

LOOK, THIS STUFF IS GOIN' FAST. BASTION MERCHANDISE IS HOTTER THAN EVER. **NUMBER ONE** COLLECTIBLES OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS.

I HAVE **THE BAR**. THE LEADER AND MORAL BADASS OF THE GROUP.

HERE'S **CAUL**, THE TEAM'S BAD BOY MAGICIAN.

UNFORTUNATELY, I JUST SOLD MY LAST VARIANT KID CAULDRON THOUGH. SO ALL I HAVE IS THE ADULT FIGURE.

I HAVE **FLOCK**.

I'LL HAVE A BOOSTER PACK NEXT WEEK OF MORE BIRDS IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT.

HERE'S **THE RIPPLE**.

I JUST SOLD OUT OF **OMEN**, BUT SHE'S INVISIBLE SO MUCH OF THE TIME ANYHOW, YOU KNOW. SO IT'S LIKE YOU CAN STILL GET A WHOLE TEAM.

I STILL HAVE A **MUSE**, THE BAR'S AMAZING ILLUSION-CASTING WIFE.

LOOK, THEY'RE TWENTY APIECE. AND THAT'S A DEAL.

MAKE ME AN OFFER ON THE WHOLE SET AND I'LL MAKE YOUR DAY.

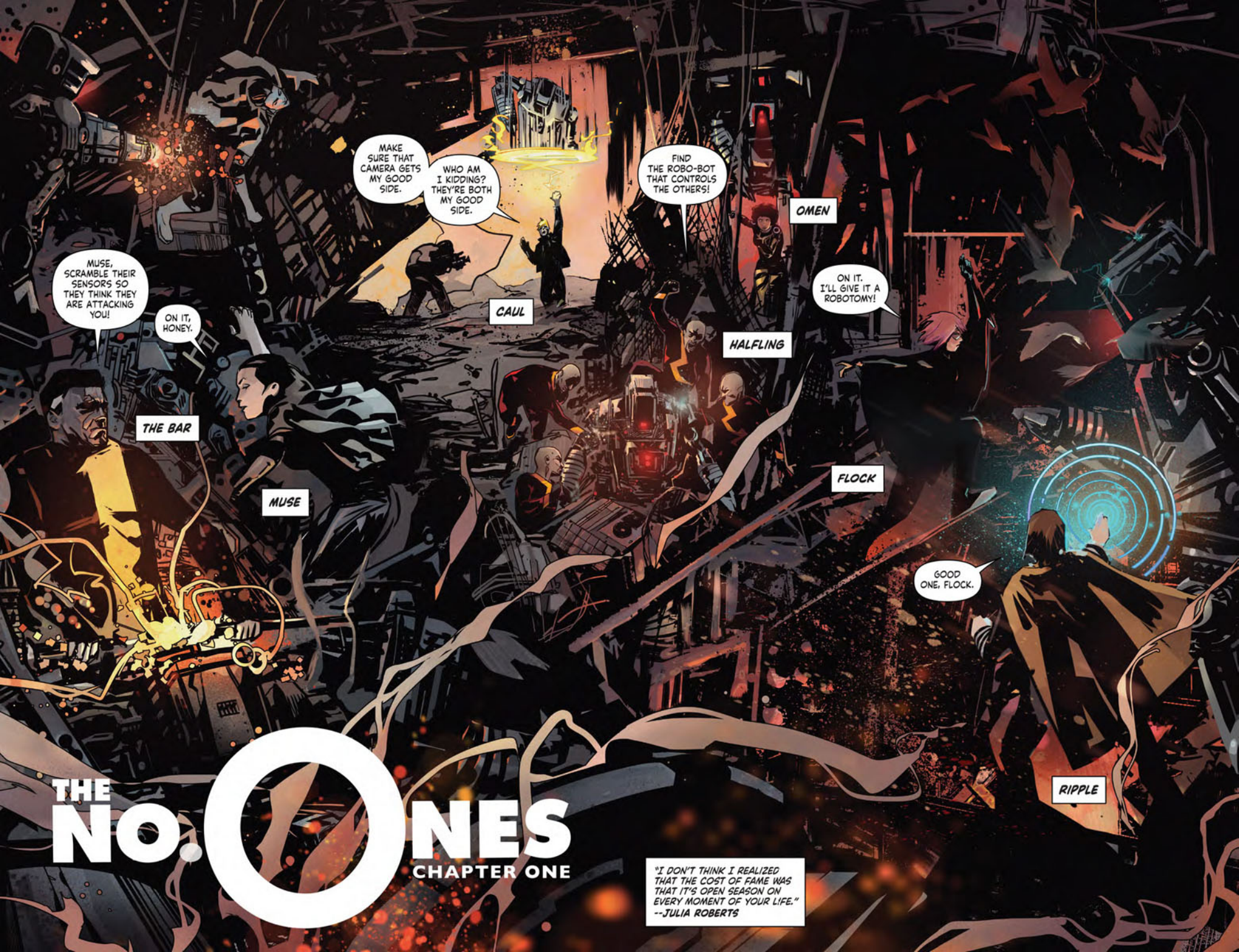
I'M GONNA RAISE THE PRICE NEXT WEEK. JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE. THEY'RE THE **NUMBER ONE**--

I EVEN HAVE THE COMPLETE **HALFLING** COLLECTION. ANY SMALLER AND HE'D BE A CHOKIN' HAZARD, YOU KNOW?

THOUGH MISSING ONE OF THE QUARTER-SIZED VARIETY WOULD WORK FOR THE CONTINUITY JUNKIES...YOU KNOW, AFTER THE ACCIDENT AND ALL.

HEROES? IS THAT REALLY WHAT THIS DAMNABLE PLACE THINKS THEY ARE?

IS THAT WHAT THEY HAVE YOU THINKING?



MUSE,
SCRAMBLE THEIR
SENSORS SO
THEY THINK THEY
ARE ATTACKING
YOU!

ON IT,
HONEY.

THE BAR

MUSE

MAKE
SURE THAT
CAMERA GETS
MY GOOD
SIDE.

WHO AM
I KIDDING?
THEY'RE BOTH
MY GOOD
SIDE.

CAUL

FIND
THE ROBO-BOT
THAT CONTROLS
THE OTHERS!

OMEN

ON IT.
I'LL GIVE IT A
ROBOTOMY!

HALFLING

FLOCK

GOOD
ONE, FLOCK.

RIPPLE

THE NO. 0 NES

CHAPTER ONE

"I DON'T THINK I REALIZED
THAT THE COST OF FAME WAS
THAT IT'S OPEN SEASON ON
EVERY MOMENT OF YOUR LIFE."
--JULIA ROBERTS



IDIOTS.

IS IT
TRUE THAT YOU
LOST ONE OF
YOUR OTHER
SELVES?

I DID.
BUT DON'T WORRY.
THERE'S PLENTY
MORE WHERE HE
CAME FROM.

AND
I'VE BEEN MEANING
TO LOSE A LITTLE
WEIGHT THESE DAYS
ANYHOW.



IS THE APPLAUSE
WORTH IT? HOW MANY
FRANCHISED MERRY-
MEALS HAVE TO BE EATEN
TO SATISFY YOUR DESIRE
FOR FAME? FOR FANS?



SOME PEOPLE
THINK WE'RE MORE THAN
HEROES. AND MAYBE WE
ARE. BUT THAT CARRIES
WITH IT A TERRIBLE
RESPONSIBILITY.

IN OTHER WORDS,
TO GIVE THE PEOPLE
WHAT THEY WANT IN
EXCHANGE FOR THE
HIGHEST RATINGS.



IT'S NOT
EASY BEING AN
EXAMPLE TO THE
WORLD. BUT IT'S
WORTH IT.



TO YOU,
HEROISM IS LIKE
A TREE FALLING
IN THE FOREST.



IF NO ONE IS
THERE TO HEAR IT,
YOU TRICK YOURSELF
INTO THINKING IT DID
NOT MAKE A SOUND.

BUT YOUR
HEROICS WERE
NEVER MEANT FOR
THE PAPARAZZI.



I HOPE THAT
I CAN WARN YOU
OF WHAT YOU'VE
BECOME BEFORE
IT'S TOO LATE.

I HOPE THAT
YOU ARE STILL
ABLE TO HEAR.



