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SOMETHING
is
KILLING
the
CHILDREN™





TRUTH
OR DARE.



TRUTH.



BOOOOO

SHUT UP,
NOAH.



OKAY.
YEAH. GOT
ONE.

WHAT'S
THE MOST
SCARED
YOU'VE EVER
BEEN?



THAT'S THE BEST YOU CAN COME UP WITH?

NOAH.

I HAD TO RUN AROUND THE HOUSE NAKED.

YOU CHOSE DARE.

LET HIM THINK.



WELL...THERE WAS THIS NIGHT THE OTHER WEEK.

UGH, JAMES. WE DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT ONE OF YOUR STUPID DREAMS AGAIN.

I DO.

YEAH, I DO. IS THIS THE ONE WITH E.T. OR THE ONE WITH THE CYCLOPS?



IT'S NOT EITHER OF THOSE. THIS **WASN'T** A DREAM. MY DAD WAS AT SOME SOCCER THING WITH MY SISTER. AND I WAS ALONE IN THE HOUSE.

I HEARD THIS NOISE COMING OUT OF THE RAVINE...LIKE THIS BIG MOAN. I THOUGHT IT WAS THE WIND, RIGHT? COMING THROUGH THE TREES.



I TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS IN THE TV ROOM. IN THIS ROOM RIGHT HERE. I JUST WANTED TO SEE WHAT WAS OUT THERE. SO I LOOKED OUT THAT WINDOW...

AND JUST FOR A SECOND, I SAW THIS... I DON'T KNOW.

THIS **THING**. STANDING TALLER THAN A TREE. STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YARD.

LIKE IT HAD BEEN WALKING TOWARDS THE HOUSE BUT THE LIGHTS GOING OFF CONFUSED IT.



IT HAD THESE LONG FINGERS... AND SHARP TEETH.



I WENT AND HID UNDER THE BLANKETS ON THE COUCH, AND JUST LISTENED IN THE DARK FOR LIKE AN HOUR BEFORE LOOKING AGAIN.

BUT NOTHING WAS THERE. THE YARD WAS JUST EMPTY.



FUCK YOU.

WHAT?

FUCK YOU, THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN. YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO FREAK US OUT.

I'M NOT!



YES, YOU ARE.

I'M NOT TRYING, I MEAN.



SO WHERE DOES THIS THING LIVE?

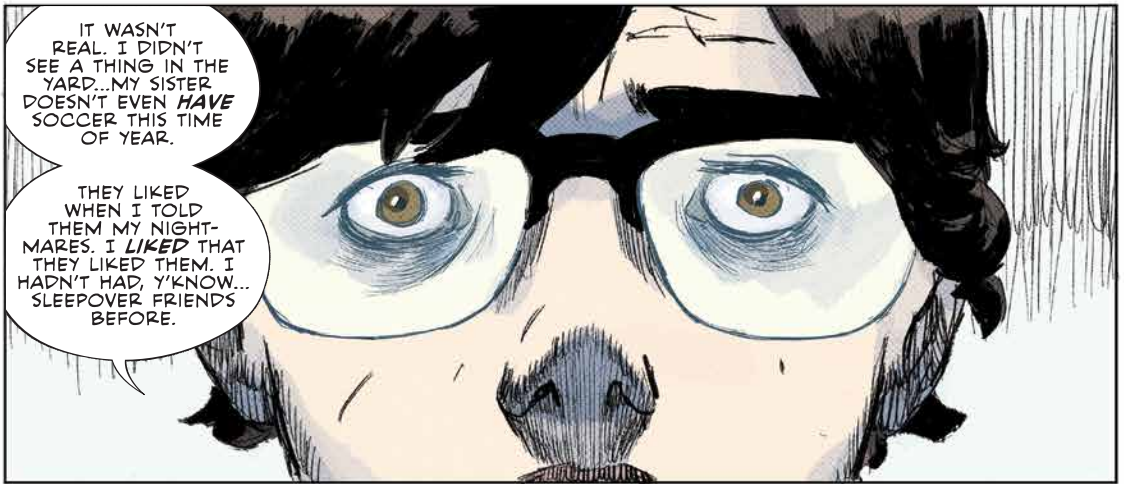
YOU'VE SEEN THE RAVINE OUT THERE, UNDER THE BRIDGE. YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING SPOOKY OUT THERE?

NOT THAT KIND OF SPOOKY.



OKAY, THEN.

NOAH. TRUTH OR DARE.





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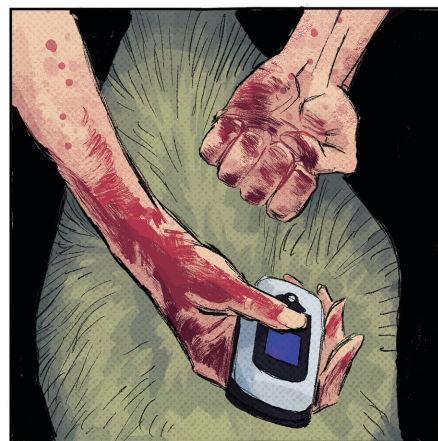
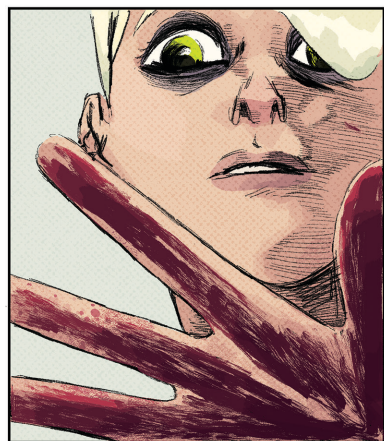
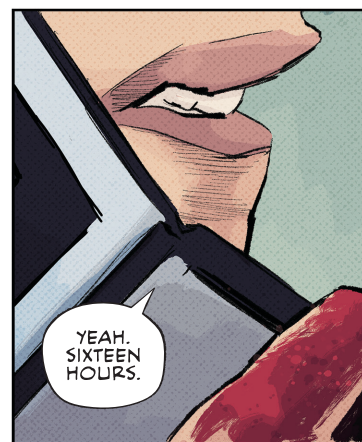
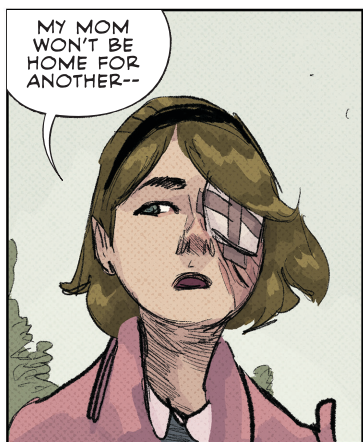
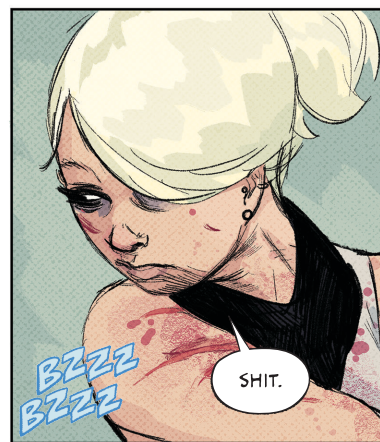
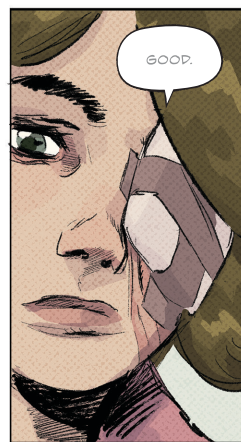
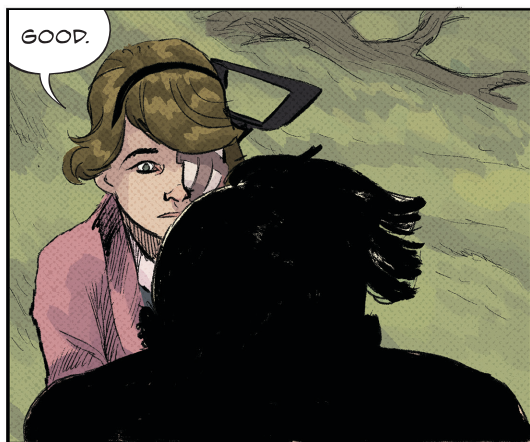
the

CHILDREN

TWO WEEKS LATER













BUT HE WASN'T EVER GOING TO KISS YOU, SO YOU THOUGHT YOU'D JUST RIP HIS HEAD OFF. I DON'T EVEN WANT TO *THINK* ABOUT WHAT YOU--



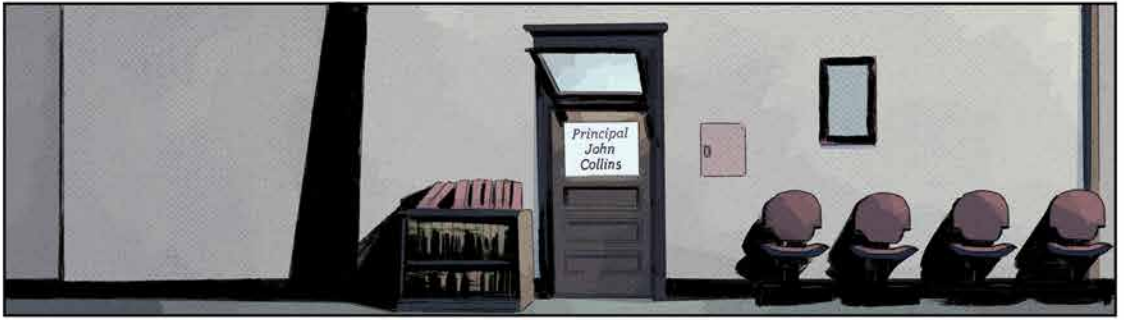
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WHAT DID YOU SAY TO ME?



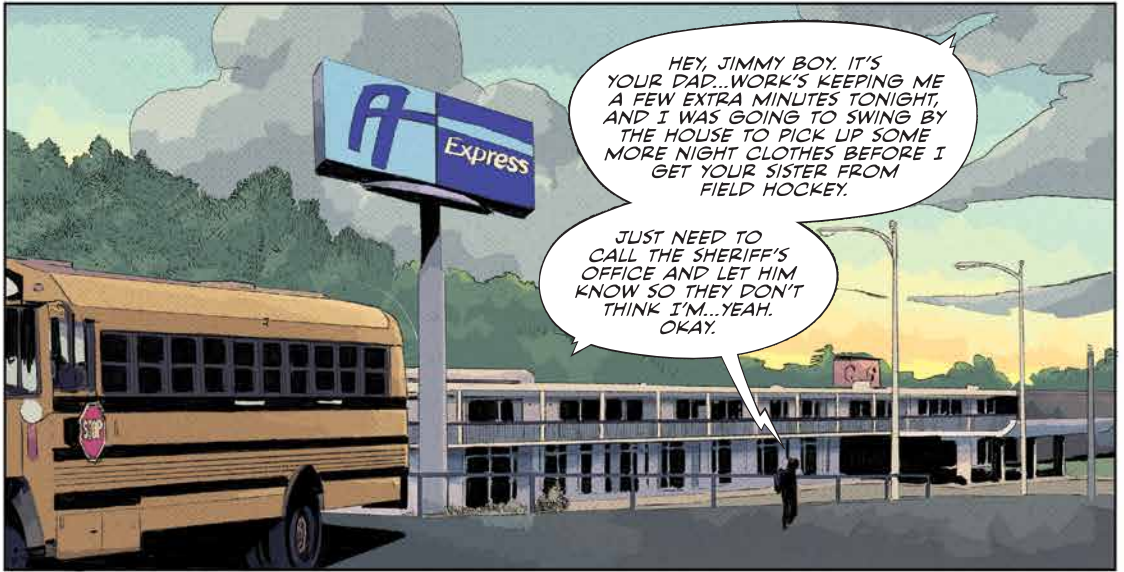
I SAID SHUT THE FUCK UP!











HEY, JIMMY BOY. IT'S YOUR DAD...WORK'S KEEPING ME A FEW EXTRA MINUTES TONIGHT, AND I WAS GOING TO SWING BY THE HOUSE TO PICK UP SOME MORE NIGHT CLOTHES BEFORE I GET YOUR SISTER FROM FIELD HOCKEY.

JUST NEED TO CALL THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND LET HIM KNOW SO THEY DON'T THINK I'M...YEAH. OKAY.



JUST CALL ME WHEN YOU GET INSIDE THE HOTEL ROOM, OKAY? AND YOU KNOW TO DOUBLE LOCK THE DOOR.

I KNOW YOU KNOW. I JUST... YEAH.

I LOVE YOU, KID.
BEEP





HEY.

HI?



YOU'RE JAMES, RIGHT?

YEAH.



ARE YOU GOING TO HURT ME?

PROBABLY NOT.

COOL.



YOU MIND IF I ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS?

ARE YOU FROM THE POLICE?

DO I LOOK LIKE I'M FROM THE POLICE?

NO.



OKAY, THEN.

YOU WANT TO ASK ABOUT...



WHAT YOU SAW THAT NIGHT. YEAH. I'M SORRY. I KNOW THAT SUCKS.



I... I TOLD THE COPS ALREADY.

I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING... I JUST HEARD.





**GUYS!
WHERE ARE
YOU?!**



**WHERE
ARE
YOU...I
CAN'T--**



J-JAMES...



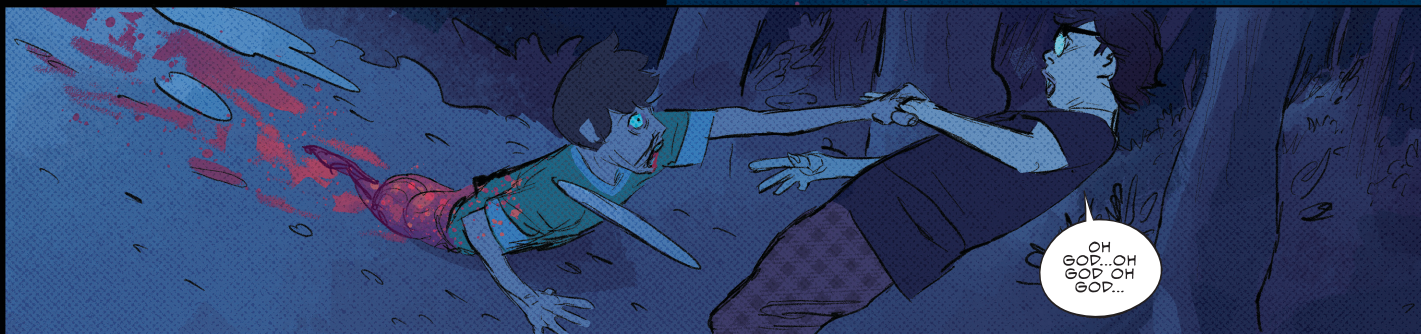
**HELP
ME.**

**I CAN'T
FEEL MY
LEGS...**



**NOAH!
I HEARD...**

SCREAMING...

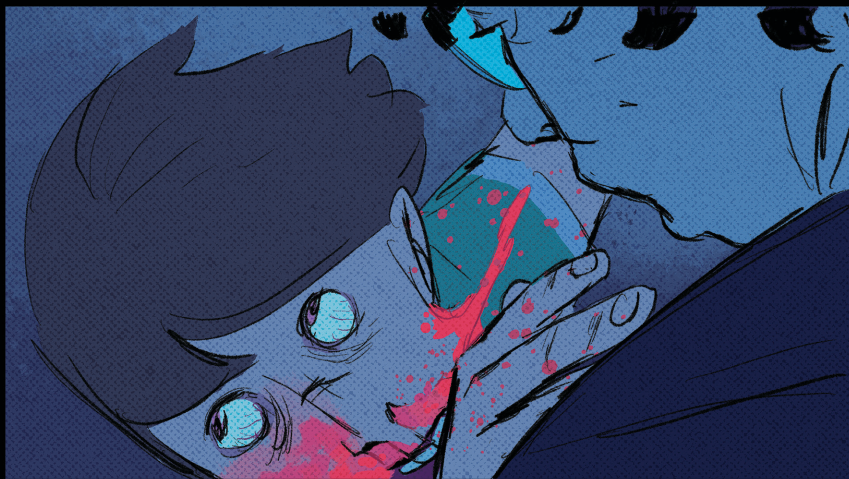


**OH
GOD...OH
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GOD...**



**TAKE...
TAKE ME
WITH...**

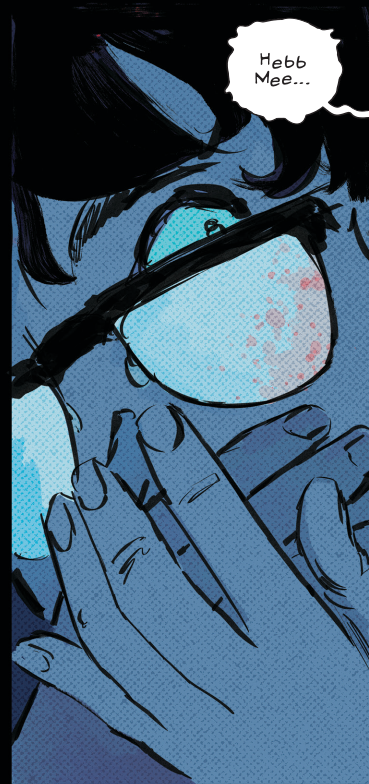
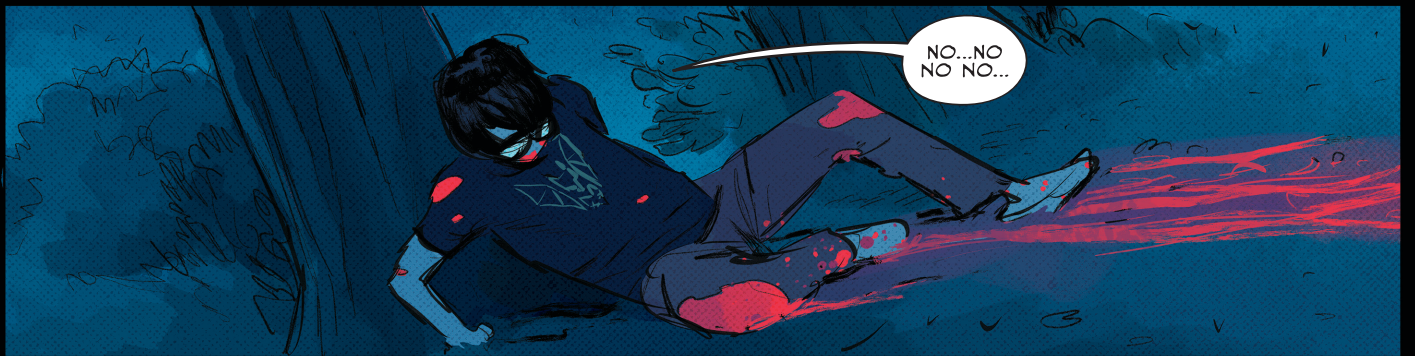
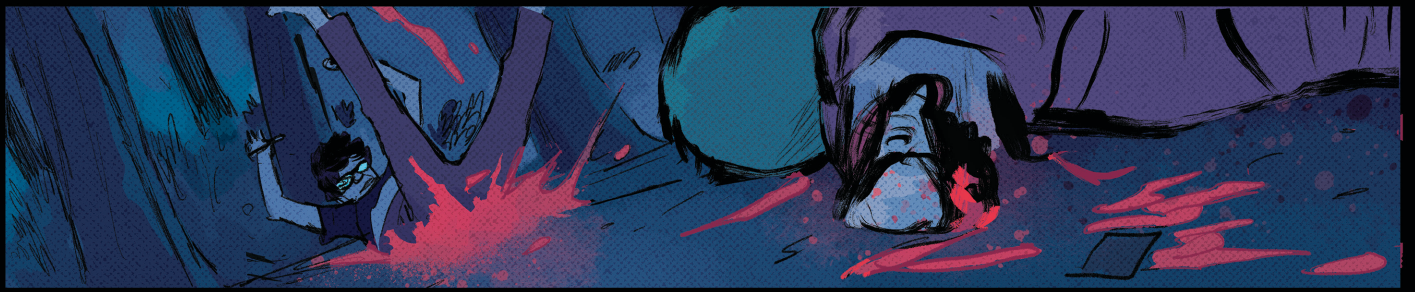
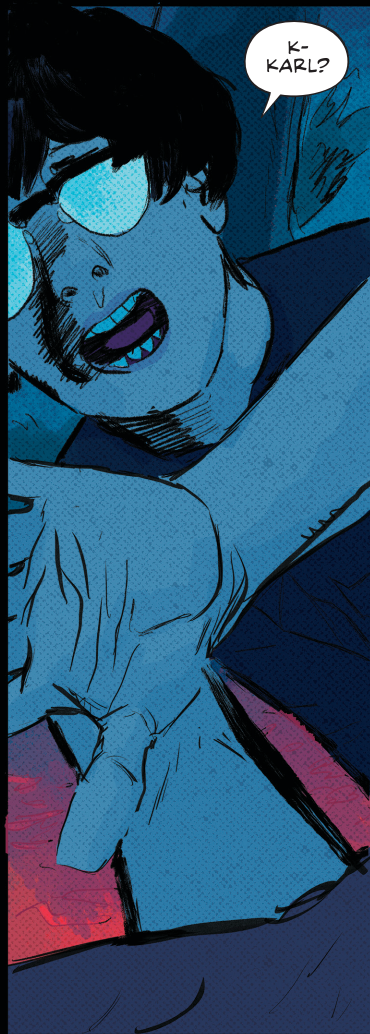
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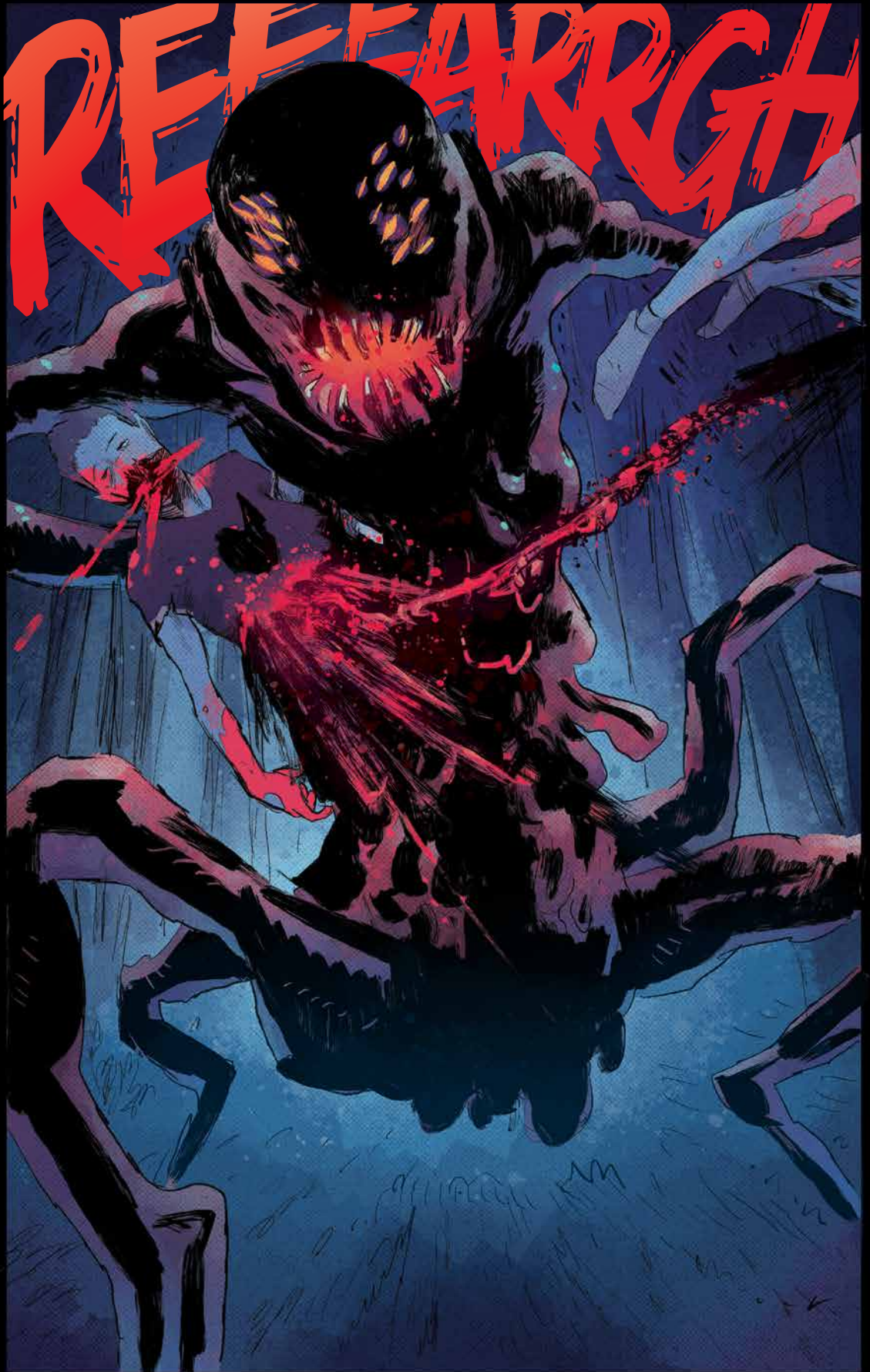


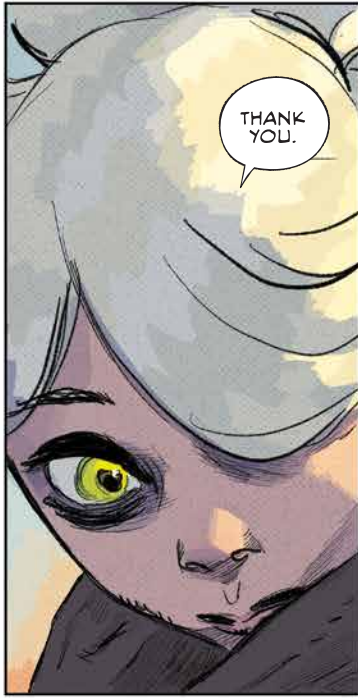
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**SOMEBODY
HELP!!!**









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