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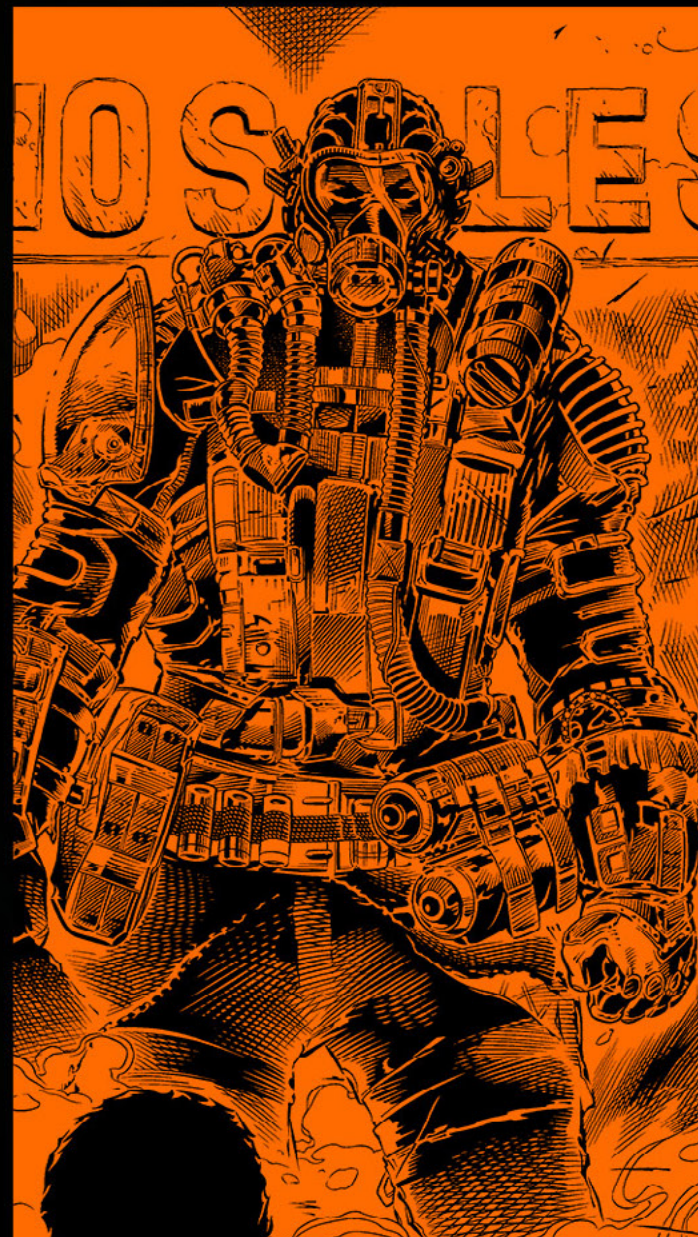
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FIRE
HAS A
VOICE.

CHINATOWN SHOPPING
DISTRICT. SINGAPORE
QUARANTINE ZONE.



IT WHISPERS.
IT ROARS.



SOMETIMES...
I HEAR IT TALK-
ING TO ME.

I NEVER
ANSWER IT,
OF COURSE.

TWO SLES

THAT WOULD
BE CRAZY.

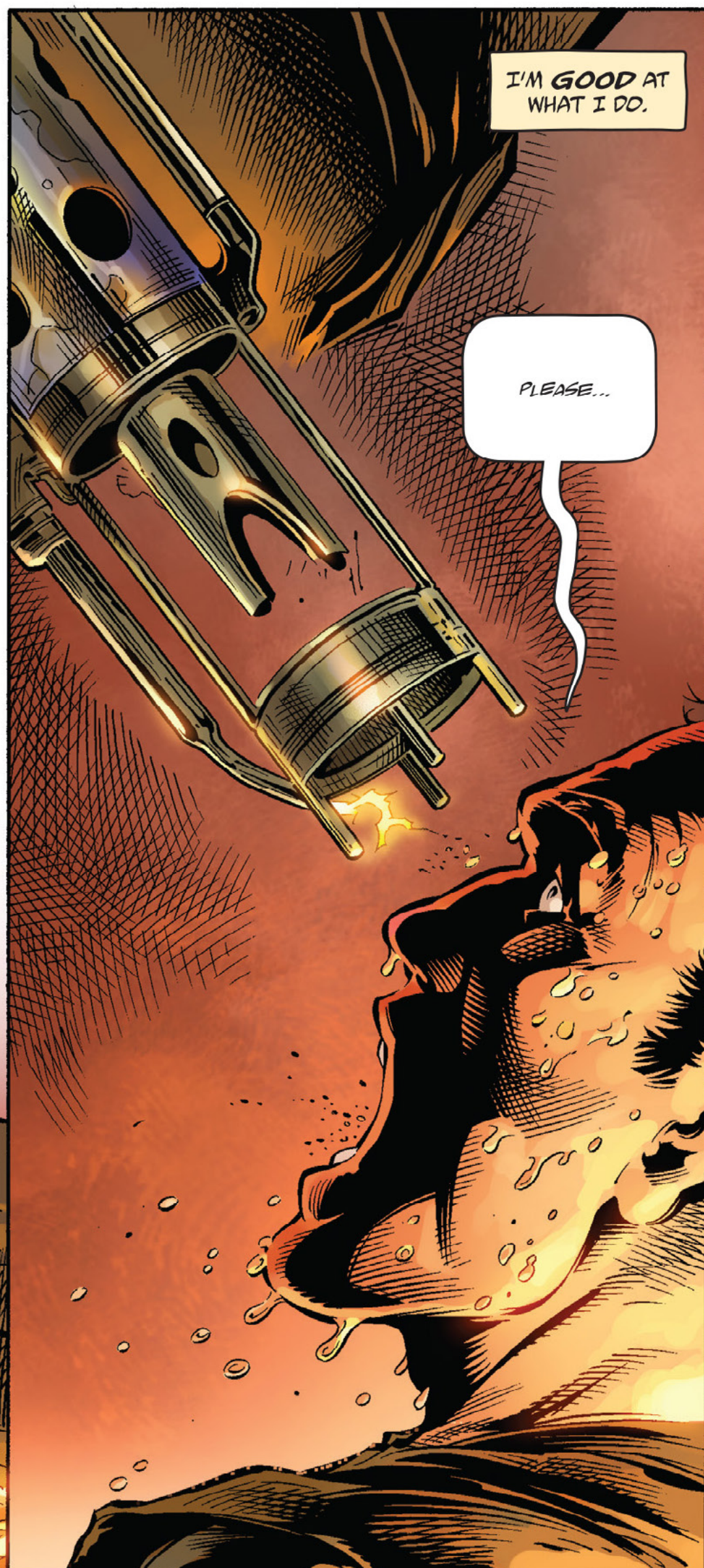
KRYSTOF
"FIREBREAK"
HEJEK





I'M A PROFESSIONAL.
I'M AN **EXPERT**.

PLEASE!

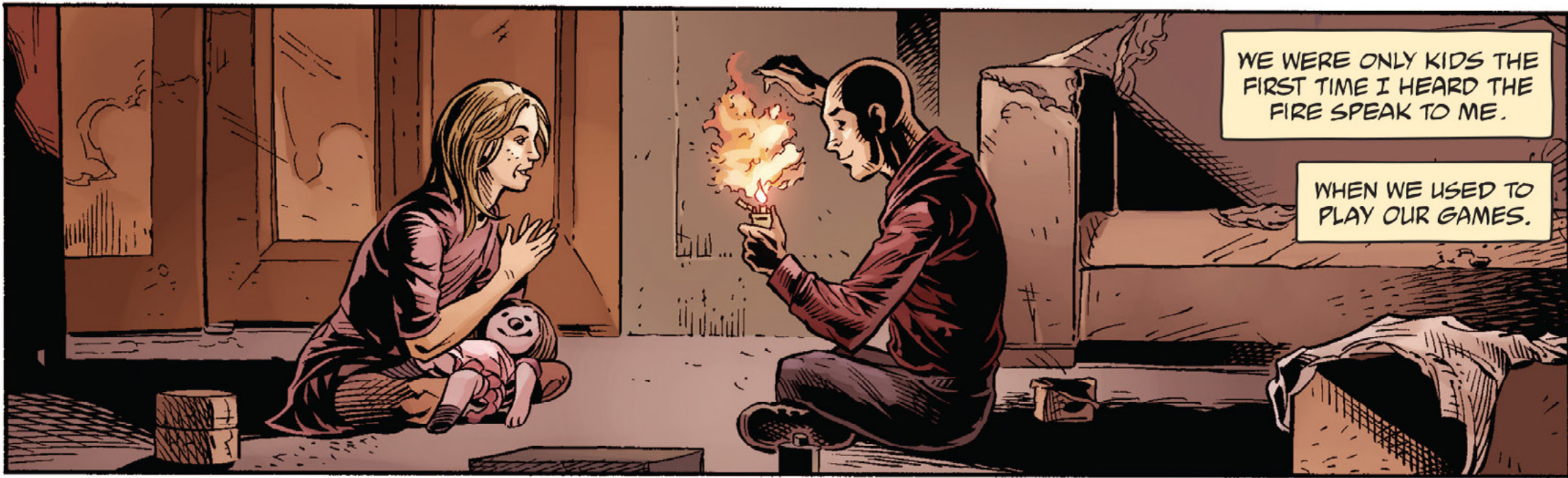


I'M **GOOD** AT
WHAT I DO.

PLEASE...

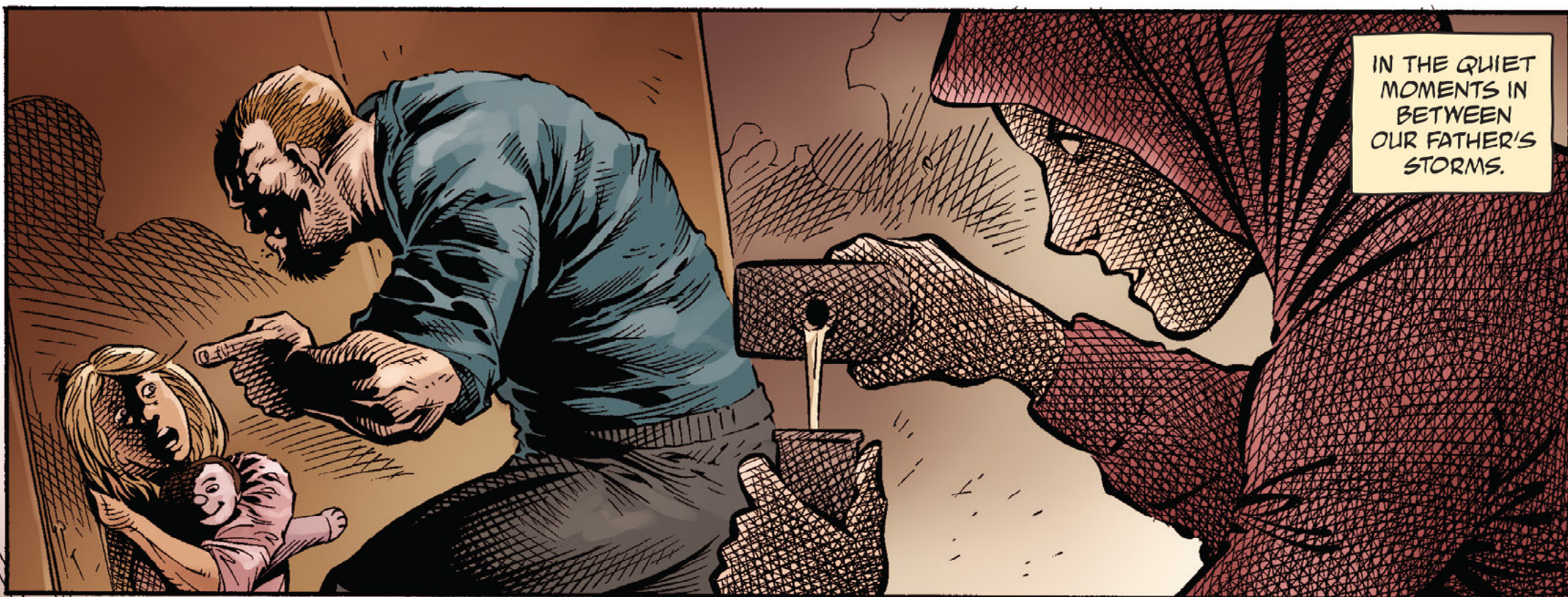


I'M NOT
CRAZY.



WE WERE ONLY KIDS THE FIRST TIME I HEARD THE FIRE SPEAK TO ME.

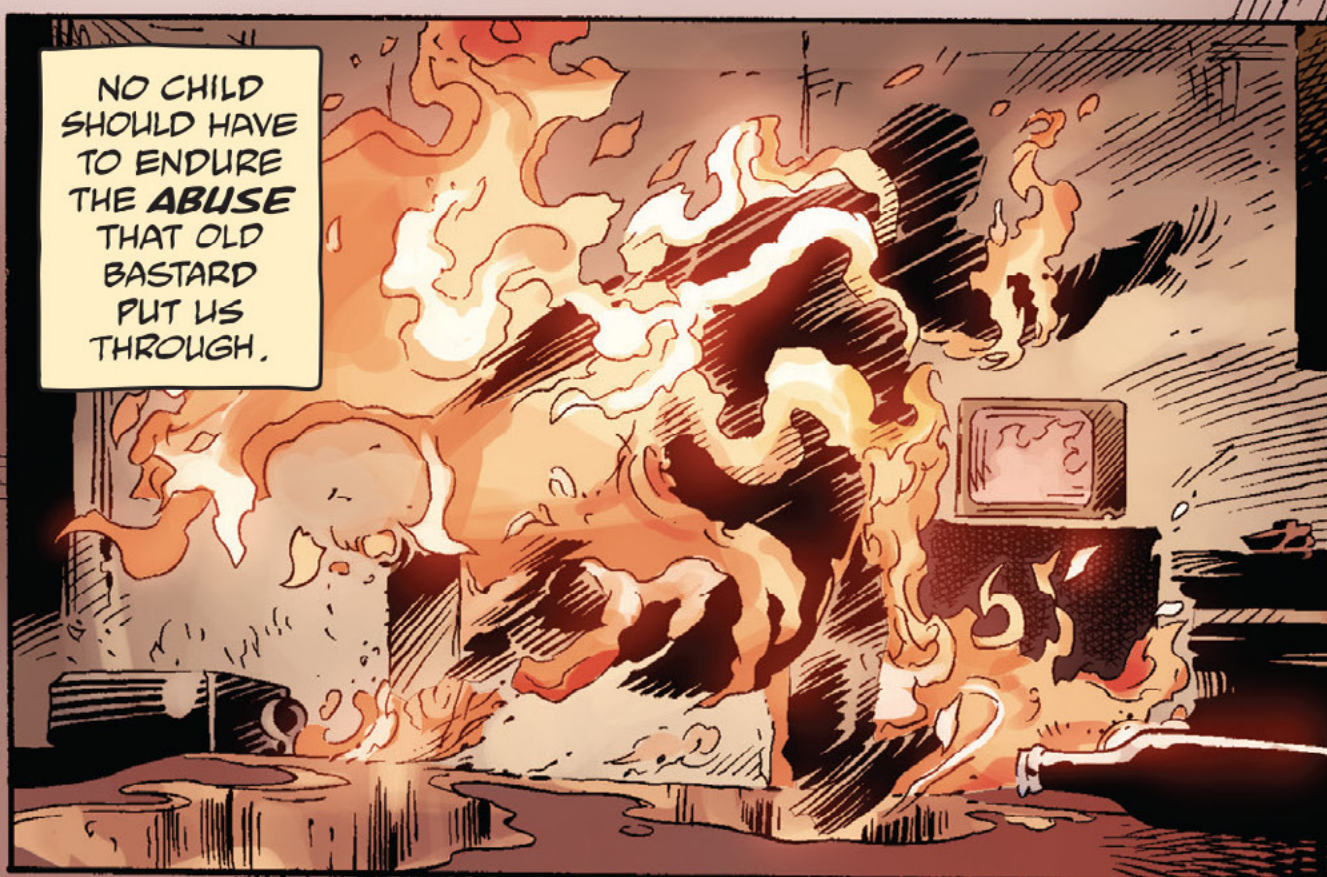
WHEN WE USED TO PLAY OUR GAMES.



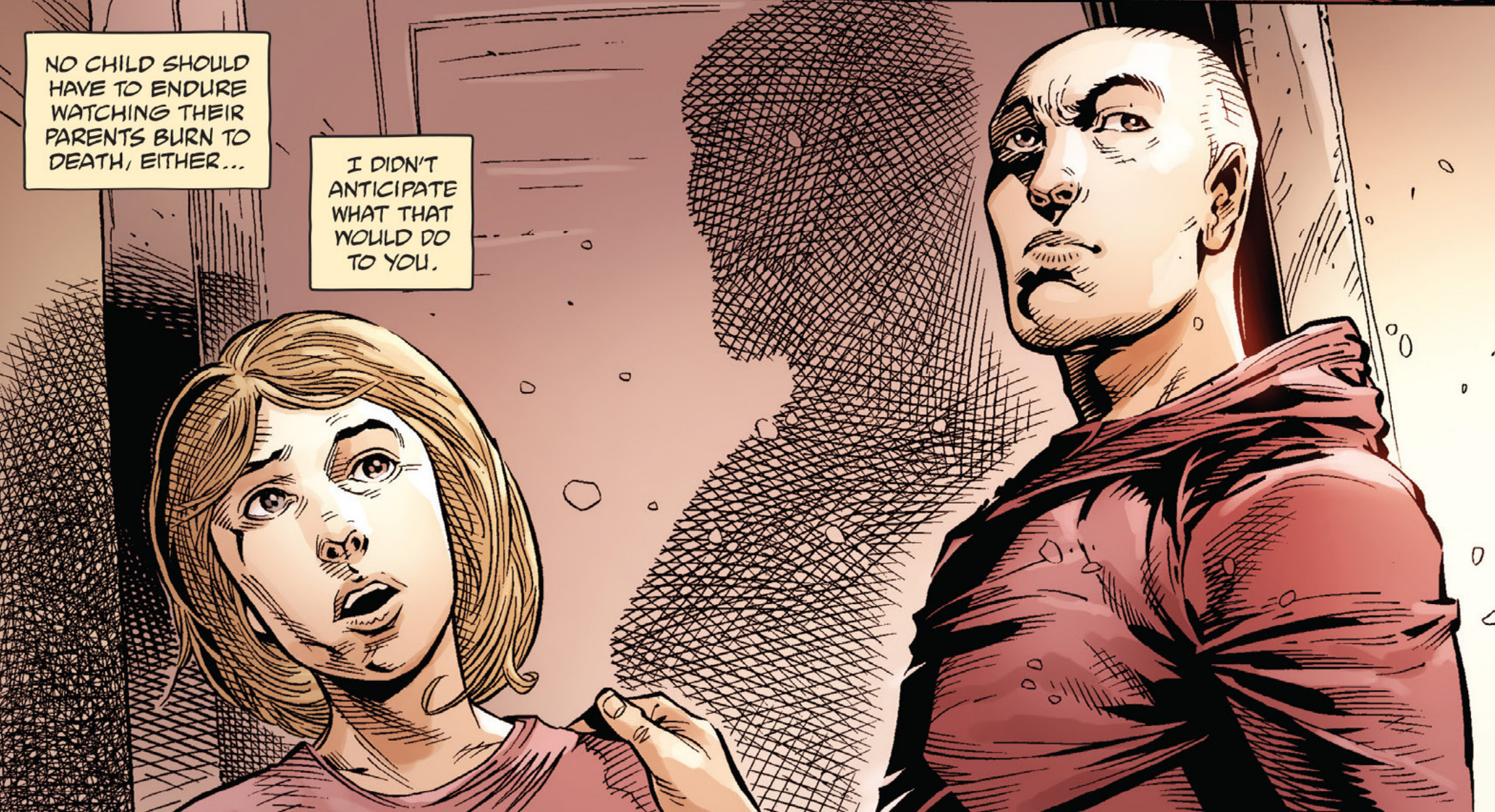
IN THE QUIET MOMENTS IN BETWEEN OUR FATHER'S STORMS.



I HEARD THE VOICE TELL ME, "LET THE FLAMES TAKE HIM AWAY."



NO CHILD SHOULD HAVE TO ENDURE THE **ABUSE** THAT OLD BASTARD PUT US THROUGH.



NO CHILD SHOULD HAVE TO ENDURE WATCHING THEIR PARENTS BURN TO DEATH, EITHER...

I DIDN'T ANTICIPATE WHAT THAT WOULD DO TO YOU.



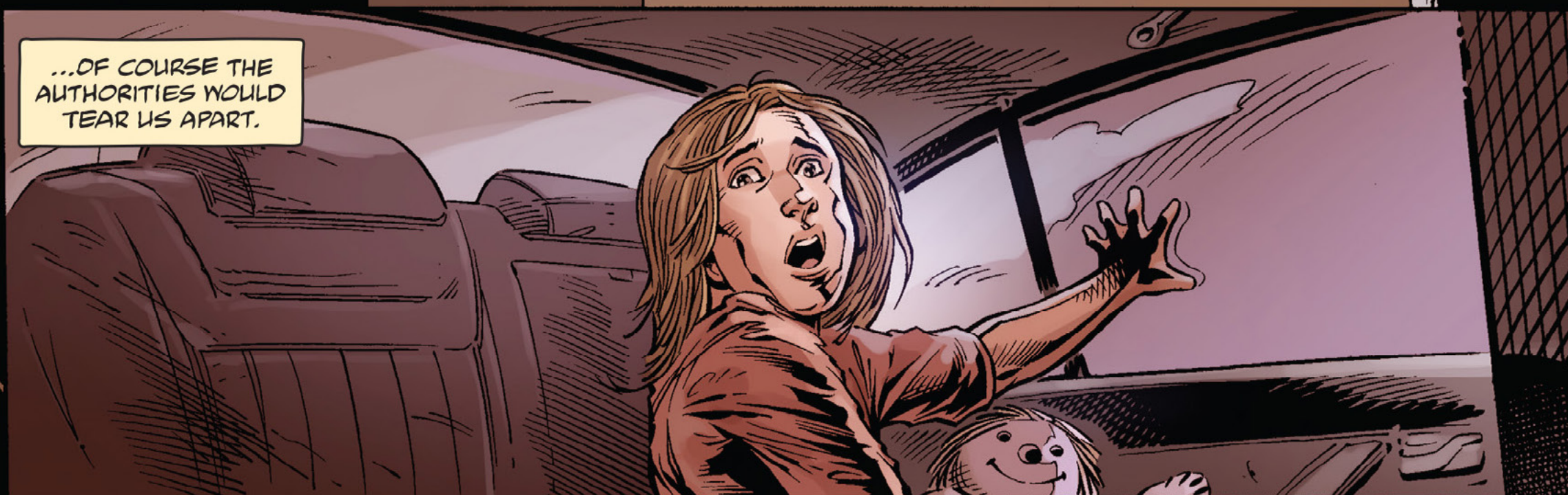
POOR,
SWEET
SISTER.

I ONLY
WANTED
TO
PROTECT
YOU.



BUT
WHAT
DID I
EXPECT
?

WITH NO
MOTHER TO
CLAIM US AND
NO **HOME** TO
GO BACK TO...



...OF COURSE THE
AUTHORITIES WOULD
TEAR US APART.



WHILE YOU WERE
SHUTTTLING
BETWEEN FOSTER
HOMES, I WAS
DROWNING IN THE
JUSTICE SYSTEM.

THEY TOLD ME I WASN'T
ALLOWED TO EVER SEE
YOU AGAIN. THAT WAS THE
WORST PUNISHMENT.



EVENTUALLY I WAS GIVEN A CHOICE. GO TO PRISON OR ENLIST IN THE MILITARY.



MY SUPERIORS WANTED MEN WHO WERE GOOD WITH FIRE. WHO COULD TAME IT.

WHO COULD LISTEN TO IT.

THEY GAVE ME EVERYTHING AND MORE.



IT WAS TOO MUCH.

IT CUT ME OFF FROM THE WORLD. I THINK THAT WAS THEIR PLAN ALL ALONG.



SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH MY MIND, MARIKA.

SOMETHING INSIDE OF ME WAS SHATTERED WHEN THEY TOOK YOU AWAY.

IF I FIND YOU...CAN YOU PUT ME BACK TOGETHER?



I FOLLOWED
YOUR RECORDS.

FROM COUNTRY TO
COUNTRY, I TRACED
YOUR LIFE.

WHERE THERE WERE
GAPS IN YOUR FILES,
I FOUND WAYS TO
FILL THEM IN.

MISSING
INFORMATION ISN'T
HARD TO RECOVER
WHEN YOU ASK
POLITELY.

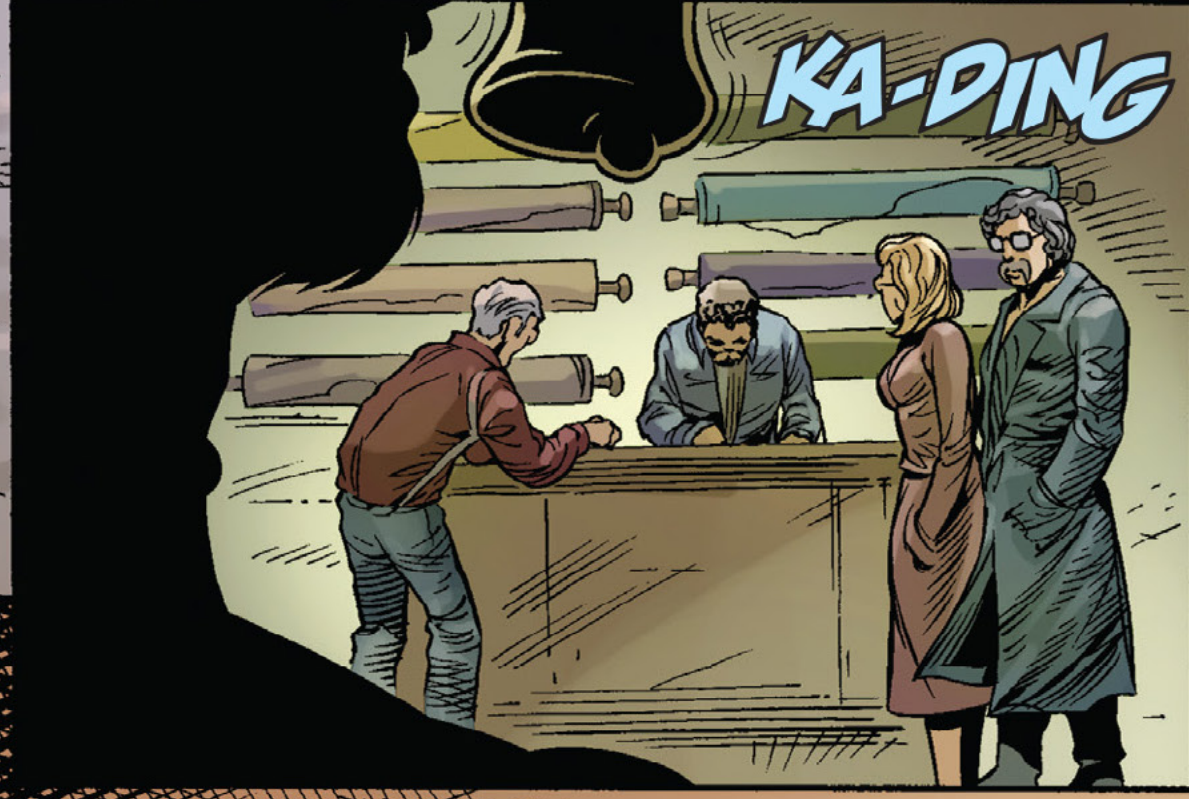
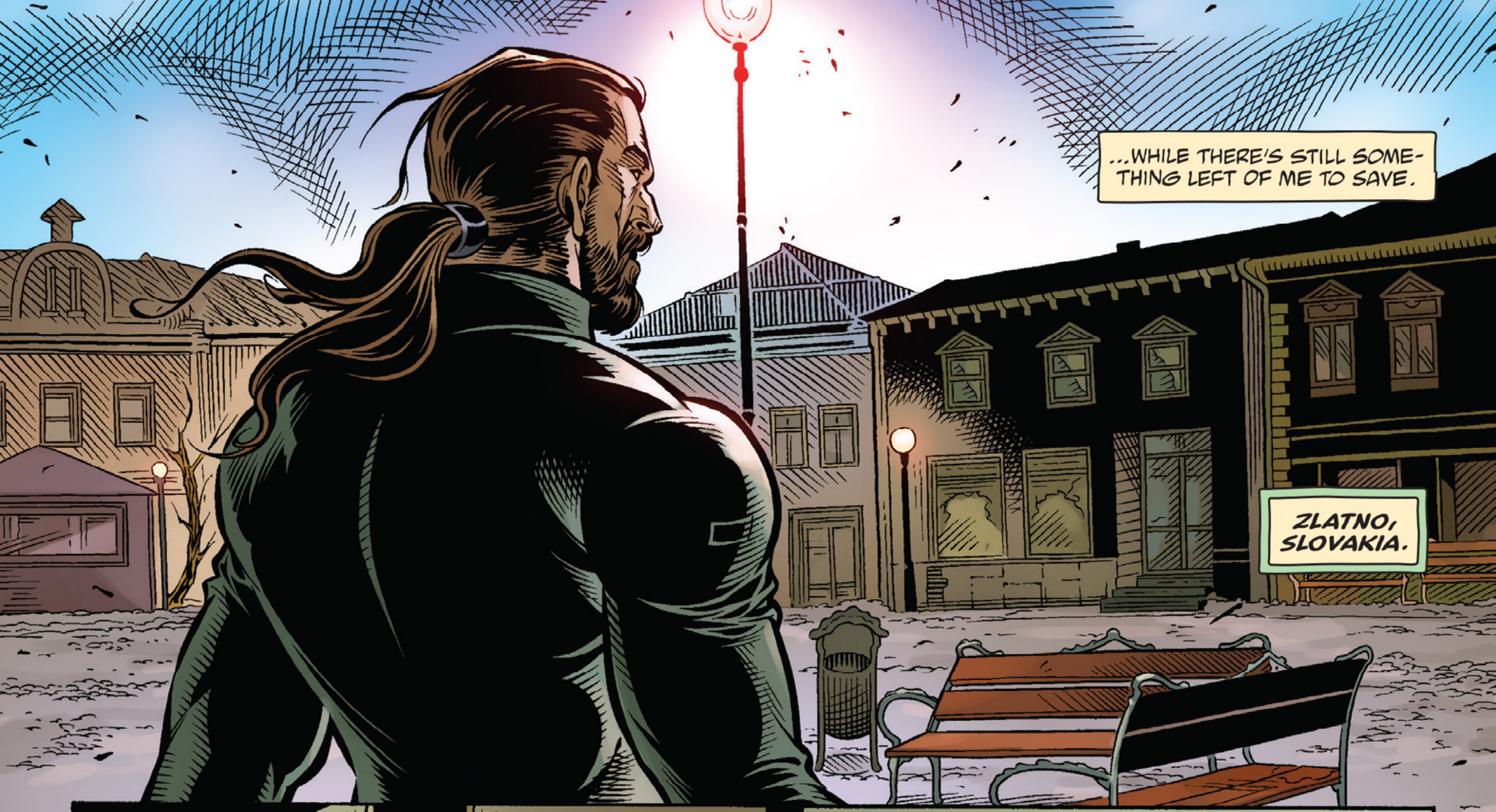
WHATEVER MY
SUPERIORS HAVE
DONE TO ME...IT'S
GETTING WORSE.



SOMETIMES I DON'T RECOGNIZE
THE VOICE INSIDE MY OWN HEAD.



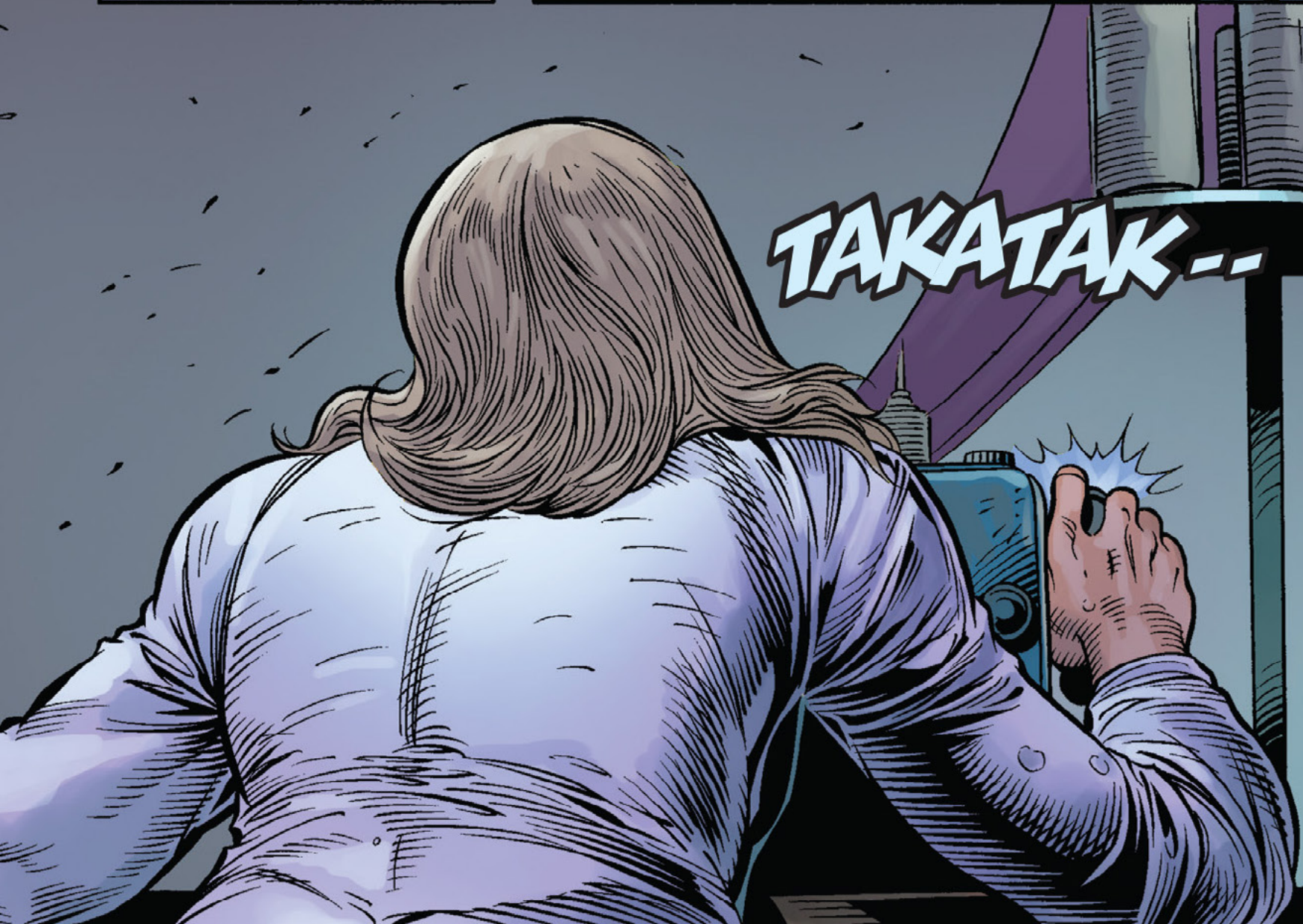
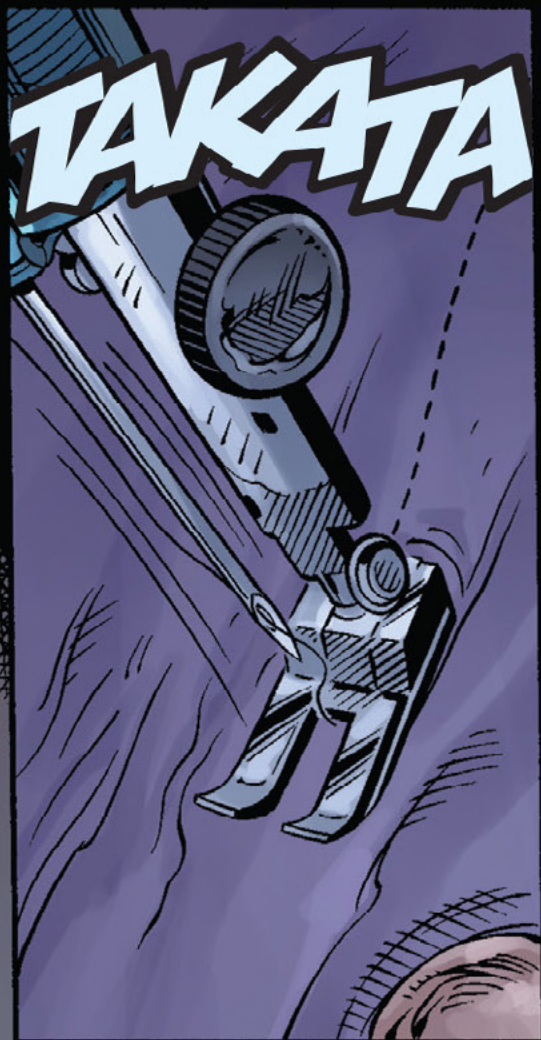
I HAVE TO FIND YOU SOON...

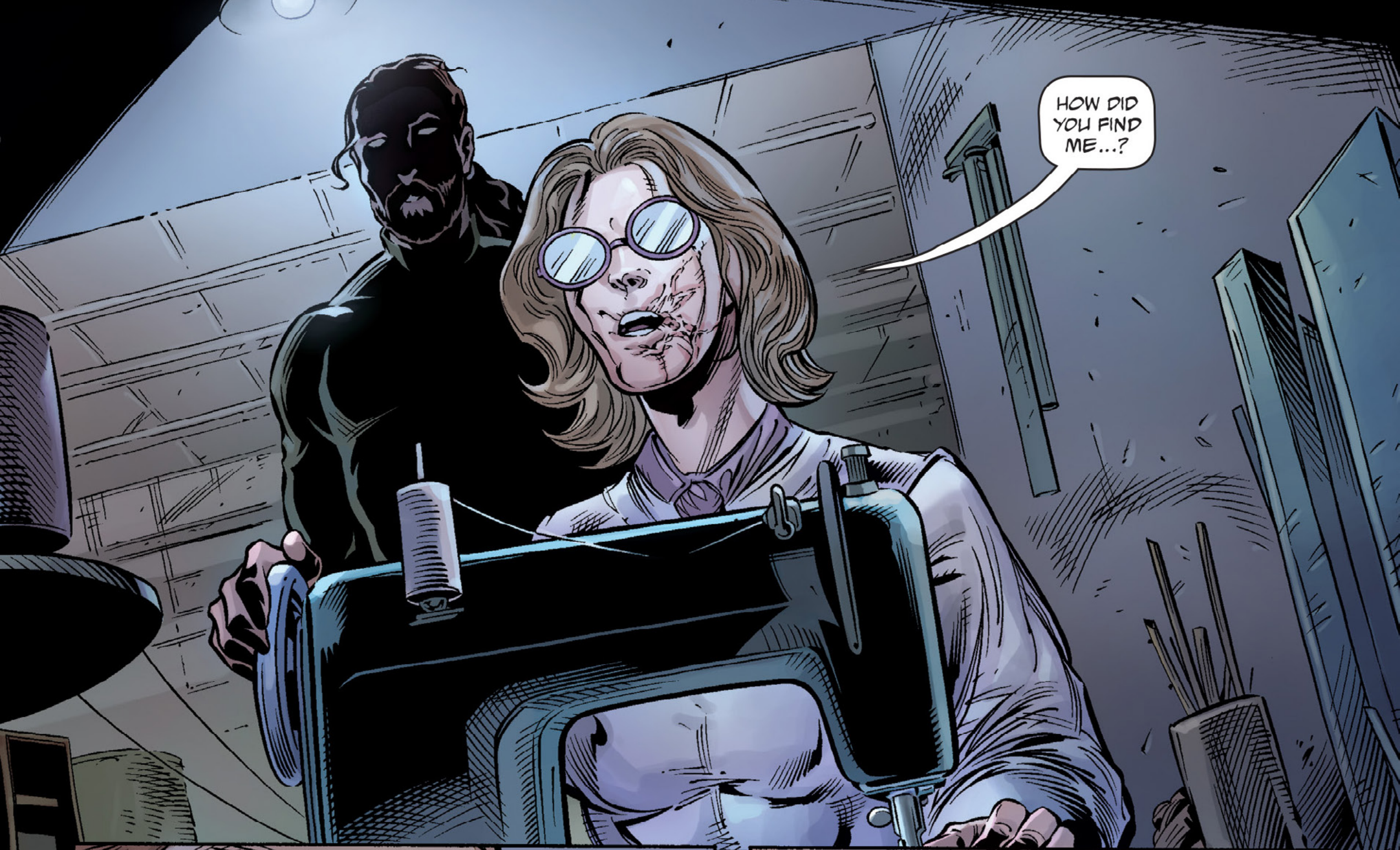




MARIKA?

IT'S ME...
KRYSTOF...
IT'S YOUR
BROTHER.



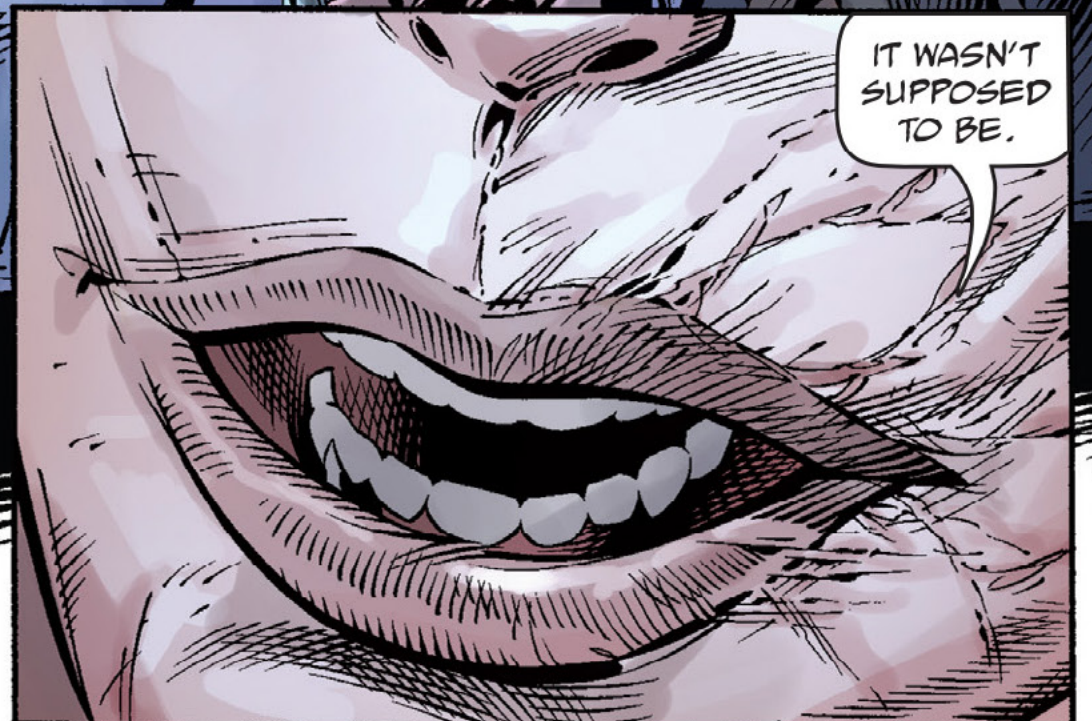


HOW DID YOU FIND ME...?



I'M SORRY IT TOOK SO LONG.

IT WASN'T EASY.

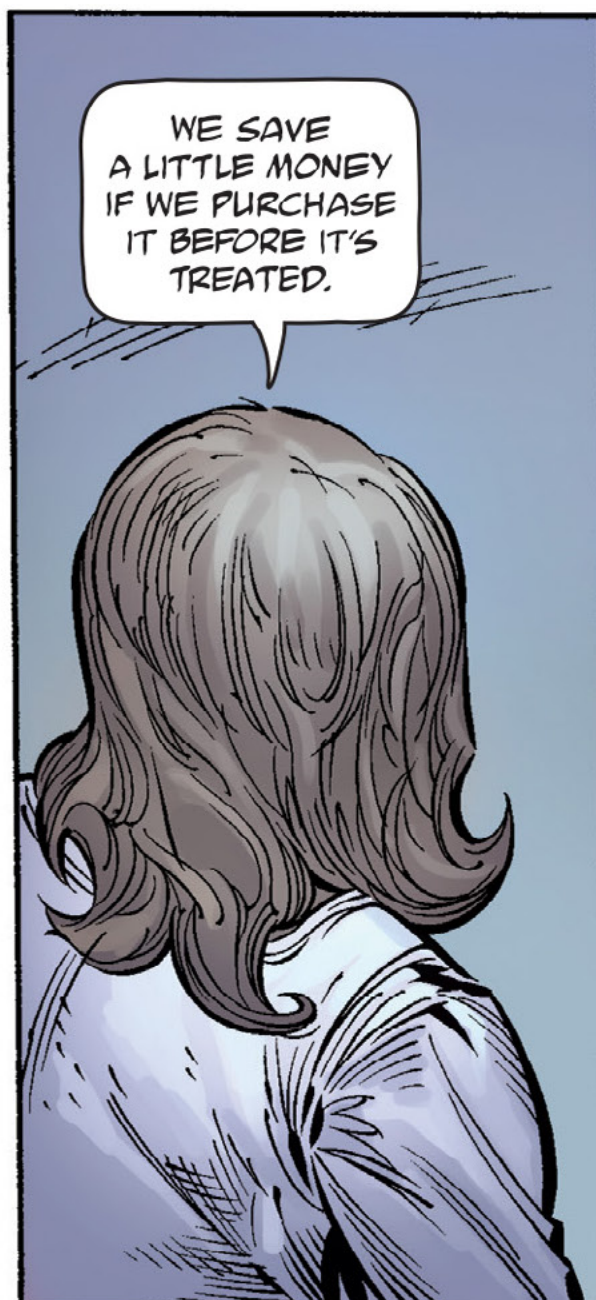


IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE.



THIS IS NICE FABRIC. DID YOU CHOOSE IT YOURSELF?

YES. I ORDER MOST OF IT OVER THE PHONE, FROM ALL OVER.



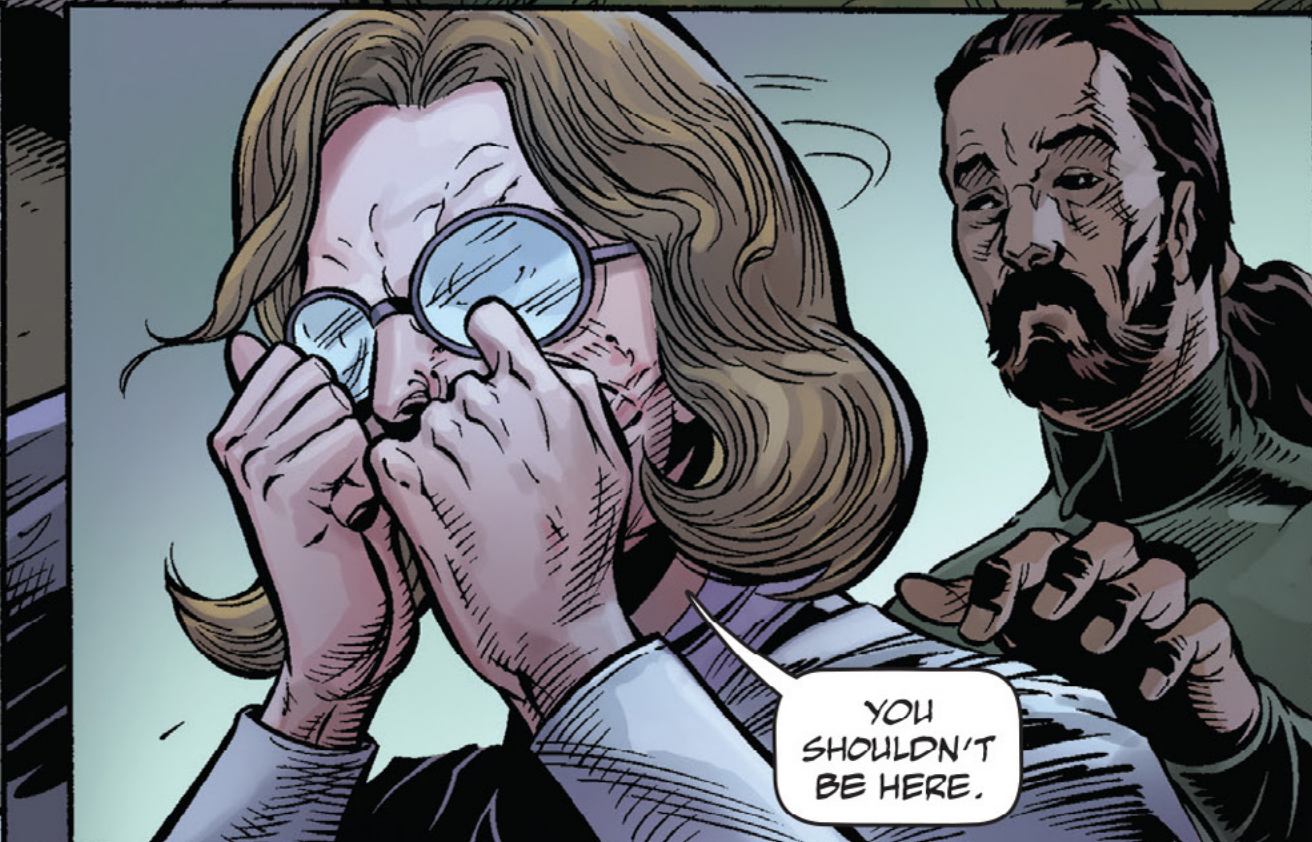
WE SAVE A LITTLE MONEY IF WE PURCHASE IT BEFORE IT'S TREATED.



I REUPHOLSTER FURNITURE FOR POOR FAMILIES. IT HELPS THE OTHER LITTLE GIRLS.



OH,
KRYSTOF...



YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE HERE.



PLEASE DON'T
PUSH ME AWAY.
I CAN BARELY LIVE
WITH MYSELF
KNOWING WHAT I
PUT YOU THROUGH.



I DON'T DESERVE
FORGIVENESS...
...BUT I NEED YOUR
GRACE. PLEASE.



THERE'S NO GRACE HERE.
I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANYTHING.

BEING
AROUND
YOU ISN'T
SAFE.



YOU DON'T EVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT AGAIN. NO ONE CAN SEPARATE US NOW.

IT CAN BE LIKE IT WAS BEFORE!

REMEMBER HOW WE USED TO PLAY?

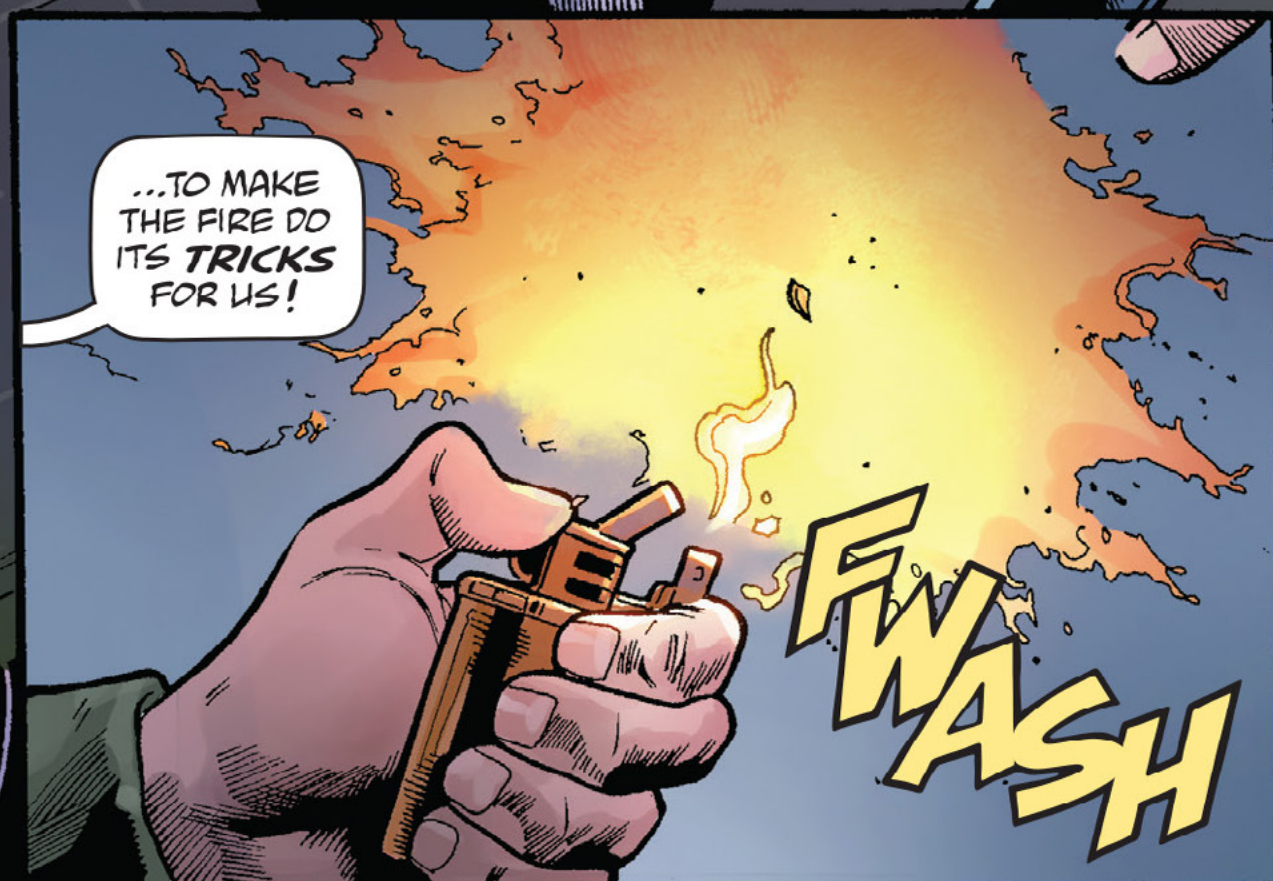


YOU ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS MAGIC.



BUT ALL IT TOOK WAS A PINCH OF COFFEE CREAMER...

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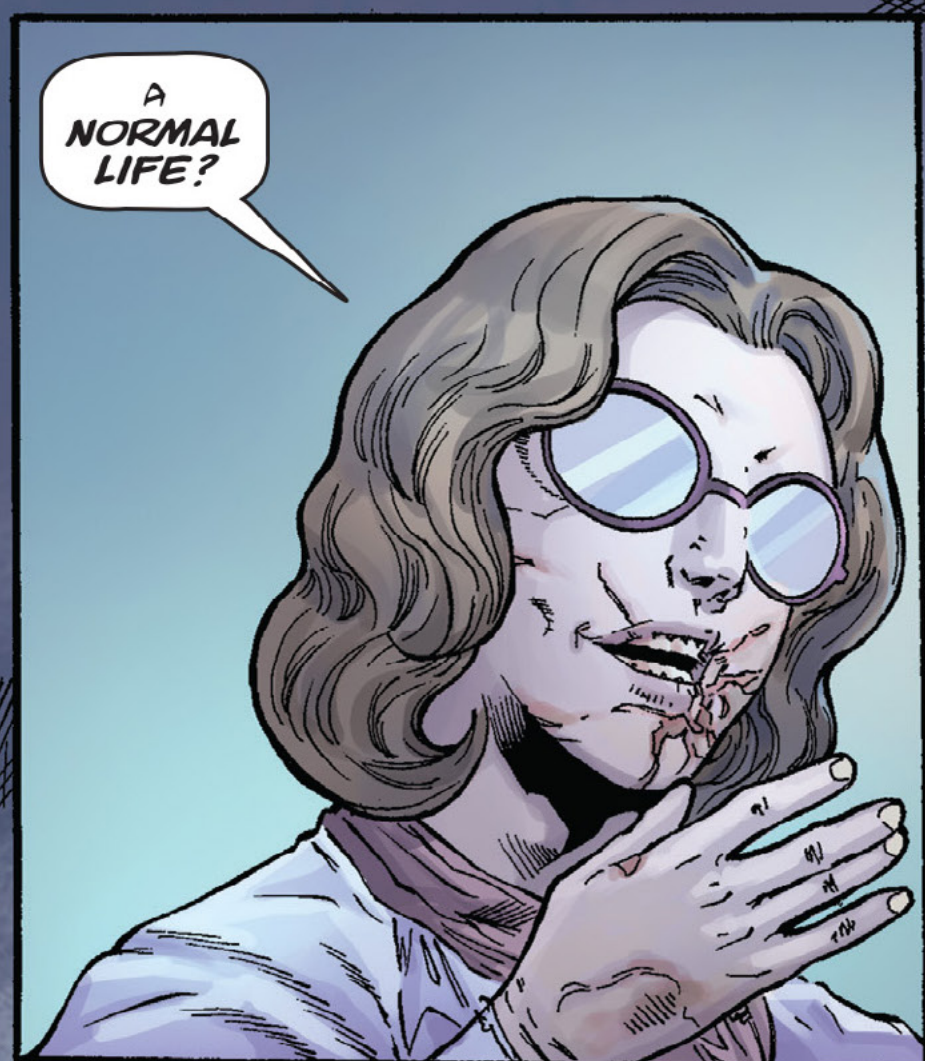


...TO MAKE THE FIRE DO ITS **TRICKS** FOR US!

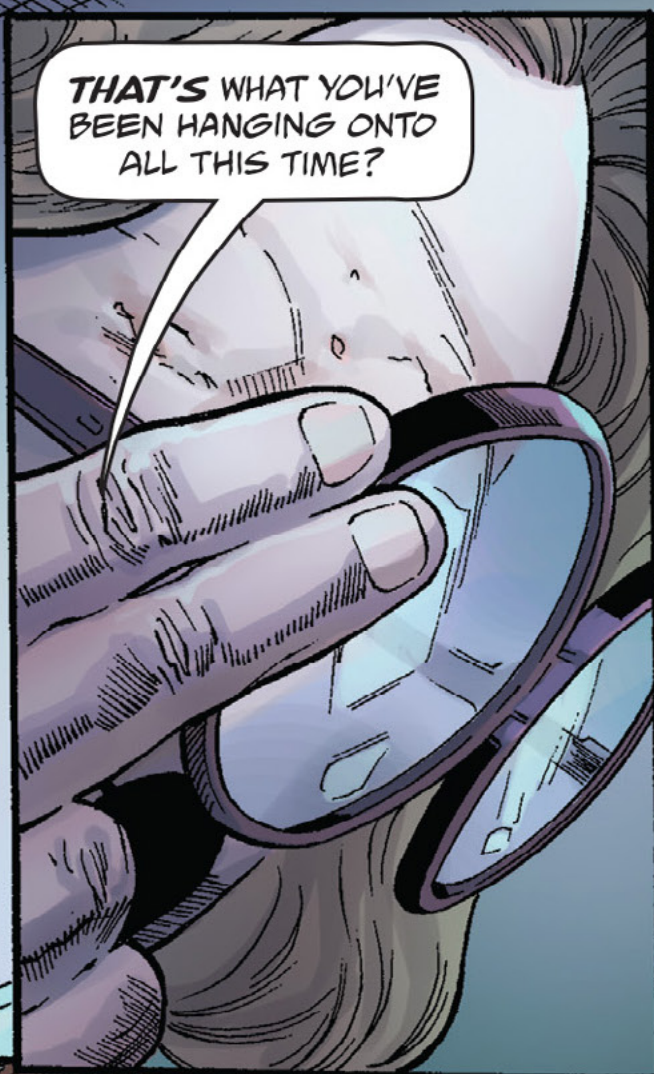
FWASH



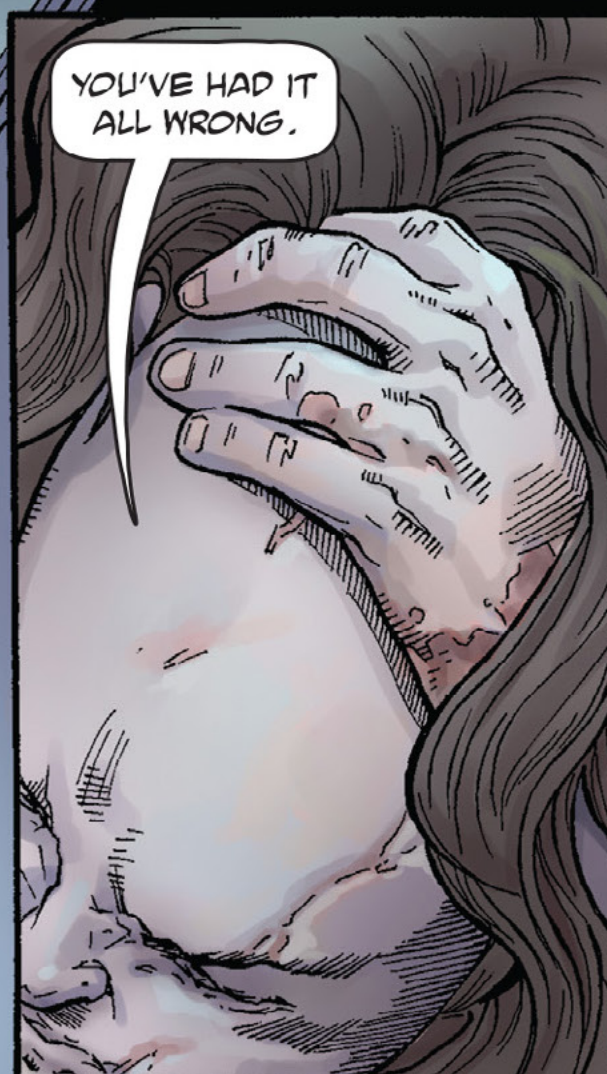
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE ANYMORE. WE CAN GO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE TOGETHER!



A
NORMAL
LIFE?



THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE
BEEN HANGING ONTO
ALL THIS TIME?



YOU'VE HAD IT
ALL WRONG.



I HAVEN'T
BEEN HIDING
FROM YOU...



...I'VE BEEN
PROTECTING
YOU.

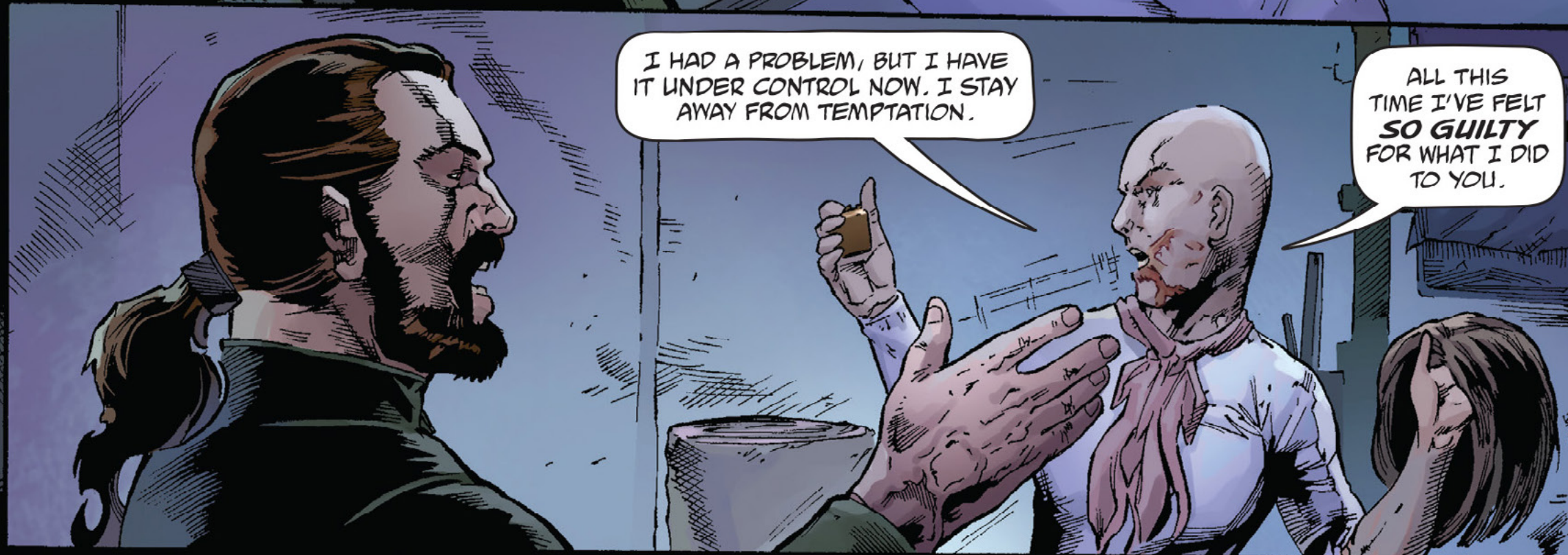
WHO DID THIS
TO YOU?



I DID IT TO MYSELF.
AFTER THEY TOOK
ME AWAY.



THE FOSTER
HOMES ALWAYS
BURNED DOWN...
THE ORPHANAGES...
SO MANY
ACCIDENTS.



I HAD A PROBLEM, BUT I HAVE
IT UNDER CONTROL NOW. I STAY
AWAY FROM TEMPTATION.

ALL THIS
TIME I'VE FELT
SO GUILTY
FOR WHAT I DID
TO YOU.



DID TO
ME?

I'M THE ONE WHO
STARTED THE FIRE THAT
KILLED FATHER.

BUT IT WAS
MY IDEA TO DO
IT, BROTHER.



"I'M THE ONE WHO
POURED THE **FUEL** ON
HIM. REMEMBER?"



WAIT, YES...HOW COULD I HAVE **FORGOTTEN** ABOUT THAT?

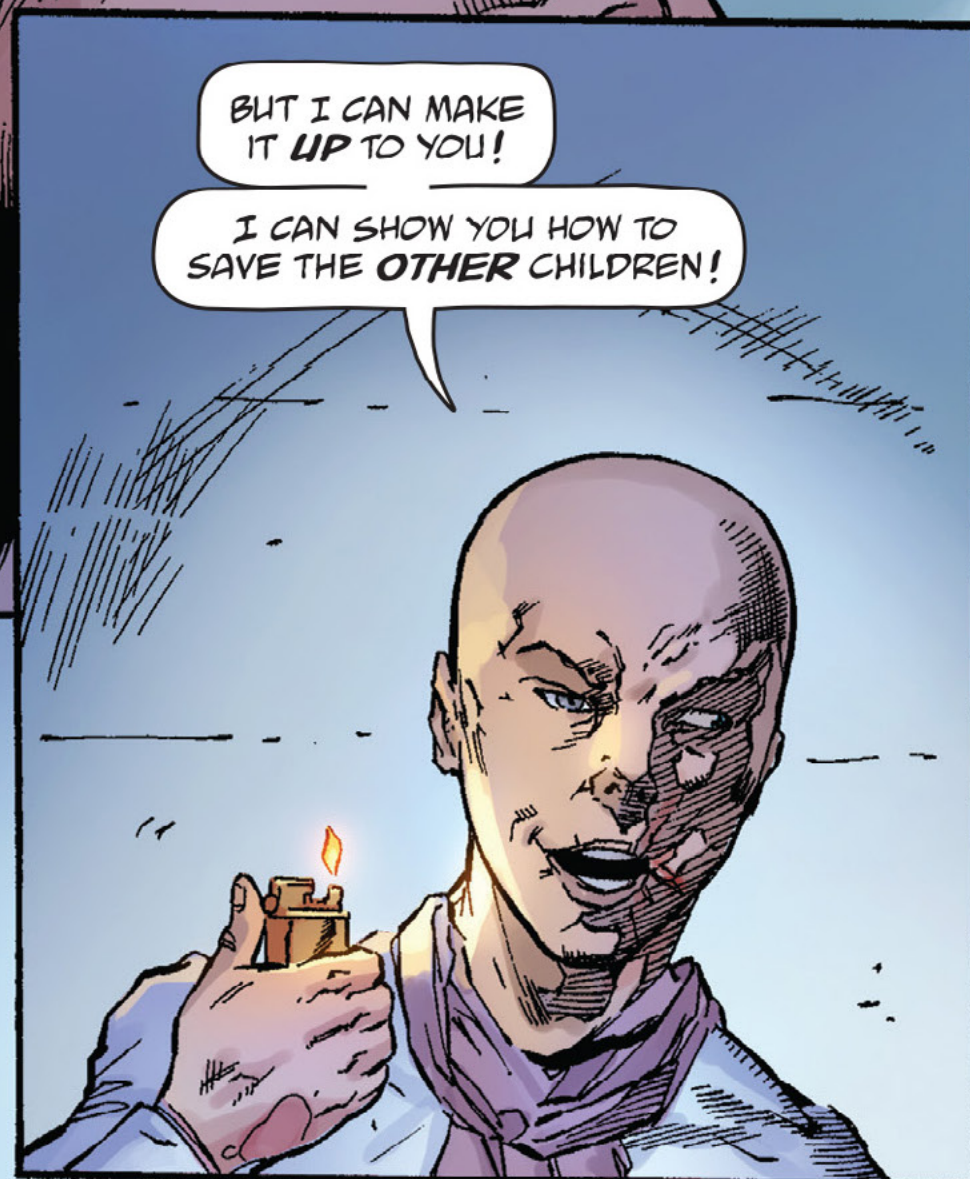


WHATEVER
TURN YOUR
LIFE TOOK
FROM THERE
HAS BEEN
MY FAULT.

CHIK
CHIK



MARIKA...PLEASE
GIVE BACK THE
LIGHTER.



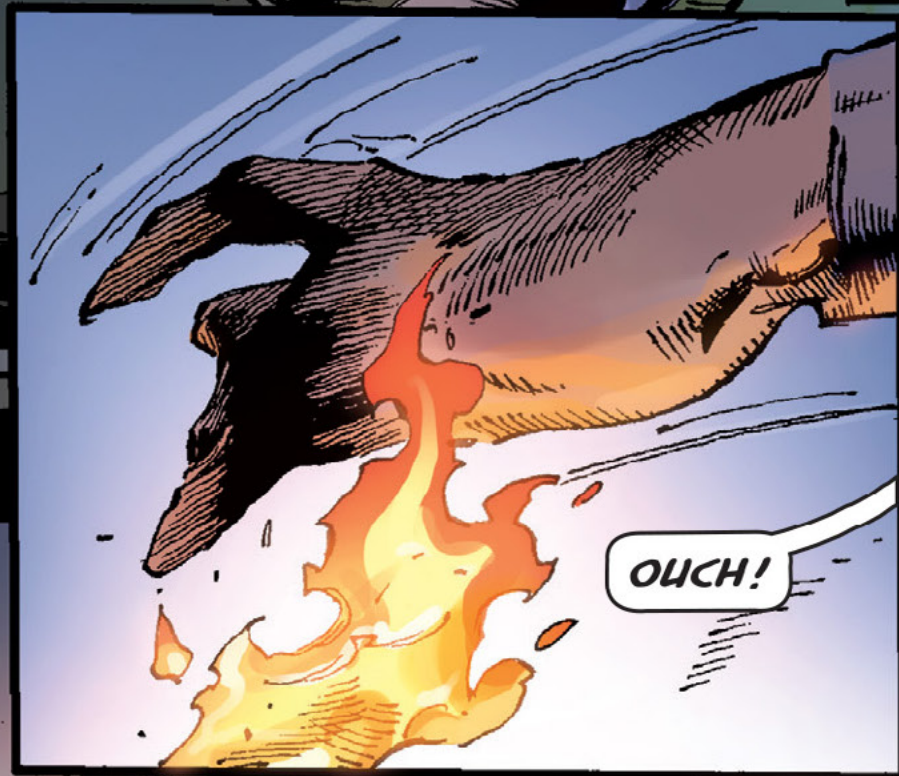
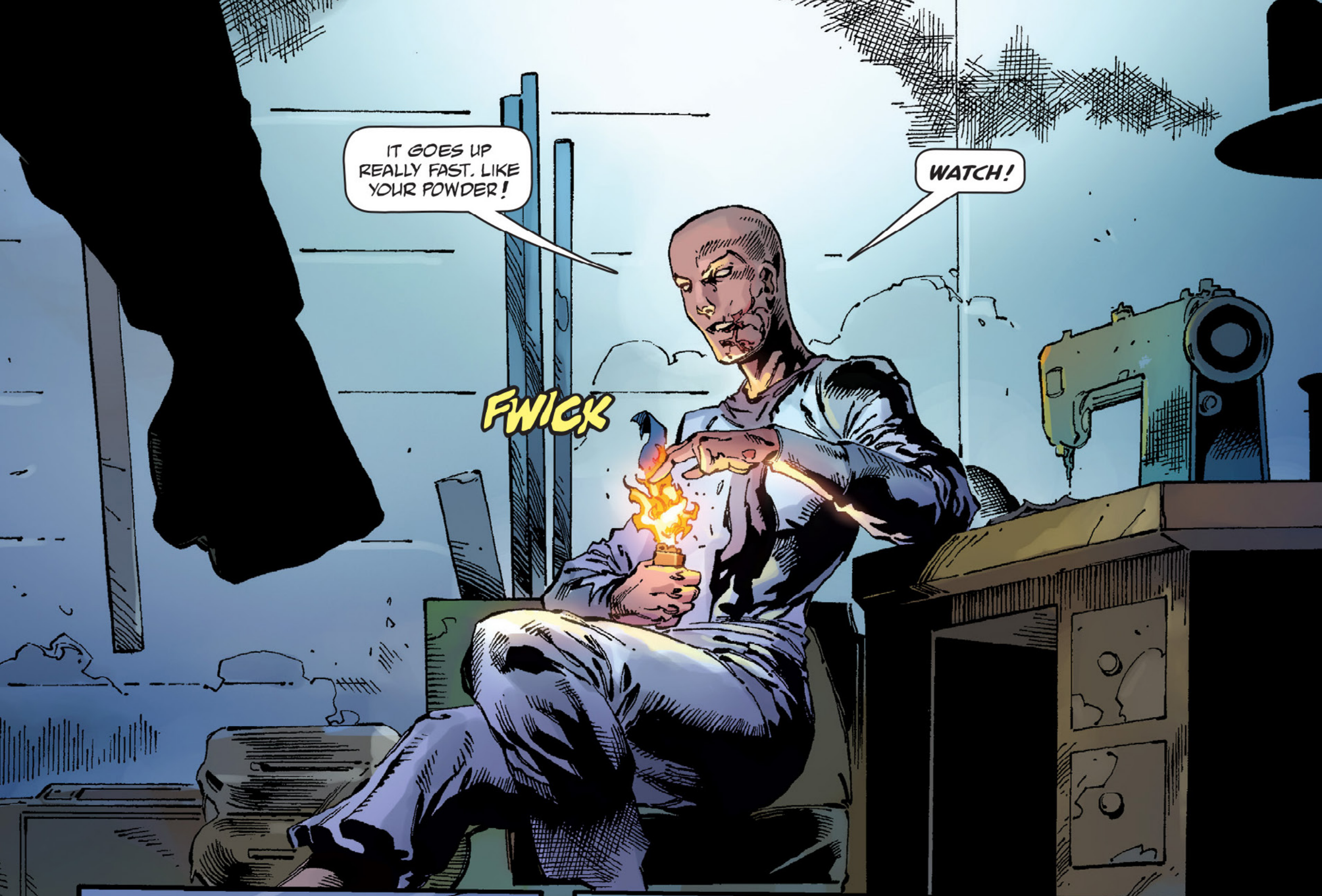
BUT I CAN MAKE
IT **UP** TO YOU!

I CAN SHOW YOU HOW TO
SAVE THE **OTHER** CHILDREN!



THE FABRIC I USE, IT
ISN'T TREATED--IT'S NOT
FLAME RESISTANT.

WHEN THE CHILDREN START
THE FIRES, THERE WON'T BE
TIME FOR **THEIR** FATHERS
TO ESCAPE, EITHER!







KROOSH



NNNGGH!



THIS WASN'T
SUPPOSED
TO HAPPEN
ANYMORE.

I HAD IT
UNDER
CONTROL.



I COULD'VE SPENT THE
REST OF MY LIFE HERE.
IF IT WASN'T FOR *YOU*.



SISTER!
KOFF! KOFF!!
PLEASE!



DON'T YOU *DARE* TRY
TO FIND ME AGAIN!



DON'T
LEAVE
ME HERE!

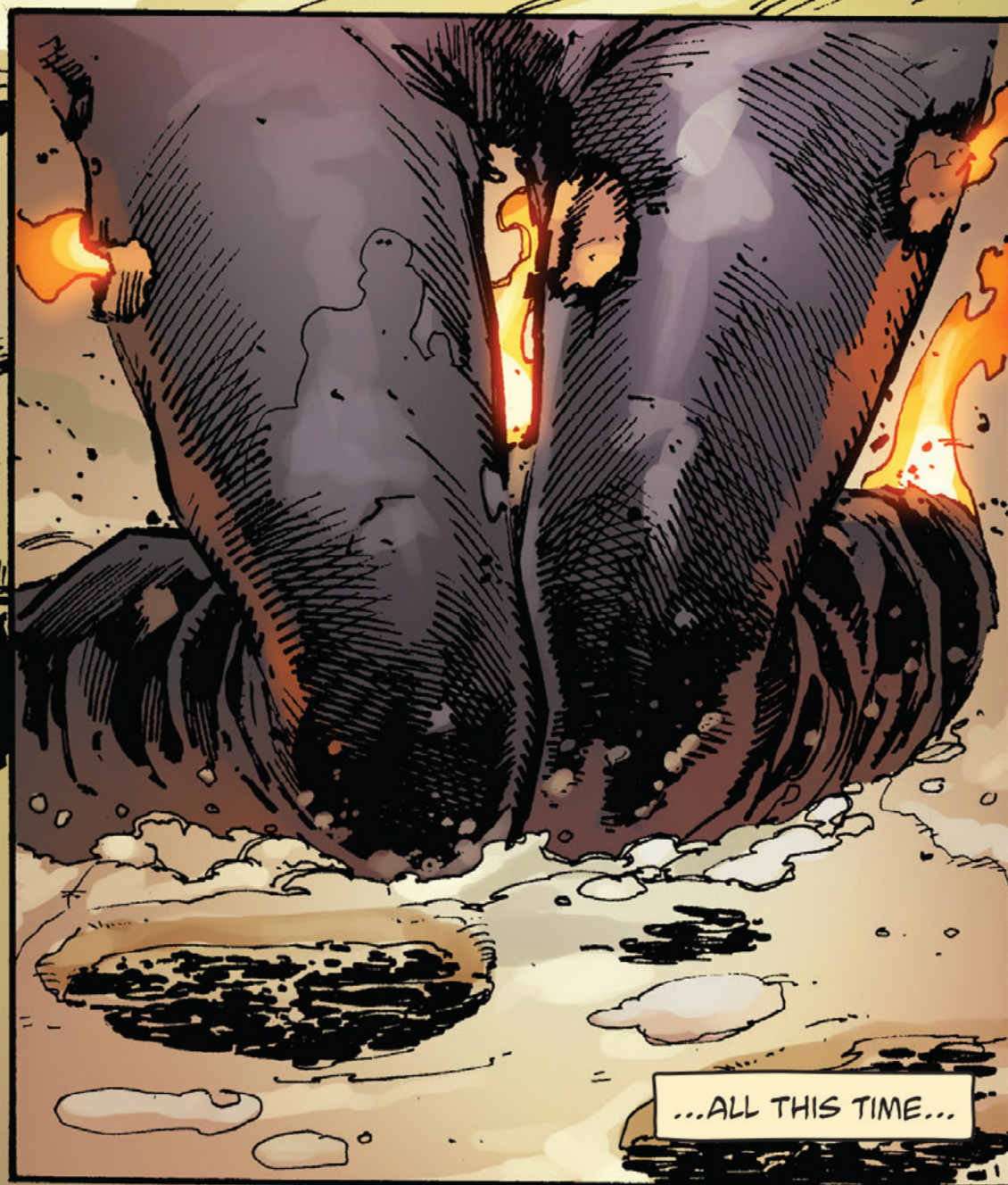




MARIKA...
MY GOD...



...THE VOICE
IN THE FIRE...



...ALL THIS TIME...



...IT'S BEEN
YOU.

**THE
END**



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