

PALM HARBOR,
FLORIDA.

YOU WANT
SWEETENER,
DETECTIVE
DEMAKOS?

YEAH,
ANYTHING
BUT THE PINK
STUFF.



IT'S LATE,
ALL THEY **HAVE** IS
PINK STUFF.

FIGURES.
THANKS,
LIEUTENANT.

SO, I WAS
FOLLOWING UP
ON THE PARKS
CASE.



"THE JUNKIE
CONTORTIONIST
AT HANFORD
HOUSE?"

"THAT'S THE ONE.
GOT THE REPORT
BACK."



WELL, NOT
TO BE CRUEL,
BUT HE **WAS**
A JUNKIE.

THAT'S THE
THING, LIEUTENANT.
M.E. SAYS HE WAS
DEAD **CLEAN** FOR
MONTHS, MAYBE
A YEAR.

AND THE LATERAL
INCISION
ON HIS
HAND?

MADE BY
A **SCALPEL**,
MOST LIKELY.

ANOTHER
THING, WITNESSES
SAY HE WAS TALKING
TO A REPORTER.

ABOUT THOSE
MUELLER PEOPLE.
YOU KNOW, WITH THE
CELEBRITIES?

LOTTA
RECENT CORPSES
'ROUND HERE KEEP
PULLING THAT
THREAD.

A SCALPEL. LIKE, FROM A
SURGEON?



YES,
LIEUTENANT.

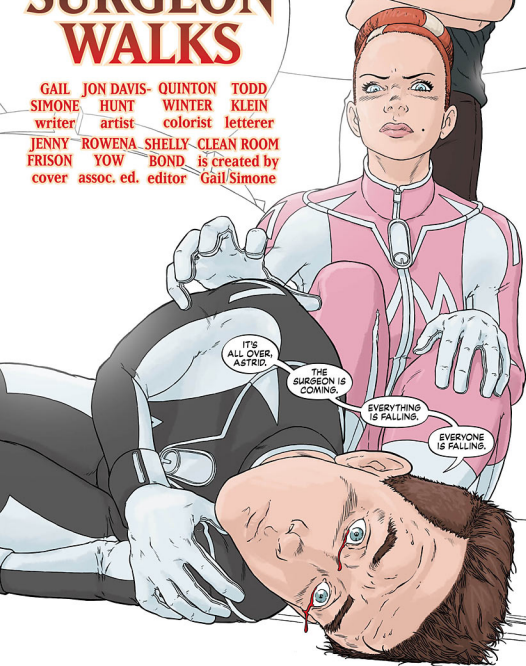
"JUNKIE VICTIM OR NOT,
WE MIGHT HAVE OURSELVES
A NEW JACK THE RIPPER."

THE CLEAN ROOM,
CHICAGO.

THE SURGEON WALKS

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IT'S
ALL OVER,
ASTRID.

THE
SURGEON IS
COMING.

EVERYTHING
IS FALLING.

EVERYONE
IS FALLING.



