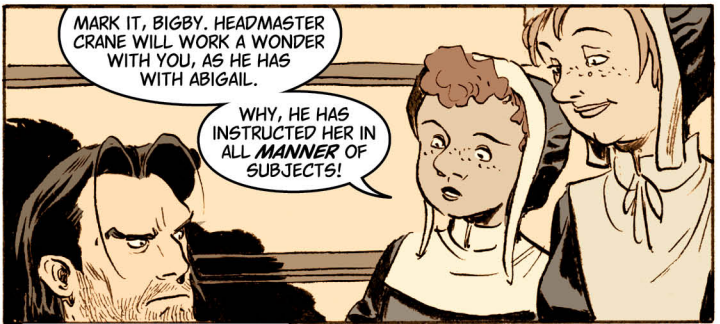






ENOUGH OF THIS. HE IS SIMPLE. I WERE NOT BRED TO TALK TO DOLTS.



MARK IT, BIGBY. HEADMASTER CRANE WILL WORK A WONDER WITH YOU, AS HE HAS WITH ABIGAIL.

WHY. HE HAS INSTRUCTED HER IN ALL MANNER OF SUBJECTS!



COME YOU, MERCY. LET US LEAVE MISTER BIGBY IN PEACE. I FEAR HE IS NOT NICE COMPANY.

WAIT. I--



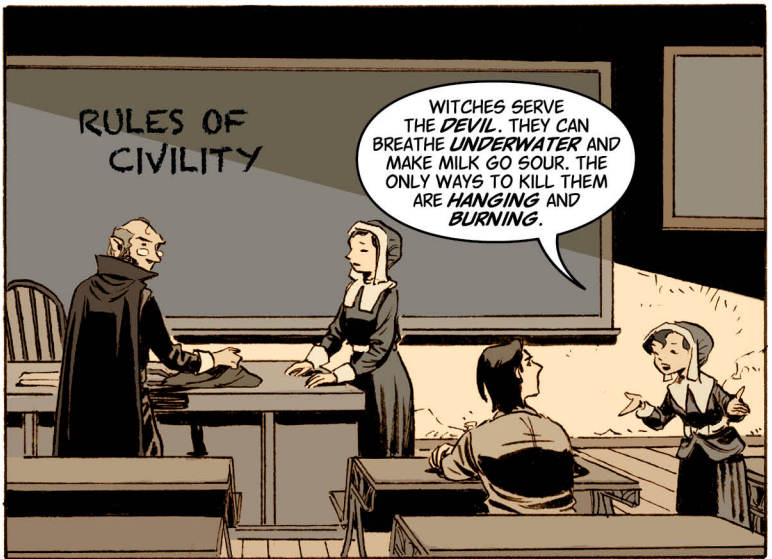
HELLO. MY NAME'S BETTY. MY FATHER IS REVEREND PARRIS. I'M TEN. I HAVE A CAT. HIS NAME IS ABEDNEGO.

I SEE.



I WOULD TAKE CARE WITH THOSE GIRLS. I HEARD THEM SPEAKING OF WITCHCRAFT. DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WITCHES?

A THING OR TWO, YES.



WITCHES SERVE THE DEVIL. THEY CAN BREATHE UNDERWATER AND MAKE MILK GO SOUR. THE ONLY WAYS TO KILL THEM ARE HANGING AND BURNING.



I KILLED A WITCH ONCE. I TORE HER THROAT OUT WITH MY TEETH.

SHE SEEMED TO HAVE NO TROUBLE IN DYING.

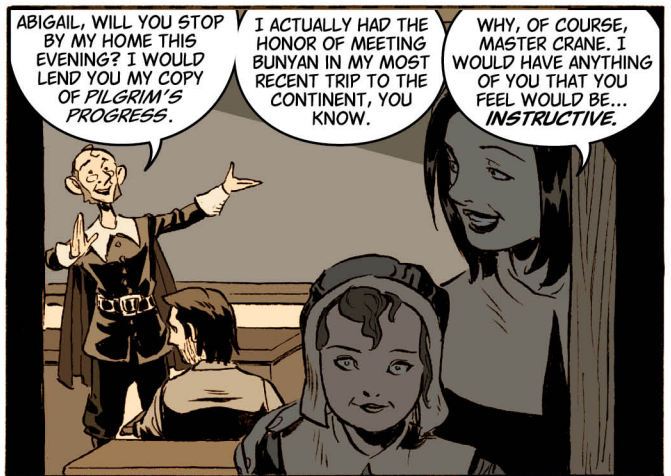
THAT WERE LUCKY.





RUN ALONG NOW, BETTY. GIVE YOUR GOOD REVEREND FATHER MY REGARDS.

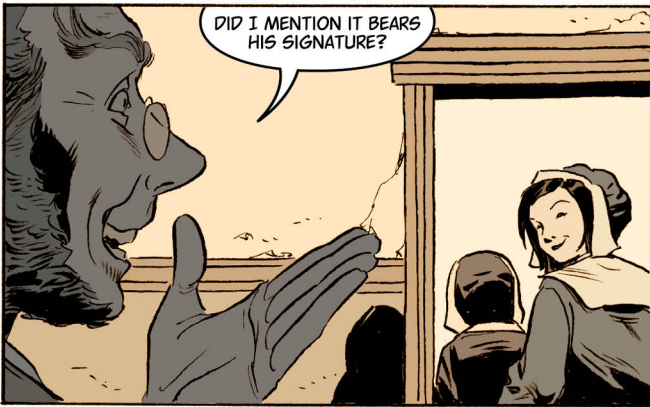
GOOD DAY TO YOU!



ABIGAIL, WILL YOU STOP BY MY HOME THIS EVENING? I WOULD LEND YOU MY COPY OF PILGRIM'S PROGRESS.

I ACTUALLY HAD THE HONOR OF MEETING BUNYAN IN MY MOST RECENT TRIP TO THE CONTINENT, YOU KNOW.

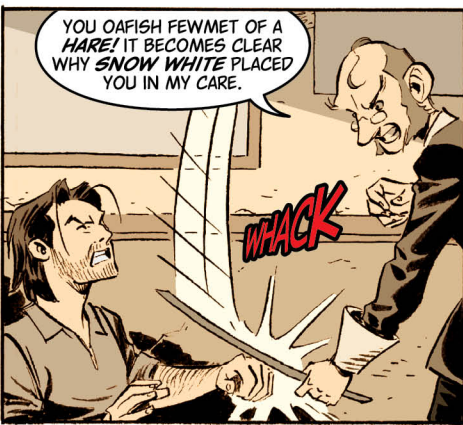
WHY, OF COURSE, MASTER CRANE. I WOULD HAVE ANYTHING OF YOU THAT YOU FEEL WOULD BE... INSTRUCTIVE.



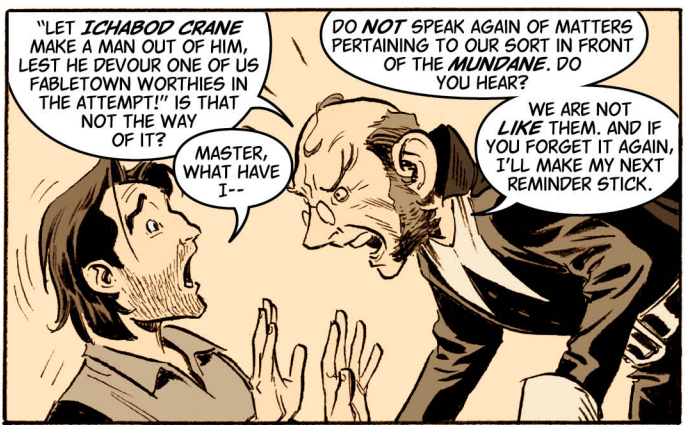
DID I MENTION IT BEARS HIS SIGNATURE?



AH, A MOST RARE DAMSEL IS MY ABIGAIL.



YOU OAFISH FEWMET OF A HARE! IT BECOMES CLEAR WHY SNOW WHITE PLACED YOU IN MY CARE.



"LET ICHABOD CRANE MAKE A MAN OUT OF HIM, LEST HE DEVOUR ONE OF US FABLETOWN WORTHIES IN THE ATTEMPT!" IS THAT NOT THE WAY OF IT?

DO NOT SPEAK AGAIN OF MATTERS PERTAINING TO OUR SORT IN FRONT OF THE MUNDANE. DO YOU HEAR?

MASTER, WHAT HAVE I--

WE ARE NOT LIKE THEM. AND IF YOU FORGET IT AGAIN, I'LL MAKE MY NEXT REMINDER STICK.



AYE, MASTER CRANE.