



OUTLAST

THE MURKOFF ACCOUNT

Part 3



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THE BLACK FROG

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BETWEEN JOBS I'D GO HOME,
SEE MY DAUGHTER.

GEEZE, ALICE,
THIS ISN'T TOO
SCARY FOR YOU?

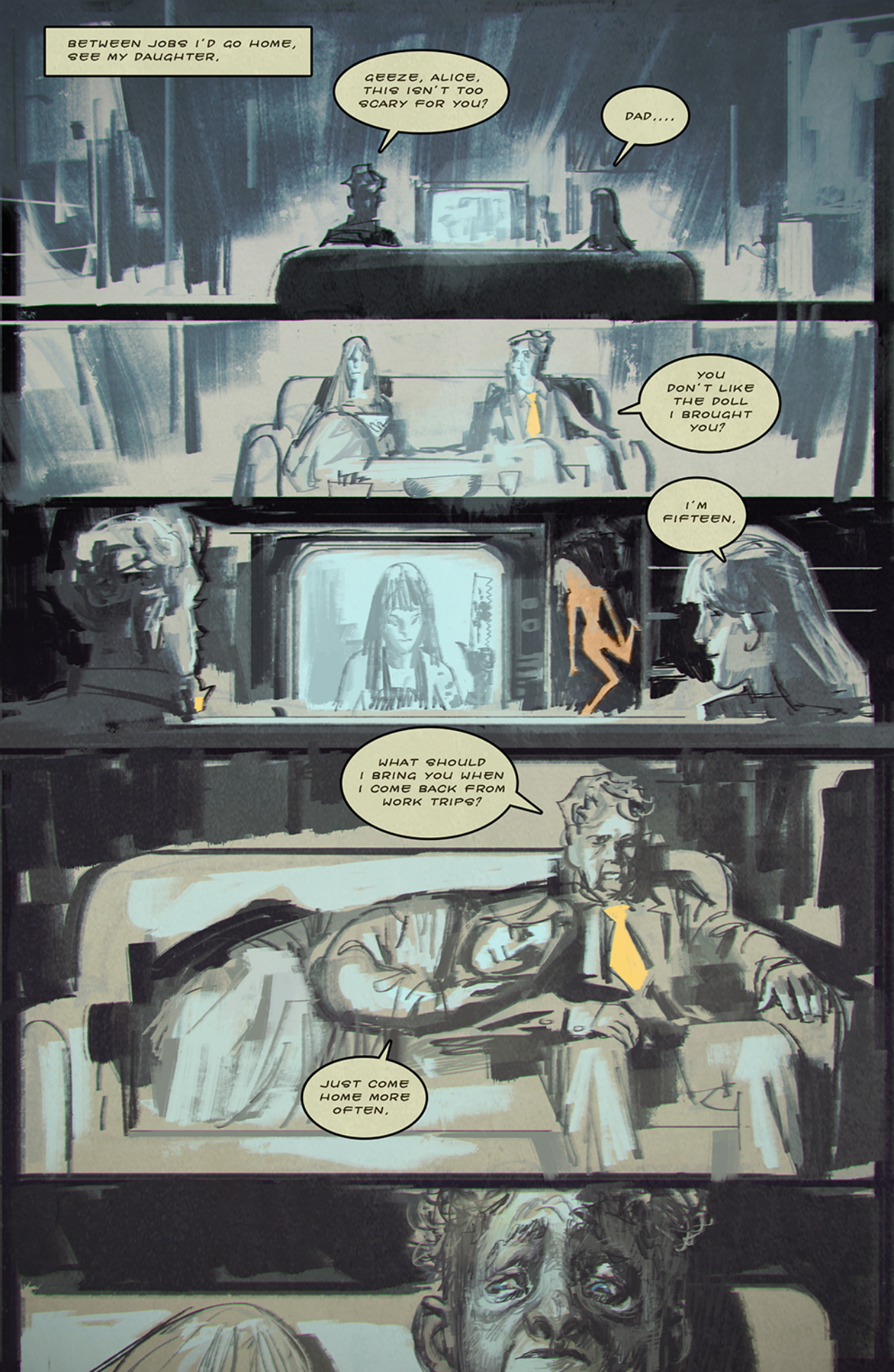
DAD....

YOU
DON'T LIKE
THE DOLL
I BROUGHT
YOU?

I'M
FIFTEEN.

WHAT SHOULD
I BRING YOU WHEN
I COME BACK FROM
WORK TRIPS?

JUST COME
HOME MORE
OFTEN.



AFTER THE LEAK...



...THINGS GOT A
LITTLE OUT OF HAND
AT MOUNT MASSIVE

...AND SOMETHING
NEW WAS CREATED.



MOUNT MASSIVE.

THIS IS GOING TO BE EXPENSIVE.

THAT'S JEREMY BLAIR, WE MET HIM, DIDN'T WE?

YEAH, HE'S LOST WEIGHT.

WHAT THE HELL COULD HAVE DONE THAT TO HIM?

LET'S GO BREATHE SOME AIR THAT DOESN'T SMELL LIKE A SLAUGHTER HOUSE SEPTIC TANK.

VIDEO DRIVES WERE WIPED SOMETIME BEFORE DAWN, BUT THIS IS LOOKING LIKE A 100% FATAL INCIDENT.

THERE'S A SILVER LINING.

EASIER CLEANUP.

MURKOFF REHABILITATION
CENTER

OF COURSE
WE WEREN'T THAT LUCKY,
THE INITIAL WHISTLEBLOWER,
WAYLON PARK, HAD ESCAPED,
AND HE HAD MADE CONTACT
WITH SIMON PEACOCK AND
MILES UPSHUR.

SIMON PEACOCK
IS OBVIOUSLY OUR CHIEF
CONCERN, JUST EXACTLY
HOW MUCH DAMAGE HE DID
BEFORE HE DIED, BUT
MILES UPSHUR--

UPSHUR WAS
NEUTRALIZED IN THE
MOUNT MASSIVE
EVENT.

YES,
NEUTRALIZED.

OF
COURSE.

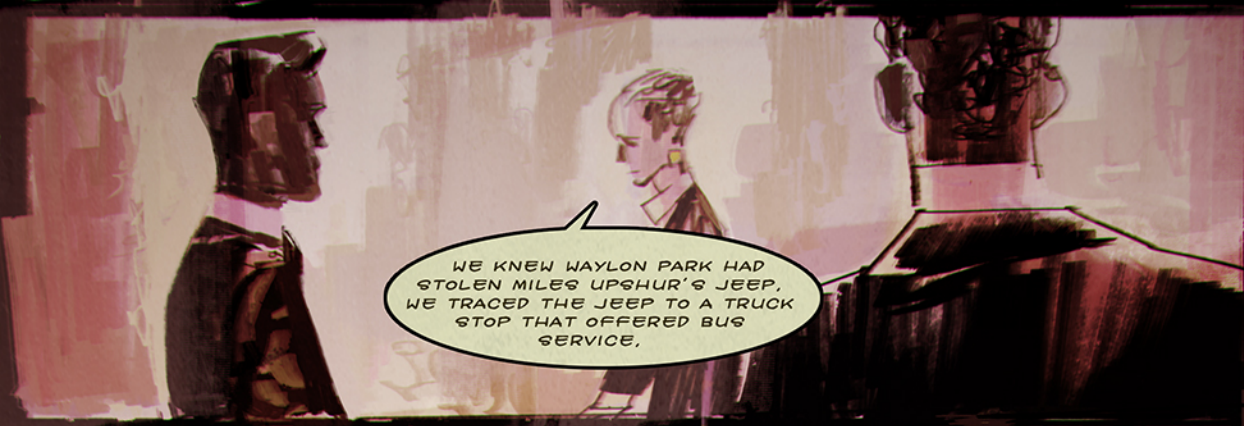
FBI ON-SITE HOSPITAL,
DETROIT, MI

AT THE TIME,
OUR BIGGEST CONCERN WAS
FINDING WAYLON PARK, BUT A FEW
DAYS LATER WE CAUGHT WIND OF
A CONNECTION TO THE MOST,
UH, SENSITIVE PATIENT AT
MOUNT MASSIVE...

BILLY HOPE WAS THE ONLY PATIENT AT THE FACILITY WHO HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENT.

HIS MOTHER, TIFFANY, STILL LIVED ABOUT EIGHTY MILES FROM THE HOSPITAL.





WE KNEW WAYLON PARK HAD STOLEN MILES UPSHUR'S JEEP. WE TRACED THE JEEP TO A TRUCK STOP THAT OFFERED BUS SERVICE.



NOTHING HERE, CHRIST.



FROM HERE WAYLON PARK COULD'VE BOUGHT A CASH BUS TICKET OR HITCHED A RIDE WITH SOME TRUCKER, HE COULD BE ANYWHERE.

I, T, JUST GOT A PING ON MILES UPSHUR'S ACCOUNT. SOMEBODY ACCESSED HIS BANK ONLINE FROM A CELL TOWER OUTSIDE OF NATHROP, COLORADO.

MILES UPSHUR HAD NO CONNECTIONS TO THE TOWN OF NATHROP, BUT THEN WE RAN IT AGAINST MOUNT MASSIVE PATIENT FILES, NATHROP IS WHERE BILLY HOPE WAS BORN, HIS MOTHER, TIFFANY, STILL LIVED THERE.




TIFFANY SAID SHE DIDN'T KNOW MILES UPSHUR, SAID SHE HADN'T HEARD FROM BILLY SINCE HE'D GONE TO MOUNT MASSIVE, SAID SHE'D BEEN ALL ALONE OUT HERE FOR WEEKS.

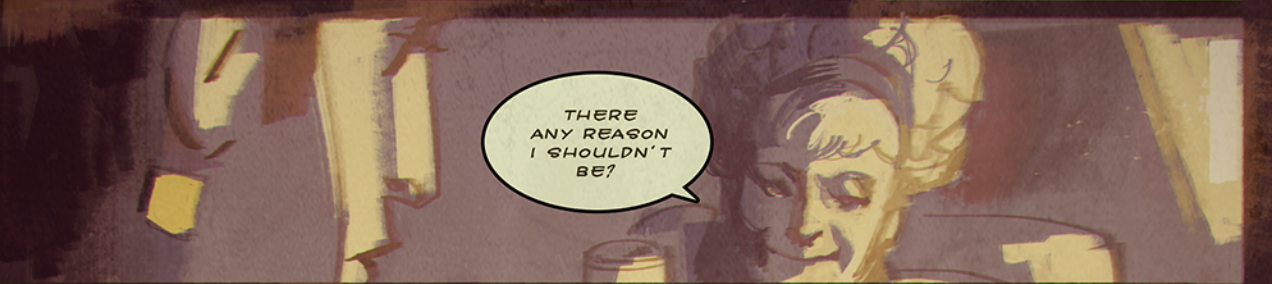
AND MISS HOPE, YOU'VE NEVER VISITED BILLY EVEN ONCE, IN ALL THESE YEARS?

IT WEREN'T ALLOWED, THEY SAID IT WOULD BE BAD FOR HIS TREATMENT, LIKE TO'VE BROKE MY HEART BUT A MOTHER'S GOTTA MAKE SACRIFICES.






YOU
SEEM
CHEERFUL.



THERE
ANY REASON
I SHOULDN'T
BE?




SEEMS LIKE
BILLY WOULD
BE A PAINFUL
TOPIC


THERE'S
ALWAYS
COMFORTS
IN THIS
WORLD,

YOU'VE HAD
A MAN VISITING
YOU?

MY BOYFRIEND,
EX-BOYFRIEND,
HE DON'T COME
AROUND MUCH
NO MORE.



I IMAGINE
HE MISSES HIS
HAT, YOU SURE
YOU NEVER MET A
MILES UPSHUR?
MAYBE A FRIEND
OF A FRIEND?



UPSHUR?
NAH, NEVER HEARD
OF HIM, FUNNY NAME,
HE SOME KIND OF
FOREIGNER?



AND
THIS
IS
BILLY?



THAT'S MY BILLY, HALLOWEEN.

HE'S DRESSED AS ALIEN UBERMAN

MY DAUGHTER USED TO READ THE ALIEN UBERMAN FUNNY BOOKS, "THE INVINCIBLE ALIEN HERO," EXCLAMATION POINT.

THEY'RE CRYSTAL, CAN I ASK WHAT IT IS Y'ALL WANT HERE? I GOT THINGS I COULD BE DOING.



YOU COLLECT GLASS FIGURINES.



THIS IS SWAROVSKY, EXPENSIVE.

CAREFUL WITH THAT!



I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE, BUT... HOW CAN YOU AFFORD ALL THESE?



YOU DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE? LADY, I'M...

I GUESS MY MONEY'S MY BUSINESS AND I THINK I NEED TO ASK Y'ALL TO LEAVE.



WELL,
BILLY'S MOM
IS FULL OF SHIT.
WE SHOULD...
WHAT ARE YOU
LOOKING AT?



UM, NOTHING,
I GUESS, THOUGHT
I SAW SOMETHING.

AND YEAH,
TIFFANY HOPE IS
LYING THROUGH
HER TEETH.



SHOULD WE
KEEP AN EYE
ON HER?

YEAH, BUT NOT US.
I'LL PUT A HARDLINE
OFFICER ON IT. WE GOT
MORE IMPORTANT
CHICKENS TO PLUCK.

SO WHILE A MURKOFF GRUNT SAT
STAKEOUT ON TIFFANY'S TRAILER...

WE TRIED TO GET
CONTROL OF THE WAYLON PARK
SITUATION, WITH ZERO LEADS
ON HIS WHEREABOUTS, SO WE
STARTED A FORENSIC
GASLIGHT,

SORRY,
"FORENSIC
GASLIGHT?"

WE COULDN'T STOP WAYLON FROM POSTING WHATEVER HE WANTED
ONLINE, SO WE STOLE HIS IDENTITY AND POSTED A LONG, BACK-DATED
HISTORY OF CRAZY SHIT UNDER HIS NAME, CONSPIRACY THEORIES,
PERVERSIONS, DELUSIONS,

24 HOUR DINNER

FREE
WIFI

IT'S THE MOST FUN PAUL LET HIMSELF HAVE,


HOW DO
YOU SPELL
"FLUORIDATION?"

JUST LOOK
AT YOUR WORD
BALLOON,
OR LET YOUR
COMPUTER
SPELLCHECK
IT,


YEAH,
I'M LISTENING.
CAN YOU SEE
WHO IT IS?

THE TRUTH IS HERE, BY WAYLON PARK.
OWL SOCIETY'S RACIST BATTLE AGAINST
WHITE CHIROPRACTORS. YOU CANNOT SEE
THE TRUTH IF YOU DRINK FLORIDATED WATER.
YOU CANNOT SEE THE TRUTH IF YOU'VE
BEEN WILFULLY VACCINATED. SHEEPLE
RAYS UP AND CLENSE YOUR BODY OF
THE TOXINS CLOUDING YOUR BRAIN EYE.

I'M ACTUALLY
TRYING TO MAKE
SURE I SPELLED
IT BELIEVABLY
WRONG.



MUST
BE THE
BOYFRIEND.



LUCKY YOU,
IF THERE'S SEXY
TIME, TAKE PICTURES
FOR ME.

THEY'RE
GOING INSIDE;
I'M GONNA
HAVE TO GET
CLOSER.

...GOT ANOTHER MAN
HERE, DON'T YOU, YOU
DRUNKEN TWO DOLLAR SLUT?
I SWEAR TO FUCKING GOD,
TIFFANY, EVEN AFTER
I GAVE YOU MY OLD T.V....


...LUCKY I EVEN PUT
UP WITH YOUR SHIT,
SWEAR TO GOD, YOU GOT
A PUSSY LIKE A DOG'S EAR
AND A MOUTH COULD DRIVE
BABY JESUS HISSELF
TO SUICIDE...

...YOU EVEN LOOK AT
ANOTHER MAN, I SWEAR
TO FUCKING CHRIST,
TIFFANY, I'D KICK HIS
ASS AND YOUR'NE
INTO...

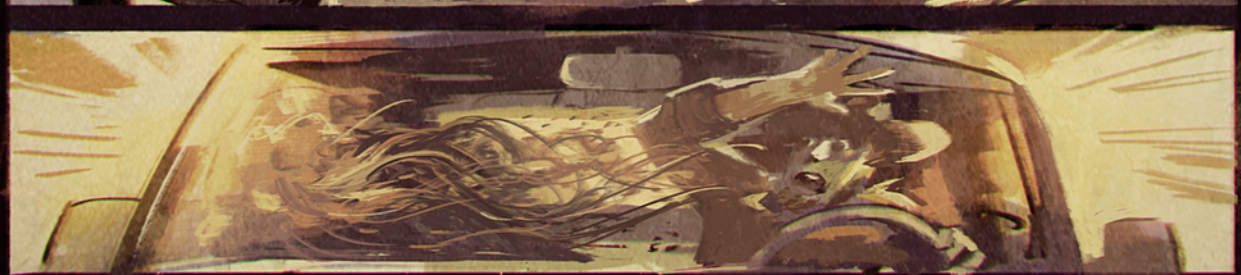
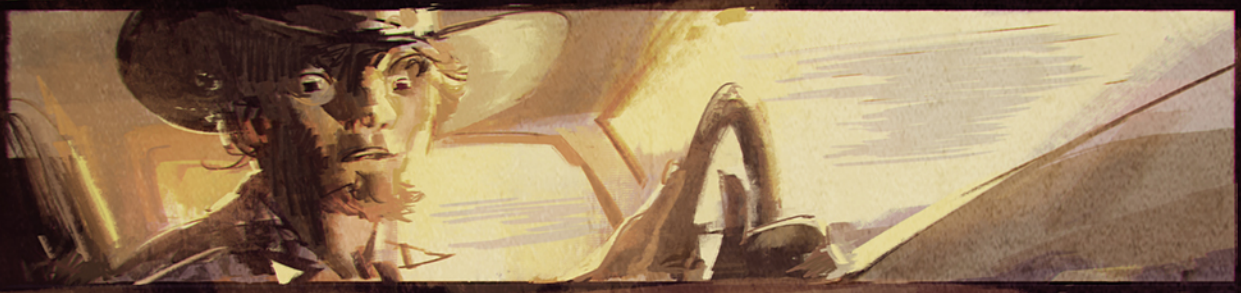
...YOU PARANOID AS
YOU ALWAYS BEEN YOU
IGNORANT HILLBILLY
SHITBIRD, IT'S ALL
THAT LACED WEED AND
HOMEMADE AND
TALK RADIO...

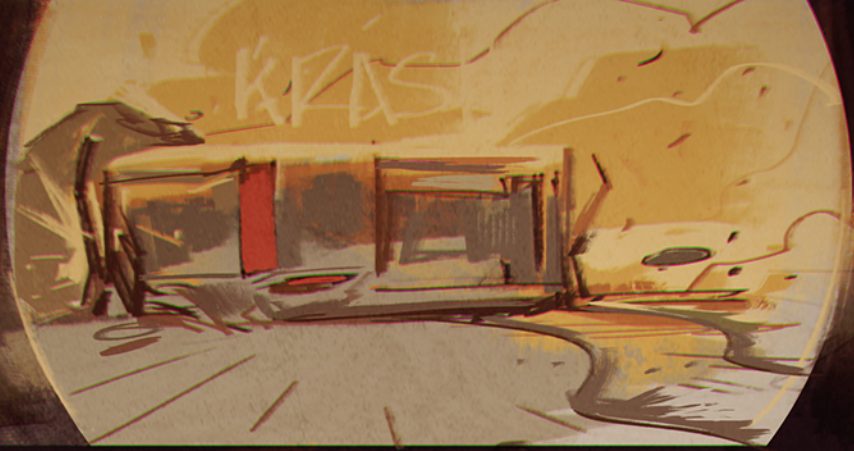
...ONE TO TALK WITH
YOUR BARELY-WORKING
HITLER-LOOKING HALF-
EXCUSE FOR A DICK,
I WISH THERE WAS
ANOTHER MAN HERE,
A REAL MAN, I'D...

...YEAH, WELL YOU
MUST THINK DOG EARS
TASTE LIKE FUCKING
ICE-CREAM THE WAY
YOU...



SMACK!

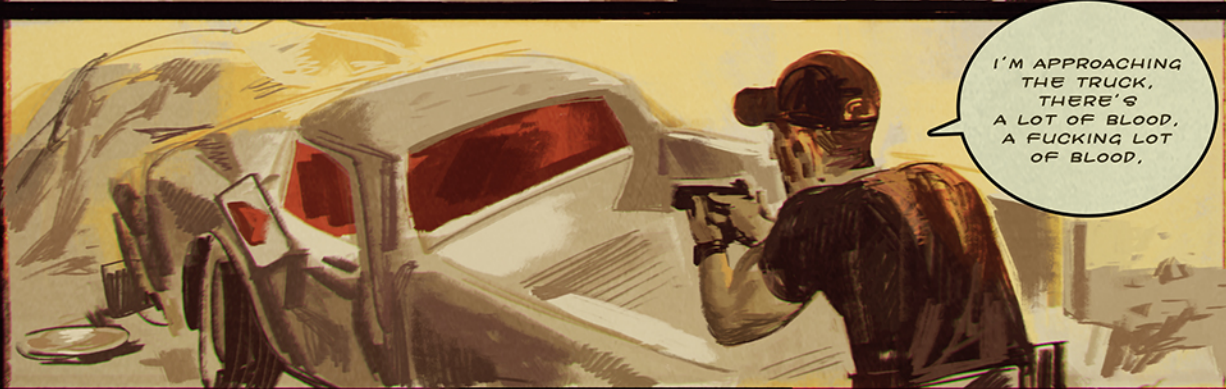




THE TRUCK
JUST
CRASHED.



GO CHECK IT OUT,
KEEP THIS LINE OPEN,
KEEP TALKING TO ME.




I'M APPROACHING
THE TRUCK,
THERE'S
A LOT OF BLOOD,
A FUCKING LOT
OF BLOOD.



TELL ME
EVERYTHING
YOU SEE



WHAT IS
IT, AGENT?



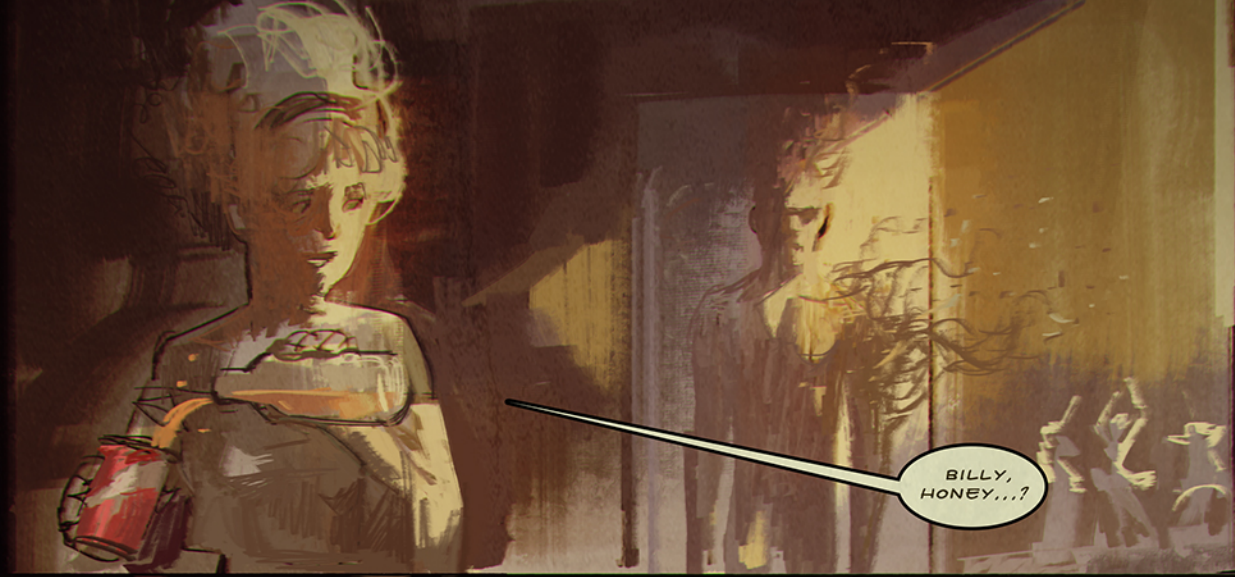
THE WALRIDER.



AAAAARRHHH!!



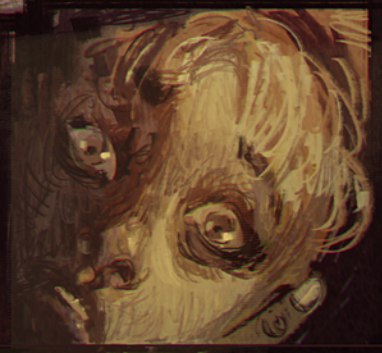
FUCK.



BILLY,
HONEY...?

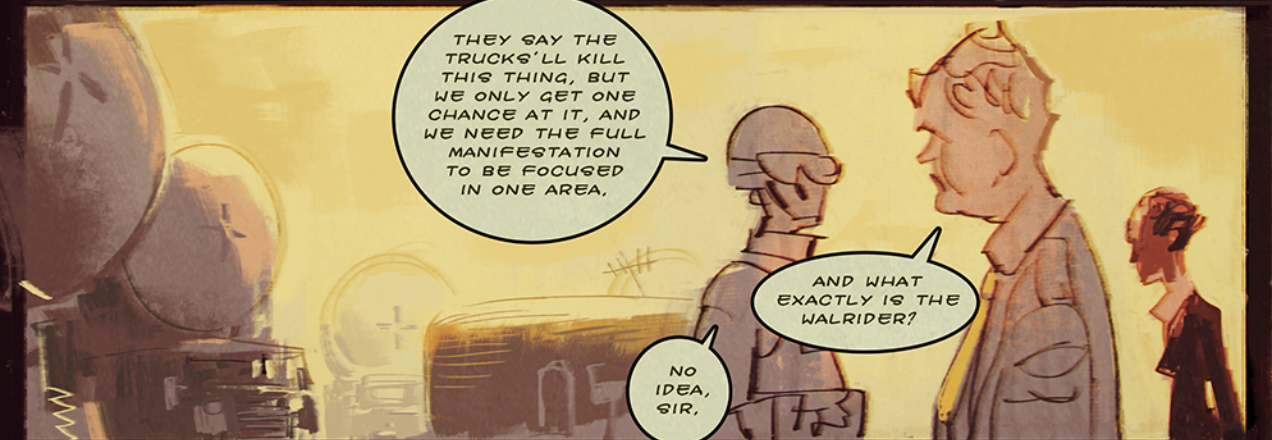


I'LL TAKE
CARE OF YOU,
MOM,





THE WORD "WALRIDER"
UNLEASHED THE FULL
MONETIZED WRAITH OF THE
MURKOFF CORPORATION.



THEY SAY THE
TRUCKS'LL KILL
THIS THING, BUT
WE ONLY GET ONE
CHANCE AT IT, AND
WE NEED THE FULL
MANIFESTATION
TO BE FOCUSED
IN ONE AREA.

AND WHAT
EXACTLY IS THE
WALRIDER?

NO IDEA,
SIR.



YOU KNOW
WHAT IT IS.

MAYBE.

BUT YOU
WON'T
TELL ME.

NOPE.

AND IT
COULD KILL
US.

MOST DEFINI-
TELY.



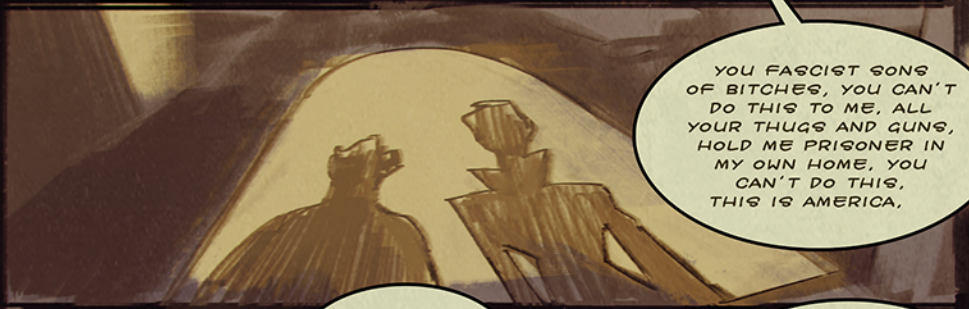
GREAT, LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT.



WHO THE FUCK ARE YOU PEOPLE? WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME,

YOU CAN'T DO THIS.

WE NEED TO FIND BILLY,



YOU FASCIST SONS OF BITCHES, YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME, ALL YOUR THUGS AND GUNS, HOLD ME PRISONER IN MY OWN HOME, YOU CAN'T DO THIS, THIS IS AMERICA,



...

DON'T SAY IT, EVERYBODY'S ALREADY THINKING IT,



YOU NEED TO GET BILLY TO SHOW HIMSELF,



I TOLD YOU BILLY AIN'T HERE, AIN'T BEEN HERE IN YEARS,



SOMEBODY SHATTERED ALL YOUR CRYSTAL FIGURINES...

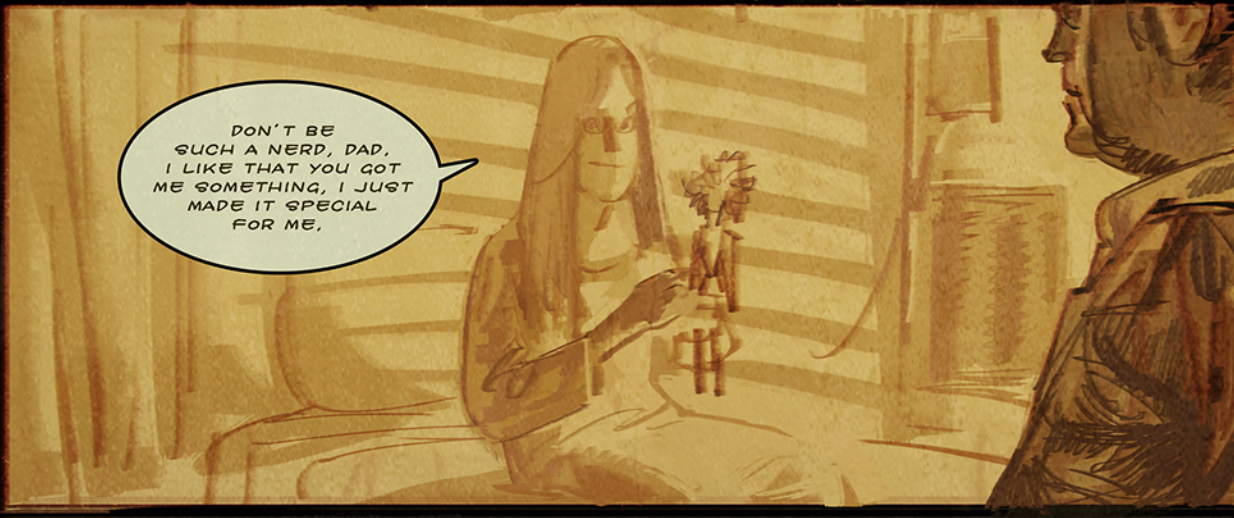
AND SHAPED ONE BACK TOGETHER INTO ALIEN UBERMAN,



YOU KNOW I GAVE MY DAUGHTER A DOLL A FEW WEEKS AGO, AND I THOUGHT SHE HATED IT,



GEEZE, ALICE,
YOU REALLY HATE
THAT THING, HUH?




DON'T BE
SUCH A NERD, DAD,
I LIKE THAT YOU GOT
ME SOMETHING, I JUST
MADE IT SPECIAL
FOR ME.



BILLY HOPE
IS HERE.




I TOLD YOU HE
AIN'T, WHERE THE
HELL DO YOU THINK
I'D HIDE HIM?
AIN'T BUT TWO
ROOMS IN THIS DAMN
THING, AND, AND...




you sure
he's here?


pretty
sure.




you know, tiffany,
i bet i can guess
where you got the
money for all those
swarovsky crystal
figurines.



please,
no matter
what you done
to him, he's
my little
boy.



you were paid well
to give billy hope
over to mount massive,
i've heard they're even
more generous when
the test subjects
don't have anything
wrong with them
to start with.



you sold your
boy, and he
wasn't even sick



what
the
fuck...

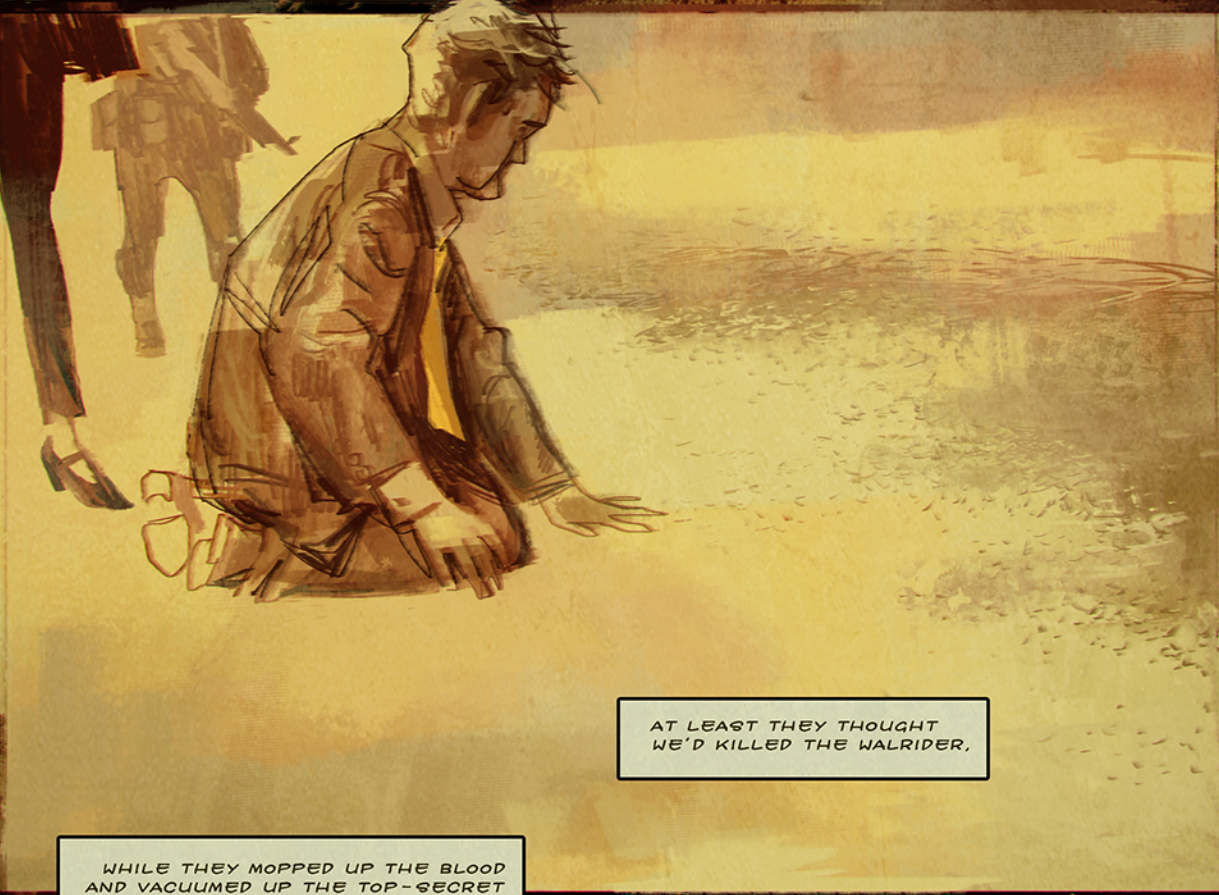


i loved
you,
mom.



CONGRATULATIONS,

WE KILLED
IT.



AT LEAST THEY THOUGHT
WE'D KILLED THE WALRIDER.

WHILE THEY MOPPED UP THE BLOOD
AND VACUUMED UP THE TOP-SECRET
DUST, I CLIMBED A HILL,

IT HADN'T DIED....



IT HAD JUST SWITCHED HOSTS,

END BOOK 3

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