

TODAY IS YOUR LUCKY DAY.
MY NAME IS MARLINSPIKE. FINALLY WE MEET.



WUH--

SHHH. DON'T TRY TO SPEAK, AND DON'T SOIL YOUR PANTS.



YOUR BRAIN IS SWELLING RAPIDLY, BUT I'M GONNA HELP YA, JACK. YOU'RE GONNA LIVE.



YOU'RE GONNA LIVE A LONG TIME, IN FACT. I'VE GOT PLANS FOR YOU, YOUNG JACK.

BIG PLANS.



WELCOME TO--

ELECTION DAY IN AMERICA!

THIS IS **FIRE FIGHT**, YOUR SOURCE FOR HARD-HITTING ELECTION COVERAGE! I AM YOUR HOST, **CRICKET**, AND AS YOU CAN SEE--

THE BIG BOARD HAS BOTH CANDIDATES IN A **VIRTUAL TIE!**

THE BIG BOARD

CHARLOTTE PICKENS 46%
PATRIOT PARTY

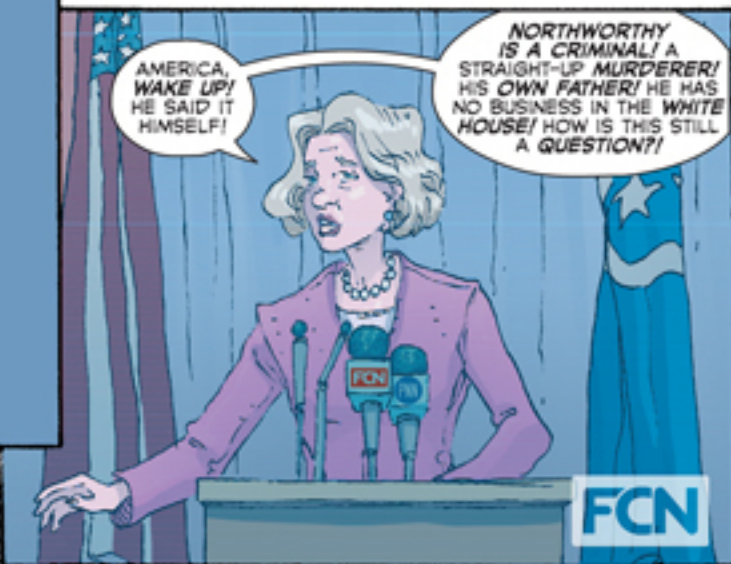
JACK NORTHWORTHY 46%
FREEDOM PARTY



BUT THAT WAS BEFORE THIS MORNING'S **SHOCKING CONFESSION--**

JACK NORTHWORTHY HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE **MURDER OF HIS OWN FATHER.**

HIS OPPONENT, CHARLOTTE PICKENS, HAD THIS TO SAY--



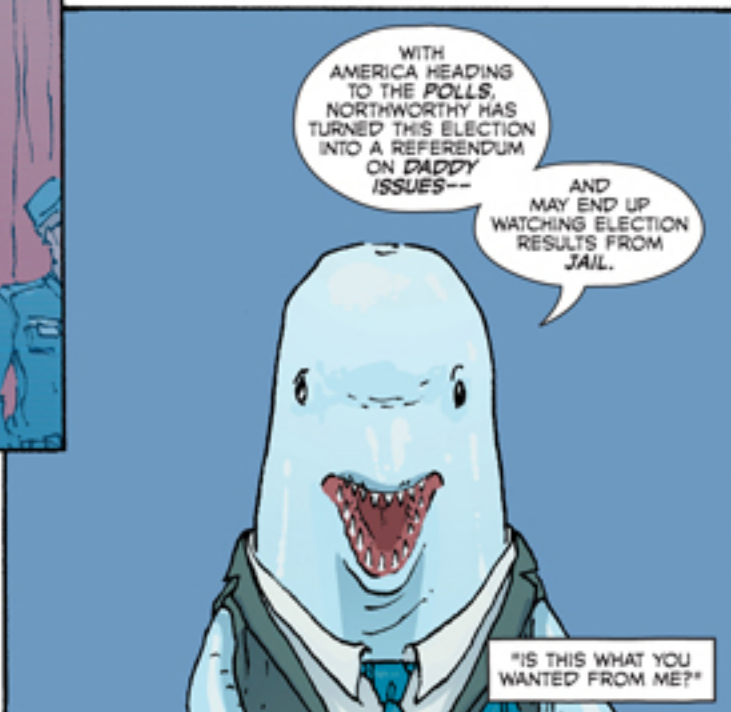
AMERICA, **WAKE UP!** HE SAID IT HIMSELF!

NORTHWORTHY IS A CRIMINAL! A STRAIGHT-UP MURDERER! HIS OWN FATHER! HE HAS NO BUSINESS IN THE WHITE HOUSE! HOW IS THIS STILL A QUESTION?!



THE POLICE HAD THIS TO SAY AFTERWARDS--

I'VE BEEN WANTING TO LOCK UP NORTHWORTHY FOR YEARS. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FAST ON THIS, **YOU BET.**



WITH AMERICA HEADING TO THE **POLLS**, NORTHWORTHY HAS TURNED THIS ELECTION INTO A REFERENDUM ON **DADDY ISSUES--**

AND MAY END UP WATCHING ELECTION RESULTS FROM **JAIL.**

"IS THIS WHAT YOU WANTED FROM ME?"



IN THE
END?
A DARK
ROOM, A
GUN, AND
NO WAY
OUT?



I JUST
WANTED TO
SHOW EVERYONE
WHO I REALLY
AM.

THIS
CAMPAIGN... I
THOUGHT I WAS
ESCAPING. I DIDN'T
KNOW IT WOULD
BECOME ANOTHER
PRISON.



ALL
THESE YEARS...
I THOUGHT YOU
WERE FROM HELL.
AND THIS WAS
EARTH.

BUT THAT'S
WRONG, ISN'T
IT?



BECAUSE
THERE IS NO
DIFFERENCE. WE'RE
ALL TRAPPED IN A HELL
OF OUR OWN MAKING.
AND THERE IS NO
ESCAPE.



EVEN
FOR YOU,
MARLINSPIKE.

THE
COPS WILL
BE HERE
SOON.

I-I
CAN'T GO
TO JAIL...I
C-CAN'T--

WILL YOU...
MAKE SURE THE
WOLVES ARE
TAKEN CARE OF?
PLEASE?

OKAY.

JACK!

