

THINGS AIN'T GOING SO WELL HERE IN THE BIG CITY.

MURDER, DECEPTION, MONSTERS, AND SECRET SOCIETIES... I'M FINALLY STARTIN' TO SEE ALL THE PIECES OF THE PRECINCT'S LATEST CASE...

AND FROM WHERE I'M STANDING?

IT'S STARTING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE A TRAP. THE KIND NO ONE WALKS AWAY FROM WHOEVER'S BEHIND THIS HAS THEIR DIRTY HANDS IN EVERY STINKIN' PIE.



SOMETHING BIG'S GOING DOWN, AND OL' MORT'S GOT A FEELING WE'RE ABOUT TO SEE THE WORST OF IT.

THE ALCHEMY ACADEMY, NOW.

WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED, I THINK IT'S BEST FOR YOU TO ABANDON YOUR OPERATION ASSISTING THE PRECINCT, ALCOLYTE WINTERS.

Y-YES...IF THAT IS WHAT'S BEST, ARCH DUKE. MY PLACE IS WITH THE ACADEMY.

EXCELLENT, MY CHILD. WE NEED YOUR EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP NOW MORE THAN EVER. I'LL TELL THEM YOU ARE THROUGH.

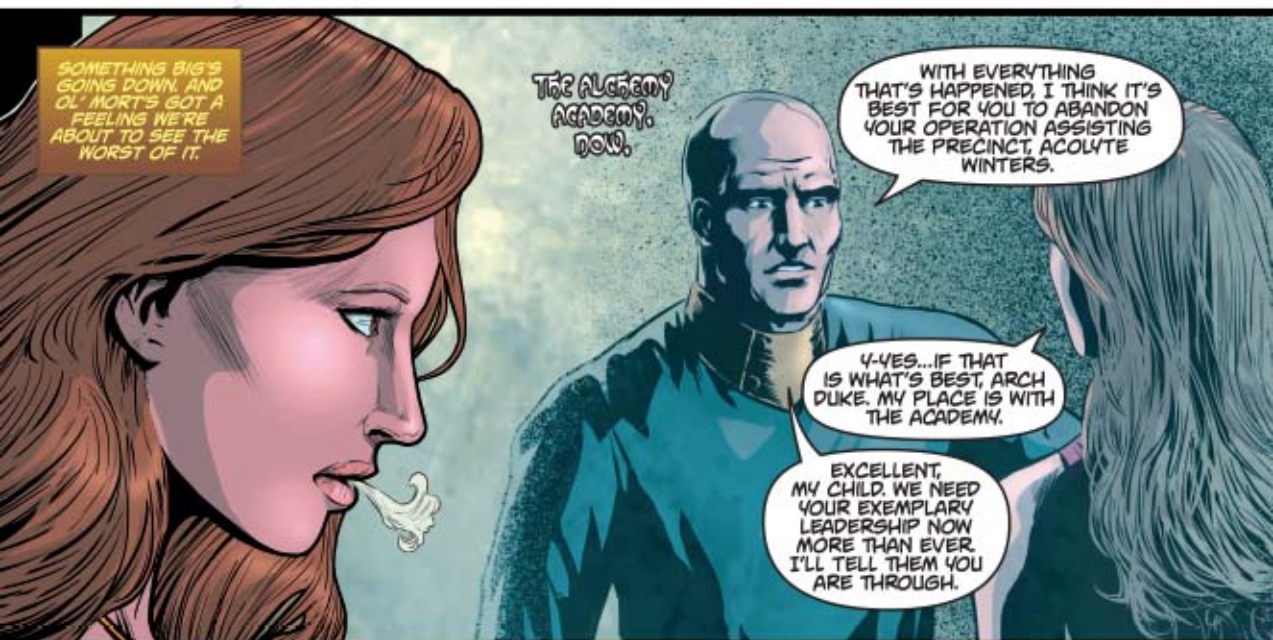
"I'M SURE YOU'RE QUITE HAPPY TO BE FREE OF THAT REPULSIVE OFFICER."


YOU GOTTA REALIZE, WINTERS -- THIS AIN'T JUST A JOB FOR ME. IT'S MY LIFE. I CLEAN UP ALL THE DARK SO THE NORMAL FOLKS DON'T GOTTA SEE IT. IT NEVER ENDS.

"YOU DON'T EVER STOP OUR KIND? WE NEVER GET A SUNSET."

DAMMIT... HE'S RIGHT.

I CAN'T WALK AWAY. NOT NOW.






EXCUSE ME, SIR? I WANTED TO DISCUSS MY RESIGNATION FROM THE PRECINCT. I DON'T THINK IT'S WISE--



HMMM. MUST'VE HEADED OUT...



YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT YOUR MASTERS, DO YOU, ACOLYTE? MAYBE YOU SHOULD ASK THEM ABOUT THEIR SECRETS SOME TIME.



I SUPPOSE THERE'S NO HARM IN LOOKING AROUND FOR JUST A MOMENT...





**SLAM**

THIS MAY COME AS A SURPRISE...

...BUT I'VE BEEN IN A LOTTA FIGHTS.

UNGH!



THINGS IS, THAT NO MATTER WHO YOU'RE FIGHTING...

THEY'RE ALL THE SAME.



GET 'EM! KICK HIS ASS!

FIGHTIN' IS ALL ABOUT GUTS. WILLING TO GO FURTHER THAN WHOEVER'S BEATIN' ON YOU...



...AND USING EVERYTHING TO YOUR ADVANTAGE. ESPECIALLY YOUR SURROUNDINGS.

THAT ALL YA GOT, BIG BOY?



BRICKS  
AIN'T REALLY  
SO BAD. WHY  
DON'T YOU  
SEE FOR  
YERSELF?

KRSMASH



WHOOPS.  
THAT LOOKS  
LIKE IT  
MIGHT'VE LEFT  
A MARK.



AARRROOOOO!



NO NEED TO  
CRY ABOUT IT, YA  
BIG BABY. GUESS  
I'LL HAVE TO SHUT  
YOU UP.