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*This is Dan Clover.*

*His current altitude is twenty-six thousand feet, but he's feeling much higher than that.*

*At a mere 25 years old, he's the head of his own startup public relations firm, ALeaf, and he and his staff are basking in the success of their very first PR jaunt.*

*He received this bottle of champagne when he graduated from college and has been saving it for just such a special occasion.*

*He's been dreaming of popping that cork for ages.*

*Along those same lines, Dan has a huge crush on this girl, Threnody Dark.*

*She's got a sharp eye for graphic design, but that's just one of her many talents.*

*For example: Back home in Dallas, she's the keyboardist for an all-girl Joy Division cover band called Curtis Interruptus.*

*But, let's be honest, you probably guessed that just by looking at her.*



*This is Violet Crumbull. She handles media and... other relations.*

*She also happens to be dating Dan's half-brother, Kade Clover.*

*At the moment, she's both fully clothed and totally sober, a rare combination.*



*And this is Rhett Cross, the winsome public face of 4Leaf.*

*He's good at shaking hands and kissing babies and only rarely does it the other way around.*

*His current altitude is twenty-three thousand feet.*



*Unbeknownst to our heroes, there are several important things that aren't working on this flight.*

*One is Dan's cell phone.*

*Another is Violet's birth control.*



*And last but not least, there's this guy...*

# The Pilot

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*It may also bear mentioning  
that they're all on a  
chartered dragon flight.*



# Dallas, Texas.

*A month ago, that would have seemed crazy to Dan, too.*

**A month ago.**

CRAZY.

*The invitation to his father's 50th birthday party had included two plane tickets and a handwritten note suggesting that Dan bring his "special someone."*

*And while that role had been standing vacant for some time, there was one person in his office that he desperately hoped would fill it.*

YOU WANNA TALK ABOUT CRAZY, DAN-O?

YOU FUCKIN' MISSED IT, MAN. I JUST FIT ELEVEN KOLACHES IN MY MOUTH AT ONCE.

*Gary Crantz, despite his obvious charms, was not that person.*

IT'S HIS PERSONAL BEST IN THE "SMALL PHALLUSES INSERTED ORALLY" CATEGORY.

CONGRATULATIONS?

*And though Tim Stern benefitted from the comparison, he wasn't really Dan's type either.*

*No, Dan had one very specific co-worker in mind...*



...And the small matter of a ticking clock to overcome.

DUDE, IT'S THAT HOT INTERN'S LAST DAY HERE. WHATSOEVER, TRINITY?

RIGHT. LIKE IN THE TITLE OF THE THIRD BLADE MOVIE.

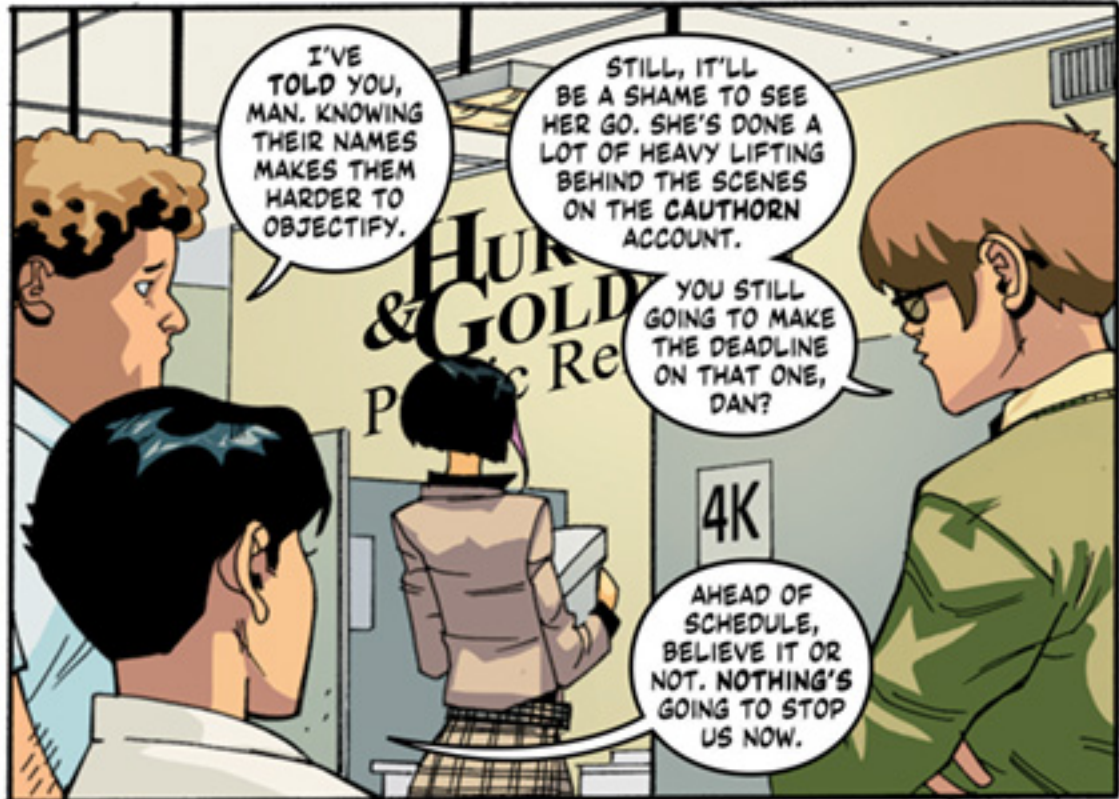
OR THE TITULAR CHICK IN THE SECOND MATRIX MOVIE.

AGAIN, THAT'S NOT WHAT "TITULAR" MEANS.

GUYS...

"...IT'S 'THRENODY.' IT'S ALWAYS BEEN 'THRENODY.'"

Dan had been harboring a crush on Threnody since the first time they'd met, and it had only been intensified by an extended flirtation at the office's Christmas winter holiday party.

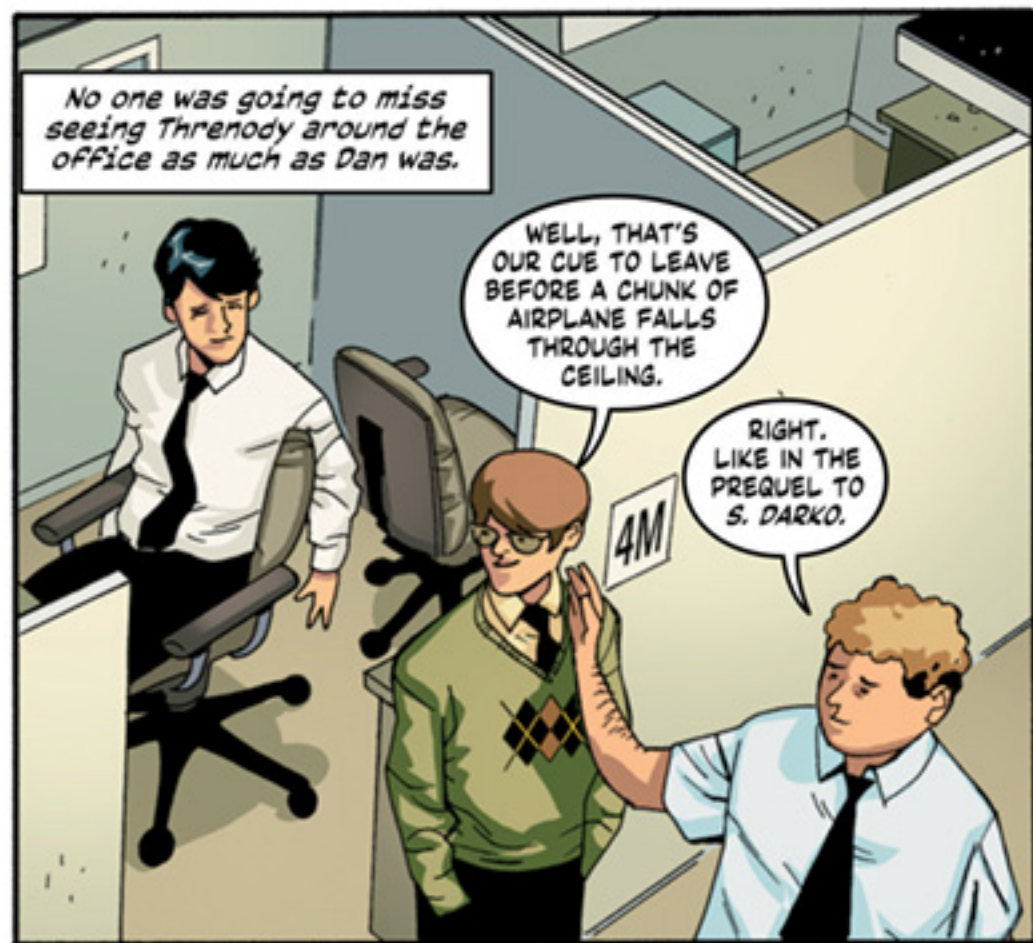


I'VE TOLD YOU, MAN. KNOWING THEIR NAMES MAKES THEM HARDER TO OBJECTIFY.

STILL, IT'LL BE A SHAME TO SEE HER GO. SHE'S DONE A LOT OF HEAVY LIFTING BEHIND THE SCENES ON THE CAUTHORN ACCOUNT.

YOU STILL GOING TO MAKE THE DEADLINE ON THAT ONE, DAN?

AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, BELIEVE IT OR NOT. NOTHING'S GOING TO STOP US NOW.



No one was going to miss seeing Threnody around the office as much as Dan was.

WELL, THAT'S OUR CUE TO LEAVE BEFORE A CHUNK OF AIRPLANE FALLS THROUGH THE CEILING.

RIGHT. LIKE IN THE PREQUEL TO S. DARKO.



Since the party, he'd been trying to muster up the courage to ask her on a date.

The right opportunity, he maintained, just hadn't yet presented itself.

HEY THERE, DAN. WANT A DATE?