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To stop the Black Flame's attempt to raise a new race of man, Liz Sherman lit a fire in the underground city of Agartha that nearly cracked the world in two. Though the Black Flame was destroyed, new threats continue to crawl out of the earth. After Agartha, Liz went missing, and Abe Sapien was shot by the young psychic Fenix. Now Abe has disappeared, and the B.P.R.D. has joined forces with the Russian Special Sciences Service to deal with the worldwide crisis. Neither group knows that the current increase in devastation was caused by the rebirth of the Black Flame . . .

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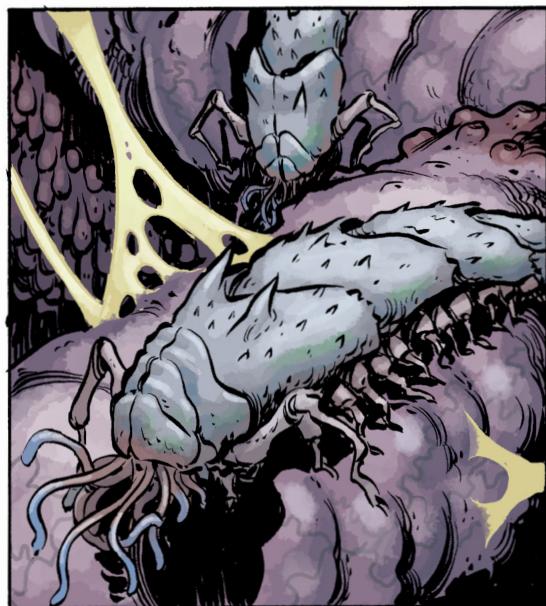
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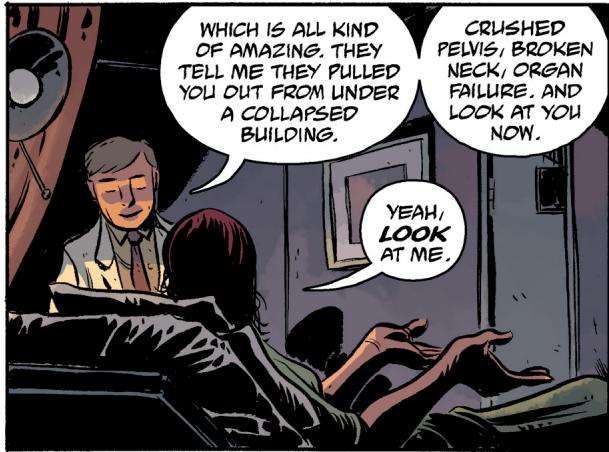
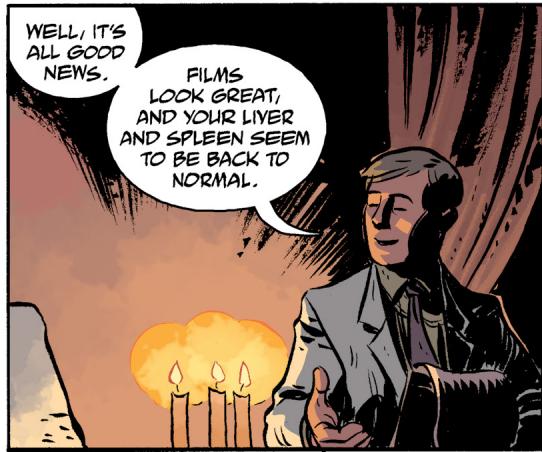
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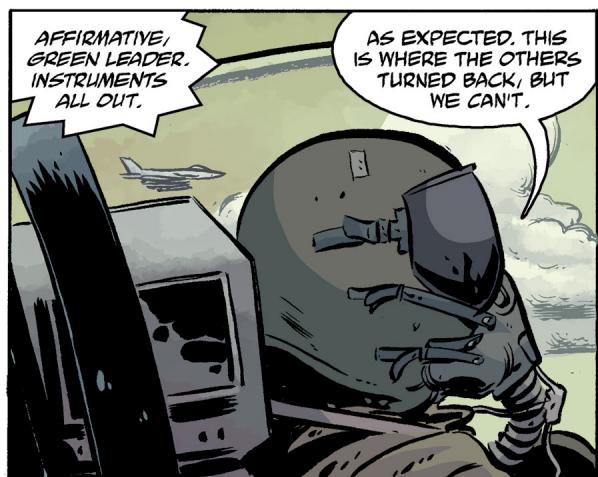
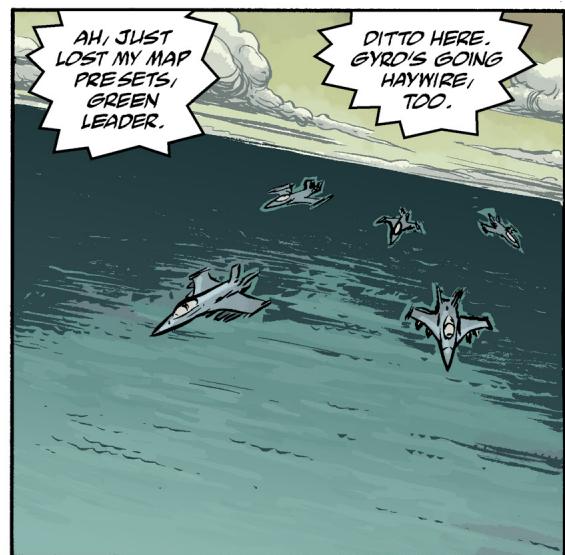
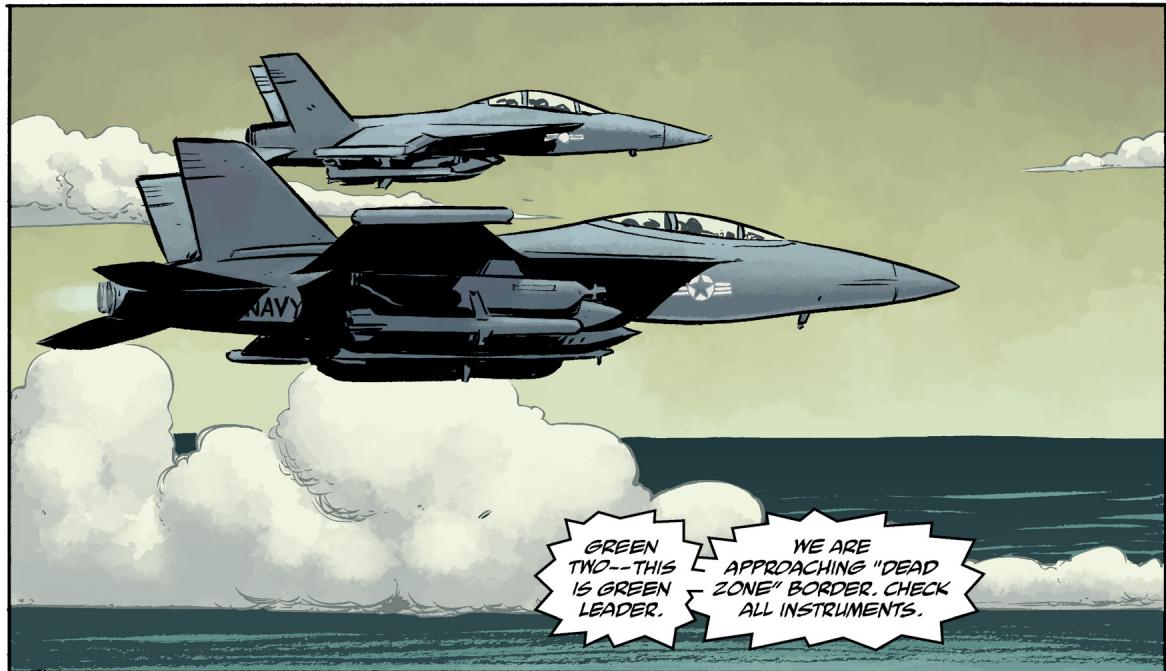


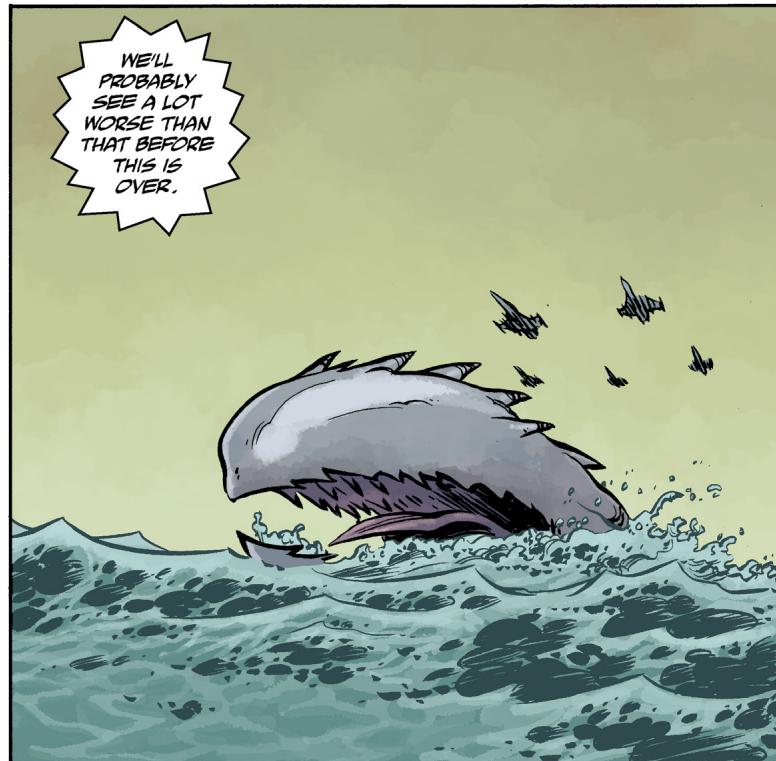
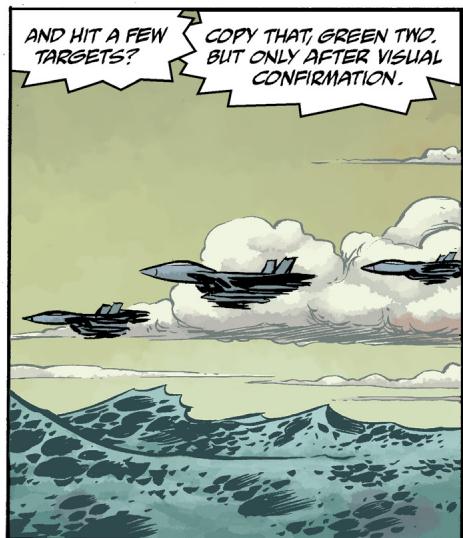


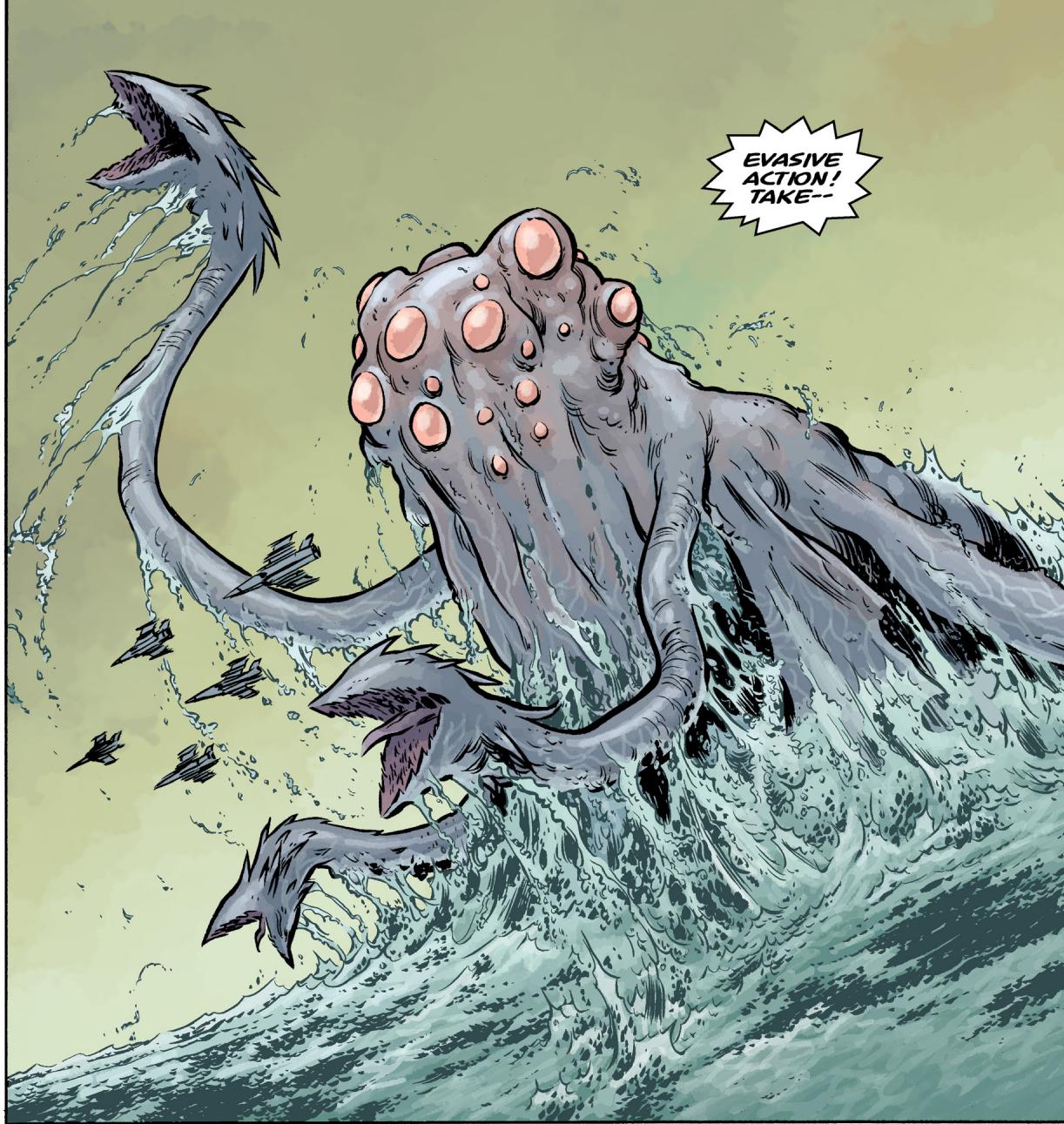


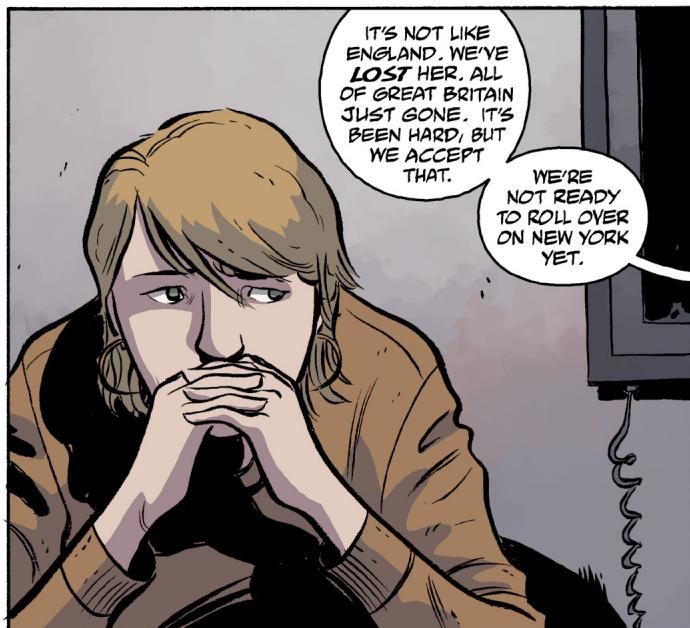
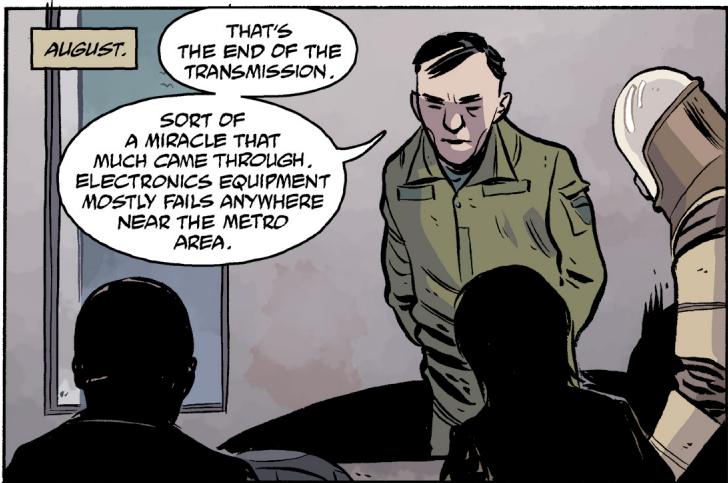
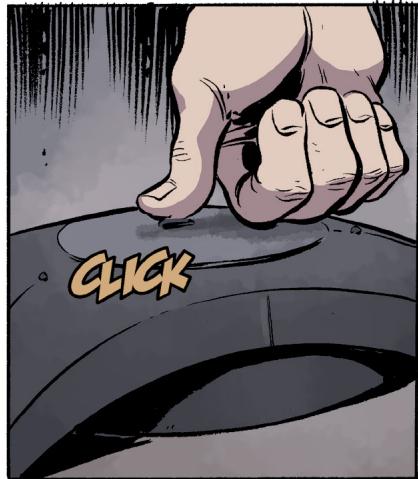


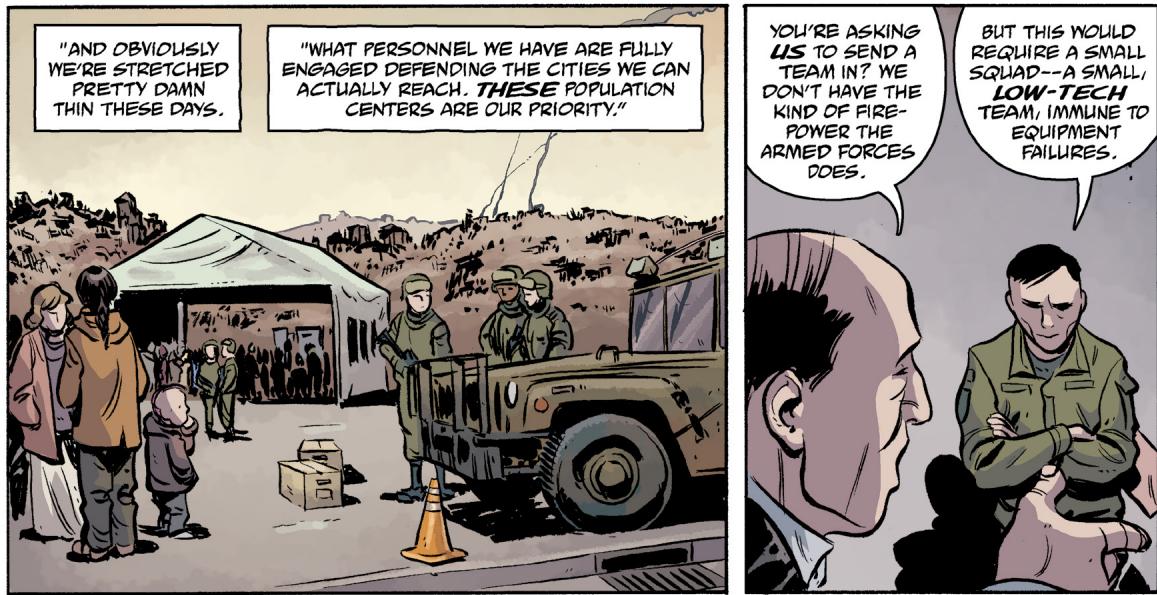


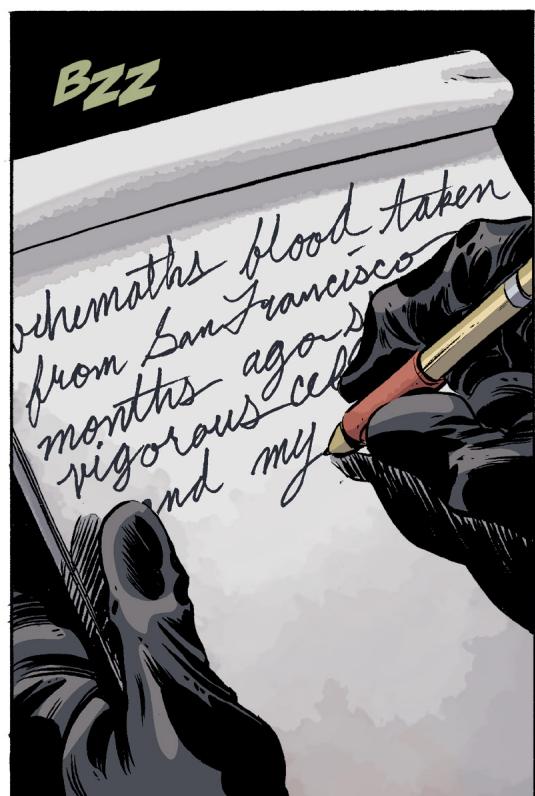
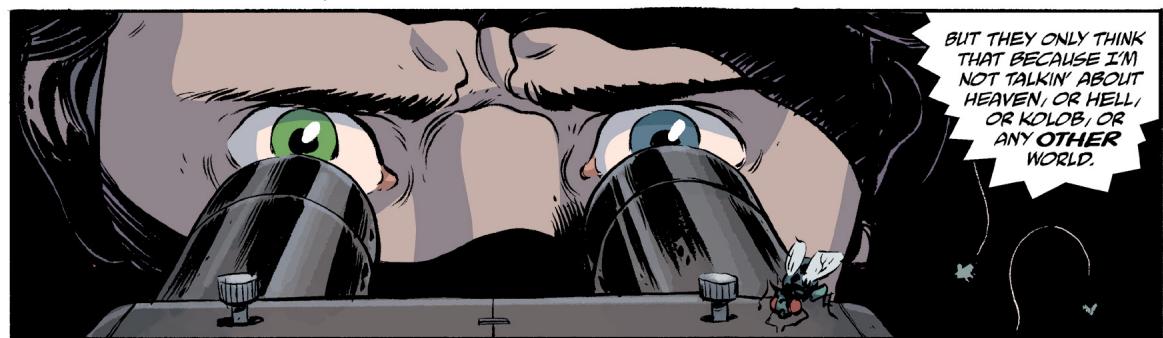
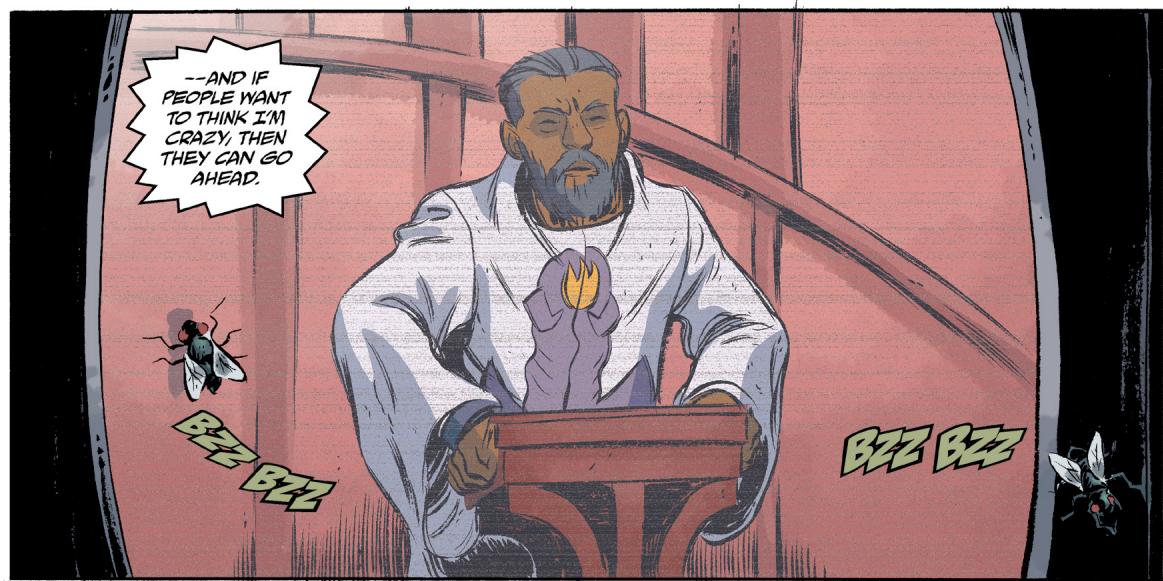


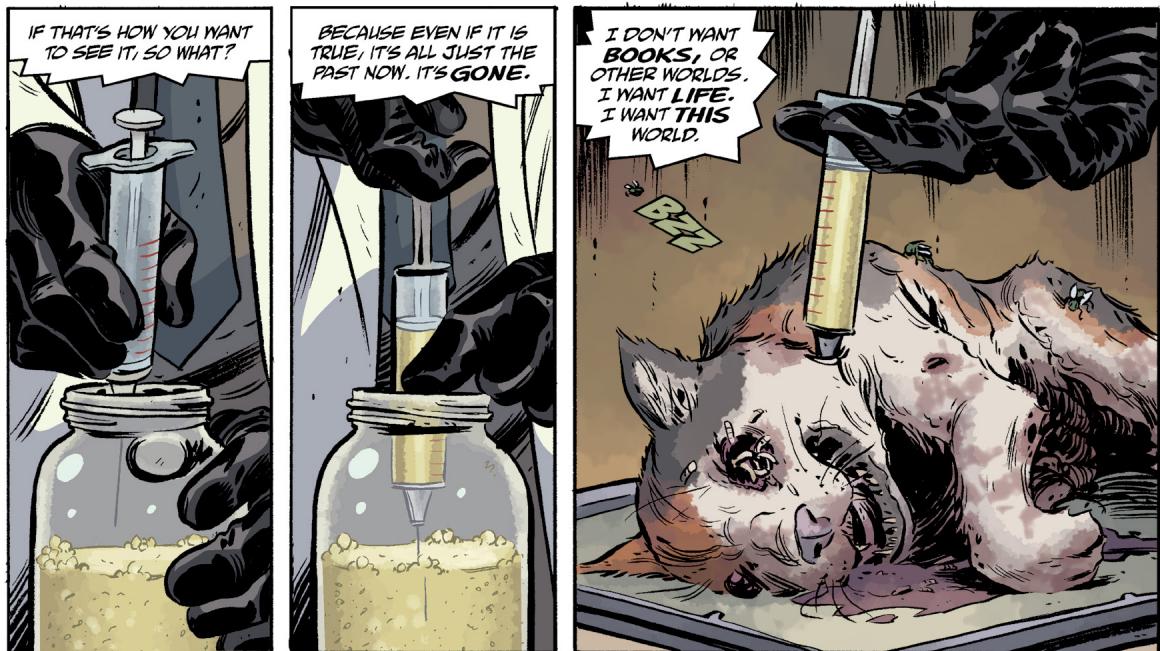
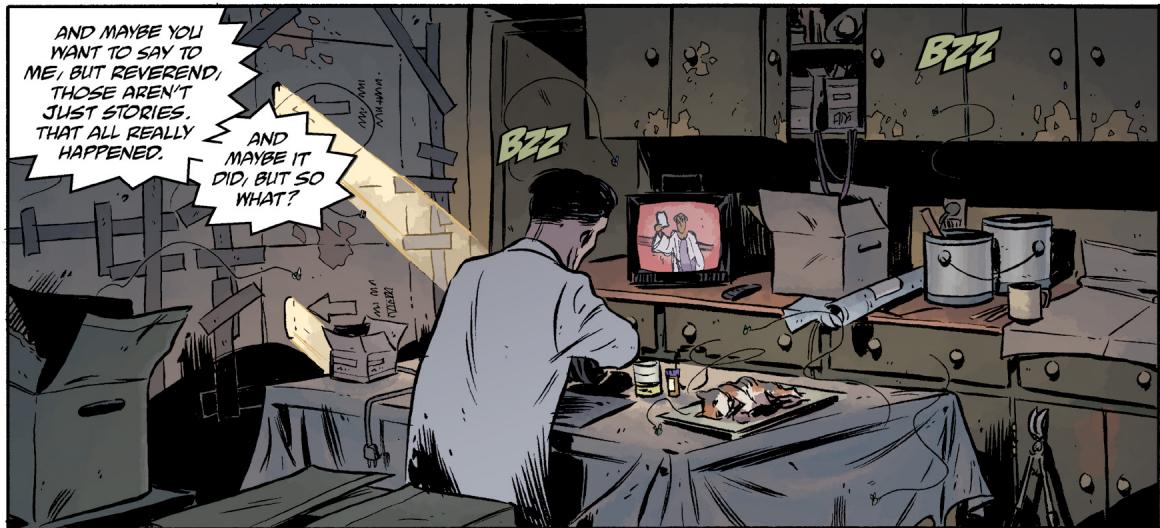


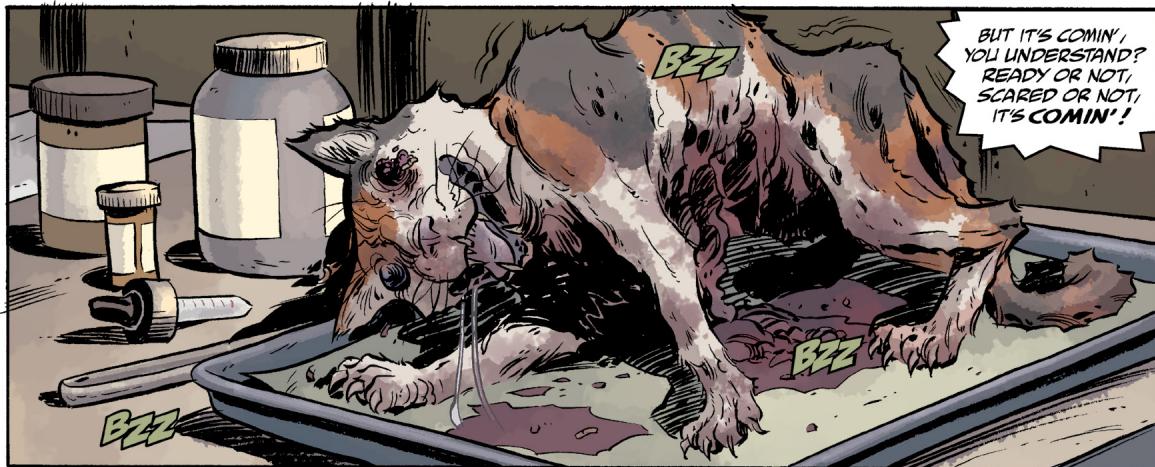


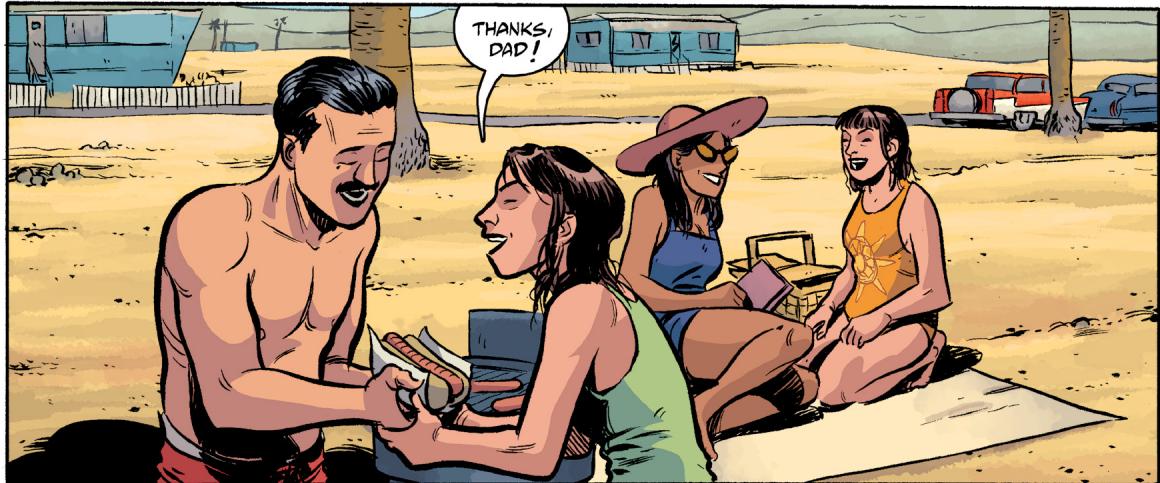




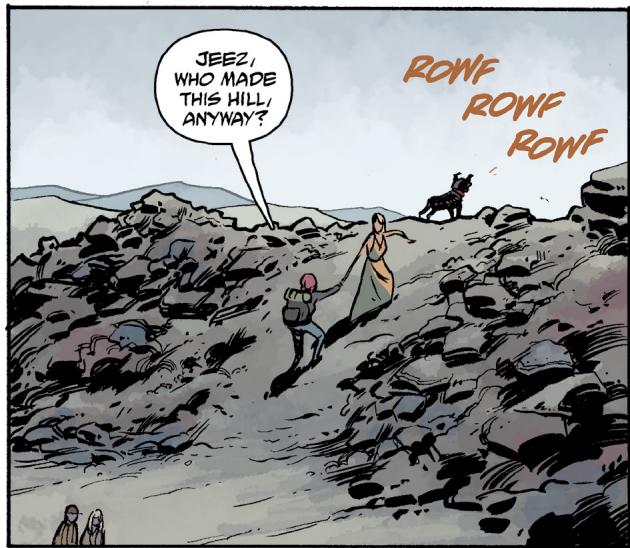
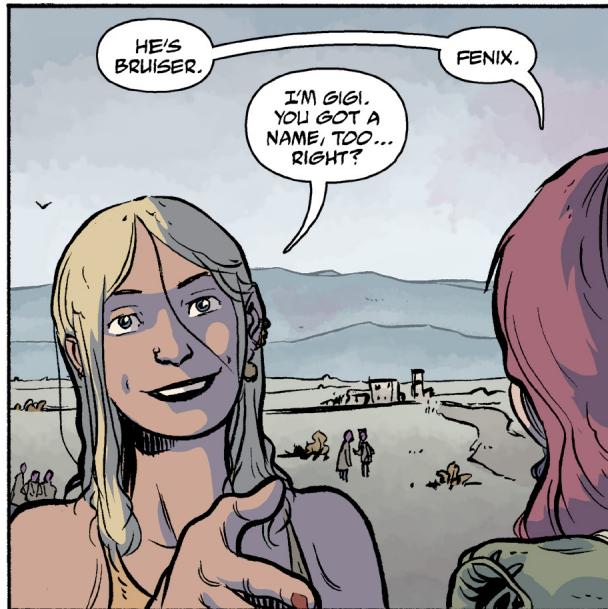


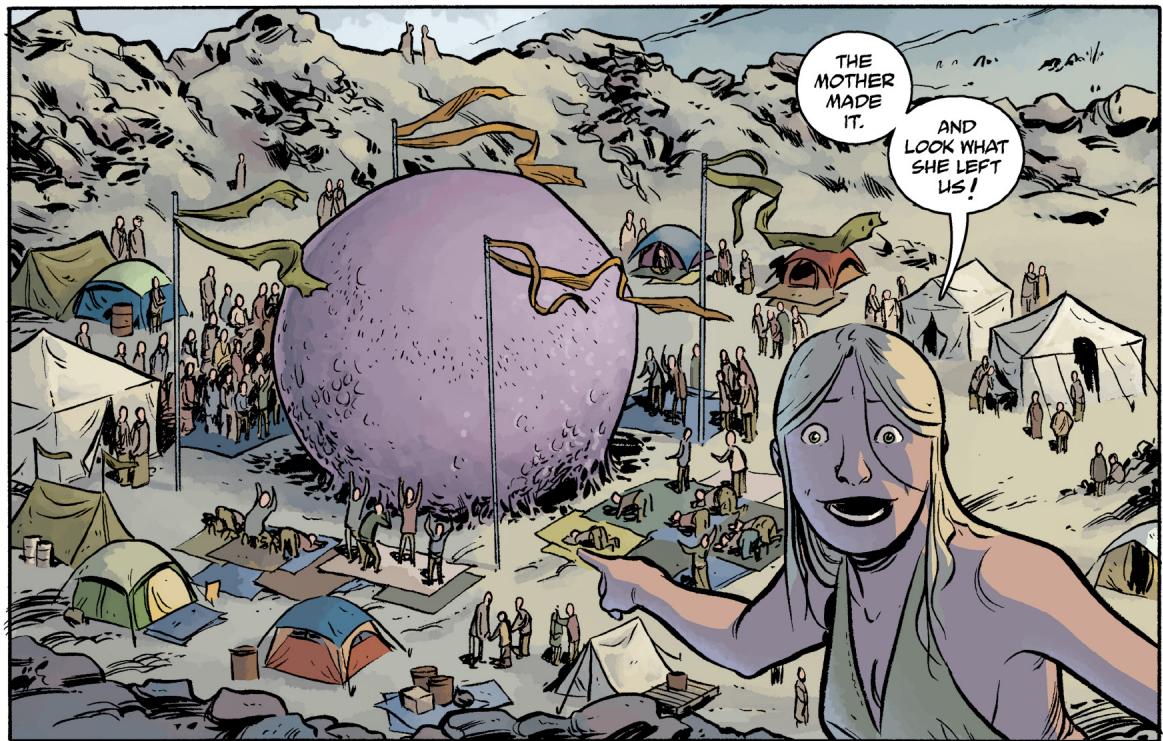


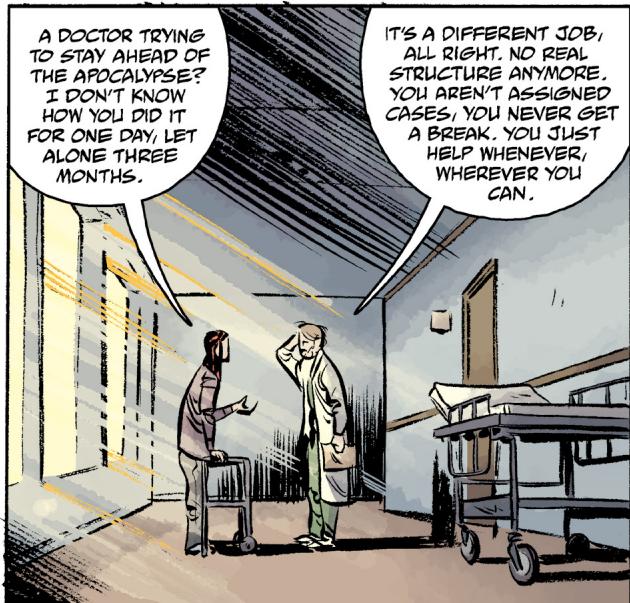
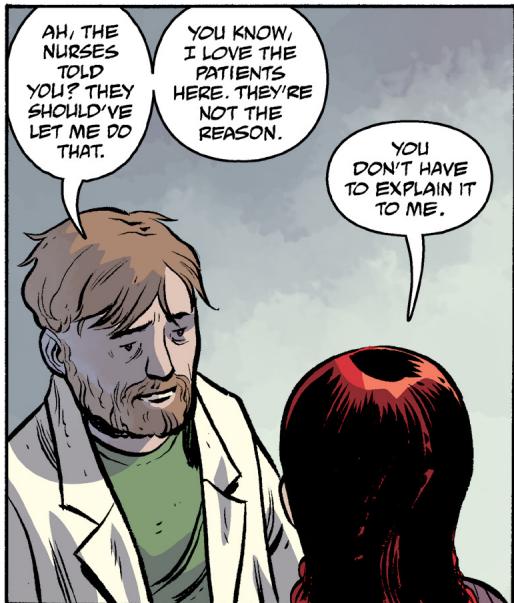


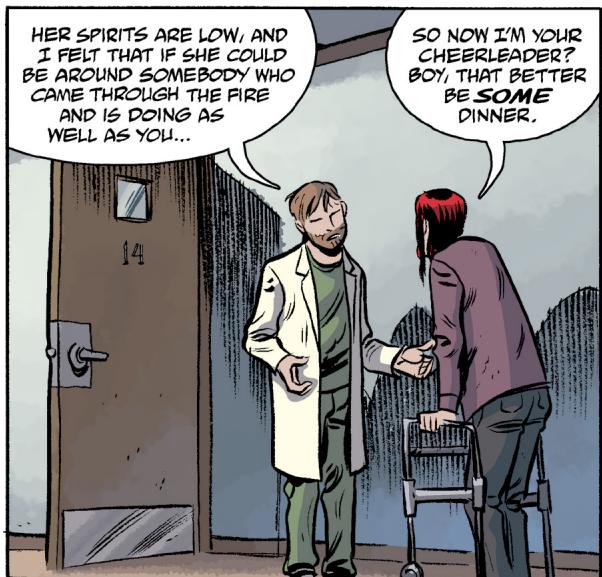




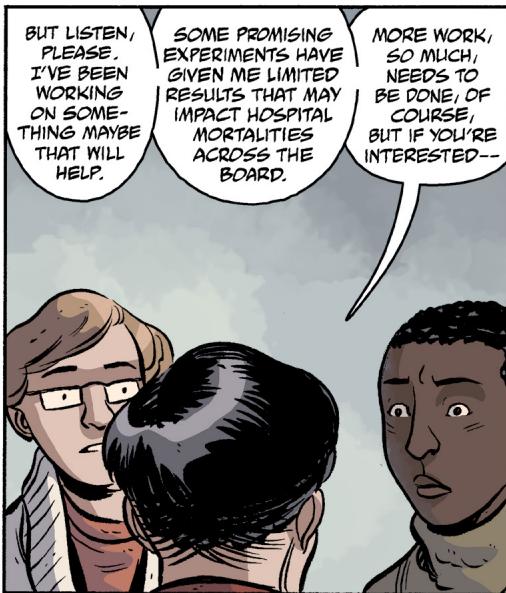
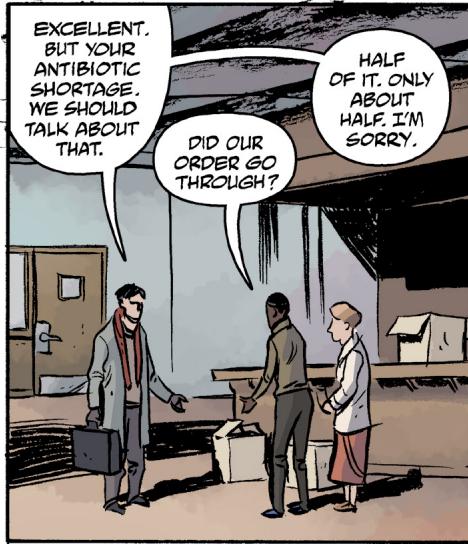
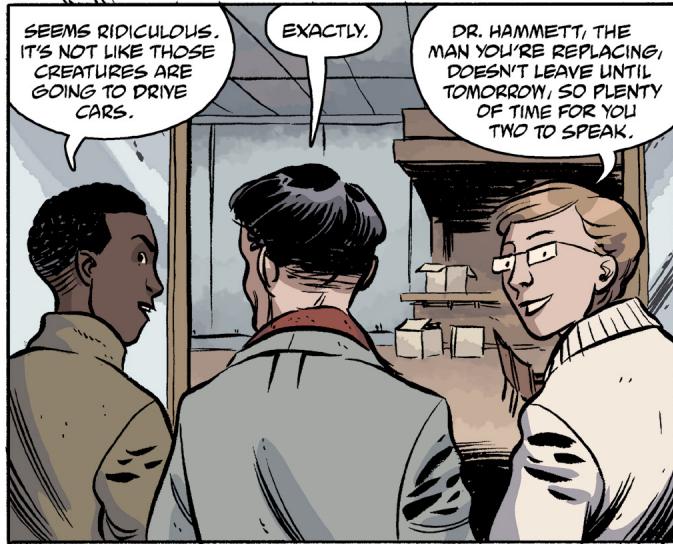










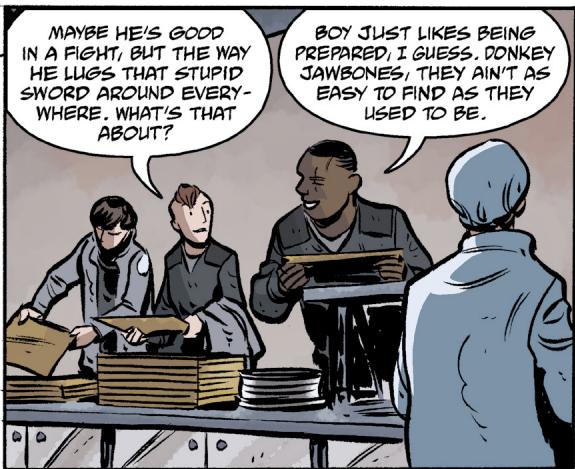
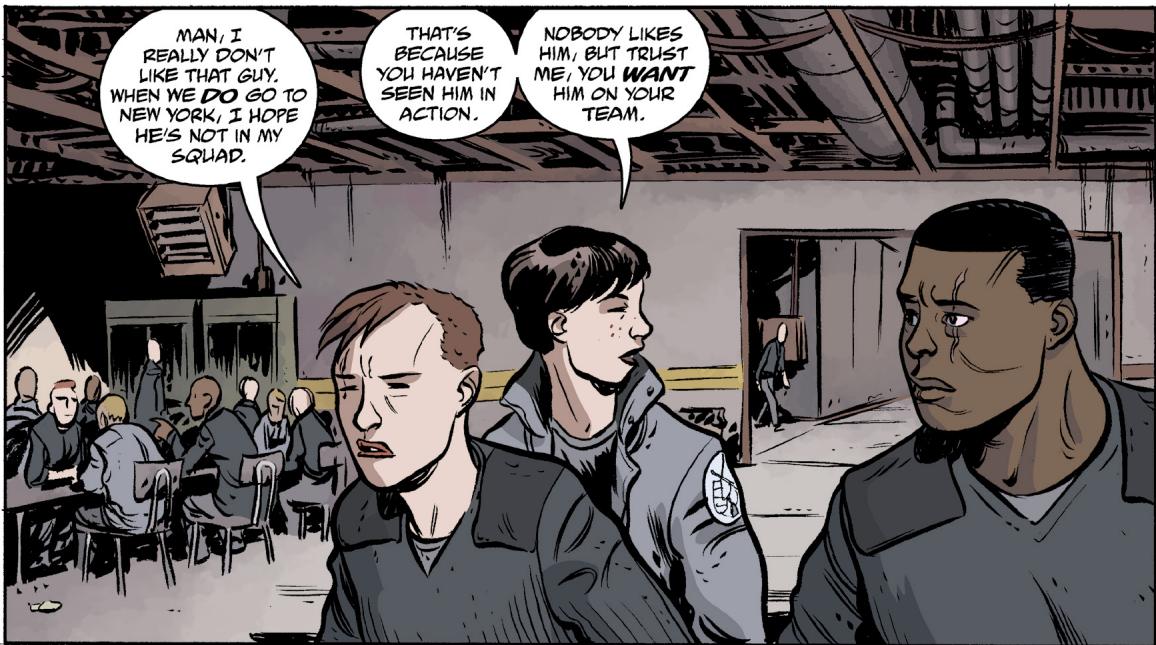


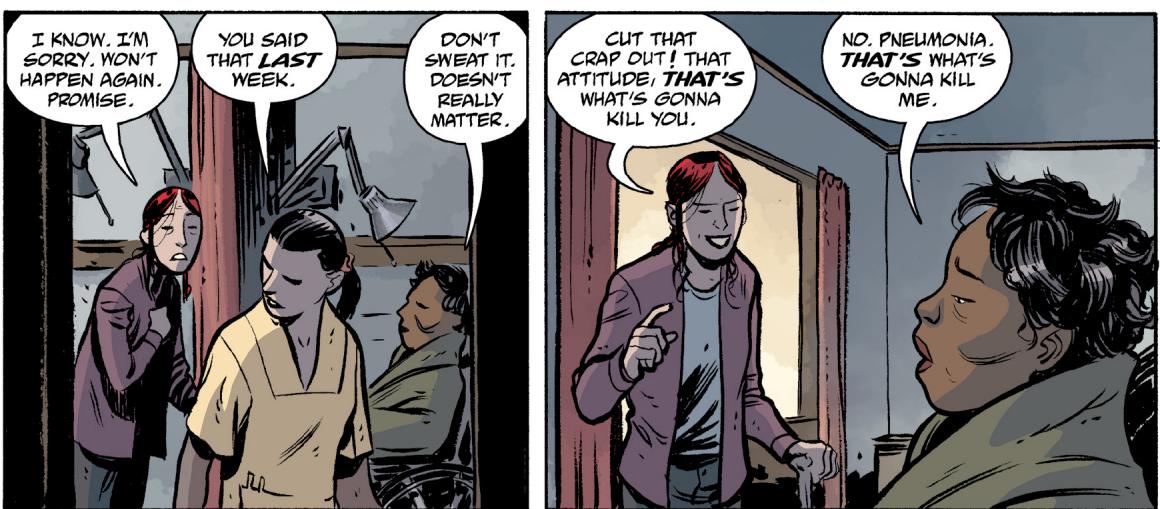
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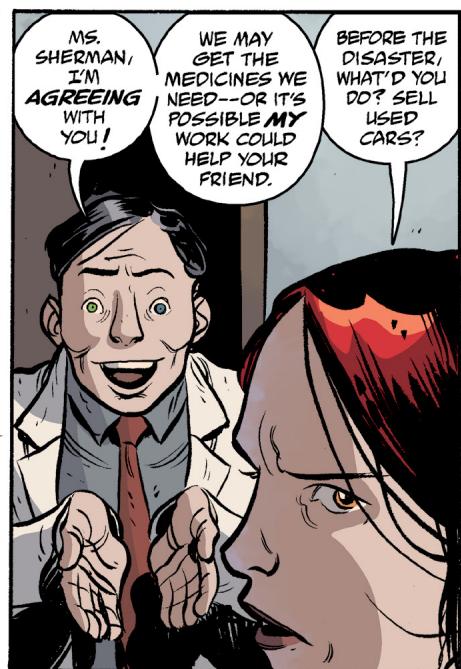


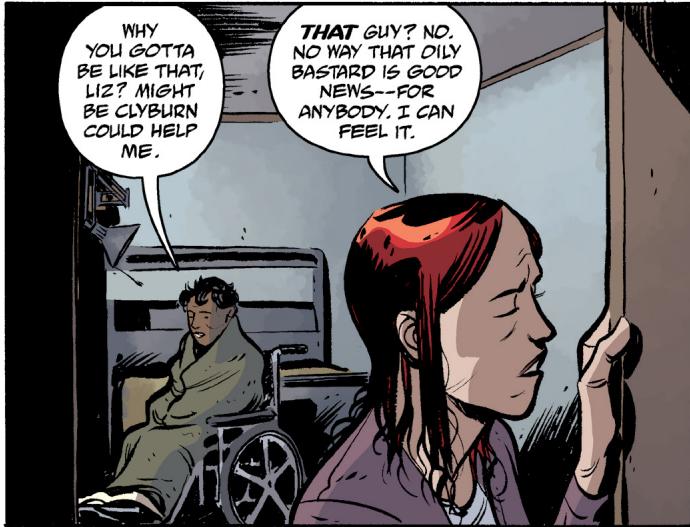


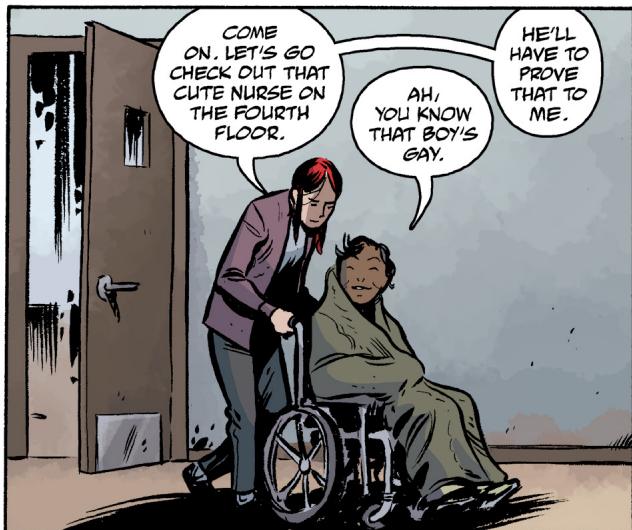
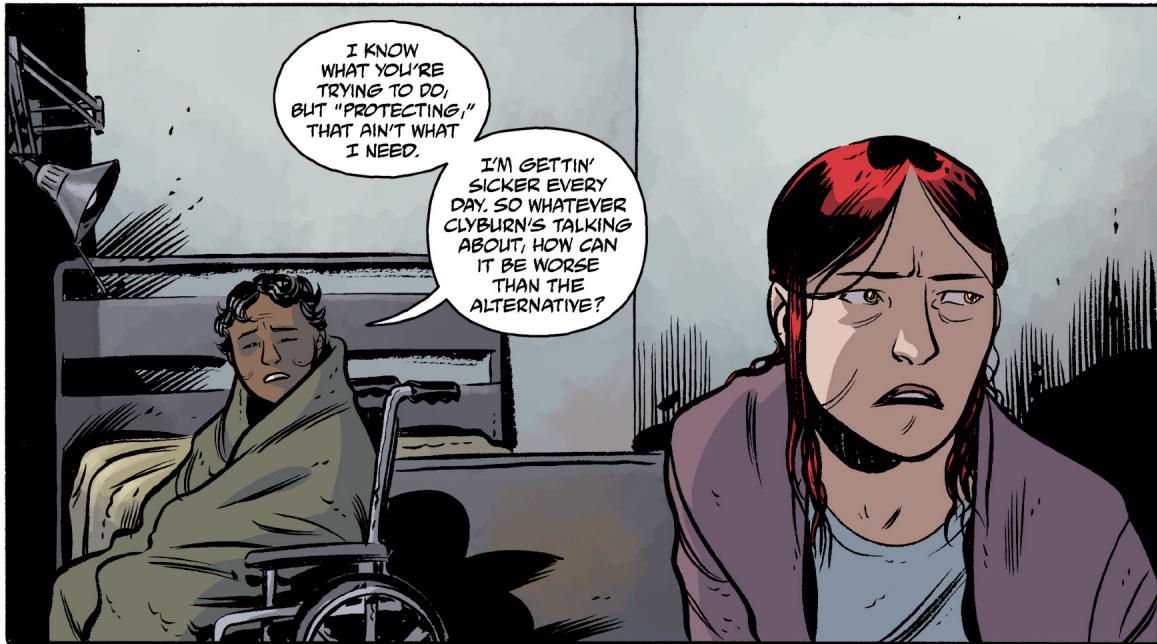


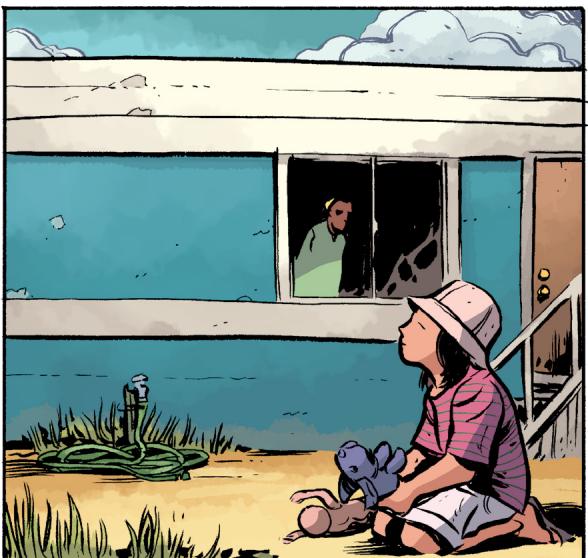
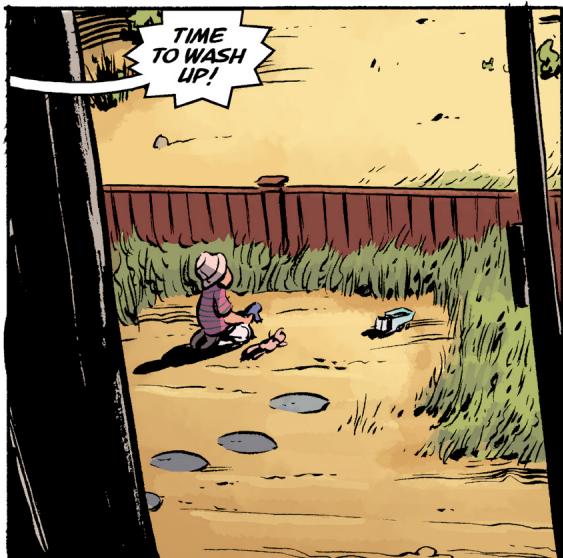
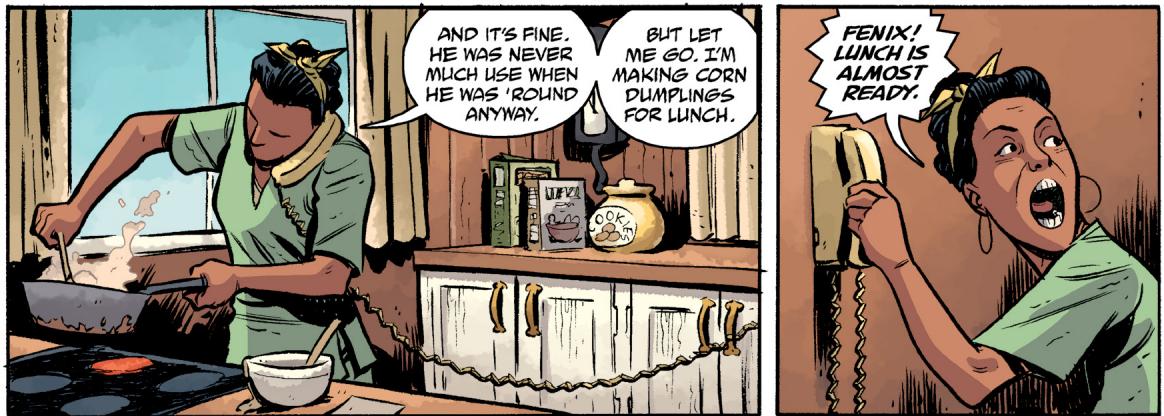
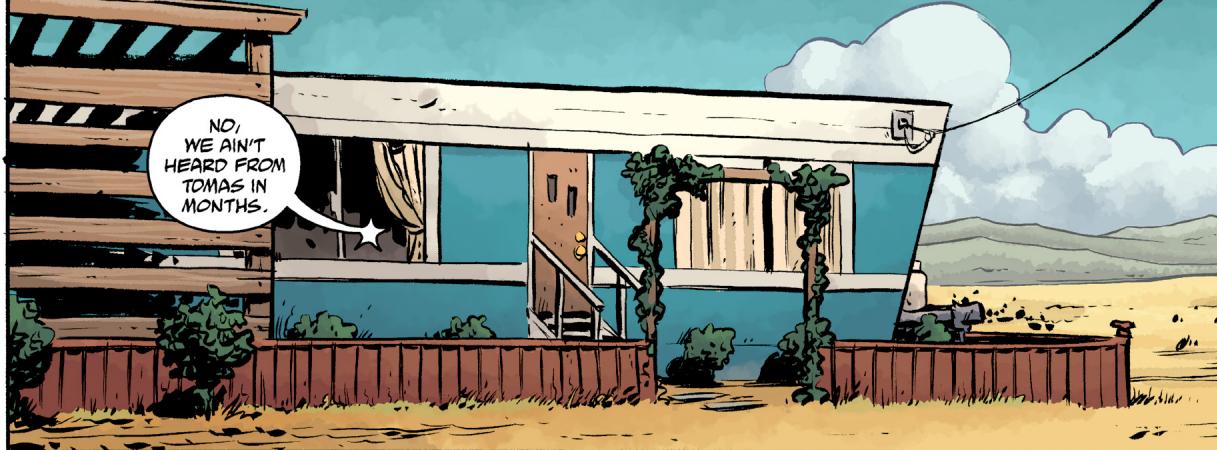


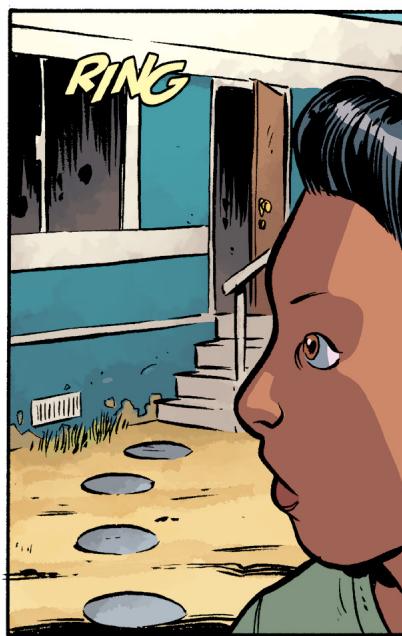
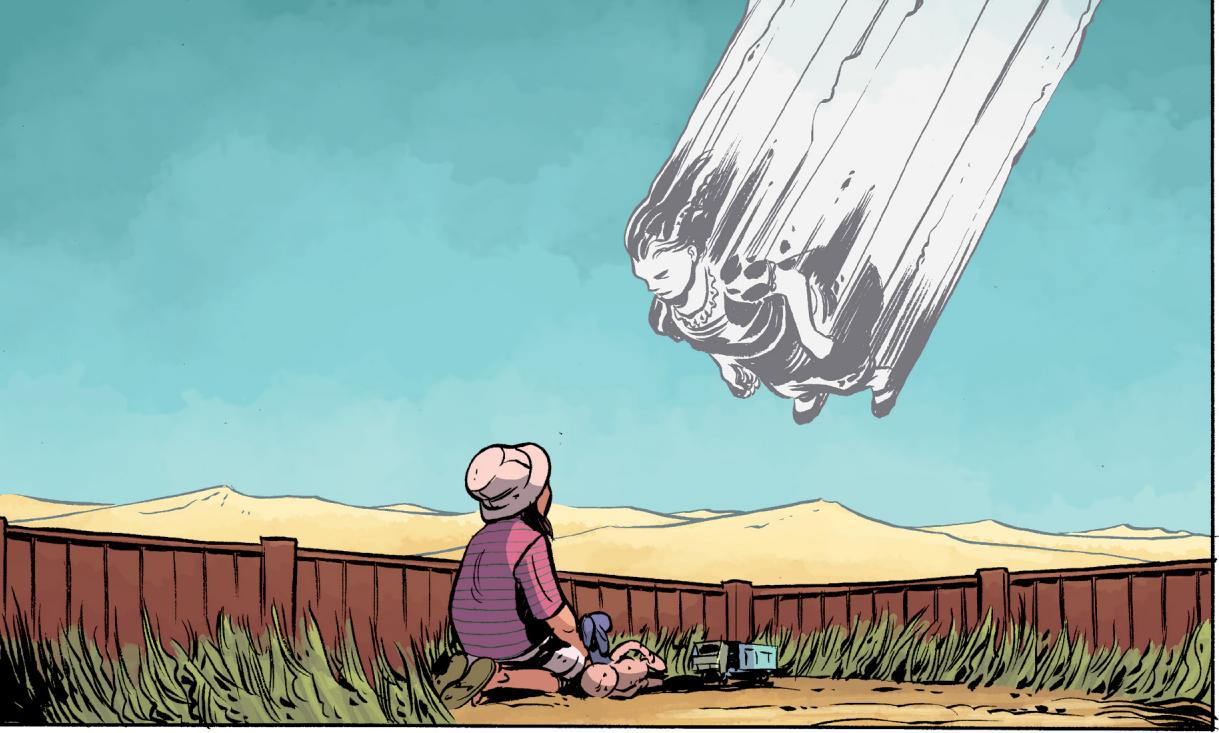






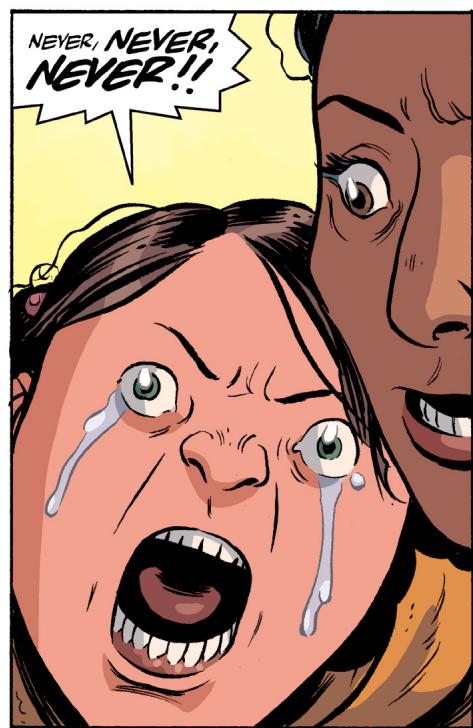






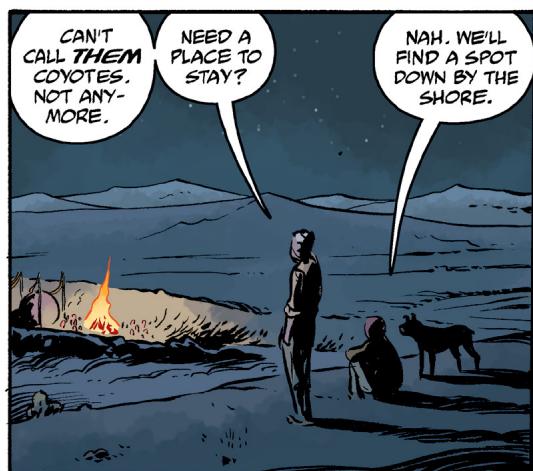




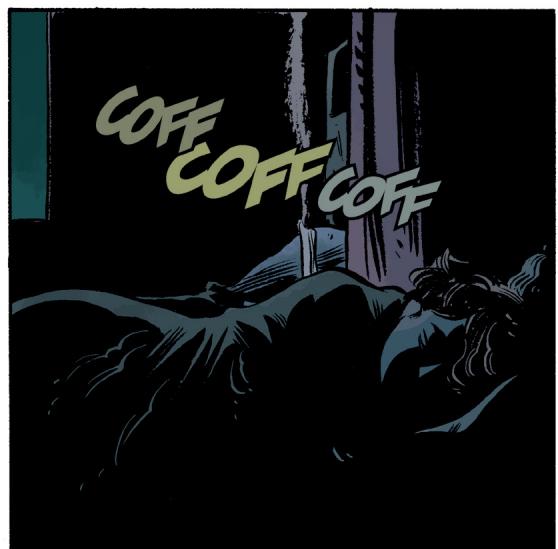




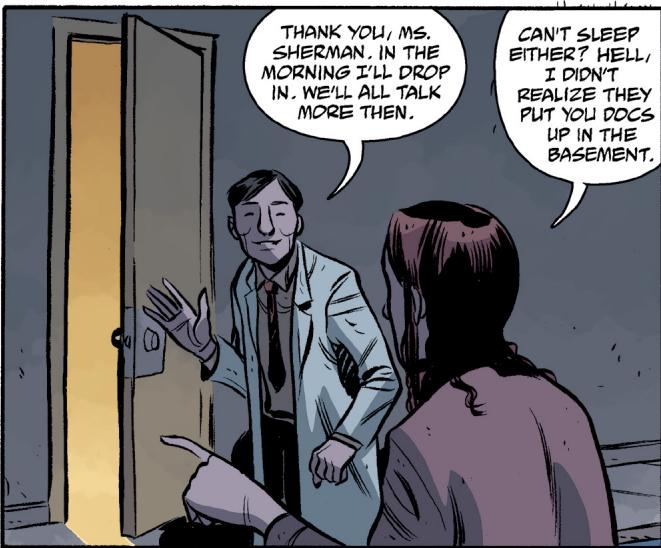
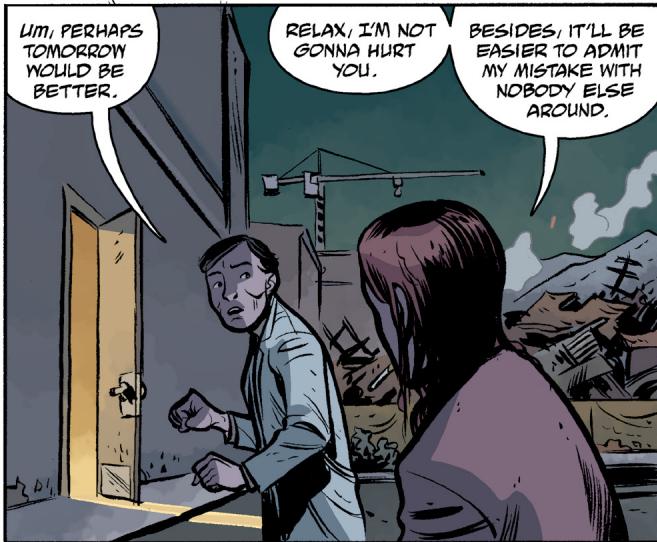
















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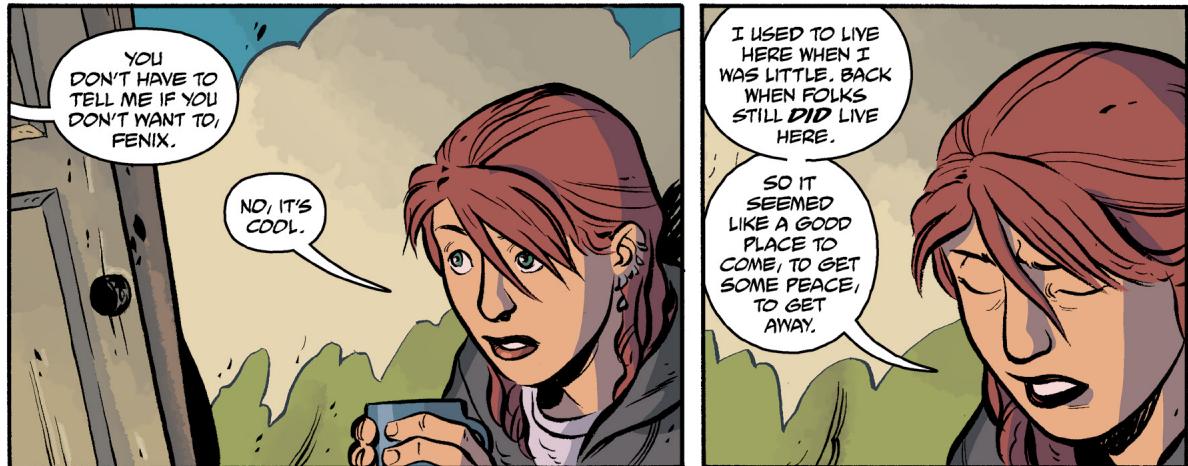
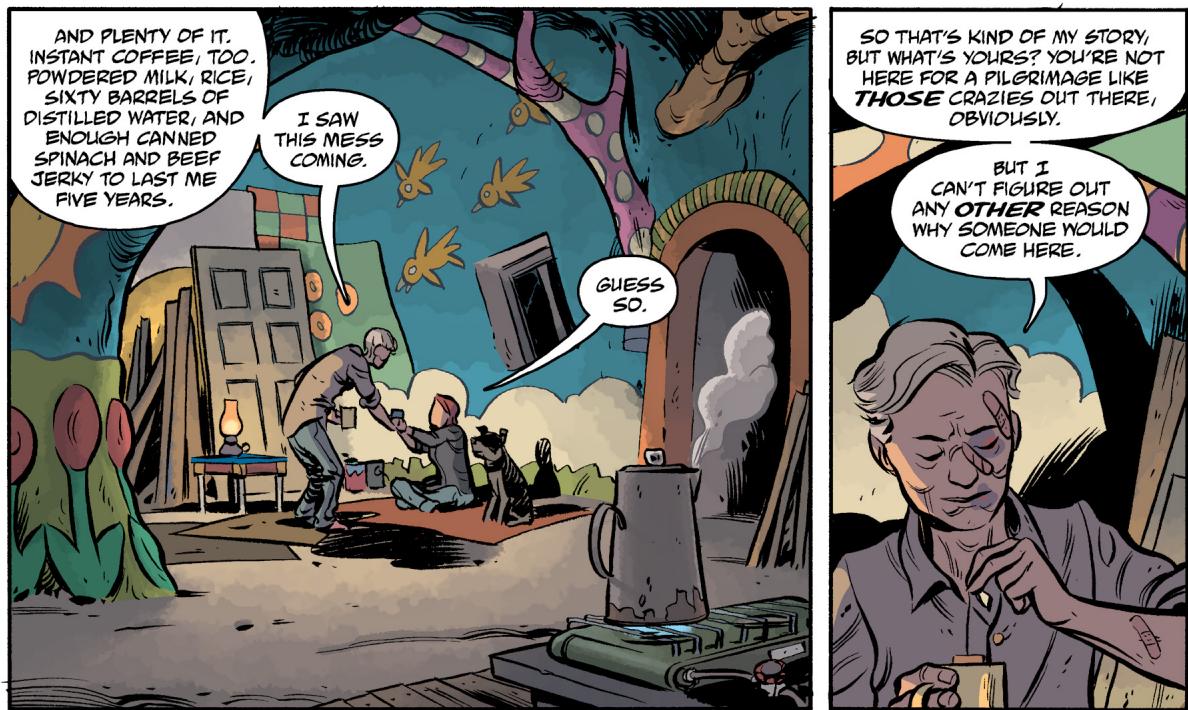


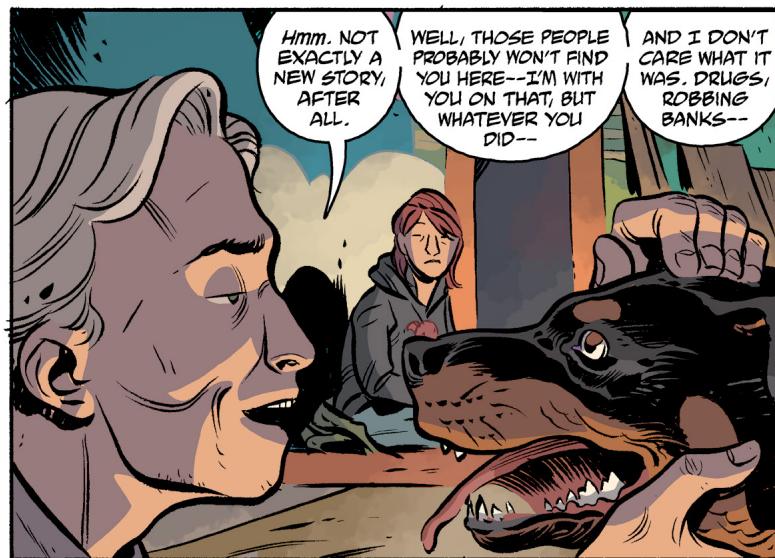
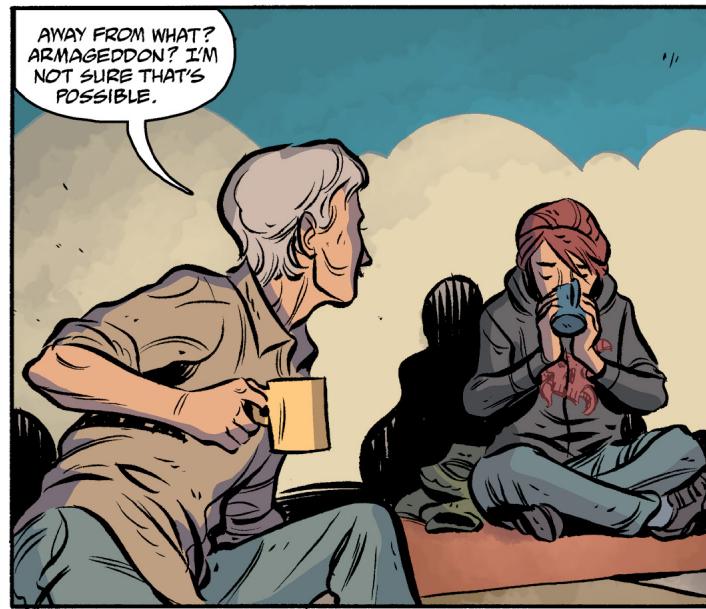


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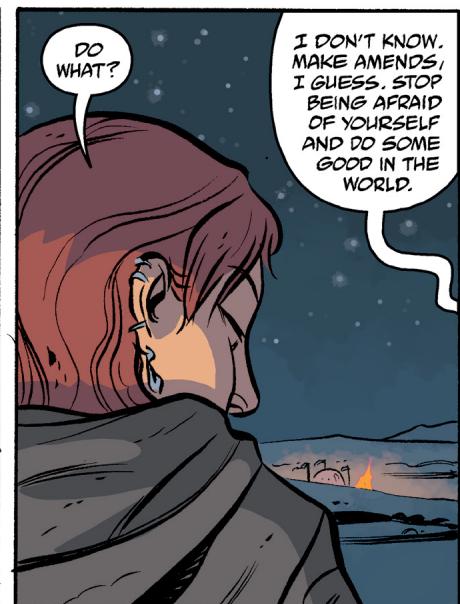




BUT LOOK HERE, I'M SERIOUS.

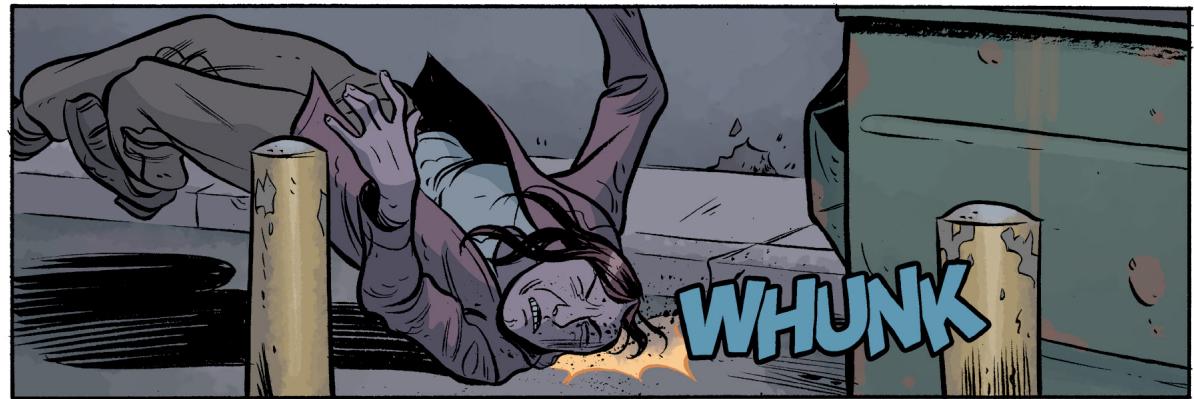
YOU'RE REALLY YOUNG, SURE, AND MAYBE YOU'D FIGURE IT OUT ON YOUR OWN EVENTUALLY--

--BUT I'M GUESSING NONE OF US HAS THAT KIND OF TIME ANYMORE."



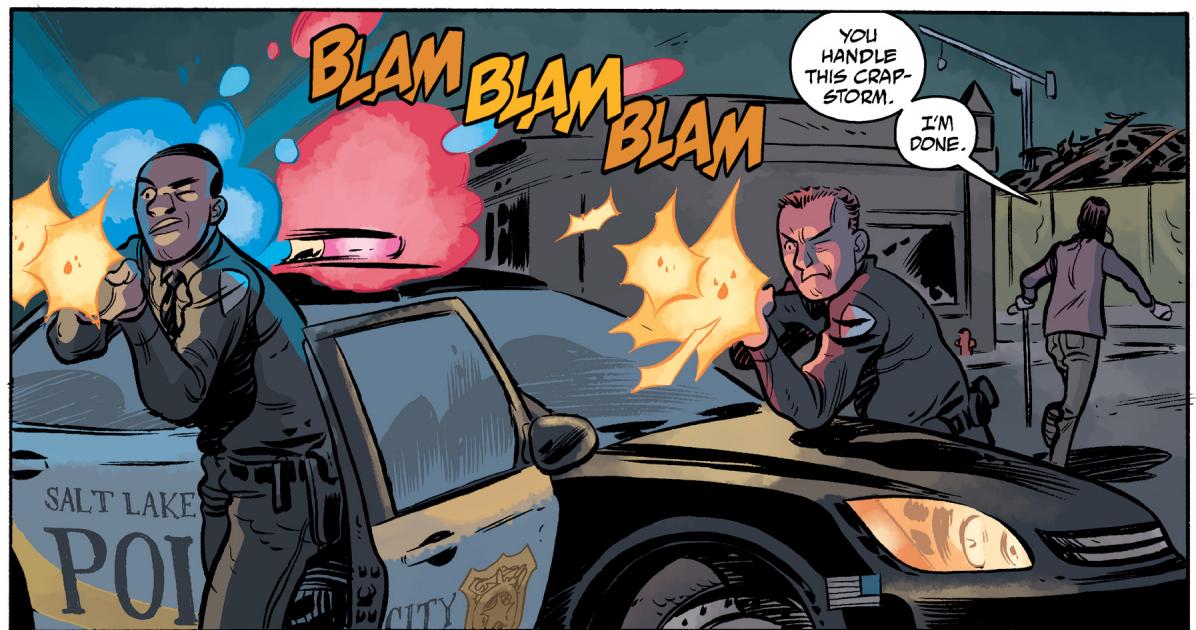
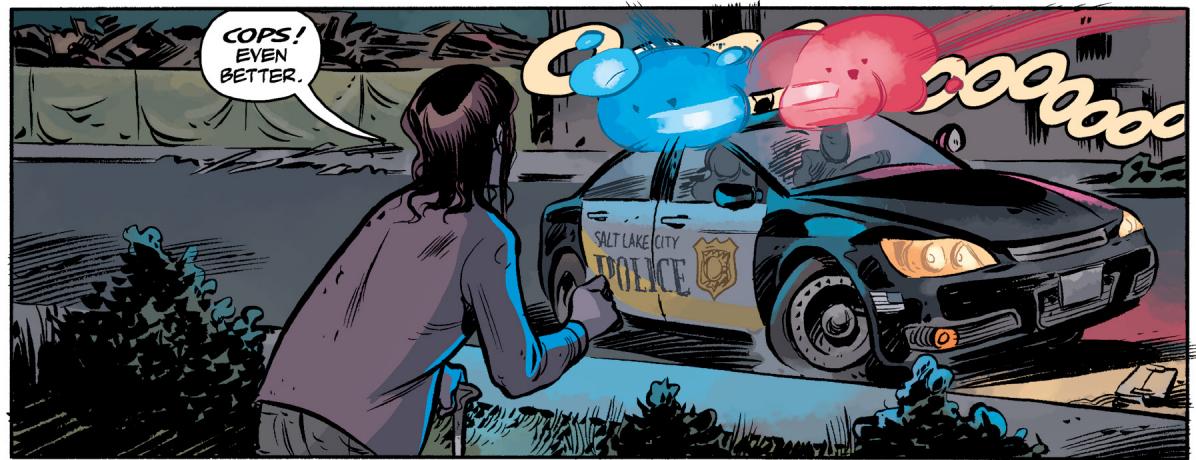


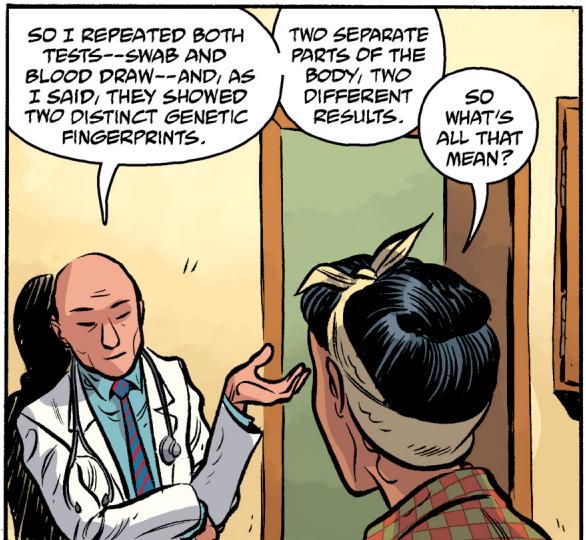
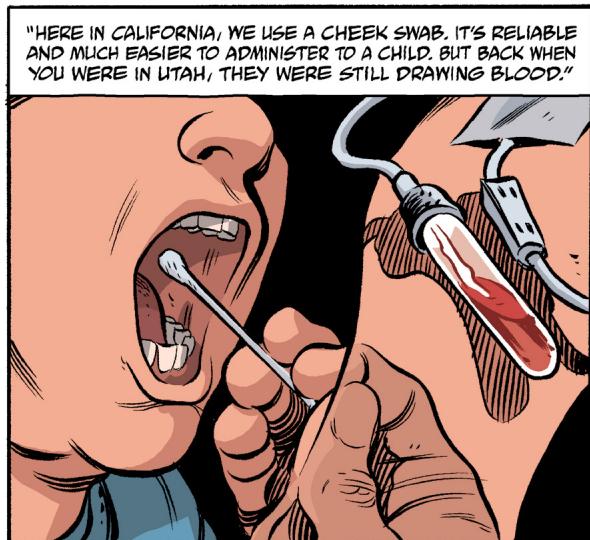
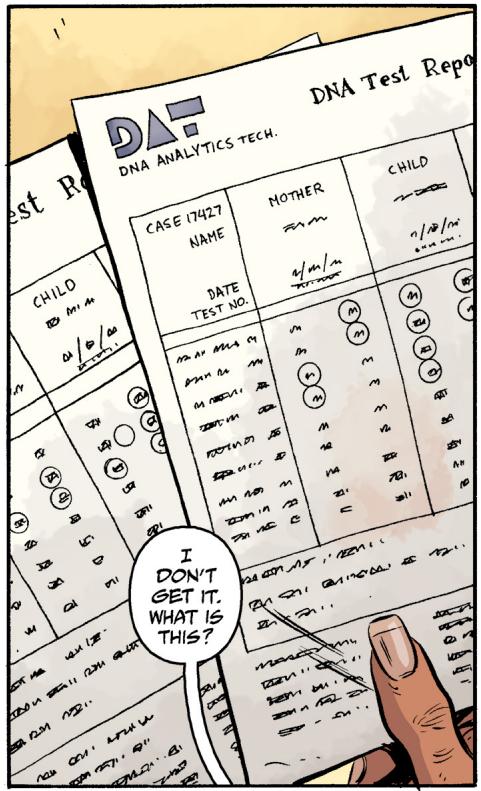


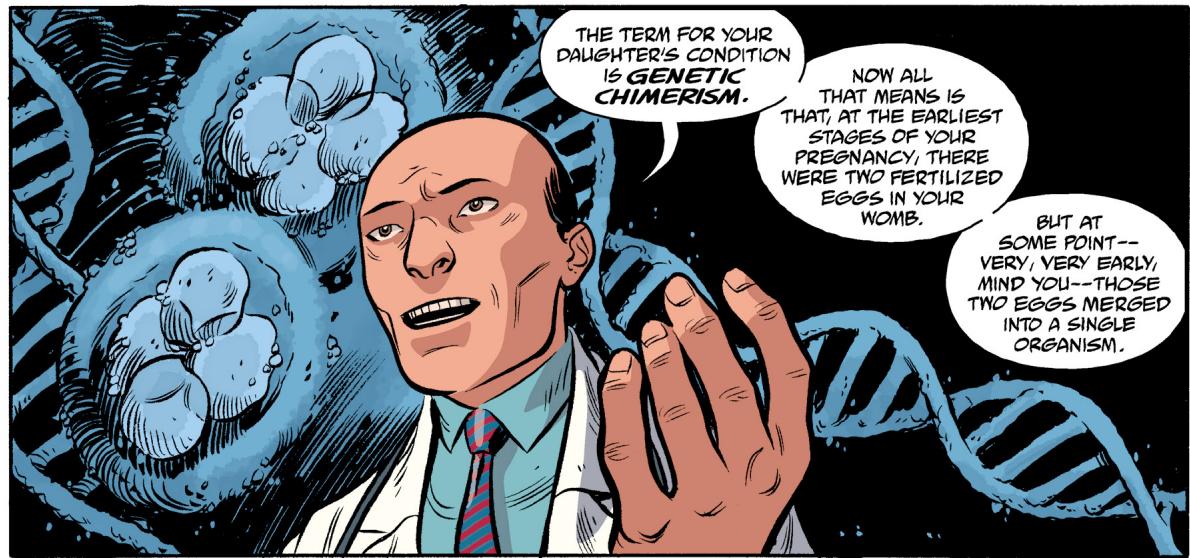




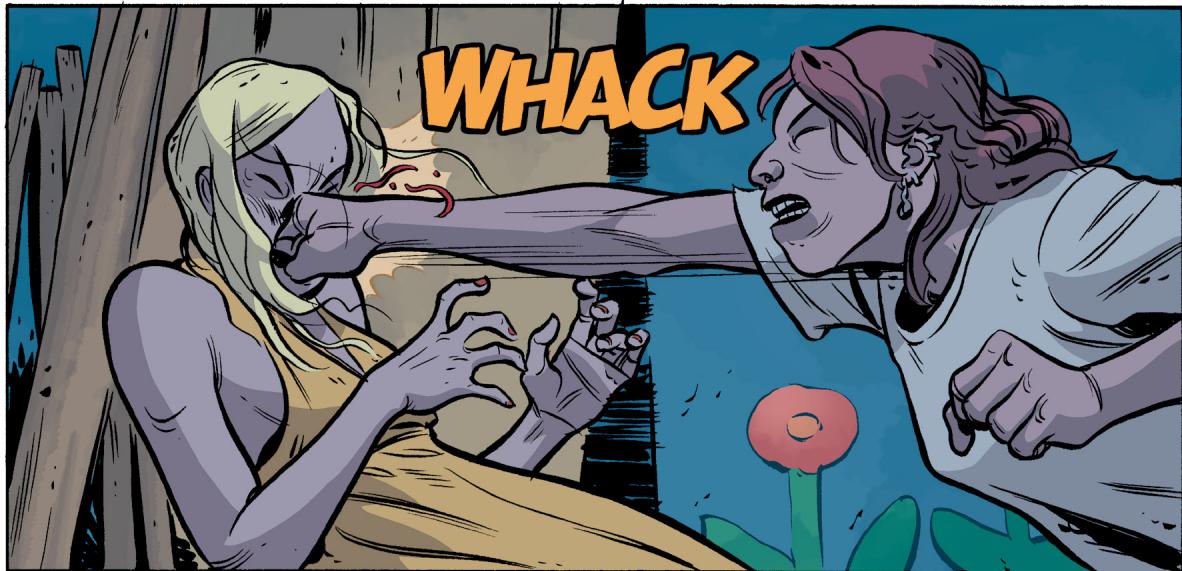














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AND SO THE IDEA
IS THAT THE BUREAU
WILL SEND ITS TEAM
IN THROUGH LONG
ISLAND--

--AND THE SERVICE WILL
DEPLOY OUR TEAM
THROUGH NEW JERSEY,
INCREASING THE PROBABILITY
OF PENETRATION INTO
MANHATTAN, YES?

WELL, DON'T WORRY. THE
PRESIDENT WILL BE HAPPY
TO HELP ME PUT TOGETHER
THE MANPOWER FOR WHAT
WE'LL NEED.

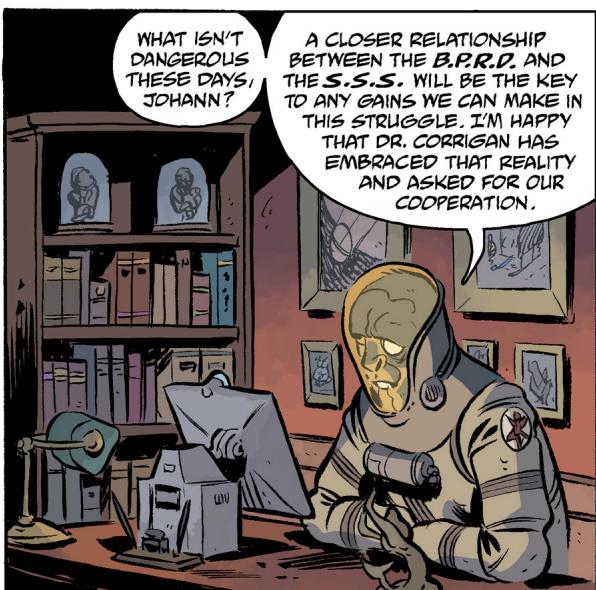
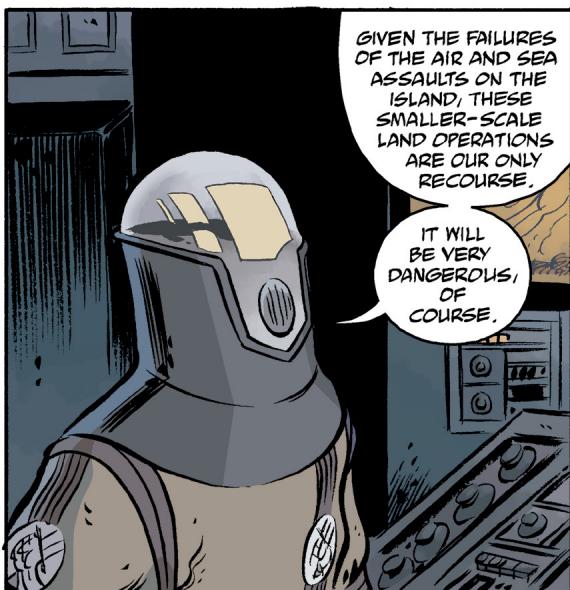


GIVEN THE FAILURES
OF THE AIR AND SEA
ASSAULTS ON THE
ISLAND, THESE
SMALLER-SCALE
LAND OPERATIONS
ARE OUR ONLY
RECOURSE.

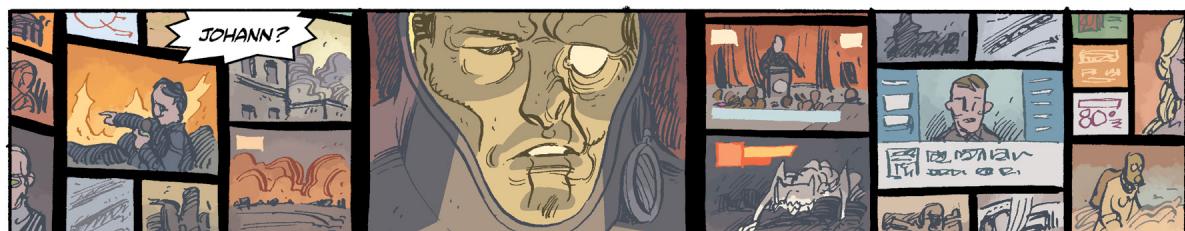
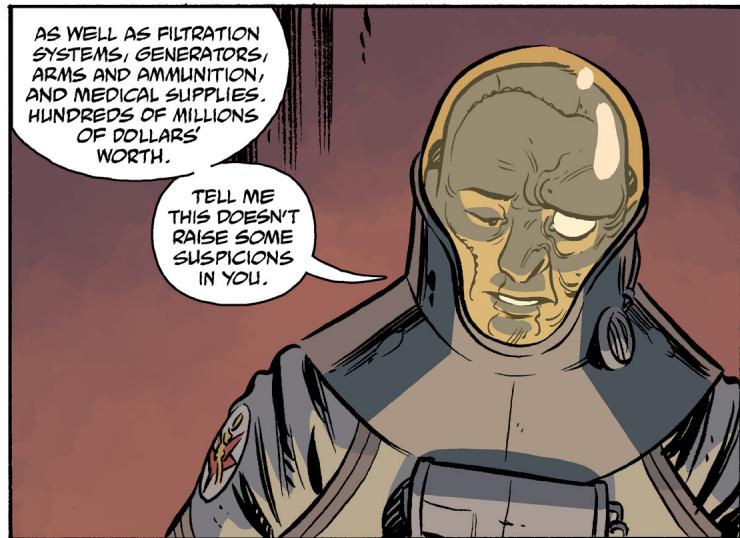
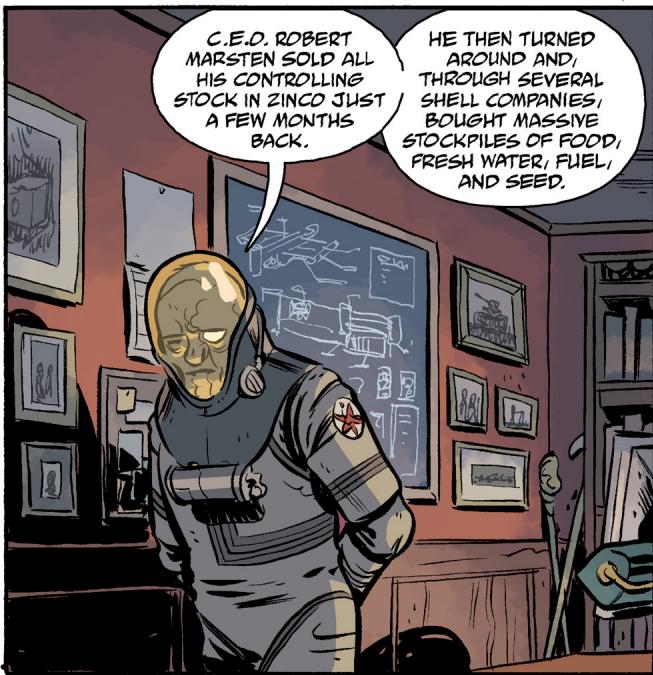
IT WILL
BE VERY
DANGEROUS,
OF
COURSE.

WHAT ISN'T
DANGEROUS
THESE DAYS,
JOHANN?

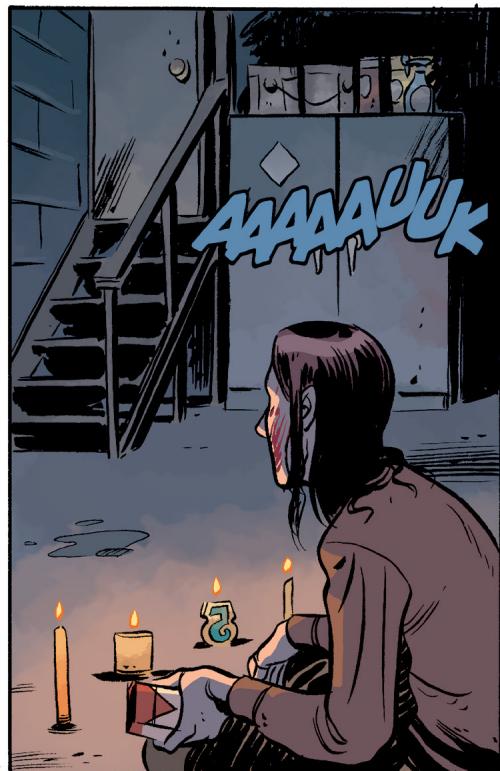
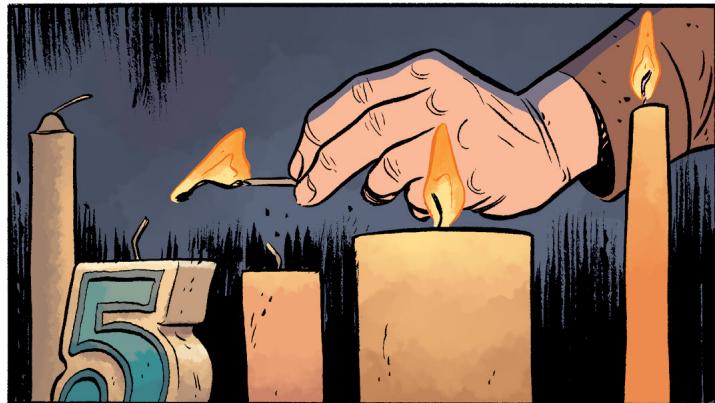
A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE B.P.R.D. AND
THE S.S.S. WILL BE THE KEY
TO ANY GAINS WE CAN MAKE IN
THIS STRUGGLE. I'M HAPPY
THAT DR. CORRIGAN HAS
EMBRACED THAT REALITY
AND ASKED FOR OUR
COOPERATION.

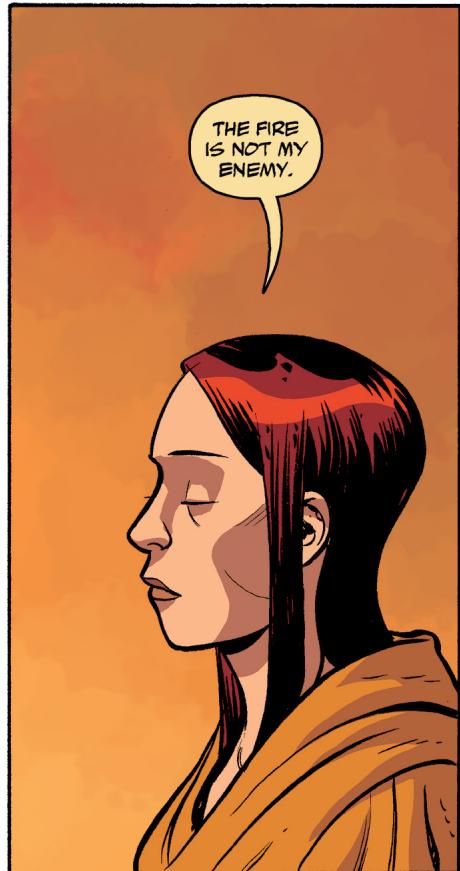


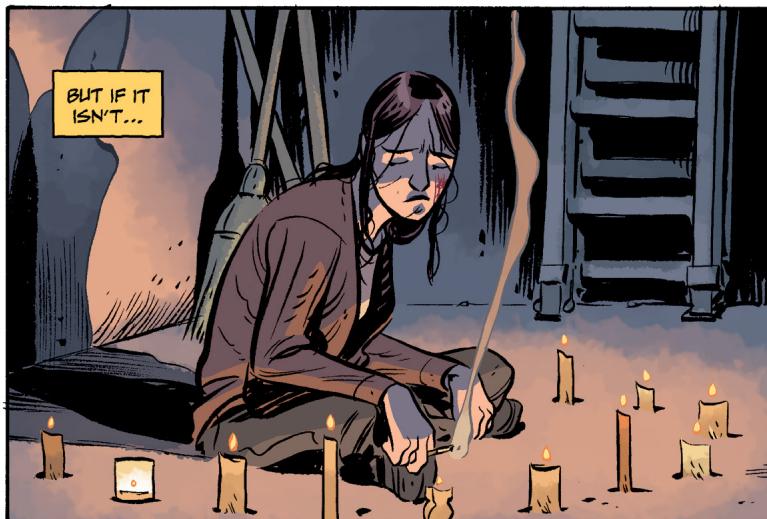














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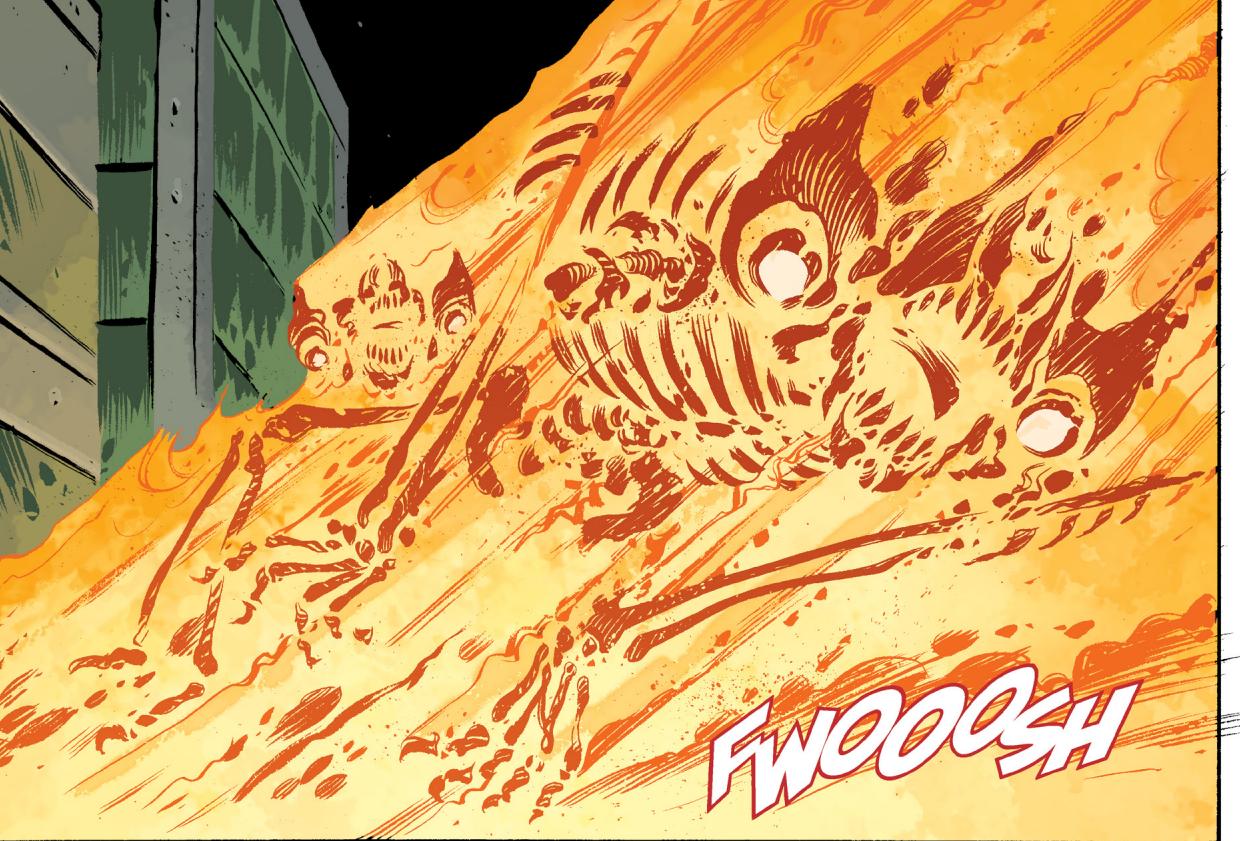
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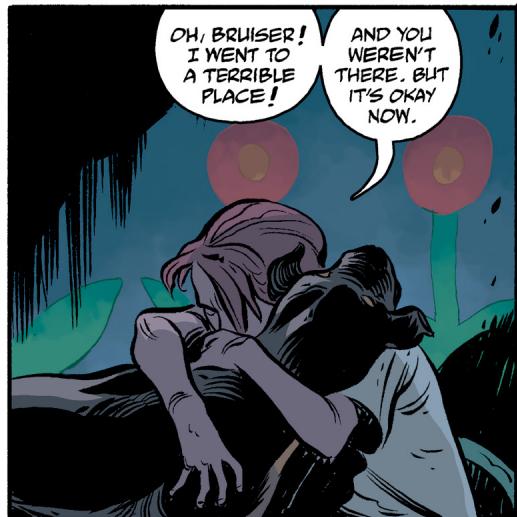


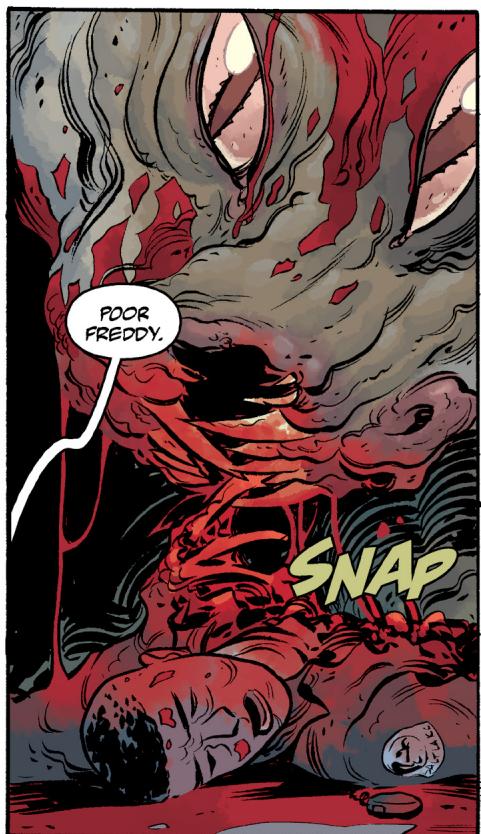




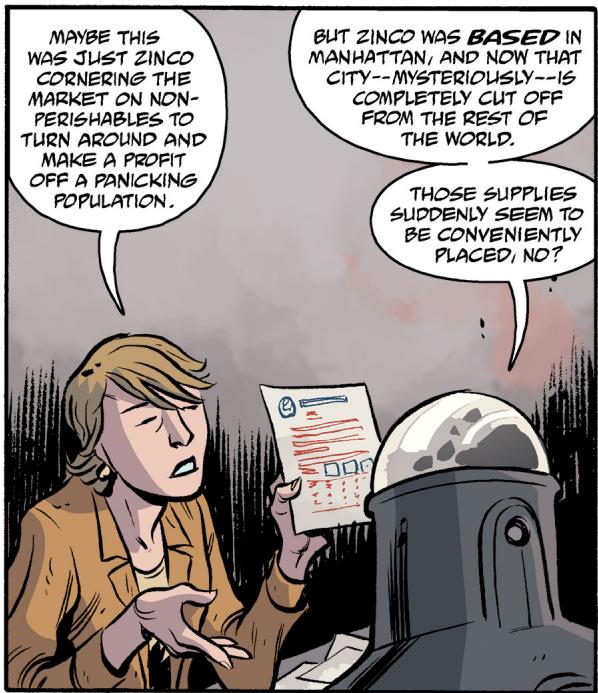


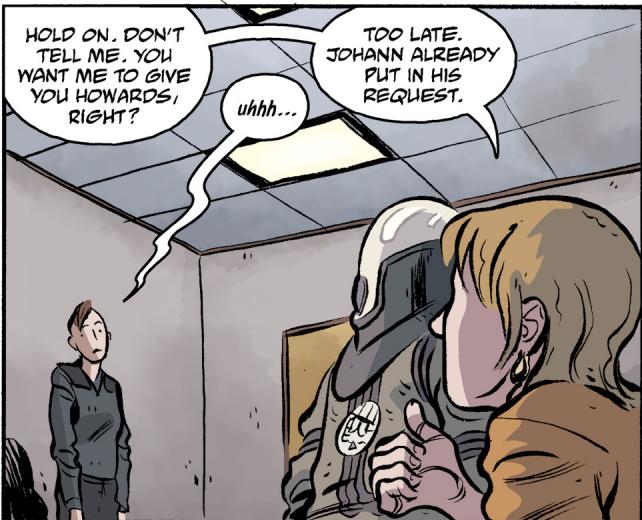
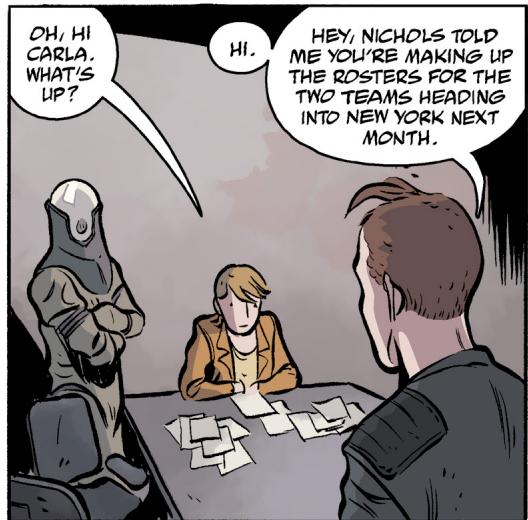


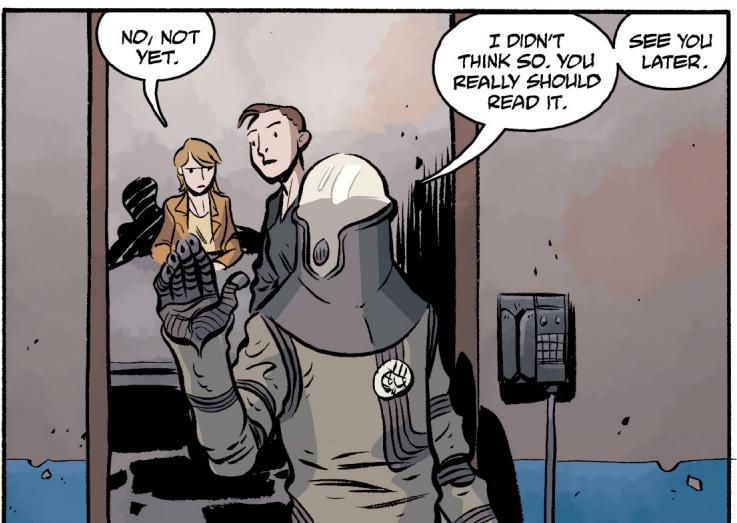






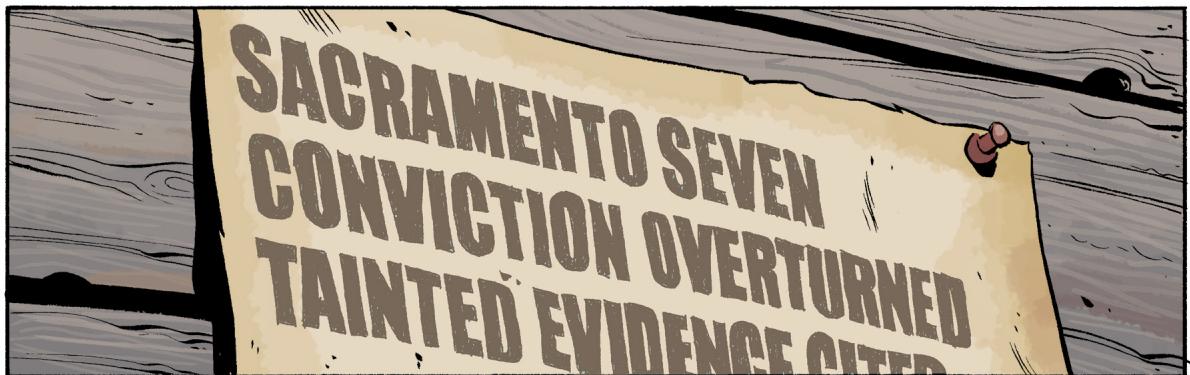
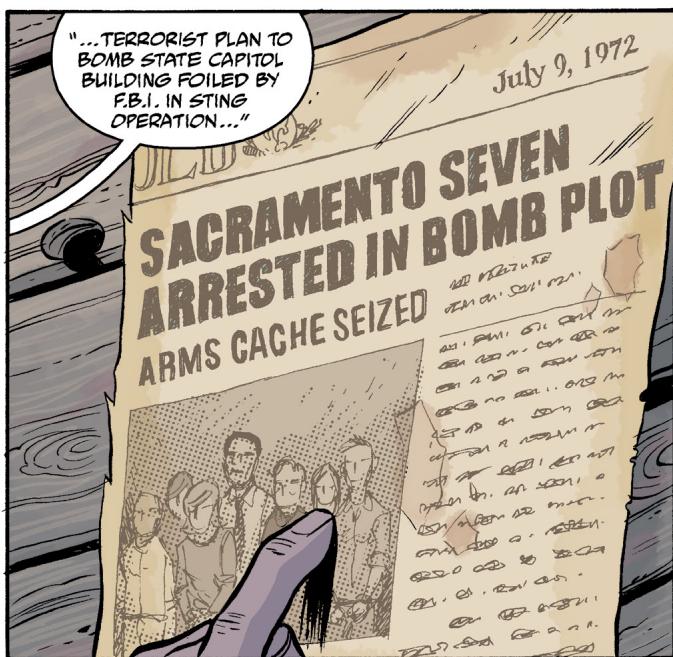
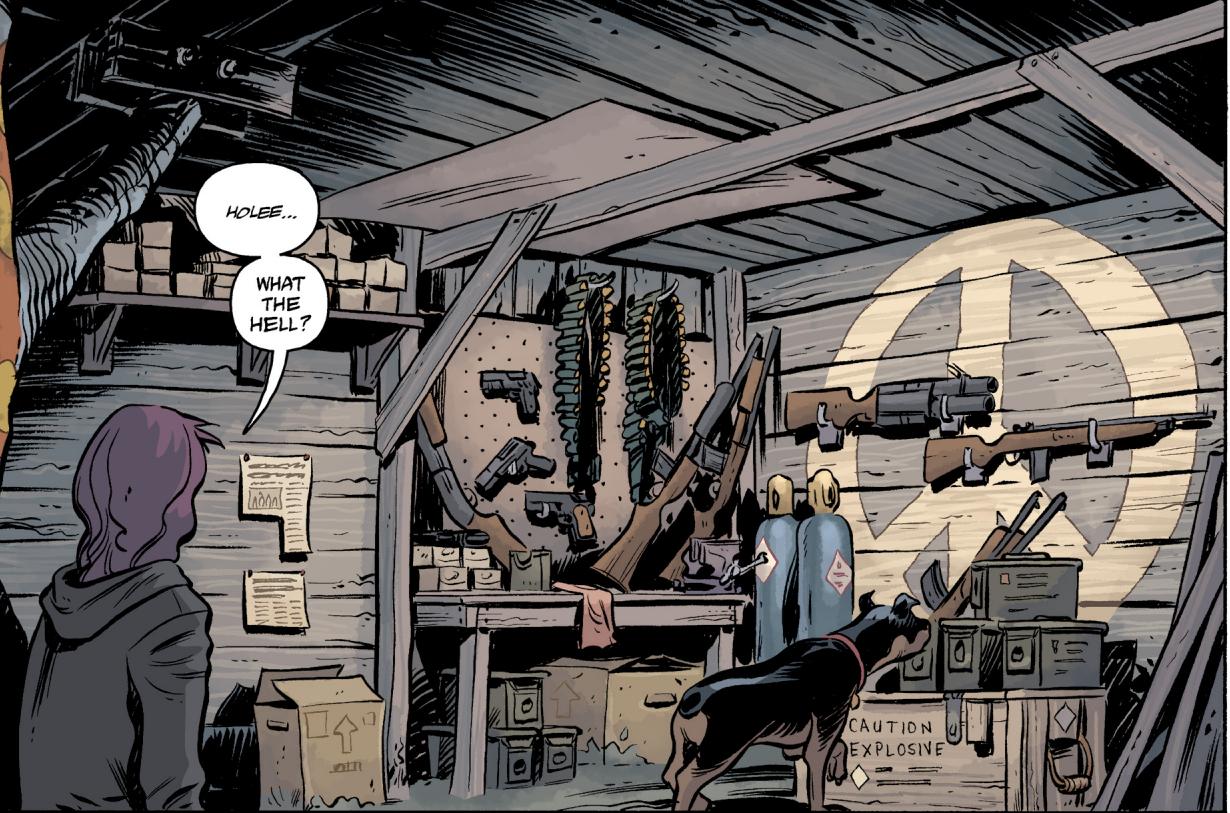


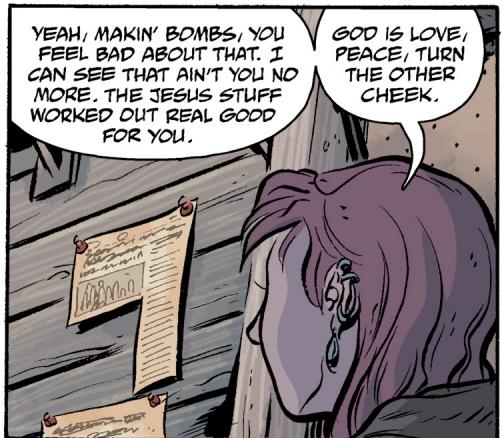


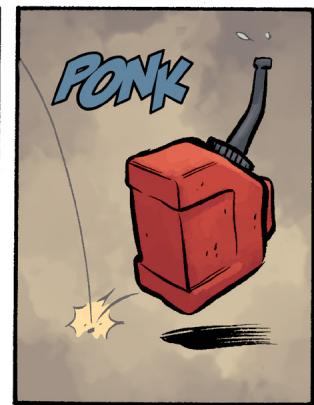


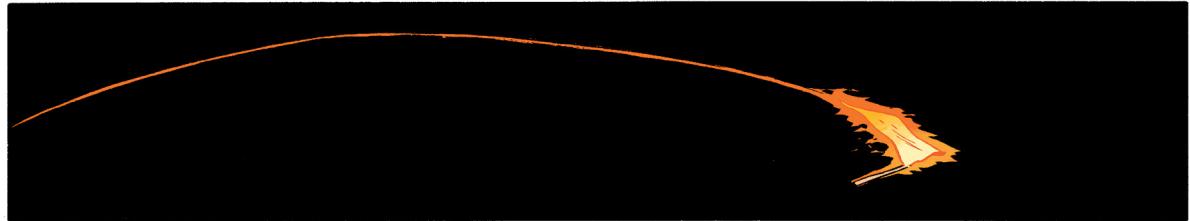


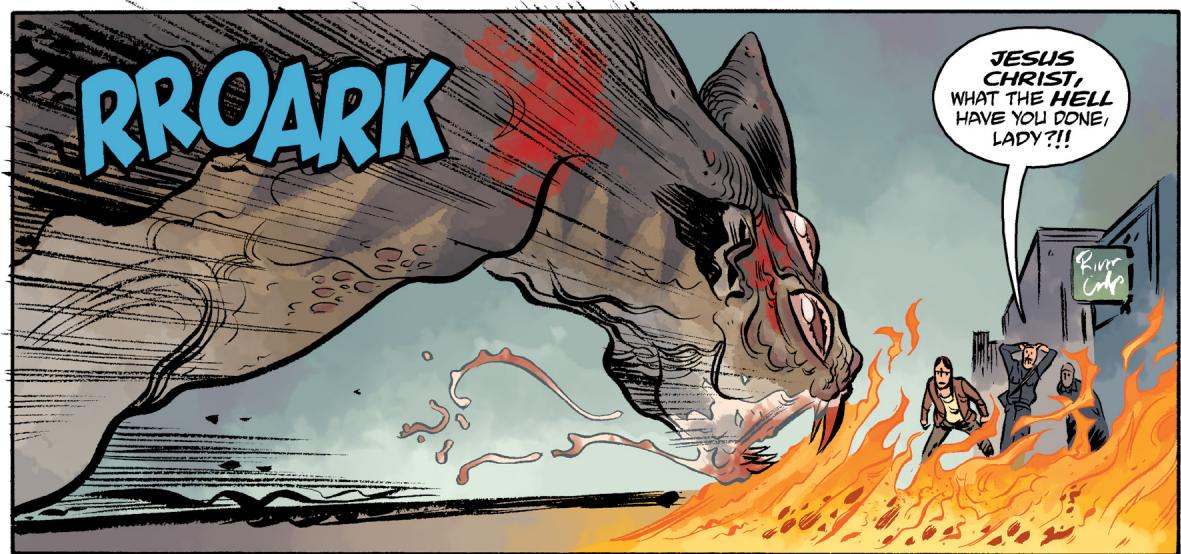


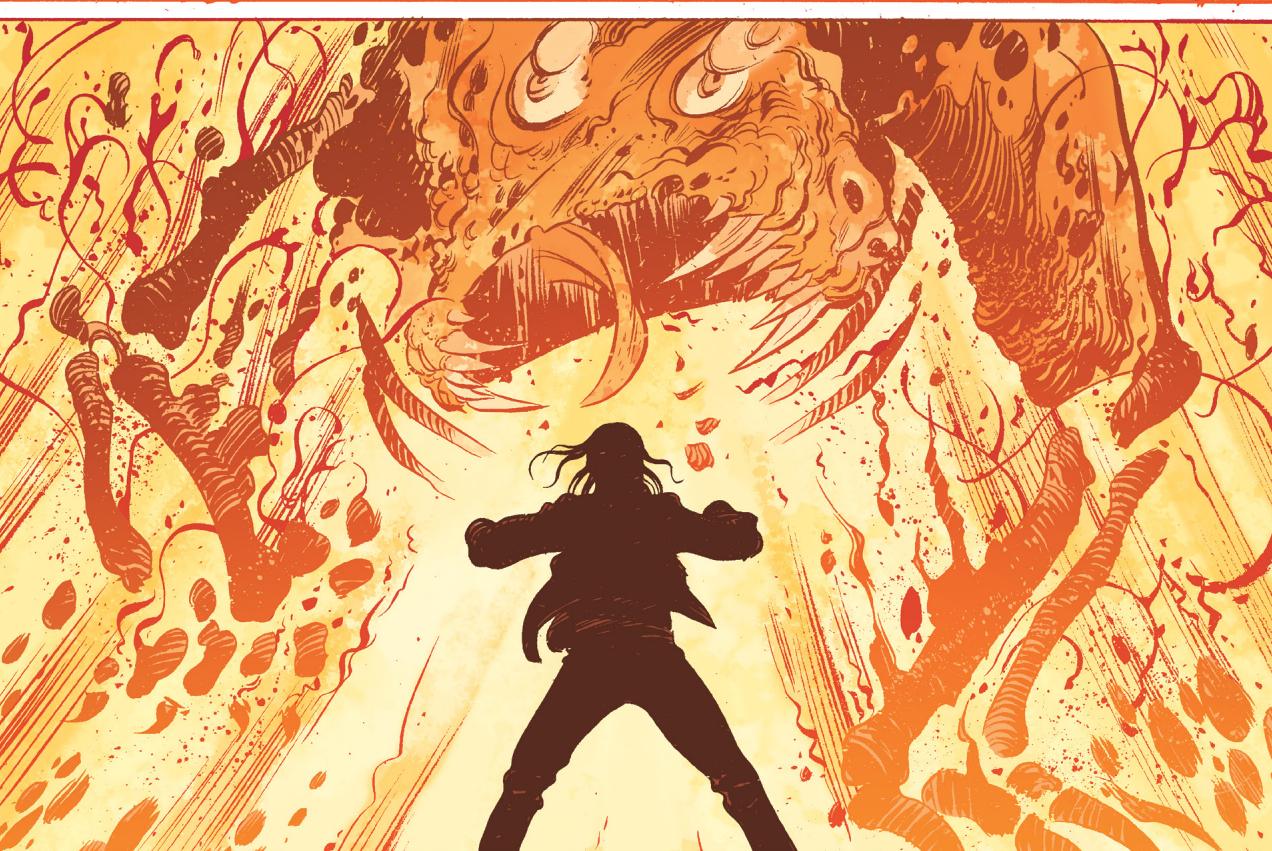


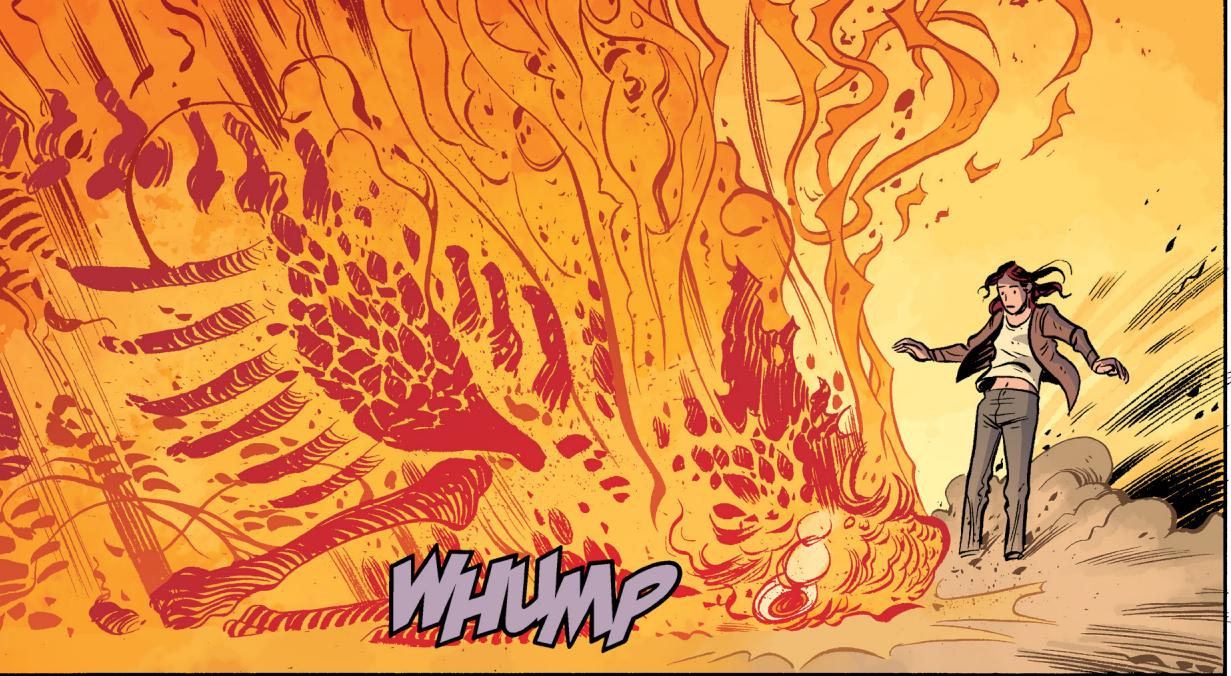


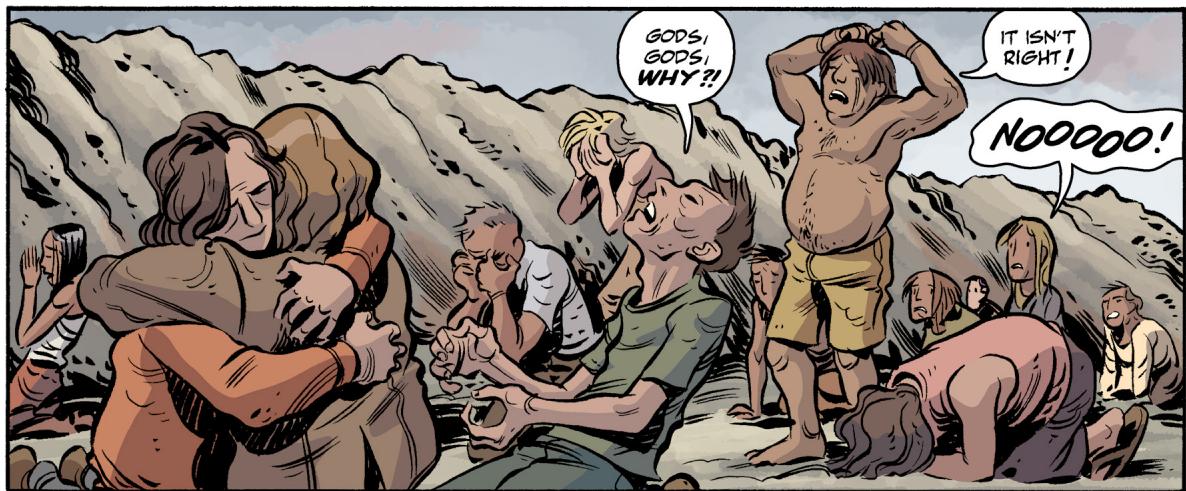














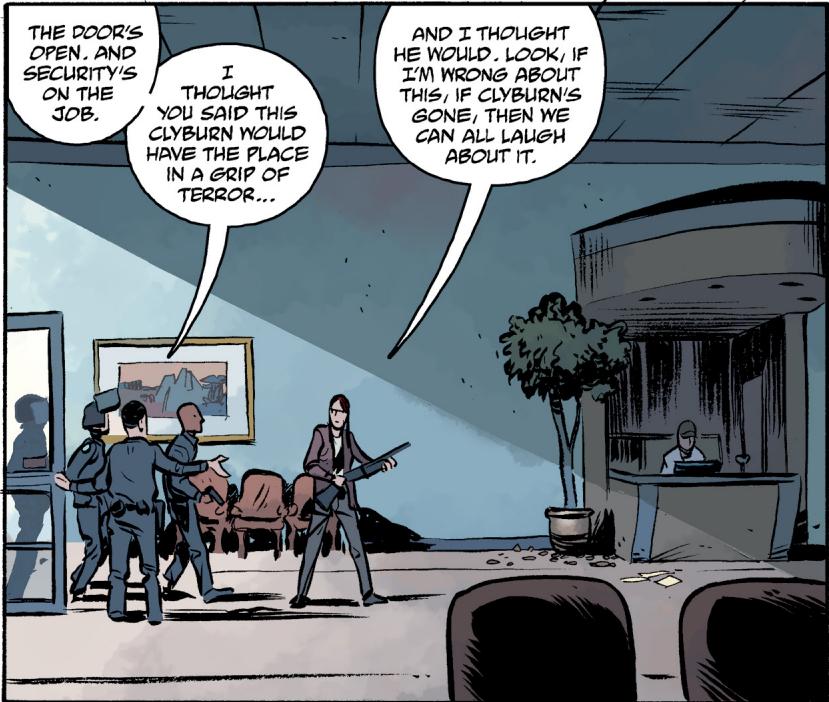
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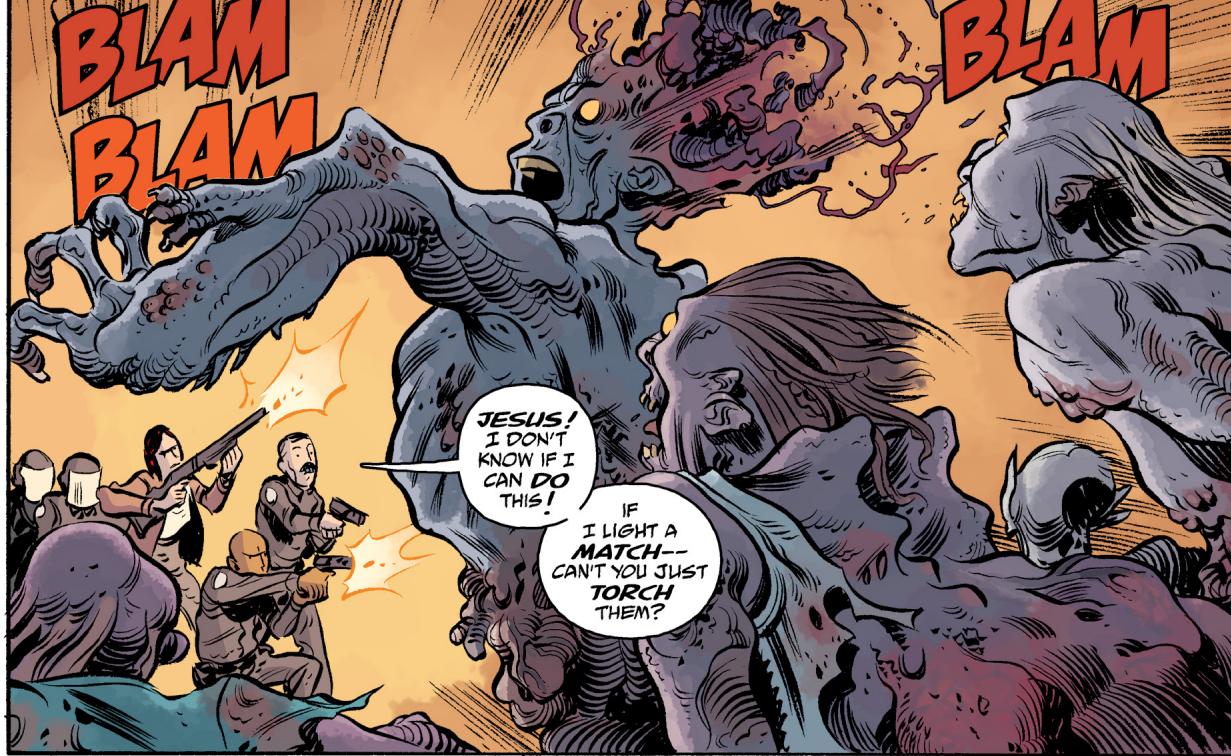






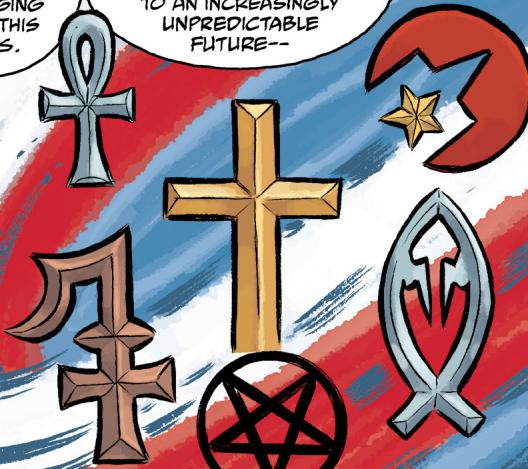




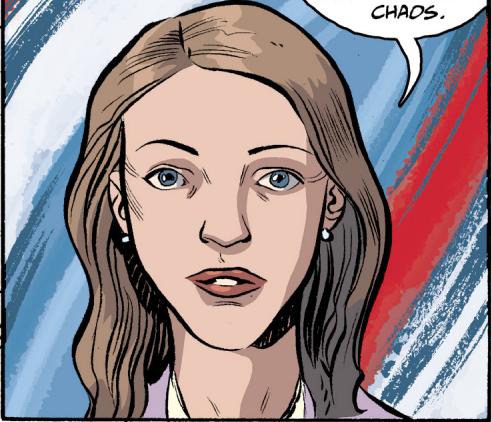


--HAVE SEEN SEVERAL NEW RELIGIONS EMERGING FROM THIS CRISIS.

WHILE IT MAY JUST BE A SIGN OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD TRYING TO ADAPT TO AN INCREASINGLY UNPREDICTABLE FUTURE--



--OTHERS ARE INTERPRETING THIS PROLIFERATION AS A FAILURE OF MORE CONVENTIONAL RELIGIONS TO MAKE ANY SENSE OF THE CHAOS.



JOINING ME TODAY TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS ARE REVEREND WILLIAM TRABOR OF THE C.C.B. NETWORK.

AND REVEREND PAUL NEDIN OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF THE LIVING EARTH.

THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME, MARTHA.

YES, THANK YOU.

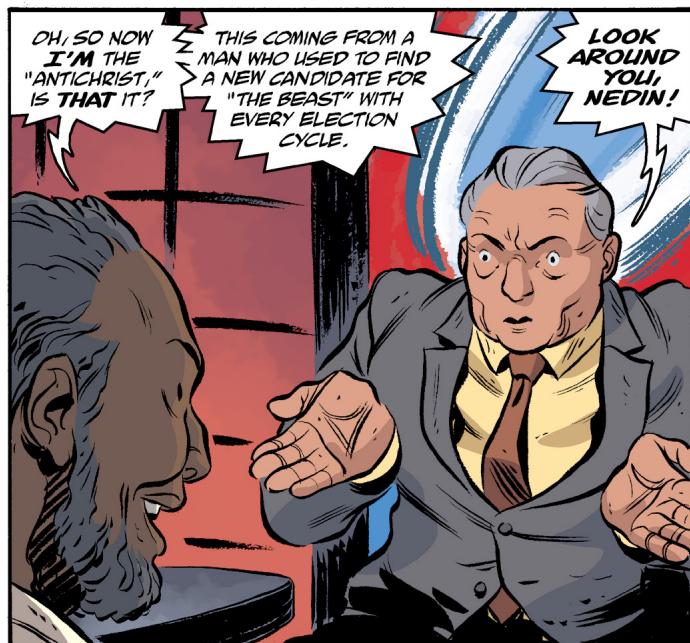
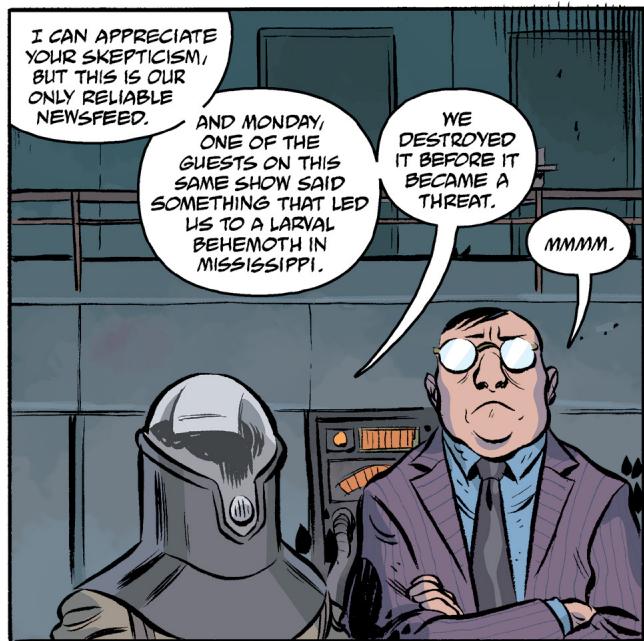


HOWEVER, LET'S STOP USING THE WORD "RELIGIONS" WHEN REFERRING TO THESE CULTS!

AND HERE WE GO.

MR. KRAUS, IS THIS REALLY THE BEST USE OF OUR MONITORING EQUIPMENT?











YOU COAXED THEM INTO LEAVING MUCH FASTER THAN I EXPECTED.

IT WASN'T ME. THEY'D JUST FINISHED KILLING OFF ALL THE EVIDENCE THEY NEEDED TO KNOW YOU AREN'T BLUFFING.

AND ANYWAY, THEY'RE OUT OF AMMO.

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I SEE YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR FRIEND, BUT I WON'T HURT HER.

LIKE HOW YOU DIDN'T HURT ALL YOUR OTHER "PATIENTS"?

I DIDN'T HURT THEM. I MADE THEM BETTER. I MADE THEM STRONGER.

YOU HURT THEM. YOU SHOT THEM!

SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

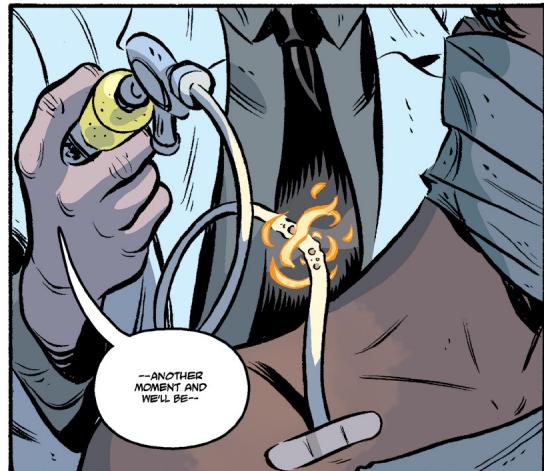
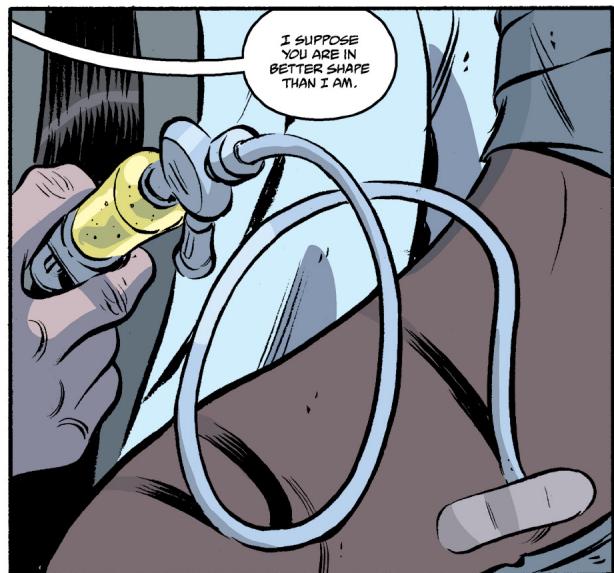
NOW YOU USE YOUR POWER OF PERSUASION TO GET US A SQUAD CAR AND THEN YOU DRIVE THE TWO OF US FAR AWAY FROM HERE.

JUST LET HER GO AND I'LL DRIVE YOU ANYWHERE.

MISS SHERMAN, THIS IS NOT A NEGOTIATION. YOU ARE NOT IN CONTROL HERE.

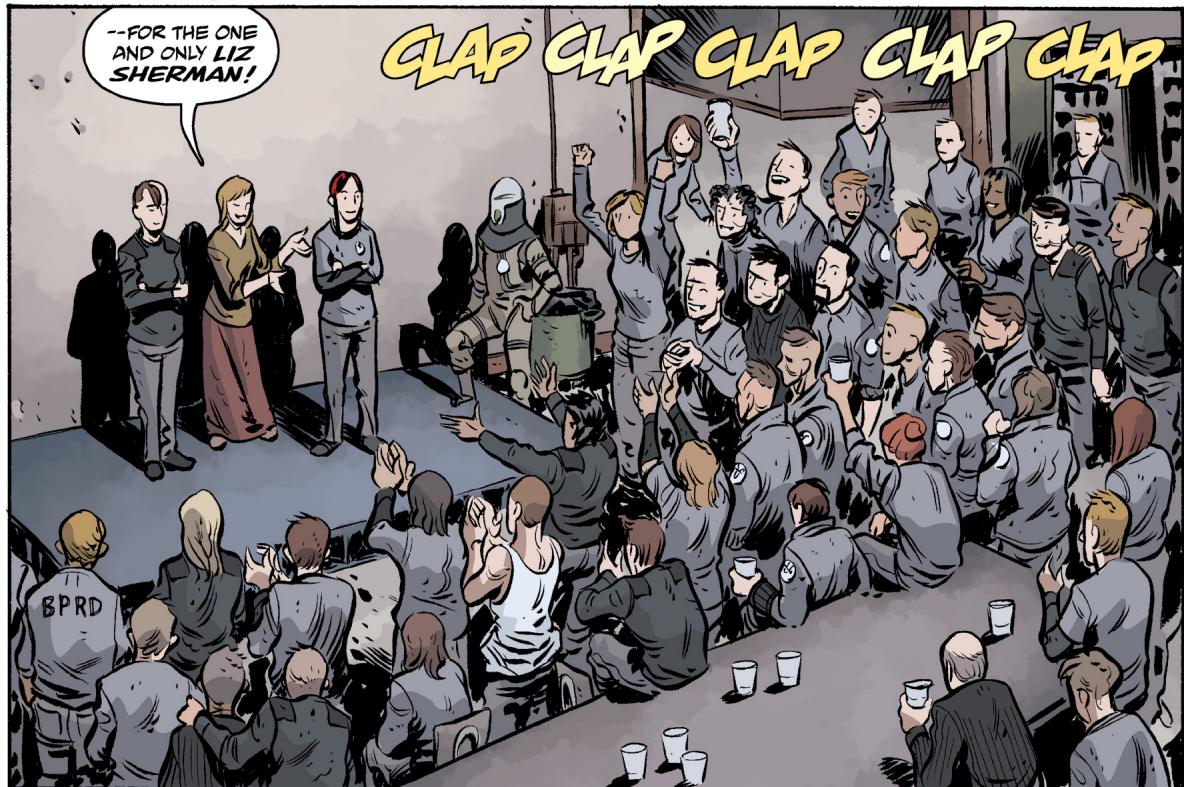
NO. NO, I'M NOT.

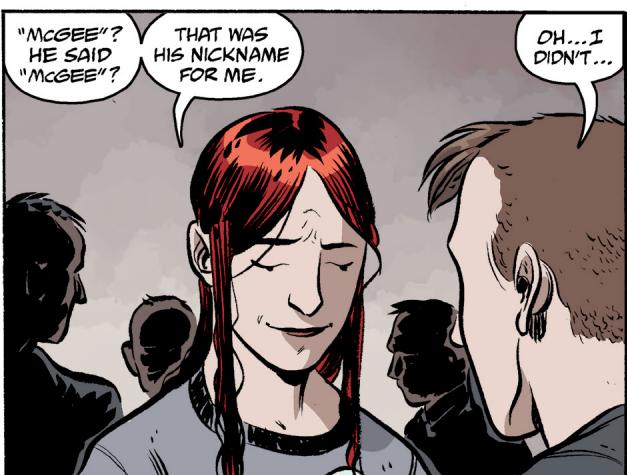


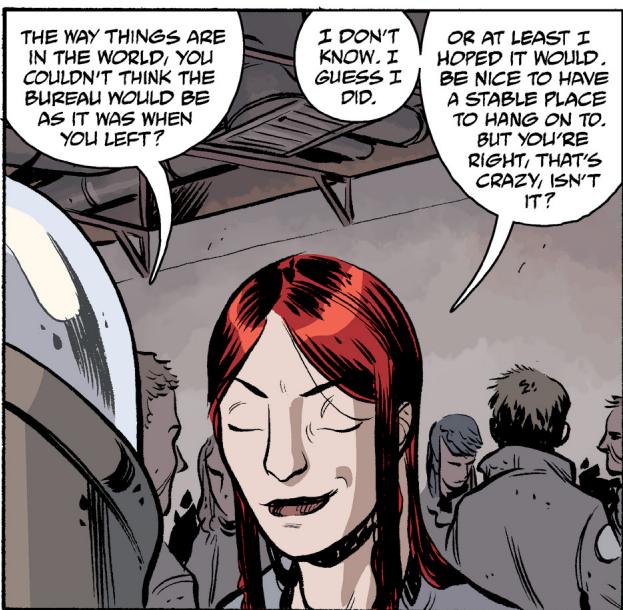


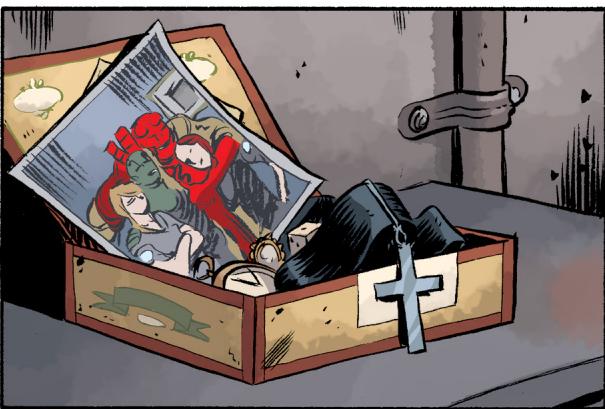


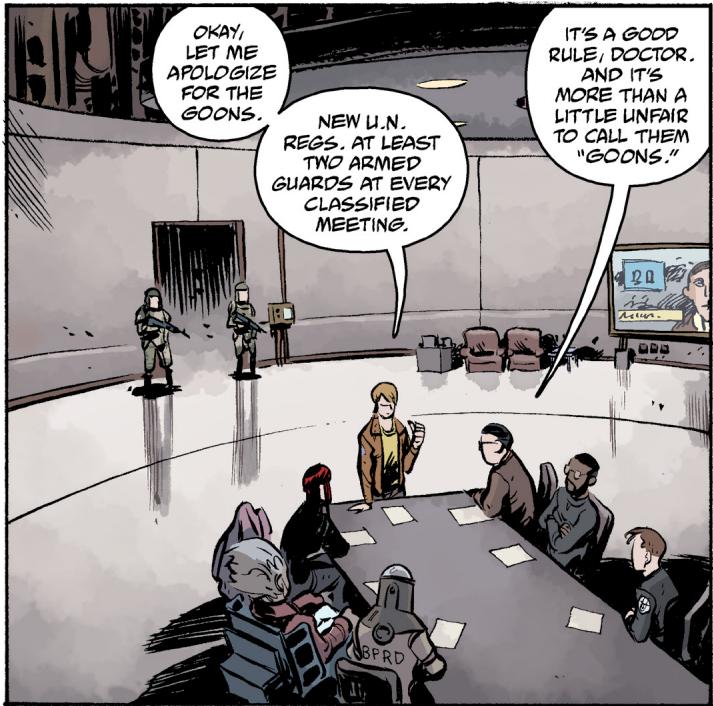


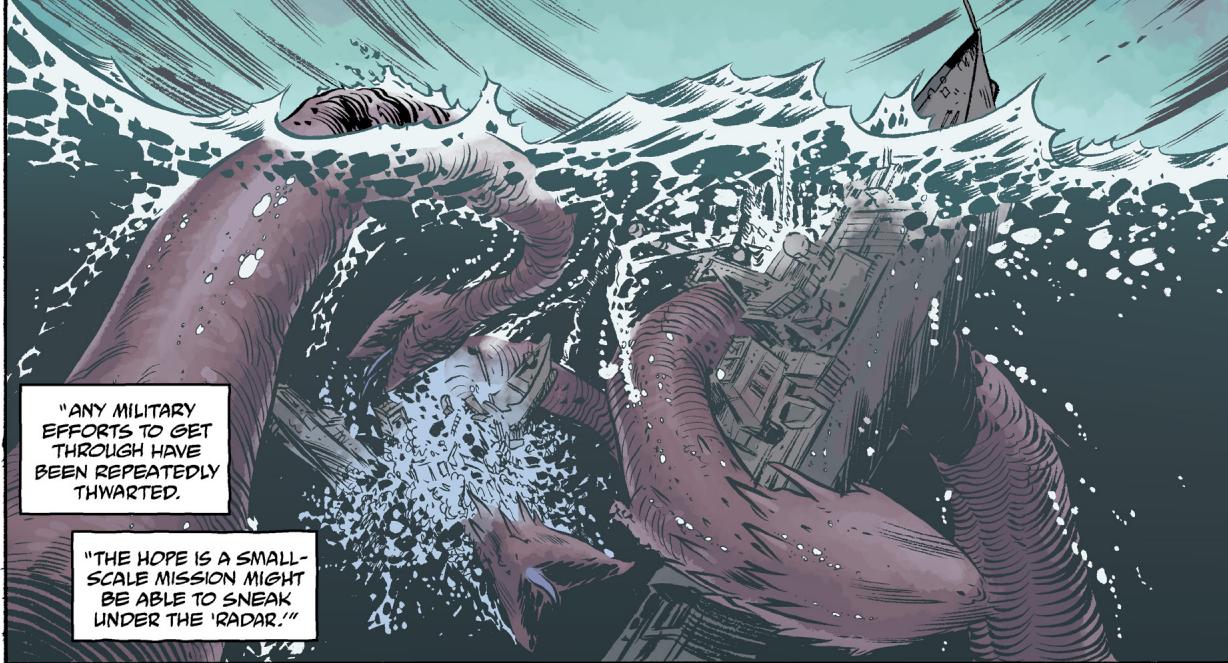












"ANY MILITARY
EFFORTS TO GET
THROUGH HAVE
BEEN REPEATEDLY
THWARTED."

"THE HOPE IS A SMALL-
SCALE MISSION MIGHT
BE ABLE TO SNEAK
UNDER THE 'RADAR.'"



AREN'T A
LOT OF CITIES
CUT OFF? I
MEAN, I HEARD
SEATTLE
WAS ALL BUT
GONE.

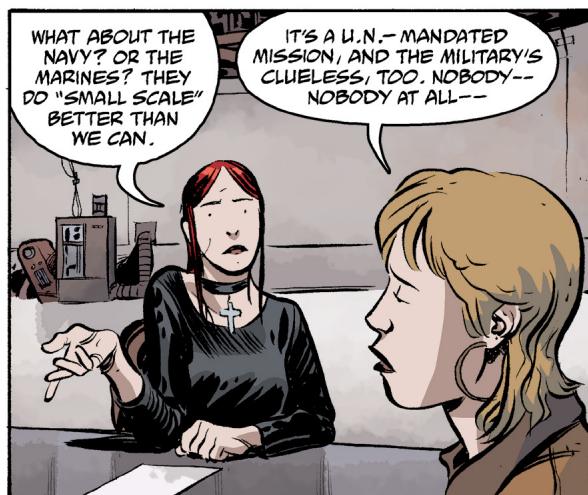
YES, YOU HEARD
ABOUT SEATTLE,
BUT NEW YORK IS
ANOTHER STORY.
IT'S CUT OFF TO ALL
COMMUNICATION--
EVEN TO
OBSERVATION.



IT'S BEEN A YEAR
NOW, ALMOST, AND
WE ASSUME IT'S BAD,
BUT HAVE NO IDEA
HOW BAD--OR
IN WHAT WAYS
IT'S BAD.

PANYA'S
TRIED TO MAKE
A PSYCHIC LINK
WITH SOMEBODY
ON THE ISLAND,
BUT SO FAR,
NOTHING.

I CAN'T
EVEN FIND A
DOG OR A CAT
THROUGH
WHOSE EYES
I CAN SEE.



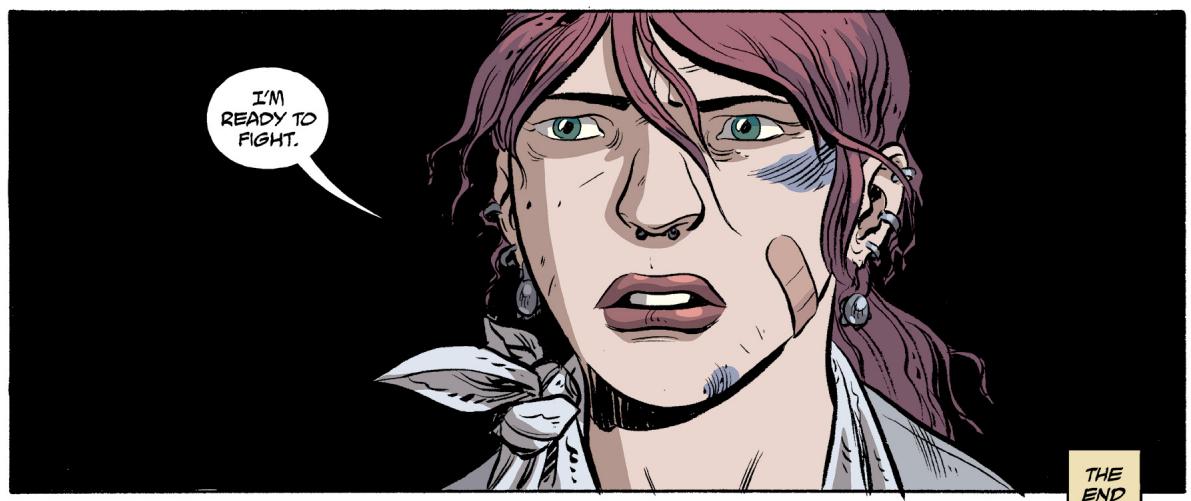
WHAT ABOUT THE
NAVY? OR THE
MARINES? THEY
DO "SMALL SCALE"
BETTER THAN
WE CAN.

IT'S A U.N.-MANDATED
MISSION, AND THE MILITARY'S
CLUELESS, TOO. NOBODY--
NOBODY AT ALL--



--KNOWS
WHAT'S
HAPPENING
IN NEW
YORK.

I DO.



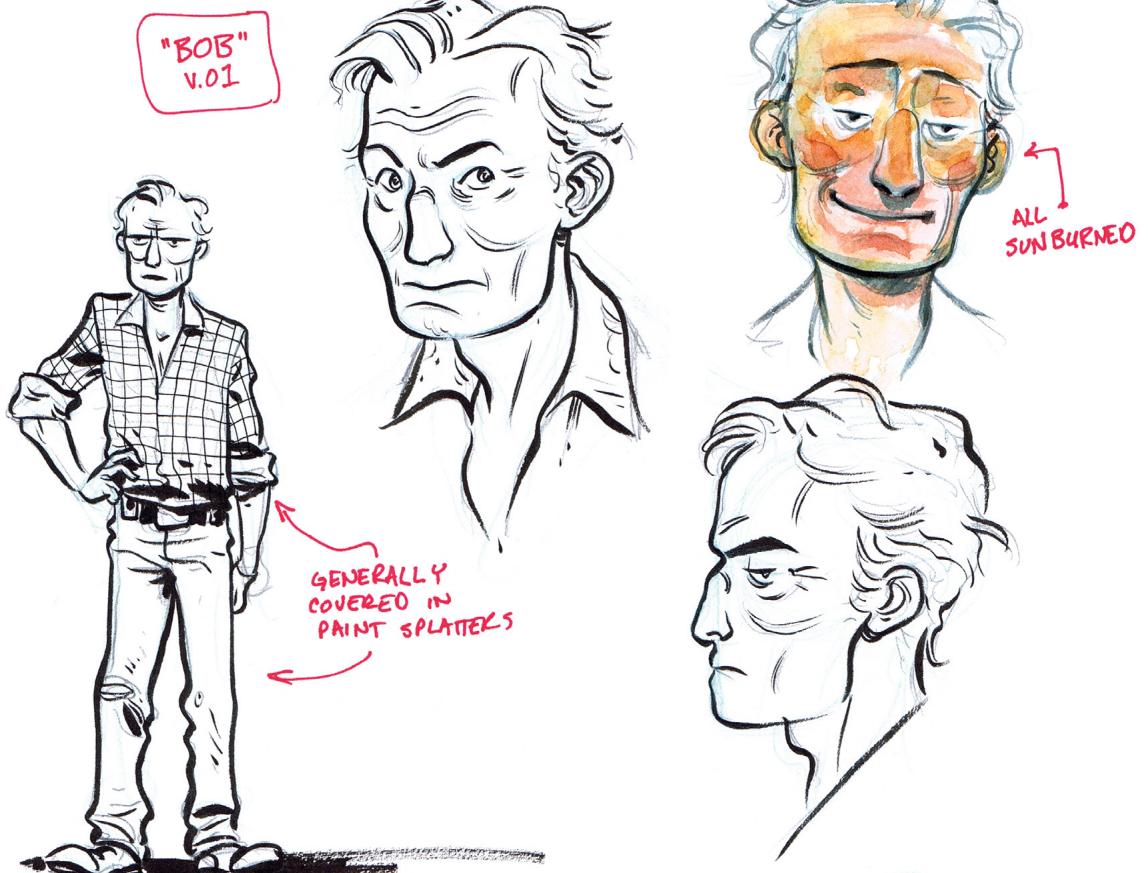
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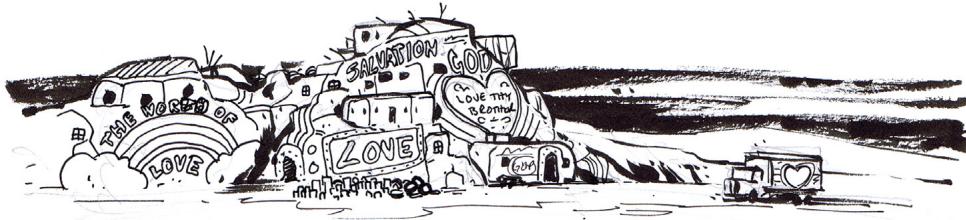
SKETCHBOOK

Notes by Scott Allie



Tyler's haunting design for the reveal of Fenix's sister.





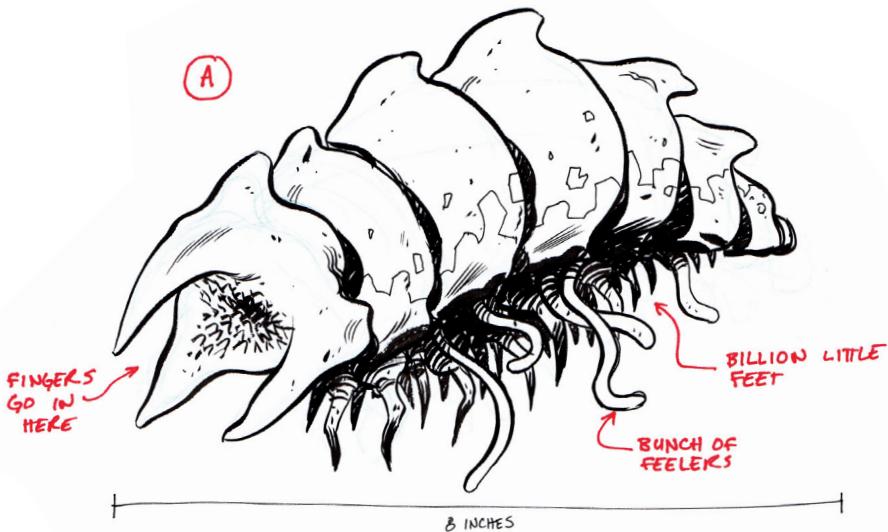
BUILT OUT OF
SCRAPWOOD, OLD
TRAILERS + ADOBE.



More designs for the Fenix section of the book. Bob's house is based on a real location in the Salton Sea. Check out the short film "The Accidental Sea" on YouTube. This house was designed early in order to facilitate a tie-in to Abe Sapien: *Dark and Terrible and the New Race of Man*, by John Arcudi and Max Fiumara.

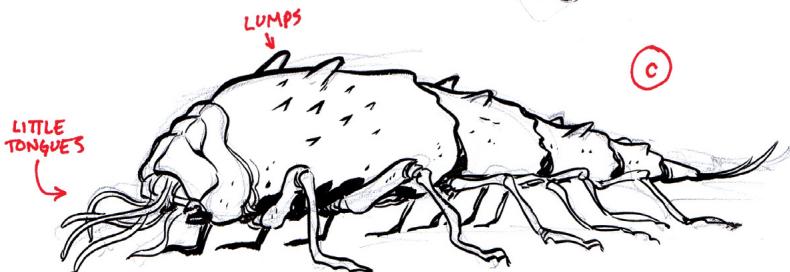
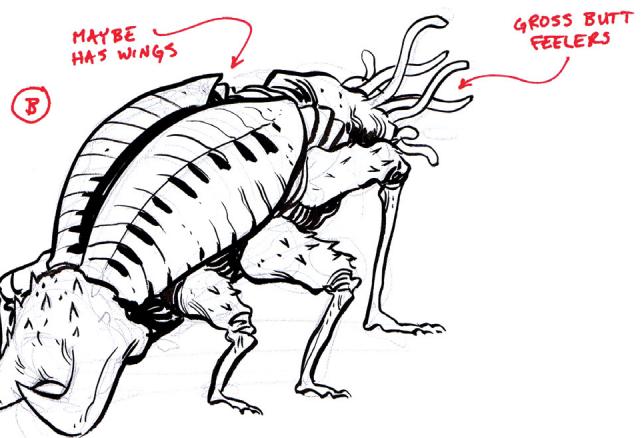


CLYBURN
V.01

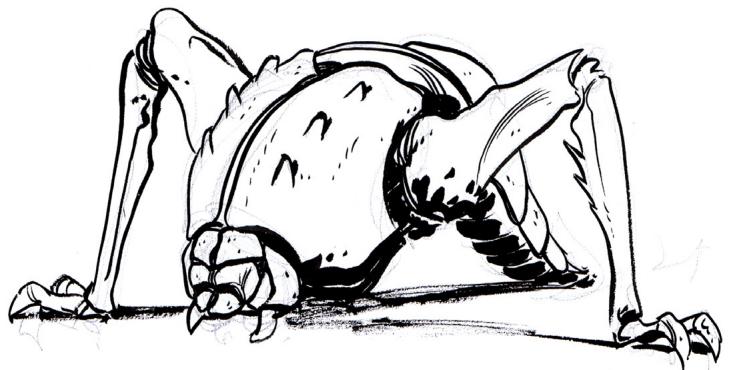
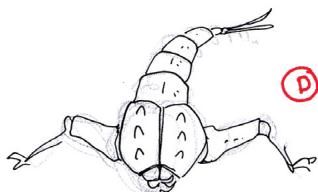


The tiny creatures that inspire Clyburn's experiments, which John described in the script as "what silverfish must look like when you're schizophrenic and on peyote."

Facing: The V is for volunteer.



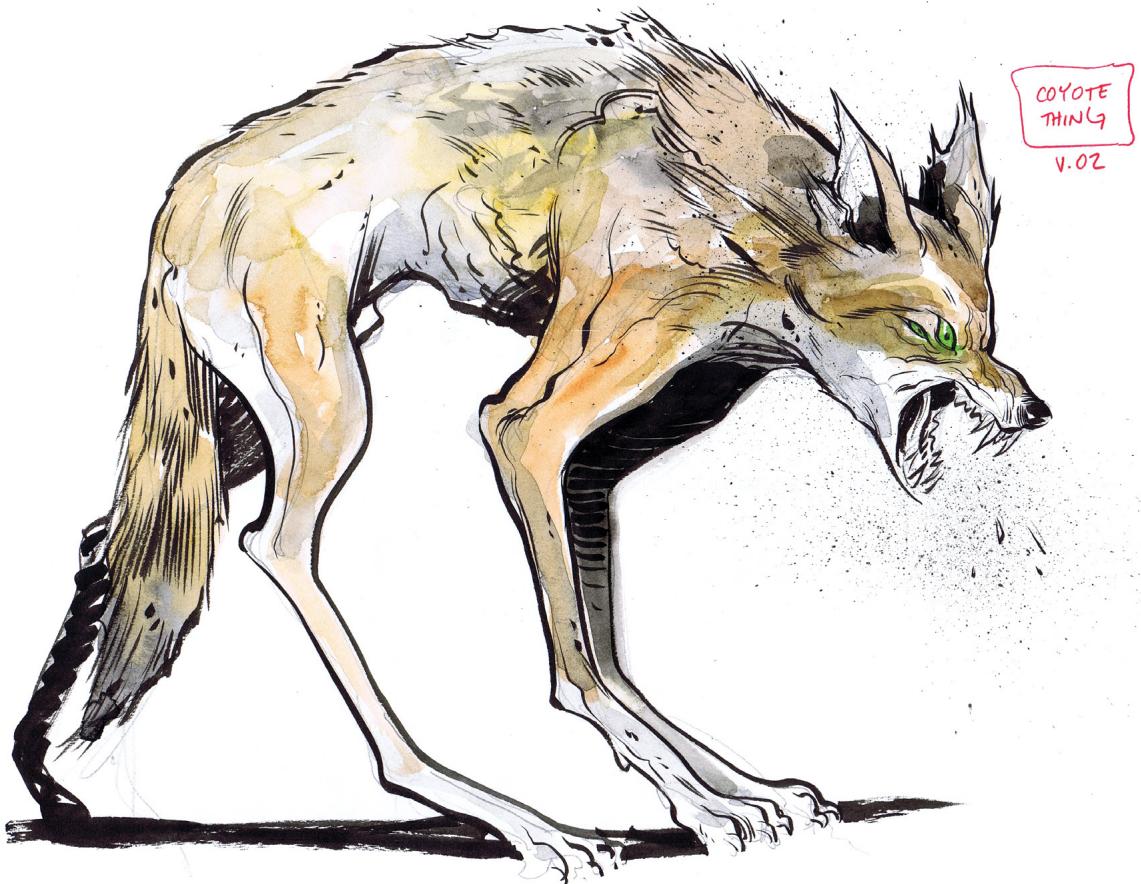
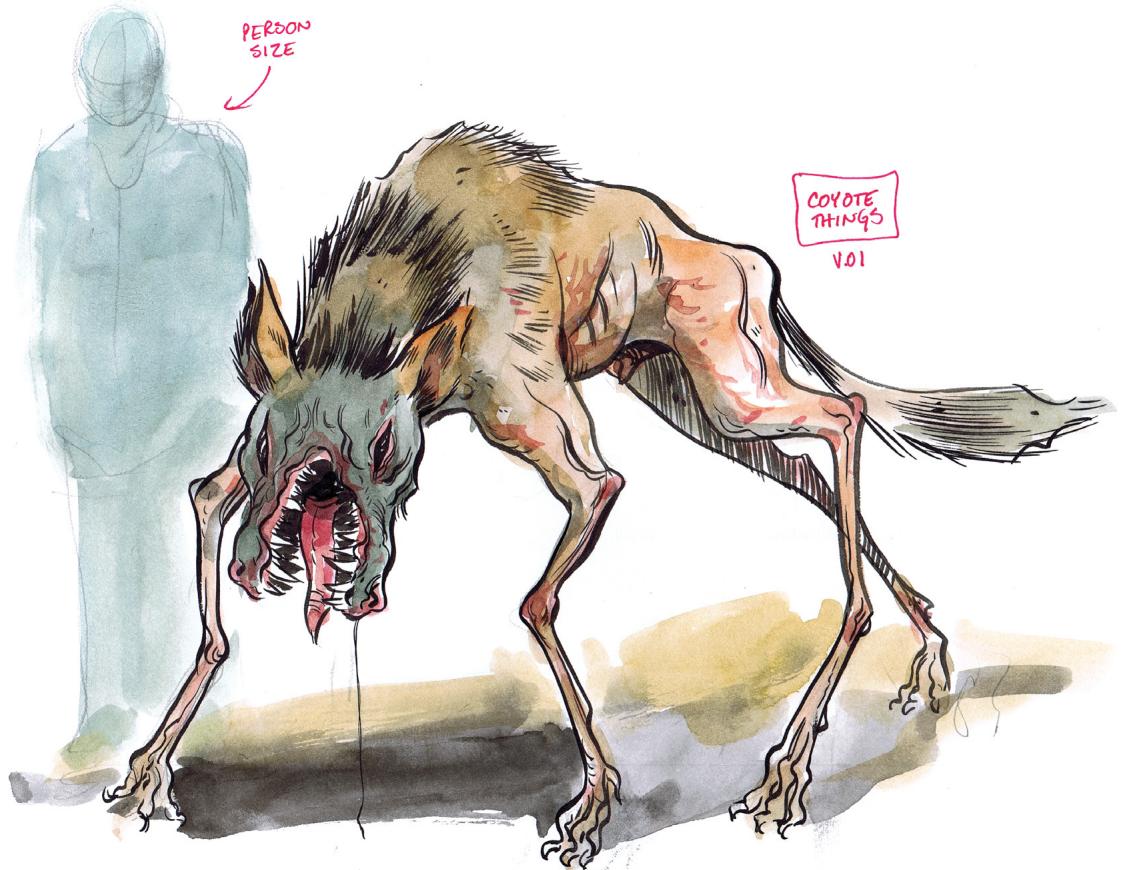
LUMPY SILVERFISH



ALL THESE GUYS
ABOUT 6-8 INCHES



We've sometimes given Tyler a hard time about his monsters being too cute. Something about Clyburn's mutant animal menagerie brought out the best in him.





BIG
OL'
DOG
V.01



BIG
OL'
DOG
V.02

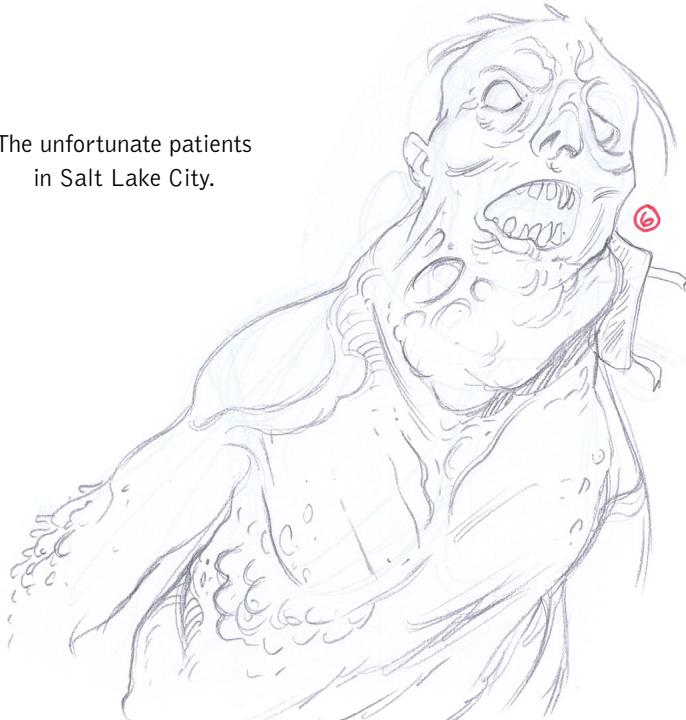
I'm tempted to let these images go without comment, but Tyler supplied this explanation:

"I made that little maquette out of Super Sculpey and painted it with acrylic paint. I was having a hard time figuring out how to draw the monster cat's head from different angles so I thought, 'I'll take a quick break and make a little maquette.' Nine hours later I was painting it and trying to remember what I was supposed to be working on that day. It was about 4.5 inches from nose to neck. I sent it to Arcudi as a present."





The unfortunate patients
in Salt Lake City.



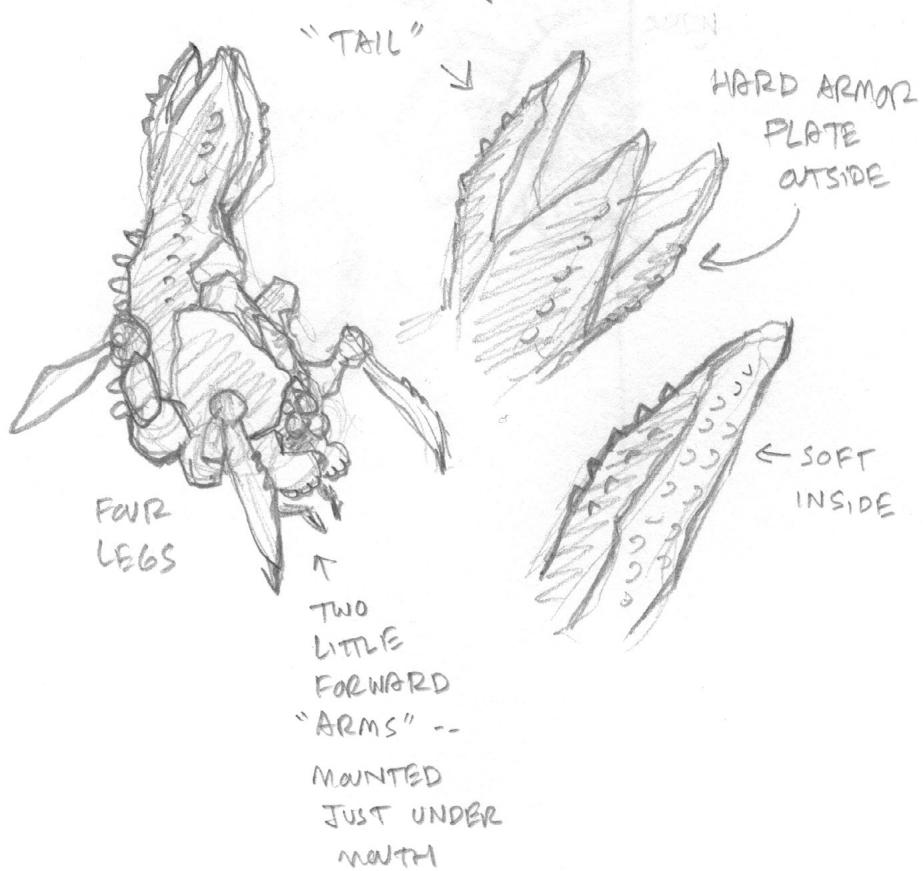


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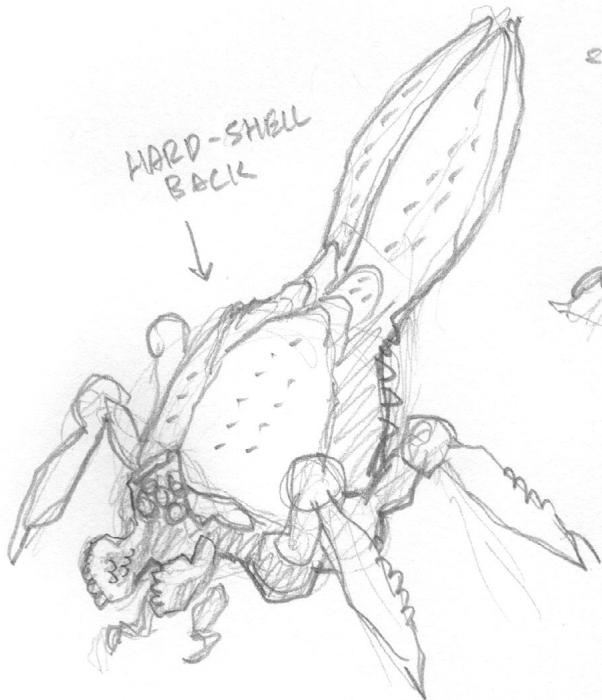
MY TAIL ON
Rafael's
Creature --

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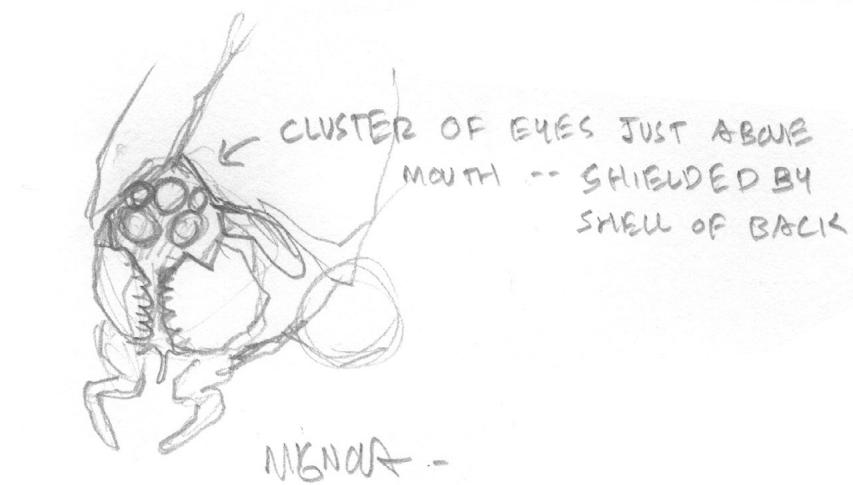


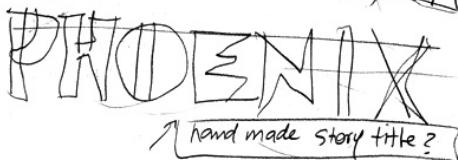
Before Rafael began cover sketches for this series, he worked on some Ogdru Hem designs. Our usual process for creating these is to have the interior or cover artist on the book take a pass, and then Mike revises it. Mike jumped in and redrew Rafa's Ogdru Hem, as seen on these two pages, before we decided that it would be better to use the Salton Sea monster, since that one has been appearing in the books since *King of Fear*.

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I COULD SEE
THIS GUY BURROWING
INTO THE GROUND
SO ONLY ITS TAIL
SECTION STICKS OUT . . .
GOD ONLY KNOWS WHAT
COMES OUT OF THAT
TAIL





Before Rafa did any sketches, we'd decided to use the Salton Sea monster on the covers, so it's pictured here. Rafa turned in the completed cover on the right, and we gave him some notes that were not meant to be extreme but led him to completely redraw the cover, resulting in the image you see in front of chapter 1 of this volume.







Tyler's entry in the 30 Days of Abe Sapien
promotion on Multiversity.com.



B.P.R.D. HELL ON EARTH LAKE OF FIRE

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