



SHE'S TOO OLD FOR SUCH THINGS.



YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY DAUGHTER'S EDUCATION, MS. MCLEOD.

AN UNDERSTANDING OF MYTHOLOGY IS A BEDROCK OF A CLASSICAL EDUCATION, LORD CAVENDISH.

INDEED IT IS, BUT TO INFORM THE PRESENT, NOT TO INDULGE IN FANTASIES OF THE PAST.

YOU HAVE INDULGED MY DAUGHTER IN THIS FOR FAR TOO LONG.



FLIGHTS OF FANCY HAVE THEIR PLACE, BUT IT'S TIME FOR HER TO START GROWING UP.

IF HIS LORDSHIP WILL FORGIVE ME, I DO NOT AGREE THAT IMAGINATION IS A BAR TO MATURITY.

YOUR DAUGHTER IS BRILLIANT, A POLYGLOT. SHE UNDERSTANDS MORE THAN YOU MIGHT THINK.



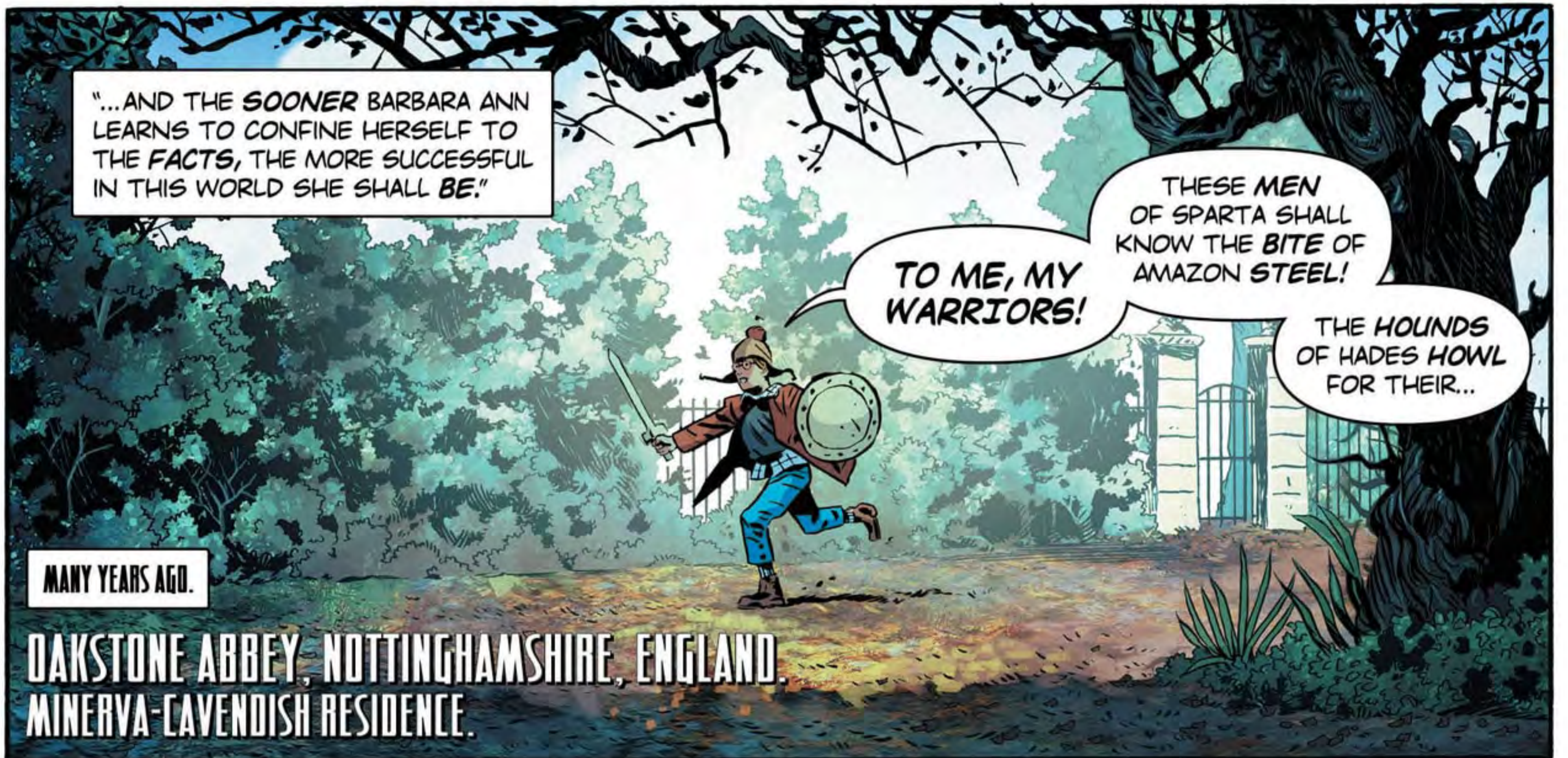
SINCE THE DEATH OF HER LADYSHIP, HER IMAGINATION HAS BEEN HER ONLY COMFORT.

YOU BEING ABSENT SO OFTEN ATTENDING TO YOUR WORK.



SO YOU TEACH MY DAUGHTER TO HIDE IN FANTASY RATHER THAN TO FACE REALITY?

THE WORLD IS A HARD AND UNFAIR PLACE, MS. MCLEOD...



"...AND THE **SOONER** BARBARA ANN LEARNS TO CONFINER HERSELF TO THE **FACTS**, THE MORE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS WORLD SHE SHALL **BE!**"

TO ME, MY WARRIORS!

THESE MEN OF SPARTA SHALL KNOW THE **BITE** OF AMAZON STEEL!

THE **HOUNDS** OF HADES HOWL FOR THEIR...

MANY YEARS AGO.

DAKSTONE ABBEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, ENGLAND.
MINERVA-CAVENDISH RESIDENCE.



...NEED ANOTHER "H" WORD...

...THE **HOUNDS** OF HADES HOWL...



THE **HOUNDS** OF HADES HOWL HORRIBLY IN THEIR **HUNGER!**

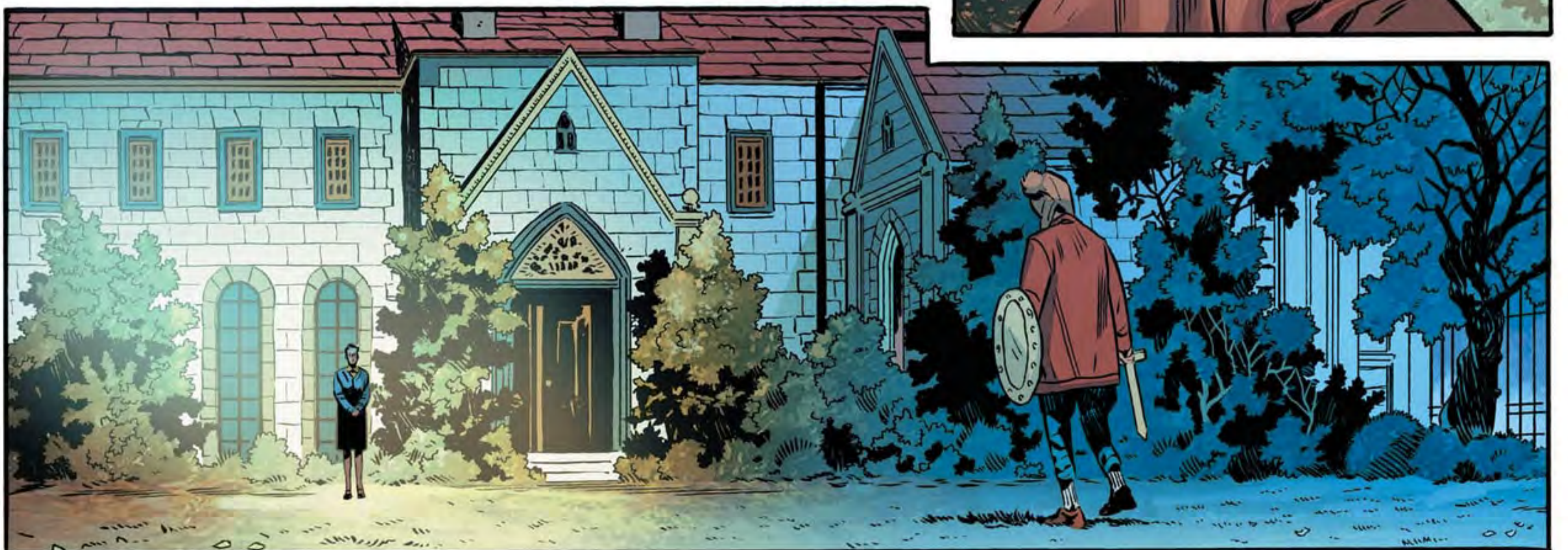


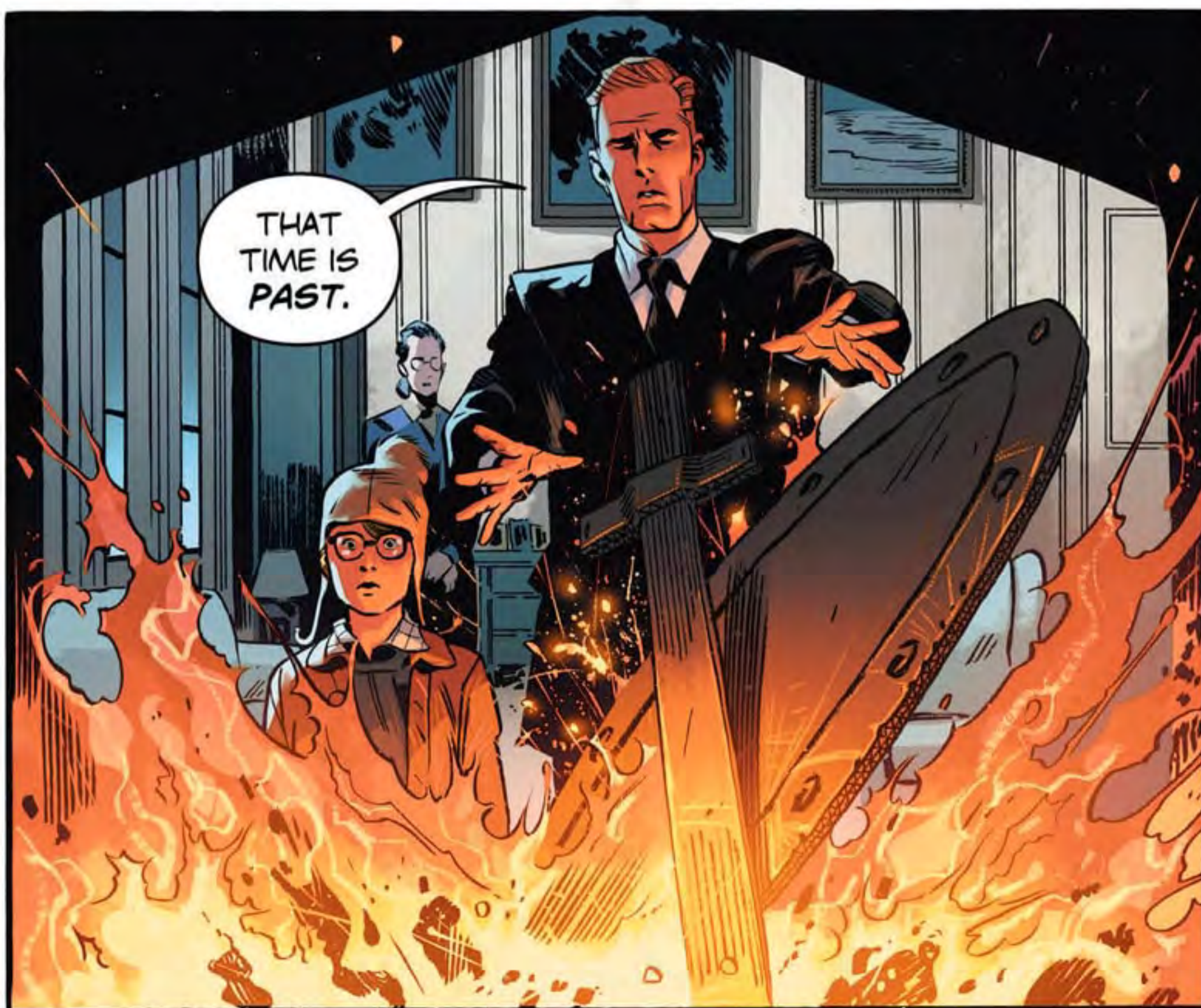
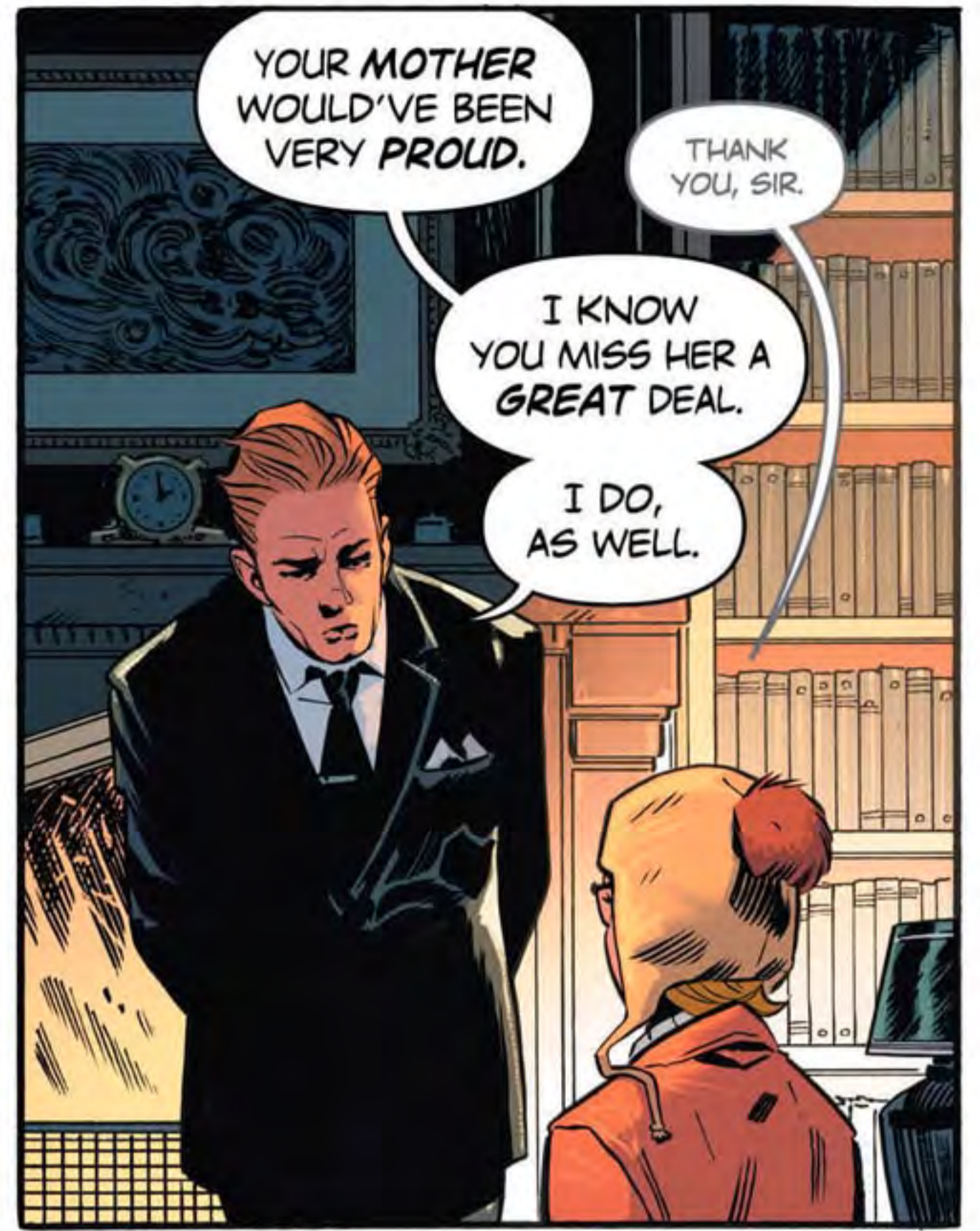
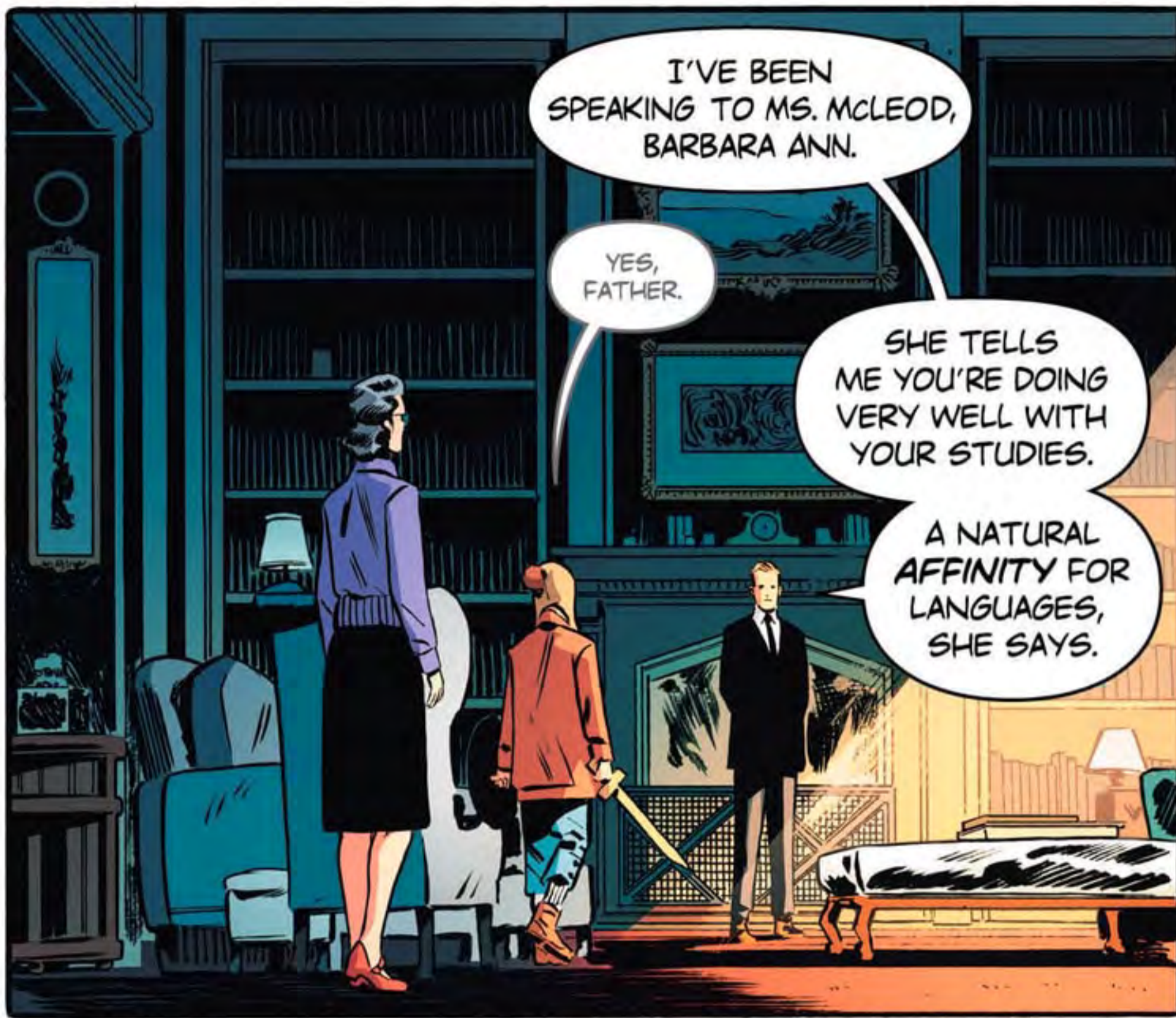
MISS BARBARA ANN!



HIS LORDSHIP WOULD LIKE A WORD WITH YOU, MISS.

YES'M.





SCYTHIAN / SARMATIAN DIG (SITE C).
APPROXIMATELY 30 KM SOUTHWEST OF
VOLNOVAKHA, DONETSK OBLAST, UKRAINE.

...FROM THE
KAZAKH-A DIG SITE
CONTRADICTS WHAT WAS
FOUND AT POKROVKA,
DR. MINERVA!

THEY WERE
BURIED WITH THEIR
WEAPONS.

SEVERAL WERE
BOWLEGGED FROM
LIVING A LIFETIME ON
HORSEBACK AND, MOST
SIGNIFICANT--

--Oh FOR
THE LOVE
OF--

INTERLUDE

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--NO MEN
WERE FOUND AT
THE SITE. NONE. THE
GRAVES BELONGED TO
WOMEN ALONE.

"HAMA-ZAN,"
DR. MARTINS.
OLD PERSIAN.
MEANING "ALL
WOMEN."

"A-MAZOS,"
ANCIENT GREEK,
MEANING "WITHOUT
BREAST."

A REFERENCE TO
THE AMPUTATION OF
THE RIGHT BREAST SO
AS TO NOT INTERFERE
WITH ARCHERY.

PATENT GARBAGE. ASIDE
FROM BEING UNNECESSARY,
ANY WOMAN WHO DID SO WOULD
HAVE DIED FROM HEMORRHAGE, IF
NOT SUBSEQUENT INFECTION.

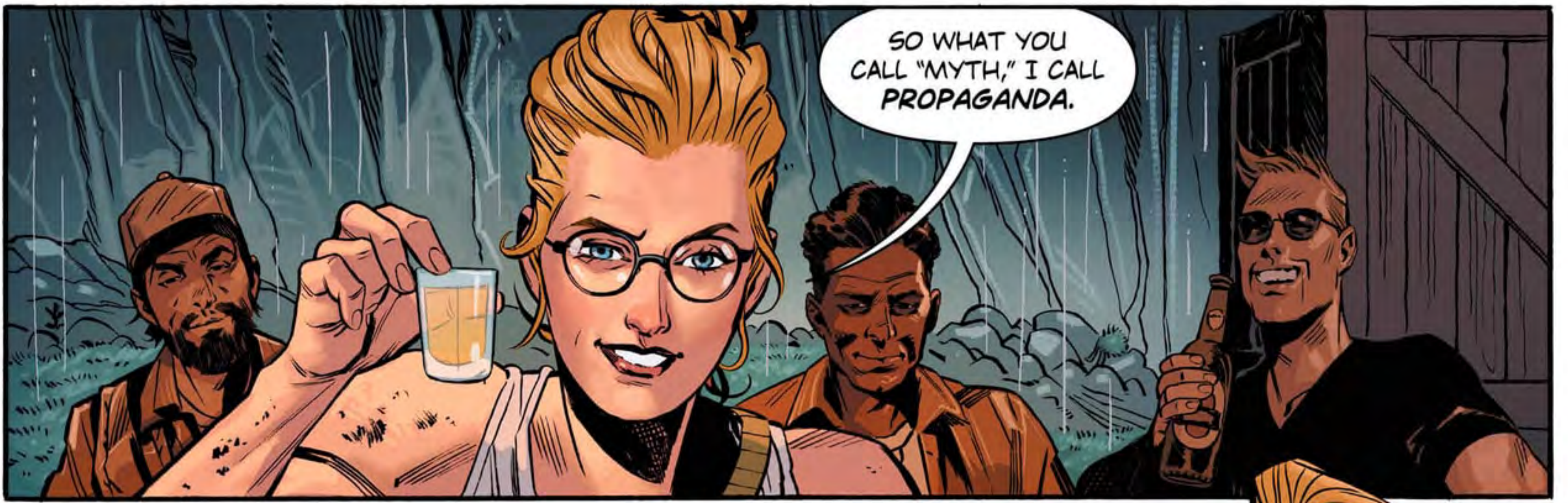
THEY FETTERED THE
AMAZONS, MADE THEM MONSTERS
WHILE AT THE SAME TIME EXTOLLING
THEIR STRENGTH AND BEAUTY.

PRECISELY!
THEY'RE A MYTH.
THEY WERE TO THE
GREEKS WHAT
VAMPIRES ARE
TO US...

THE ATHENIANS WERE A
PATRIARCHAL SOCIETY THAT
VENERATED THE MALE FORM AND
VIEWED WOMEN AS LESSER.

THE AMAZONS'
VERY EXISTENCE
THREATENED THEIR
WORLDVIEW.

...INSISTING
THEY'RE REAL
IS THE SAME AS
BELIEVING I CAN JUST
VISIT COUNT DRACULA
DOWN THE ROAD
A WAYS.



SO WHAT YOU CALL "MYTH," I CALL PROPAGANDA.



I'M STARTING TO WORRY ABOUT THIS RAIN.

I DON'T THINK THAT CLIFF FACE IS ENTIRELY STABLE.



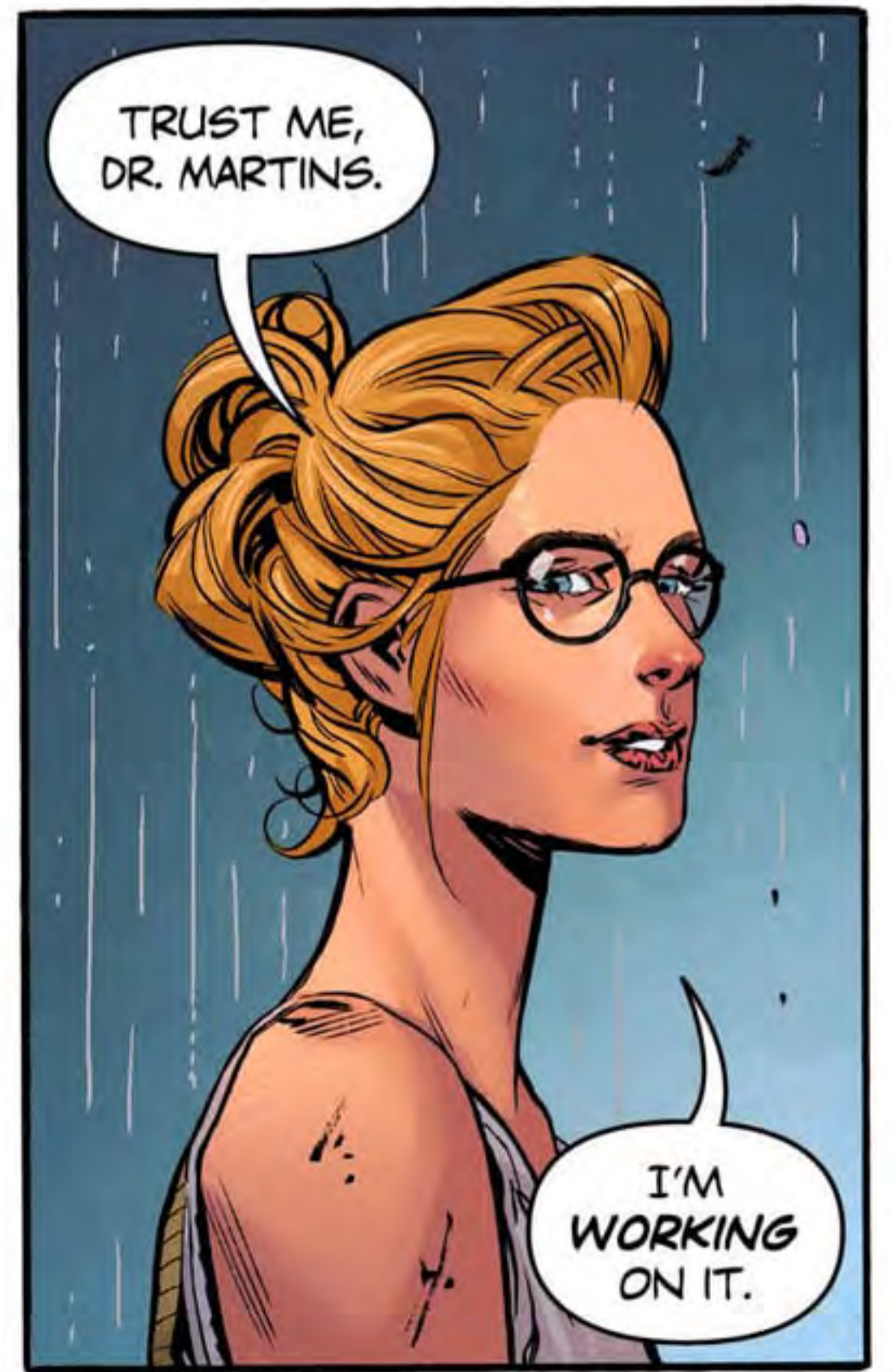
I THINK I SHALL CALL IT A NIGHT.

I'D LIKE TO GET INTO THE NEW CHAMBER FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.



DR. MINERVA, IF YOU'RE SO VERY CERTAIN THE AMAZONS ARE REAL, THEN TELL ME...

...WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?



TRUST ME, DR. MARTINS.

I'M WORKING ON IT.