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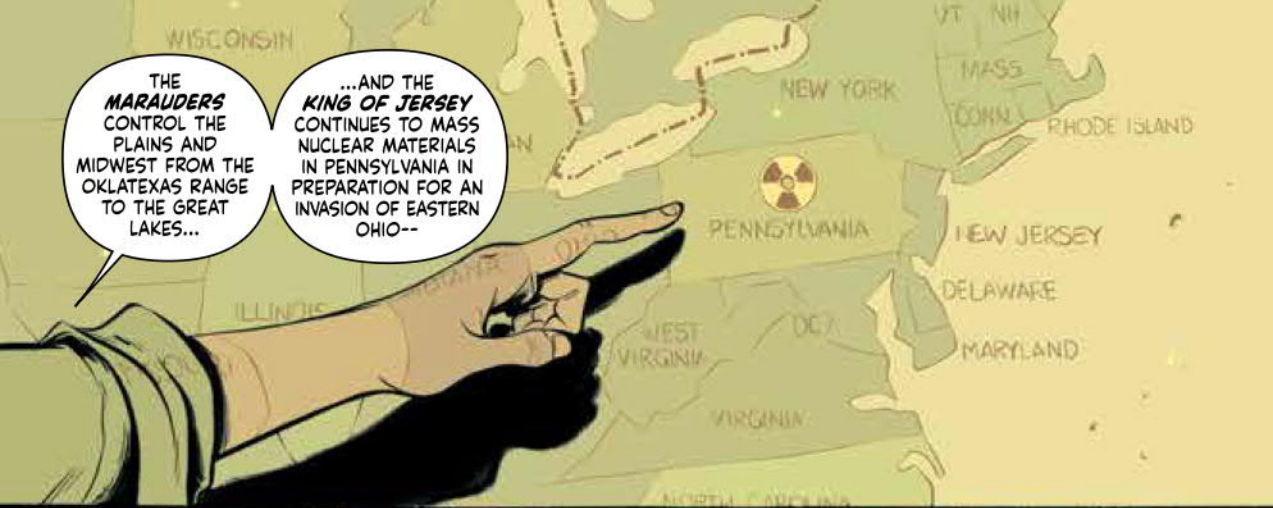
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THE **MARAUDERS** CONTROL THE PLAINS AND MIDWEST FROM THE OKLATEXAS RANGE TO THE GREAT LAKES...

...AND THE **KING OF JERSEY** CONTINUES TO MASS NUCLEAR MATERIALS IN PENNSYLVANIA IN PREPARATION FOR AN INVASION OF EASTERN OHIO--



--WHILE THE HUNDRED AND TWELVE SURVIVING SOLDIERS AND OFFICIALS WHO MAKE UP THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ARE HUDDLED IN THIS SECRET BUNKER.

YES, GEORGE...



...I KNOW ABOUT THE STATE OF THINGS IN 2001'S **POST-DISASTER UNITED STATES**.

THE **PRESIDENT OF 2001'S POST-DISASTER UNITED STATES**.

TELL ME SOMETHING **NEW**.

ALL RIGHT, MR. **PRESIDENT...**



...WE'VE GOTTEN WORD THAT A **CHINESE AMERICAN SORCERER** FROM 1987 NAMED **DAVID LO PAN** HAS OPENED AN **INTERDIMENSIONAL PORTAL** AND SUMMONED FORTH A HOST OF EVIL, ALTERNATE UNIVERSE **SNAKE PLISSKENS**.



WELL...

THAT **IS** NEW.

WHAT DO THEY WANT?

WHAT DOES **SNAKE PLISSKEN EVER** WANT?



ANARCHY.

CHAOS.

MASS
CRIMINALITY.

HE'S A WAR
HERO TURNED
RENEGADE--A
TRAITOR AND A
SOCIOPATH--

--AND I SUSPECT HIS
CROSS-DIMENSIONAL
DOPPLEGÄNGERS
AREN'T MUCH OF AN
IMPROVEMENT.

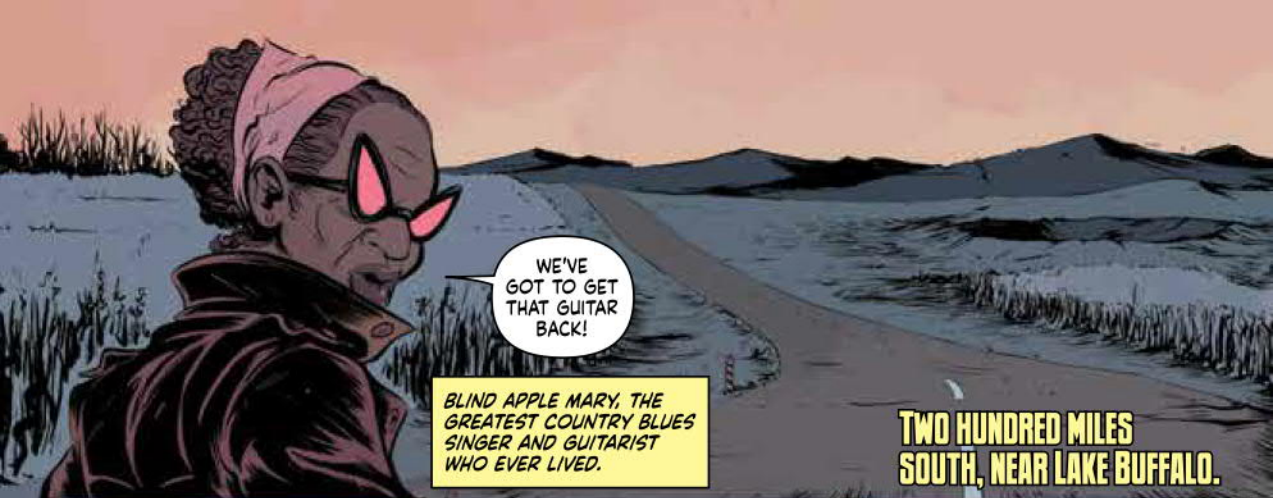
BUT
NONE OF THAT
MATTERS, MR.
PRESIDENT...

...NOW THAT
WE HAVE THE
GUITAR OF
BLIND APPLE
MARY.

BOB HAWK,
COMMISSIONER
OF THE UNITED
STATES POLICE.



COME
AGAIN?



WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT GUITAR BACK!

BLIND APPLE MARY, THE GREATEST COUNTRY BLUES SINGER AND GUITARIST WHO EVER LIVED.

TWO HUNDRED MILES SOUTH, NEAR LAKE BUFFALO.



HECK, YEAH! EVERYBODY LOAD UP!

WHICH WAY DID HAUK GO?

JACK BURTON, TRUCK DRIVER FROM 1987.

BIG BLIND APPLE MARY FAN.



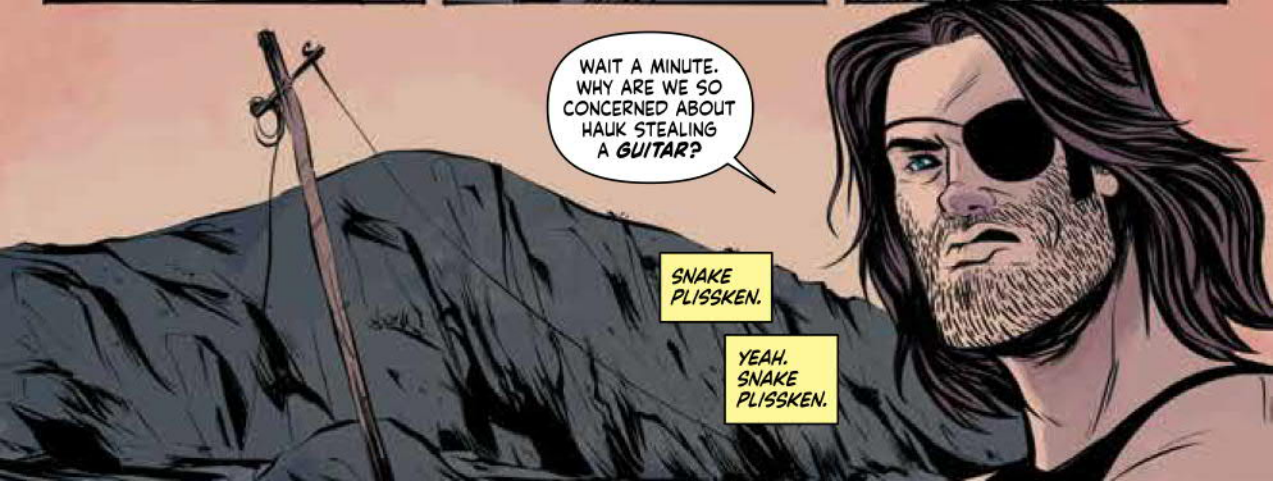
HELENE CHOW, UNITED STATES DEFENSE DEPARTMENT.

NORTH. HE SHOT THIS MARAUDER, STOLE HIS MOTORCYCLE.



LOOKS LIKE A FARM DOWN THE ROAD. WE CAN ASK THEM IF THEY SAW--

BOBBY LIU, LAST FEDERAL EMPLOYEE FROM THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST (AND HELENE'S HUSBAND).



WAIT A MINUTE. WHY ARE WE SO CONCERNED ABOUT HAUK STEALING A GUITAR?

SNAKE PLISSKEN.

YEAH. SNAKE PLISSKEN.



MARY JUST TOLD YOU, MAN! IT'S MAGIC!

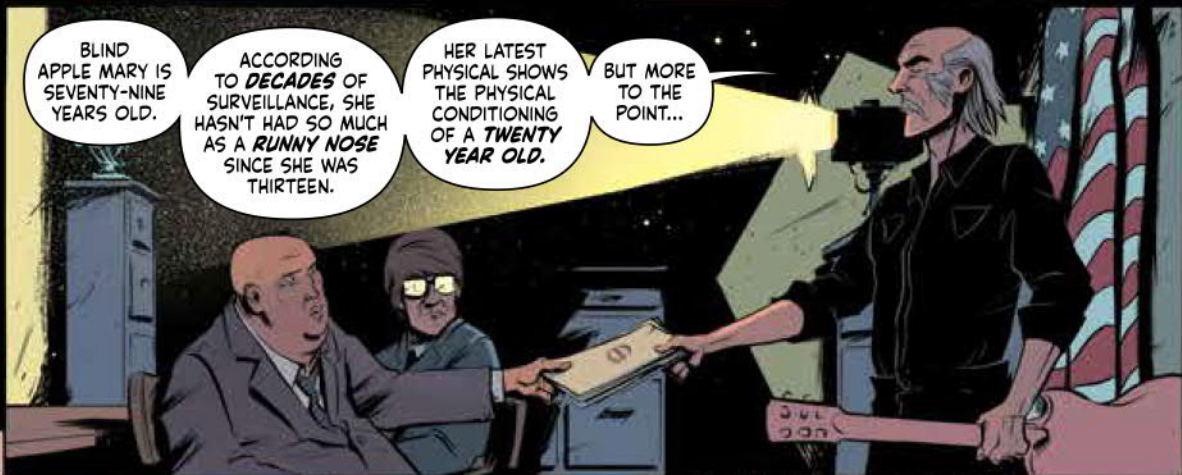
SO WHAT?

HE'LL STRUM US TO DEATH?

YOU'D BE SURPRISED.

I WAS ALWAYS THE BEST DAMN PLAYER ANYONE EVER HEARD. THE *GUITAR* DIDN'T GIVE ME THAT.

BUT... *THINGS* STARTED HAPPENING WHEN I GOT THAT THING.



BLIND APPLE MARY IS SEVENTY-NINE YEARS OLD.

ACCORDING TO *DECADES* OF SURVEILLANCE, SHE HASN'T HAD SO MUCH AS A *RUNNY NOSE* SINCE SHE WAS THIRTEEN.

HER LATEST PHYSICAL SHOWS THE PHYSICAL CONDITIONING OF A *TWENTY YEAR OLD*.

BUT MORE TO THE POINT...

I'VE BEEN CHEATED IN *BUSINESS* NINE TIMES.

CHEATED IN *LOVE* TWENTY-THREE.

AND ALL OF THEM CHEATERS ARE *DEAD*.





TWELVE OF THOSE POOR BASTARDS GOT *OSTEOPOROSIS*.

DEGENERATIVE BONE DISEASE. YOU KNOW HOW RARE THAT IS IN MEN?

BUT THAT'S NOT THE WORST OF IT.

GET THIS ON THE BIG SCREEN, GEORGE.

YES, SIR...



BEAUMONT, TEXAS, 1953.

WATCH CAREFULLY, NOW...



I HEARD IT WHEN I WAS PLAYING.

EVERYONE ELSE WOULD BE LAUGHING, SINGING, CRYING, FEELING THE MUSIC IN THAT GOOD WAY...



"...BUT THESE OL' BOYS WOULD BE GROANING AND MOANING WITH EVERY NOTE."