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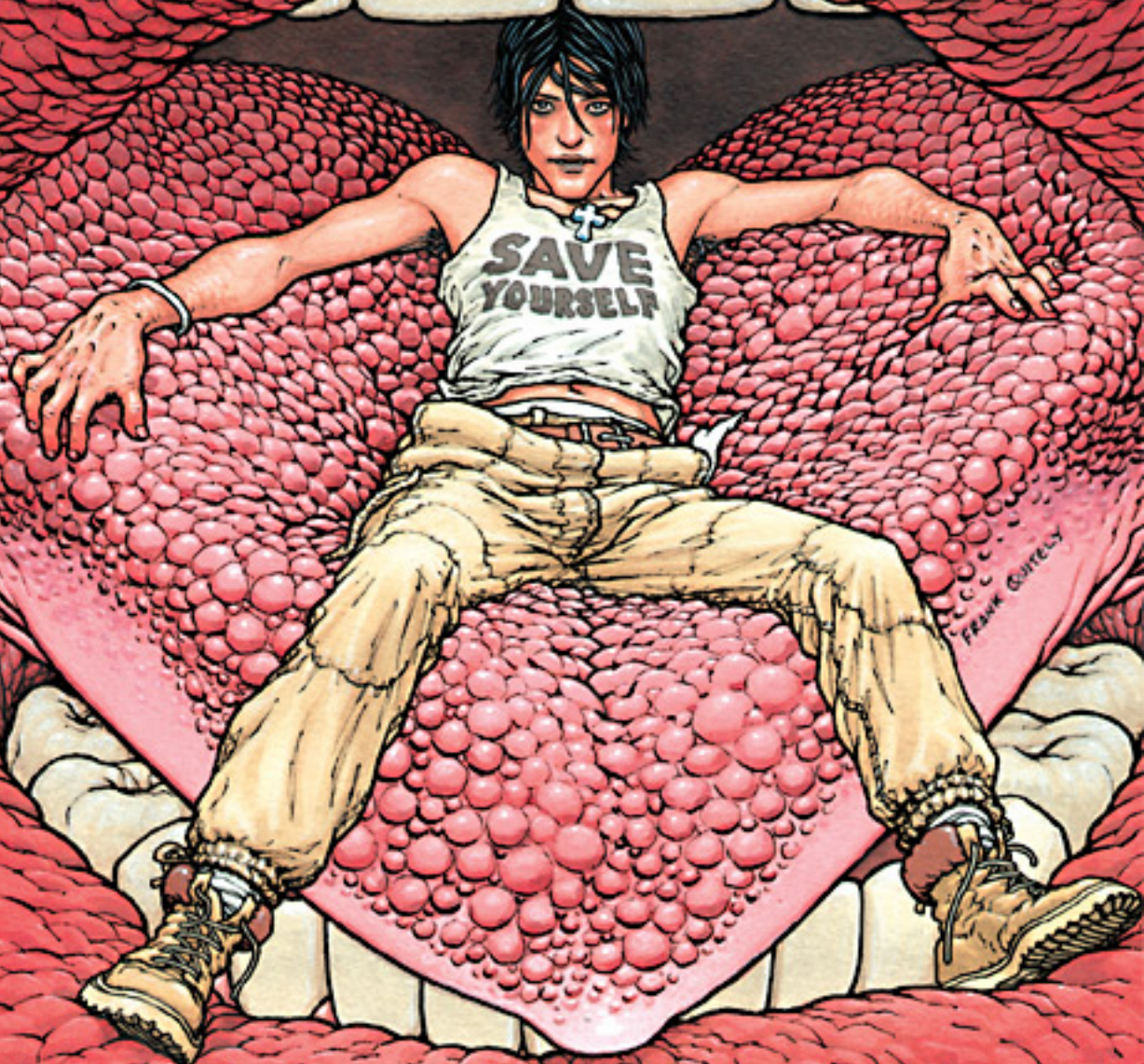
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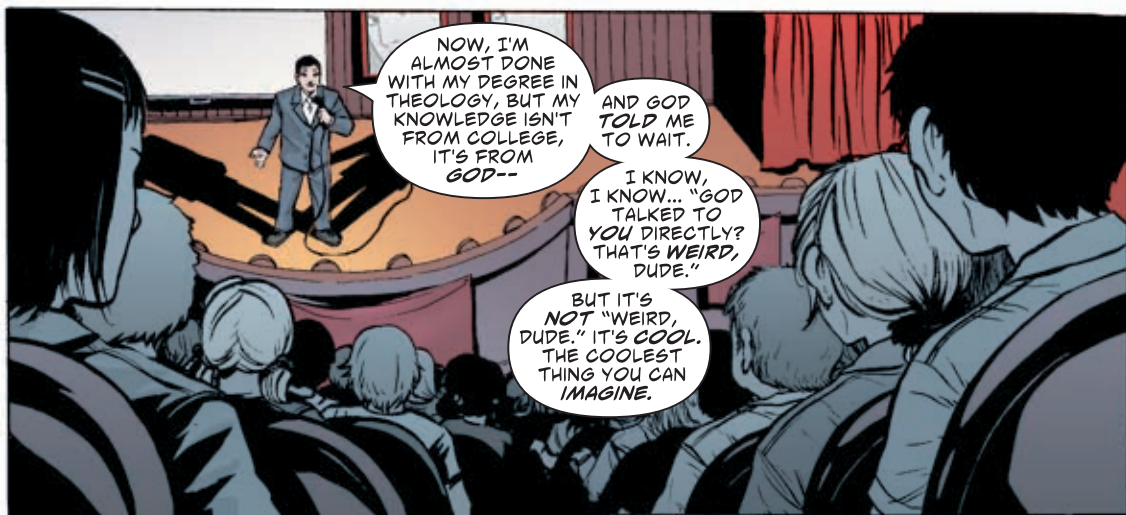
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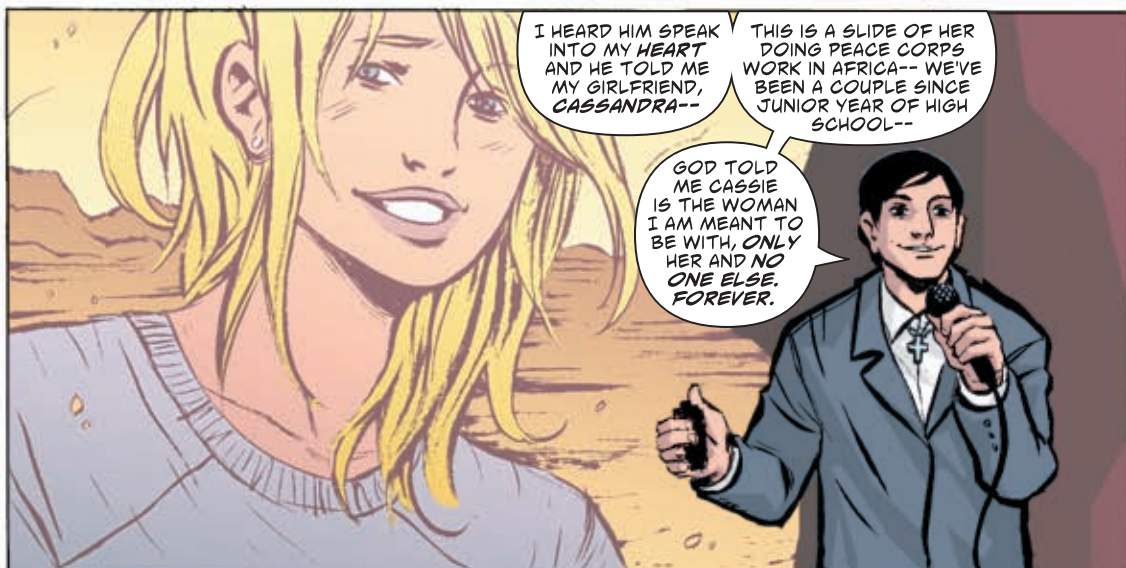


NOW, I'M ALMOST DONE WITH MY DEGREE IN THEOLOGY, BUT MY KNOWLEDGE ISN'T FROM COLLEGE, IT'S FROM GOD--

AND GOD TOLD ME TO WAIT.

I KNOW, I KNOW... "GOD TALKED TO YOU DIRECTLY? THAT'S WEIRD, DUDE."

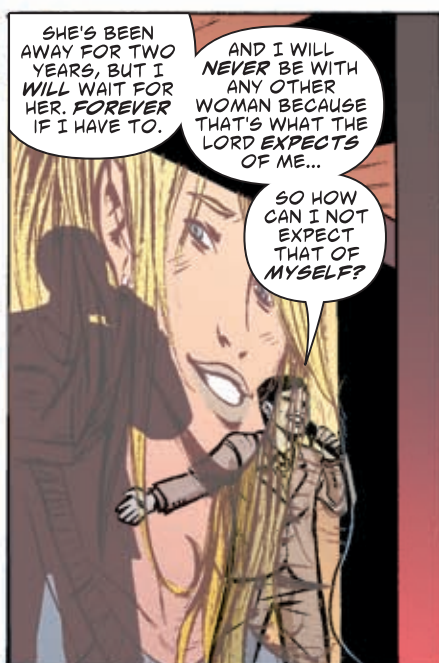
BUT IT'S NOT "WEIRD, DUDE." IT'S COOL. THE COOLEST THING YOU CAN IMAGINE.



I HEARD HIM SPEAK INTO MY HEART AND HE TOLD ME MY GIRLFRIEND, CASSANDRA--

THIS IS A SLIDE OF HER DOING PEACE CORPS WORK IN AFRICA-- WE'VE BEEN A COUPLE SINCE JUNIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL--

GOD TOLD ME CASSIE IS THE WOMAN I AM MEANT TO BE WITH, ONLY HER AND NO ONE ELSE. FOREVER.



SHE'S BEEN AWAY FOR TWO YEARS, BUT I WILL WAIT FOR HER. FOREVER IF I HAVE TO.

AND I WILL NEVER BE WITH ANY OTHER WOMAN BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THE LORD EXPECTS OF ME...

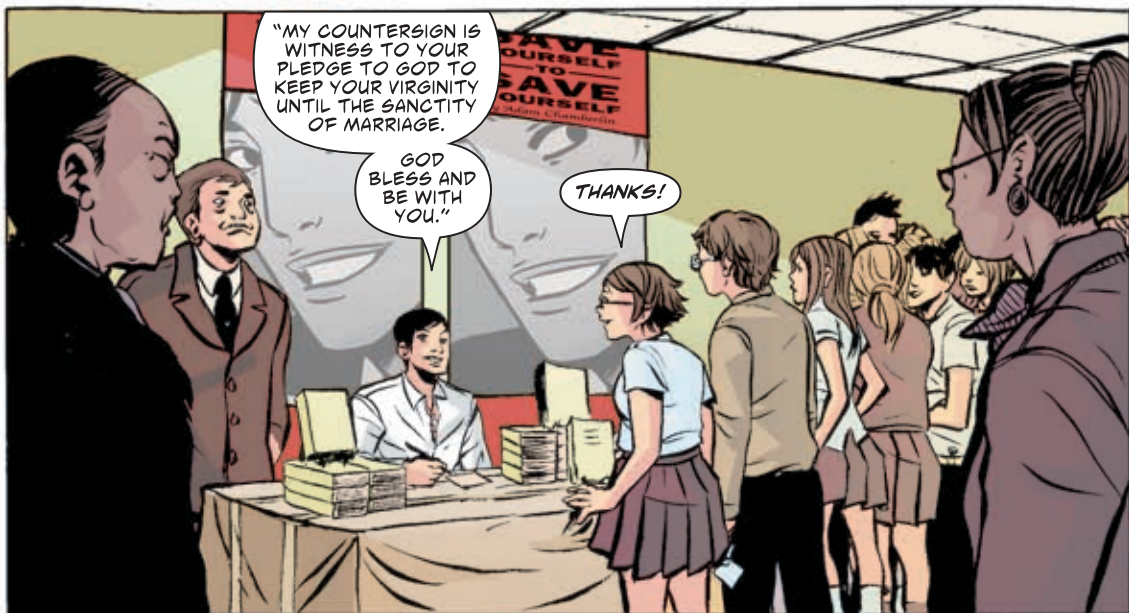
SO HOW CAN I NOT EXPECT THAT OF MYSELF?



AND I'M NOT SOME OLD PRUDE TELLING YOU THIS. I'M A HOT-BLOODED COLLEGE KID--

IF I CAN WAIT, YOU CAN WAIT. I'LL TELL YOU WHY AND HOW--

AND AFTER I'M DONE I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO SAVE YOURSELF BY SIGNING A VIRGINITY PLEDGE CARD LIKE I HAVE.



"MY COUNTERSIGN IS WITNESS TO YOUR PLEDGE TO GOD TO KEEP YOUR VIRGINITY UNTIL THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE."

GOD BLESS AND BE WITH YOU."

THANKS!

SAVE OURSELVES TO SAVE OURSELVES  
-Alan Chambers



"MY COUNTERSIGN IS WITNESS TO YOUR PLEDGE TO GOD TO KEEP YOUR VIRGINITY UNTIL THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE."

GOD BLESS AND BE WITH YOU."

COOL.



UH... COULD YOU COME WITH ME FOR A SEC?

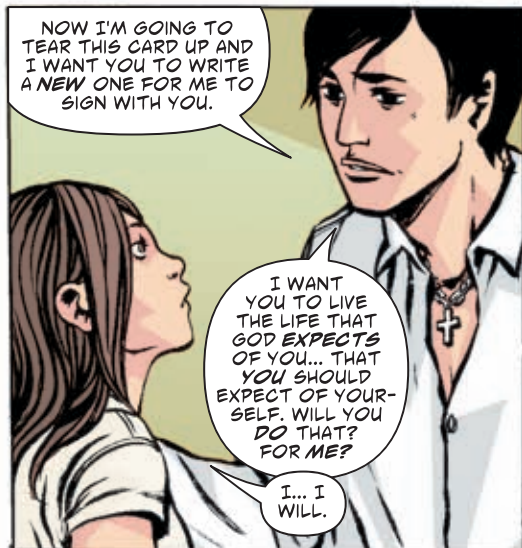
Meet me in the locker room. I want to see if you don't like me. -Katie



SO, I AM TOTALLY FLATTERED BY YOUR OFFER.

BUT I'M NOT THE ONE FOR YOU.

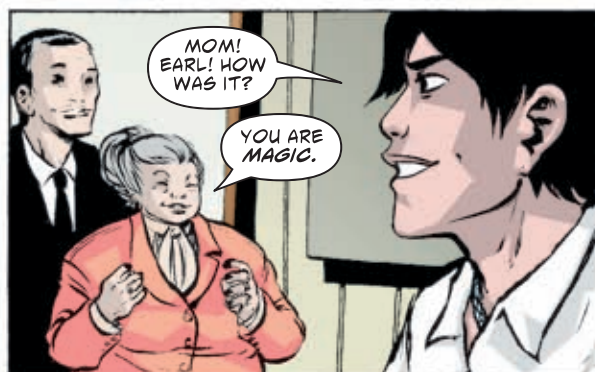
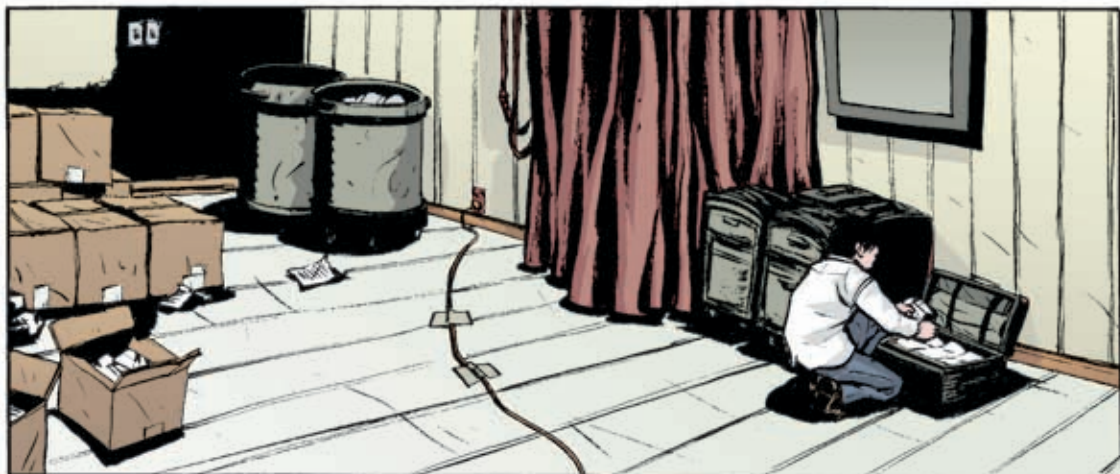
YOU WILL KNOW HIM WHEN YOU MEET HIM WITH YOUR HEART AND NOT WITH YOUR LUST.

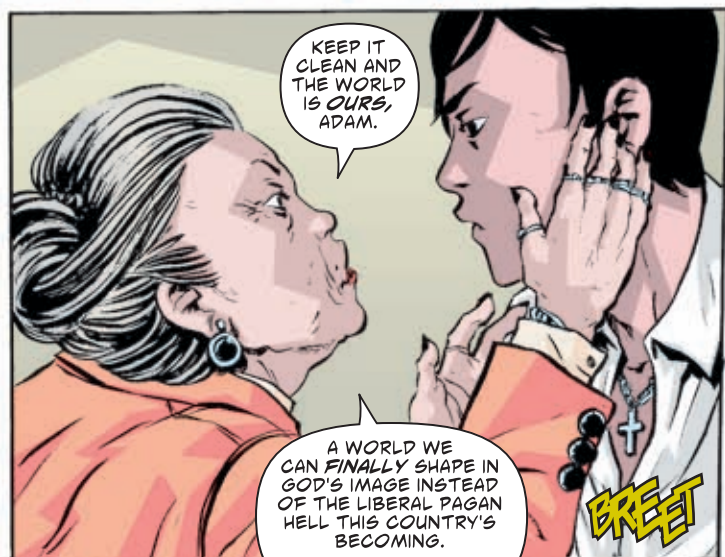
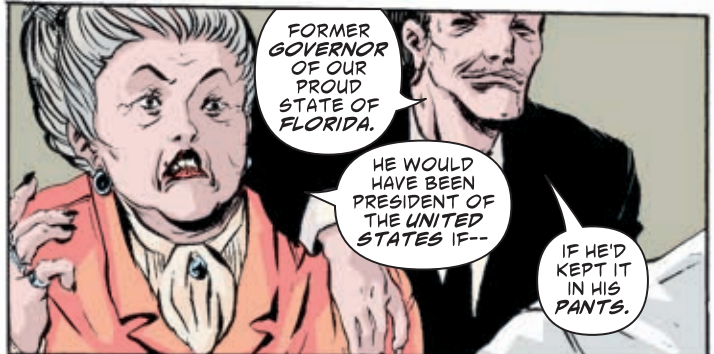


NOW I'M GOING TO TEAR THIS CARD UP AND I WANT YOU TO WRITE A NEW ONE FOR ME TO SIGN WITH YOU.

I WANT YOU TO LIVE THE LIFE THAT GOD EXPECTS OF YOU... THAT YOU SHOULD EXPECT OF YOURSELF. WILL YOU DO THAT? FOR ME?

I... I WILL.





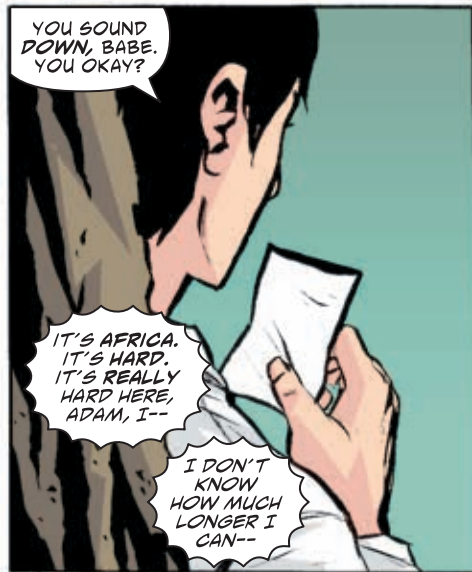




...YEAH, WE'RE FLYING BACK DOWN TO MIAMI TONIGHT, I--

I MISS YOU SO MUCH, CASS. I KNOW IT'S ONLY ONE MORE WEEK, BUT--

I MISS YOU TOO, ADAM. I...



YOU SOUND DOWN, BABE. YOU OKAY?

IT'S AFRICA. IT'S HARD. IT'S REALLY HARD HERE, ADAM, I--

I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN--



I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, BABY. I--



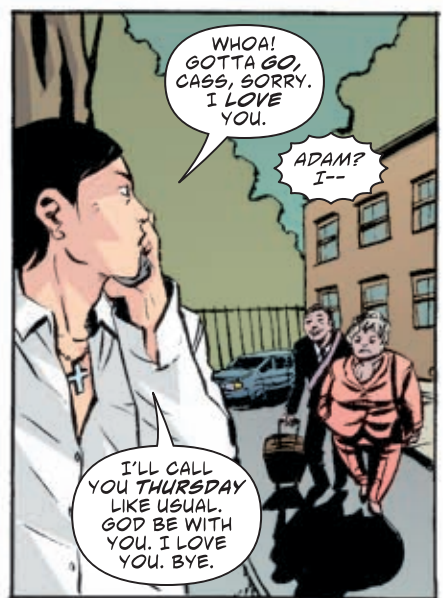
I'VE BEEN HAVING LOTS OF IMPURE THOUGHTS ABOUT YOU.

I'VE BEEN BEGGING GOD TO DELIVER ME, BUT I WANT YOU HERE.



I'M GOING CRAZY. I WANT TO MARRY YOU AND BE WITH YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

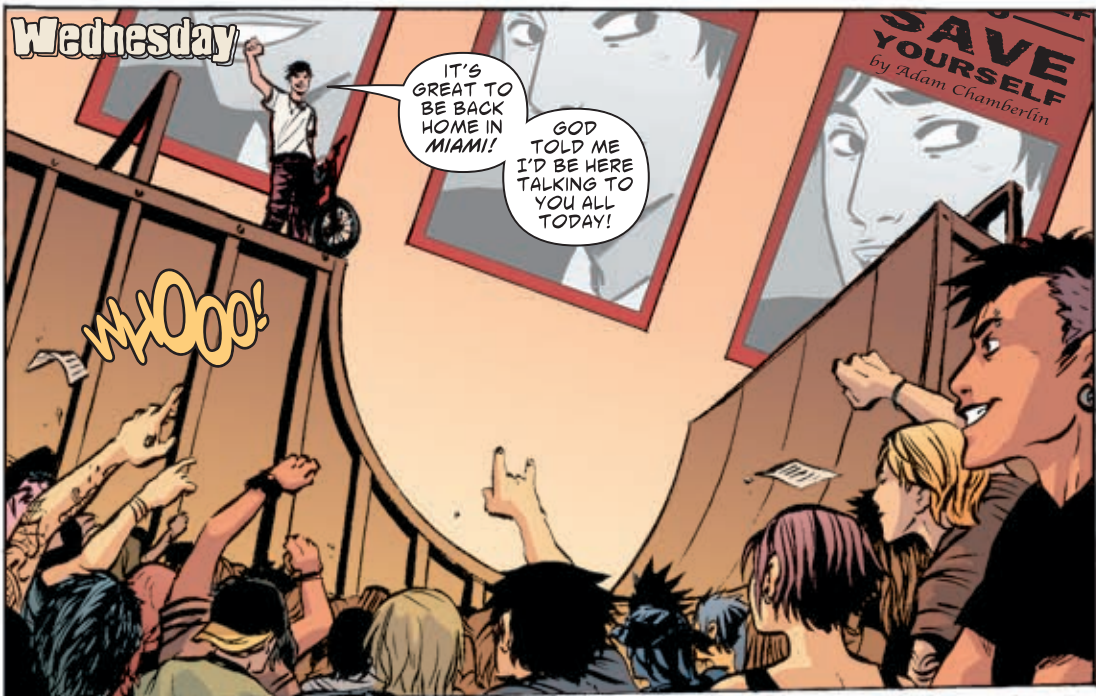
THAT'S REALLY SWEET OF YOU, ADAM, BUT I MEANT--



WHOA! GOTTA GO, CASS, SORRY. I LOVE YOU.

ADAM? I--

I'LL CALL YOU THURSDAY LIKE USUAL. GOD BE WITH YOU. I LOVE YOU. BYE.



Wednesday

IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK HOME IN MIAMI!

GOD TOLD ME I'D BE HERE TALKING TO YOU ALL TODAY!

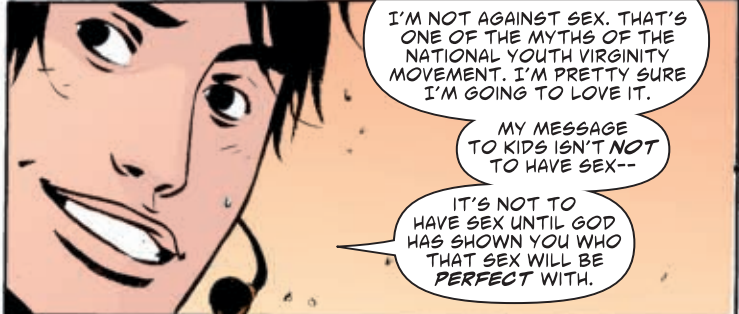
WOOO!



WHAT HE DIDN'T TELL ME WAS HOW AWESOME A TIME I'D HAVE DOING IT!

WOOO!

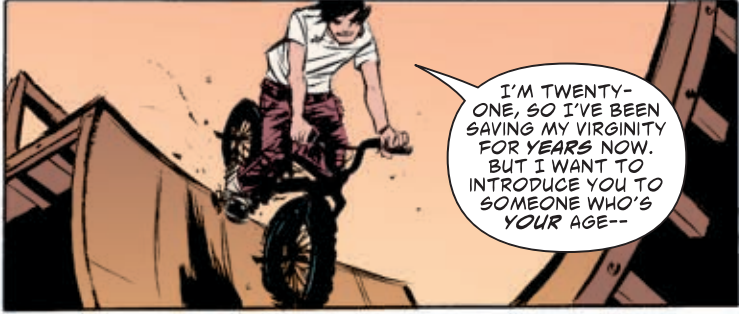
WOOO!



I'M NOT AGAINST SEX. THAT'S ONE OF THE MYTHS OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH VIRGINITY MOVEMENT. I'M PRETTY SURE I'M GOING TO LOVE IT.

MY MESSAGE TO KIDS ISN'T NOT TO HAVE SEX--

IT'S NOT TO HAVE SEX UNTIL GOD HAS SHOWN YOU WHO THAT SEX WILL BE PERFECT WITH.



I'M TWENTY-ONE, SO I'VE BEEN SAVING MY VIRGINITY FOR YEARS NOW. BUT I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO SOMEONE WHO'S YOUR AGE--



SOMEONE WHO'S JUST MADE THAT COMMITMENT TO GOD... SOMEONE JUST LIKE YOU... AND A WHOLE LOT LIKE ME. MY KID BROTHER, KYLE!

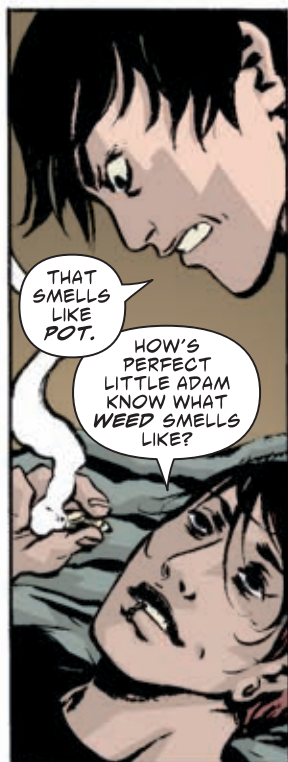
WOOO!





KYLE?  
YOU'RE ON.  
GET YOUR  
BIKE AND--

DON'T THINK  
I WANNA GO,  
BRO. 'M NOT  
UP TO IT.



THAT  
SMELLS  
LIKE  
POT.

HOW'S  
PERFECT  
LITTLE ADAM  
KNOW WHAT  
WEED SMELLS  
LIKE?



YOU ARE SO  
STUPID! WHAT  
IS WRONG  
WITH YOU?

GOD DOESN'T  
WANT YOU  
DOING DRUGS,  
KYLE. HE  
WANTS--

DID GOD  
TELL ONLY  
YOU THAT  
TOO?

'CAUSE THERE  
IS NOTHING IN  
THE BIBLE ABOUT  
BLUNTS. I KNOW.  
I'VE READ IT AND  
YOU CAN'T--

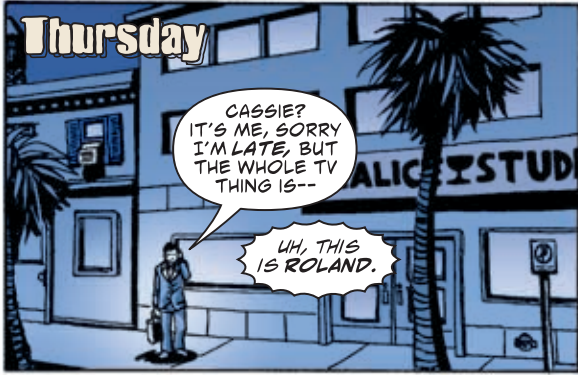


ADAM! ARE  
YOU READY  
TO GO?

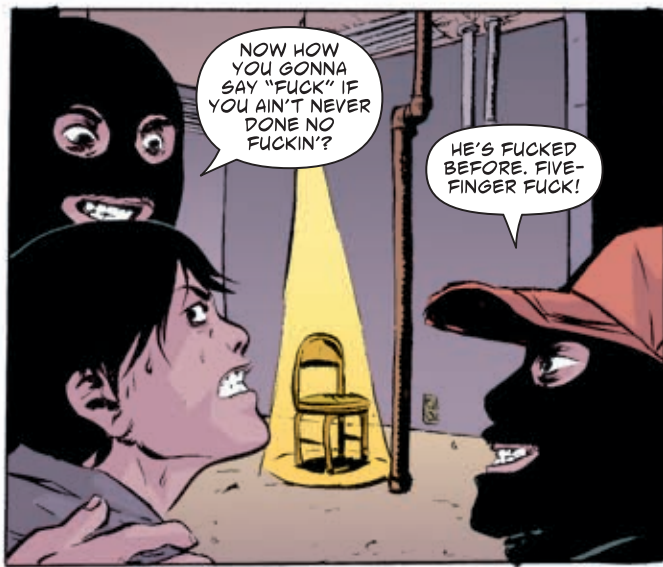


GET UNDER  
THERE AND  
DON'T MOVE  
OR TALK OR  
WE'RE BOTH  
DEAD!

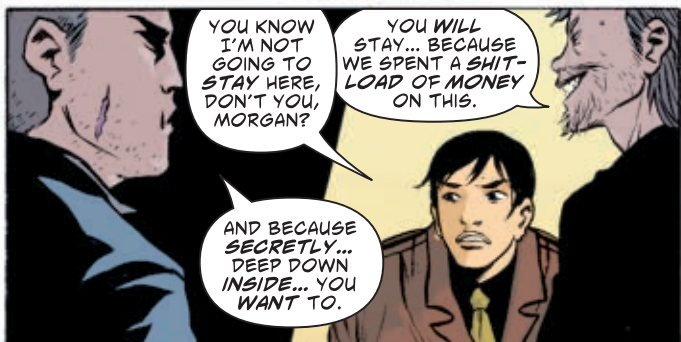
















UNLESS YOU ASK ME TO...



AND I THINK YOU WILL ASK ME TO...

YOU'RE VERY PRETTY, BUT THIS IS WRONG.



IT IS? WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING...

I'M JUST DANCING AND YOU'RE JUST WATCHING...

AND YOU ARE WATCHING. YOUR EYES AREN'T CLOSED.



OOOH! YOU'RE NOT JUST WATCHING.

I'D SAY YOU'RE FULLY ENJOYING YOURSELF.

PLEASE--



CUZ'S GOT A BONER! GUESS HE AIN'T GAY AFTER ALL!

KEY'S RIGHT HERE, ADAM.  
YOU'VE GOT LIPS. COME AND GET IT.

PLEASE LET ME GO. THIS IS WRONG.



IT FEELS RIGHT. I'M A WOMAN... YOU'RE DEFINITELY A MAN...



I LOVE SOMEONE MORE THAN ANYTHING. I'M SAVING MYSELF.

TOUCHING ME LIKE THAT, YOU-- YOU'RE TAKING THAT AWAY FROM US.



AND MORE THAN THAT, YOU'RE MAKING THAT TOUCH MEAN NOTHING TO YOU.

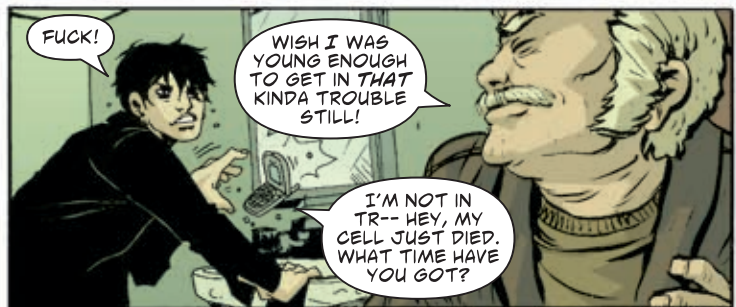
YOU'RE SELLING THE ONE UNKNOWNABLE THING ABOUT YOU, THE ONLY MYSTERY YOU HAVE TO GIVE SOMEONE AS A TRUE GIFT.



THIS GIRL YOU'RE SAVING YOURSELF FOR MUST BE SOMEONE REALLY SPECIAL.

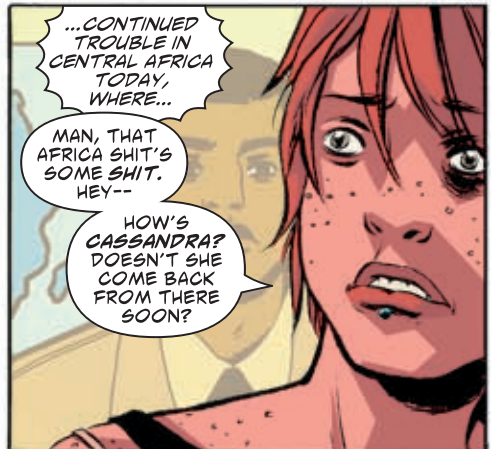
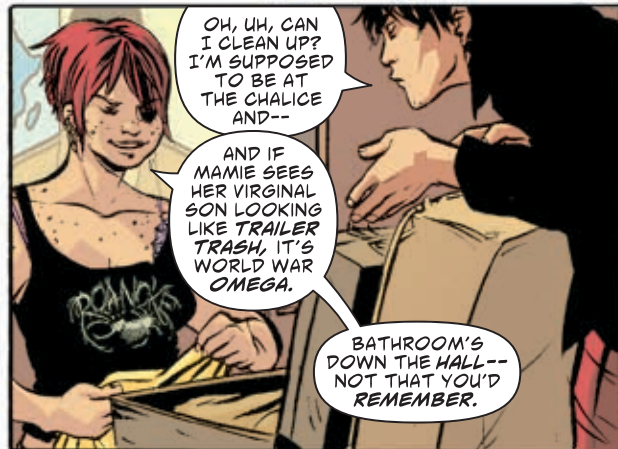
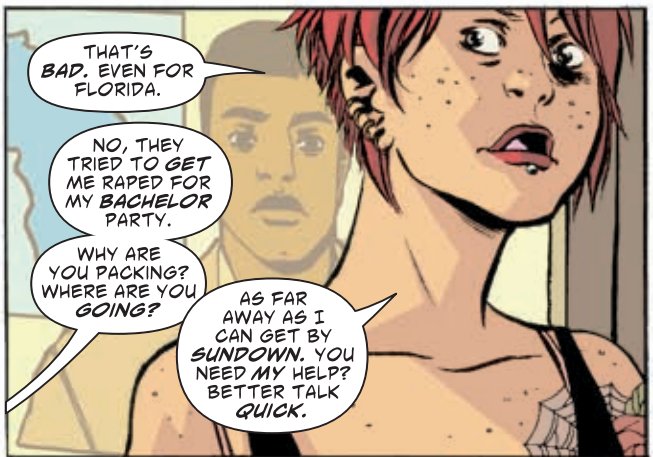
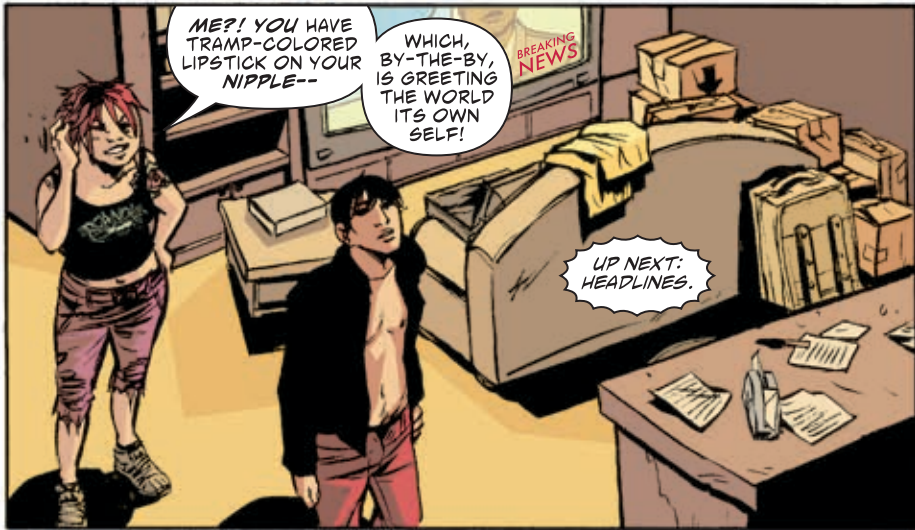
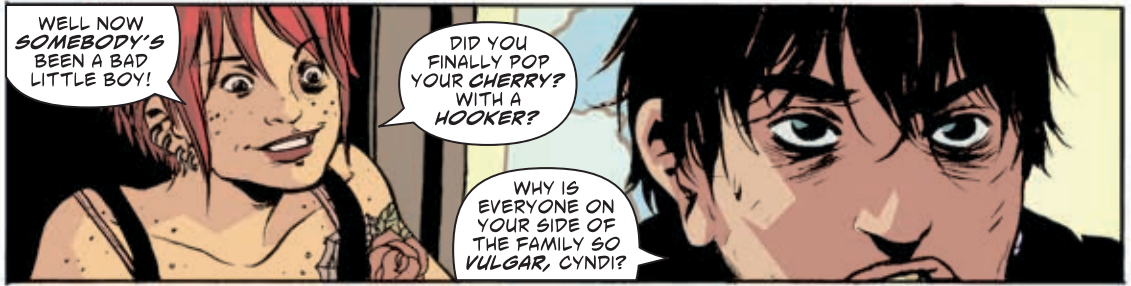


IT'S GOD. AND HE'S AS SPECIAL AS IT GETS.



Friday







YEAH. MONDAY. THANK GOD.



KNOCK KNOCK

ADAM--!





NOTHING!  
I WAS JUST--



ADAM! SOME-  
THING-- HAPPENED!  
SOMETHING BAD!  
IN AFRICA!

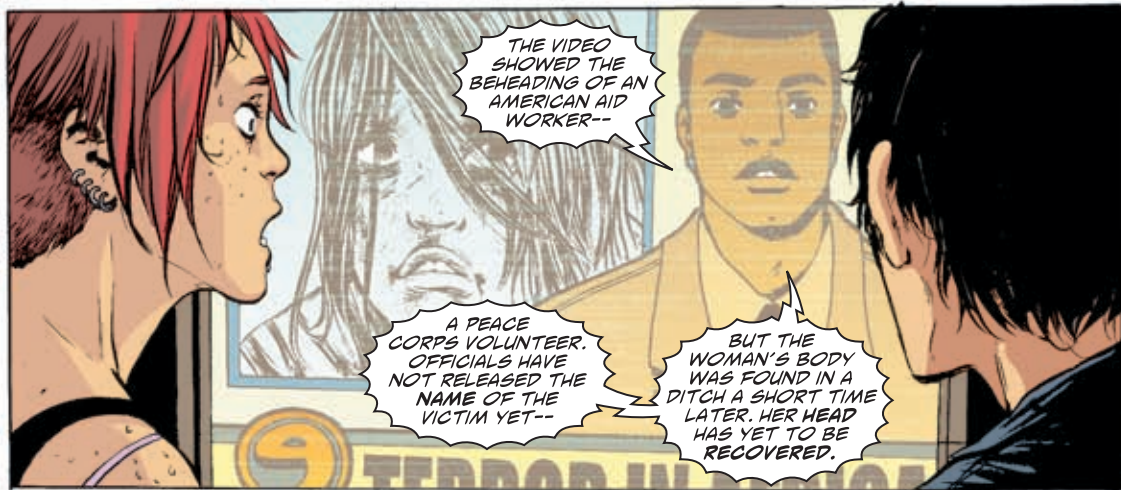
COME  
HERE!  
COME IN  
HERE!  
NOW!



I WAS JUST-- I WAS  
WATCHING AND THEY--  
THEY-- THEY STARTED  
SHOWING IT-- IT'S--  
I THINK IT'S--

...POSTED  
THE VIDEO ON  
THEIR WEBSITE  
FOUR HOURS  
AGO...

CASSIE...?



THE VIDEO  
SHOWED THE  
BEHEADING OF AN  
AMERICAN AID  
WORKER--

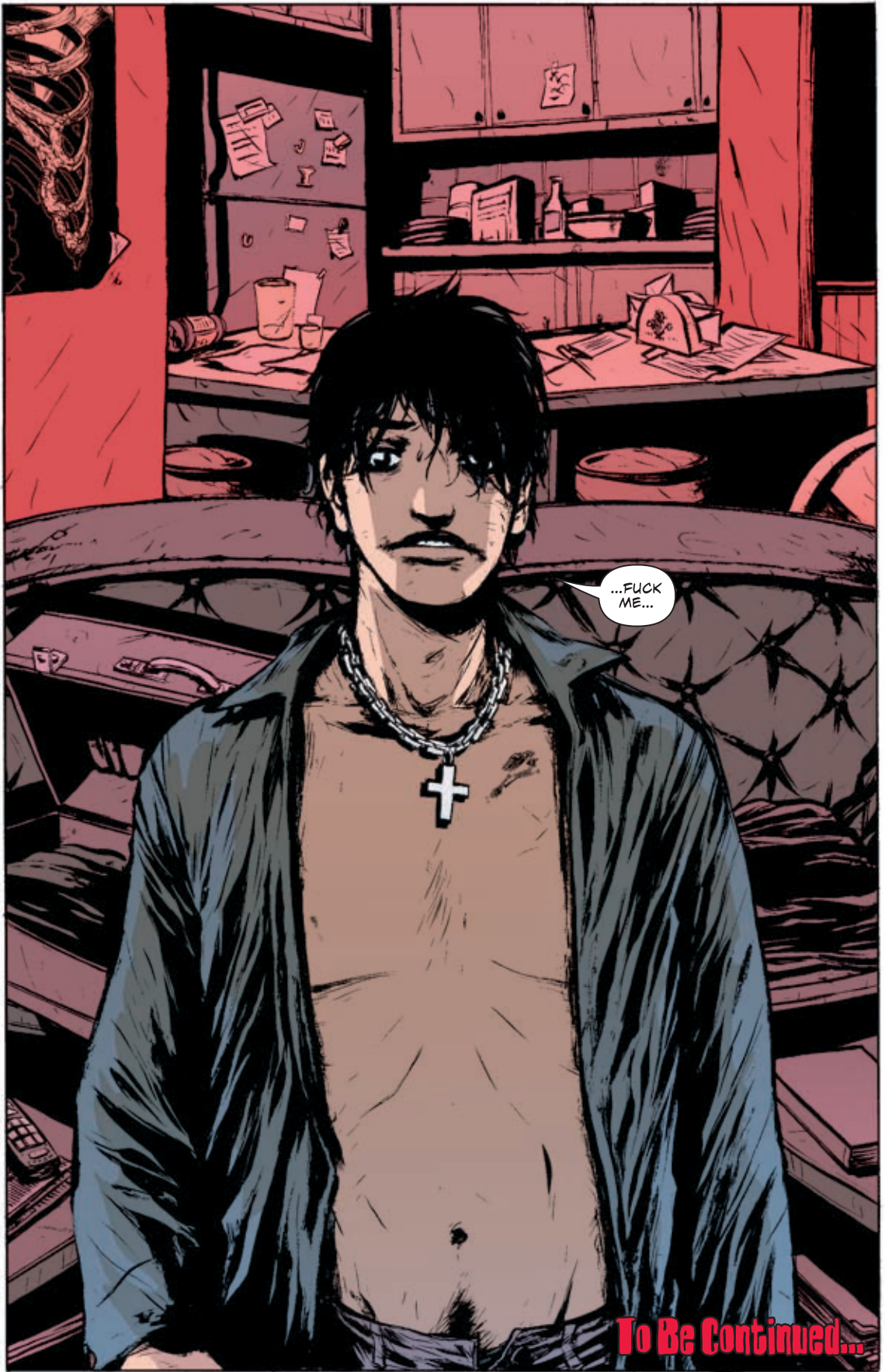
A PEACE  
CORPS VOLUNTEER.  
OFFICIALS HAVE  
NOT RELEASED THE  
NAME OF THE  
VICTIM YET--

BUT THE  
WOMAN'S BODY  
WAS FOUND IN A  
DITCH A SHORT TIME  
LATER. HER HEAD  
HAS YET TO BE  
RECOVERED.



THE TERRORIST  
NETWORK BATU BALAN  
IS CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR THIS, THE THIRD SUCH  
ATTACK AGAINST AMERICAN  
WORKERS IN AFRICA  
THIS WEEK...

NO...  
OH MY GOD,  
NO...



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