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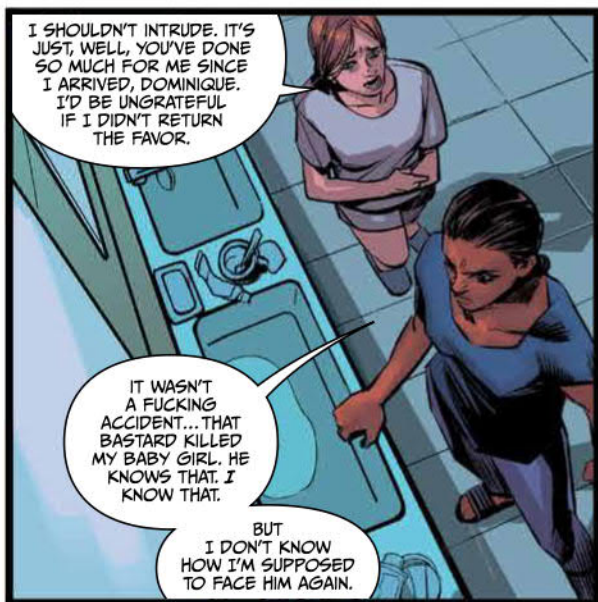
THWACK



I HEARD PENN'S TRIAL STARTS THIS WEEK.

MMHMM.

ARE YOU OKAY?



I SHOULDN'T INTRUDE. IT'S JUST, WELL, YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH FOR ME SINCE I ARRIVED, DOMINIQUE. I'D BE UNGRATEFUL IF I DIDN'T RETURN THE FAVOR.

IT WASN'T A FUCKING ACCIDENT... THAT BASTARD KILLED MY BABY GIRL. HE KNOWS THAT. I KNOW THAT.

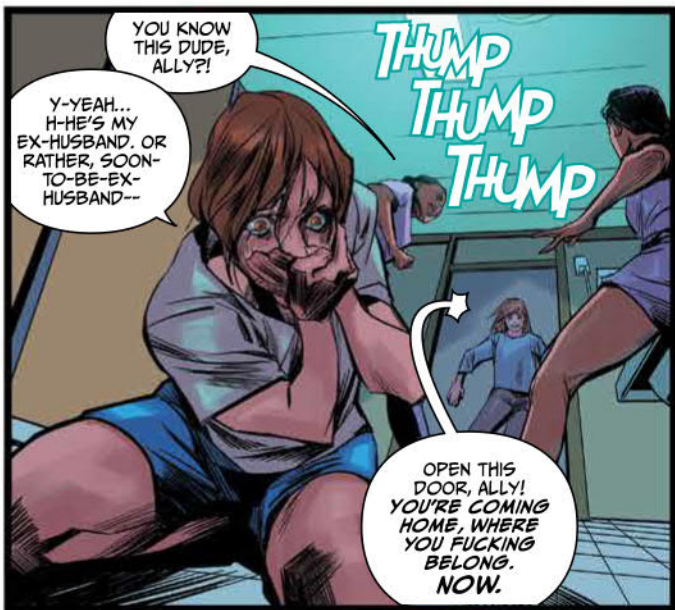
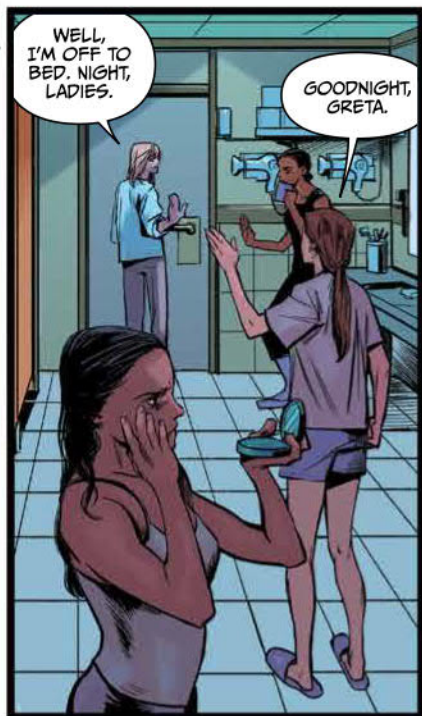
BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW I'M SUPPOSED TO FACE HIM AGAIN.



IF YOU NEED ANYTHING--AND I MEAN ANYTHING--JUST ASK ME, OKAY?

YOU GOT A NUMBER FOR A GOOD HITMAN?







AAAAAAAAAAAA!

ALLY!



OOF!

CRACK



ALLY?
OH GOD, I
DIDN'T... I
NEVER...

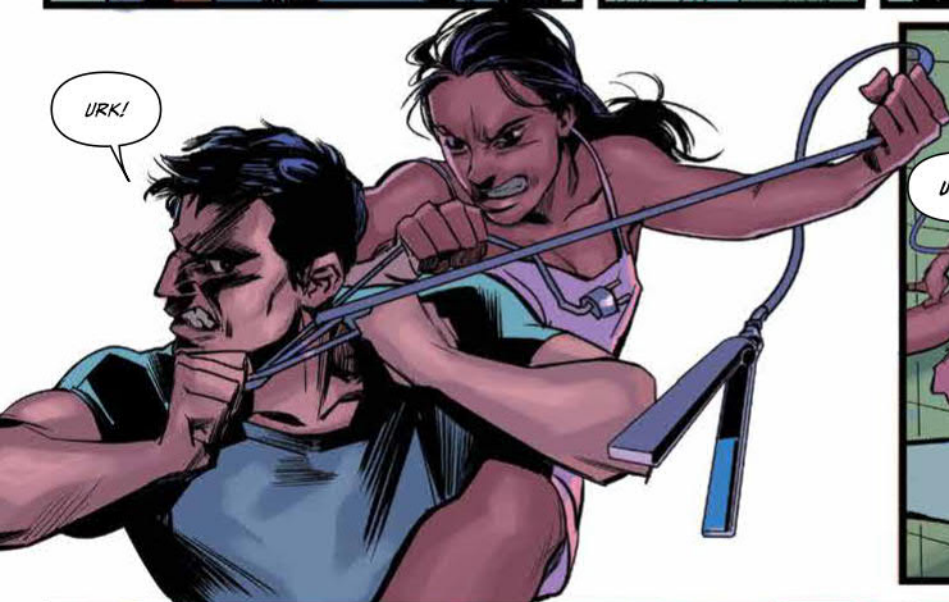
YOU SHOT
HER, YOU
ASSHOLE!

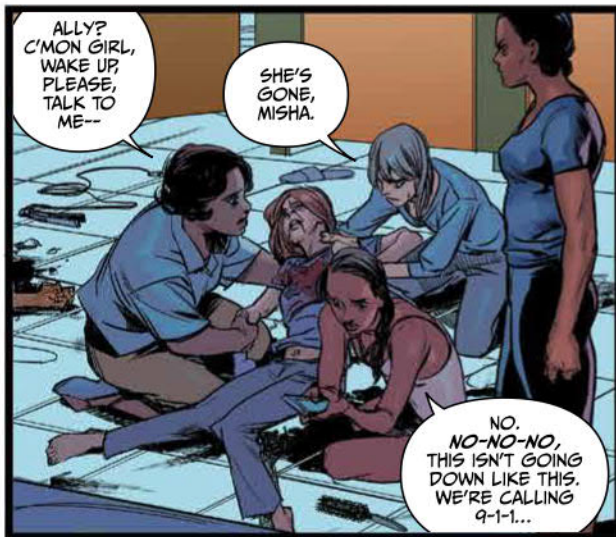
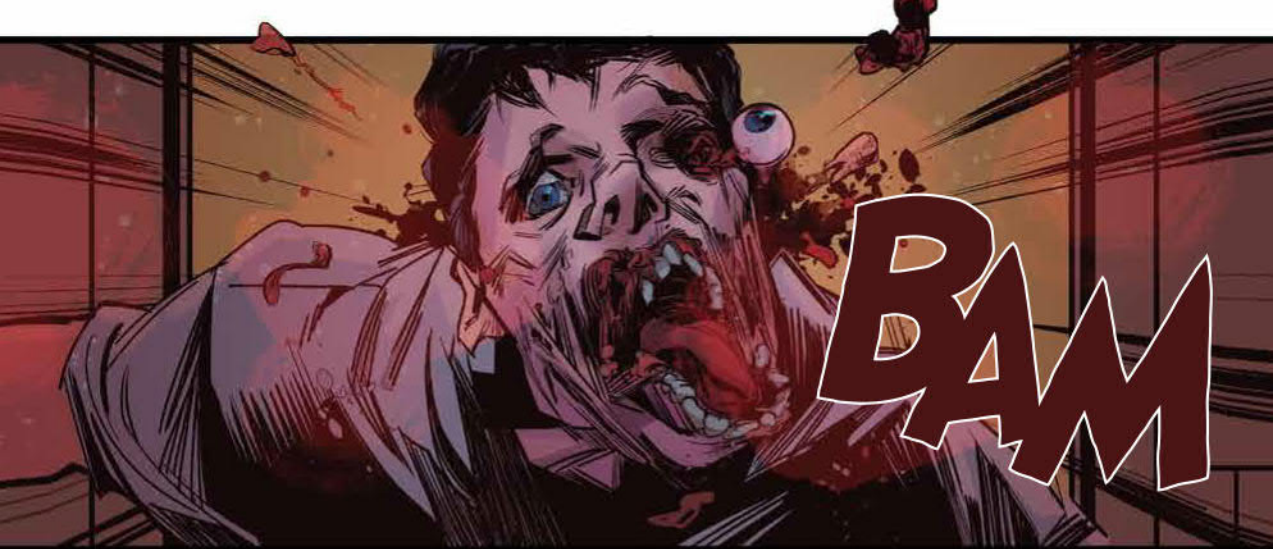
I DIDN'T
MEAN TO
HURT HER!



THAT'S
WHAT ALL YOU
BASTARDS SAY.







"MY BROTHER,
ELI."

SO MUCH
FOR BEING
MOM AND DAD'S
PERFECT CHILD,
GRETA.

IT WAS AN
ACCIDENT.

A 9MM
BULLET AT
POINT BLANK
RANGE IS RARELY
AN ACCIDENT.
WHEN YOU PULL
THE TRIGGER AT
THAT RANGE,
YOU'RE MAKING
A CHOICE.



SO HE
SHOT THE
GIRL. WHO
SHOT
HIM?

BETTER
HIM THAN YOU,
SWEETIE.

HER
NAME IS
MISHA.

FINE.
MISHA.

OKAY, SO
HERE'S HOW
WE'RE GOING
TO HANDLE
THIS MESS.





THE NEXT MORNING.

THANKS FOR WAITING SO PATIENTLY, MRS. REYES--

IT'S MISS.



HOW WELL DID YOU KNOW ALLY SCHAFFER, MISS REYES?



NOT VERY WELL, TO BE HONEST. ALLY WAS... QUIET, AND PREFERRED TO KEEP TO HERSELF.

MAY I ASK WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR NOSE, MISS KING? THAT INJURY LOOKS RECENT.



IS THIS DECAF? IT'S GROSS.

MISS CHE, IF YOU DON'T MIND STAYING ON TOPIC?

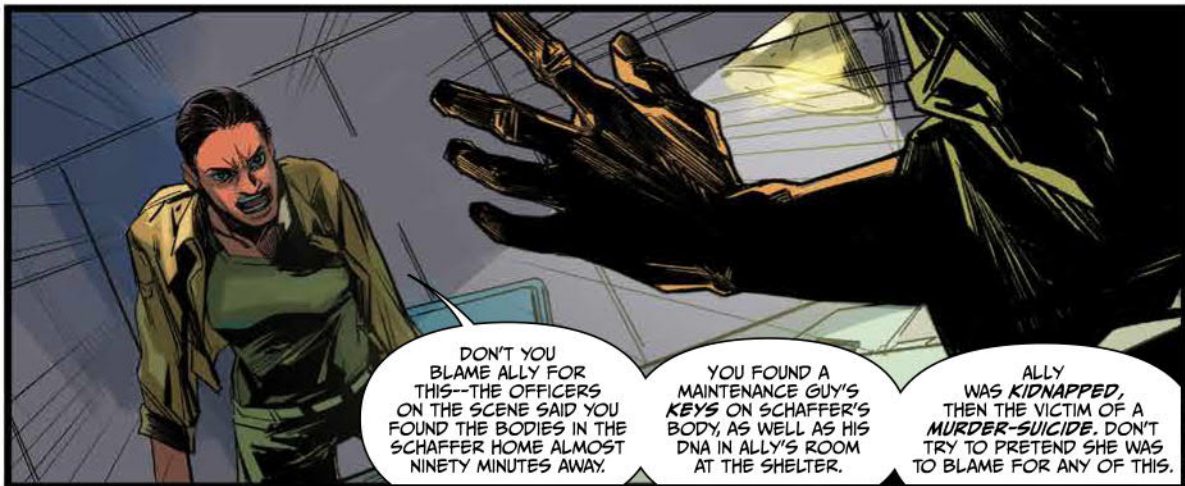
FINE. LIKE I SAID, THAT GIRL'S CLUMSY. GRETA TRIPPED AND FACE-PLANTED RIGHT INTO THE BATHROOM DOOR. AY AY AY, I WISH I HAD IT ON CAMERA FOR SNAP--

AND THIS WAS BEFORE OR AFTER YOU DISCOVERED MRS. SCHAFFER WAS MISSING?



AFTERWARDS... WE PANICKED WHEN WE FOUND ALLY'S ROOM EMPTY. SHE WASN'T FOOL ENOUGH TO RUN OFF WITH A MAN LIKE THAT.

MRS. SCHAFFER DID MARRY MR. SCHAFFER IN THE FIRST PLACE, MA'AM.



DON'T YOU
BLAME ALLY FOR
THIS--THE OFFICERS
ON THE SCENE SAID YOU
FOUND THE BODIES IN THE
SCHAFFER HOME ALMOST
NINETY MINUTES AWAY.

YOU FOUND A
MAINTENANCE GUY'S
KEYS ON SCHAFFER'S
BODY, AS WELL AS HIS
DNA IN ALLY'S ROOM
AT THE SHELTER.

ALLY
WAS **KIDNAPPED**,
THEN THE VICTIM OF A
MURDER-SUICIDE. DON'T
TRY TO PRETEND SHE WAS
TO BLAME FOR ANY OF THIS.



SHE'S
LYING.

OF COURSE
DOMINIQUE IS
LYING, DAD. IT'S
ALL THE WOMAN
EVER DOES.

SHE LIED TO
ME ABOUT HER
PAST, SHE LIED
ABOUT THE CRASH
THAT KILLED HER
DAUGHTER--

YOU TOLD ME
YOU WERE GOING THE
SPEED LIMIT. DOMINIQUE WAS
UPSET, SO YOU FOLLOWED
THE GIRLS HOME TO MAKE
SURE THEY ARRIVED
SAFELY.



I WAS.

THAT'S
NOT WHAT THE
DEPARTMENT'S ACCIDENT
RECONSTRUCTIONIST
TOLD ME.



THE ONLY THING I KNOW FOR
SURE IS THAT **SOMEONE** IS
LYING TO ME ABOUT WHAT
HAPPENED ON THE ROAD
THAT NIGHT.

AND IT HAD
BETTER NOT
BE YOU.

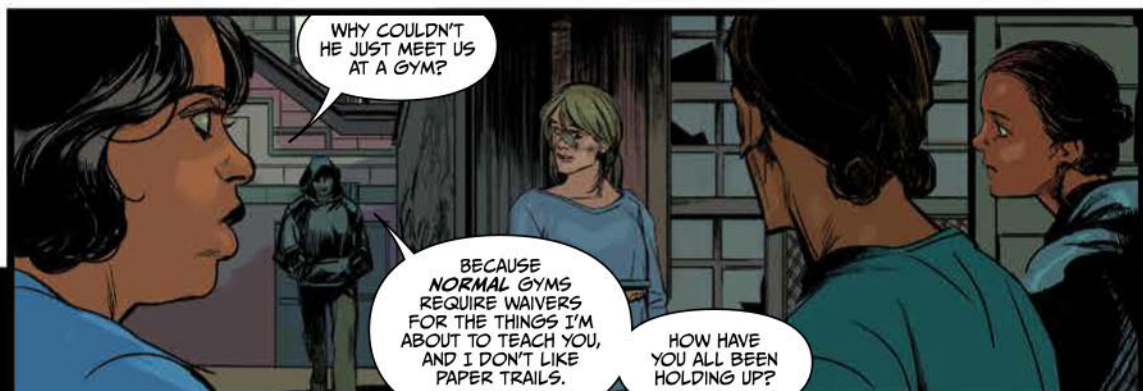




WHAT ARE WE
EVEN *DOING*
HERE?

I ASKED
ELI TO TEACH US
HOW TO DEFEND
OURSELVES. THOUGHT
IT MIGHT BE SMART
AFTER WHAT
HAPPENED
TO ALLY.

WE'RE
STANDING ON TOP OF
THE GPS COORDINATES HE
PROVIDED. *UGH*, HE *KNOWS*
HOW MUCH I HATE
GEOCACHING...



WHY COULDN'T
HE JUST MEET US
AT A GYM?

BECAUSE
NORMAL GYMS
REQUIRE WAIVERS
FOR THE THINGS I'M
ABOUT TO TEACH YOU,
AND I DON'T LIKE
PAPER TRAILS.

HOW HAVE
YOU ALL BEEN
HOLDING UP?



WE WATCHED
A WOMAN GET
MURDERED THREE
DAYS AGO, ELI. I
THINK IT'S SAFE
TO SAY WE'RE
NOT OKAY.

LEAST
WE'RE
NOT IN
JAIL.

OR IN A
GRAVE.



SORRY WE
HAVE TO MEET SO
LATE--I HAVE OTHER,
UH, *CLIENTS* THAT USE
THIS SPACE DURING
THE DAY.

WHOA.

...WHAT
KIND OF
CLIENTS ARE WE
TALKING ABOUT,
EXACTLY?

ELI?