

YOU WANT TO KNOW
THE WORST THING?

I LOVE THIS
CITY. I REALLY
DO.



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PEOPLE CAN TALK ABOUT HOW GILIANI TURNED THE WHOLE DAMN PLACE INTO A THEME PARK, AND THAT THE HARD EDGES WERE SHAVED OFF PIECE BY PIECE UNTIL THE WHOLE CITY FELT AS SOFT AS BLOODY NERF...

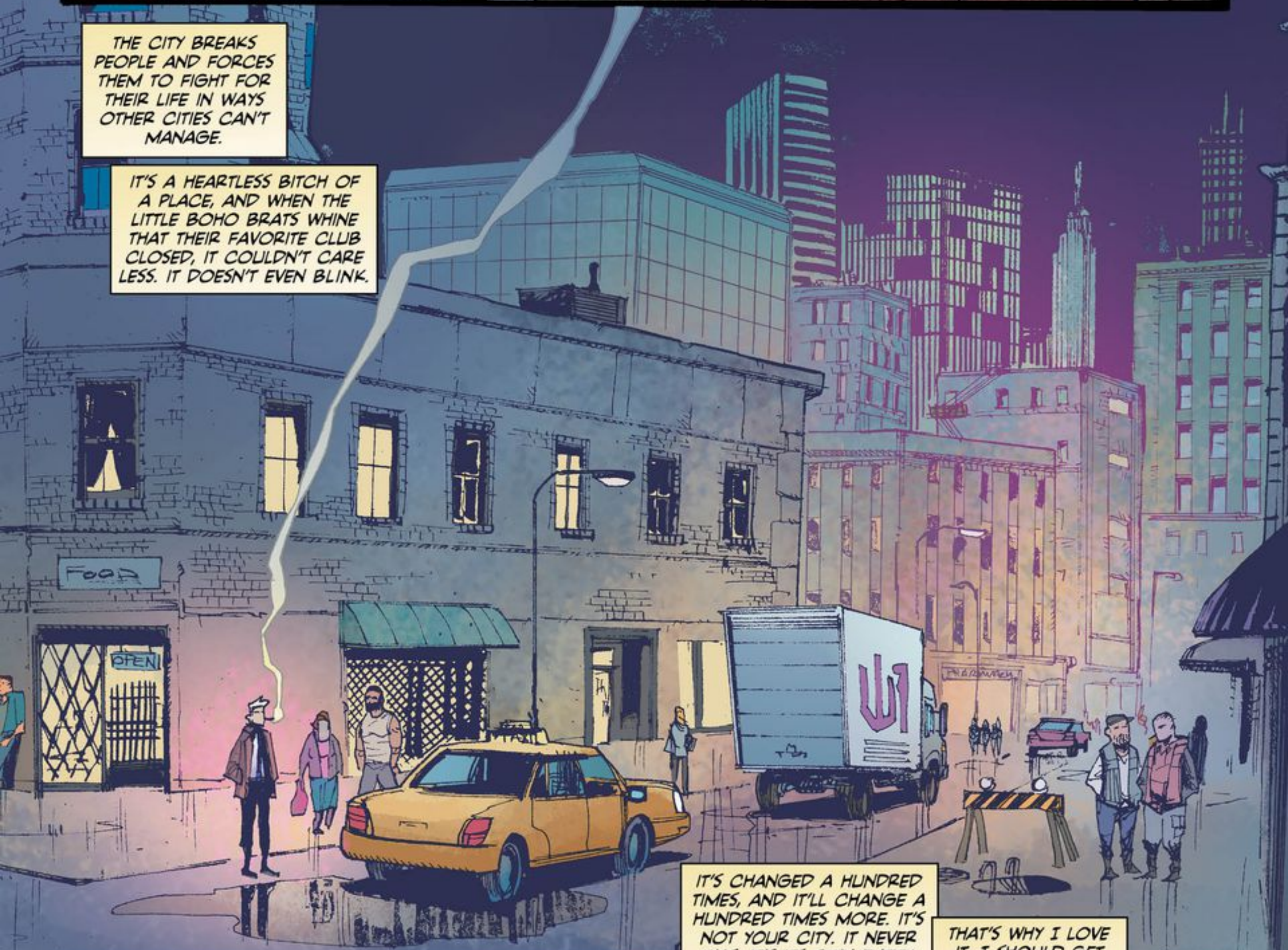
...BUT THOSE FOLKS HAVEN'T GOTTEN INTO A FISTFIGHT WITH AN OFF-BRAND ELMO IN TIMES SQUARE, THEY HAVEN'T DANCED IN A WAREHOUSE UNTIL THEIR HEAD WAS THROBBING AT SIX IN THE MORNING, THEY'VE NEVER FELT THE STRANGE WAY SOMETHING CAN HAPPEN IN THE CITY AND IN MINUTES IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT IT.



THIS PLACE IS WEIRD ON A LEVEL THAT NO OTHER CITY CAN TOUCH. IT'S ALIVE. IT HAS A STRANGE TWISTED SOUL. IT'S DARK AND BLACK AND CRACKED AROUND THE EDGES.

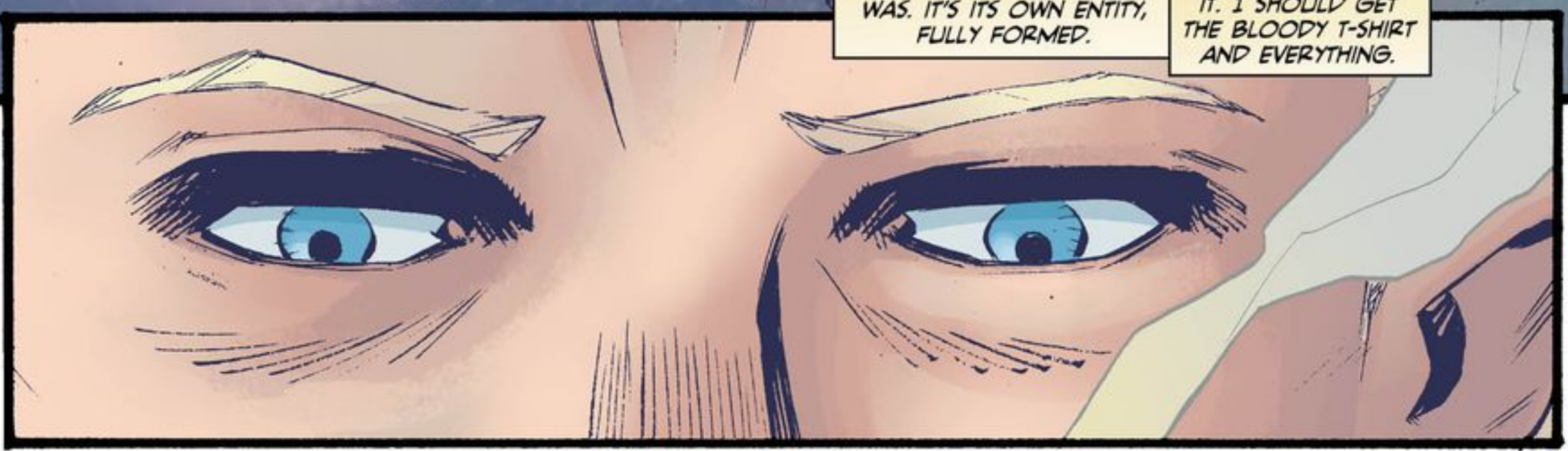
THE CITY BREAKS PEOPLE AND FORCES THEM TO FIGHT FOR THEIR LIFE IN WAYS OTHER CITIES CAN'T MANAGE.


IT'S A HEARTLESS BITCH OF A PLACE, AND WHEN THE LITTLE BOHO BRATS WHINE THAT THEIR FAVORITE CLUB CLOSED, IT COULDN'T CARE LESS. IT DOESN'T EVEN BLINK.




IT'S CHANGED A HUNDRED TIMES, AND IT'LL CHANGE A HUNDRED TIMES MORE. IT'S NOT YOUR CITY. IT NEVER WAS. IT'S ITS OWN ENTITY, FULLY FORMED.

THAT'S WHY I LOVE IT. I SHOULD GET THE BLOODY T-SHIRT AND EVERYTHING.






OPPORTUNISTS CAN COME, THEY CAN TRY TO FORCE THE CITY TO PLAY BY THEIR RULES...BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER. NEW YORK DOESN'T HAVE RULES. NEW YORK DOESN'T HAVE STRUCTURE.



AND DEEP DOWN, IT WANTS US TO FIGHT. IT WANTS TO CHANGE. SO, HERE I AM, TAKING A STAND. NOT FOR THE SOUL OF THE CITY OR SOMETHING IDIOTIC...

...NOT BECAUSE I CARE...THAT'S JUST TRITE. LET NERON AND THE DEMONS TEAR THE WORLD APART, I'LL MAKE MY OWN PLACE.




BUT THEY JUST HAD TO MAKE IT PERSONAL. THEY HAD TO CUT DEEP.

DON'T DRINK TOO MUCH, LUV.
I'LL BE BACK IN A JIFF.

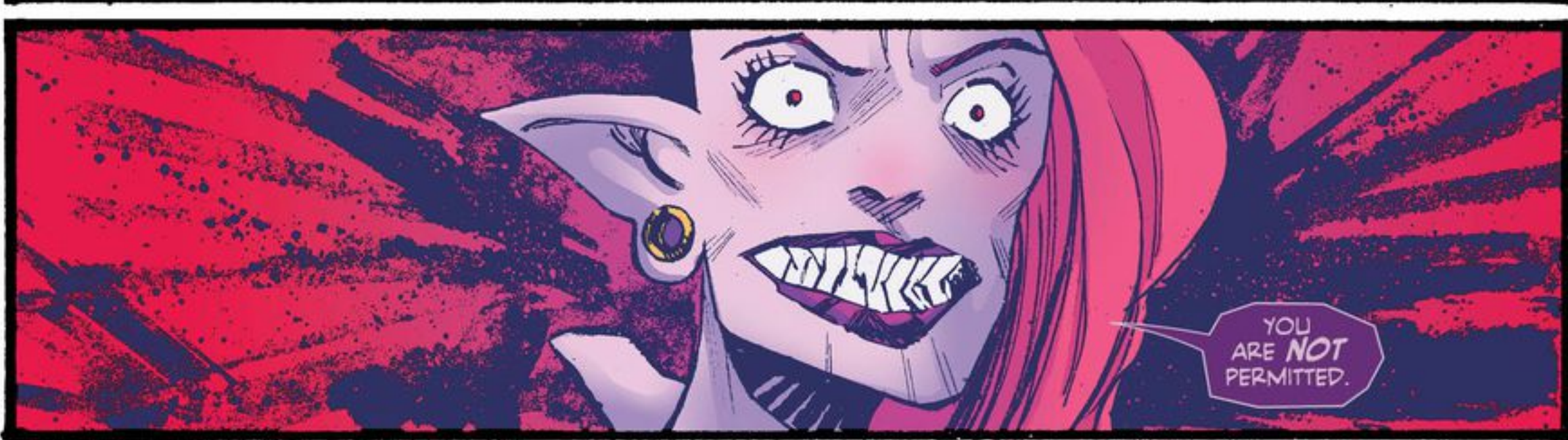


OKAY.



HE LOOKS DEAD INSIDE, AND IT'S MY FAULT. HIS TWO DAUGHTERS WERE DRAGGED TO HELL, AND ONLY I CAN GET THEM BACK.

SO ALL RIGHT, NEW YORK, IF IT'S A FIGHT YOU WANT...I'LL SHOW YOU A GOOD TIME.



WELL THAT'S TOO BLOODY BAD NOW, ISN'T IT?

GO TO HELL.

