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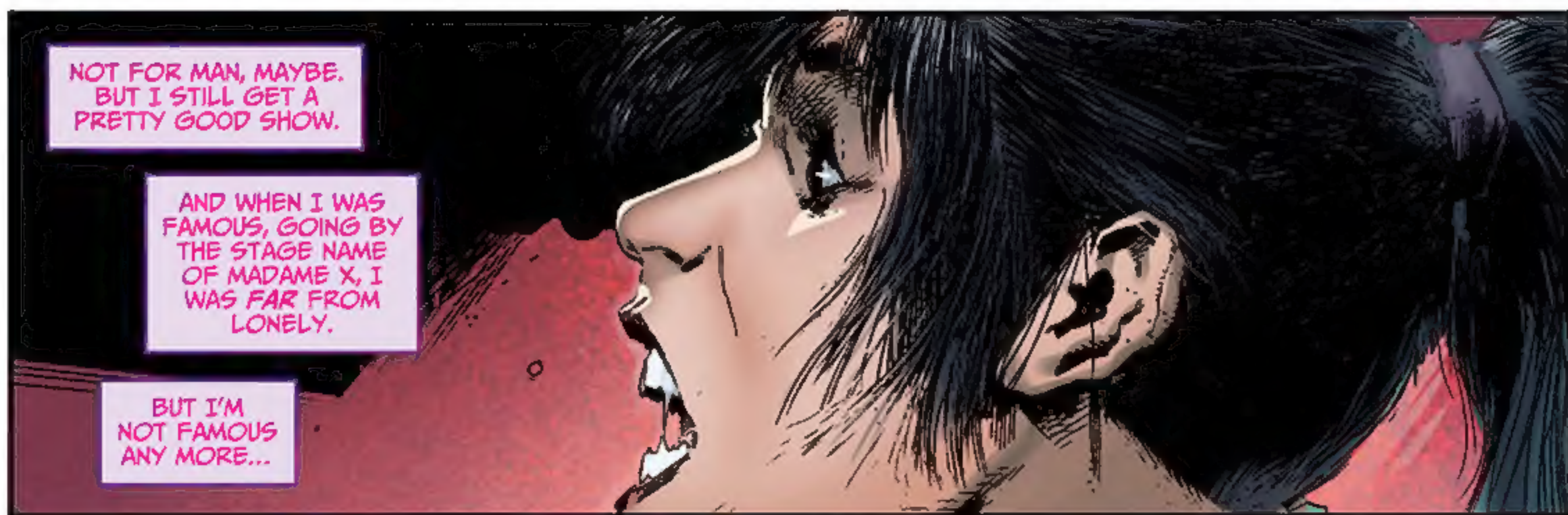
THE MAJOR ARCANA (GREATER SECRETS) DECK OF TAROT CONTAINS 22 CARDS AND IS BELIEVED TO BE DERIVED FROM THE EGYPTIAN BOOK OF THOTH.

THIS ANCIENT TOME CONTAINED MAGICAL SPELLS. STORY GOES, THE EGYPTIAN PRINCE NEFERKAPTAH CAPTURED IT AND, AS A RESULT, THE GODS KILLED HIS WIFE AND SON.

THEN NEFERKAPTAH COMMITTED SUICIDE FROM LONELINESS, WHICH KIND OF SENT A MESSAGE.

THE GODS' KNOWLEDGE IS NOT FOR MAN TO KNOW.

S. PENTAC



NOT FOR MAN, MAYBE.
BUT I STILL GET A
PRETTY GOOD SHOW.

AND WHEN I WAS
FAMOUS, GOING BY
THE STAGE NAME
OF MADAME X, I
WAS FAR FROM
LONELY.

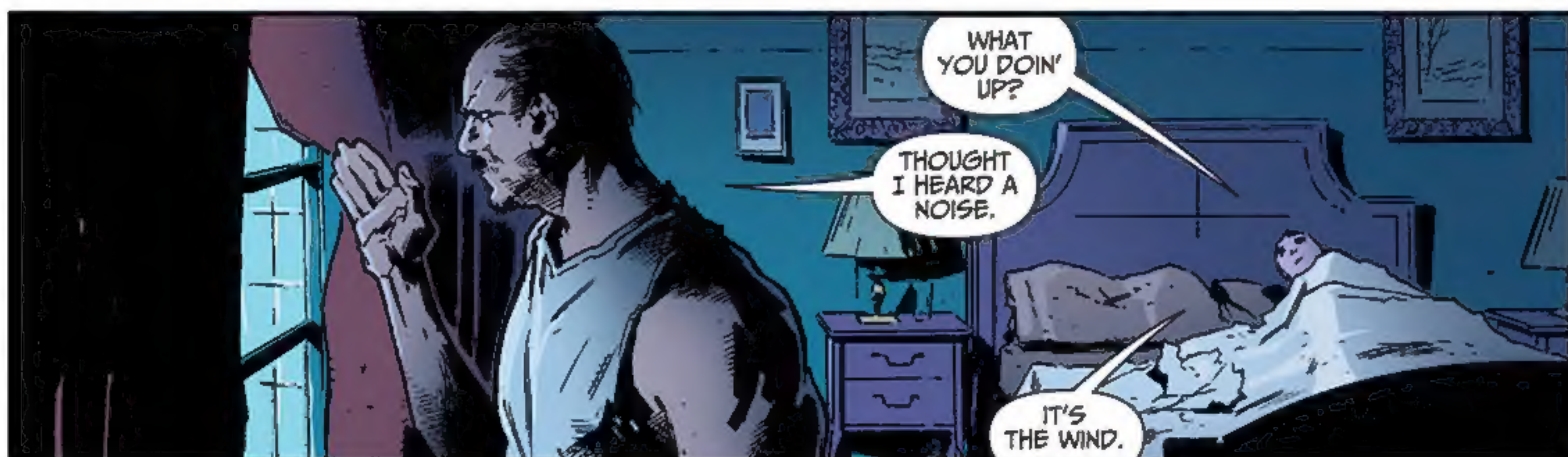
BUT I'M
NOT FAMOUS
ANY MORE...



STILL, MY
CARDS SHOW
ME THE
FUTURE.

HOWEVER
SCARY THAT
MAY BE.

GARDEN DISTRICT, UPTOWN NEW ORLEANS.

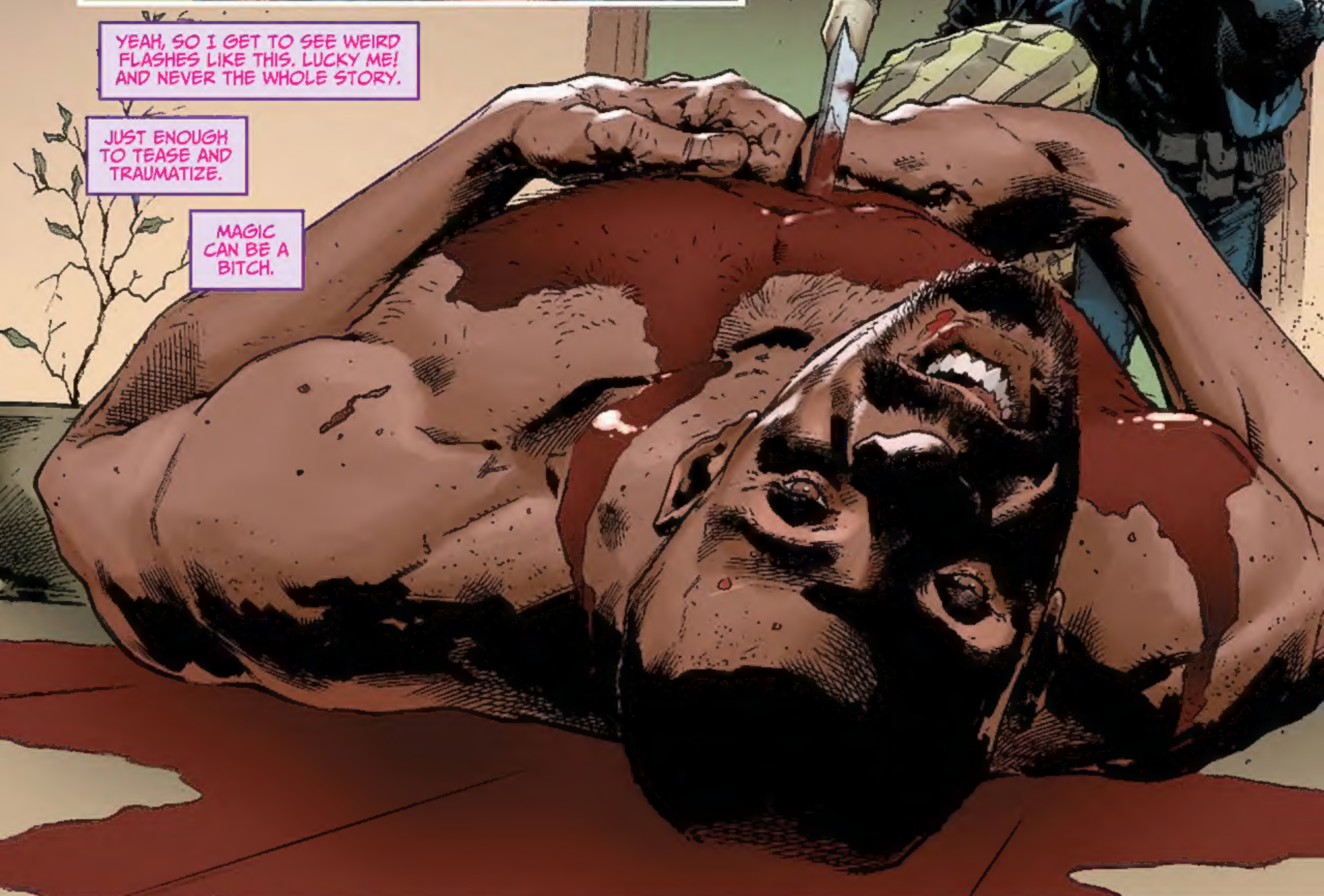


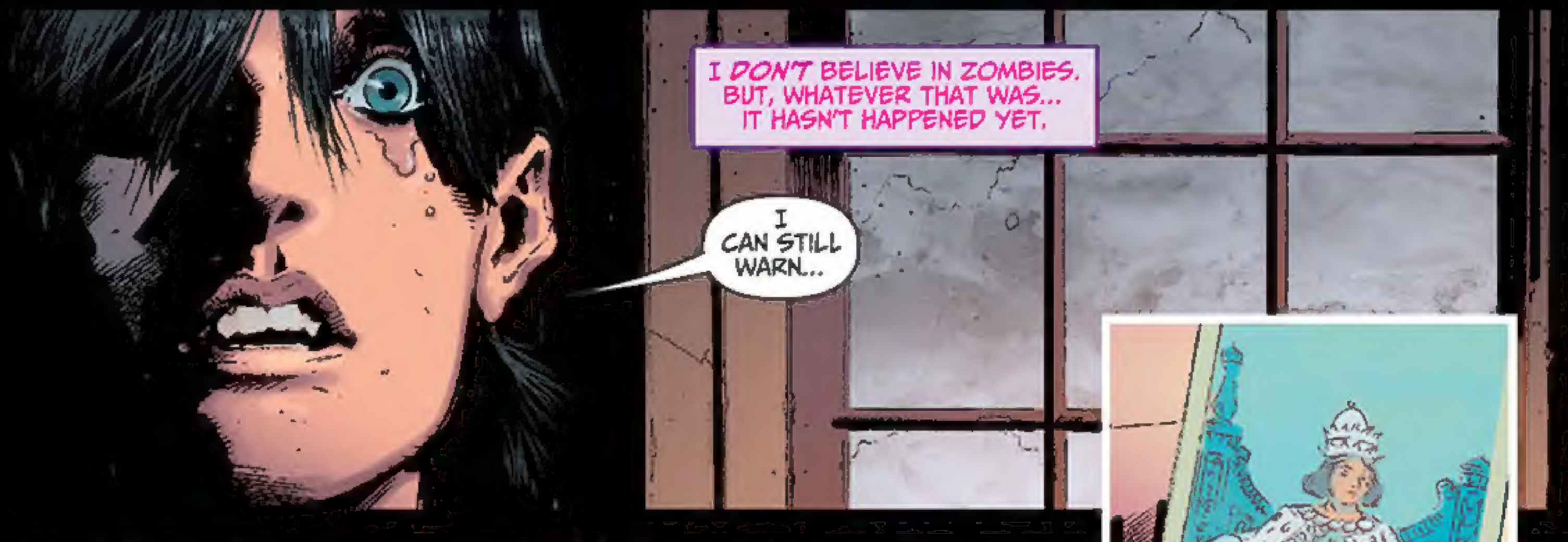
WHAT
YOU DOIN'
UP?

THOUGHT
I HEARD A
NOISE.

IT'S
THE WIND.







I DON'T BELIEVE IN ZOMBIES.
BUT, WHATEVER THAT WAS...
IT HASN'T HAPPENED YET.

I
CAN STILL
WARN...



NNNNN...

...THERE'S
MORE...

WHAT THE
HELL IS...



SISTER...



"...IN
DARKNESS."



VILLAGE QUARTER, NEW ORLEANS.

THE OFFICES OF LYNN LAW.







MAY I
INTRODUCE MS. LAUREN
GOUCCUFF, CURRENTLY OWNER
OF THE SOBRIQUET "VOODOO
QUEEN OF NEW
ORLEANS"?

IS MY
APPEARANCE SO
SHOCKING AS TO
CAUSE SUCH A
REACTION?



NO...I...I
THINK I'VE SEEN
YOU BEFORE
IS ALL.

WHO
HASN'T? MS.
GOUCCUFF HERE'S
BEEN GETTING
A LOT OF TV NEWS
COVERAGE AND PAPER
PUBLICITY LATELY.
MUCH OF IT
BAD.



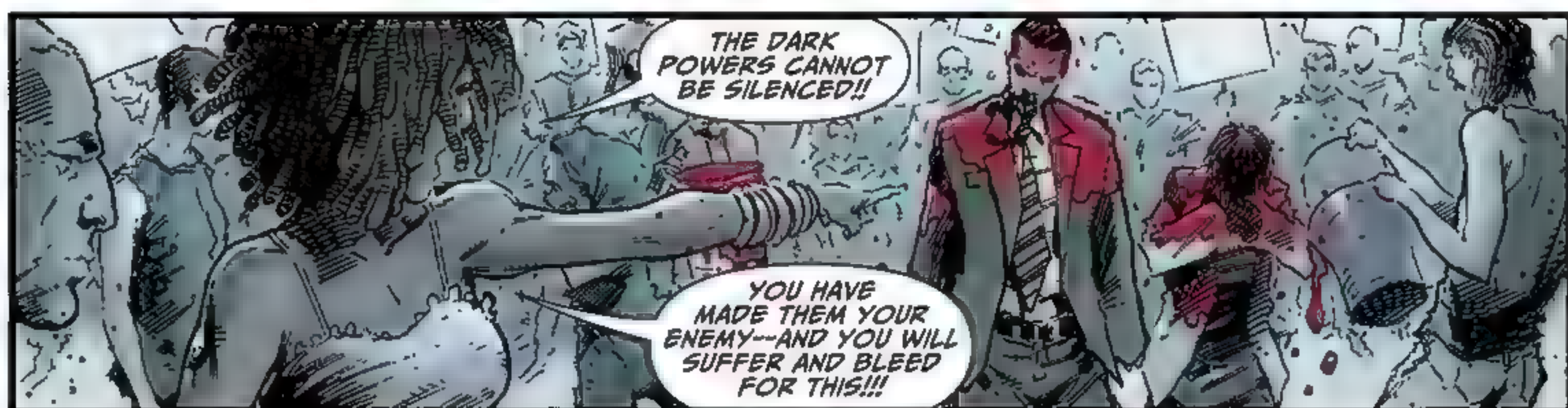
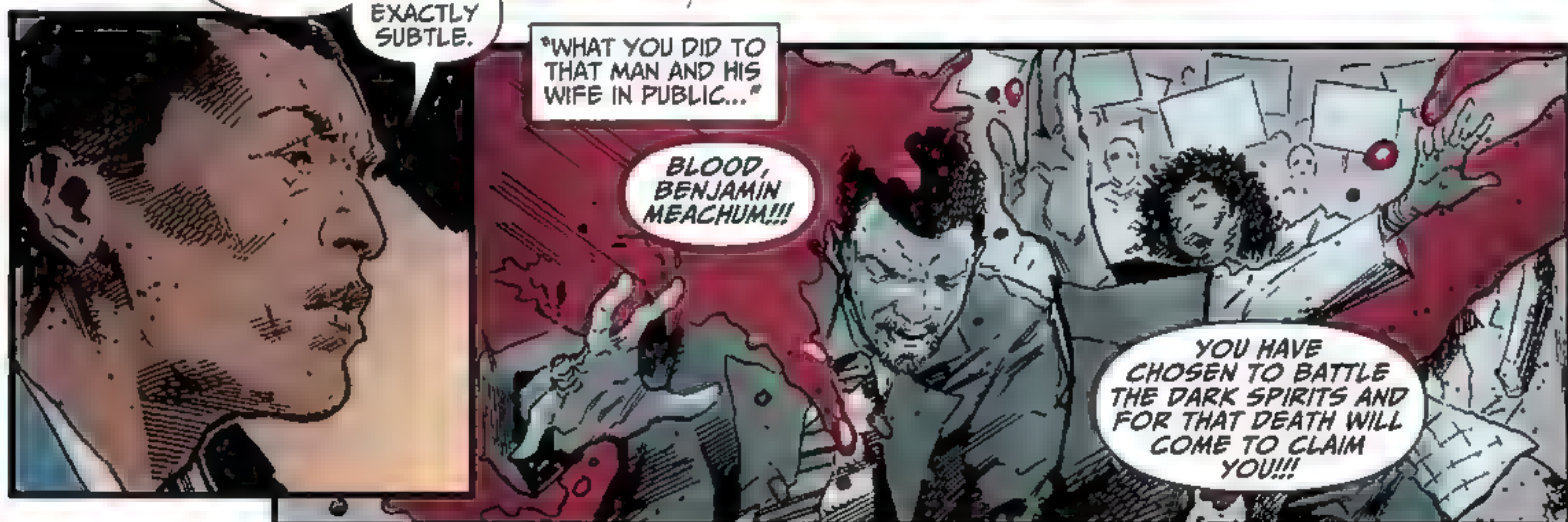
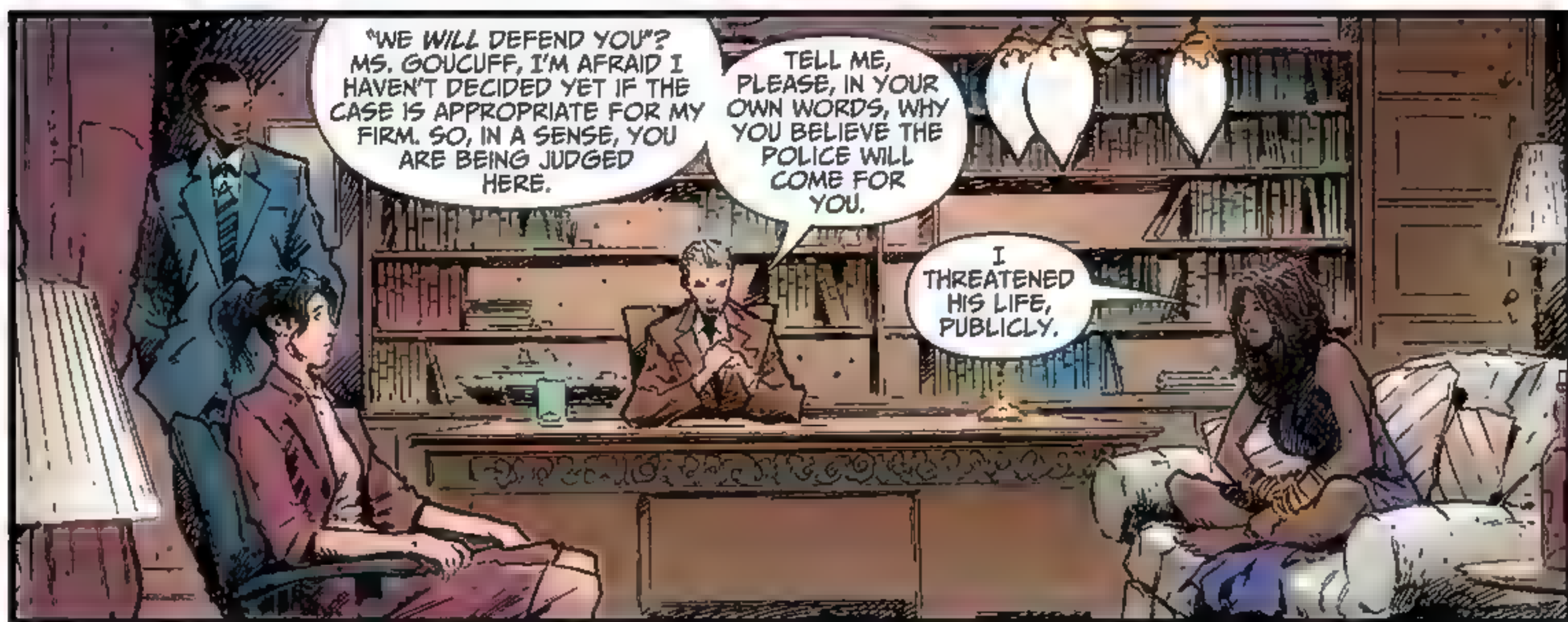
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COME HERE
TO BE JUDGED.
THAT MAY BE
COMING SOON
ENOUGH.

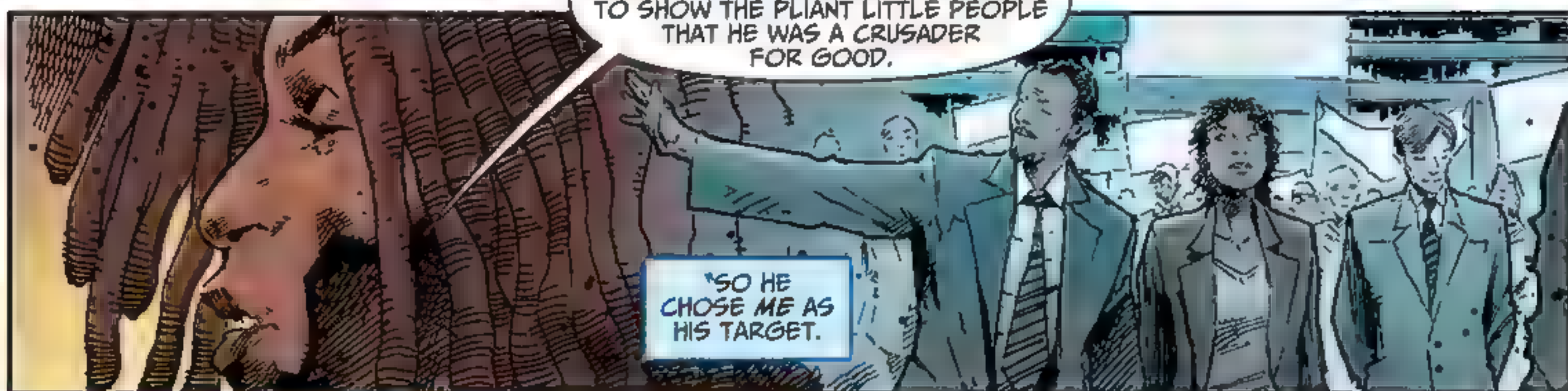
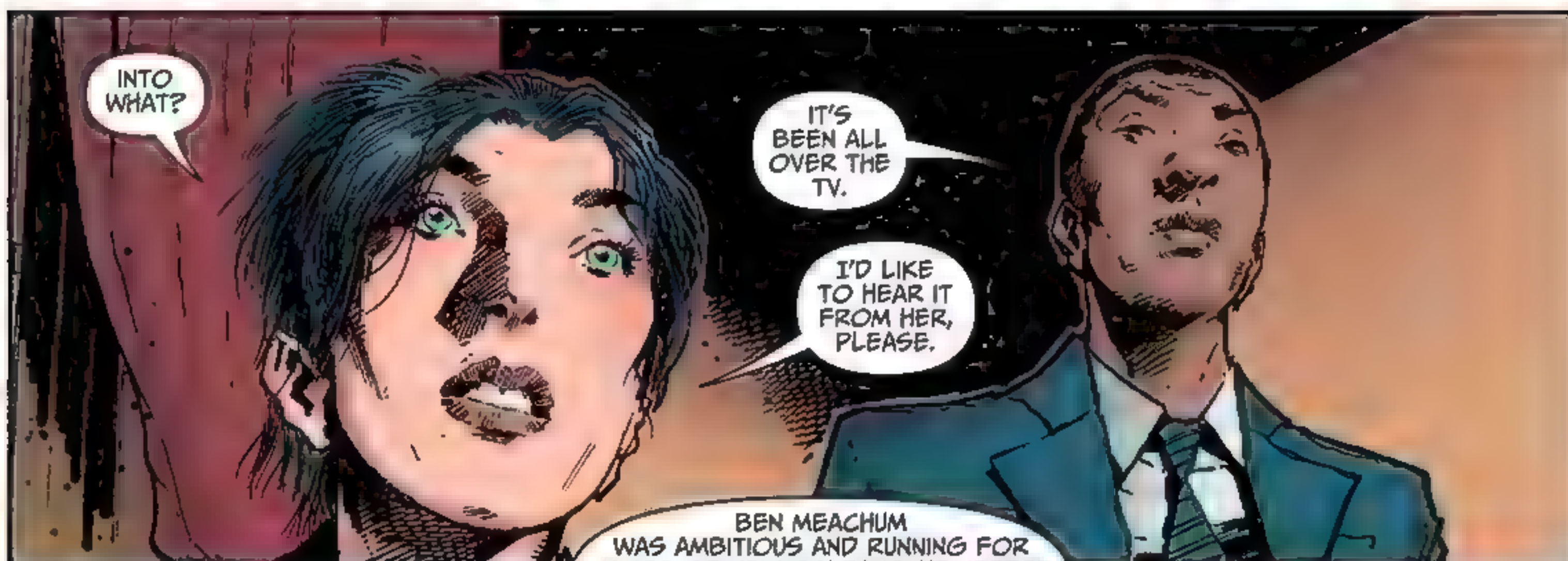
THEN
WHY DID YOU
COME HERE?



BECAUSE YOU
WILL DEFEND ME. AT
SOME POINT TODAY I WILL
BE ARRESTED FOR THE
MURDER OF COUNCILMAN
BEN MEACHUM.

A CRIME
OF WHICH I AM
COMPLETELY
INNOCENT.





"VOODOO IS A PART OF NEW ORLEANS CULTURE. IT CAME HERE WITH THE SLAVES IN THE 1700S. IT FORMED THIS PLACE.

"I PRACTICED AND CELEBRATED MY RELIGION AND PEOPLE WERE DRAWN TO ME. MANY WERE DRAWN TO ME.



"MEACHUM AND THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS BEGAN TO FEAR MY POPULARITY.

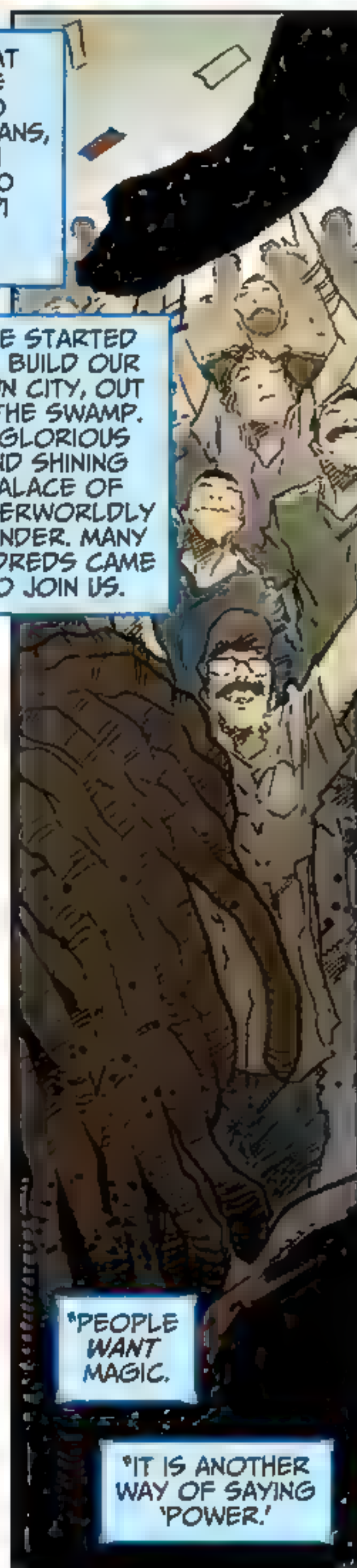
"DO YOU KNOW THAT MARIE LAVEAU, THE ORIGINAL VODOO QUEEN OF NEW ORLEANS, WOULD ENTERTAIN CROWDS OF 12,000 BY THE MISSISSIPPI TO WITNESS HER RITUALS.

"WE STARTED TO BUILD OUR OWN CITY, OUT IN THE SWAMP. A GLORIOUS AND SHINING PALACE OF OTHERWORLDLY WONDER. MANY HUNDREDS CAME TO JOIN US.



"PEOPLE WANT MAGIC.

"IT IS ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING 'POWER.'"



*MEACHUM, PLAYING TO HIS POTENTIAL VOTERS, PROMISED HE WOULD HAVE ME ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF PUBLIC INDECENCY.

*IT SEEMED OUR... PARTIES... OFFENDED HIM AND HIS COZY NUCLEAR-FAMILY SENSIBILITIES.

*HE ATTEMPTED TO HUMILIATE ME ON STATE TELEVISION IN A PUBLIC DEBATE, RAISING TRAGEDIES FROM MY BACKGROUND. MY ERRANT FATHER. MY MOTHER'S SUICIDE.

*HE MOCKED AND RIDICULED MY RELIGION.

I SENT HIM A HEAVILY CURSED AND ANCIENT VODOO KNIFE AS A GIFT. A STATEMENT OF INTENT. A WEAPON OF WAR.

I WOULDN'T REPEAT THAT LINE IN COURT, IF I WERE YOU.

THIS SECRET *CITY* OF YOURS IN THE BAYOU. WE'LL NEED TO INTERVIEW YOUR *ASSOCIATES.* WHERE IS IT?

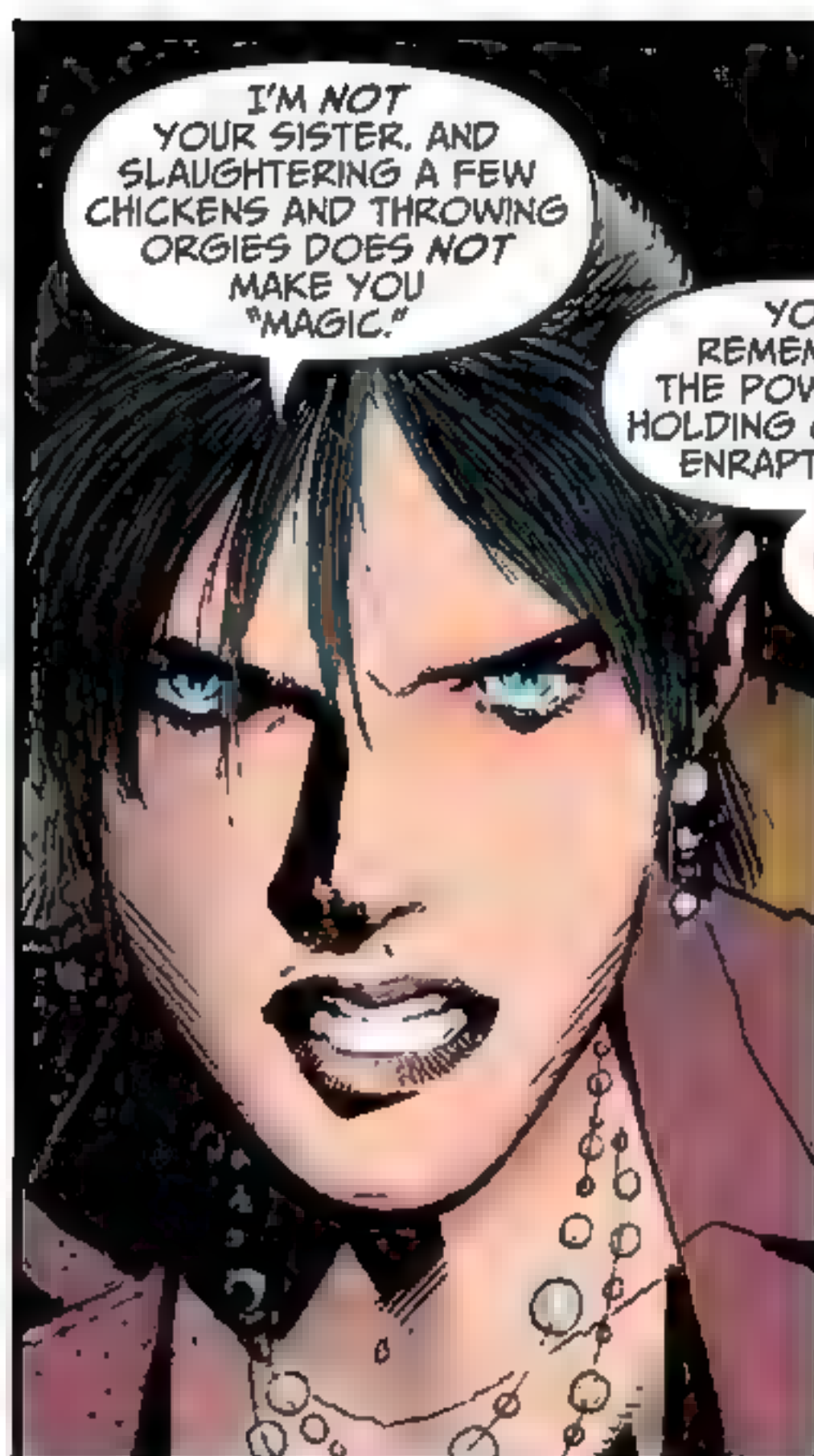
I WILL NOT REVEAL THIS. NOR WILL YOU FIND IT. IT IS PROTECTED BY GREAT MAGIC...

YEAH, YEAH. CUE THE SPOOKY MUSIC.

YOU ARE MADAME X, YES?

YOU ARE THE REASON I CAME TO THIS FIRM. A SISTER IN MAGIC...

YOU WOULD ENJOY OUR PARTIES.



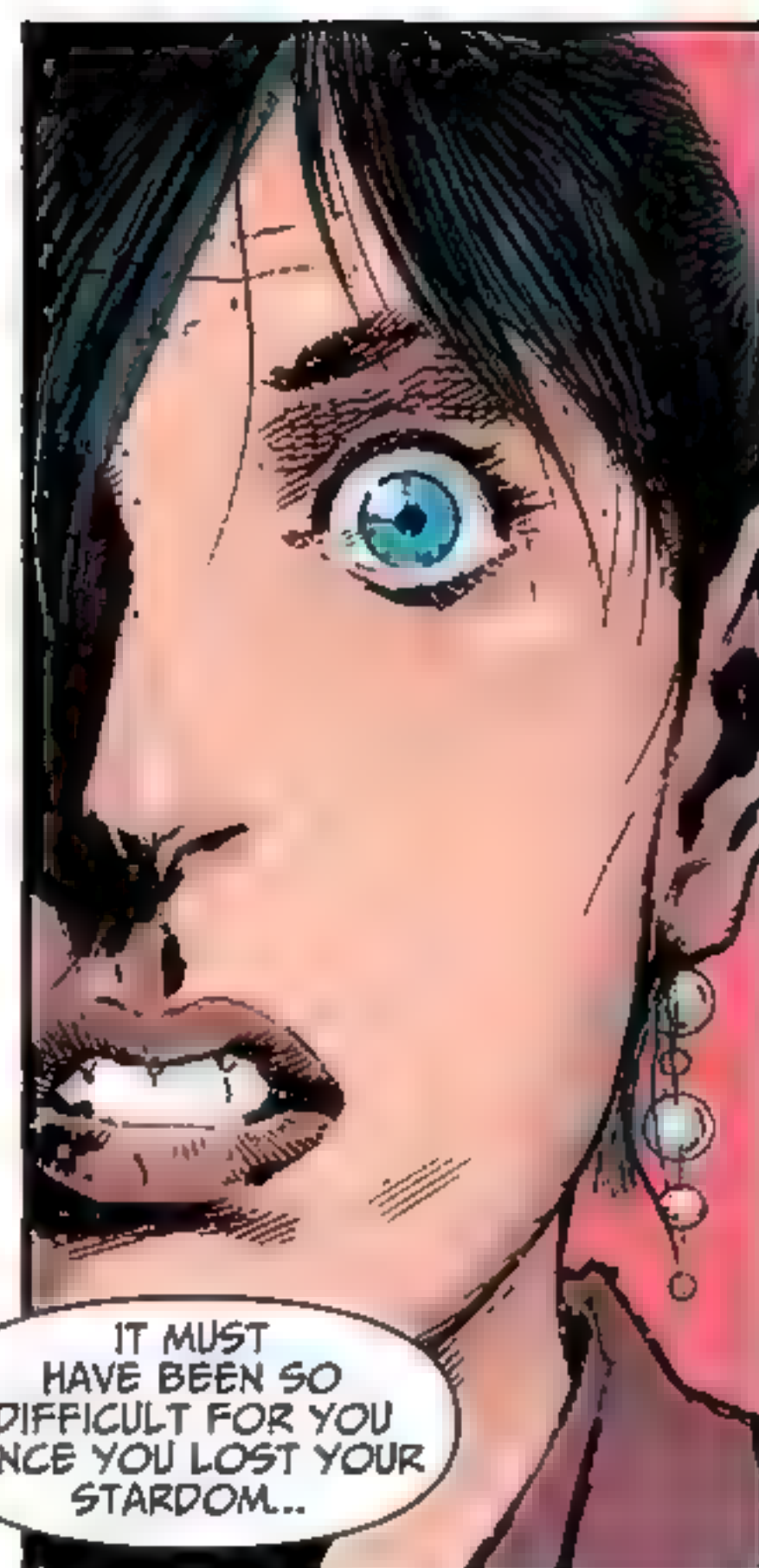
I'M NOT YOUR SISTER, AND SLAUGHTERING A FEW CHICKENS AND THROWING ORGIES DOES NOT MAKE YOU "MAGIC."



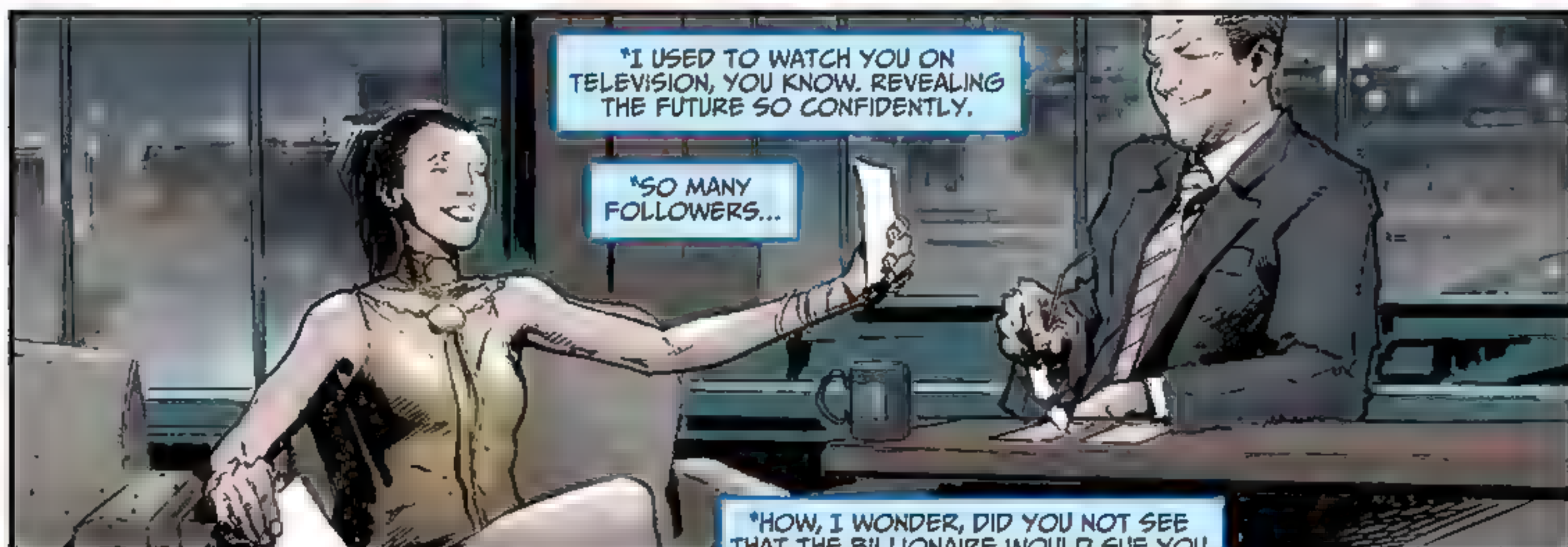
YOU REMEMBER THE POWER OF HOLDING CROWDS ENRAPTURED.

YOU WANT ME TO BE MAGIC...

...SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ALONE ANY MORE.



IT MUST HAVE BEEN SO DIFFICULT FOR YOU SINCE YOU LOST YOUR STARDOM...



*I USED TO WATCH YOU ON TELEVISION, YOU KNOW. REVEALING THE FUTURE SO CONFIDENTLY.

*SO MANY FOLLOWERS...

*HOW, I WONDER, DID YOU NOT SEE THAT THE BILLIONAIRE WOULD SUE YOU AFTER YOU ACCURATELY PREDICTED THE ROBBERY ON HIS HOME?

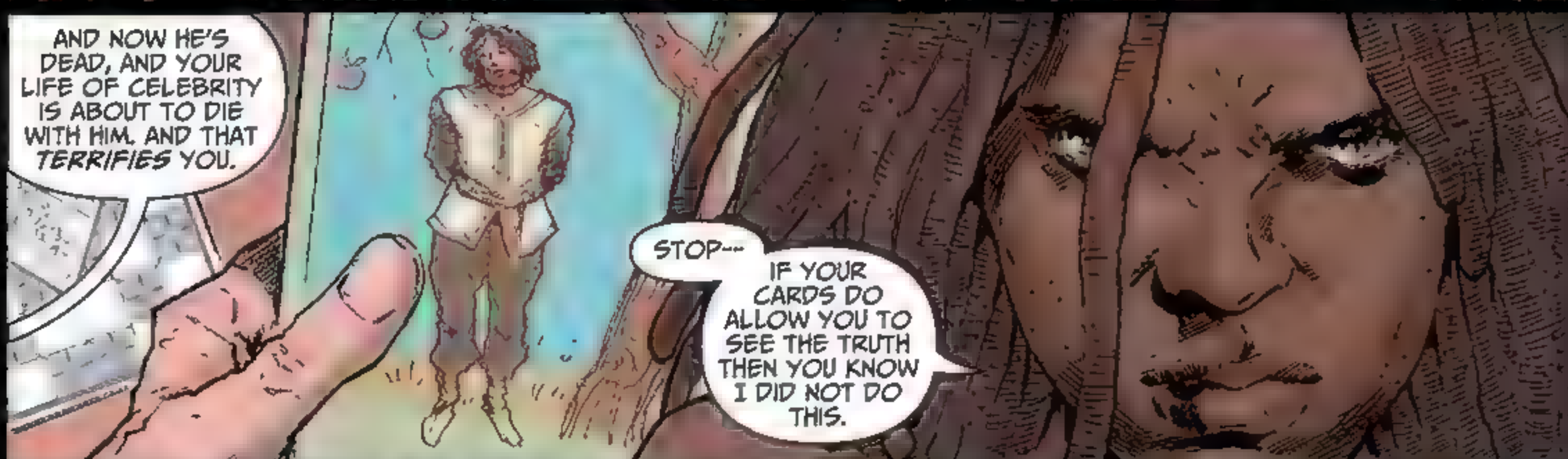
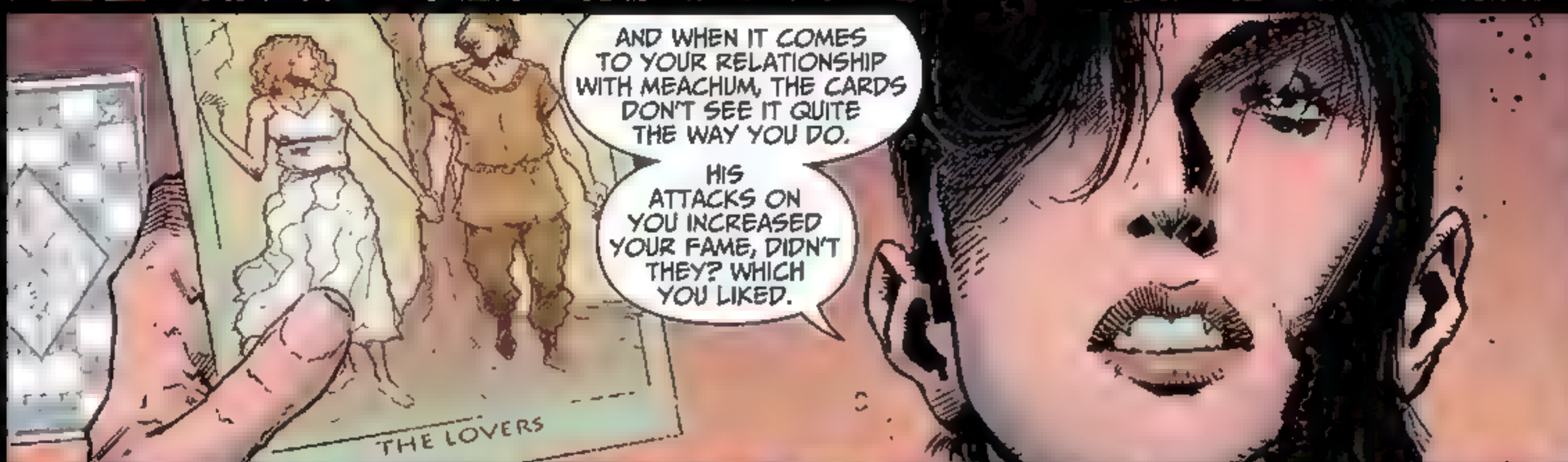


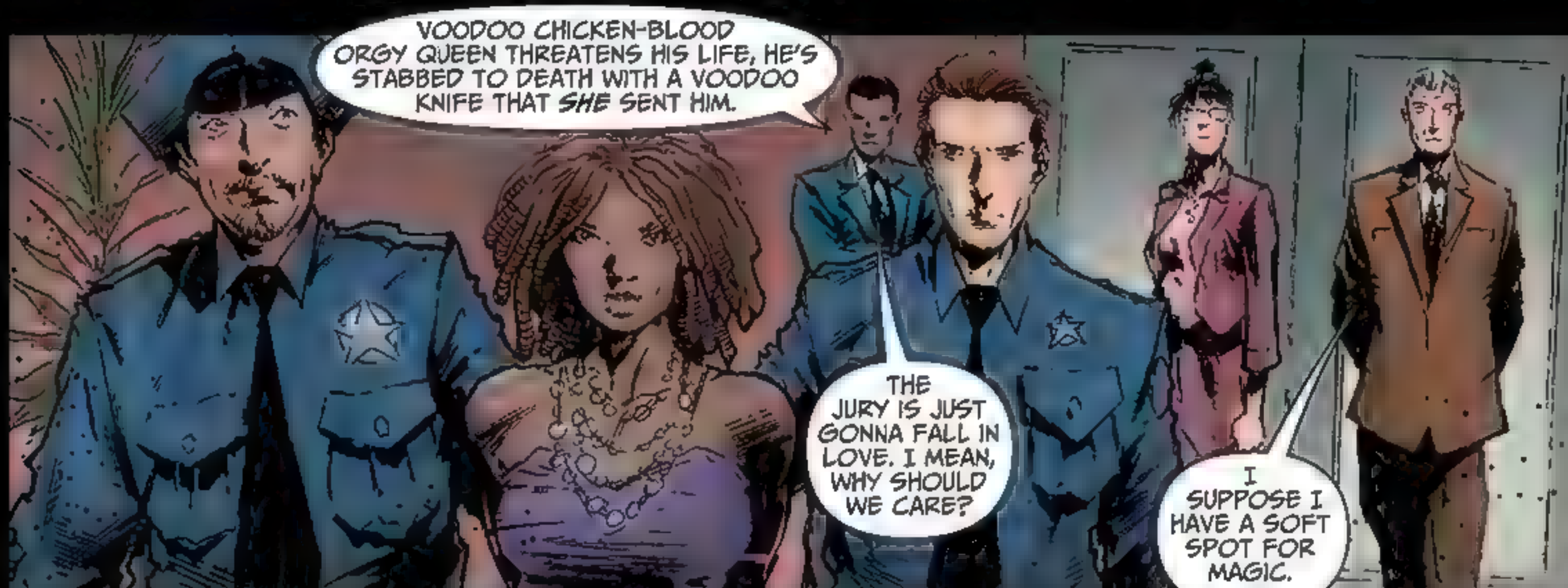
*HOW DID YOU NOT SEE THAT HE WOULD RUIN YOU AND YOUR CAREER WITH THAT LAWSUIT?

THAT WILL SHAKE YOUR CONFIDENCE.

DO YOU FULLY BELIEVE IN YOUR MAGIC? I WONDER.







VOODOO CHICKEN-BLOOD ORGY QUEEN THREATENS HIS LIFE, HE'S STABBED TO DEATH WITH A VODOO KNIFE THAT SHE SENT HIM.

THE JURY IS JUST GONNA FALL IN LOVE. I MEAN, WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

I SUPPOSE I HAVE A SOFT SPOT FOR MAGIC.



AND WE SHOULD CARE, MR. SALINGER, BECAUSE LAUREN GOUCUFF IS INNOCENT. YOU AND MADAME X WILL INVESTIGATE THIS CASE.



OKAY, CARDS SAY SHE DIDN'T KILL MEACHUM.

DON'T SUPPOSE THEY TOLD YOU WHO DID?

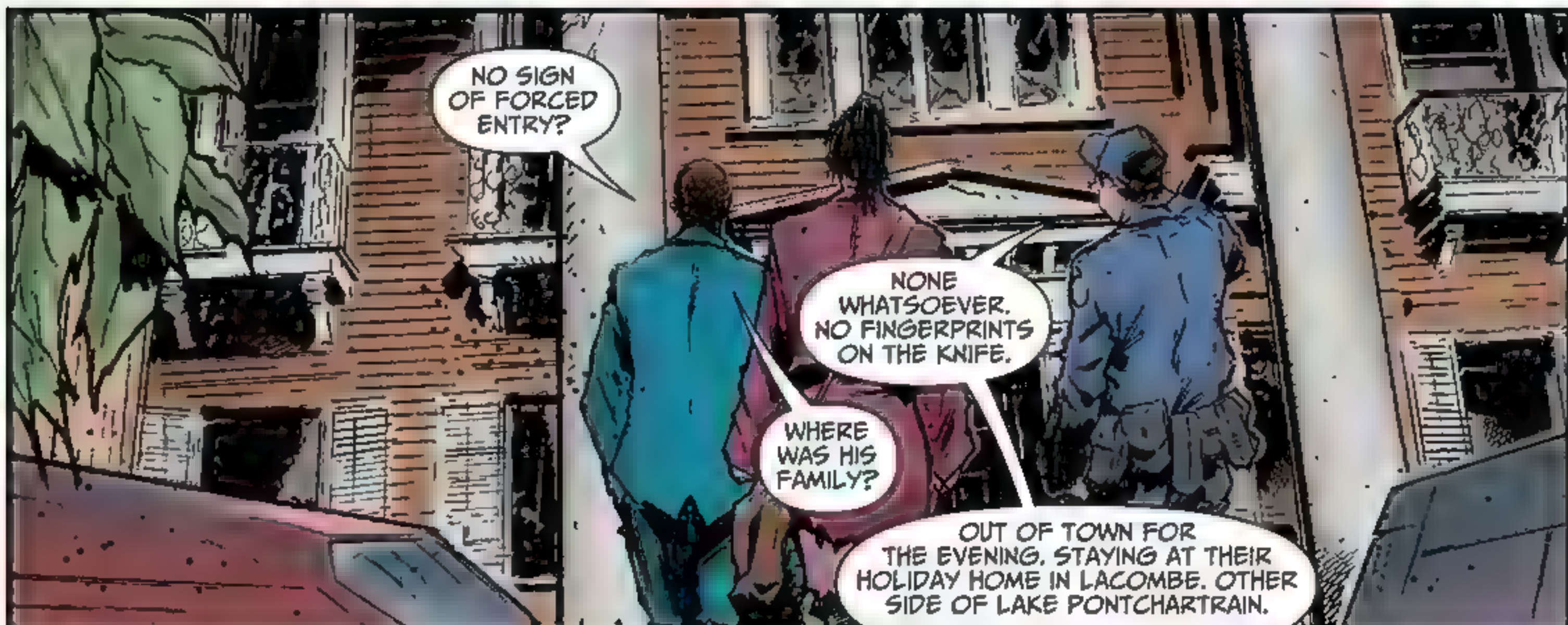
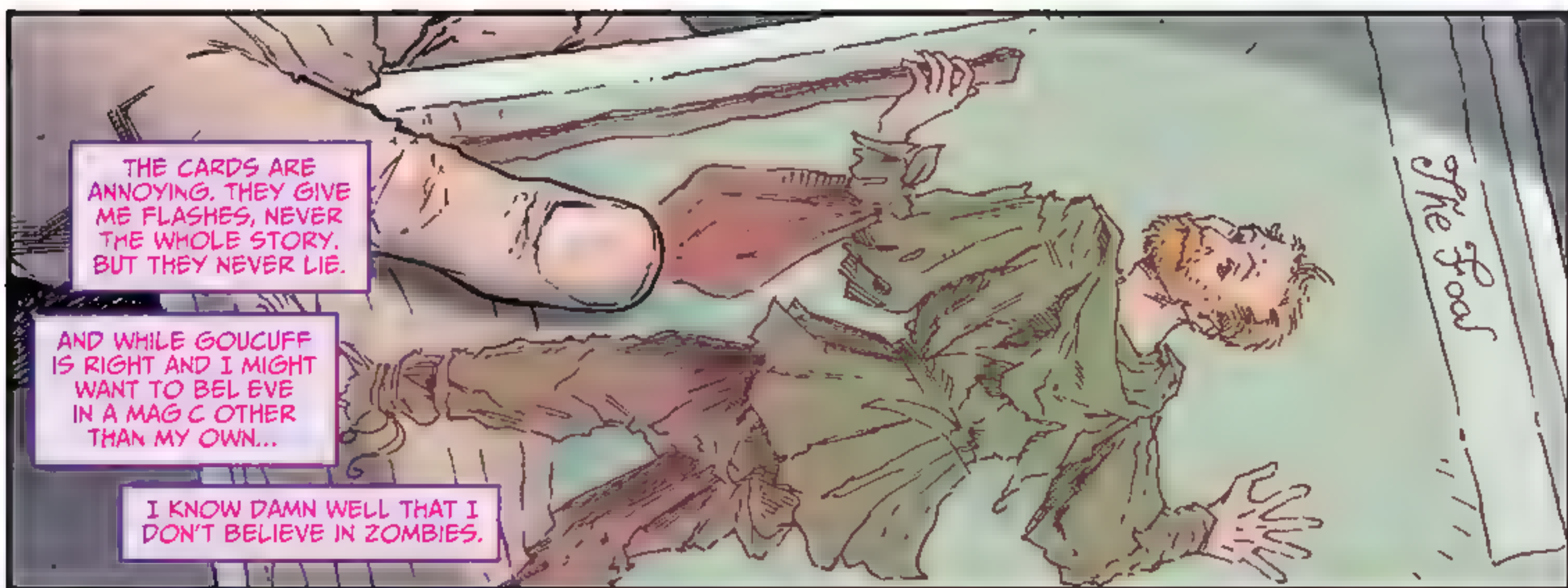
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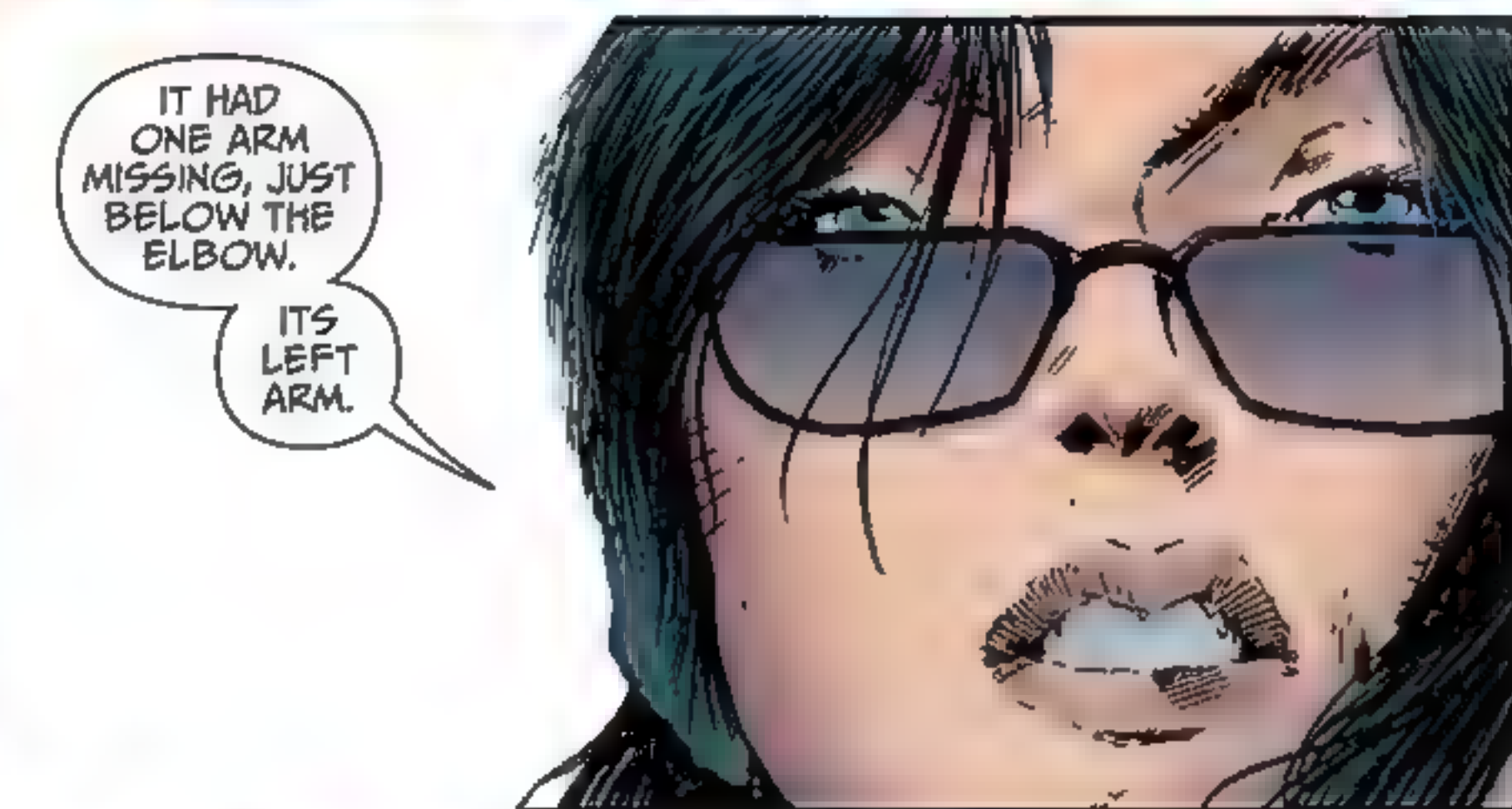
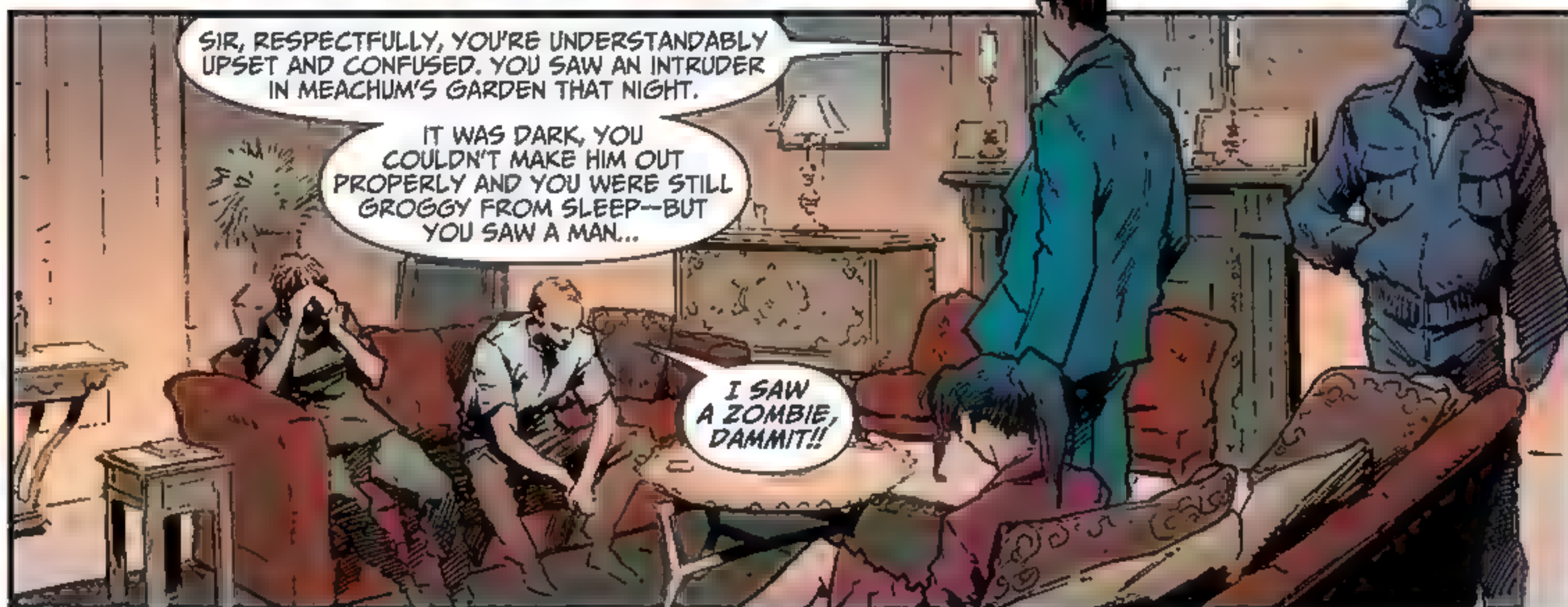


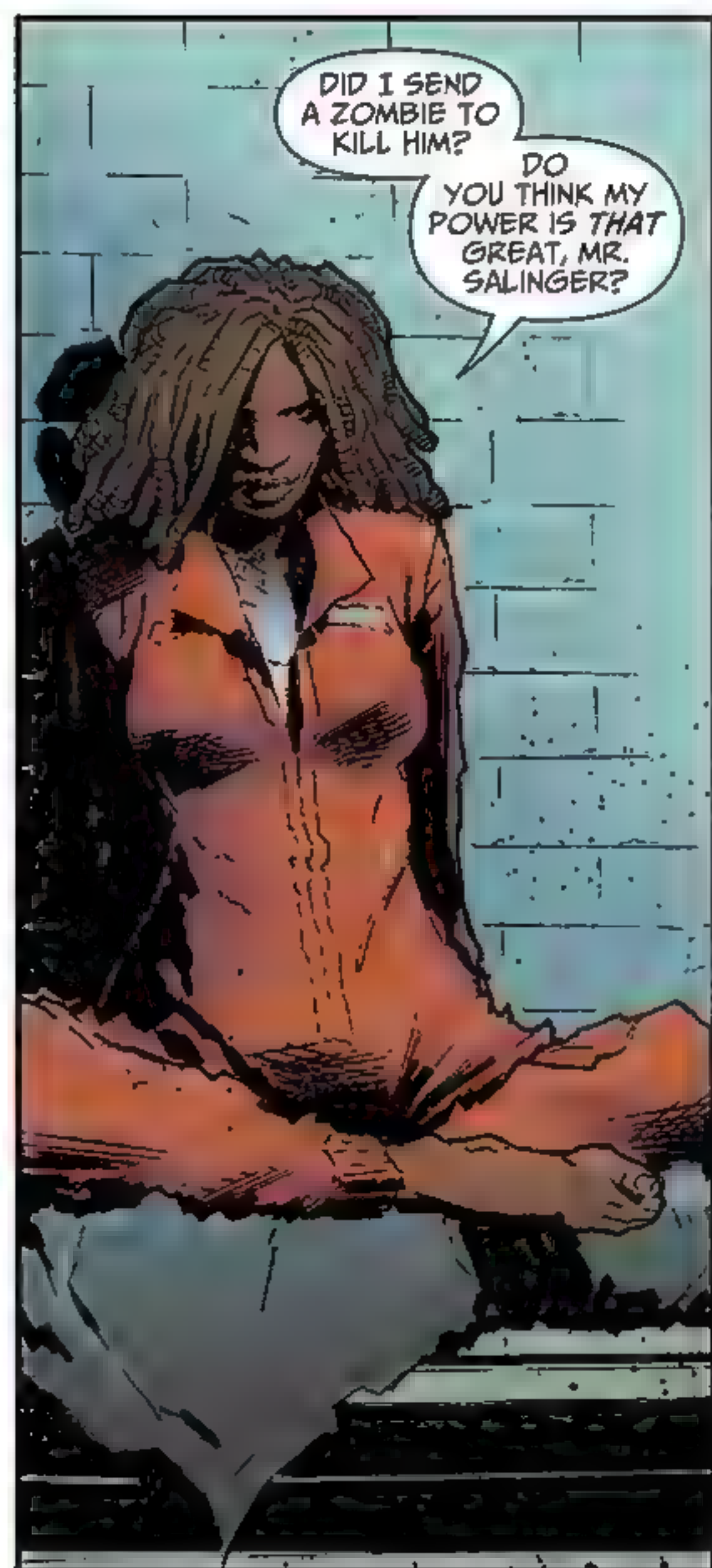
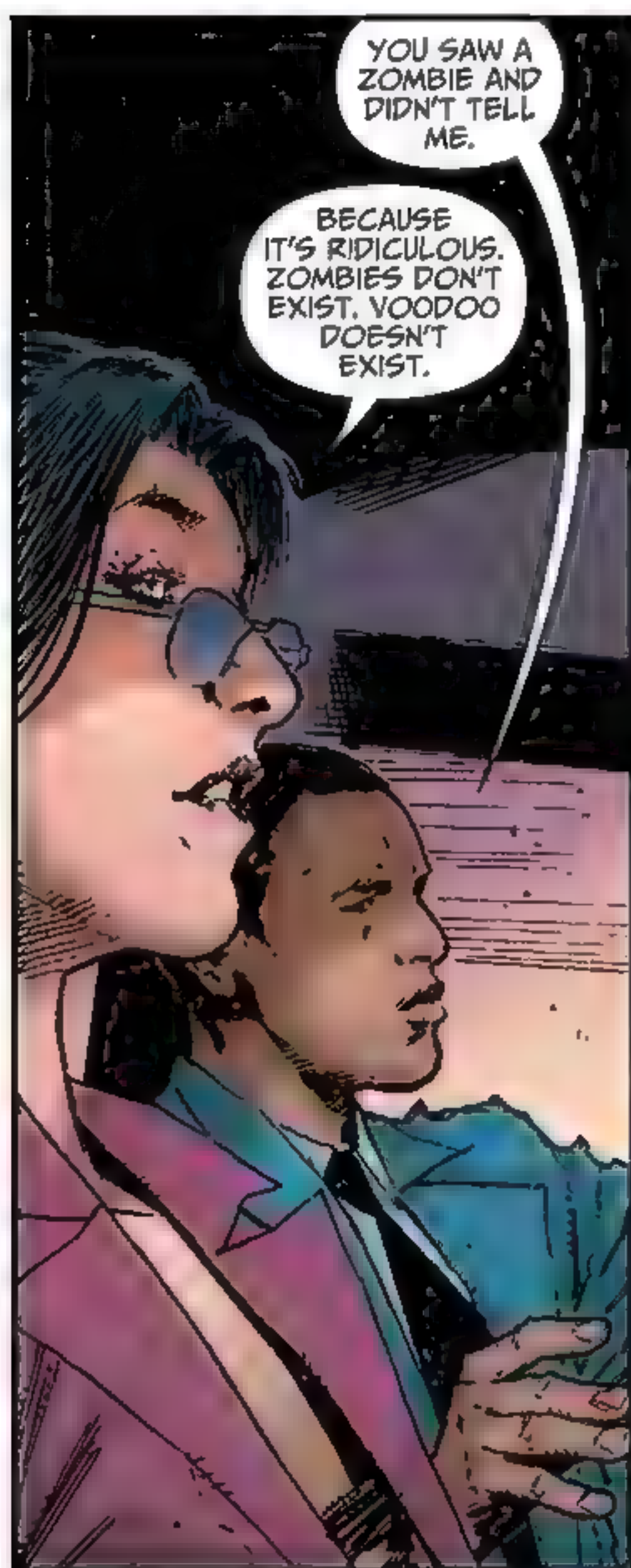
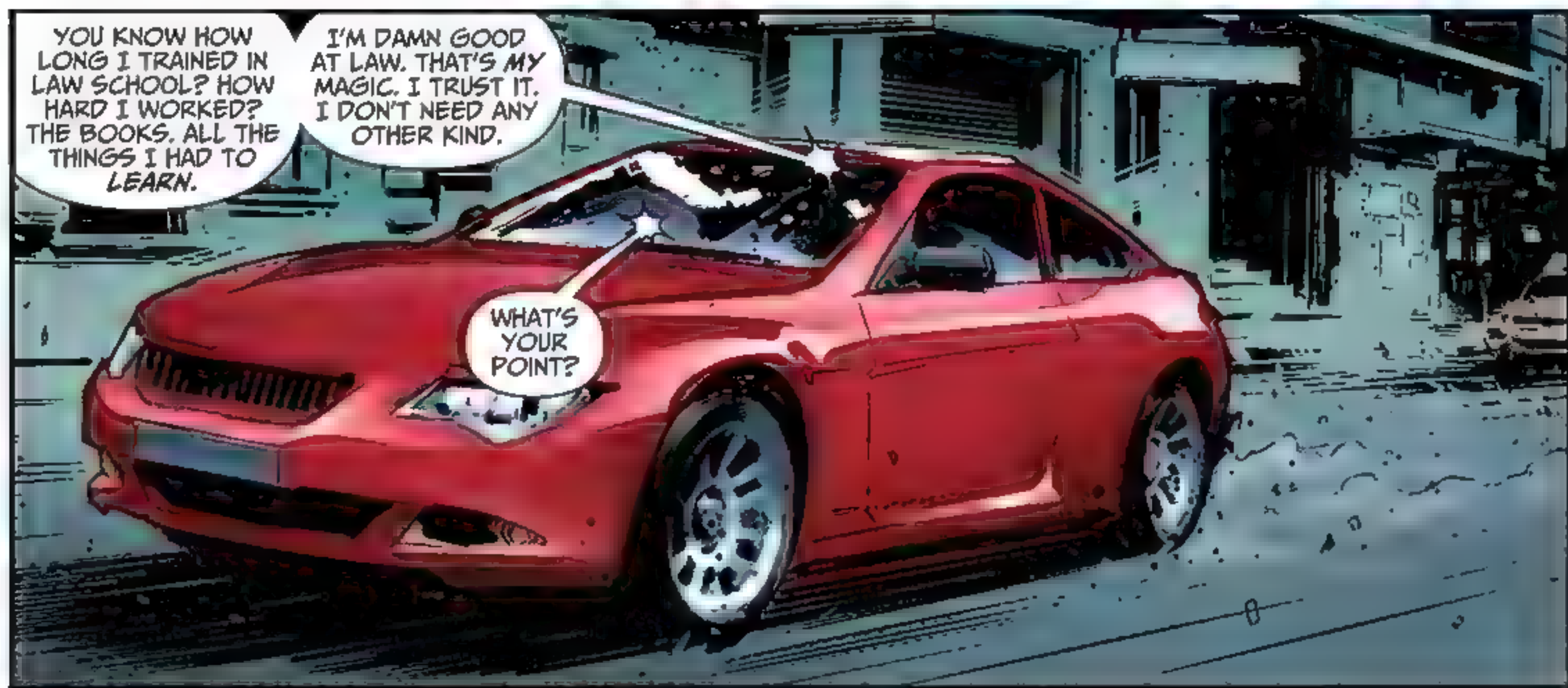
"THEY D.D.N.T."

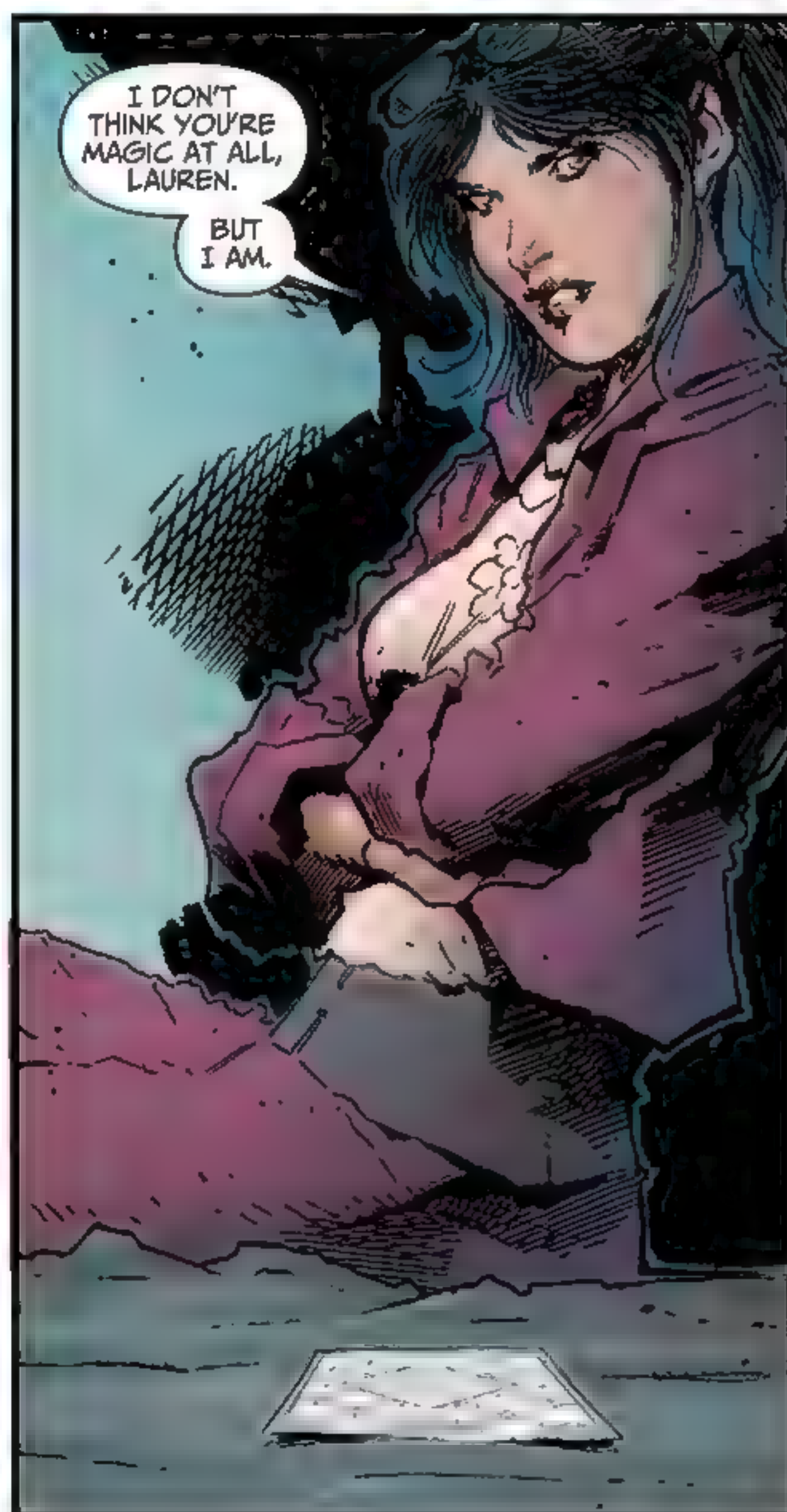
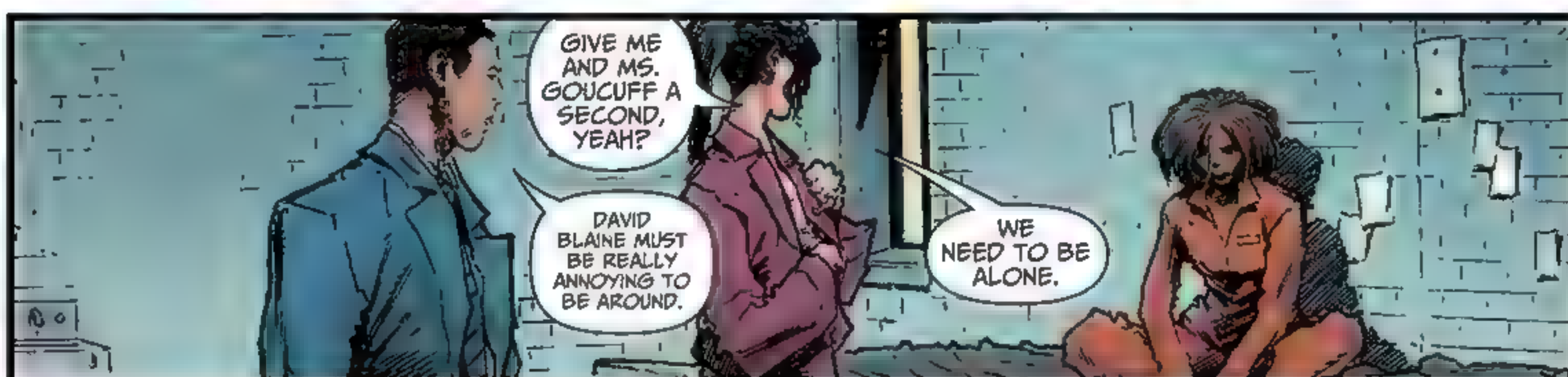
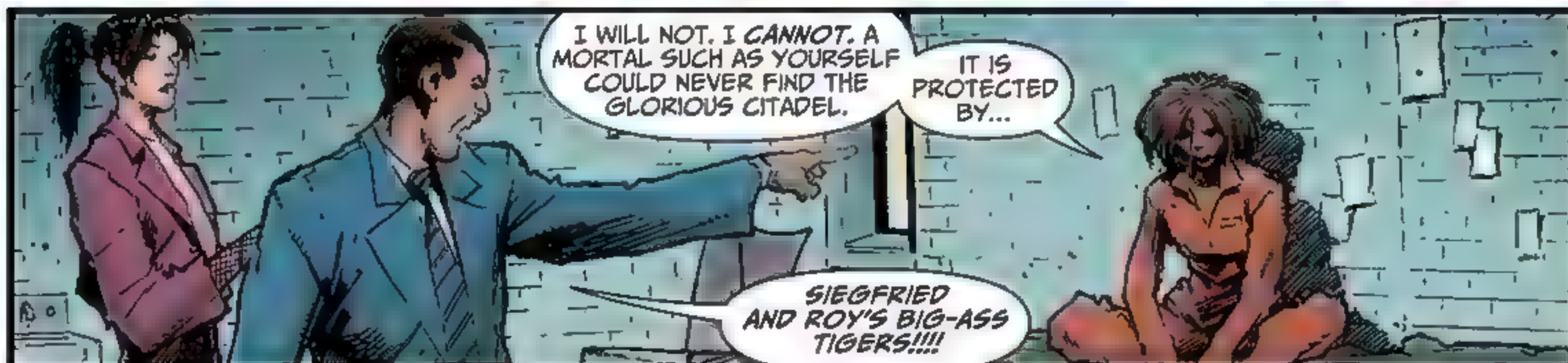
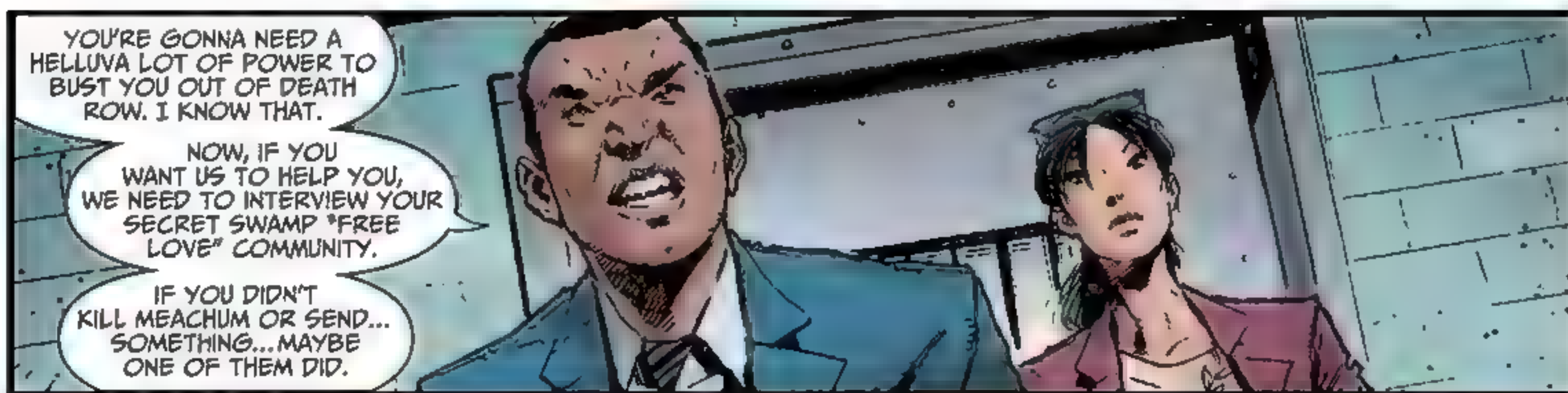


SO LET'S FIND OUT WHO DID.





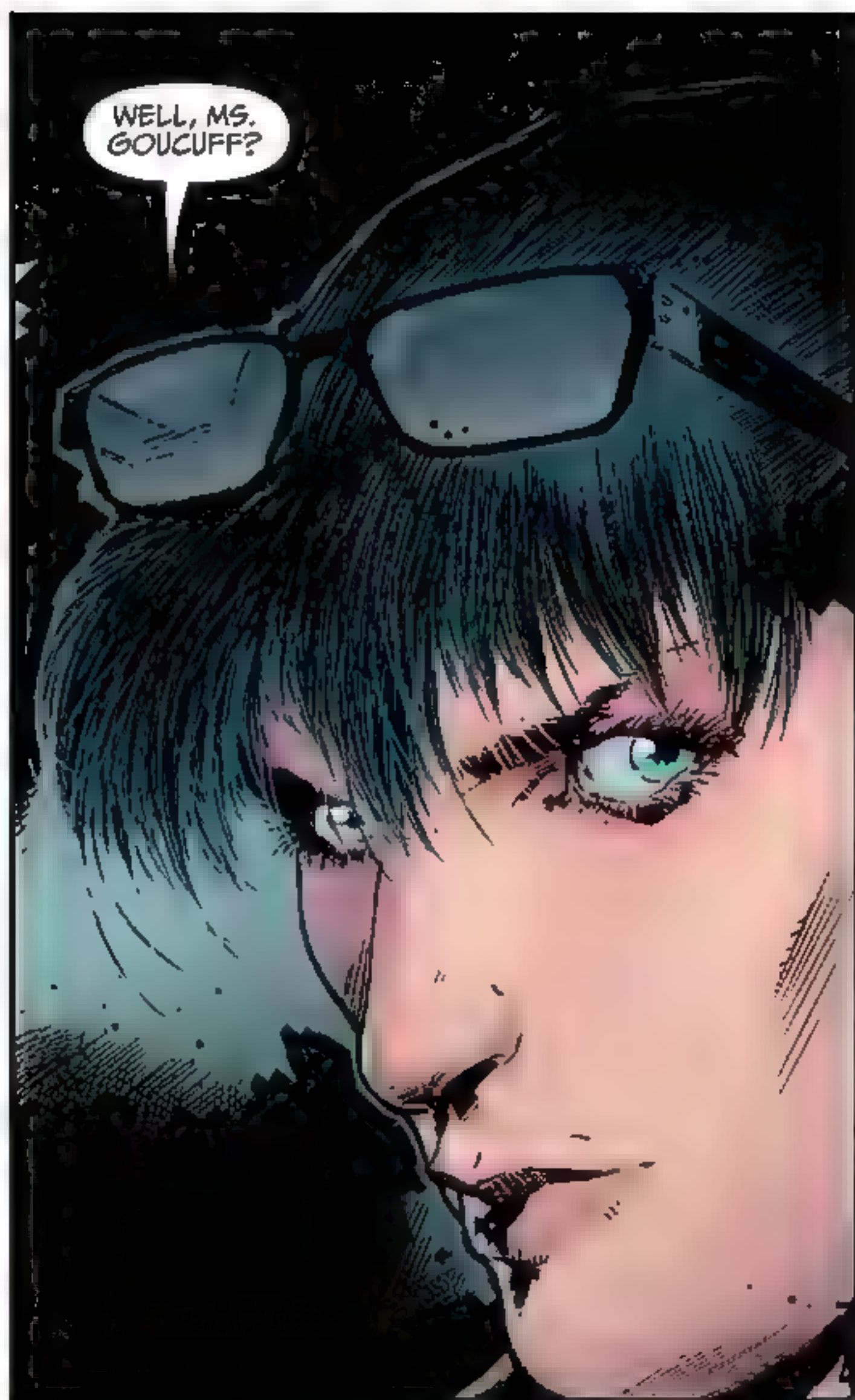






WHAT WILL
HAPPEN TO LAUREN
GOUCUFF IF SHE DOESN'T
TELL US WHERE HER SORDID
LITTLE VOOODOO SWAMP
CAMP IS?

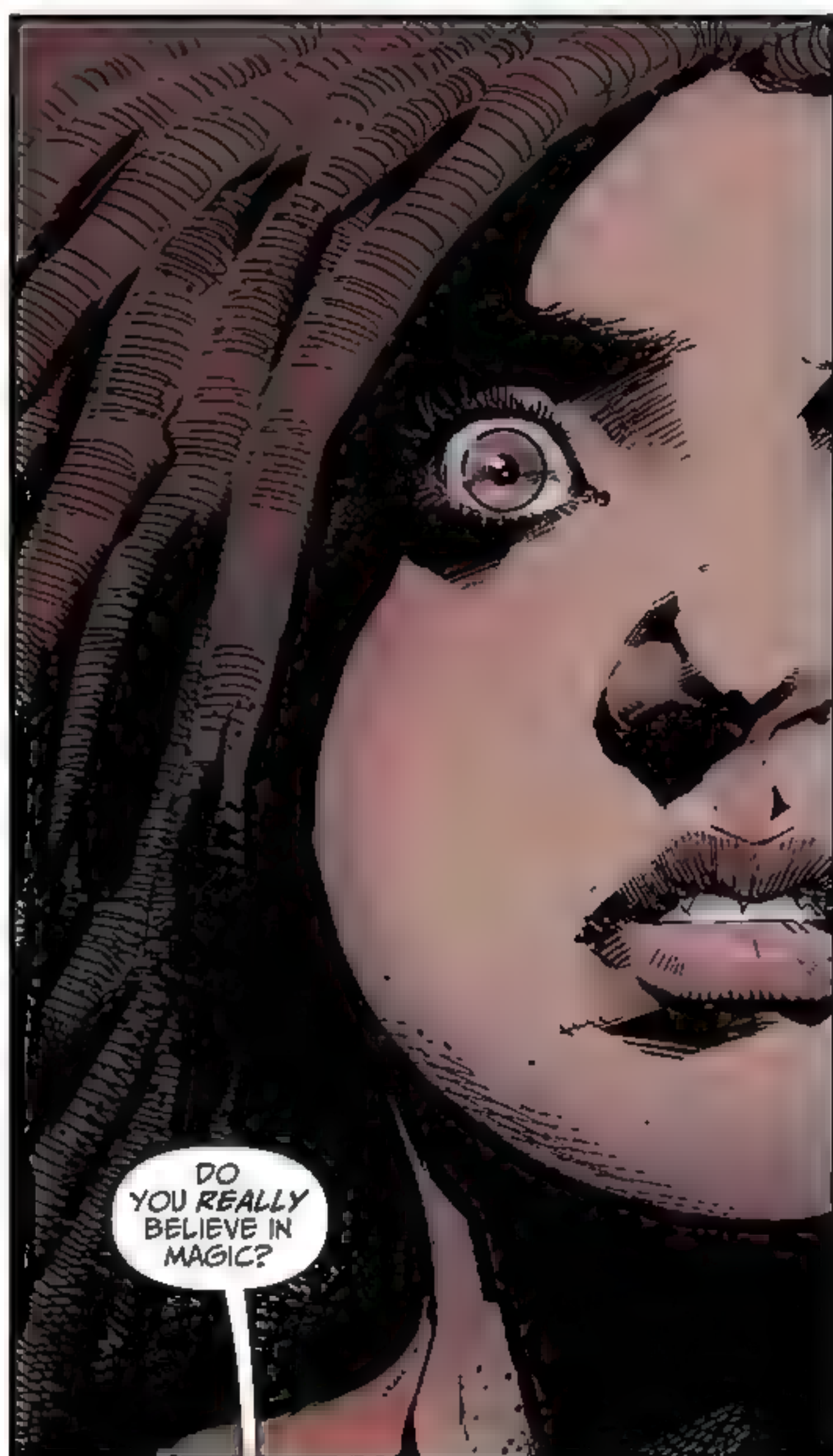
WILL SHE
BE EXECUTED
FOR MURDER IF SHE
DOESN'T ACTUALLY
START CUTTING THE
VOODOO CRAP AND
ACTUALLY START
HELPING US?



WELL, MS.
GOUCUFF?



SHALL WE
SEE WHAT THE
CARD SAYS?

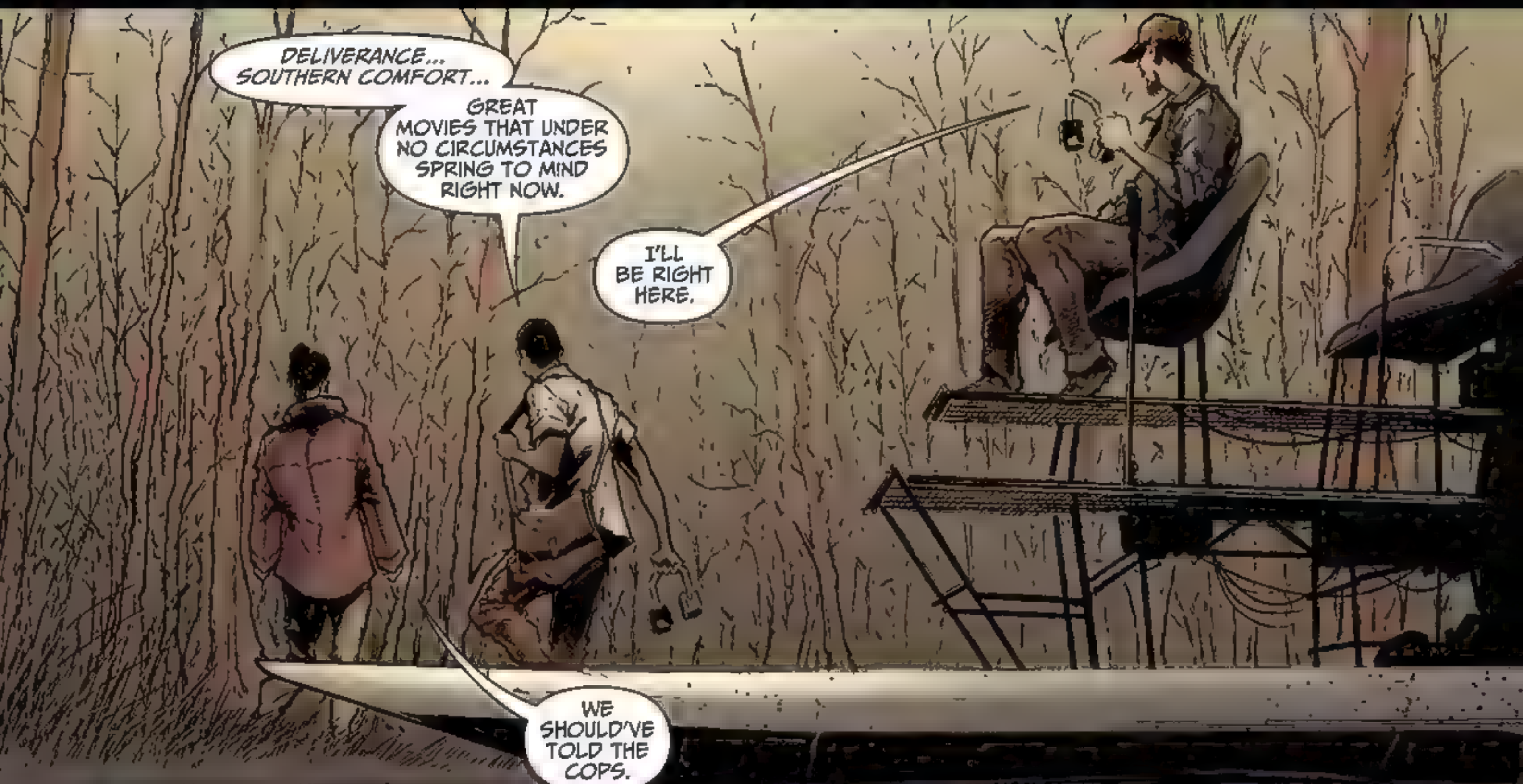


DO
YOU REALLY
BELIEVE IN
MAGIC?

PEARL RIVER, LOUISIANA.

THANK
YOU...





DELIVERANCE...
SOUTHERN COMFORT...

GREAT
MOVIES THAT UNDER
NO CIRCUMSTANCES
SPRING TO MIND
RIGHT NOW.

I'LL
BE RIGHT
HERE.

WE
SHOULD'VE
TOLD THE
COPS.

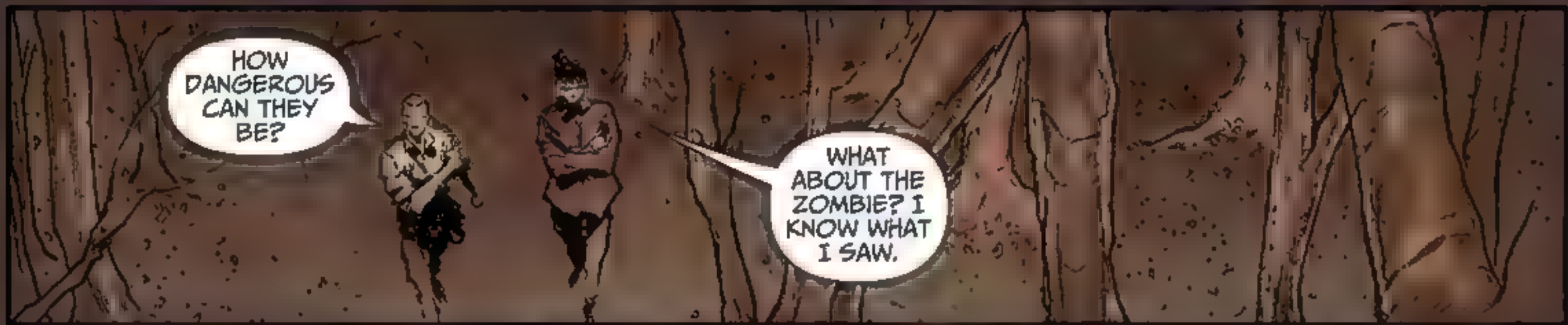
AND WE WILL...ONCE WE'VE HAD
A CHANCE TO ASK OUR QUESTIONS.
WE'RE HERE TO FIND EVIDENCE THAT
WILL PROVE OUR CLIENT
INNOCENT.

BESIDES, A
HIDDEN VODOO SETTLEMENT
OUT IN THE SWAMPLANDS. THESE
ARE SIMPLE, HARD-WORKING
ORGY FOLK.



HOW
DANGEROUS
CAN THEY
BE?

WHAT
ABOUT THE
ZOMBIE? I
KNOW WHAT
I SAW.



THE "Z" WORD
IS OFF-LIMITS. JUST
KEEP A LOOKOUT
FOR GOUCEFF'S
GLORIOUS "HIDDEN
CITY," YEAH?

IT
SHOULD
BE RIGHT
IN FRONT
OF...

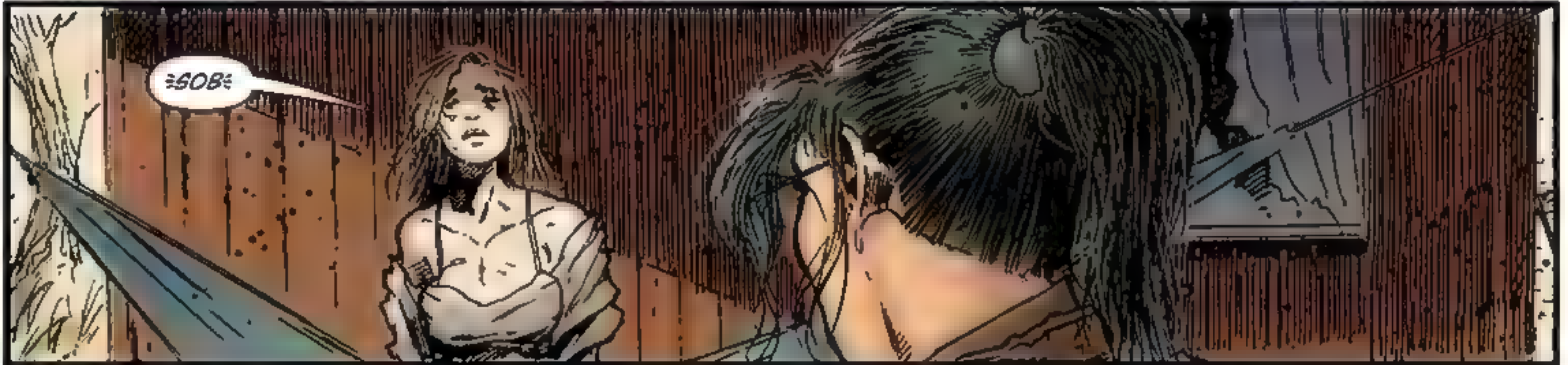
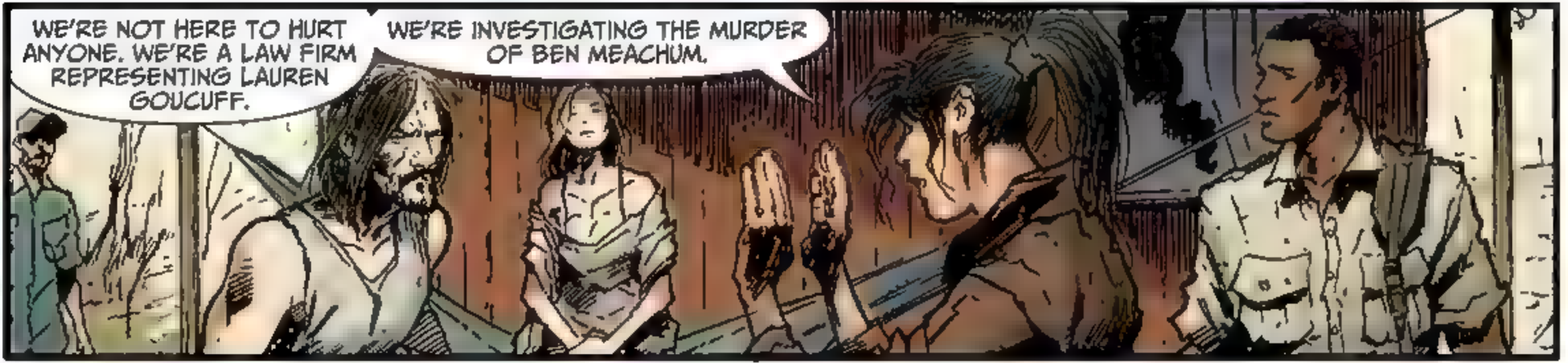


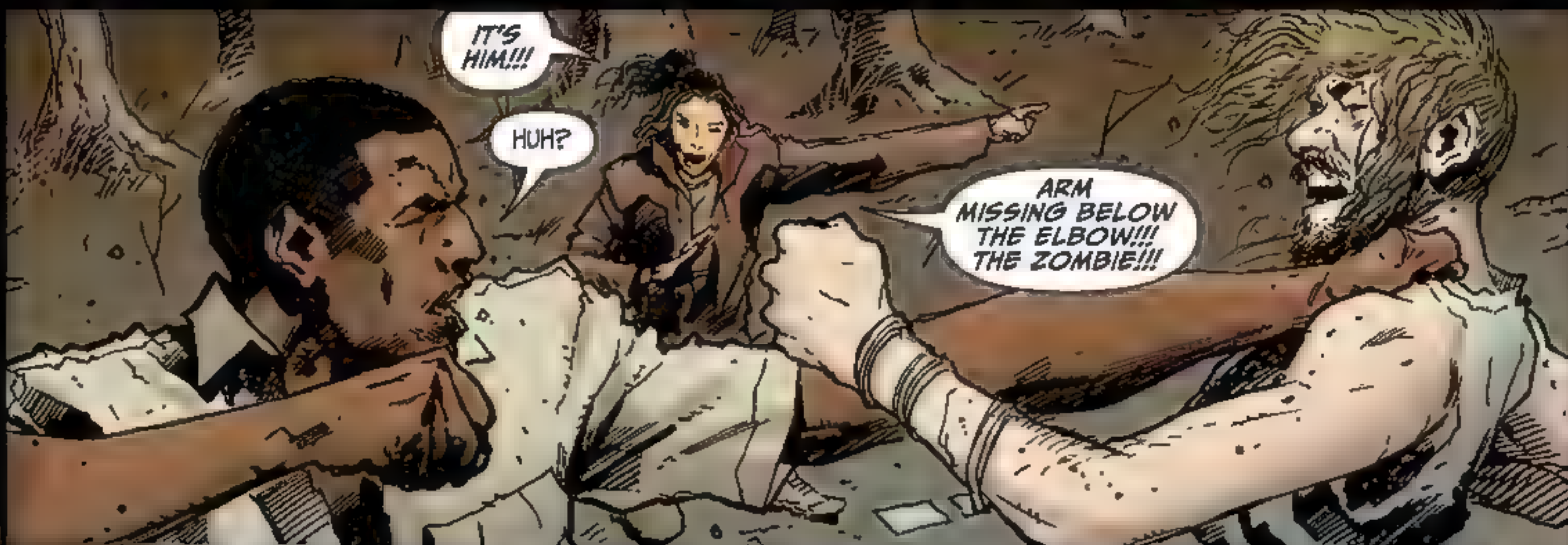
...US.

A
GLORIOUS AND
SHINING PALACE OF
OTHERWORLDLY
WONDER...











BUT ZOMBIES
DON'T RUN...

EVERYBODY
KNOWS THAT.

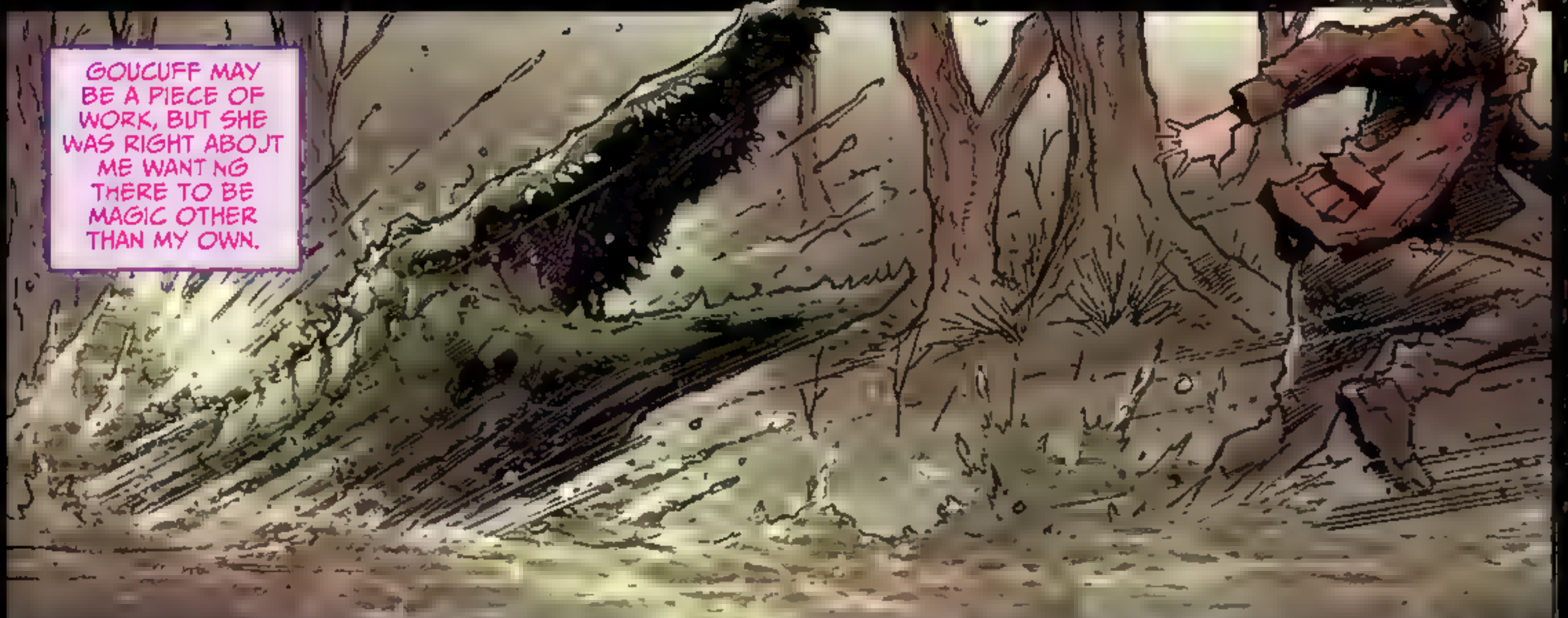


AH!!!



THANKS,
CARDS...

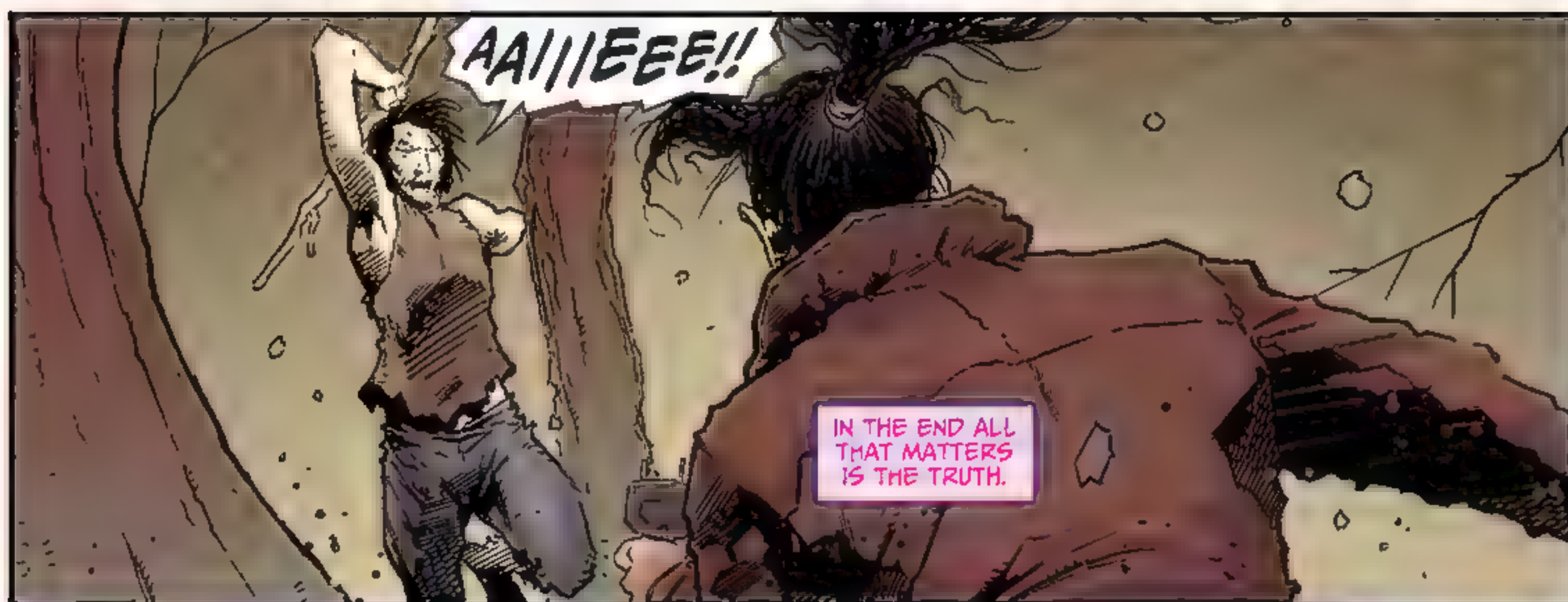
HELL OF
A DIRECTION
TO POINT
ME IN.



GOUCUFF MAY
BE A PIECE OF
WORK, BUT SHE
WAS RIGHT ABOUT
ME WANTING
THERE TO BE
MAGIC OTHER
THAN MY OWN.



BUT YOU
CAN READ ANY
MEANINGS YOU
WANT INTO THE
THINGS THAT
HAPPEN IN
THIS WORLD.





JUNKIES RAN FOR IT. SHE DIDN'T. HERE'S ANOTHER TWENTY. TELL MY FRIEND WHAT YOU JUST TOLD ME.

HE CAME TO OUR PARTIES. HE CAME WITH LAUREN. ALL THE TIME... BEN...

BEN LOVED ME.



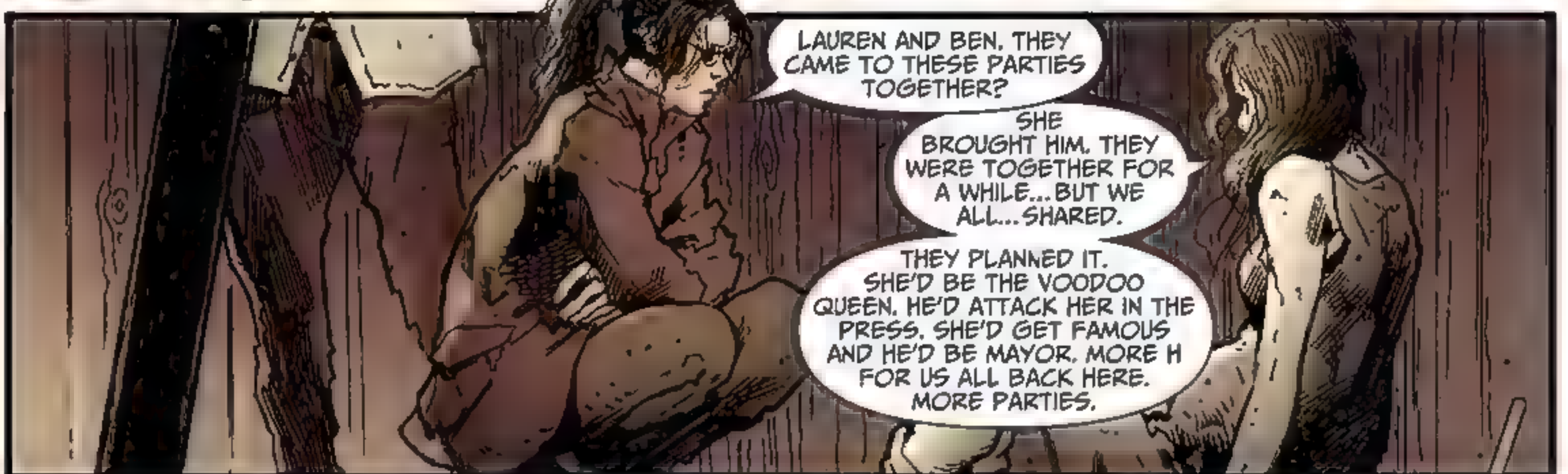
HE WAS GOING TO LEAVE HIS WIFE. ONCE HE BECAME MAYOR, WE WERE GOING TO RAISE OUR BABY TOGETHER.

BUT NOW HE WON'T BECAUSE HE'S DEAD...
=SOB=

OH MY GOD.



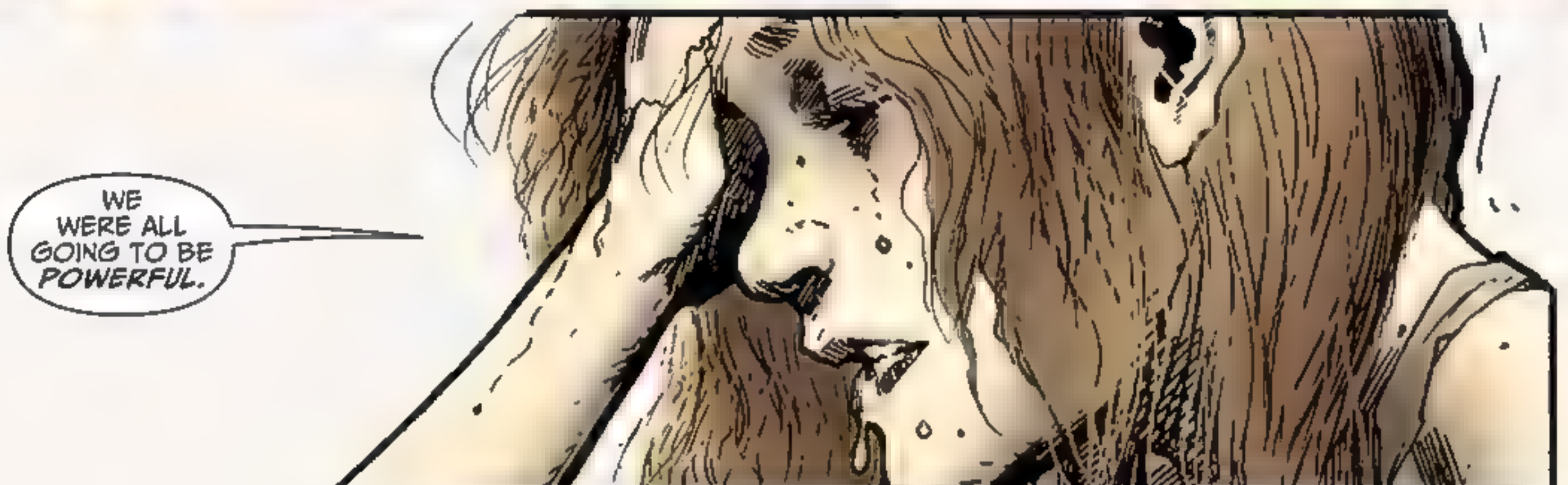
GOD-
FEARING,
UPSTANDING
MAYORAL
CANDIDATE BEN
MEACHUM,
HUH?



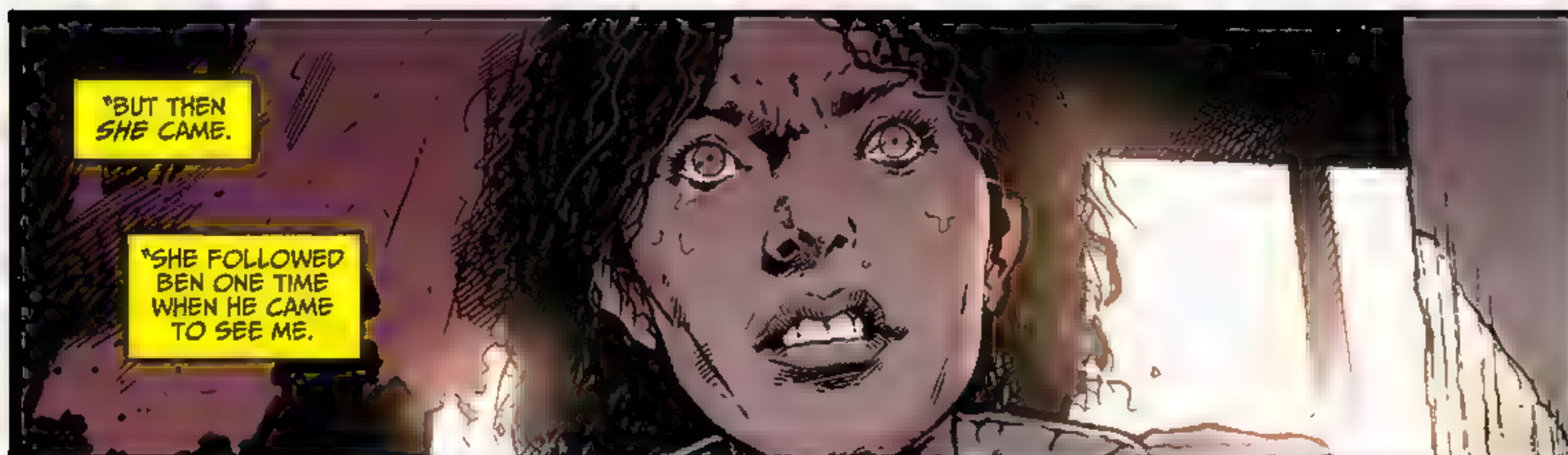
LAUREN AND BEN. THEY CAME TO THESE PARTIES TOGETHER?

SHE BROUGHT HIM. THEY WERE TOGETHER FOR A WHILE... BUT WE ALL... SHARED.

THEY PLANNED IT. SHE'D BE THE VOODOO QUEEN. HE'D ATTACK HER IN THE PRESS. SHE'D GET FAMOUS AND HE'D BE MAYOR. MORE H FOR US ALL BACK HERE. MORE PARTIES.



WE WERE ALL GOING TO BE POWERFUL.



"BUT THEN SHE CAME."

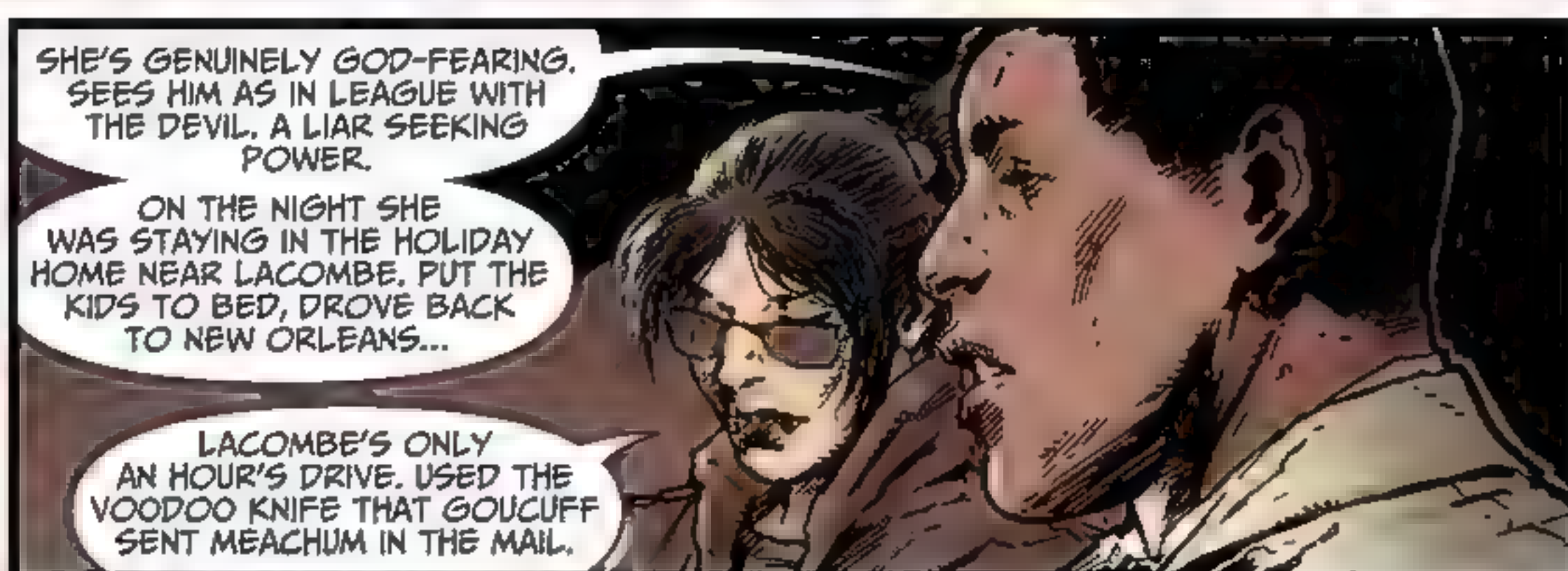
"SHE FOLLOWED BEN ONE TIME WHEN HE CAME TO SEE ME."



"HIS STUPID WIFE."



SUSAN!! WAIT... PLEASE!!



SHE'S GENUINELY GOD-FEARING. SEES HIM AS IN LEAGUE WITH THE DEVIL. A LIAR SEEKING POWER.

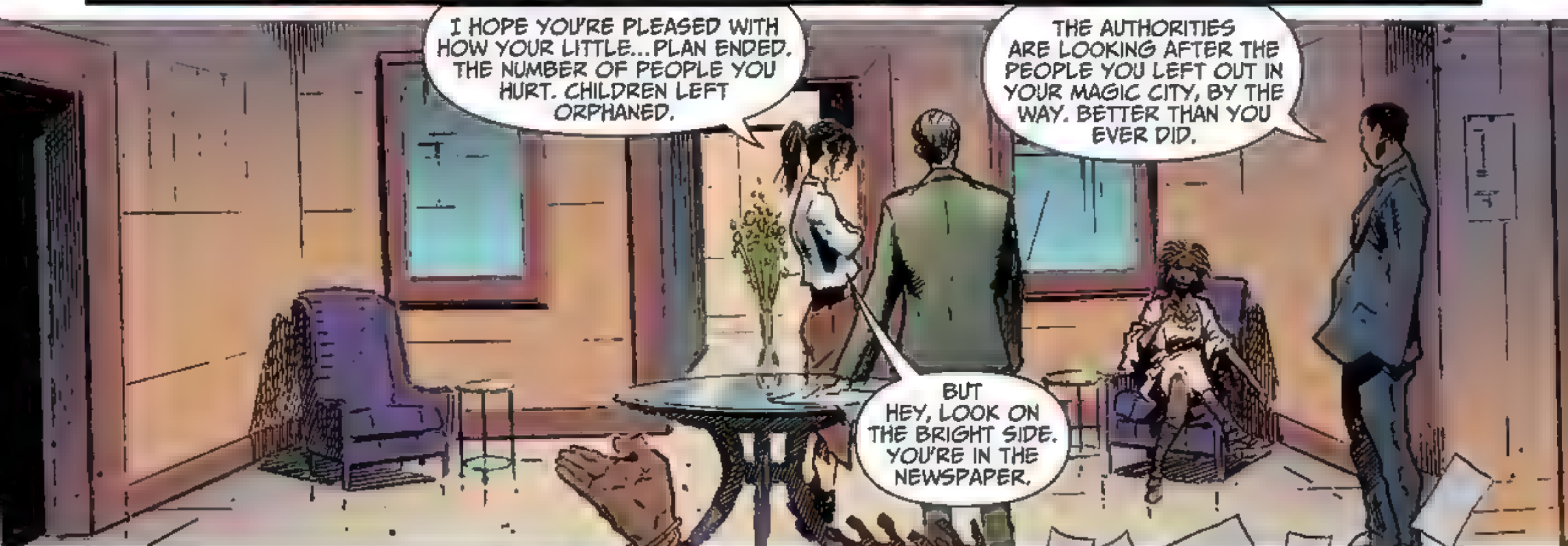
ON THE NIGHT SHE WAS STAYING IN THE HOLIDAY HOME NEAR LACOMBE. PUT THE KIDS TO BED, DROVE BACK TO NEW ORLEANS...

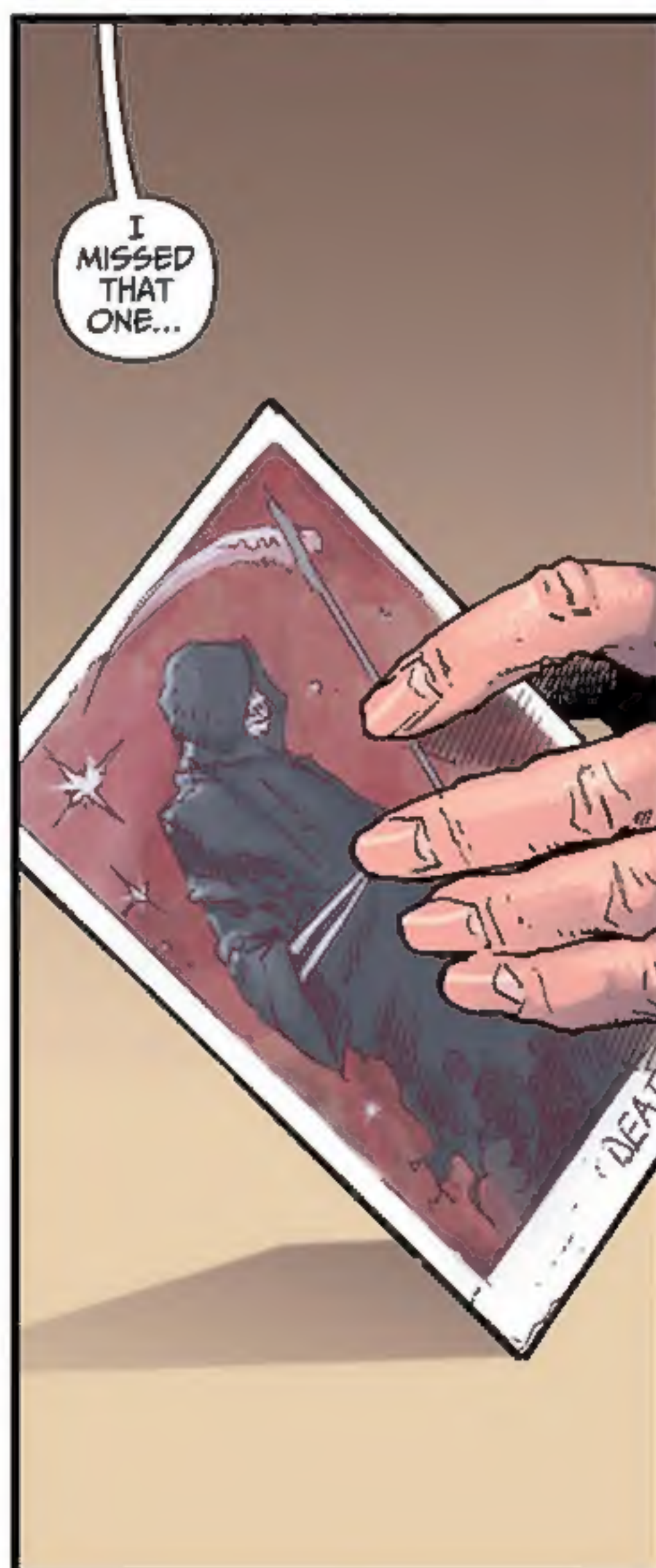
LACOMBE'S ONLY AN HOUR'S DRIVE. USED THE VODOO KNIFE THAT GOUCUFF SENT MEACHUM IN THE MAIL.

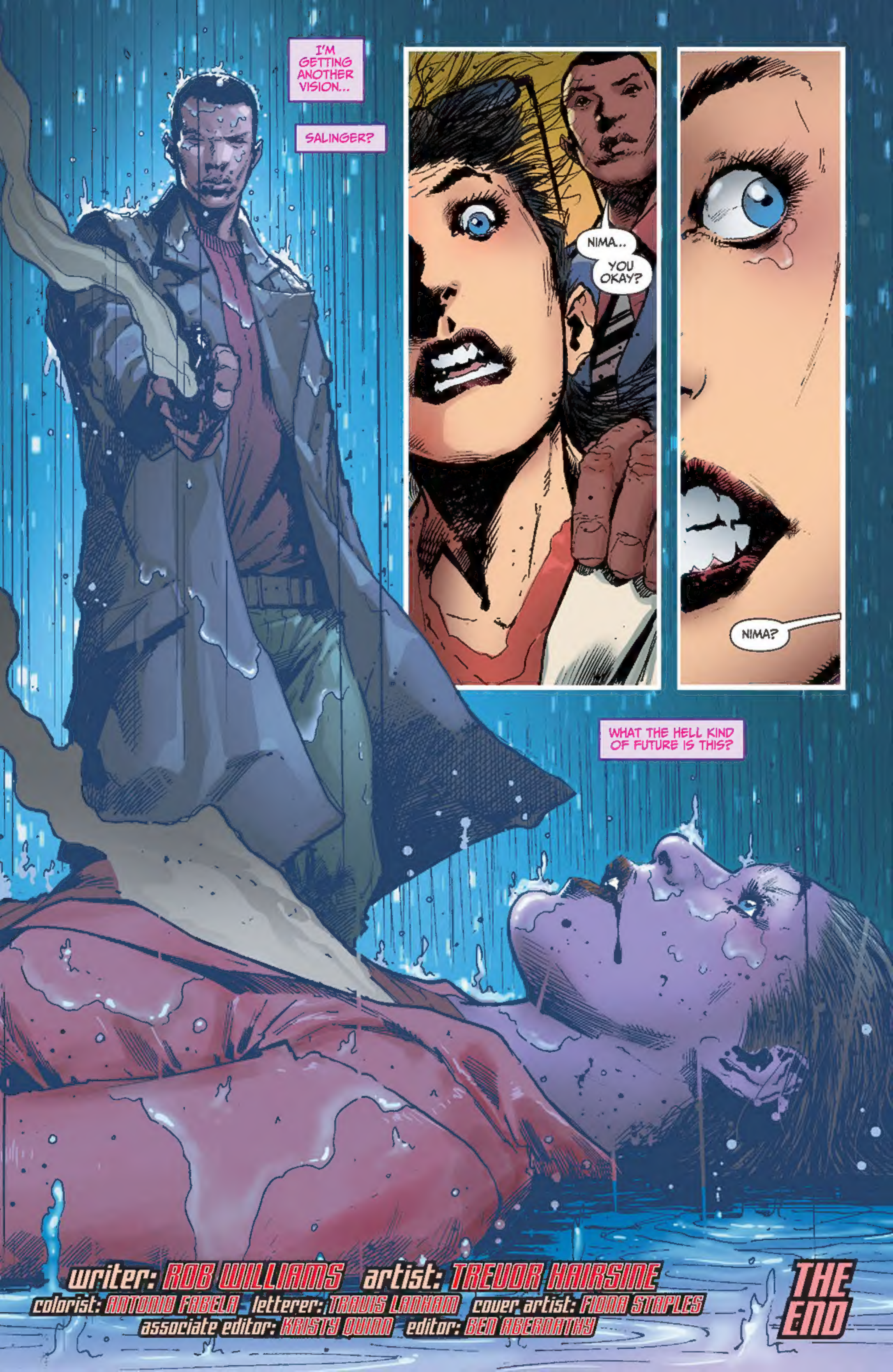


"MADE HIM AND EVERYTHING HE'D PRETENDED TO STAND FOR JUST..."

"...DISAPPEAR."





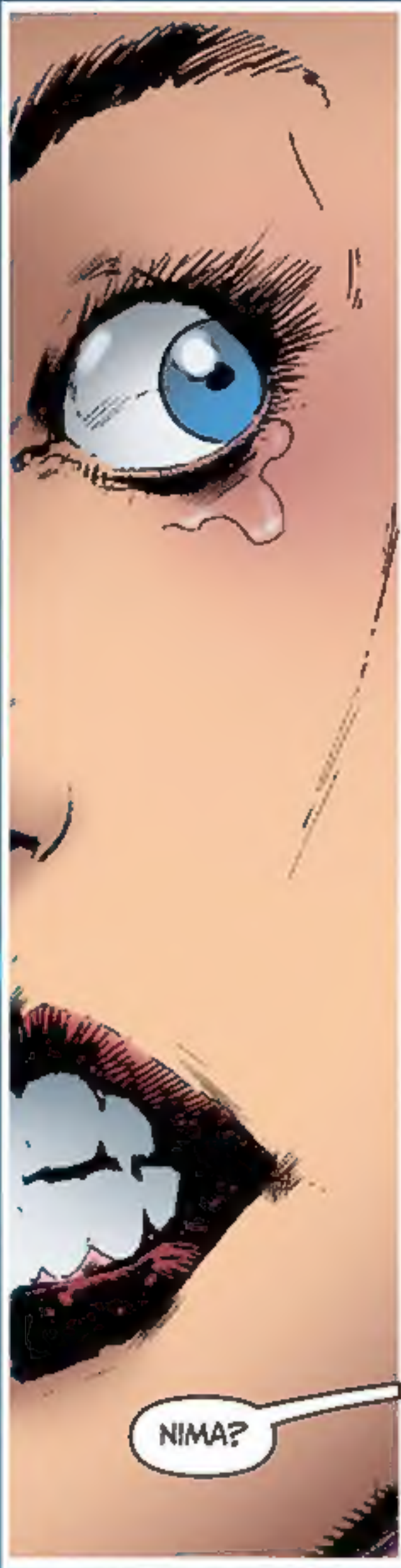


I'M
GETTING
ANOTHER
VISION...

SALINGER?



NIMA...
YOU
OKAY?



NIMA?

WHAT THE HELL KIND
OF FUTURE IS THIS?

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