

FOR THE QUINLANS--ROY AND JANEY, I MEAN--THEIR LITTLE WORLD HAD JUST BEEN SHAKEN TO ITS VERY FOUNDATION.

ROY'S CHILDHOOD HOME OUT IN WEST TEXAS HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY SOME KINDA SHAPOW DEMON FROM OUTER SPACE WHO ROPE THERE ON A MAGICAL TORNADO.

AND THE FACT THAT SAID DEMON WAS THUSLY SLAIN BY ROY'S PREVIOUSLY ALZHEIMER'S-APPLED FATHER, EMMETT, WIELDING A GIANT SWORD, NO LESS, WAS THE TIP-TOP ON WHAT COULD KINDLY BE CALLED A SURREAL EVENING.



GRANDPPA!

AS FOR EMMETT, WELL...



...DAD?

EMMETT WAS HOME. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME, HE KNEW HIS OWN NAME AND THE FACES OF HIS FAMILY.

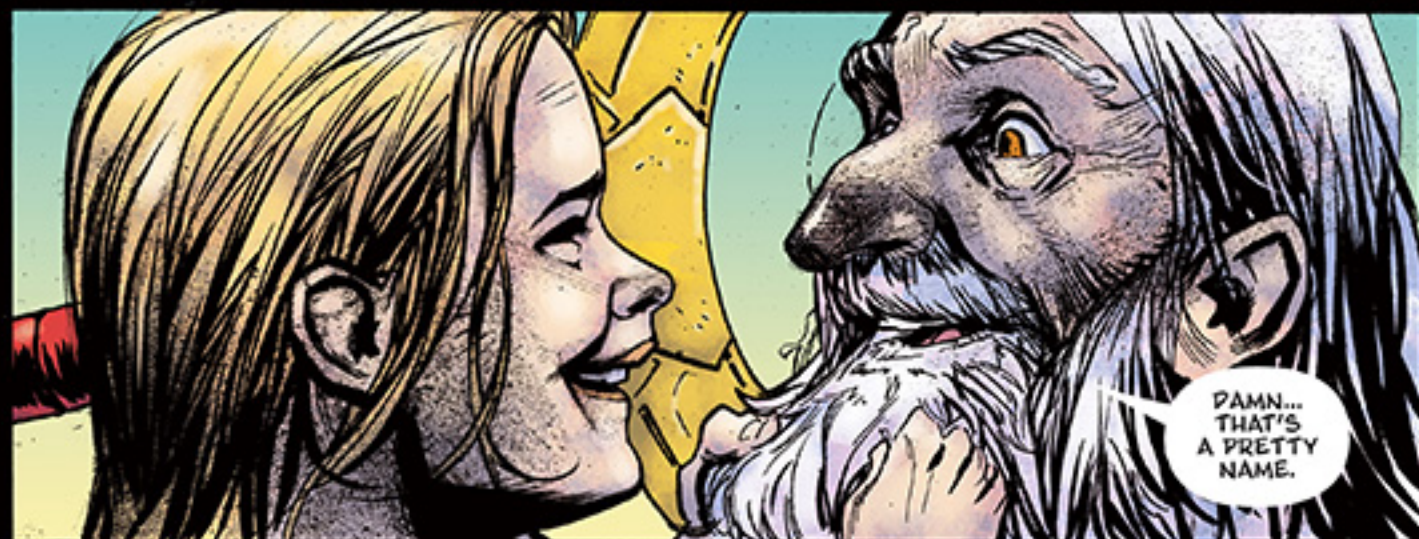
AND, FOR THE MOMENT... THAT WAS ALL THAT MATTERED TO HIM IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD.





CAN YOU...PUT TH-THE SWORD DOWN WHEN YOU'RE HOLDIN' PEENA?

"PEENA"?



PAMN... THAT'S A PRETTY NAME.



I THINK GRANDPPA'S SWORD IS PRETTY.

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S PRETTY, MAMA?

IT IS VERY PRETTY, HONEY. COME OVER HERE, OKAY?

LET'S GET YOU IN THE TRUCK SO YOUR FEET DON'T--



IT'S... JANEY, AIN'T IT?

I-- YES...YES, IT IS. EMMETT, I'M SURPRISED YOU... YOU REMEMBER MY NAME.





...WAS A  
REALLY NICE  
CEREMONY  
AND EVERY-  
THING...

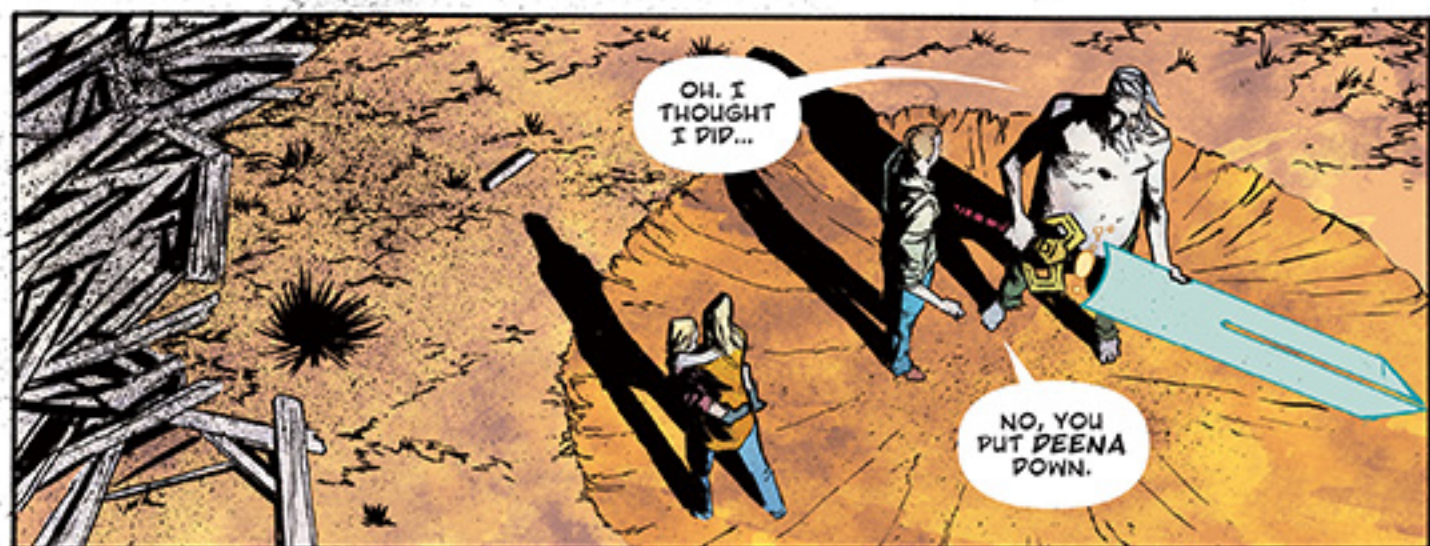
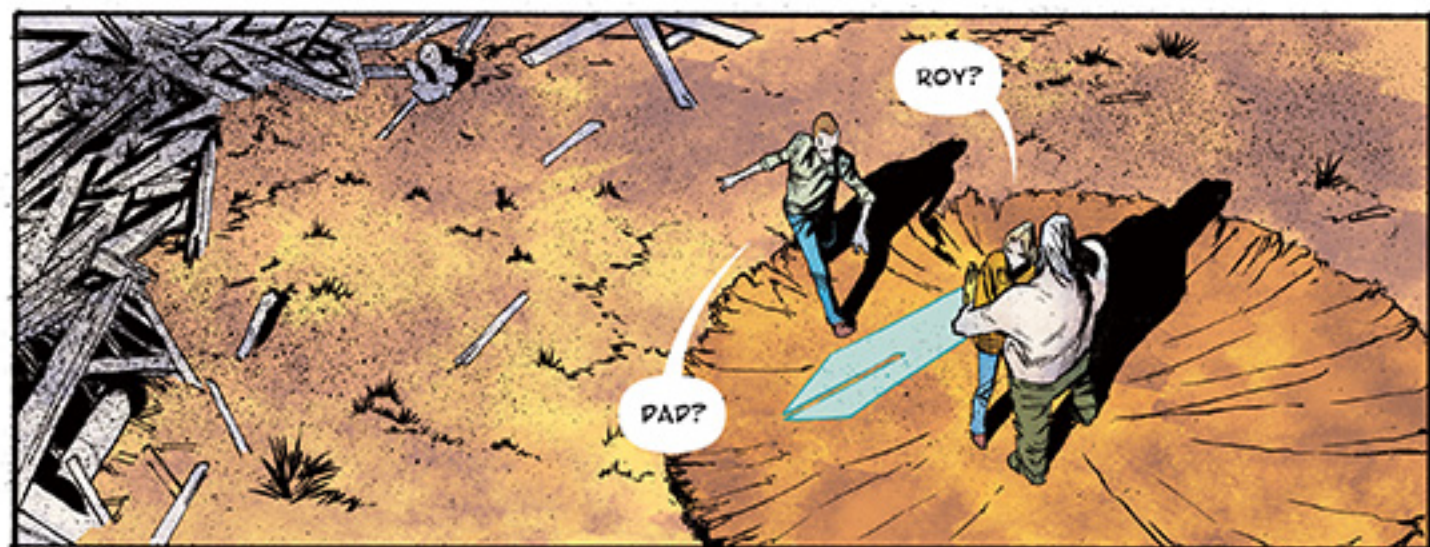
...I KNOW YOU  
DON'T LIKE WEDDINGS  
OR FANCY STUFF LIKE  
THAT, BUT I THINK YOU  
WOULD HAVE REALLY  
LIKED IT. MOM TOOK  
SOME PICTURES, IF YOU  
WANNA TRY AND SEE  
SOME OF--



I REMEMBER  
EVERYTHING...












...WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HOUSE?

WHAT? DAD--THE TORNADO....

TORNADO?



NO. NO, I REMEMBER NOISE AND LIGHTS...AND THEN SOMETHIN' WAS--I KNOW IT DON'T MAKE NO SENSE, BUT IT FELT LIKE SOMETHING WAS--WAS CALLIN' TO ME.

LIKE... SINGIN'. DID YOU HEAR THAT?



I-I DON'T KNOW, DAR MAYBE. I THINK IT'S BEST WE GO SOMEWHERE AND--



NO.



I AIN'T GOIN' NOWHERE.

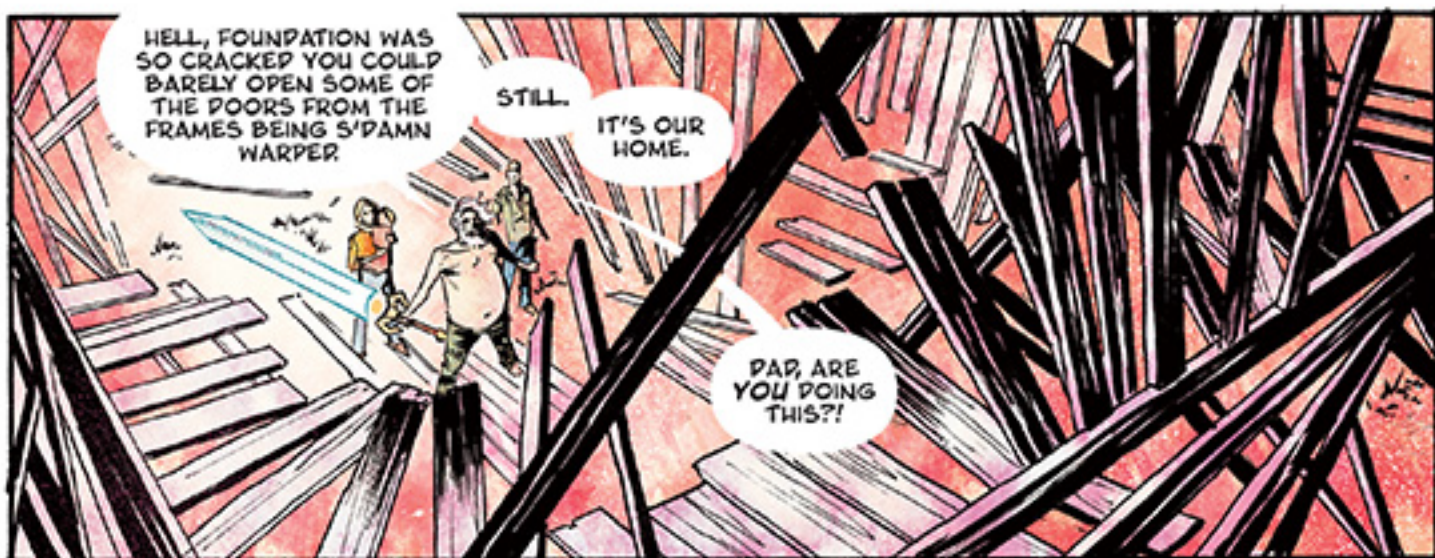




ROY...  
WHAT  
IS--

DAD!

THIS HOUSE...  
YOU KNOW YOUR  
GRANDFATHER BUILT  
THIS WITH HIS BARE  
HANDS, ROY. EVERY  
BOARD, EVERY NAIL...  
IT WASN'T PERFECT,  
MIND YOU.



HELL, FOUNDATION WAS  
SO CRACKED YOU COULD  
BARELY OPEN SOME OF  
THE DOORS FROM THE  
FRAMES BEING S'DAMN  
WARPER.

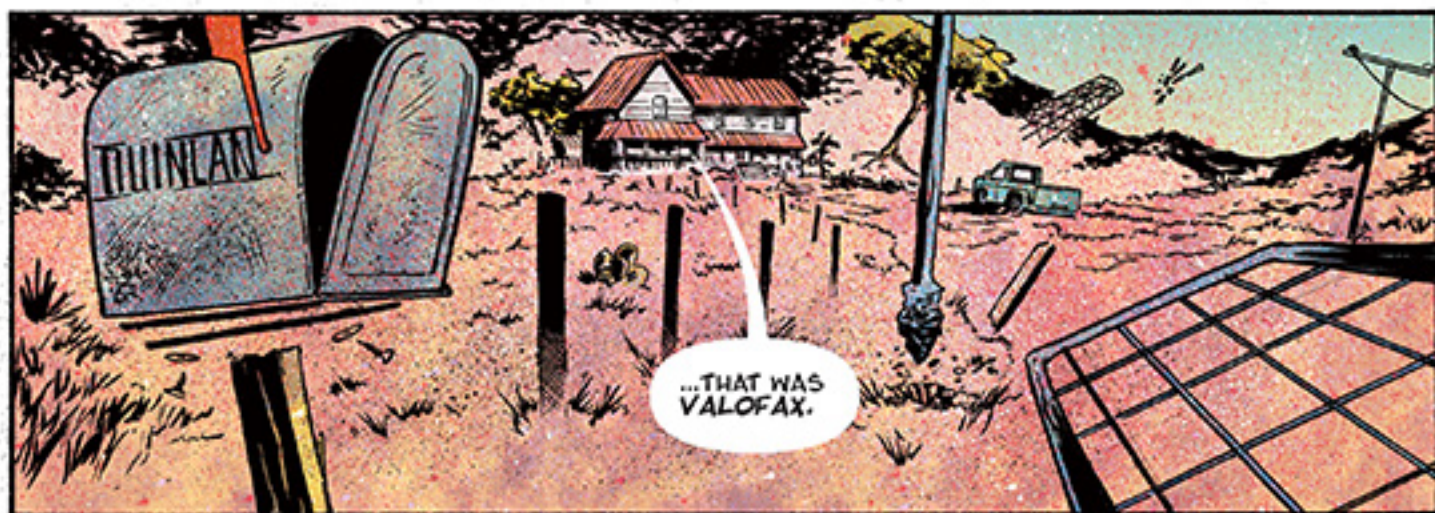
STILL.

IT'S OUR  
HOME.

DAD, ARE  
YOU DOING  
THIS?!



AM I  
REBUILDING THE  
HOUSE OUT OF  
THIN AIR? DON'T  
BE RIDICULOUS,  
SON...



...THAT WAS  
VALOFAX.