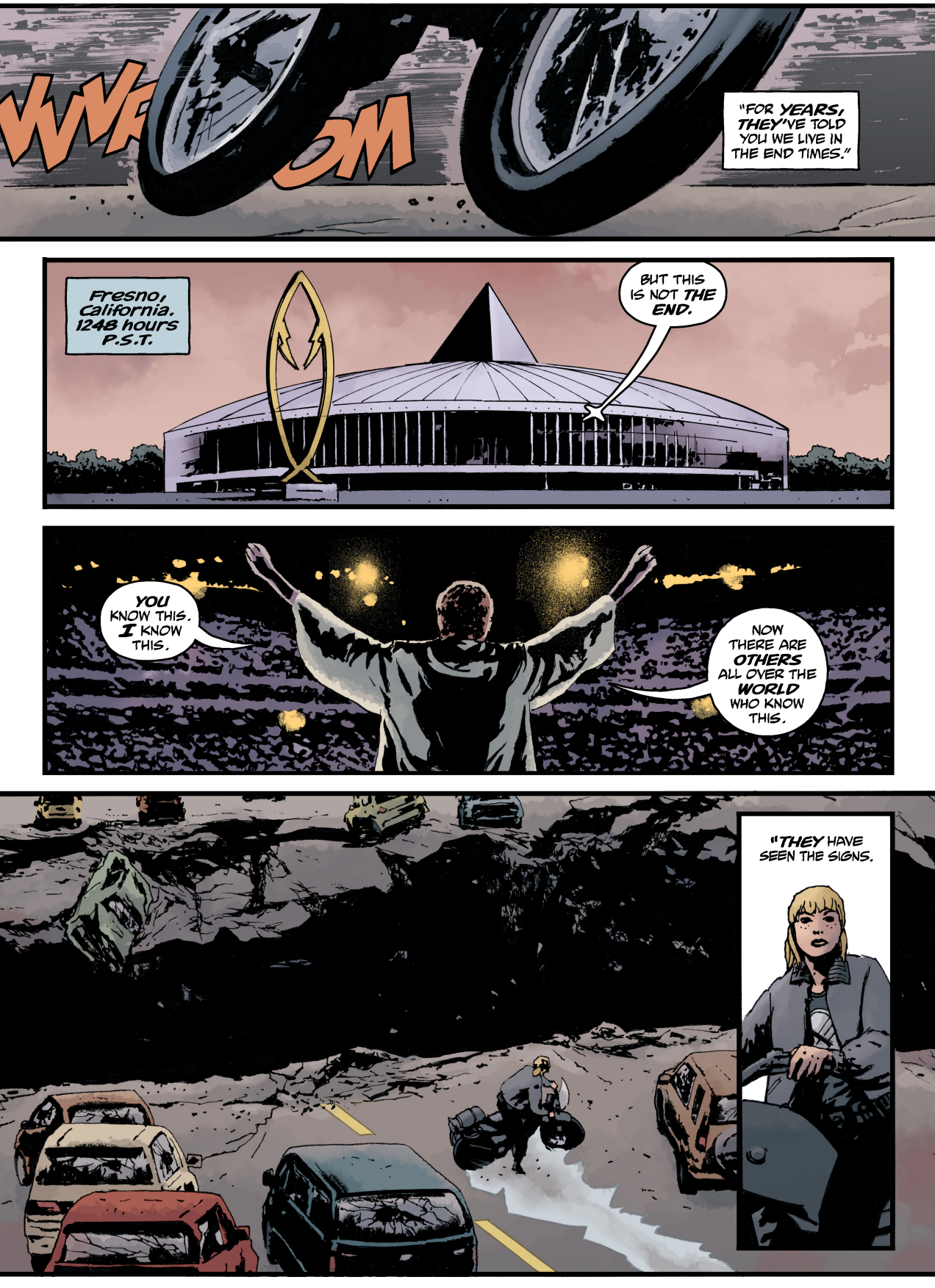

I MUST INTRODUCE YOU TO THE OTHERS.
THEY FOLLOWED ME HERE...
LITTLE GIRL!
HERMAN--


WE ARE GOING TO DO GREAT THINGS...

CHAPTER TWO



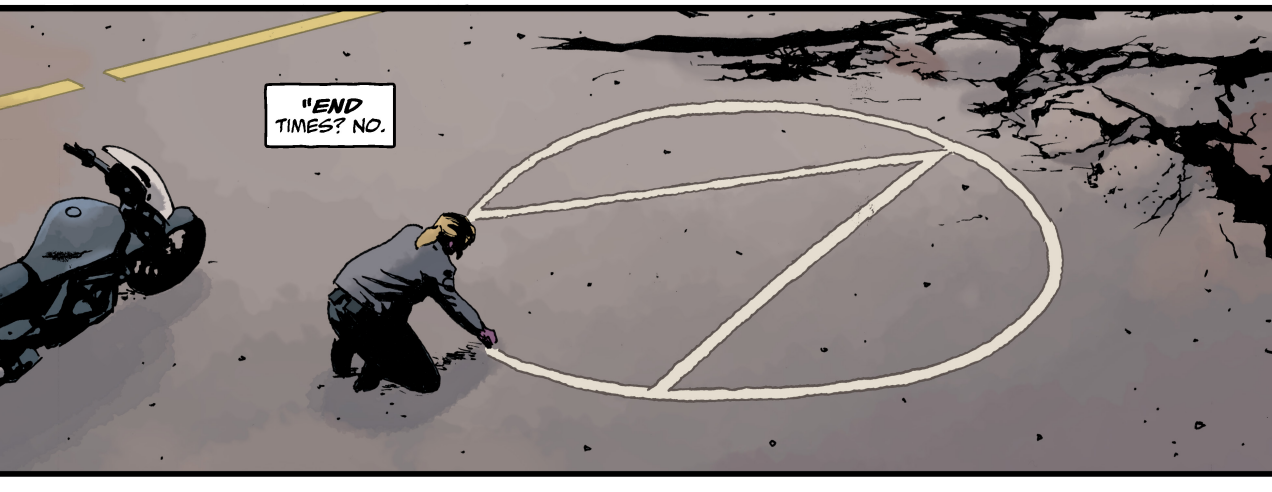



VVVF
OM
"FOR YEARS, THEY'VE TOLD YOU WE LIVE IN THE END TIMES."
Fresno, California. 1248 hours P.S.T.
BUT THIS IS NOT THE END.
YOU KNOW THIS. I KNOW THIS.
NOW THERE ARE OTHERS ALL OVER THE WORLD WHO KNOW THIS.
"THEY HAVE SEEN THE SIGNS.


"DID ABRAHAM SAPIEN--
THE PEACE BRINGER--
NOT BANISH THAT
CREATURE FROM FLORIDA?


"SINCE THEN ALL THOSE
BEINGS ARE AS DEAD AS
THE PYRAMIDS--TOMBS TO
A FORGOTTEN FAITH. NOW
A NEW FAITH IS UPON US--


"--AND THE WORLD WILL
BE TRANSFORMED.


"END
TIMES? NO.


"THIS IS ONLY THE END OF A TIME OF VIOLENCE--
EXTRA
AT WAR
"--WHICH STARTED LONG BEFORE THOSE CREATURES CAME--AND HAS, WITH THEM, COME TO AN END.


"WE LIVE AT THE BEGINNING, BROTHERS AND SISTERS--OF A NEW AGE--AND WE WILL BE DELIVERED PEACEFULLY INTO THAT NEW WORLD.

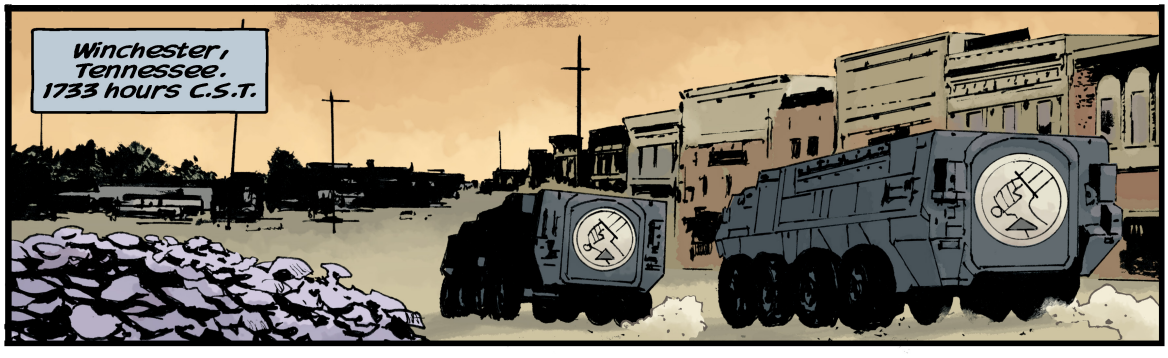

"I WAS AS GUILTY AS ANYONE--MISREADING THE SIGNS WHEN THOSE TOWERING CREATURES FIRST APPEARED."


BUT I CAME TO RECOGNIZE THEM AS AGENTS OF CHANGE--A SIGNAL--
--A WARNING TO MAN THAT THE OLD GODS WERE PAST--


"--AND WE NEEDED TO LOOK FORWARD."
WHO'S THE GIRL?

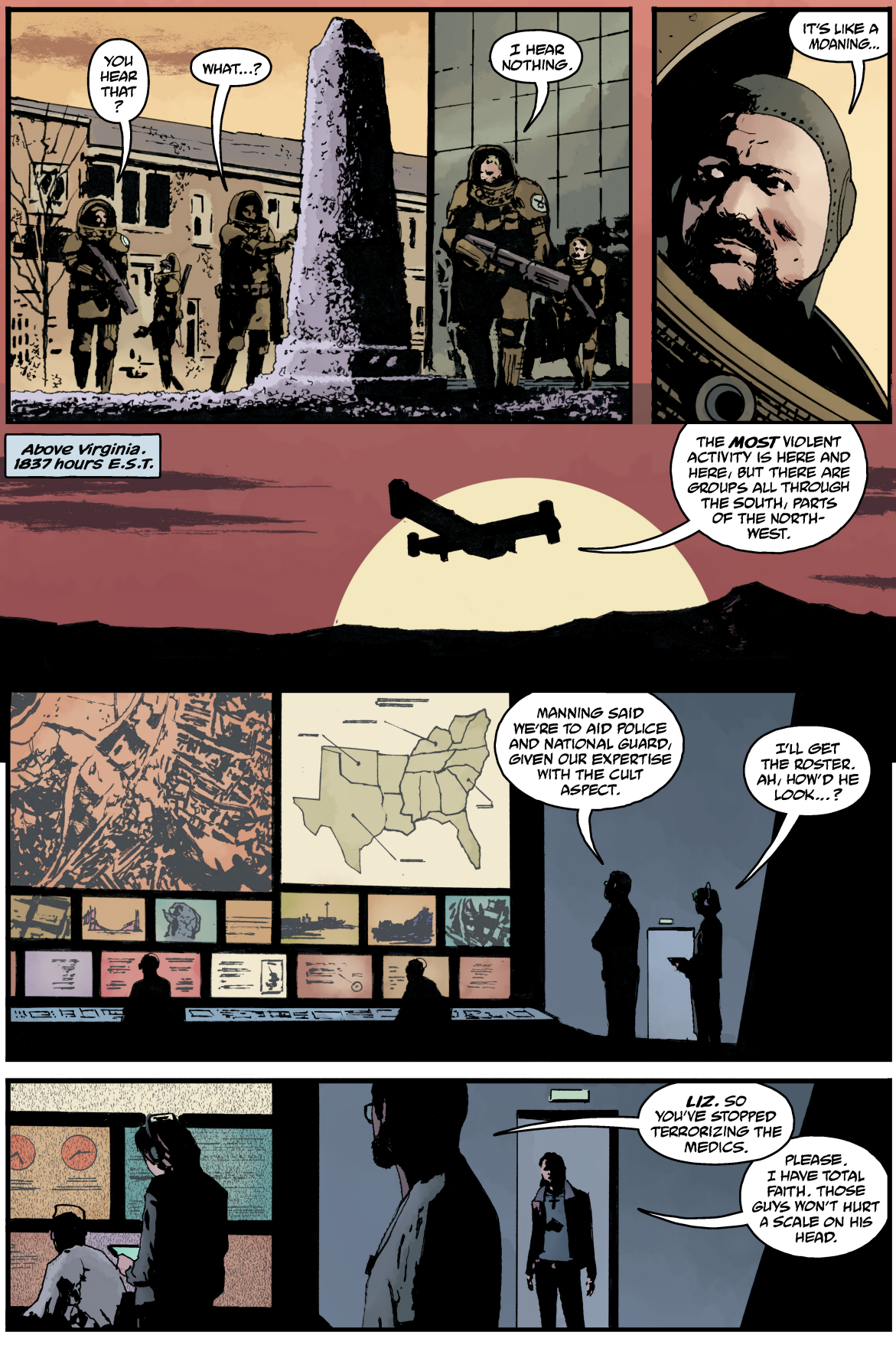

"TO THE NEW."
I-90, west of Missoula, Montana. 1353 hours M.S.T.
FOR THIS YOU CHASED ME FROM THAT OLD MAN'S HOME?
YOU TOLD ME A GIRL WILL LEAD YOU DOWN TO REBUILD HELL.
WHO IS SHE?
I SAID NO SUCH THING.
I COMMAND YOU TO APPEAR IN YOUR TRUE FORM AND ANSWER ME.
I KNOW HOW THIS ENDS, ASHLEY STRODE.
THE GIRL RIGHTLY SEES THE FATE OF ALL MEN--IN THE UNDERWORLD. SHE'S GATHERED MANY TO HER, FAR EAST OF HERE. MORE WILL COME.
HER NAME?
SHE'S MADE HERSELF KNOWN TO ONE OF THE MOST REVERED OF YOUR ORDER, BUT EVEN HE NEVER LEARNED HER TRUE NAME, THE NAME OF THE SPIRIT WITHIN HER.

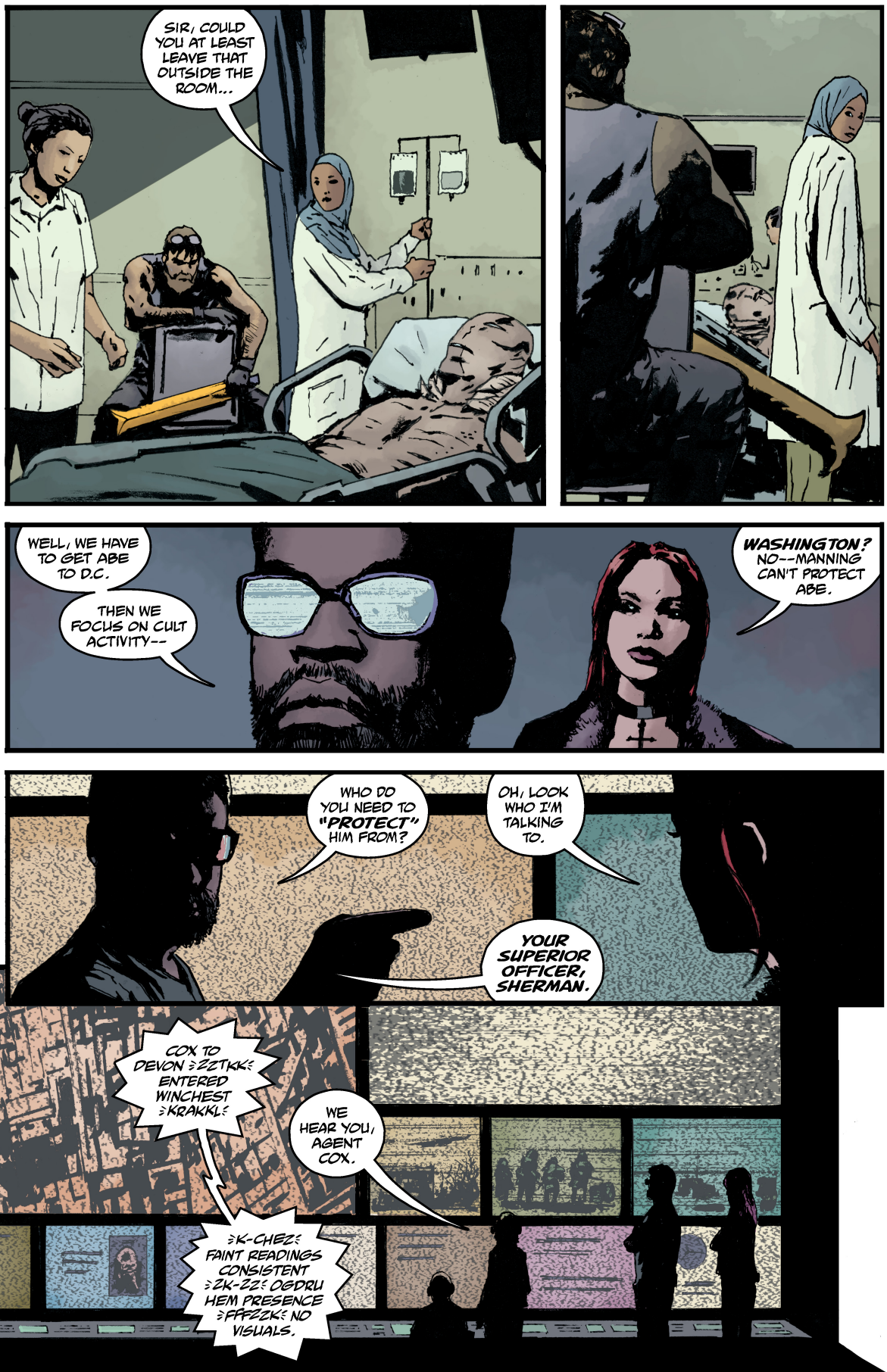

SO THAT'S ALL?

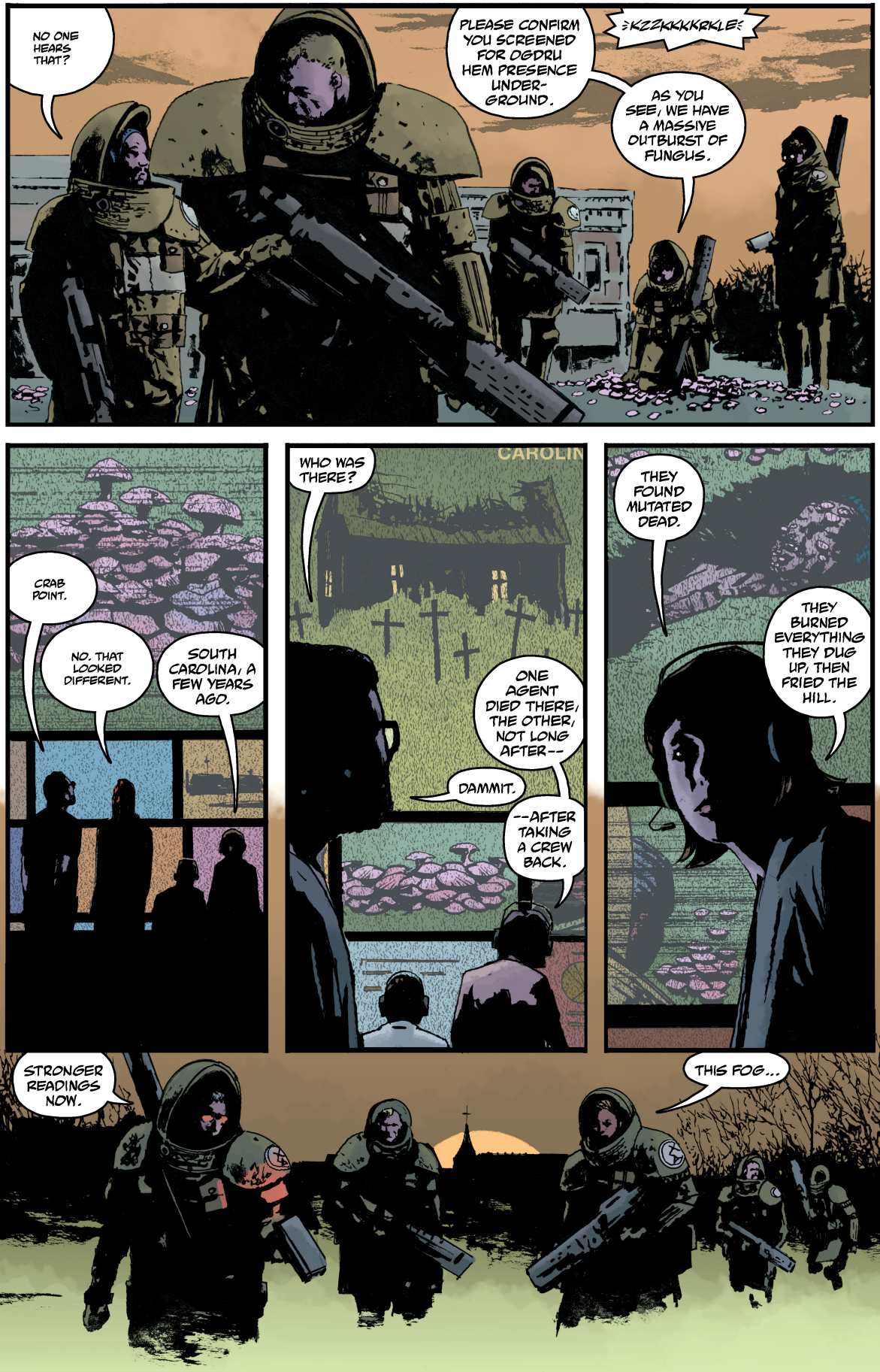

Winchester, Tennessee. 1733 hours C.S.T.


READINGS CONSISTENT WITH A HEM...
AUDIBLE, POZHALUYSTA.
WOULDN'T'VE SENT US HERE IF THERE WAS A HEM.
CORRECT. THIS SITE WAS IDENTIFIED FOR RESETTLE-MENT.
SOME STRUCTURAL DAMAGE, OVERGROWTH... TOTAL EVACUATION. NO MONSTER ACTIVITY.
I DUNNO, COX...
BEEP BEEP BEEP

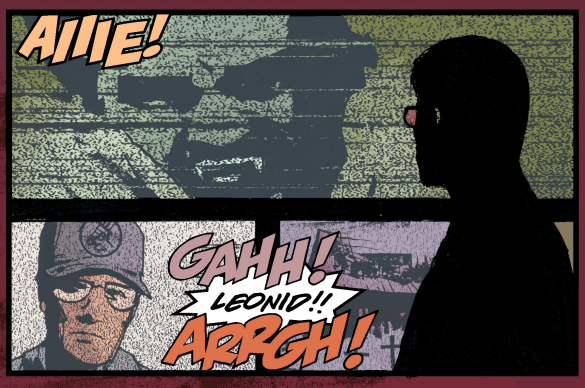

HA. "SOME OVER-GROWTH"...
YOU GONNA SPOOK LIKE THE FOLKS THAT ABANDONED THIS PLACE? TURN THAT OFF.
BEEP BEEP BEE..
THEY LEFT DURING THE CRISIS. NONE OF THEM MENTIONED THIS, THOUGH. MIGHT'VE SPROUTED SINCE.
LEONID HAS THE RIGHT IDEA. DOMES UP.
I'M GETTING READINGS...
MAYBE A HEM UNDER-GROUND?
NO WAY. SATELLITE IMAGING WOULDA CAUGHT THAT.
LOOSE SIDEWALK.

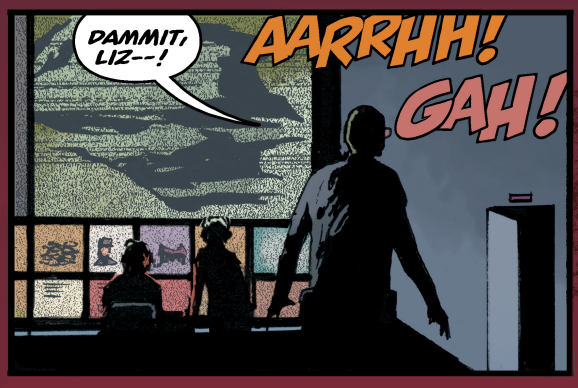

YOU HEAR THAT?
WHAT...?
I HEAR NOTHING.
IT'S LIKE A MOANING...
Above Virginia. 1837 hours E.S.T.
THE MOST VIOLENT ACTIVITY IS HERE AND HERE, BUT THERE ARE GROUPS ALL THROUGH THE SOUTH, PARTS OF THE NORTH-WEST.
MANNING SAID WE'RE TO AID POLICE AND NATIONAL GUARD, GIVEN OUR EXPERTISE WITH THE CULT ASPECT.
I'LL GET THE ROSTER. AH, HOW'D HE LOOK...?
LIZ. SO YOU'VE STOPPED TERRORIZING THE MEDICS.
PLEASE. I HAVE TOTAL FAITH. THOSE GUYS WON'T HURT A SCALE ON HIS HEAD.

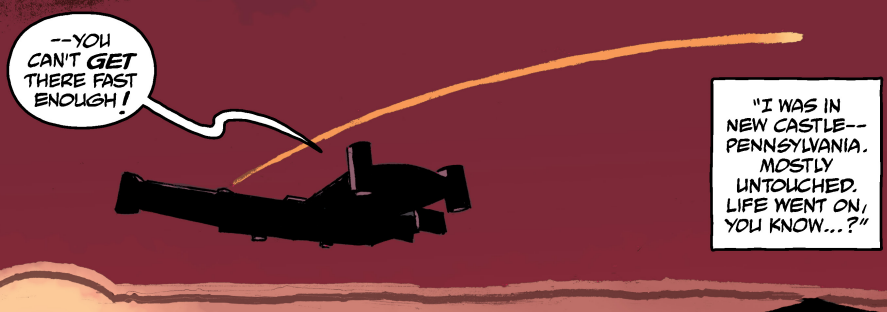

SIR, COULD YOU AT LEAST LEAVE THAT OUTSIDE THE ROOM...
WELL, WE HAVE TO GET ABE TO D.C.
THEN WE FOCUS ON CULT ACTIVITY--
WASHINGTON? NO--MANNING CAN'T PROTECT ABE.
WHO DO YOU NEED TO "PROTECT" HIM FROM?
OH, LOOK WHO I'M TALKING TO.
YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICER, SHERMAN.
COX TO DEVON >ZZTKK< ENTERED WINCHEST >KRAKKL<
WE HEAR YOU, AGENT COX.
>K-CHEZ< FAINT READINGS CONSISTENT >ZK-ZZ< OGDRU HEM PRESENCE >FFFZZK< NO VISUALS.


NO ONE HEARS THAT?
PLEASE CONFIRM YOU SCREENED FOR OGDRU HEM PRESENCE UNDER-GROUND.
≥KZZKKKKRKLE≤
AS YOU SEE, WE HAVE A MASSIVE OUTBURST OF FUNGUS.
CRAB POINT.
NO. THAT LOOKED DIFFERENT.
SOUTH CAROLINA, A FEW YEARS AGO.
WHO WAS THERE?
CAROLIN
ONE AGENT DIED THERE, THE OTHER, NOT LONG AFTER--
DAMMIT.
--AFTER TAKING A CREW BACK.
THEY FOUND MUTATED DEAD.
THEY BURNED EVERYTHING THEY DUG UP, THEN FRIED THE HILL.
STRONGER READINGS NOW.
THIS FOG...




AIIIE!
GAHH!
Σ LEONID!!
ARRGH!

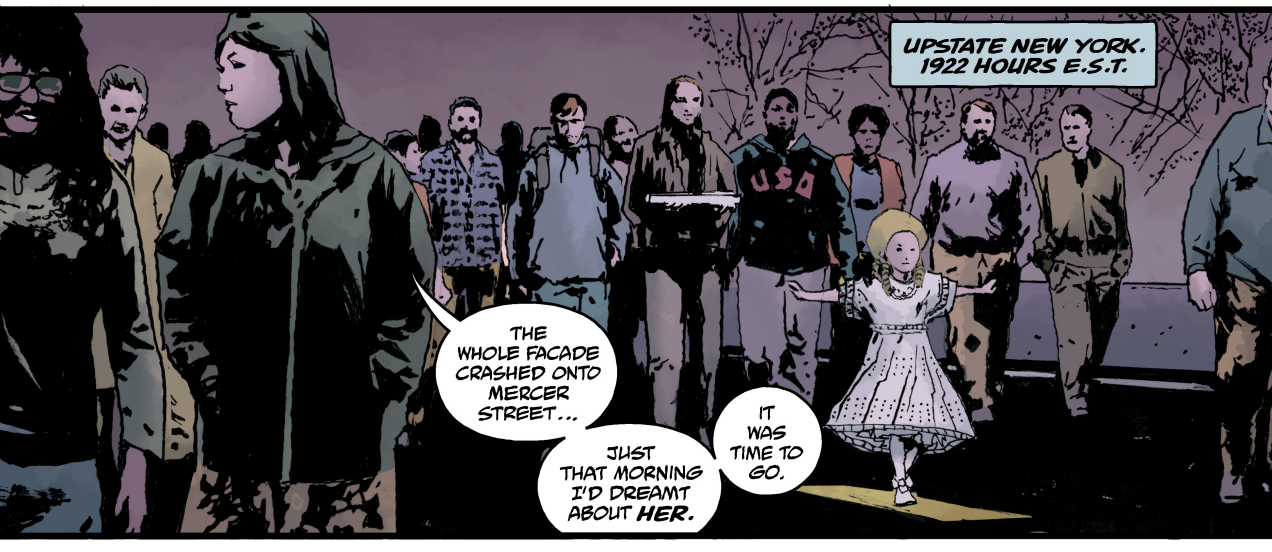

DAMMIT, LIZ--!
AARRHH!
GAH!

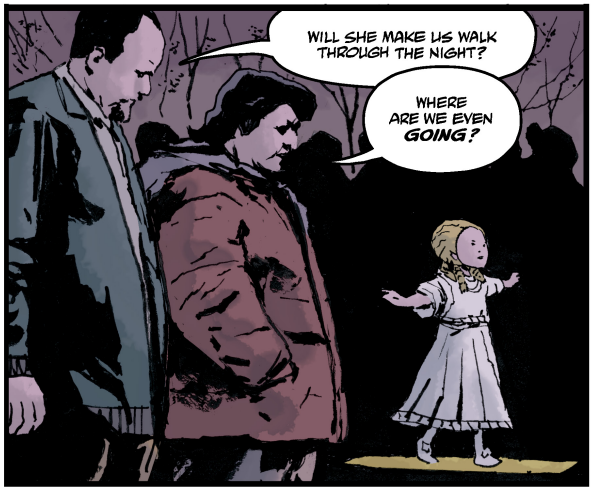

--YOU CAN'T GET THERE FAST ENOUGH!
"I WAS IN NEW CASTLE--PENNSYLVANIA. MOSTLY UNTOUCHED. LIFE WENT ON, YOU KNOW...?"

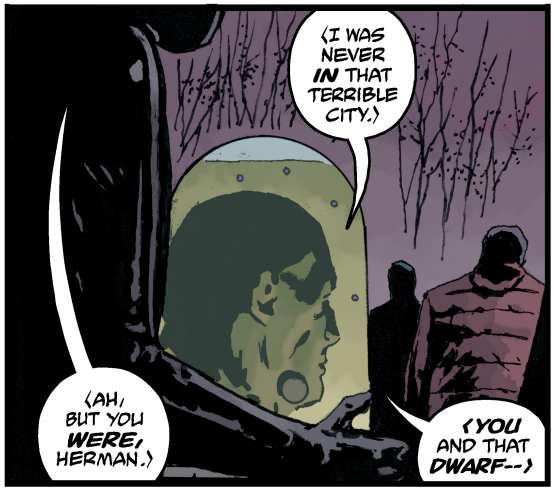








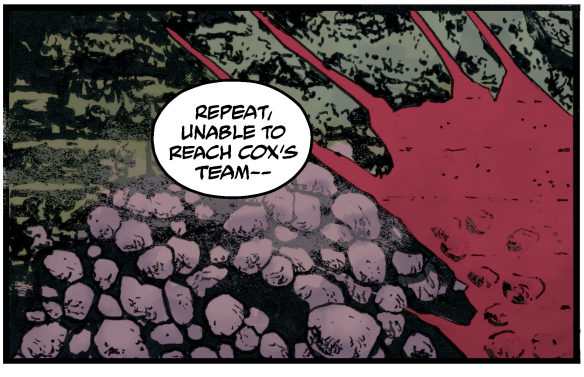


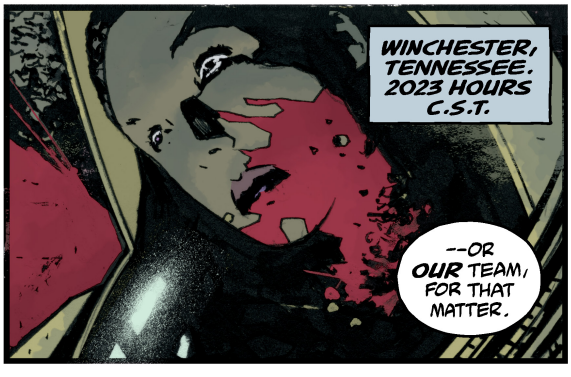


⟨TRANSLATED FROM GERMAN⟩


⟨--YOU FLIT FROM ONE "MASTER" TO ANOTHER LIKE DOGS, YIP YIP!⟩
Hee hee hee!
⟨BUT IF YOU SAW WHAT HE DID, HERMAN...TRANSFORMING THAT CITY LIKE WE DREAMED OF TRANSFORMING THE WORLD.⟩
"⟨HE BENT THE SHAPES OF BUILDINGS...MADE A PALACE OF THE UNDERGROUND RAIL. THE ARCHITECTURE ITSELF WEPT...⟩
"⟨MAGNIFICENT... IT WAS...⟩"
⟨ACH, YOU GROW HEAVY.⟩
⟨IF YOU COULD MOBILIZE THIS APPARATUS-- IT WAS YOUR DESIGN.⟩
⟨I DID NOT MAKE THIS ONE--⟩


〈I IMPROVED IT, YOU OVERTRAINED AUTO MECHANIC--〉
REST!
WE REST FOR THE EVENING.
IN THE MORNING WE GO ON...
...TO MANHATTAN.
UNABLE TO CONTACT TEAM TWO.


REPEAT, UNABLE TO REACH COX'S TEAM--


WINCHESTER, TENNESSEE. 2023 HOURS C.S.T.
--OR OUR TEAM, FOR THAT MATTER.


SEEN THREE AGENTS GO DOWN, CAN'T ACCOUNT FOR THE REST. IF YOU HEAR THIS, SEND HELP. REPEAT--

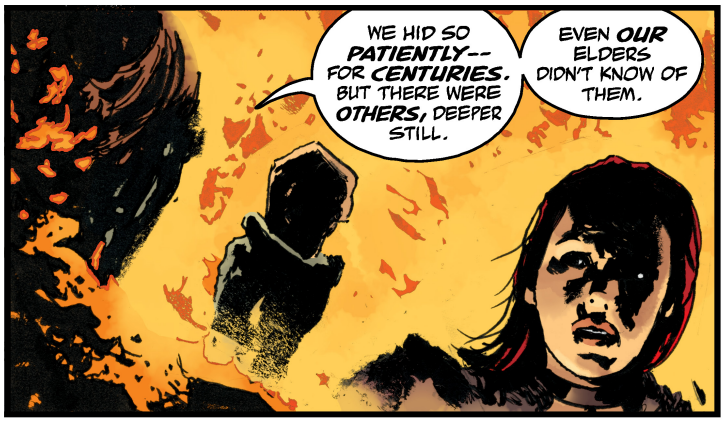

!
SEND.
HELP.
CLATTER
YOU GENDARMES ARE BETTER EQUIPPED THAN IN MY DAY...
BAM


GODDAMN RIGHT, MARICON!
BAM
NO... MARTENS...
LO SIENTO.
MARTENS IS DOWN.
IF ANYONE CAN HEAR MY VOICE--
WATCH YOUR SIX.


FOOOOSH
RATA TAT-TAT
YOU MADE IT...
JESUS, YOU MADE IT...
SORRY, KEPT HAVING TO SLOW DOWN TO CHECK THE G.P.S....
VAMPIRES. NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT...
I HAVE.
RATATAT-TAT
NOT LIKE THIS.
(MY GOD.)
(LOOK WHAT'S BECOME OF US...)
WHY, MIGHT I ASK--
SPLOOSH


SPLOOSH
--WERE YOU NOT CONTENT TO LET US SLEEP?
(I'M SORRY, MA'AM...I DON'T KNOW YOUR NAME...)
ER, ENGLISH, PLEASE, HERR BAUER?
OH, OF COURSE.
LIZ! GLURGH!
DO IT!
FWOOOSH
HM... STRANGE.
SIR, WHAT OUR BROTHER JUST DID...THAT FLUID... IT'S MORE THAN A BIT...CURIOUS, DON'T YOU THINK?
(PERHAPS.)
AIIIE!


FIRE?


WE HID SO PATIENTLY-- FOR CENTURIES. BUT THERE WERE OTHERS, DEEPER STILL.
EVEN OUR ELDERS DIDN'T KNOW OF THEM.


IT WAS FIRE THAT DID IT...


"FROM THE HEART OF THE EARTH, FIRE BOILED THEIR BLOOD, INFECTING OUR CHILDREN. I AM OLDER, STRONGER, BUT THE OTHERS..."


HEINRICH, LUDLOW, THE COLONISTS... THEY DEFENDED THIS GROUND WHEN THE VAMPIRE KILLER CAME.
THEN AFTER ALL THOSE YEARS SPENT WAITING FOR JUDGMENT DAY--THEY ARE TURNED INTO--INTO WHAT?


NOW JUDGMENT DAY HAS BEEN--
THOK


...HAS BEEN TAKEN...
...AS WELL...

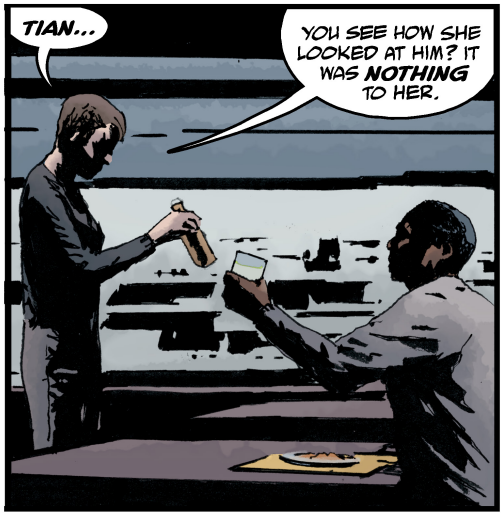

JESUS, LEONID!
:KOFF: I WILL HEAL.
IF HE HAD TURNED YOU, WHAT THEN...?


BURN THIS TREE TO ITS ROOTS...:COUGH: THERE ARE MORE... BELOW...


SOME ABOVE TOO.




LONG DAY.
AMEN.
Above East Tennessee. 2253 hours E.S.T.


TIAN...
YOU SEE HOW SHE LOOKED AT HIM? IT WAS NOTHING TO HER.


GOT HER SUPERHERO BOYFRIEND. NO CONCERN FOR US MERE MORTALS.
SHE AND TIAN WERE LIKE THIS.


WE HAD HIM TELL HER ABOUT KATE.
IS THAT WHEN SHE BROKE?


SHE WASN'T THE ONLY ONE.




I GOTTA DO BEDTIME WITH CONNOR.
TO TIAN.
TO YOU, CARLA.
I DIDN'T WAKE DEVON--
DON'T. HE'LL BE MORE PISSY THAN USUAL.
LIZ, GO.
YEAH, I GOT HIM.
I WILL MAKE IT.
FWOOSH


PLEASE HOLD STILL, AGENT.
JUST BE ANOTHER MINUTE...

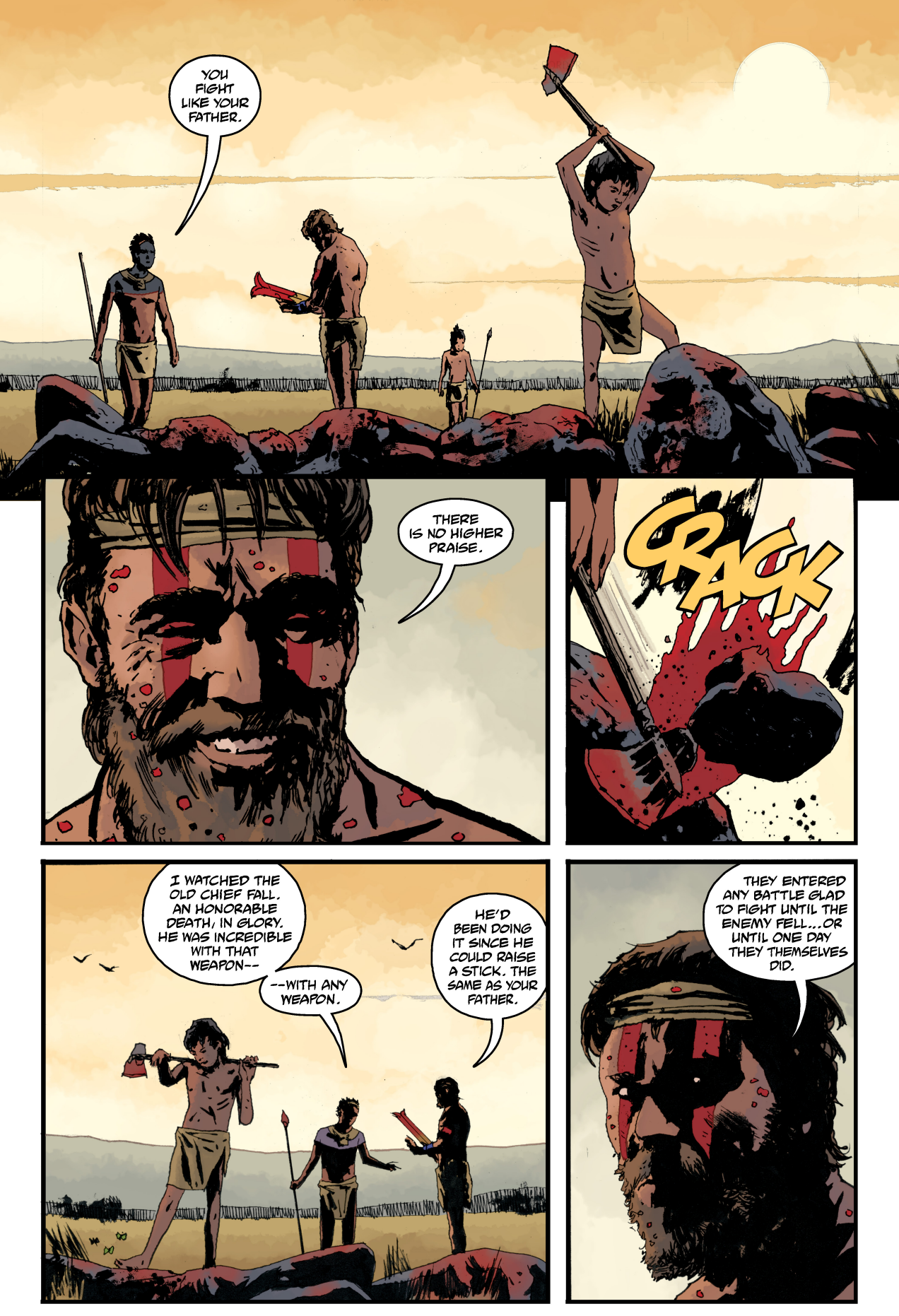


CHAPTER THREE

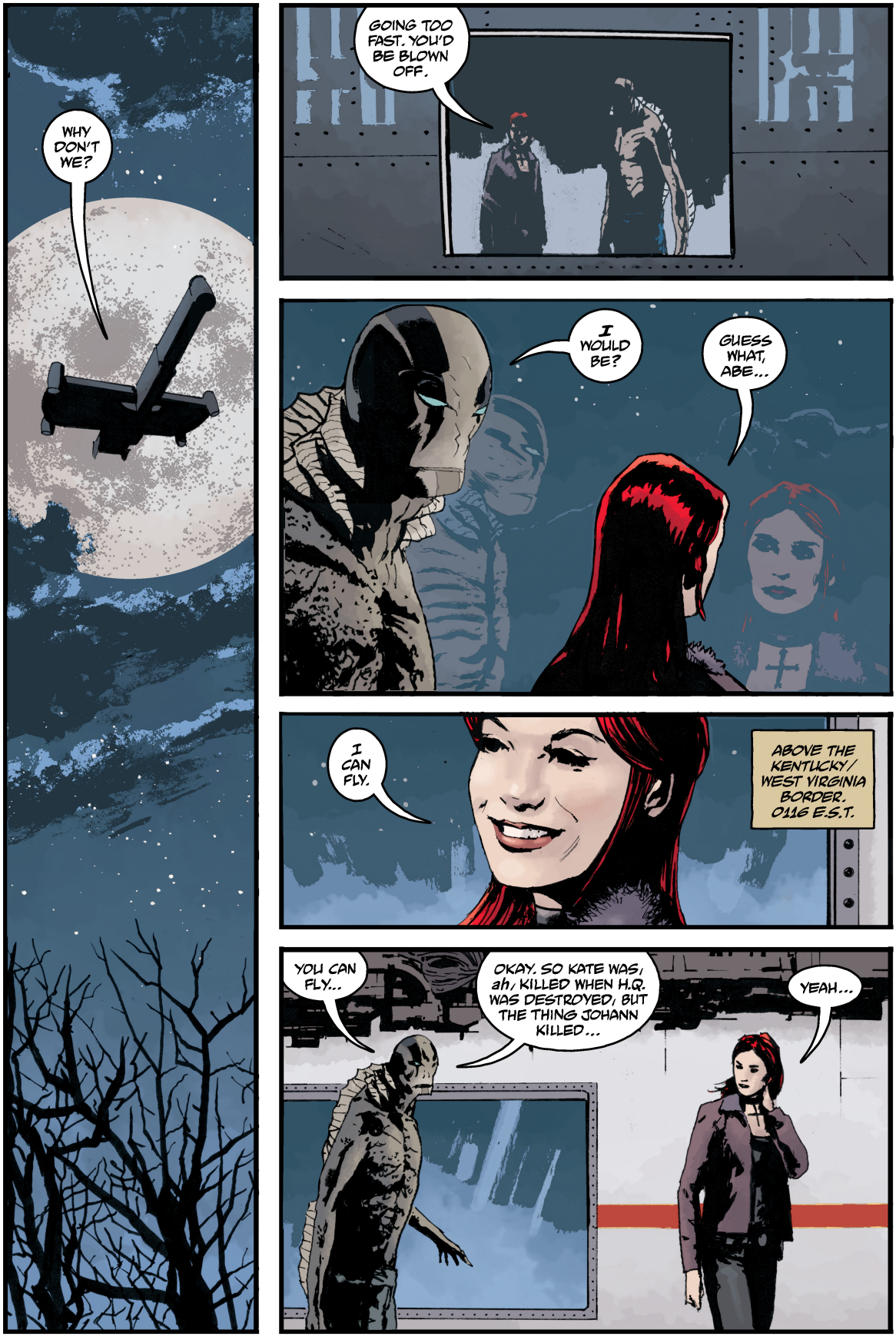


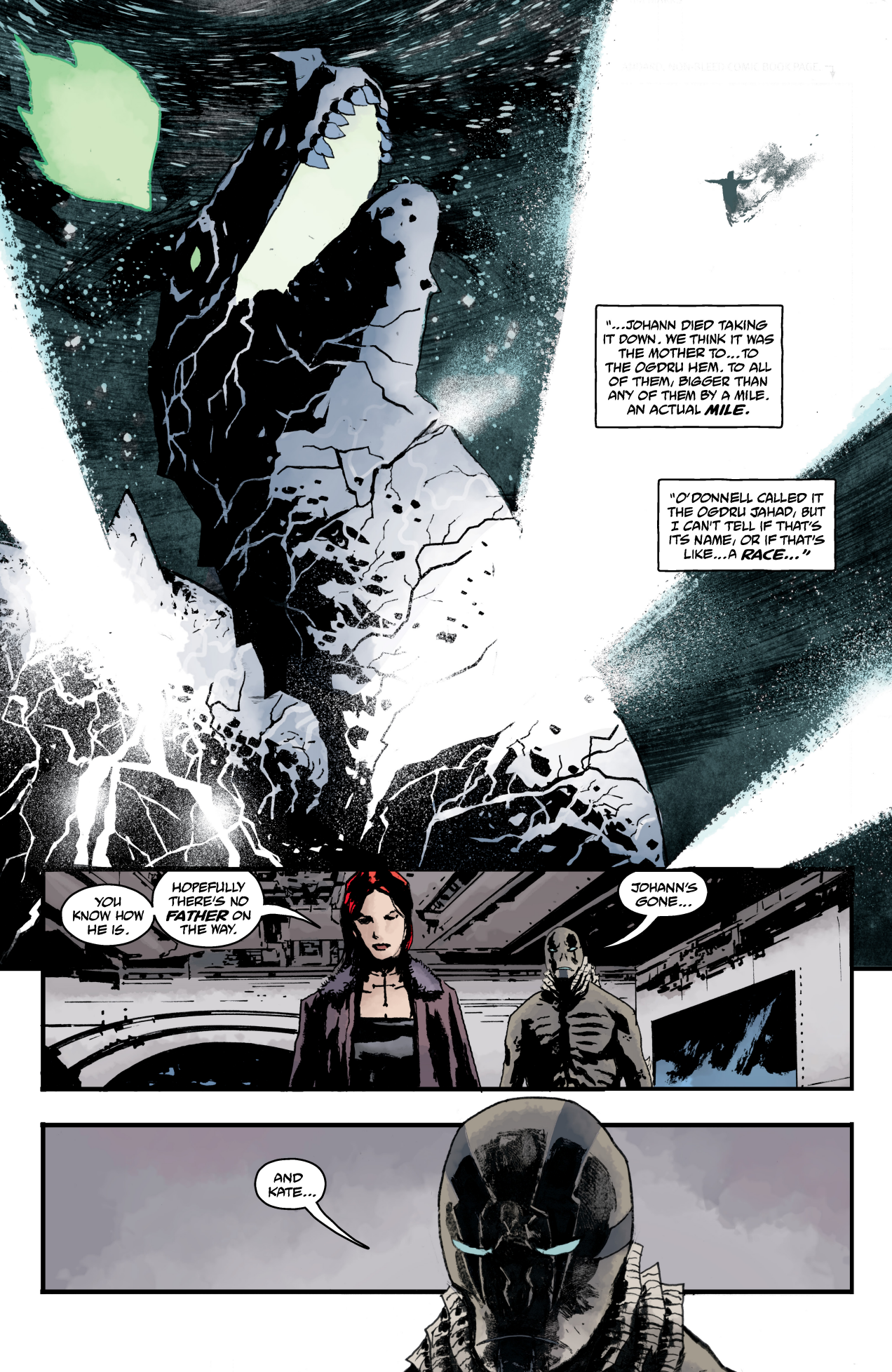



WAK
CHOK
HACK


YOU FIGHT LIKE YOUR FATHER.
THERE IS NO HIGHER PRAISE.
CRACK
I WATCHED THE OLD CHIEF FALL. AN HONORABLE DEATH, IN GLORY. HE WAS INCREDIBLE WITH THAT WEAPON--
--WITH ANY WEAPON.
HE'D BEEN DOING IT SINCE HE COULD RAISE A STICK. THE SAME AS YOUR FATHER.
THEY ENTERED ANY BATTLE GLAD TO FIGHT UNTIL THE ENEMY FELL...OR UNTIL ONE DAY THEY THEMSELVES DID.


WE SHOULD DO THE SAME-- AGAINST THESE CREATURES, THE GODS THEY WORSHIP--
THEY ARE NO GODS, GALL DENNAR.
WHAT-EVER THEY MAY BE.
AND WHAT IF WE CAN NEVER DRIVE THEM BACK?
MIND YOUR WORDS, ANDO.
WHAT IF THESE THINGS ARE NEVER VANQUISHED?
TRUTH?
I DON'T THINK THEY WILL BE.
"I WISH WE COULD WALK UP ON THE DECK."


WHY DON'T WE?
GOING TOO FAST. YOU'D BE BLOWN OFF.
I WOULD BE?
GUESS WHAT, ABE...
I CAN FLY.
ABOVE THE KENTUCKY/ WEST VIRGINIA BORDER. 0116 E.S.T.
YOU CAN FLY...
OKAY. SO KATE WAS, ah, KILLED WHEN H.Q. WAS DESTROYED, BUT THE THING JOHANN KILLED...
YEAH...


"...JOHANN DIED TAKING IT DOWN. WE THINK IT WAS THE MOTHER TO...TO THE OGDRU HEM. TO ALL OF THEM, BIGGER THAN ANY OF THEM BY A MILE. AN ACTUAL MILE.
"O'DONNELL CALLED IT THE OGDRU JAHAD, BUT I CAN'T TELL IF THAT'S ITS NAME, OR IF THAT'S LIKE...A RACE..."
YOU KNOW HOW HE IS.
HOPEFULLY THERE'S NO FATHER ON THE WAY.
JOHANN'S GONE...
AND KATE...

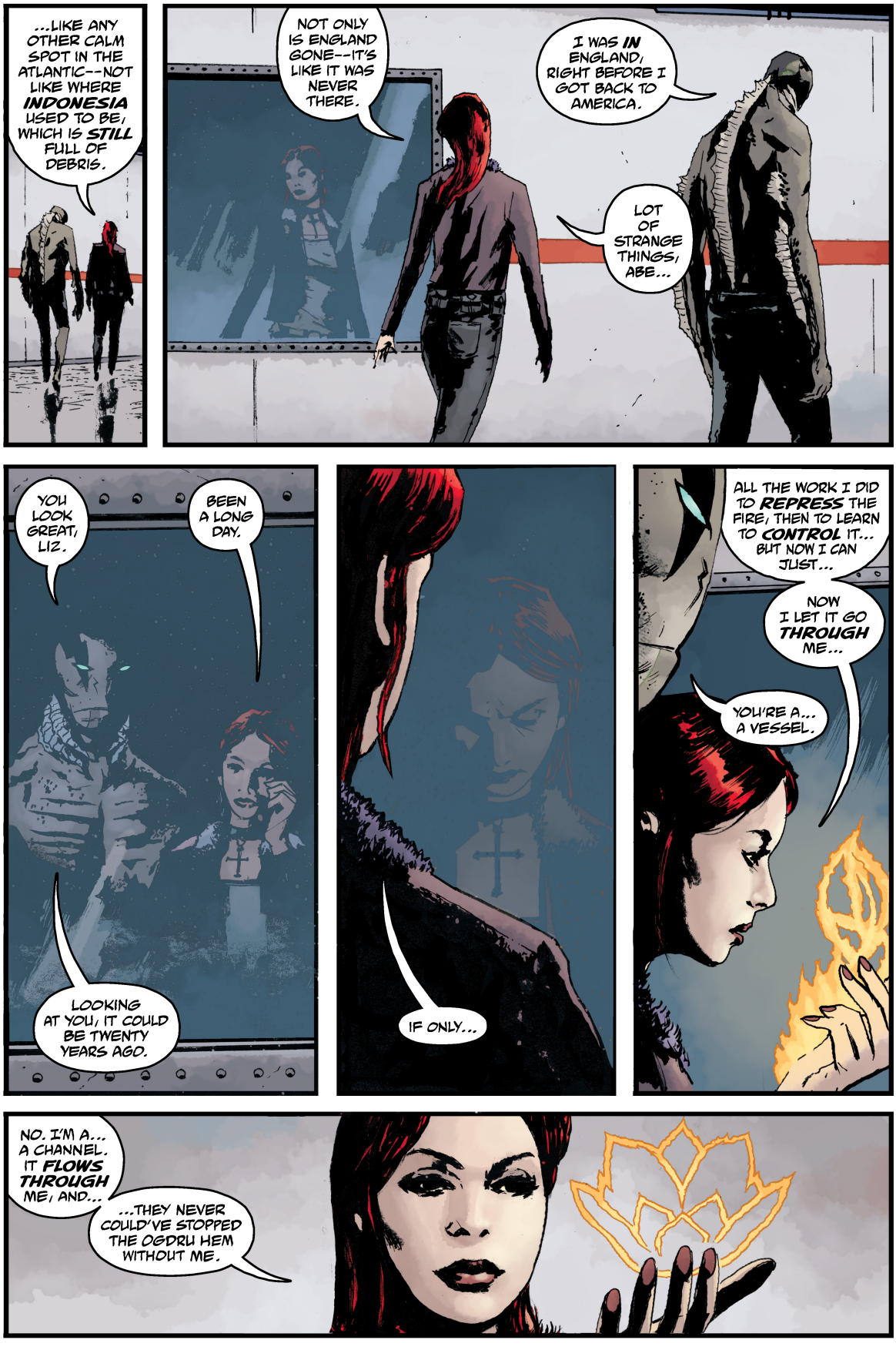

AND PANYA.
SHE'S THE ONE WHO ENCOURAGED ME TO LEAVE.
SHE KNEW MORE THAN SHE LET ON.
I'M SORRY, ABE. I DIDN'T THINK THIS COULD WAIT.
WHAT?
NO, NO. I'M GLAD YOU TOLD ME... I'M GLAD IT WAS YOU.
MANNING'S IN WASHINGTON. HE'S...ALIVE. IOSIF, WE THINK HE MUST BE DEAD TOO, BUT--
WHO...?
RIGHT, YOU DIDN'T KNOW HIM...
"IOSIF BROUGHT THE B.P.R.D. AND RUSSIAN FORCES TOGETHER. THIS SHIP WAS HIS."
ENOS DIED RIGHT AFTER YOU LEFT. THAT WAS A GOD DAMN MESS--
YOU KNEW TIAN, RIGHT? WE...WE JUST LOST HIM.
I DON'T...


Uh, ABE... REMEMBER TED HOWARDS?
LIZ.
I CAN'T LISTEN TO A RUNDOWN OF EVERYONE WHO'S DIED SINCE I WENT AWOL--
I'M SORRY, ABE. YOU... THIS HAS GOT TO BE HARD.
NO. IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK.
IT'S... GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK.
WHAT WILL DEVON THINK?
HE STILL THINKS YOU'RE THE ANTICHRIST.
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT LATER.
MOM? I FOUND SOMEONE TO PLAY WITH.
GREAT, CONNOR. LET ME FINISH THIS AND I'LL BE RIGHT THERE. WHAT'S HIS NAME?
IT'S A GIRL.


SHE SAYS WE NEED TO GO, MOMMY.
WHERE, HON?
EAST.
AREN'T YOU TIRED OF THIS?
THE MESS HALL IS EMPTY THIS LATE. WE COULD SIT.
FEELS GOOD TO WALK. YOU--
YOU JUST WANTED TO GO ON DECK SO YOU COULD SMOKE.
SO, ABE... TED HOWARDS... HE DIDN'T DIE. THAT WASN'T WHY I BROUGHT HIM UP...
IT'S... A LONG STORY, BUT...
I HAVE A BOYFRIEND.


A LOT OF PEOPLE LOOK UP TO HOWARDS. SOME AGENTS HAVE DRAWN HIS SWORD INTO THE INSIGNIA--
"SWORD"?
HE FOUND IT IN CHICAGO, AT THE TEMPLE OF AN OLD CULT.
"MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE PLACE EDWARD GREY WAS KILLED A HUNDRED YEARS AGO. WE SENT SOME AGENTS IN. TWO DIED IN A SHOOTOUT.
"HOWARDS FOUND THIS...ANCIENT SWORD.
"EVER SINCE, HE'S LIKE CONAN."
AND YOU TWO...?
WE KEPT IT QUIET AT FIRST, BUT PEOPLE SUSPECTED, AND HIDING IT SEEMED RIDICULOUS.
"DEVON HATES IT. QUOTES CHAPTER AND VERSE ON RULES I'VE VIOLATED, BUT HE KNOWS THIS SORT OF THING HAPPENS."


AND DEVON IS DIRECTOR...
FIELD DIRECTOR.
YOU HAVING A...A BOY-FRIEND WILL TAKE GETTING USED TO...
"...BUT DEVON..."
MANNING'S STILL THERE. NO ONE RESPECTS DEVON.
THAT MAKES IT BETTER?
B.P.R.D.

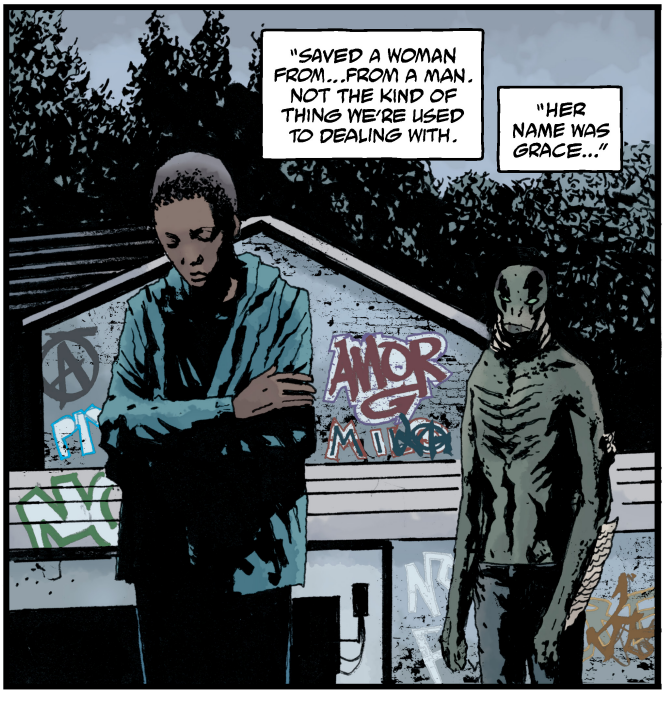

...LIKE ANY OTHER CALM SPOT IN THE ATLANTIC--NOT LIKE WHERE INDONESIA USED TO BE, WHICH IS STILL FULL OF DEBRIS.
NOT ONLY IS ENGLAND GONE--IT'S LIKE IT WAS NEVER THERE.
I WAS IN ENGLAND, RIGHT BEFORE I GOT BACK TO AMERICA.
LOT OF STRANGE THINGS, ABE...
YOU LOOK GREAT, LIZ.
BEEN A LONG DAY.
LOOKING AT YOU, IT COULD BE TWENTY YEARS AGO.
IF ONLY...
ALL THE WORK I DID TO REPRESS THE FIRE, THEN TO LEARN TO CONTROL IT... BUT NOW I CAN JUST...
NOW I LET IT GO THROUGH ME...
YOU'RE A... A VESSEL.
NO. I'M A... A CHANNEL. IT FLOWS THROUGH ME, AND...
...THEY NEVER COULD'VE STOPPED THE OGDRU HEM WITHOUT ME.

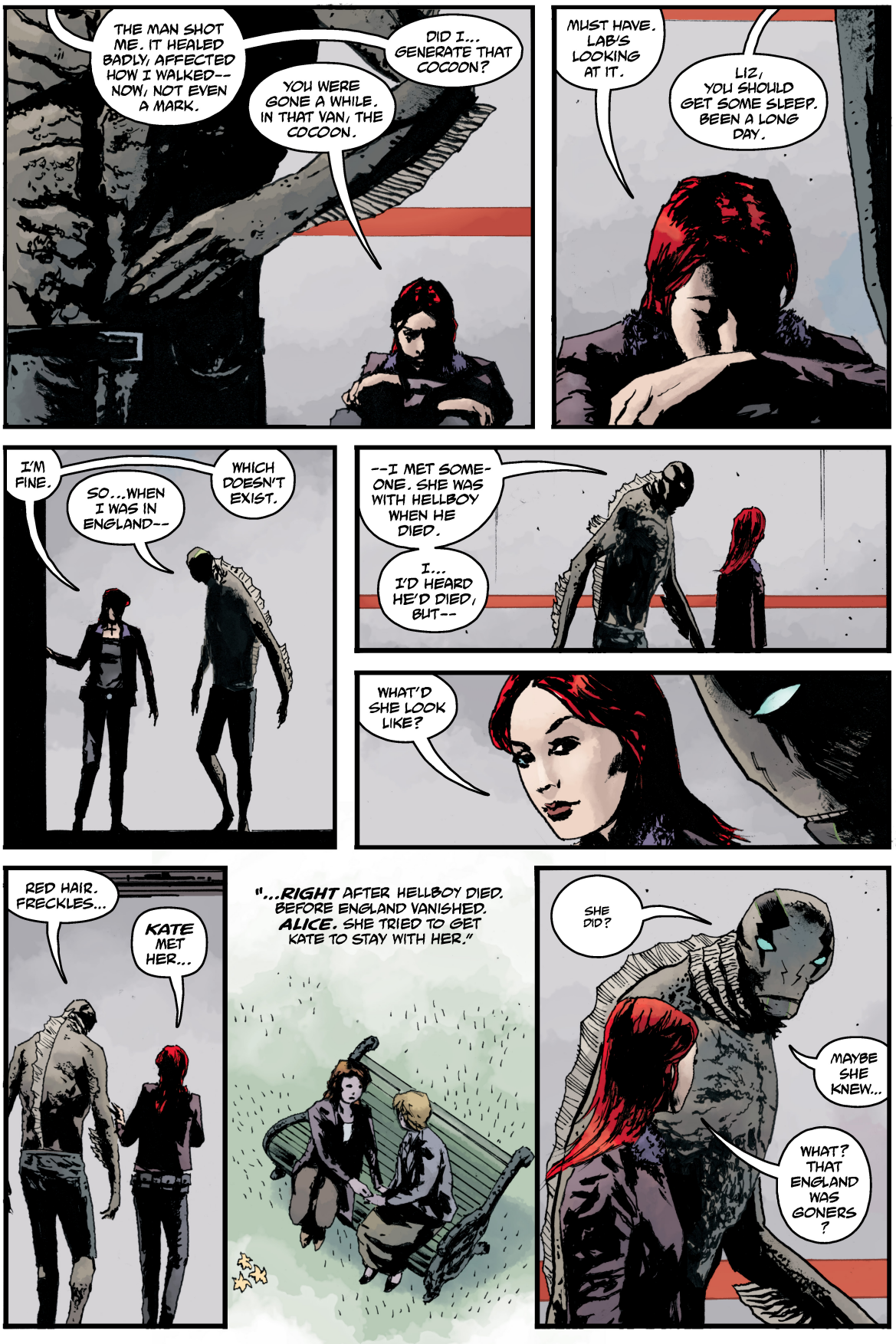

BUT JOHANN STOPPED THE--
JESUS, ABE, I CAN'T DO IT ALL--AND JOHANN DIED FACING THAT THING--!
WHOA! YOU'VE THROWN A LOT AT ME.
SO...SO WHEN JOHANN KILLED THE... MOTHER...
THE OGDRU JAHAD.
ALL THE OGDRU HEM... THEY WENT DORMANT... NOT A SINGLE ONE'S SHOWN ANY SIGN OF LIFE SINCE.
STILL PLENTY OF MONSTERS, THOUGH...
"HAMMERHEADS ROLL ACROSS THE PLAINS LIKE BUFFALO. I COULD TAKE OUT A WHOLE HERD LIKE THAT, BUT HOWARDS WILL TAKE A CREW, LIKE A BUNCH OF TRIBAL HUNTERS...I TELL YOU, HE'S CONNECTED TO SOMETHING ANCIENT..."
B.P.R.D.

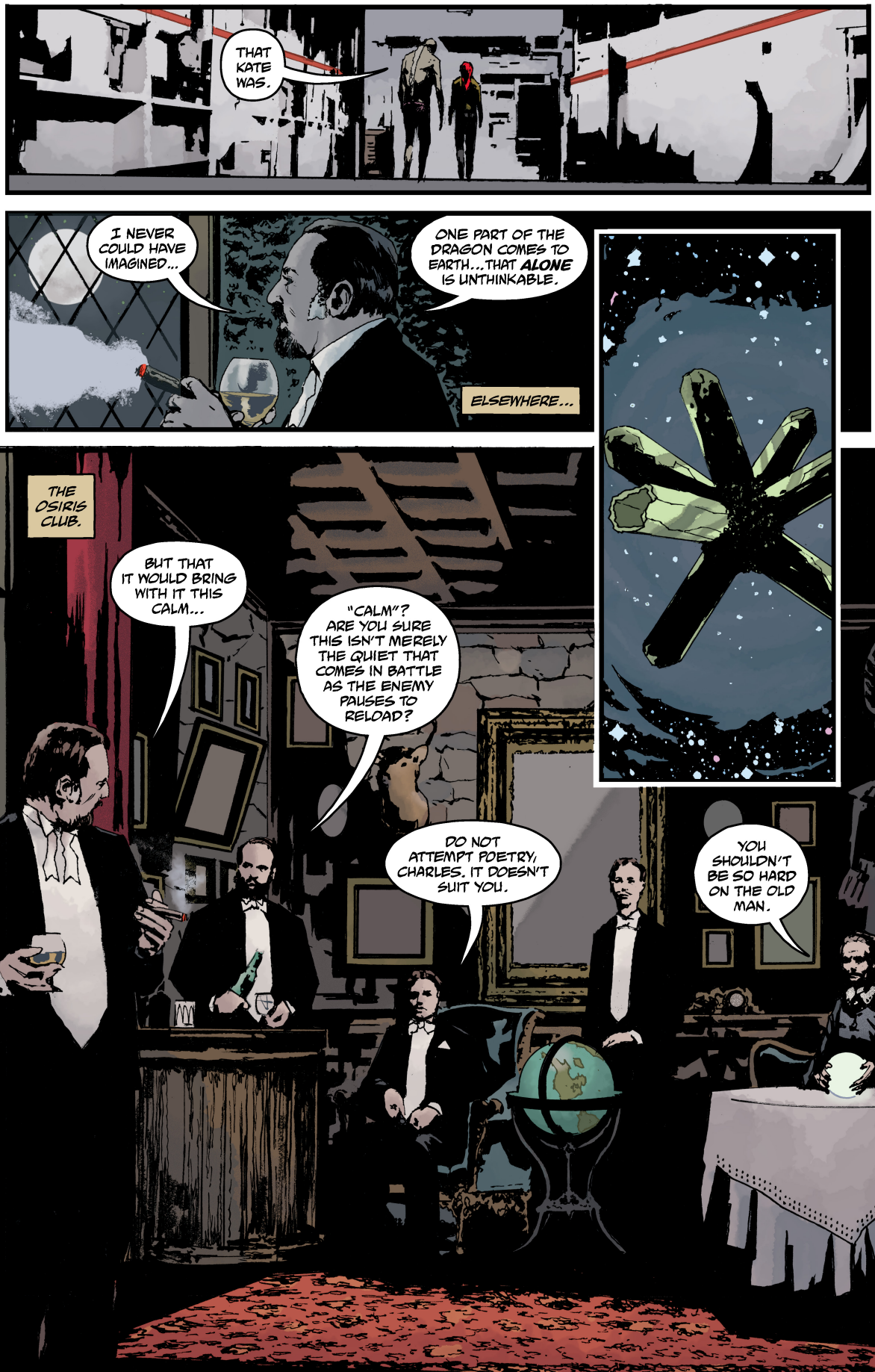

LEONID SAID THEY SPOKE GERMAN...
...WORE COLONIAL GARB...
ANDERS
THE PROFESSOR HAD A THEORY, NEVER PROVEN...
...THEY HID...


I SHOULD HAVE A SCAR. I GOT SHOT...
IN TEXAS?
YEAH, HOW'D YOU--

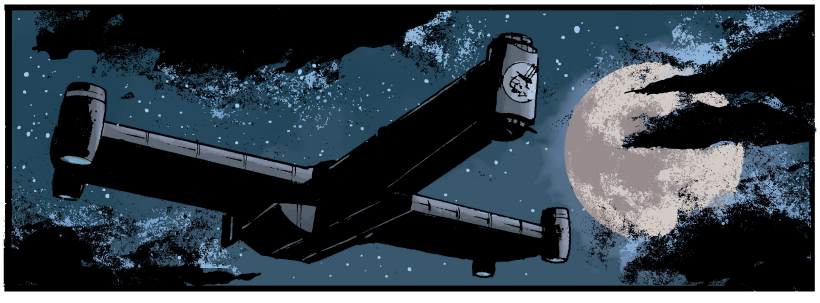

NO, NOT THAT. ANOTHER TIME, AGAIN IN TEXAS. AFTER I WENT AWOL.


"SAVED A WOMAN FROM...FROM A MAN. NOT THE KIND OF THING WE'RE USED TO DEALING WITH.
"HER NAME WAS GRACE..."


THE MAN SHOT ME. IT HEALED BADLY, AFFECTED HOW I WALKED-- NOW, NOT EVEN A MARK.
DID I... GENERATE THAT COCOON?
YOU WERE GONE A WHILE, IN THAT VAN, THE COCOON.
MUST HAVE. LAB'S LOOKING AT IT.
LIZ, YOU SHOULD GET SOME SLEEP. BEEN A LONG DAY.
I'M FINE.
SO...WHEN I WAS IN ENGLAND--
WHICH DOESN'T EXIST.
--I MET SOMEONE. SHE WAS WITH HELLBOY WHEN HE DIED.
I... I'D HEARD HE'D DIED, BUT--
WHAT'D SHE LOOK LIKE?
RED HAIR, FRECKLES...
KATE MET HER...
"...RIGHT AFTER HELLBOY DIED. BEFORE ENGLAND VANISHED. ALICE. SHE TRIED TO GET KATE TO STAY WITH HER."
SHE DID?
MAYBE SHE KNEW...
WHAT? THAT ENGLAND WAS GONERS?


THAT KATE WAS.
I NEVER COULD HAVE IMAGINED...
ONE PART OF THE DRAGON COMES TO EARTH...THAT ALONE IS UNTHINKABLE.
ELSEWHERE...
THE OSIRIS CLUB.
BUT THAT IT WOULD BRING WITH IT THIS CALM...
"CALM"? ARE YOU SURE THIS ISN'T MERELY THE QUIET THAT COMES IN BATTLE AS THE ENEMY PAUSES TO RELOAD?
DO NOT ATTEMPT POETRY, CHARLES. IT DOESN'T SUIT YOU.
YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO HARD ON THE OLD MAN.

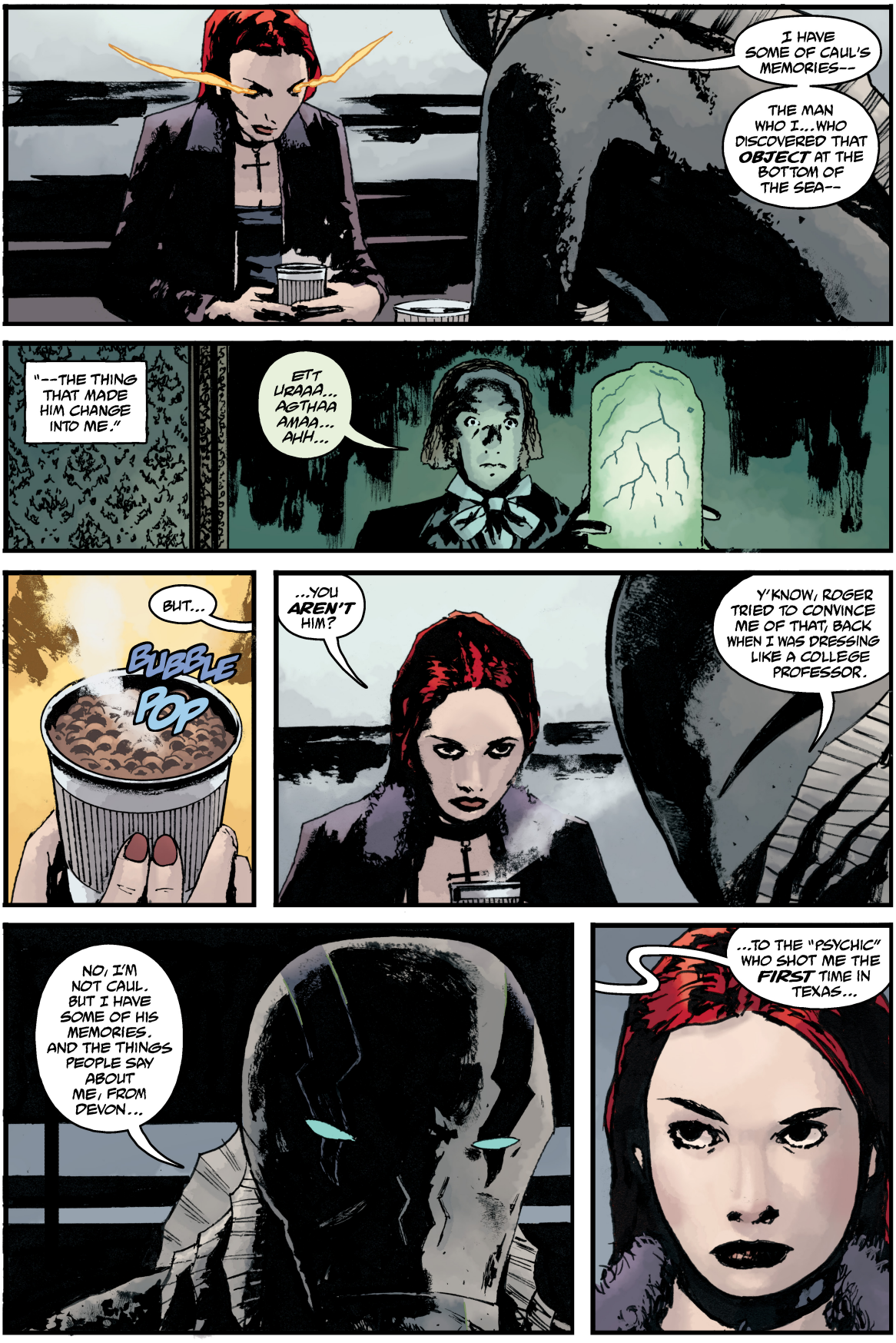

THERE ARE MORE TRITE METAPHORS REGARDING CALM, AFTER ALL...

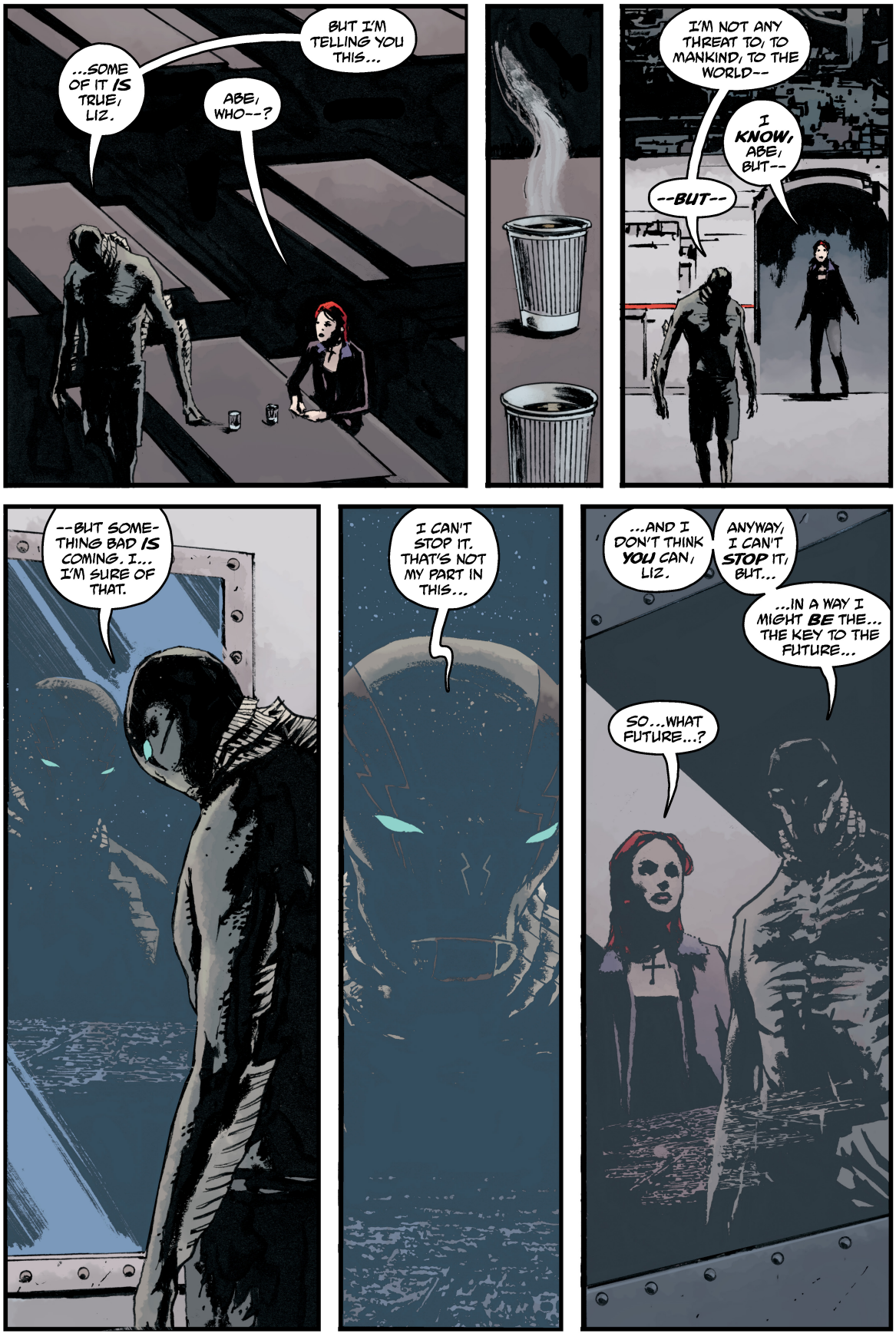





MY GOD, LIZ, I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE...


WE THOUGHT WE SAVED THE WORLD, ABE.
ALL WE DID WAS JUMPSTART THIS.
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE.
I...
I KNOW MORE NOW THAN I DID THEN, LIZ...

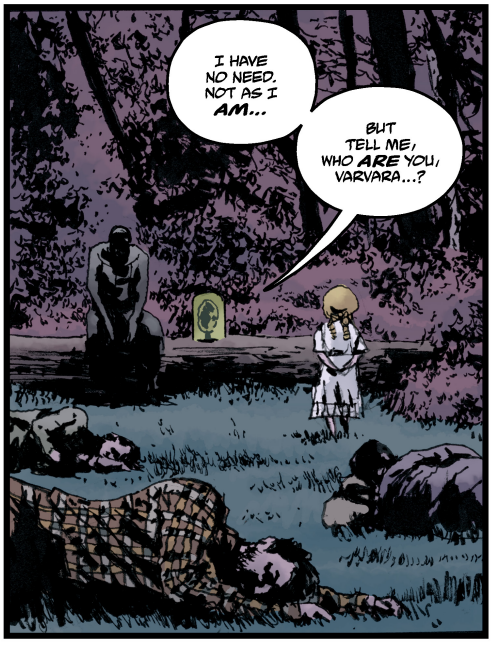

I HAVE SOME OF CAUL'S MEMORIES--
THE MAN WHO I...WHO DISCOVERED THAT OBJECT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA--
"--THE THING THAT MADE HIM CHANGE INTO ME."
ETT URAAA... AGTHAA AMAA... AHH...
BUT...
BUBBLE POP
...YOU AREN'T HIM?
Y'KNOW, ROGER TRIED TO CONVINCE ME OF THAT, BACK WHEN I WAS DRESSING LIKE A COLLEGE PROFESSOR.
NO, I'M NOT CAUL. BUT I HAVE SOME OF HIS MEMORIES. AND THE THINGS PEOPLE SAY ABOUT ME, FROM DEVON...
...TO THE "PSYCHIC" WHO SHOT ME THE FIRST TIME IN TEXAS...


...SOME OF IT IS TRUE, LIZ.
ABE, WHO--?
BUT I'M TELLING YOU THIS...
I'M NOT ANY THREAT TO, TO MANKIND, TO THE WORLD--
I KNOW, ABE, BUT--
--BUT--
--BUT SOMETHING BAD IS COMING. I... I'M SURE OF THAT.
I CAN'T STOP IT. THAT'S NOT MY PART IN THIS...
...AND I DON'T THINK YOU CAN, LIZ.
ANYWAY, I CAN'T STOP IT, BUT...
...IN A WAY I MIGHT BE THE... THE KEY TO THE FUTURE...
SO...WHAT FUTURE...?

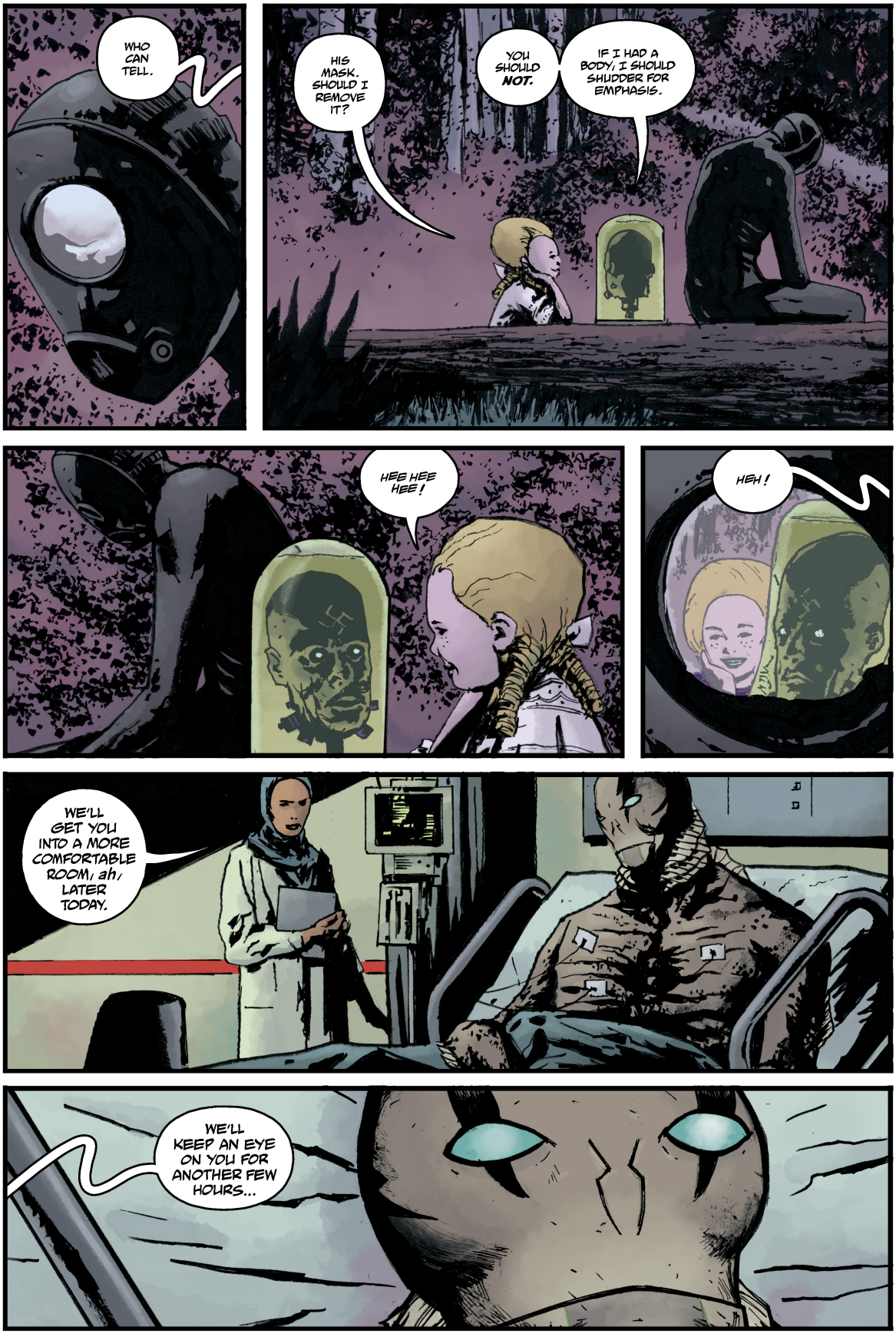





YOU DO NOT SLEEP EITHER.
UPSTATE NEW YORK.


I HAVE NO NEED. NOT AS I AM...
BUT TELL ME, WHO ARE YOU, VARVARA...?


WHAT ARE YOU?
TUT TUT!
DOES HE SLEEP?
TAP TAP


WHO CAN TELL.
HIS MASK. SHOULD I REMOVE IT?
YOU SHOULD NOT.
IF I HAD A BODY, I SHOULD SHUDDER FOR EMPHASIS.
HEE HEE HEE!
HEH!
WE'LL GET YOU INTO A MORE COMFORTABLE ROOM, ah, LATER TODAY.
WE'LL KEEP AN EYE ON YOU FOR ANOTHER FEW HOURS...

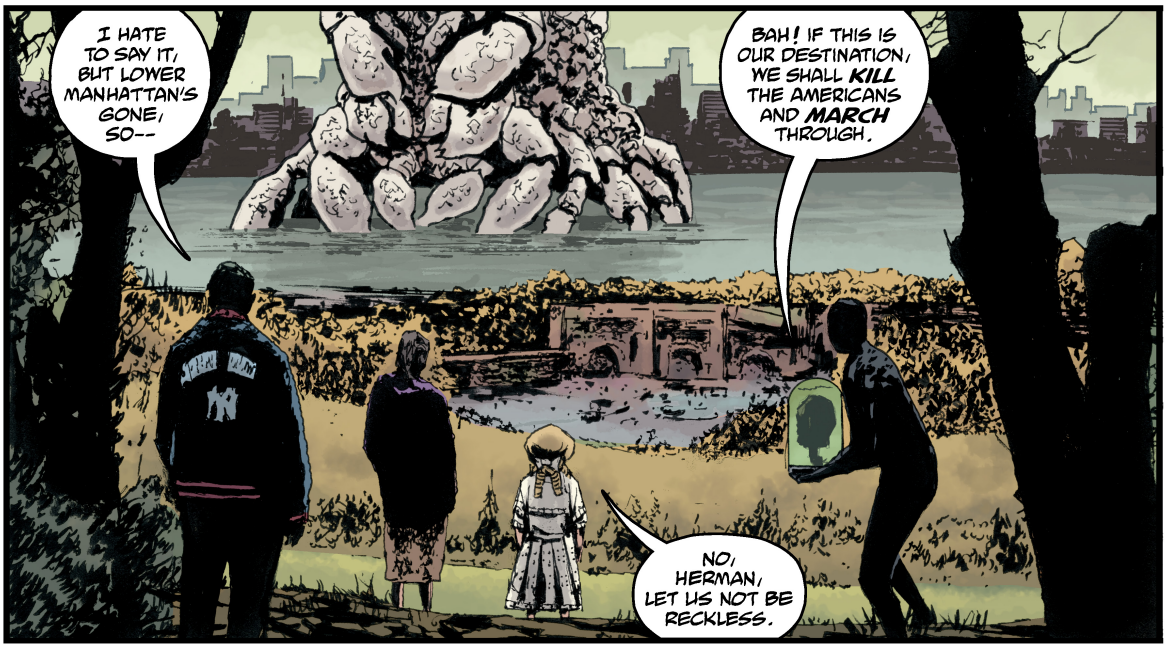

OVER WEST VIRGINIA.
0249 HOURS E.S.T.


CHAPTER FOUR



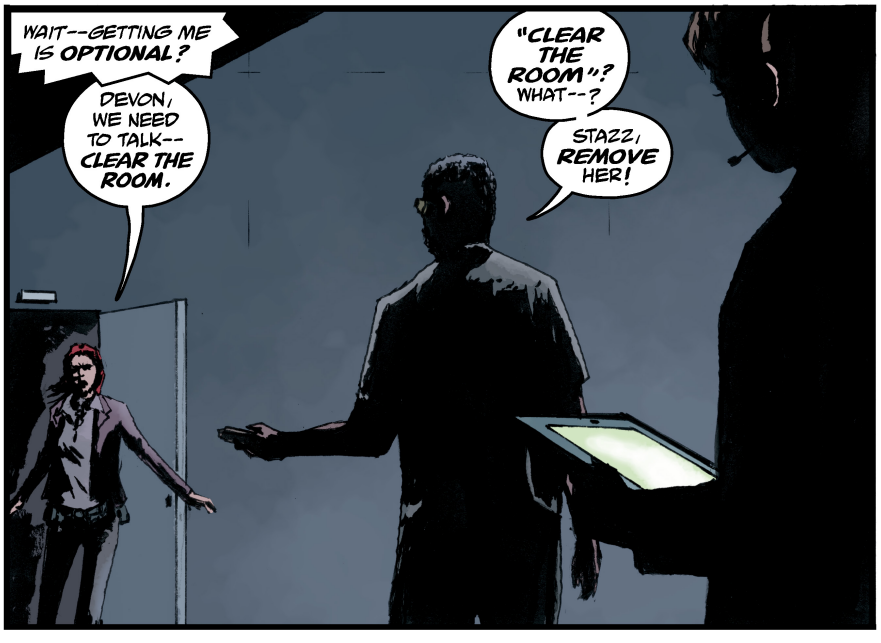

I HAD A DREAM I WAS FLYING. LIKE LIZ FLIES, BUT NOT WITH FIRE. THE GROUND LOOKED NICE AND SAFE.
AND THE PEOPLE WERE HAPPY. EVEN DADDY, BUT HE COULDN'T SEE ME. I HOPE HE IS HAPPY.
WHEN I WOKE UP I FORGOT I'M REALLY FLYING! BECAUSE OF THE SHIP. THEN I REMEMBERED, AND I DIDN'T WANNA BE ON THE GROUND AGAIN.
NYPD
I DREAM SOME NIGHTS, BUT NOT ALL NIGHTS. DO YOU HAVE A LOT OF DREAMS, MOMMY?

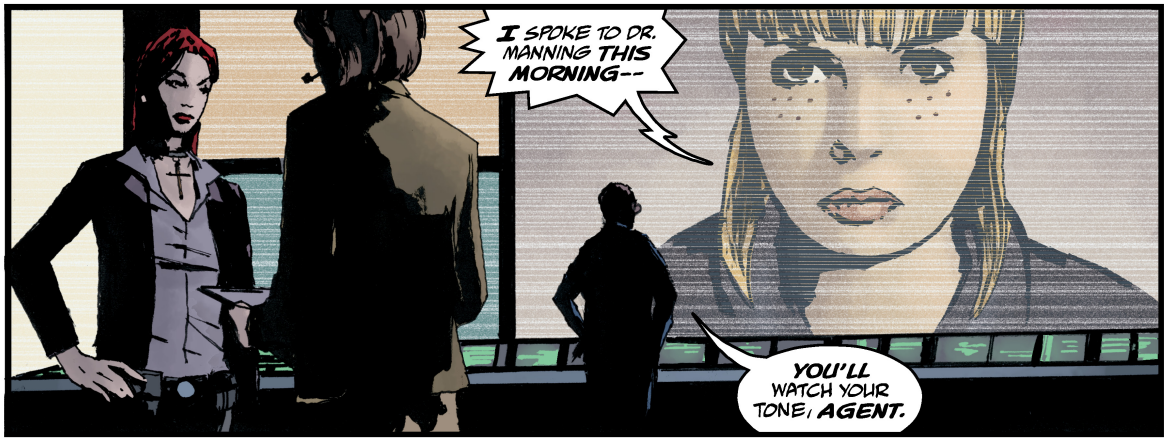

OVER SOUTHERN OHIO. 0719 HOURS E.S.T.
IT'S DIFFERENT WHEN YOU'RE OLDER, HON.
"WE GOT JACK'S TEST RESULTS..."
TCH-CHNK
...REGULAR OLD STAPH INFECTION. MAY REQUIRE SURGERY, BUT HE'LL BE FINE.
PHEW. CHRIST, MAN, IMAGINE IF YOU'D PASSED SOMETHING ON TO HIM WHILE YOU WERE ON LEAVE...?
TELL ME ABOUT IT. ONE TO THE HEAD, PLEASE.
I FEAR YOU...MISUNDERSTOOD WHAT I SAID ABOUT THIS PLACE. WE MAY ALL PERISH WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES...
THOSE SOLDIERS WON'T LET US THROUGH...
WEEHAWKEN, NEW JERSEY. 0732 E.S.T.

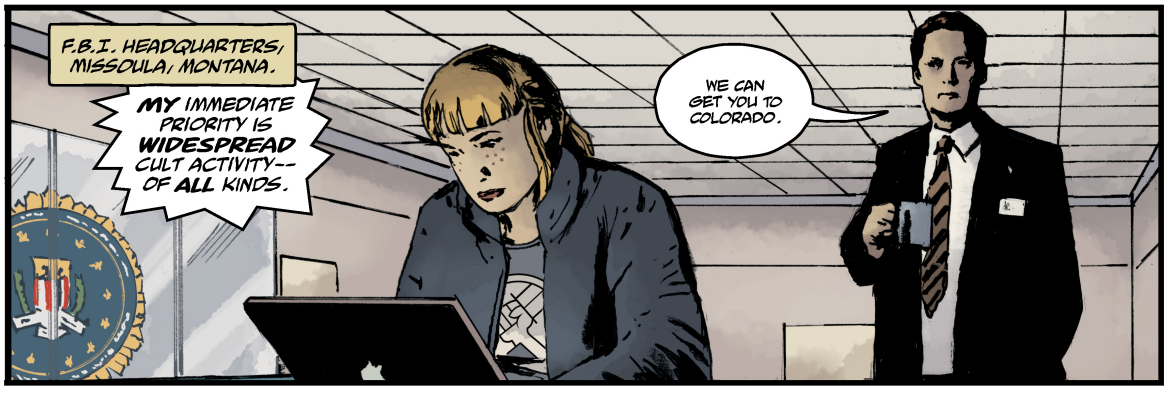

I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT LOWER MANHATTAN'S GONE, SO--
BAH! IF THIS IS OUR DESTINATION, WE SHALL KILL THE AMERICANS AND MARCH THROUGH.
NO, HERMAN, LET US NOT BE RECKLESS.


I...COULD NOT BEAR TO LOSE ANY OF YOU.


OVER INDIANAPOLIS. 0742 HOURS E.S.T.
WE'RE GOING TO COLORADO REGARDING ANOTHER MATTER. MEET US THERE IF YOU LIKE.


WAIT--GETTING ME IS OPTIONAL?
DEVON, WE NEED TO TALK-- CLEAR THE ROOM.
"CLEAR THE ROOM"? WHAT--?
STAZZ, REMOVE HER!


I SPOKE TO DR. MANNING THIS MORNING--
YOU'LL WATCH YOUR TONE, AGENT.

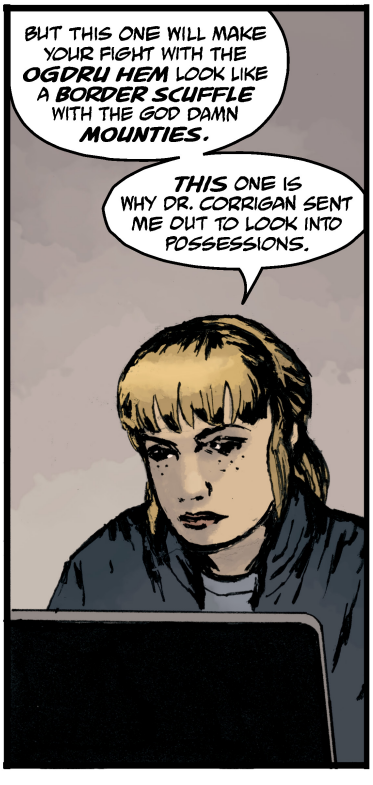

F.B.I. HEADQUARTERS, MISSOULA, MONTANA.
MY IMMEDIATE PRIORITY IS WIDESPREAD CULT ACTIVITY-- OF ALL KINDS.
WE CAN GET YOU TO COLORADO.


WHO...?
ASHLEY STRODE.
NEVER HEARD OF HER.


CORRIGAN HAD HER ON EXORCISMS WHILE WE WERE FIGHTING CTHULHU.
SORT OF LOST TRACK OF HER.
THERE'S EVEN A CULT DEVOTED TO A CERTAIN AWOL AGENT...


THE FACT THAT THERE ARE SO MANY OF THESE GROUPS IS THE PROBLEM.

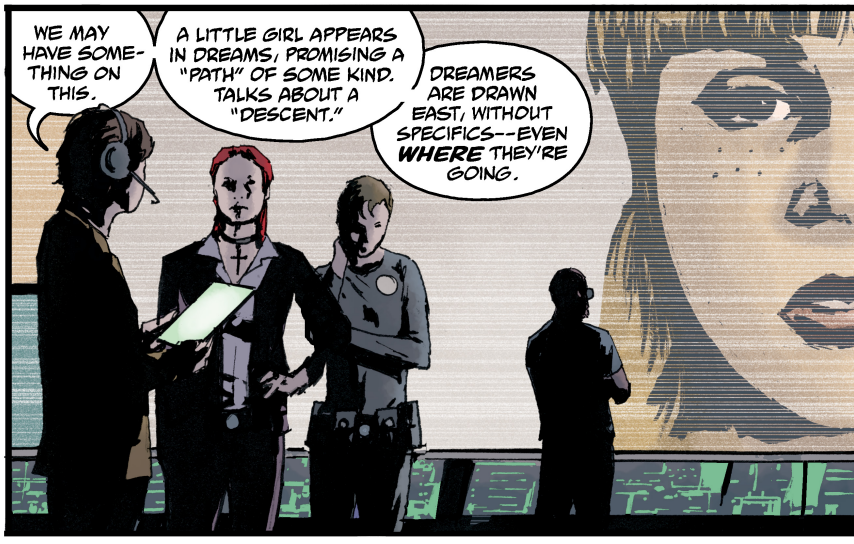

NOW--ANOTHER AWOL AGENT PRESENTS INTEL ON ONE OF THESE CULTS.
I'M LISTENING, AGENT STRODE. THAT IS ALL.
THEN LISTEN.
AN EARTHBOUND DEMON DISGUISED AS A CHILD IS BUILDING A CULT AROUND ITSELF.

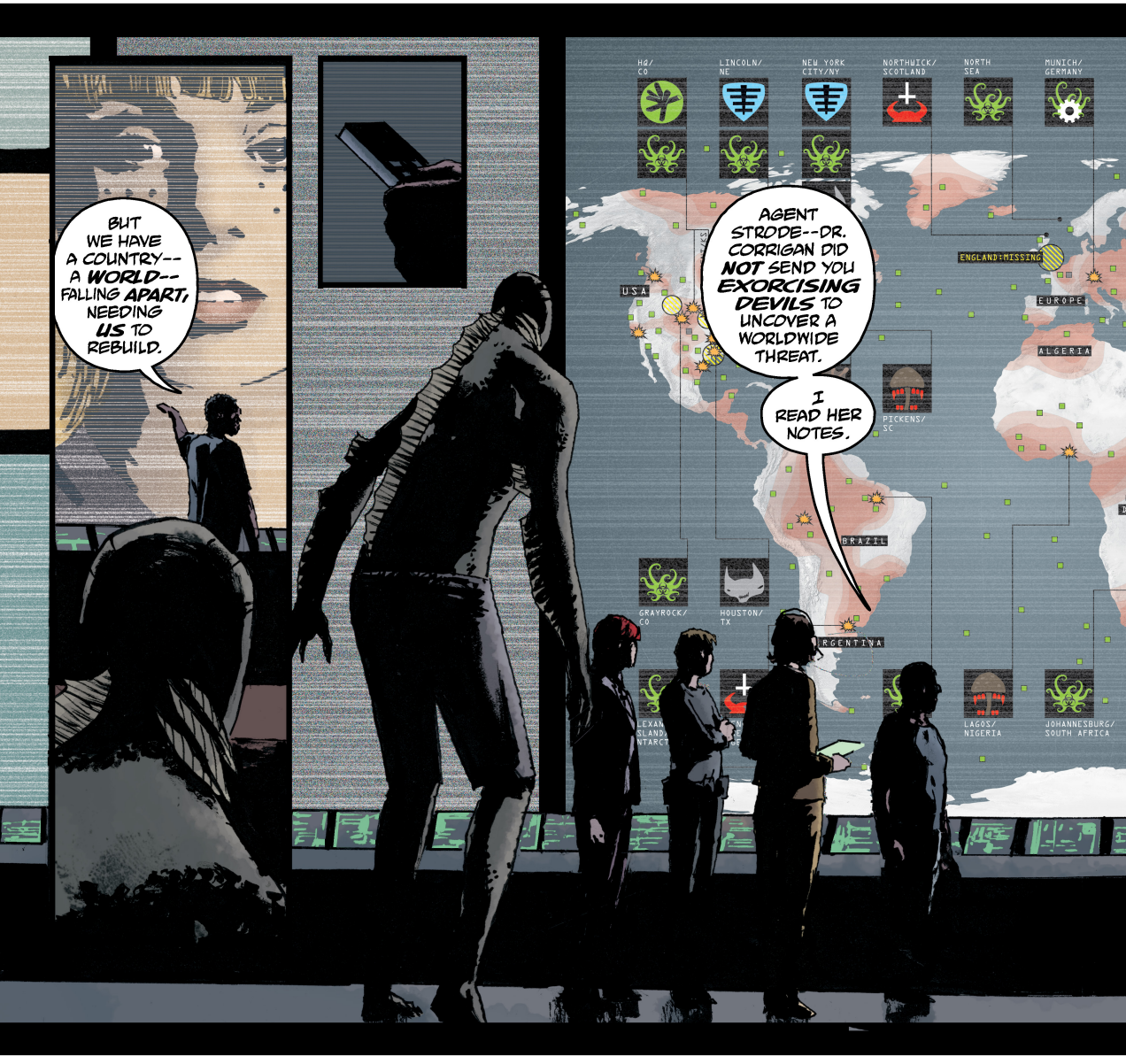

BUT THIS ONE WILL MAKE YOUR FIGHT WITH THE OGDRU HEM LOOK LIKE A BORDER SCUFFLE WITH THE GOD DAMN MOUNTIES.
THIS ONE IS WHY DR. CORRIGAN SENT ME OUT TO LOOK INTO POSSESSIONS.


YOU'RE OVERPLAYING IT, KID.
I'VE BEEN ON THIS FOR MONTHS... BUT I LACK RESOURCES, OKAY?


IF THE BUREAU CAN FIND THIS GIRL--THIS DEMON--


--I CAN KILL IT.
SIR?


WE MAY HAVE SOME-THING ON THIS.
A LITTLE GIRL APPEARS IN DREAMS, PROMISING A "PATH" OF SOME KIND. TALKS ABOUT A "DESCENT."
DREAMERS ARE DRAWN EAST, WITHOUT SPECIFICS--EVEN WHERE THEY'RE GOING.


BUT WE HAVE A COUNTRY-- A WORLD-- FALLING APART, NEEDING US TO REBUILD.
AGENT STRODE--DR. CORRIGAN DID NOT SEND YOU EXORCISING DEVILS TO UNCOVER A WORLDWIDE THREAT.
I READ HER NOTES.
HQ/ CO
LINCOLN/ NE
NEW YORK CITY/NY
NORTHWICK/ SCOTLAND
NORTH SEA
MUNICH/ GERMANY
ENGLAND: MISSING
EUROPE
ALGERIA
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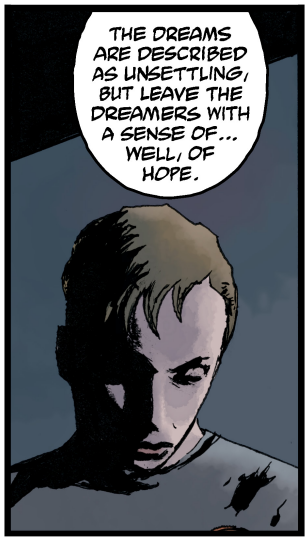
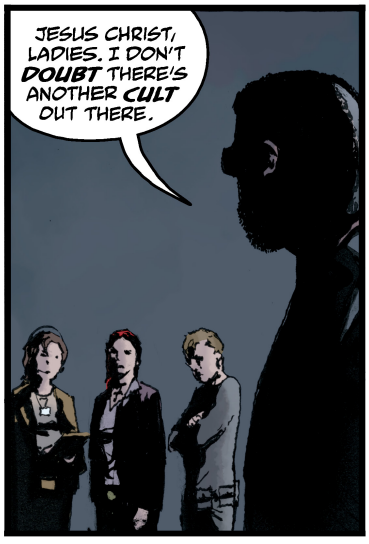
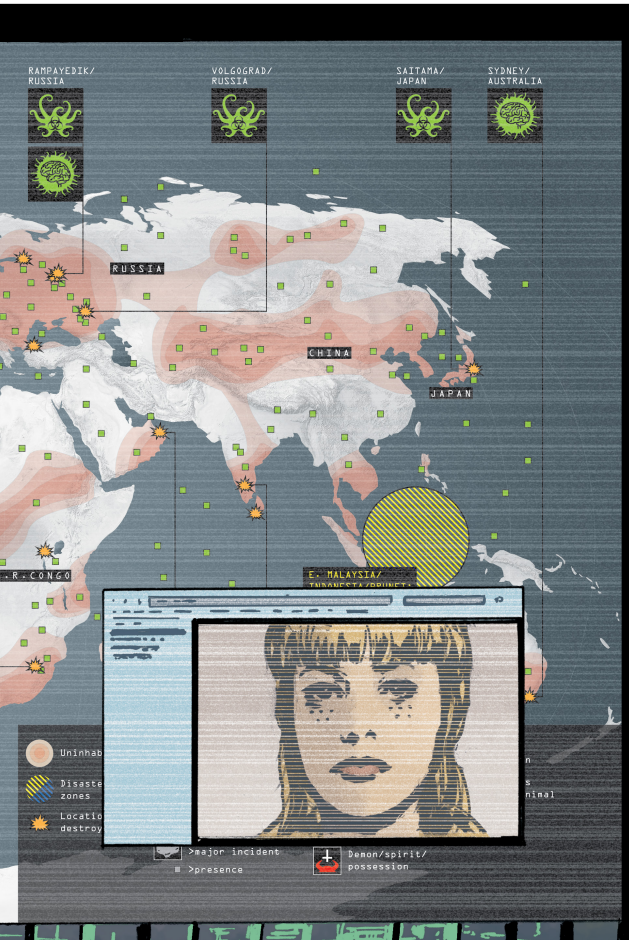
BRAZIL
GRAYROCK/ CO
HOUSTON/ TX
LAGOS/ NIGERIA
JOHANNESBURG/ SOUTH AFRICA




THE DREAMS ARE DESCRIBED AS UNSETTLING, BUT LEAVE THE DREAMERS WITH A SENSE OF... WELL, OF HOPE.


JESUS CHRIST, LADIES. I DON'T DOUBT THERE'S ANOTHER CULT OUT THERE.


I DON'T EVEN DOUBT THERE'S SOMETHING BAD--AS MISS STRODE SUGGESTS--AT THE HEAD OF SOME OF THEM.


RAMPAYEDIK/ RUSSIA
VOLGOGRAD/ RUSSIA
SAITAMA/ JAPAN
SYDNEY/ AUSTRALIA
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E. MALAYSIA/
Uninhab
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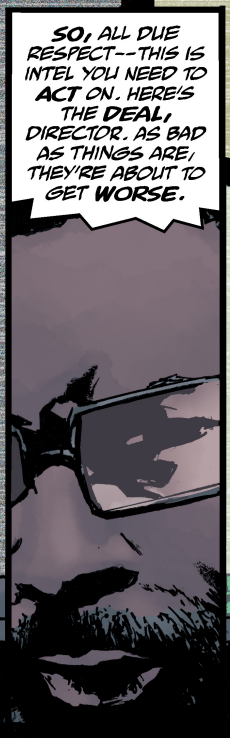
Locatio destroy
>major incident
>presence
Demon/spirit/ possession


NOTE, I SHOULD SAY.
BELIEVE ME.


NOW, THE BUREAU HAS--
LOOK.
WE BOTH KNOW YOU'RE ONLY EVEN TALKING TO ME BECAUSE I GOT THROUGH TO MANNING.


SO, ALL DUE RESPECT--THIS IS INTEL YOU NEED TO ACT ON. HERE'S THE DEAL, DIRECTOR. AS BAD AS THINGS ARE, THEY'RE ABOUT TO GET WORSE.

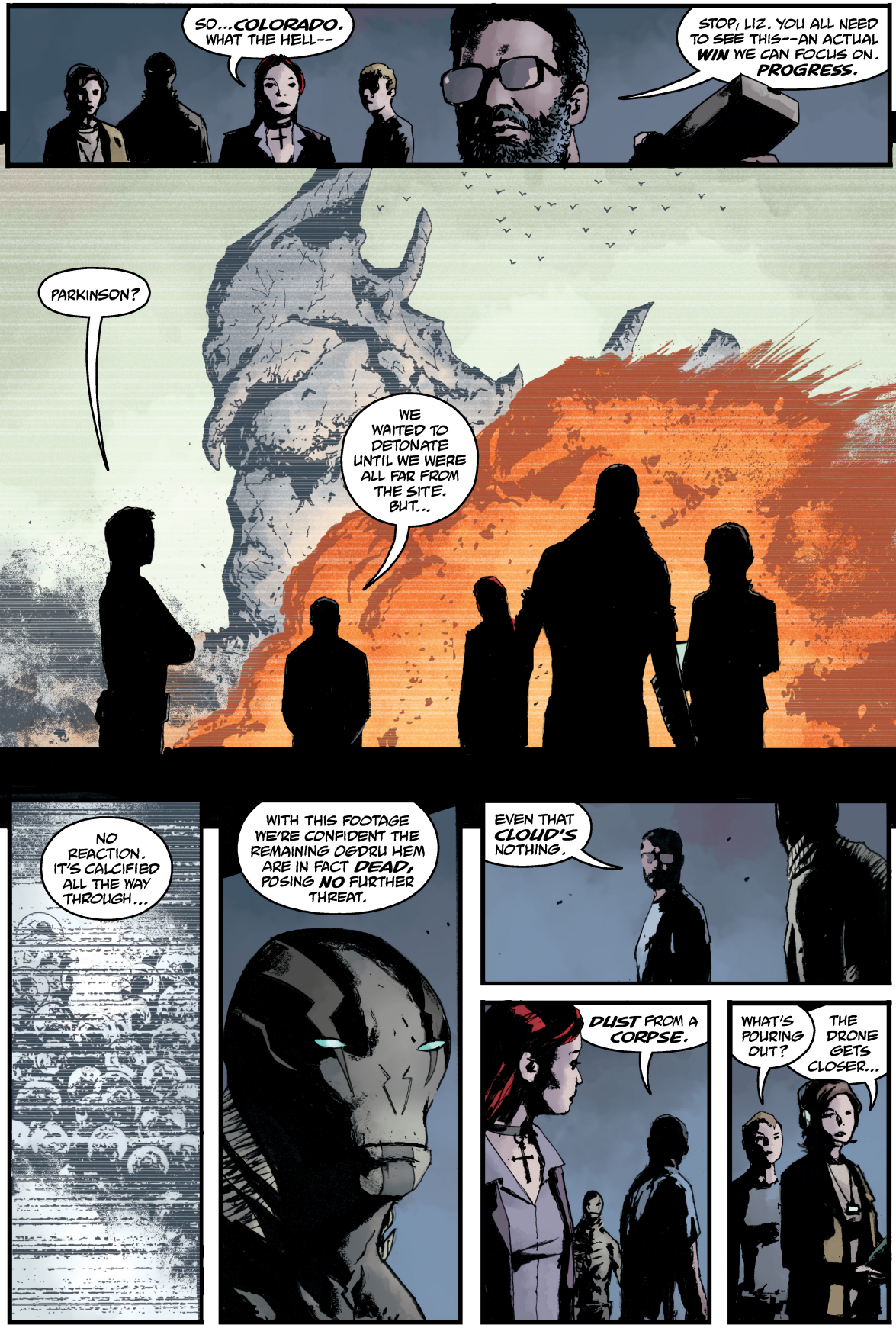

"I HAVE RELIABLE INFORMATION...THAT SATAN IS DEAD. HELL IS CLOSED FOR BUSINESS. THIS HAS...CREATED A LEVEL OF URGENCY IN THE ENTITIES I DEAL WITH."


A LITTLE GIRL WHO'S CHARMING PEOPLE INTO FOLLOWING HER IS ACTUALLY A DEMON WITH DESIGNS TO CREATE A NEW HELL ON EARTH.

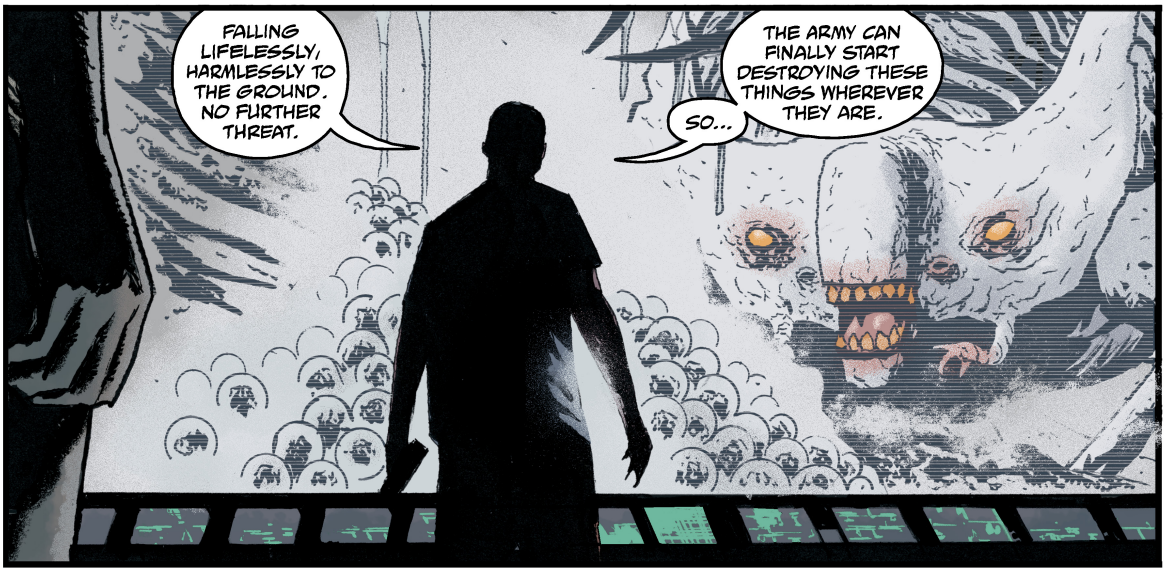

MANNING'S TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY. SO--
--I'LL SEE YOU IN COLORADO.
AND WE'LL DEAL WITH THIS.
Mutations
>human/animal
Zombies


STRODE OUT.

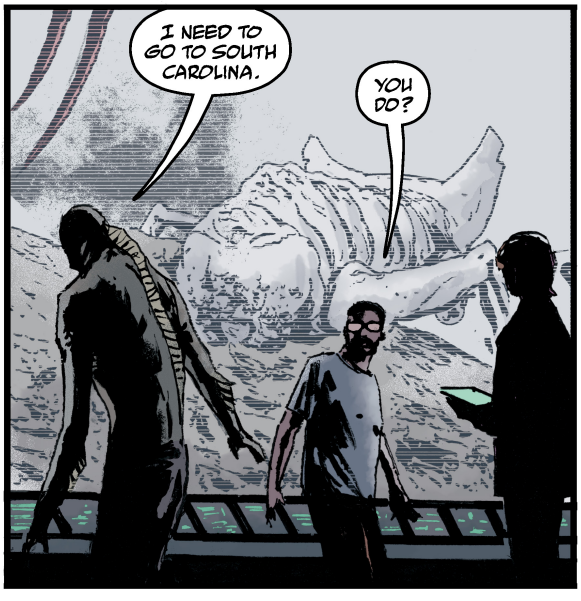

NICE.


SO...COLORADO. WHAT THE HELL--
STOP, LIZ. YOU ALL NEED TO SEE THIS--AN ACTUAL WIN WE CAN FOCUS ON. PROGRESS.
PARKINSON?
WE WAITED TO DETONATE UNTIL WE WERE ALL FAR FROM THE SITE. BUT...
NO REACTION. IT'S CALCIFIED ALL THE WAY THROUGH...
WITH THIS FOOTAGE WE'RE CONFIDENT THE REMAINING OGDRU HEM ARE IN FACT DEAD, POSING NO FURTHER THREAT.
EVEN THAT CLOUD'S NOTHING.
DUST FROM A CORPSE.
WHAT'S POURING OUT?
THE DRONE GETS CLOSER...


THERE.
EGGS?


FALLING LIFELESSLY, HARMLESSLY TO THE GROUND. NO FURTHER THREAT.
SO...
THE ARMY CAN FINALLY START DESTROYING THESE THINGS WHEREVER THEY ARE.




I NEED TO GO TO SOUTH CAROLINA.
YOU DO?


I MET A LITTLE GIRL THERE, SPEAKING, ah, IN TONGUES. LED A CULT...
IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE, BUT SHE COULD BE THE CHILD AGENT STRODE WANTS TO FIND.


HOWARDS CAN GO WITH YOU.
WHAT?


I SHOULD LEAVE BEFORE WE GET FURTHER WEST.
YEAH... WAIT-- WHAT THE HELL ABOUT COLORADO?


FOLLOWING UP ON A REPORT FROM--
STAZZ!
PREP ABE TO GO!


I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE HIDING, DEVON.
I'M HIDING NOTHING, SHERMAN. WE'RE GETTING SOMETHING FROM HEADQUARTERS.
THERE IS NO HEAD-QUARTERS.


OR SOME-ONE?
LOOK...WE ARE DIGGING SOMETHING UP. SOMEONE... BURIED YEARS AGO.
WHO...?


WE...WE'RE NOT SURE. WE HAVE A NAME.
ARCHIE.
A FIRST NAME? SOME SKETCHY INTEL, DIRECTOR. DOESN'T SOUND LIKE IT'S FROM A CONVENTIONAL SOURCE.
THERE WAS AN AGENT NAMED ARCHIE MURARO... BUT HE WAS OUT OF THE BUREAU LONG BEFORE THE MOVE WEST.
DEVON, WHO--
LIZ. ARCHIE STANTON...!
WHAT--? ABE, DON'T WORRY ABOUT--
ROGER. HIS GRAVE.
WE MARKED IT ARCHIE STANTON.
A JOKE, FROM A WESTERN...

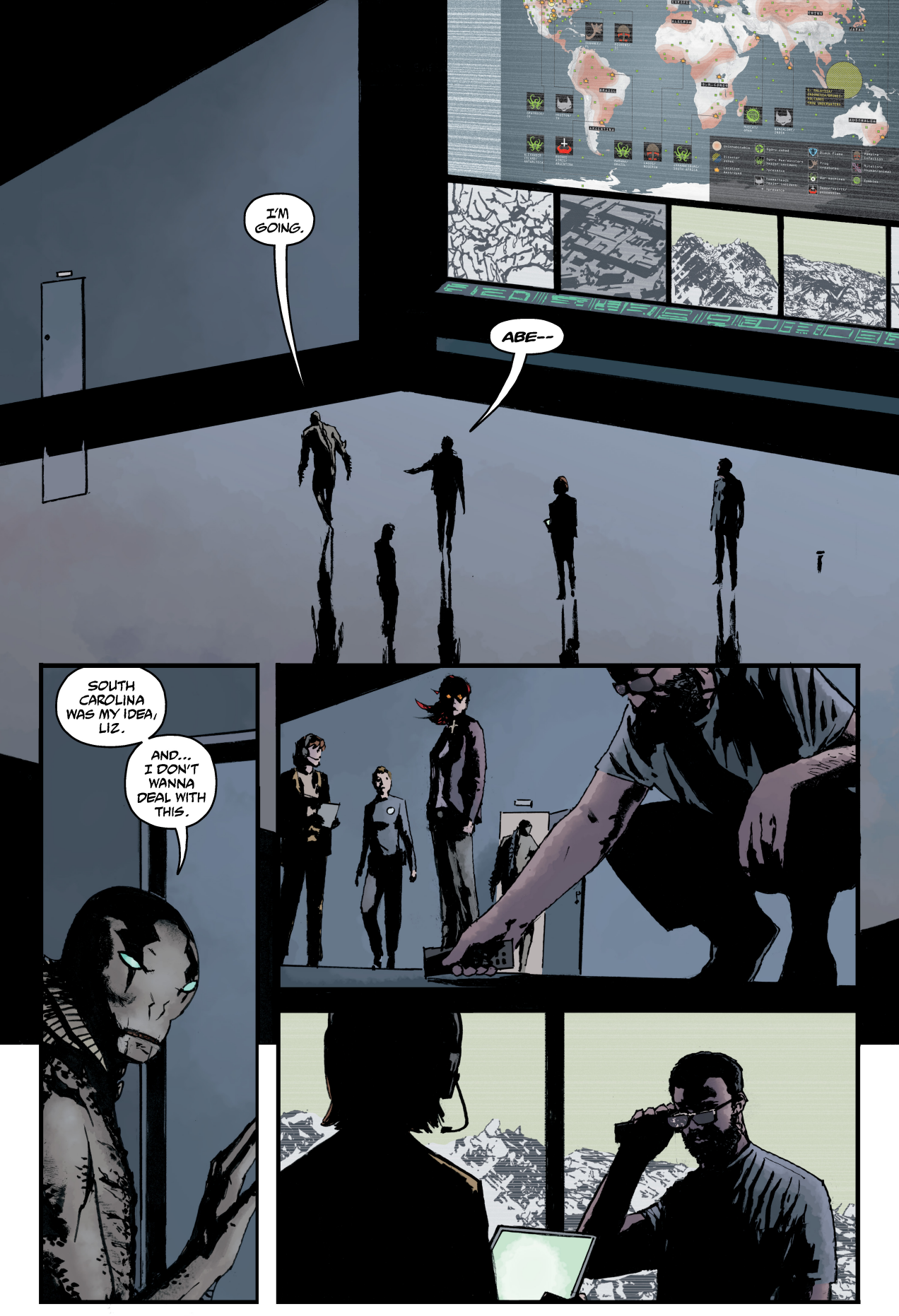

HOLY...
TO THROW OFF ANY-ONE TRYING TO USE HIS REMAINS TO--
WHO'S SENDING US AFTER ROGER'S BODY, DEVON?
HE DIED A HERO, AND JOHANN SAID HE'S AT PEACE. WE'RE NOT GOING TO--
NOW... HOLD ON, LIZ.
WHEN WE SPOKE THE OTHER NIGHT...? YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T A VESSEL.
ROGER WAS. HE ONCE ACTED AS A VESSEL FOR YOUR POWER--
ENOUGH!
STAZZ! TAKE ABE--FIND HOWARDS--
WHO'D SEND YOU DIGGING UP OUR FRIEND WITH CLUES FROM A GOD DAMN SCAVENGER HUNT?
BACK OFF, SHERMAN!


FOOOOM



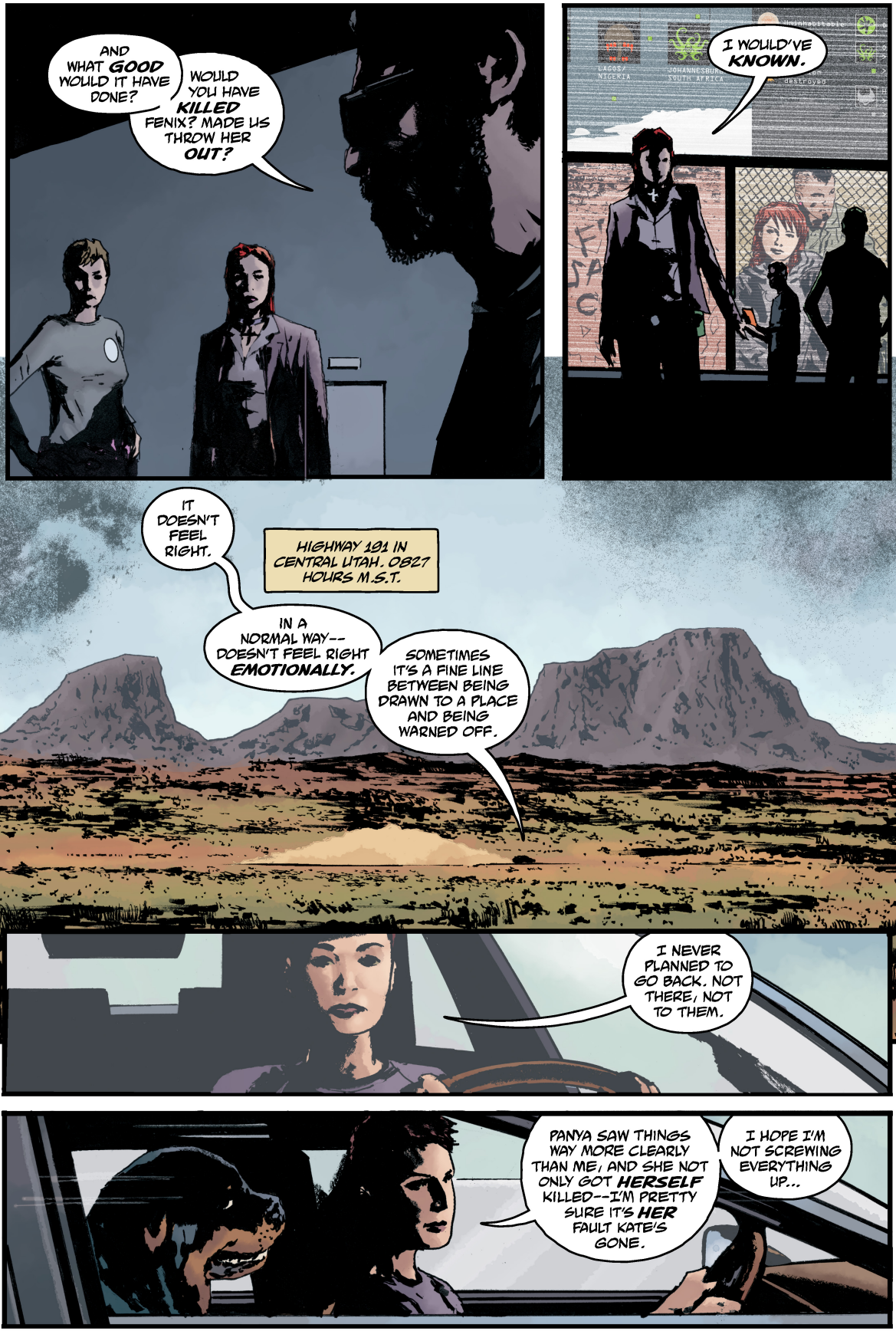

THE HELL YOU GONNA DO WITH THAT?

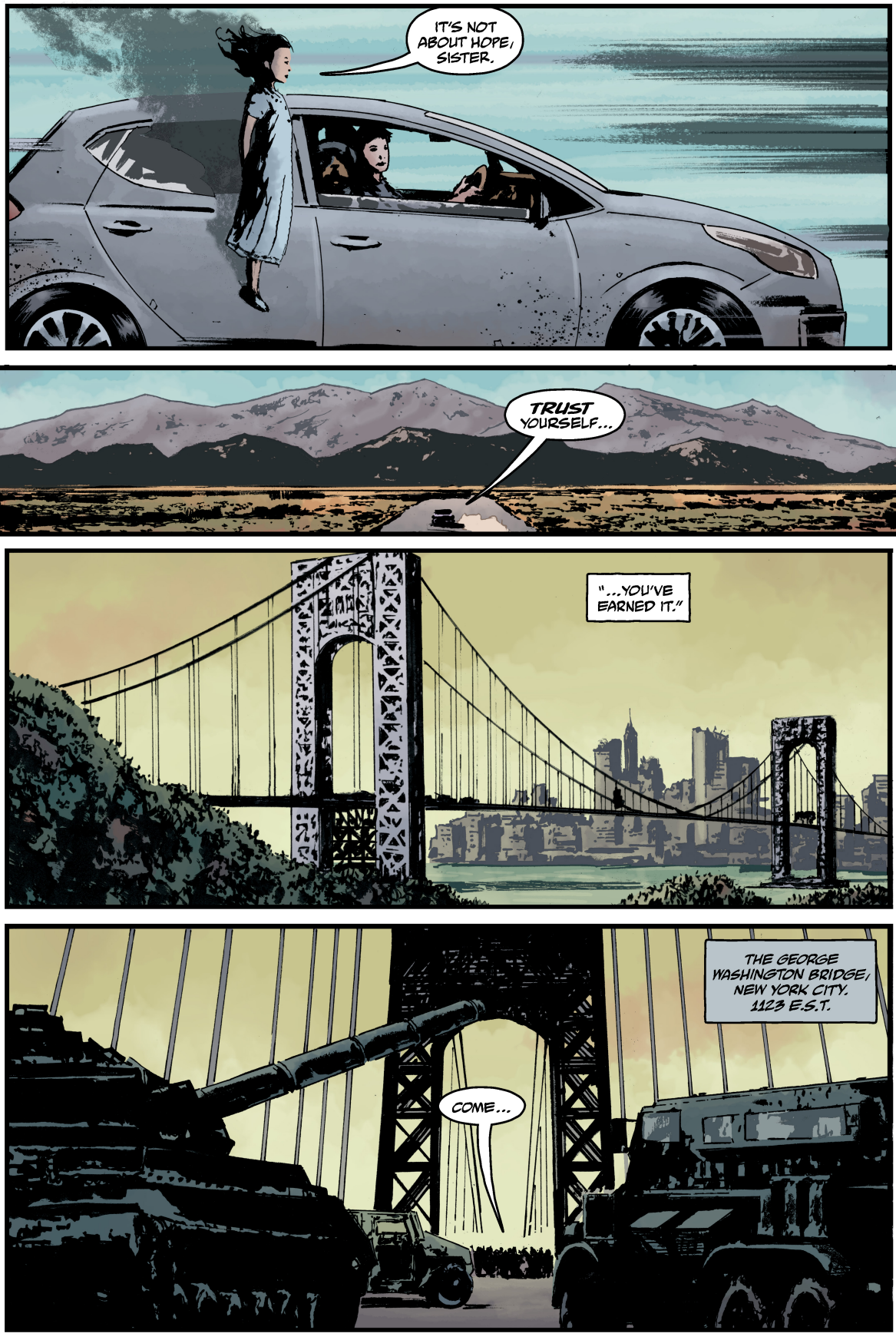

IT WAS FENIX.
YOU...YOU'RE IN TOUCH WITH FENIX?
"IN TOUCH"? THEY MADE HER A GOD DAMN AGENT, ABE!
AND THEY DIDN'T TELL ANYONE IT WAS HER THAT TRIED TO KILL YOU.
YOU KNEW, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHY YOU WERE GONNA LET ABE GO TO SOUTH CAROLINA BEFORE WE GOT TO THE ROCKIES.


I'M GOING.
ABE--
SOUTH CAROLINA WAS MY IDEA, LIZ.
AND... I DON'T WANNA DEAL WITH THIS.


I KNOW WHO YOU ARE.
WHEN I FIRST MET YOU IN ROSARIO...
...DID YOU KNOW ABOUT FENIX THEN?
NO.
KATE KNEW.


NOT RIGHT AWAY. SHE WASN'T THERE, IN TEXAS.
I WAS.
FENIX SAID--BEFORE WE GOT BACK TO THE B.P.R.D., SHE SAID SHE JUST KNEW ABE... HAD TO DIE...
SHE DIDN'T KNOW MORE THAN THAT.
"SHE TOLD KATE AS SOON AS I GOT HER TO HEADQUARTERS."
IT...IT WAS KATE'S DECISION NOT TO TELL YOU, LIZ.


AND WHAT GOOD WOULD IT HAVE DONE?
WOULD YOU HAVE KILLED FENIX? MADE US THROW HER OUT?
I WOULD'VE KNOWN.
LAGOS/ NIGERIA
JOHANNESBURG/ SOUTH AFRICA
destroyed
IT DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT.
HIGHWAY 191 IN CENTRAL UTAH. 0827 HOURS M.S.T.
IN A NORMAL WAY-- DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT EMOTIONALLY.
SOMETIMES IT'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN BEING DRAWN TO A PLACE AND BEING WARNED OFF.
I NEVER PLANNED TO GO BACK. NOT THERE, NOT TO THEM.
PANYA SAW THINGS WAY MORE CLEARLY THAN ME, AND SHE NOT ONLY GOT HERSELF KILLED--I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S HER FAULT KATE'S GONE.
I HOPE I'M NOT SCREWING EVERYTHING UP...


IT'S NOT ABOUT HOPE, SISTER.
TRUST YOURSELF...
"...YOU'VE EARNED IT."
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE, NEW YORK CITY. 1123 E.S.T.
COME...

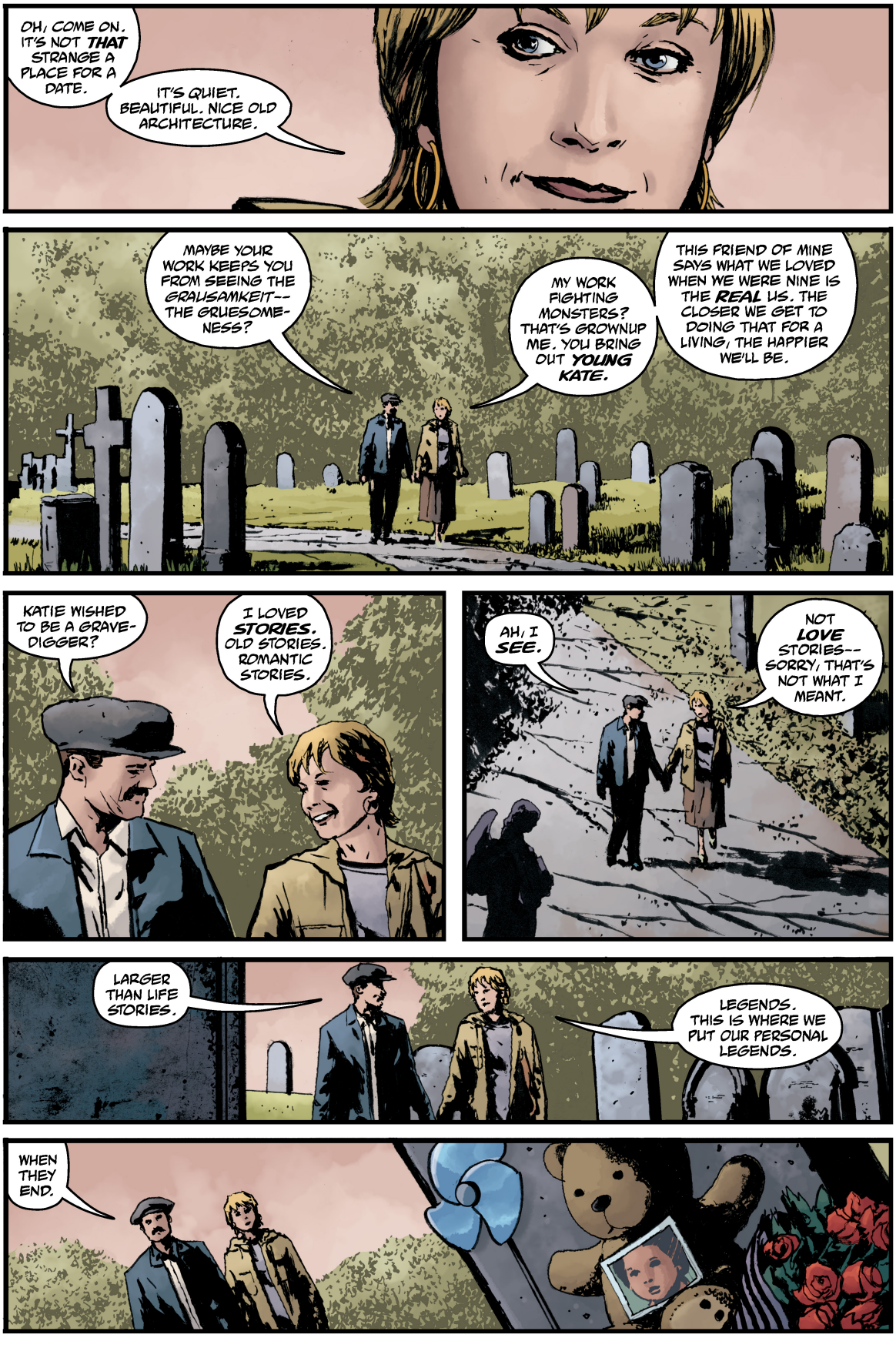

B-BUT...THIS IS GUARDED TOO. THOSE TRUCKS...
WE CANNOT, uh, CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE ENTIRE ISLAND IN HOPES OF AN UNGUARDED ENTRANCE.
VARVARA, PERHAPS I COULD--
SILENCE, PLEASE.
BY MY SIDE. BUT DO NOT BLOCK HERR VON KLEMPT'S VIEW.
"VIEW" OF WHAT?
THE GUARDS' VIEW OF YOU, I SHOULD SAY. MY ENGLISH...
THEY SHOULD SHIVER TO SEE YOU AT MY SIDE, NO?
THEY WILL NOT SO MUCH AS SHIVER AGAIN...


WHAT DO YOU KNOW.
THIS ENTRANCE IS NOT GUARDED AT ALL.
HA.
CLEARLY, uh, GOD IS ON OUR SIDE, NO?
THEIR WEAPONS... HAVE NOT BEEN FIRED.
THIS IS GOOD...
...FOR WE HAVE OTHER MATTERS WITH WHICH TO CONCERN OURSELVES...
...AND ADVERSARIES WHO MAY POSSESS GREATER RESOURCES...

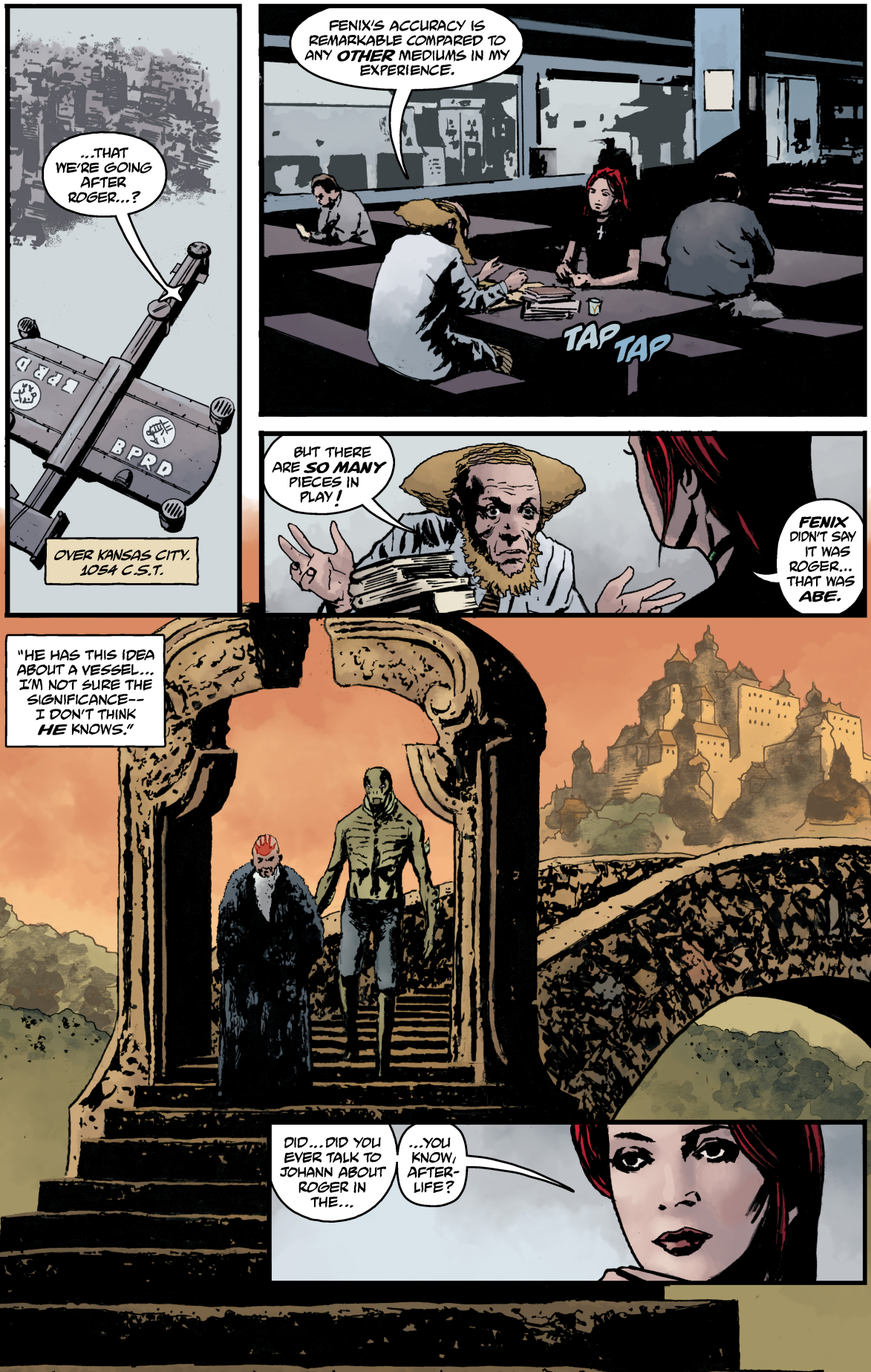
CHAPTER FIVE






OH, COME ON. IT'S NOT THAT STRANGE A PLACE FOR A DATE.
IT'S QUIET. BEAUTIFUL. NICE OLD ARCHITECTURE.
MAYBE YOUR WORK KEEPS YOU FROM SEEING THE GRAUSAMKEIT-- THE GRUESOME-NESS?
MY WORK FIGHTING MONSTERS? THAT'S GROWNUP ME. YOU BRING OUT YOUNG KATE.
THIS FRIEND OF MINE SAYS WHAT WE LOVED WHEN WE WERE NINE IS THE REAL US. THE CLOSER WE GET TO DOING THAT FOR A LIVING, THE HAPPIER WE'LL BE.
KATIE WISHED TO BE A GRAVE-DIGGER?
I LOVED STORIES. OLD STORIES. ROMANTIC STORIES.
AH, I SEE.
NOT LOVE STORIES-- SORRY, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.
LARGER THAN LIFE STORIES.
LEGENDS. THIS IS WHERE WE PUT OUR PERSONAL LEGENDS.
WHEN THEY END.


TO REMEMBER THEM, BRUNO.
THIS PLACE ISN'T FULL OF TRAGEDIES. WE AREN'T IN THE POTTER'S FIELD.
THESE PEOPLE PROBABLY DIED AT HOME, SURROUNDED BY FAMILY.
THIS IS HERE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES TO COME REMEMBER THEM.
YEAH.
SO IT IS... ROMANTIC.
BERLIN, GERMANY. 1732 C.E.S.T.
"DO YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE, PROFESSOR..."


...THAT WE'RE GOING AFTER ROGER...?
BPRD
OVER KANSAS CITY. 1054 C.S.T.
FENIX'S ACCURACY IS REMARKABLE COMPARED TO ANY OTHER MEDIUMS IN MY EXPERIENCE.
TAP TAP
BUT THERE ARE SO MANY PIECES IN PLAY!
FENIX DIDN'T SAY IT WAS ROGER... THAT WAS ABE.
"HE HAS THIS IDEA ABOUT A VESSEL... I'M NOT SURE THE SIGNIFICANCE-- I DON'T THINK HE KNOWS."
DID... DID YOU EVER TALK TO JOHANN ABOUT ROGER IN THE...
...YOU KNOW, AFTER-LIFE?


NO...NO... THAT IS VERY INTERESTING.
I NEVER GOT TO INTERVIEW HIM ABOUT IT, BUT I READ HIS BRIEF!
JOHANN SAID ROGER WAS HAPPY. THAT HE LOOKED BACK ON HIS LIFE PROUDLY, AND FELT... RESOLVED.
IF ROGER'S AT PEACE, WE CAN'T--
ELIZABETH...THE THING YOU SHOULD PERHAPS FEAR THE MOST IS THE AFTERLIFE.
I HATE TO THINK WHERE ROGER--
--A CREATURE LIKE THAT, LIKE HIM, IF HE EVEN HAS A SOUL--
--WILL SPEND ETERNITY.
LOOK WHO I'M TALKING TO...


NEW YORK CITY.
1327 E.S.T.
IT'S HER...


COLORADO.
1442 M.S.T.
"AT LEAST SHE DIDN'T SUFFER, LIZ."
HUH?
"HAPPENED REAL QUICK, LIZ."
I, UH, DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU...
THAT'S HOW TIAN TOLD ME ABOUT KATE...
"...SO YOU GOTTA APPRECIATE THE IRONY..."


YOU WEREN'T TOO BROKEN UP ABOUT TIAN.
IT'S HARD TO NOT FEEL IMMORTAL WHEN EVERY-BODY AROUND YOU IS MINUTES AWAY FROM BUYING IT.
I FOUGHT BY TIAN'S SIDE FOR YEARS KNOWING HE WAS JUST ANOTHER GUY WHO'D HAD TOO FEW OPTIONS.
NOW YOU PUT OUT FIRES, LAYING DOWN YOUR LIVES FOR SOME TWISTED SCRAPS OF CIVILIZATION--
--WHEN YOU SHOULD JUST HIDE IN ONE OF THOSE GATED COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY TORCH HOUSES AT THE FIRST SIGN OF MOLD--
--AFRAID TO TALK TO THE PEOPLE DOWN THE WAY BECAUSE THEY MIGHT WORSHIP SPIDERS OR SOME-THING.
ME, ABE, ROGER-- WE NEVER COULD'VE DONE ANYTHING BUT THIS.
YOU COULD'VE BEEN ANY-THING, CARLA.
WHAT WOULD KATE BE DOING NOW IF SHE HADN'T FOLLOWED HELLBOY INTO A GOD DAMN DEATH SENTENCE?
SO I'M JUST ANOTHER PERSON YOU'RE GONNA WATCH DIE.

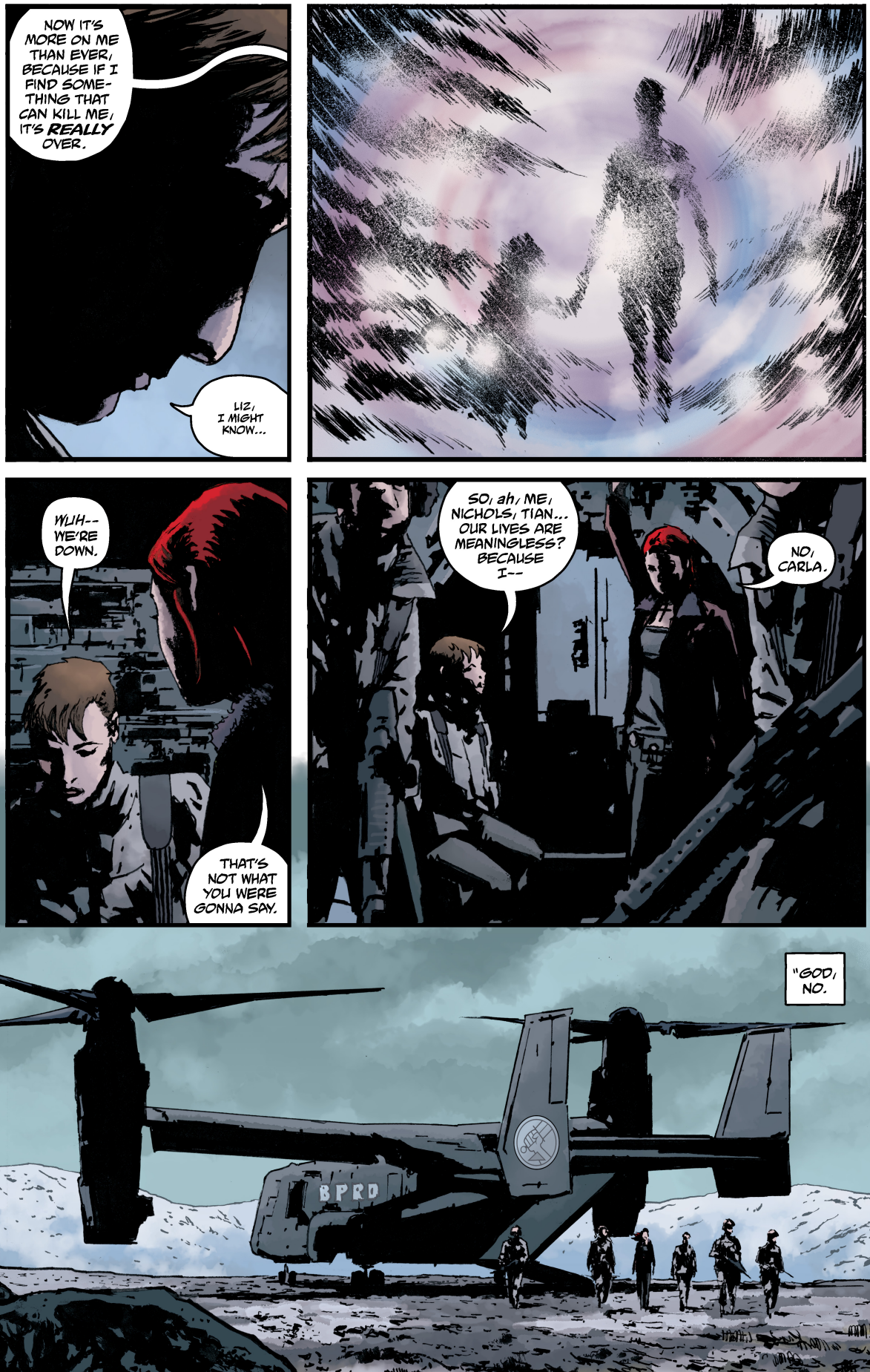

THIS IS WHY YOU'RE WITH HOWARDS...
NO. IT'S WHY I'M GLAD ABE'S BACK, AND WHY DEVON SENT THEM BOTH TO THE GOD DAMN OZARKS.

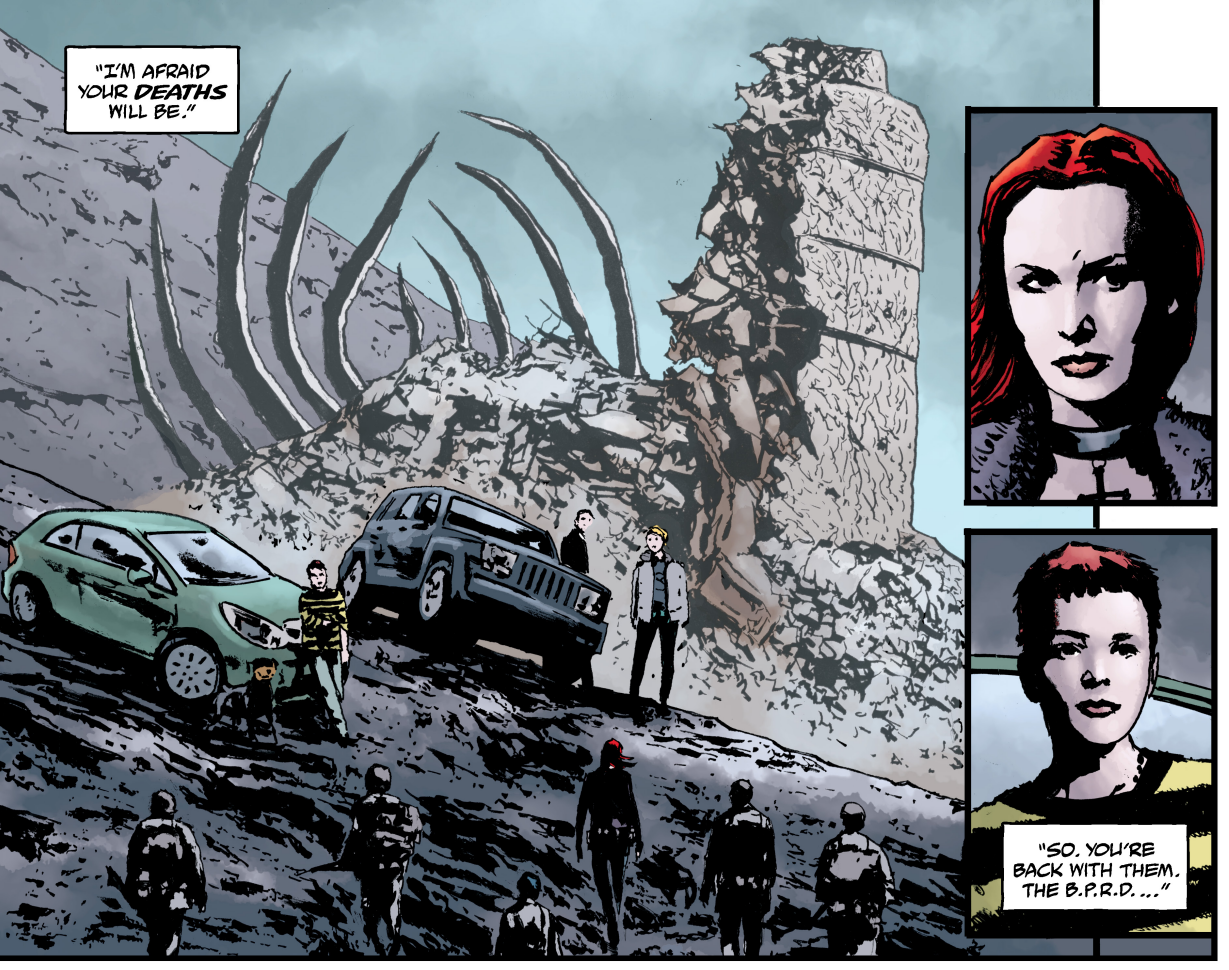

YOU KNOW, I SORT OF SAW ALL THIS, CARLA...
I DREAMT OF THE END OF THE WORLD...

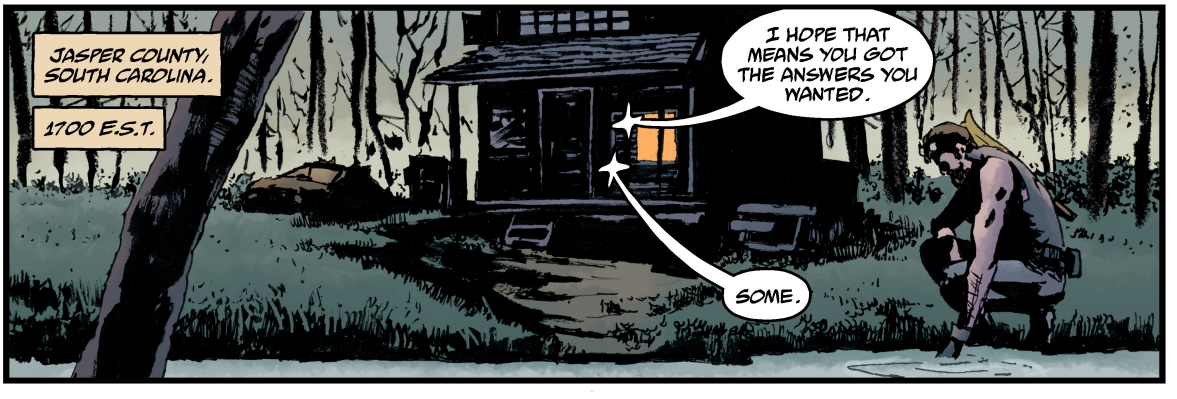

"...AND IT LOOKED PRETTY MUCH LIKE THIS."


I'LL SEE IT THROUGH TO THE END, CARLA.
HEH. THOUGHT I HAD...


"...TILL JOHANN STOPPED THAT THING."


NOW IT'S MORE ON ME THAN EVER, BECAUSE IF I FIND SOMETHING THAT CAN KILL ME, IT'S REALLY OVER.
LIZ, I MIGHT KNOW...
WUH-- WE'RE DOWN.
THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU WERE GONNA SAY.
SO, ah, ME, NICHOLS, TIAN... OUR LIVES ARE MEANINGLESS? BECAUSE I--
NO, CARLA.
BPRD
"GOD, NO.


"I'M AFRAID YOUR DEATHS WILL BE."
"SO. YOU'RE BACK WITH THEM. THE B.P.R.D. ..."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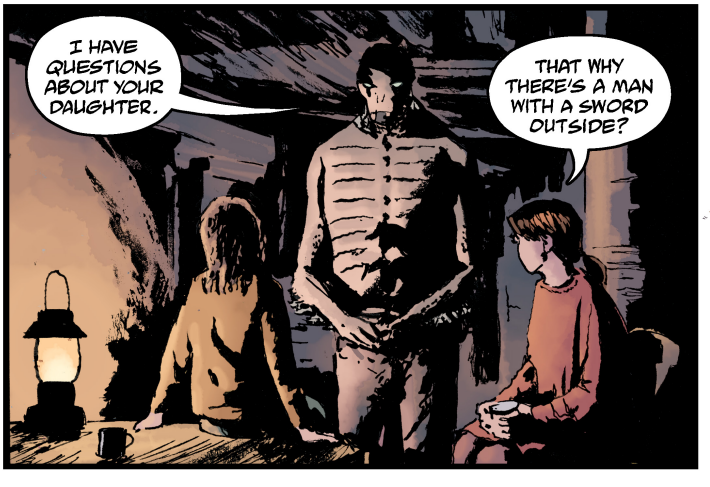
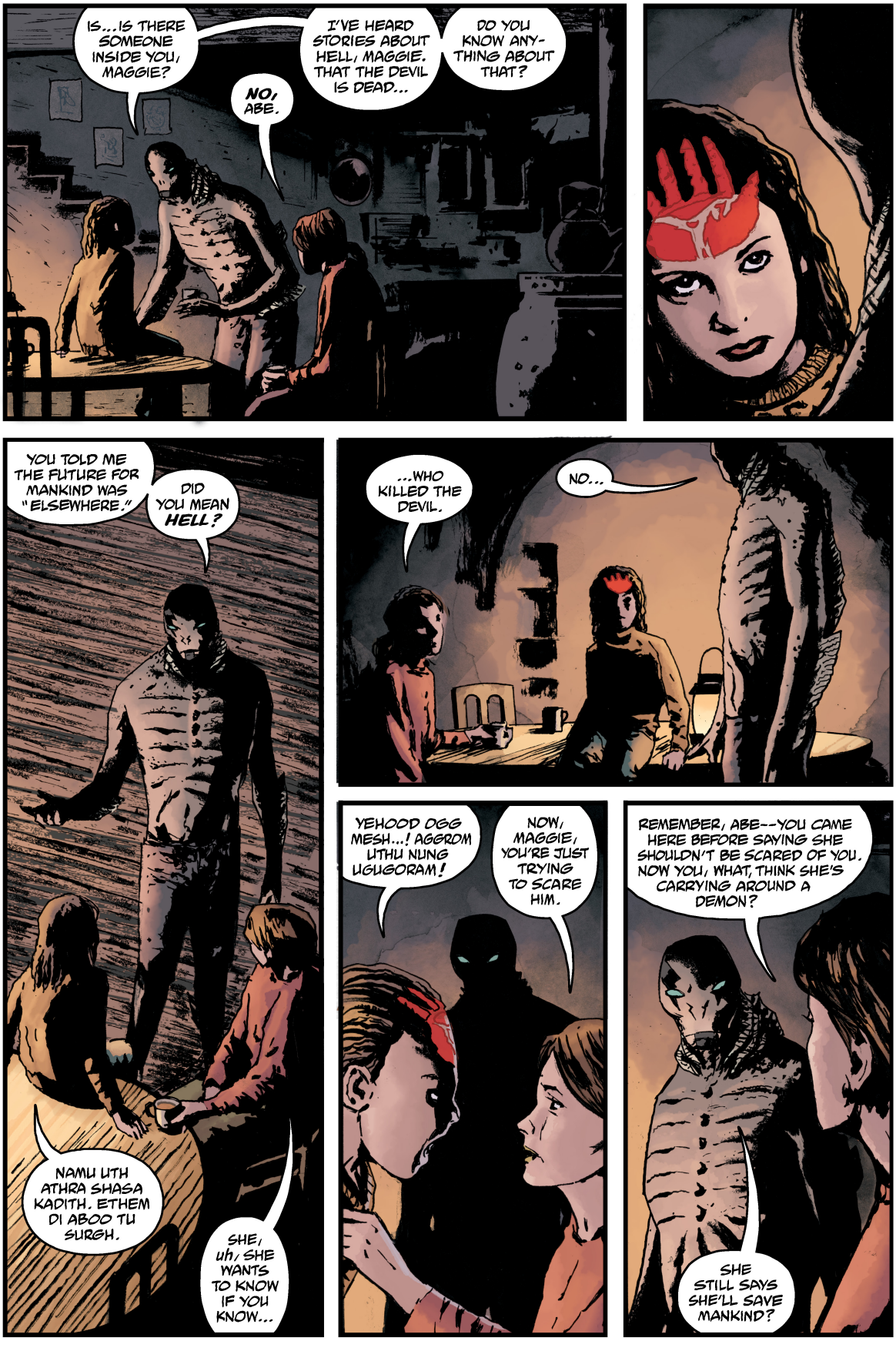
1700 E.S.T.
I HOPE THAT MEANS YOU GOT THE ANSWERS YOU WANTED.
SOME.


I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR DAUGHTER.
THAT WHY THERE'S A MAN WITH A SWORD OUTSIDE?


MAGGIE, THE THINGS YOU KNOW, CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE THEY COME FROM?
HYPERBERUM.


IS...IS THERE SOMEONE INSIDE YOU, MAGGIE?
NO, ABE.
I'VE HEARD STORIES ABOUT HELL, MAGGIE. THAT THE DEVIL IS DEAD...
DO YOU KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT THAT?
YOU TOLD ME THE FUTURE FOR MANKIND WAS "ELSEWHERE."
DID YOU MEAN HELL?
NAMU UTH ATHRA SHASA KADITH. ETHEM DI ABOO TU SURGH.
SHE, uh, SHE WANTS TO KNOW IF YOU KNOW...
...WHO KILLED THE DEVIL.
NO...
YEHOOD OGG MESH...! AGGROM UTHU NUNG UGUGORAM!
NOW, MAGGIE, YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO SCARE HIM.
REMEMBER, ABE--YOU CAME HERE BEFORE SAYING SHE SHOULDN'T BE SCARED OF YOU. NOW YOU, WHAT, THINK SHE'S CARRYING AROUND A DEMON?
SHE STILL SAYS SHE'LL SAVE MANKIND?

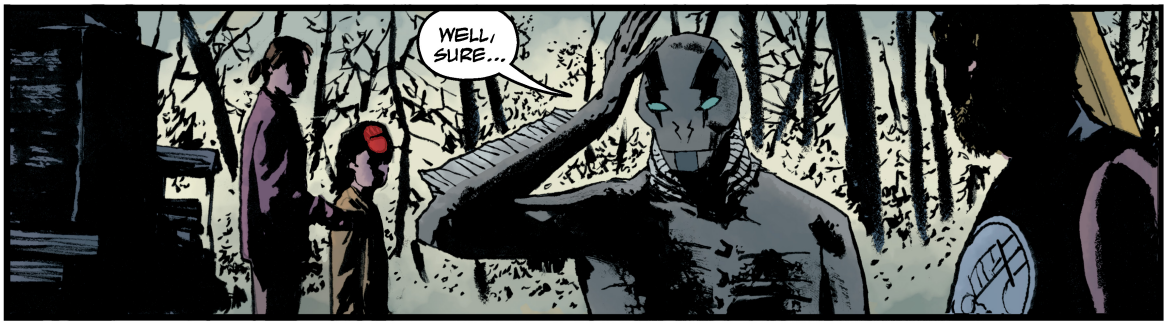

SHE NEVER SAID THAT.
JUST US.
"OUR ONLY FUTURE... IS UNDER-GROUND."





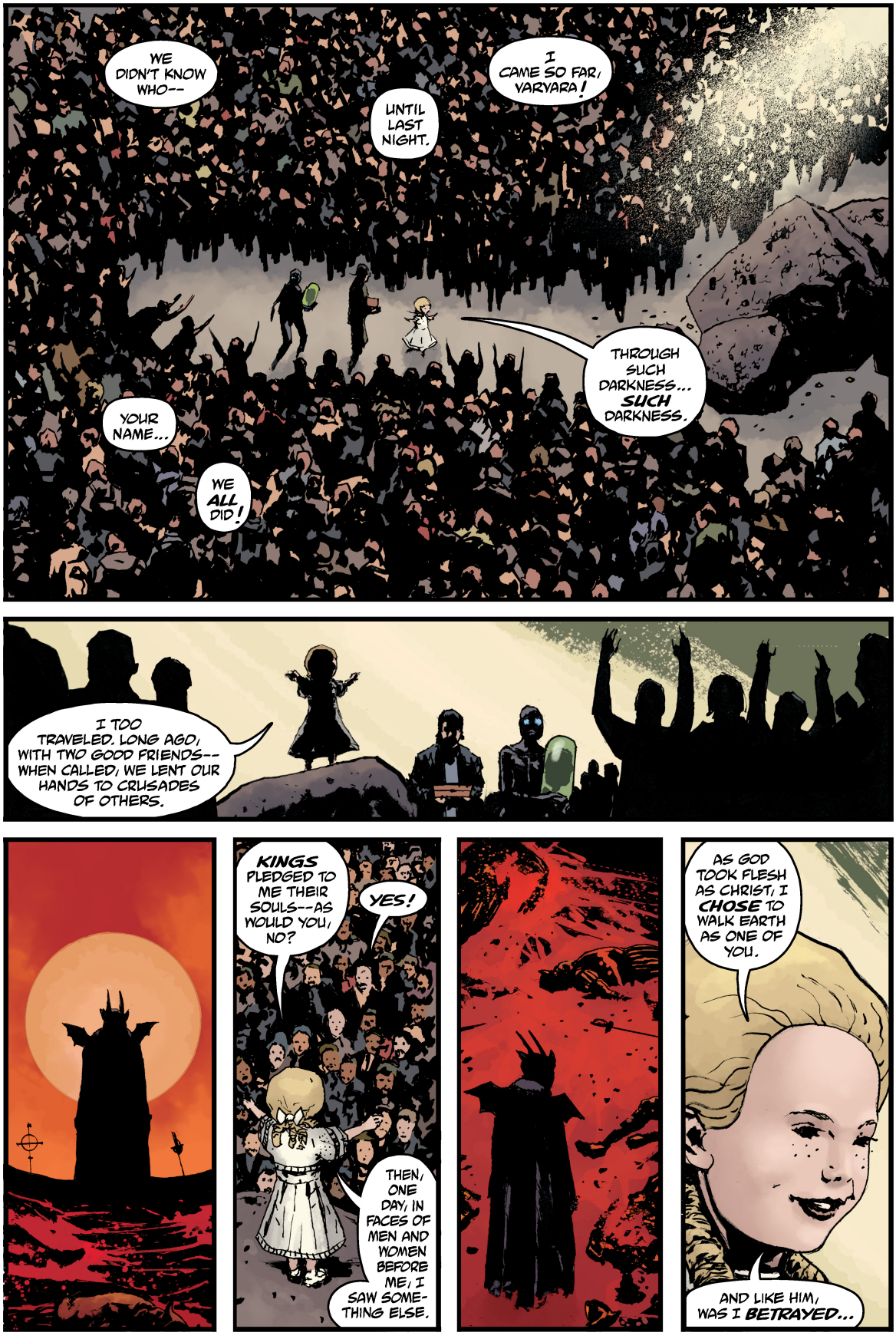

AHU NAMU GAA OTHAA.


BARROO-ANNG GUGORAMM.


WELL, SURE...


NEW YORK CITY, 1719 E.S.T.
LIKE A BUZZING...
"BUZZING"? I DUNNO.
WHAT'S THAT? THAT SOUND...
IT'S GETTING LOUDER, RIGHT? WHERE'S SHE TAKING US?
VUUUU
IS IT VOICES?
VUUU
ZING
DOES YOUR BERLIN HAVE PARK SO WONDERFUL AS THIS?
ACTUALLY--
SAINT PETERSBURG HAS TSARINA MEADOW. NOW THEY CALL THE FIELD OF MARS, BECAUSE OF STATUE FOR GENERALISSIMO SUVOROV-- DEPICTED AS GOD OF WAR!
HEE HEE HEEE!
THE GREAT HERO... ah?


VARVARA!
VARVARA!
VARVARA!
IT'S HER!
VARVARA!
VARVARA!
SHE'S COME!
TO SAVE US!
SHE'S GOING TO SAVE YOU...
I KNEW SOMETHING WAS COMING, B-BUT IT WASN'T UNTIL LAST NIGHT--
YOU WERE WITH THE BLACK FLAME!
WHEN HE DIED, I KNEW THAT THIS WOULD BE THE PLACE!


WE DIDN'T KNOW WHO--
UNTIL LAST NIGHT.
I CAME SO FAR, VARYARA!
THROUGH SUCH DARKNESS... SUCH DARKNESS.
YOUR NAME...
WE ALL DID!
I TOO TRAVELED. LONG AGO, WITH TWO GOOD FRIENDS-- WHEN CALLED, WE LENT OUR HANDS TO CRUSADES OF OTHERS.
KINGS PLEDGED TO ME THEIR SOULS--AS WOULD YOU, NO?
YES!
THEN, ONE DAY, IN FACES OF MEN AND WOMEN BEFORE ME, I SAW SOMETHING ELSE.
AS GOD TOOK FLESH AS CHRIST, I CHOSE TO WALK EARTH AS ONE OF YOU.
AND LIKE HIM, WAS I BETRAYED...

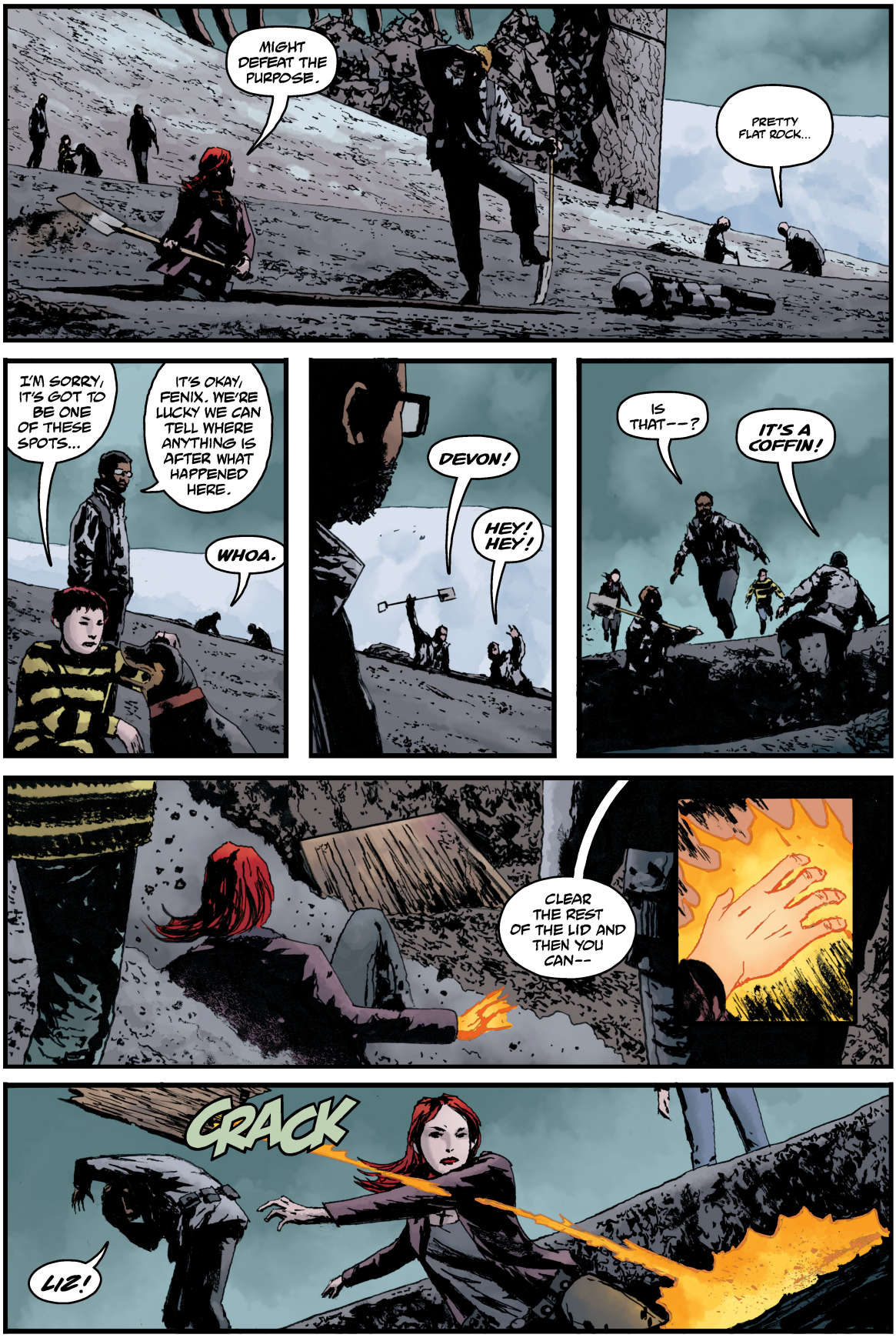

FOR YEARS WAS I LOCKED IN VESSEL MADE OF GLASS--UNTIL WORLD HAD FALLEN TO RUIN.
THIS IS NOT WORLD YOU THOUGHT YOURSELVES TO GROW OLD IN.
WHAT COULD YOU HAVE BEEN--WHAT WOULD YOU BE EVEN NOW, IF SUCH TERRORS HAD NOT COME?
VARVARA, PLEASE-- SAVE MY SON?
I WAS FREED BY ANOTHER...er, WOULD-BE LEADER OF MAN. TO SAVE MEN...
I REJECTED HIS SOUL--AND NOW, GONE...!
YES! SALVATION! HA HA, MY FRIENDS!
BUT YOU--IN YOU I SEE GREATNESS!
WITH YOU I BRING BACK THE KINGDOM!


NO!
DON'T YOU SEE-- DO YOU SEE WHAT SHE IS?
MY BROTHER. DO NOT FEAR.
HUH- HELP HIM...
NO!
GASP
I SHALL HAVE YOUR LOYALTY.
NO! I NUH- KNOW WHAT SHE IS!

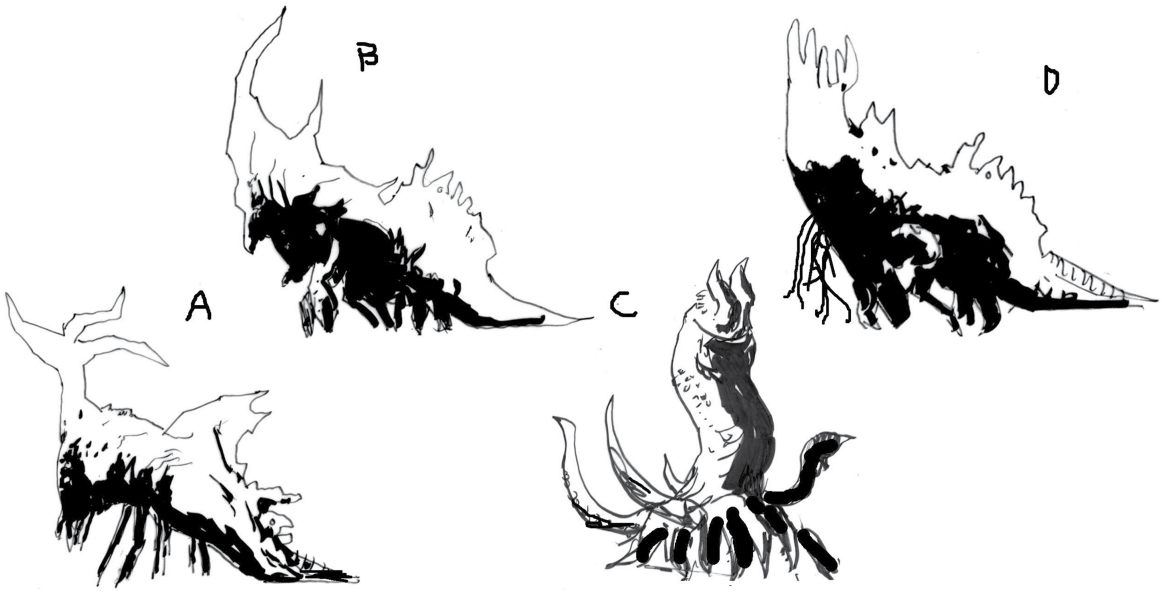

SHHH- SHE'S THE DEVIL...
GURK


PLEASE.
!
HERR VON KLEMPT.
VARVARA...I...
OUR ONCE GLORIOUS KINGDOM FELL, MY CHILDREN--BUT WITH YOU I SHALL RESTORE IT--AND WE SHALL BE RESTORED OURSELVES!
WE HAVE ALL WALKED A LONG ROAD FOR THIS GLORIOUS DAY. NOW--
REJOICE!


DO YOU MEAN TO RETURN TO HELL?
THE CITADEL OF THE FLY IS GONE.
WE SHALL REMAKE THE ORDER OF THE FLY, AND MARCH UNDER A NEW BANNER...
HERE.
COLORADO. 1523 M.S.T.
GOD DAMMIT! IT'S ALL ROCK.
ROCKY MOUNTAINS.
CAN'T YOU JUST BLAST THROUGH, LIZ?


MIGHT DEFEAT THE PURPOSE.
PRETTY FLAT ROCK...
I'M SORRY, IT'S GOT TO BE ONE OF THESE SPOTS...
IT'S OKAY, FENIX. WE'RE LUCKY WE CAN TELL WHERE ANYTHING IS AFTER WHAT HAPPENED HERE.
WHOA.
DEVON!
HEY! HEY!
IS THAT--?
IT'S A COFFIN!
CLEAR THE REST OF THE LID AND THEN YOU CAN--
CRACK
LIZ!


MY GOD.
HELLBOY...
NEXT:
PANDEMONIUM

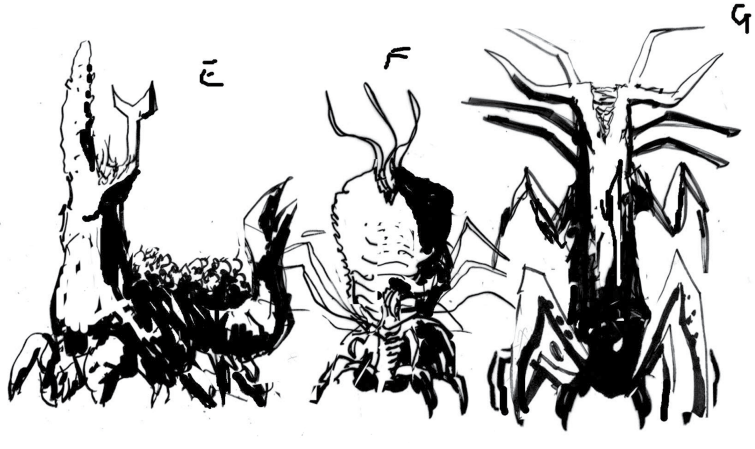


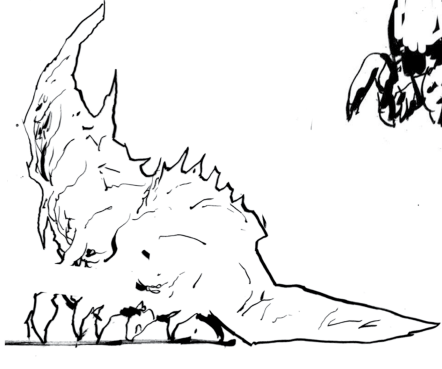
B.P.R.D.

SKETCHBOOK

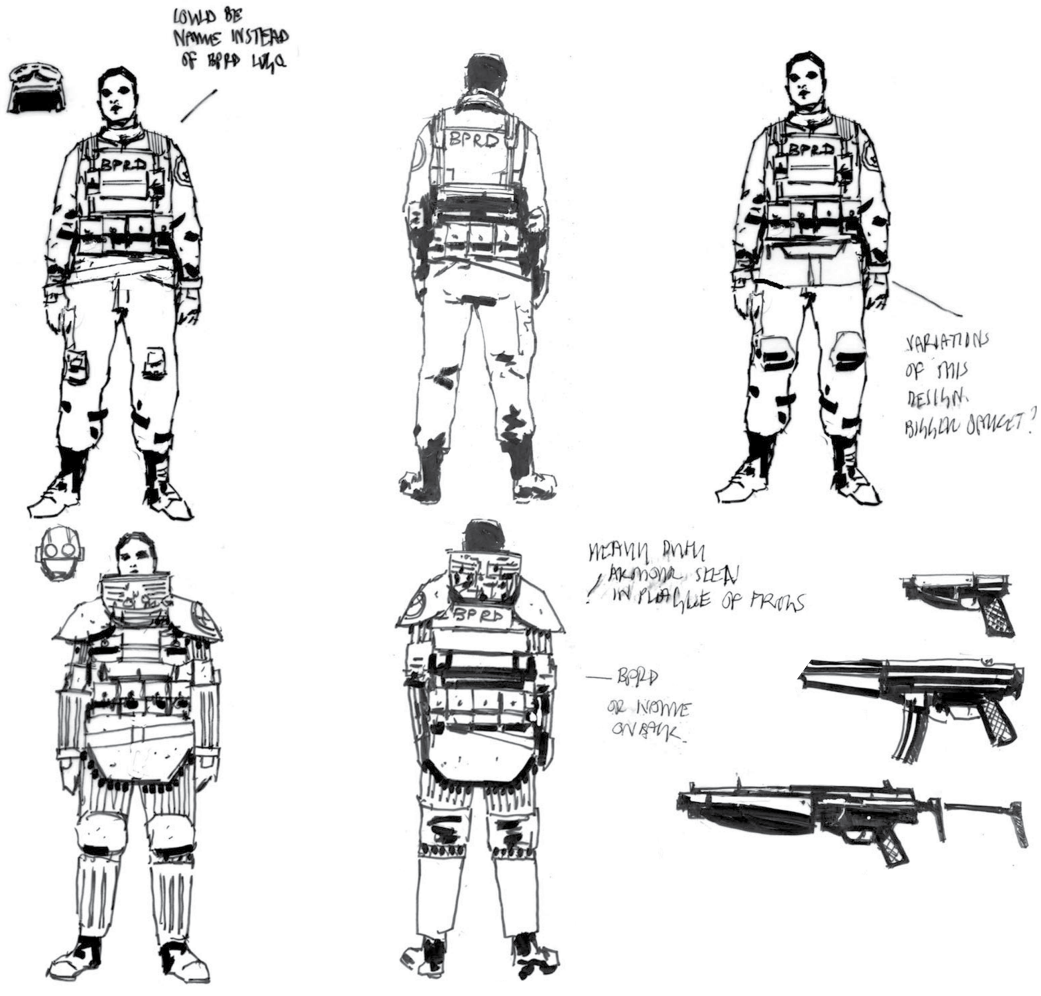
Notes by Laurence Campbell, Duncan Fegredo, and Katii O'Brien.





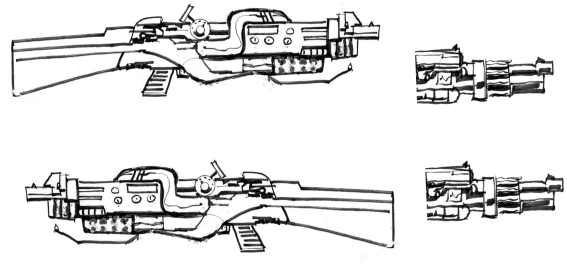


Laurence Campbell: Rough designs for Hem at the start of the first issue. I wanted something new, but fitted in with what has been done in the past. Iconic in shape, which could be recognized from a distance.



Above: Rough design for the B.P.R.D. heavy-duty armor, which is based on Guy Davis's design from Liz's vision of the future in *Plague of Frog*s.

Right: Design for Nichols heavy-duty gun, which has an influence from Jack Kirby-type technology.





Above: Fenix designs. I wanted to change Fenix a little with a haircut and a change of look. The B.P.R.D. experience has changed her.



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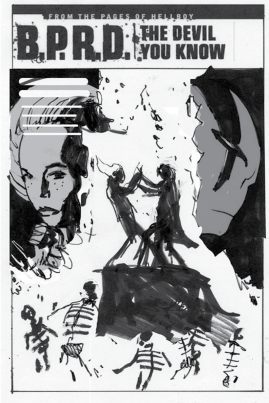

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6 ✓



7 ✓





Rough ideas for the trade cover. Number 6 was picked, but once drawn up I felt Liz was lost in the overall image and worked better as a silhouette. Dave helped to sort this out in coloring and did an amazing job with the final image. Creating this cover made me realize how much I enjoy drawing skeletons.


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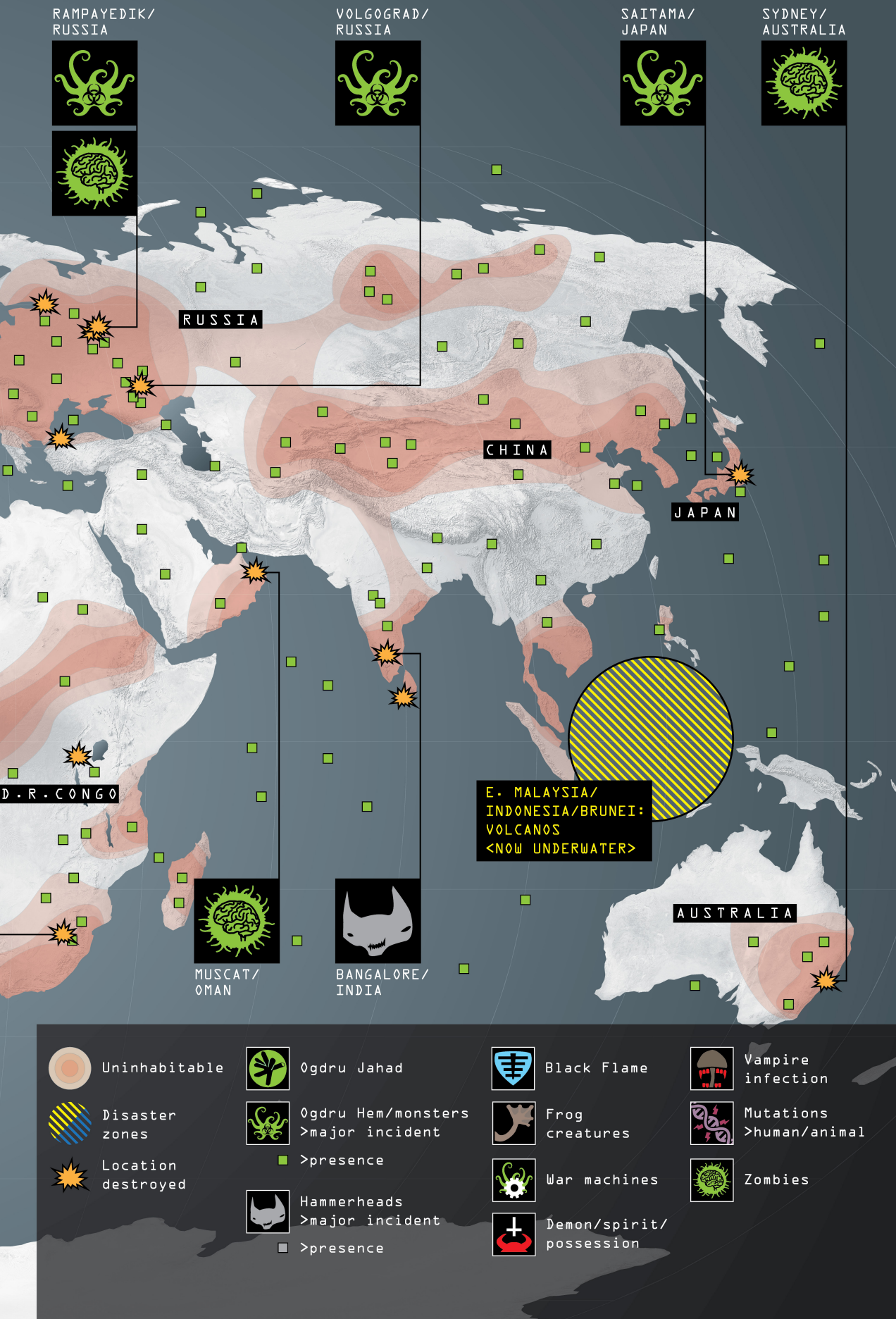
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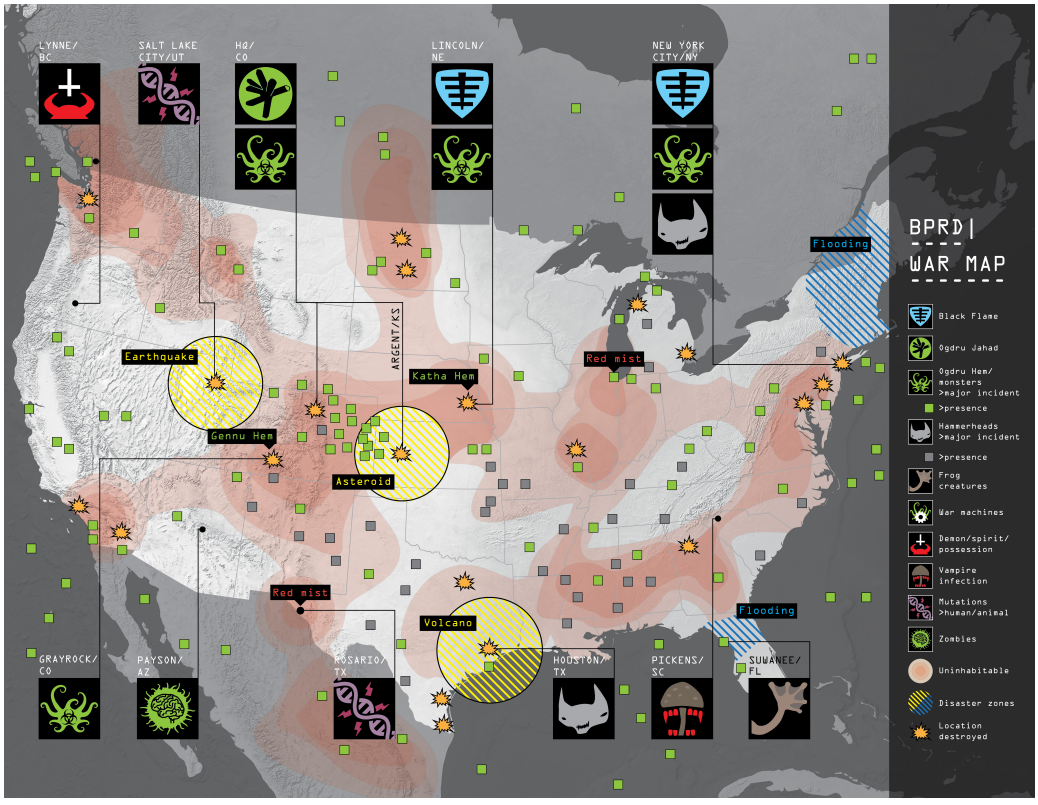
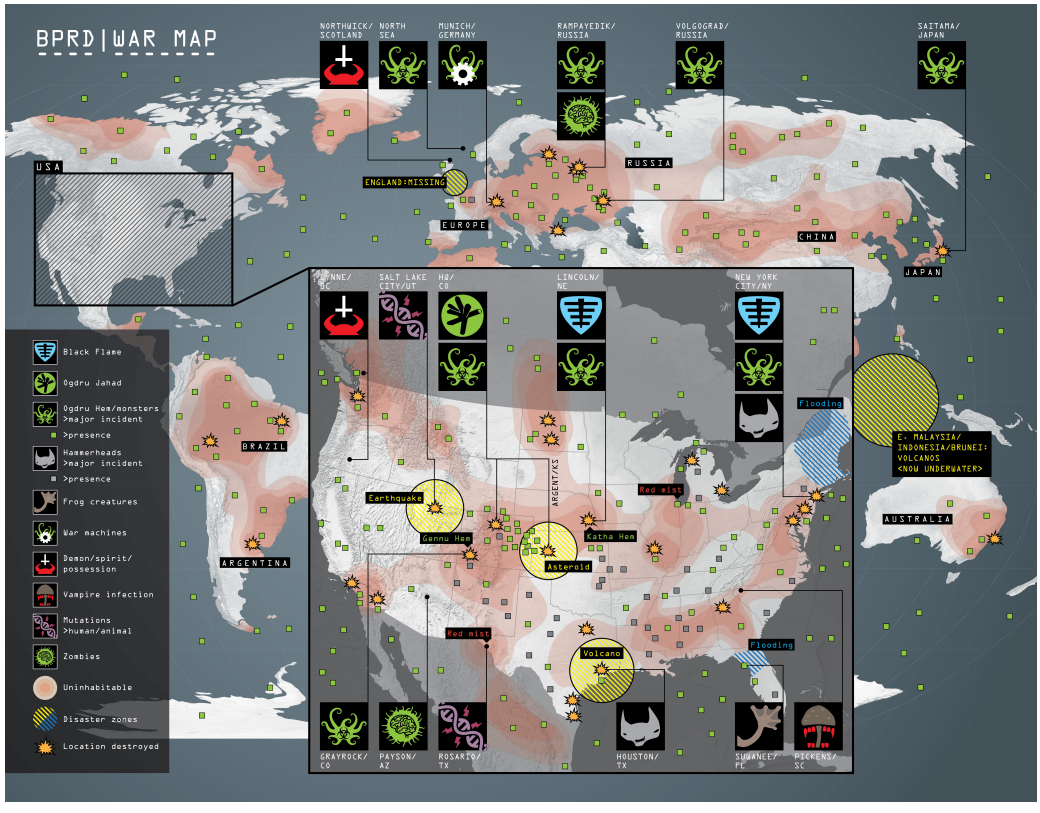
Zombies



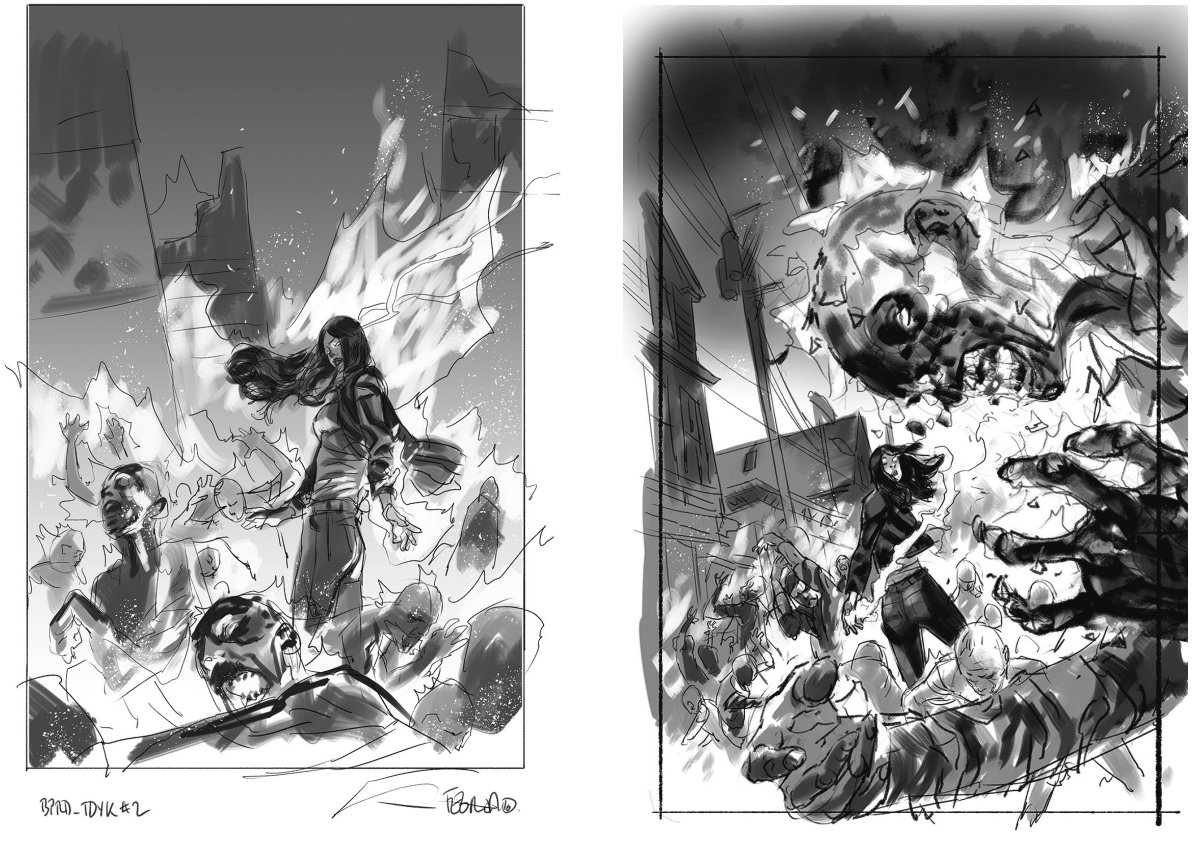


Katii O'Brien: We asked Chris Campbell, who designs maps and data visualizations for the *Financial Times* in London, to create three versions of this "monster map" to show the destruction the B.P.R.D. is up against. The world map (*previous pages*) ran in #4, the two other versions are above.



Duncan Fegredo: In the cover for #1 (*above*), Varvara is literally creating Hell on Earth.

For #2 (*below*) the essential idea was there from the start, but improved greatly by the burning zombie as a framing device. If in doubt, add a fiery reanimated corpse.

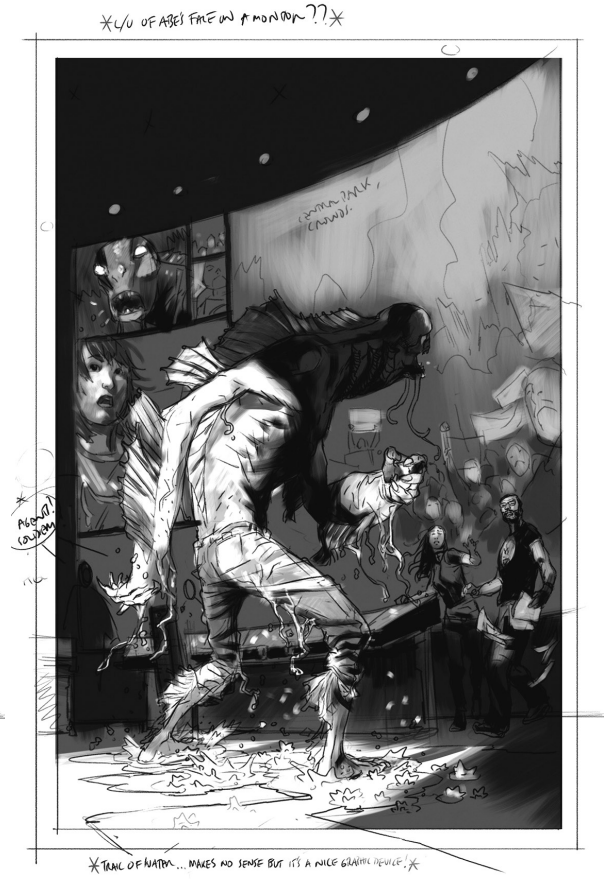




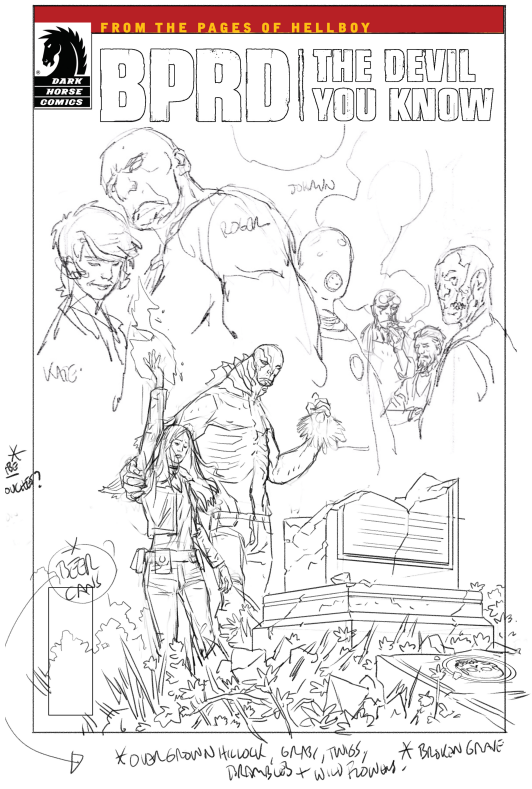
#3 (*above*): Thank goodness the simpler idea won out or I'd still be painting burnt out cars even now.

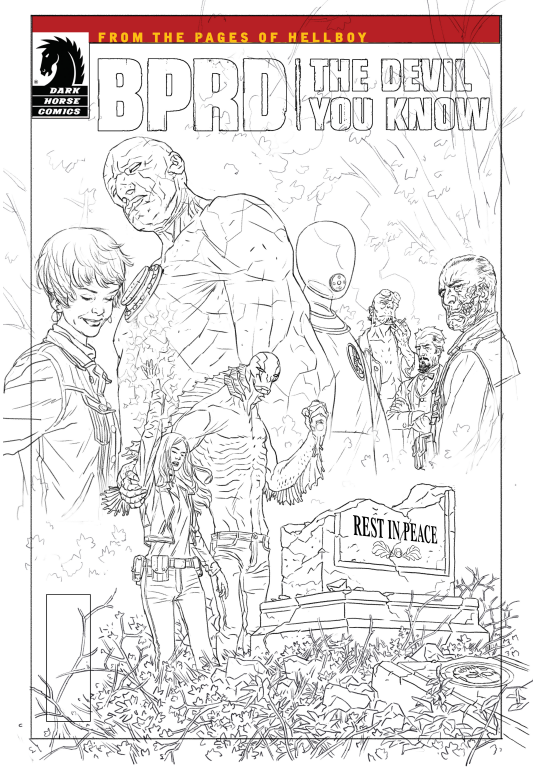
On #4 (*below*): It was a lot of fun to paint this version of Abe, in particular to misleadingly present him as a classic monster in the shadows.













On #5 (*above*): The last time I painted a cover like this, only Hellboy was dead. Well, at least he has company now. Poor, poor B.P.R.D.

Katii O'Brien (*following pages*): Mignola's variant for *The Devil You Know* #1 and Tim Sale's cover for the *Hellboy Winter Special* 2016, followed by Sale's story that ran in that issue.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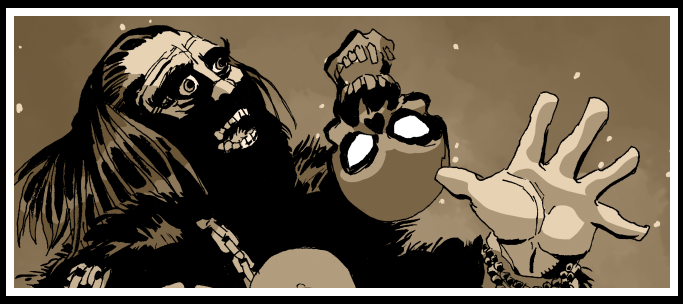
Stewart



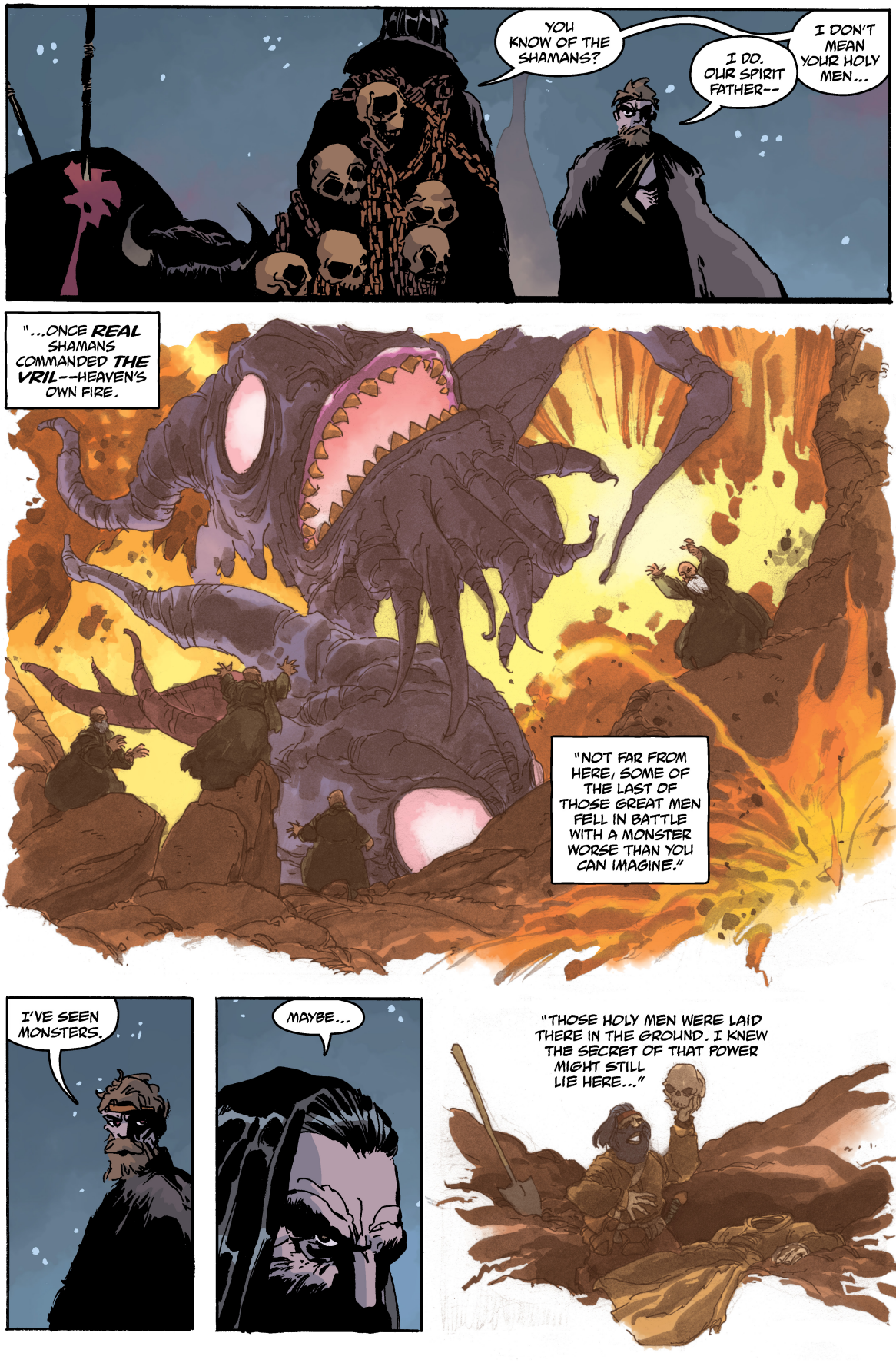



GRRRRRRR

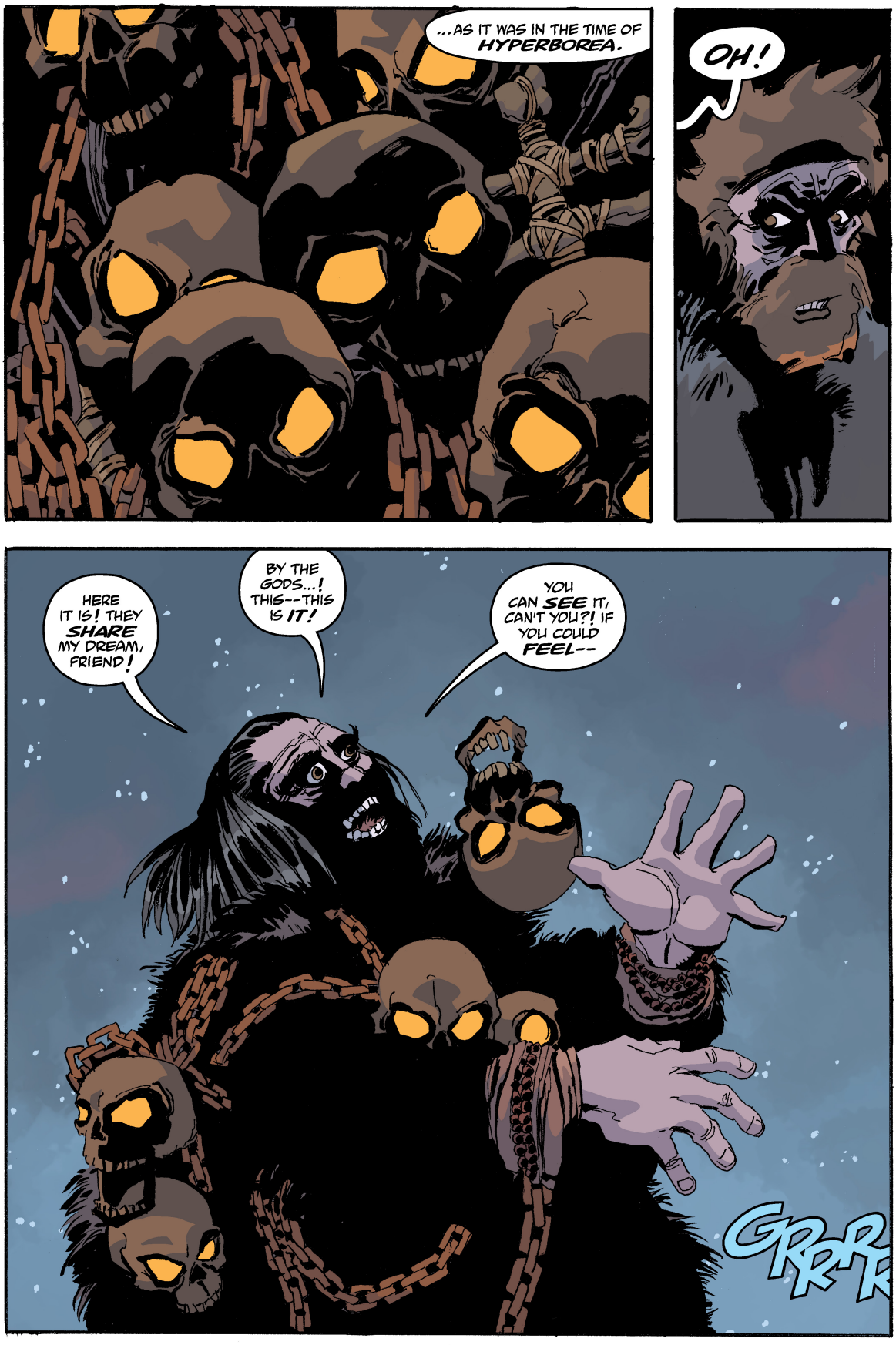

GRRRRRRR


AWAY, STRANGER...


...THIS PLAIN'S BROAD ENOUGH FOR YOU TO GIVE ME A WIDE BERTH.
BUT TOO BARE FOR ME TO SCRAPE TOGETHER A FIRE OF MY OWN.
YOU'VE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM ME.
A COAT OF BONES CAN'T WARM A MAN?
HA. ONLY FIRE DOES THAT...
GRRRRR


YOU KNOW OF THE SHAMANS?
I DO. OUR SPIRIT FATHER--
I DON'T MEAN YOUR HOLY MEN...
"...ONCE REAL SHAMANS COMMANDED THE VRIL--HEAVEN'S OWN FIRE.
"NOT FAR FROM HERE, SOME OF THE LAST OF THOSE GREAT MEN FELL IN BATTLE WITH A MONSTER WORSE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE."
I'VE SEEN MONSTERS.
MAYBE...
"THOSE HOLY MEN WERE LAID THERE IN THE GROUND. I KNEW THE SECRET OF THAT POWER MIGHT STILL LIE HERE..."


...IN THEIR SKULLS.
OUR FLESH, YOURS AND MINE, IS TOO WEAK TO CONTAIN THE YRIL. THEY WHISPER TO ME, THOUGH, FROM THESE BONES...
"THEY'LL TELL ME HOW TO DRAW THAT FIRE DOWN FROM THE AIR, AS THEY DID, SO THAT I MIGHT MAKE THE WORLD A PARADISE ONCE MORE..."


...AS IT WAS IN THE TIME OF HYPERBOREA.
OH!
HERE IT IS! THEY SHARE MY DREAM, FRIEND!
BY THE GODS...! THIS--THIS IS IT!
YOU CAN SEE IT, CAN'T YOU?! IF YOU COULD FEEL--
GRRRR


OH...




I TOLD YOU!


I...I KNEW THEIR POWER REMAINED...! IT...IT ISN'T MEANT FOR MAN...BUT THOSE BONES...
...THEY PROVE THE POWER REMAINS...


...HERE...
...WITH US...
THE END



B.P.R.D. THE DEVIL YOU KNOW
MESSIAH

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